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*Gun and Blade Show for April 4-5 at Horseshoe Pavillion has been cancelled*

*Big Spring Film Festival Postponed until later date*

*National Pharmaceutical Take Back Initiative for April 25*

*No School for Forsan ISD, Coahoma ISD, Big Spring ISD through April 3*

*Health Fair for April 4 has been postponed until August 8.*

*KBSB has cancelled Trash Off set for April 4 along with all other activities, including Toasty Tuesdays until further notice.*

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## One mask at a time...

*A group spanning West Texas works to ensure healthcare workers have masks*

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

As our nation faces the unknown of COVID-19 healthcare professionals and first responders continue to step up and serve on the front lines of this battle every day. While they are stepping up and serving, it's important to remember healthcare workers are not immune to the COVID-19 and they are not immune to dealing with the lack of supplies issues that is plaguing our nation. While many have been dealing with not being able to find household items and every day commodities, the nation's healthcare providers are dealing with lack of supplies, even in rural West Texas where the virus has not yet truly hit.

In true Big Spring fashion, a need was recognized and a group stepped up to offer support. In recent days, Shiloh Salazar and Angelica Scott-Phillips put their talents together, gathered some helpers and have begun making masks for health

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Courtesy photo

**One person has turned an idea into a collection of support across the Permian Basin, helping to ensure nurses and healthcare providers have masks even if there is a shortage during COVID-19.**

## Wednesday morning accident results in 1 fatality

Herald Staff Report

According to a report issued by Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), a three-vehicle accident that occurred Wednesday around 8:33 a.m. claimed the life of a 66-year-old Big Spring resident.

The information included in the report stated, the crash happened on FM 700, near the Big Spring State Park.

The report stated that John Lyons was parked behind a DPS Trooper vehicle speaking with the trooper, next to the patrol vehicle, when the 2012 Ford Edge, driven by 34-year-old, Lindsay Woods, of Big Spring, struck Lyon's vehicle - a 2017 Honda CRV - then struck Lyons' and lastly struck the patrol vehicle. The DPS Trooper was able to jump into his patrol vehicle to escape injury.

Lyons was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center where he was later pronounced dead. Woods was arrested and charged with Intoxication Manslaughter.

No other details have been released on the crash at this time.

## Howard Board of Trustees calls special meeting

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

A special meeting of the Howard College Board of Trustees has been called for Friday, March 27 at 4 p.m. The meeting is set to take place by telephone in order to keep with Resolutions that have been put in place locally, as well as state and nation wide of no gatherings of more than 10 people.

Last week, Governor Abbott suspended part of the Texas Open Meetings Act which guarantees the public can access and participate in government meetings, during the coronavirus pandemic. While all sections of the Open Meetings Act remains in tact, the part requiring a physical gathering space for people to watch the meeting and ask questions has been suspended. This has allowed for meetings to be held telephonically - which is what Howard College will be doing

- or by live stream during this time.

According to Dr. Cheryl Sparks, President at Howard College, a special toll free number has been set up that will allow up to 500 callers to join at one time.

"We wanted to have as much access as possible," Dr. Sparks said. "There will be an option for those who want to ask questions to do so as well. While the line will remain muted for the meeting, we will have a manager who will be over the call and allow for public comments should there be any."

The main focus of the special meeting will be the possible implementation of a Resolution authorizing delegation of authority to the President (of Howard College) during altered operations for COVID-19.

At this point there are daily meetings to keep up with up

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**Howard College Special Meeting**  
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## Big Spring ISD recently recognized by Region 18

*Area school districts get creative with new mission of learning from home*

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

Area school districts are learning right along with students as just last week home schooling became the current norm for families in Howard County and across the nation, due to COVID-19. While learning from home is a new concept for Forsan, Coahoma and Big Spring ISD, it is a challenge that all districts have stepped up to and are doing well at.

With little to no time to form a plan, teachers and administrators worked around the clock to ensure students would have what they need as Spring Break drew to a close and schools remained closed. Online learning, school work packets and YouTube videos have become the new platforms for Pre-K through Seniors.

While all school districts are doing well and positive feedback continues to roll in, Big Spring ISD shared that they were recently recognized for their efforts by Region 18. Big Spring ISD Administration has been sending out

communication videos - as have other school districts in the county - to help keep their students and families informed of the ever evolving situation.

During a recent communication from Region 18, the videos from Mr. Jay McWilliams - Big Spring ISD Superintendent - and the BSISD team were referenced.

"Mr. McWilliams does great projecting confidence, sharing how decisions are being made, sharing resources and a united front across Howard County as it relates to fellow superintendents/school districts," Dewitt Smith, Executive Director of Region 18 Education Service Center, said.

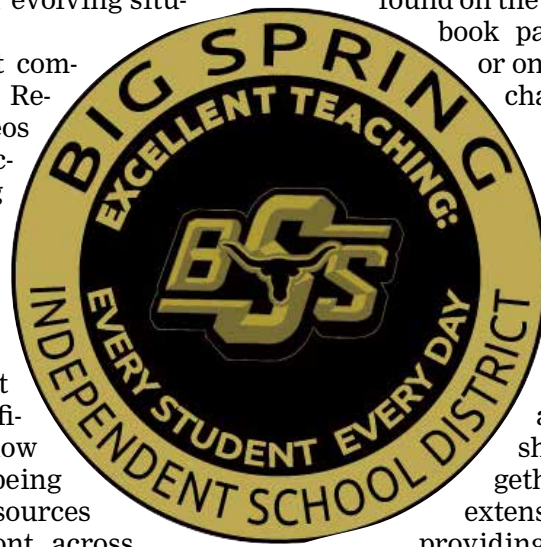
Since learning from home was implemented the BSISD team has been tasked with providing weekly and/or daily up-

dates to the school district families in order to keep everyone up to speed and on the same page. The videos can be found on the Big Spring ISD Facebook pages, school website or on YouTube on the ISD channel.

"Our teachers are doing an amazing job dealing with a situation that nobody could have ever imagined happening. In a span of 24 hours our teachers, staff, principals and district leadership teams came together to formulate an extensive plan to continue providing instruction to our kids," Mr. McWilliams, said.

In addition to the teaching staff formulating a plan that will allow education to continue while the schools are closed, the dietary staff has also stepped

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## Obituaries

### Gareth L. "Gary" Kistler



Gareth L. "Gary" Kistler, 80, of Big Spring, passed away Sunday, March 22, 2020. Graveside services will be 10:00 AM, Thursday, March 26, 2020 at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born October 7, 1939 in Pottsville, Pennsylvania and married Karen Marie Wojahn June 16, 1960 in Velva, North Dakota. She preceded him in death

April 27, 2007.

Gary served in the United States Air Force from 1960 to 1971 and was discharged at a Staff Sergeant.

He worked for the Veterans Administration Medical Center from 1992 until retiring in 2007.

He was a member of the United Church of Christ. Survivors include two sons, Paul Kistler and wife, Carla of Big Spring, and Karl Kistler of Velva, North Dakota; two grandchildren, Christi Estrella and Katie Kistler; two great-grandchildren, Mikaela Estrella and Ian Estrella; and a sister, Eileen Rubart of Florida.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; and one sister, Patricia Heinbach.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences may be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

*Paid Obituary*

### Frances Carolyn Andrews Ferguson



Frances Carolyn Andrews Ferguson, 77 years of age, went to be with Our Lord on March 23, 2020. Frances was born March 2, 1943, to Gerald E. and Brownie Andrews in Temple, Texas.

Frances's father was in the Air Force and was stationed in different places. One being in the Panama Canal Zone where Frances at the age of 17 received her

pilot license and became the first female to fly over the Panama Canal. Her father was transferred to Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring in 1960 where she graduated from Big Spring High School in 1961. Frances met and married David Austin Ferguson on September 15, 1961. Frances achieved her LVN in 1974 and later her RN in 1981. Throughout her nursing career she worked for Malone & Hogan Clinic and Hospital, the VA Medical Center and

eventually retired from the Big Spring State Hospital in 2000. Frances was active in her children's sports of baseball and softball. She was also a member of the Big Spring Pow Wow Committee.

Frances is survived by her three children: James E. Ferguson of Sandy, Oregon; two daughters: Donna S Rigdon and Janette M. Headrick, both of Big Spring; two sisters: Sue Herrera of Thomson, Georgia and Janet Palmer (LeAllan) of Augusta, Georgia; one brother: Gerald E. (Segundo) Andrews (Theresa) of Gulfport, Mississippi, and a very much loved sister by marriage: Marie Andrews of Grovetown, Georgia. Frances was blessed with 12 grandchildren and 23 great grandkids and numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends may pay their respects from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Memorial services will be at a later date.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

*Paid Obituary*

## Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 79 inmates at the time of this report.

• **CHRISTOPHER ISAIAH HINOJOS**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of unauthorized use of vehicle and unlicensed posses-

sion firearm by felon.

• **ROSALYN MCCALISTER**, 50, was arrested by BSPD on charges of theft of property between \$100 and \$750, public intoxication, possession of marijuana less than two ounces and possession of controlled substance less than 28 grams.

• **SARAH PENA**, 52, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of

unauthorized use of vehicle.

• **MARCUS EMORY STURGILL**, 31, was arrested by BSPD for possession of controlled substance less than one gram.

• **LINDSAY SHAY WOODS**, 34, was arrested by DPS on a charge of intoxication manslaughter with vehicle.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veteran's Blvd. One person was transport-

ed to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of N. Lamesa Hwy. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 8000 block of S. Service Road. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Lynn. No transport was required

## Take Note

• City of Big Spring offices will remain open by appointment and electronic means only effective Sunday, March 22, at midnight. These offices include: City Hall (432-264-2401); Finance Department (432-264-2513); Public Works Department (432-264-2501); Human Resources Department (432-264-2346); Water Office (432-264-2319); Code Enforcement/Permits (432-264-2505); Community Services Office; Convention and Visitors Bureau (432-263-8235); Facilities (432-264-2322); Cemetery (432-264-2323); Police Department (432-264-2550); Fire Department (432-264-2304); The Big Spring Senior Center will be closed to congregate meals, but those who wish to pick up a to go order can call 432-267-1268, for more information. All City pavilions and playground structures will remain closed until further notice. For any questions or concerns please contact the City Manager's Office at 432-264-2401.

• Gun and Blade Show for April 4-5 at Horseshoe Pavillion has been cancelled.

• Hoops, Dreams, and Goals has been cancelled at this time due to COVID-19 pandemic.

• The City of Big Spring will be following CDC guidelines and the executive order by Governor Abbott concerning COVID-19 and will be closing all city park playground structures and park pavilions including: Kidz Zone, Cotton Mize softball field,

playground structures at ABC Park, Bert Andries Park, Dr., Morgan Park, and any other city owned playground structure or pavilion until at least April 20th. The date of closure has the possibility to extend. We also ask that you refrain from gathering in groups of 10 or more during this time so we can help stop the spread of COVID-19. For any questions or concerns please contact the City Managers Office at 432-264-2401.

• Big Spring High School will be recognizing the football team, band members and cheerleaders who participated in the first game at Memorial Stadium in the fall of 1956. The recognition will take place Friday, Sept. 4, 2020 at Memorial Stadium. If you are a member of these groups, or know of a member of these groups, and would like to participate, please contact Edward Slate at 432-270-1995, or at 813 Vista Ridge, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

• **CANCELLED:** Scenic Volunteers will be having their annual jewelry sale April 7 and 8, 2020, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Medical Plaza, right next door to the hospital.

• Kindred at Home will be hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, from 10 a.m.

## Food Pick Up Info

Big Spring ISD will be providing sacked meals for students while the campuses are closed. Meals will be available at three schools from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. Meals can be picked up at any of the three campuses where they are being handed out, which will be Moss, Marcy and Big Spring Junior High School. At both Moss and Marcy, pick up will be in the bus lane behind the campus. At BSJH, pick up can be made at Door #1 on the east side of campus.



Children in Big Spring ISD can also pick up meals at the following times and locations:

**From 9 a.m. to 9:55 a.m., you can pick up at:**

Bus 13-Navajo and Choctaw

Bus 14-Bauer

Bus 15: Larry and McDonald

Bus 27: 5<sup>th</sup> and Abrams

Bus 28: 3<sup>rd</sup> and Lockhart

Bus 77: Parkway and Hearn

Bus 85: Goliad Elementary

Bus 86: 6<sup>th</sup> and Circle

Bus 90: Southridge RV Park

Bus 96: Albrook and Randolph

**From 10 a.m. to 10:55 a.m., you can pick up at:**

Bus 13-Barcelona Apartments

Bus 14-Lakeview

Bus 15: Colby and Drew

Bus 27: 8<sup>th</sup> and Lorilla

Bus 28: Roy Anderson Complex

Bus 77: Airport and Mobile

Bus 85: Scott and Macausian

Bus 86: Washington Elementary

Bus 90: Oasis and Neill

Bus 96: Anderson School

Lunch is also available at North Side Movement for all children in the area. Meals can be picked up at Ryan Hall, located behind the church, at 605 N. Main St. To comply with Governor Abbott's mandate, all meals will be set-up drive-through style. No meals will be served inside the hall. Deliveries will depend on number of volunteers available. You can follow the North Side Movement Facebook page for additional information.

Coahoma ISD will provide take-home lunches to all students while the campuses are closed. Students can pick up a lunch at the back door of the cafeteria, Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Forsan ISD will be providing sacked meals for students while the campuses are closed. Meals are available at the following

three locations: Forsan Elementary at the south entrance of the building, Special Education 87-20 Coop, or "The Pad". Breakfast is served from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

*If your restaurant or organization is helping feed students during this time, please e-mail us information and we will be sure to include it in our listing*

*and let the community know. On behalf of the Big Spring Herald and all those who are able to receive support during this time, we say Thank You for all that you are doing and continue to do. The support is much appreciated and does not go unnoticed.*



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# MASK

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care providers across West Texas.

"We have our differences and our divides, but when my neighbor is need at the end of the day I'm in need next to them. Disaster is equal opportunity. So is the opportunity to step up," Phillips said.

After Salazar spoke with her sister, who is an RN in Odessa, an idea was sparked. As her idea wheel began to turn, she reached out to Phillips and together they began setting up a process to get healthcare professionals taken care of during this time.

"My sister had been looking for masks because they were in day four of using the same surgical mask, now at six days," Salazar said. "They didn't know when or if a new shipment would come in. I told her that I could see if I could find people to sew masks and get them some fabric mask so at least she could wash it at the end of her shift. During her search she was finding masks, but they were from people who were selling them for \$20 or more."

When Phillips received the call, she was already working on her mask. As a retail worker she is also in the middle of mass crowds and understands the importance of adhering to social distancing, proper hand hygiene and limiting exposure.

"Shiloh got a hold of me and was like let's do this and get more people involved. I was excited. Shiloh did the calling on what hospitals needed the most in priority. I started using my contacts through the community churches as a way to minister," Phillips said.

# BSISD

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up and continues to ensure students are fed breakfast and lunch during this time. Serving options were available and ready to go starting March 16, which began the first week of this new way of learning.

"We originally had meals being served at three campus locations (Moss, Marcy, and BSJH), but have since extended to 23 different locations across Big Spring," McWilliams said. "A special thanks to our maintenance director John Sparks, our transportation director Dennis Witt and our Assistant Superintendent of Operations George Bancroft for putting this plan together. We could not have done this without our dedicated bus drivers who are actually bringing the meals to various locations."

He continued, "It truly takes a team effort in order to pull all this together in such a short period of time. There is no playbook to follow in dealing with this type of situation, but through hard work, careful planning and an intense desire to continue educating our kids, we have come up with what we believe is a truly remarkable plan. BSISD is blessed to have dedicated, caring professionals stepping up during this unpredictable time to ensure our kids have the opportunity to continue learning while constrained to their homes."

In addition to the efforts that Big Spring ISD has put forth, similar methods and practices are also being performed at Forsan ISD and Coahoma ISD. Through dedication across the County, all of Howard County's youth are able to not only continue their learning through this pandemic, but are also able to receive free meals.

Each district should check the school district websites and Facebooks for constant updates regarding meals, curriculum and special messages from staff. To find out about meal pick up locations, visit the school websites, Facebooks or pick up a copy of the daily Big Spring Herald.

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During the calls, Phillips was informed while speaking with Natalie Perimenter with the Big Spring Symphony Guild, that many lady parishioners felt helpless during this time.

"What a great way to witness, give in encouragement, and love in action! It's totally spiraled and taken on a life of its own," Phillips said. "Many women have started making them by themselves. I met some ladies who are making some for residents at Canterbury."

She continued, "We give them away because nurses, doctors, caretakers of any sort are giving of themselves selflessly against something so devastating to charge would be inhumane. I would quote Mr. Rogers, 'When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers.' You will always find people who are helping.'"

While the hospital staff is the first priority, Phillips would like to see enough masks made to be able to extend the support to caretakers as well. The vision is to not only provide one mask per person, but an extra one so they can rotate them out. Extending the support to nursing homes is also part of the extended plan, if the support is there.

"We need our elected representatives not repeating the same things we are hearing from this administration. The CDC (Centers for Disease Control), WHO (World Health Organization), and most nurses will tell you we are not doing enough," Salazar said. "We are not taking this seriously enough. There is no need to panic, but there is a need to take this seriously. People need to know the actual status of our healthcare professionals are having to make due with."

According to statistics provided by Salazar, there are 21 million people on this world who have underlying conditions; 23 million who are

above the age of 60. As many state governor's, local authorities across the nation and the President has stated, while this virus may not effect you, it may effect someone you love.

"People can help by staying home. Do curbside," Salazar said. "Spreading the word to find someone, like I did, who could sew or help meet the need that you recognize," Salazar said.

According to Salazar and Phillips, locally SMMC, Affordacare, Signature Care and Martin County as well. While a handfull of ladies have come together to meet the needs of these healthcare providers there are also those who are helping ensure Midland and Odessa facilities are also taken care of.

While there have been many who have stepped up to help sew masks, there are a few things that are still needed to complete the project. According to Salazar to make the masks useable and compliant with hospital policies, some require a filter. Anyone who wants to donate paper type AC filter are welcome to do so because they can be adjusted and used to fit into the mask and bring them to compliance.

Phillips also said they are still needing more elastic to keep the mask around the ears, plastic bags to place them in and for those who may not have the creative gene, simple "appreciation notes" to include with the mask.

To find out how to help or to donate an item, contact Shiloh Salazar or Angelica Scott-Phillips on Facebook. The first round of masks are expected to be delivered this week and a second round could possibly be delivered early next week.

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# HOWARD

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dates in the junior college setting, according to Dr. Sparks. The calls offer an opportunity for colleges to discuss with each other different measures that have been taken, areas of opportunity and more. While there are those in urban areas who have implemented certain restrictions or limitations, Howard College is not at that point.

"We are open, but we are operating in alternate methods," Dr. Sparks said. "Our students have gone to a digital/online learning platform for the majority of classes. With the extended Spring Break we had an opportunity to get things set up and ready to go for our students."

According to Dr. Sparks, the passing of this Resolution will allow decisions that are needing to be made quickly in order to keep operations flowing to be made without a special meeting to be called.

"While many of the urban areas have had to take some action already, we thankfully are not at that point and I am hoping we don't get to that point; however, should that moment come this Resolution will allow me to make decisions regarding academic calendar changes, closures, amongst other things."

After discussion pertaining to the Resolution concludes, Dr. Sparks will provide the Presi-

dent's Report which will include an overview of the response so far to COVID-19 by Howard College, as well as the first COVID-19 response status.

"As long as we are in altered operations I will be providing status updates and informing the board of any decisions that were made in regards to COVID-19 and our operations," Dr. Sparks said.

To join the meeting, call 1-888-204-5987 and enter the access code 3148424# when prompted. For those having trouble joining the meeting, call 432-264-5030 and assistance can be provided to help gain access to the meeting. Those wanting to join the meeting and view documents can at <https://www.gotomeet.me/HowardCollege/hcboardmtgmarch272020> or access the documents through the Howard College website.

## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Retha Southwood, 80, of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring died Sunday, March 22, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

John Lyons, 66, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Frances Carolyn Andrews Ferguson, 77, died Monday. Friends may pay their respects from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Friday and Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Memorial services will be at a later date.

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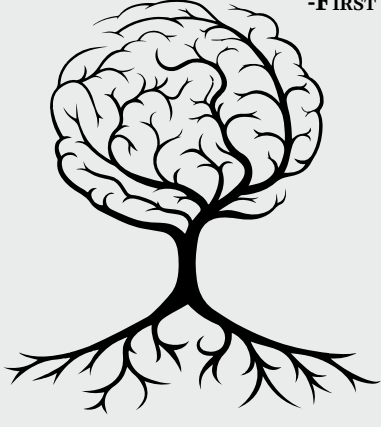
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-FIRST AMENDMENT



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## In the dark moments, the real arises

Beauty, magic, wonder ... each of these descriptive words mean something different to everyone. Depending on the person's perception or the moment of focus, will depend on the descriptive word. Take for example an eclipse.

An eclipse is a moment, a phenomenon, in which the world goes into complete darkness. We go into this moment in anticipation, but without fear. There are those who actually count down the moment until an eclipse, plan their schedule around watching this moment of "darkness" even.

When an anticipating the beauty an eclipse can bring, or thinking about the wonder that surrounds it, it's intriguing because we know there will be a period of darkness but we know that the sun will shine again.

We count down the moment, we may even gather together in a group to watch, and are saddened if we are not in an area that will be in total darkness.

In an event like this we are searching, begging for the darkness. When the darkness arrives we stand in awe of it and are amazed at how the sun, with all its light and power, can be overtaken by darkness. The beauty of the eclipse comes in that moment when the sun and the moon meet and one begins to overshadow the other.

The amazing moment comes

from the sun peaking back through. No doubt the sun will shine again as it does every day.

The metaphor of an eclipse is one not only myself, but many others have used to try to understand the reactions we have to hard times or "dark" times in our lives.

Why is it that in life when we are hit with dark moments we panic?

Take the current situation we are in - COVID-19; the unknown, the uncertain, a moment of darkness.

In a moment of unexpected darkness we allow fear to overcrowd us; we question if brighter days will come and how long until they arrive. We actually spend our time trying to calculate when a glimmer of light will shine through. We hurry the dark moments by and push people away, instead of leaning in to our support circle.

Why can't we take the dark moments in like we take the eclipse in?

It seems that in times of darkness, crisis, uncertainty (whatever descriptive word you choose to use) the best in people and the worst in people will come out; in reality we are too busy judging others in the process instead of realizing our own reactions and allowing ourselves to admit, it's in the darkened, overshadowed moments that the real in people comes out.

It seems that in those moments there are those who will allow fear to overtake them, for others their hidden strength will rise up and honestly, until the moment appears none of us really, truly know which will arise. We all have our guesses, our beliefs,

our hopes, but sometimes we surprise ourselves. Through no fault of our own - neither reaction being wrong - we discover who we are. Regardless of what our response is, the dark moments become an opportunity to build upon ourselves or refine ourselves.

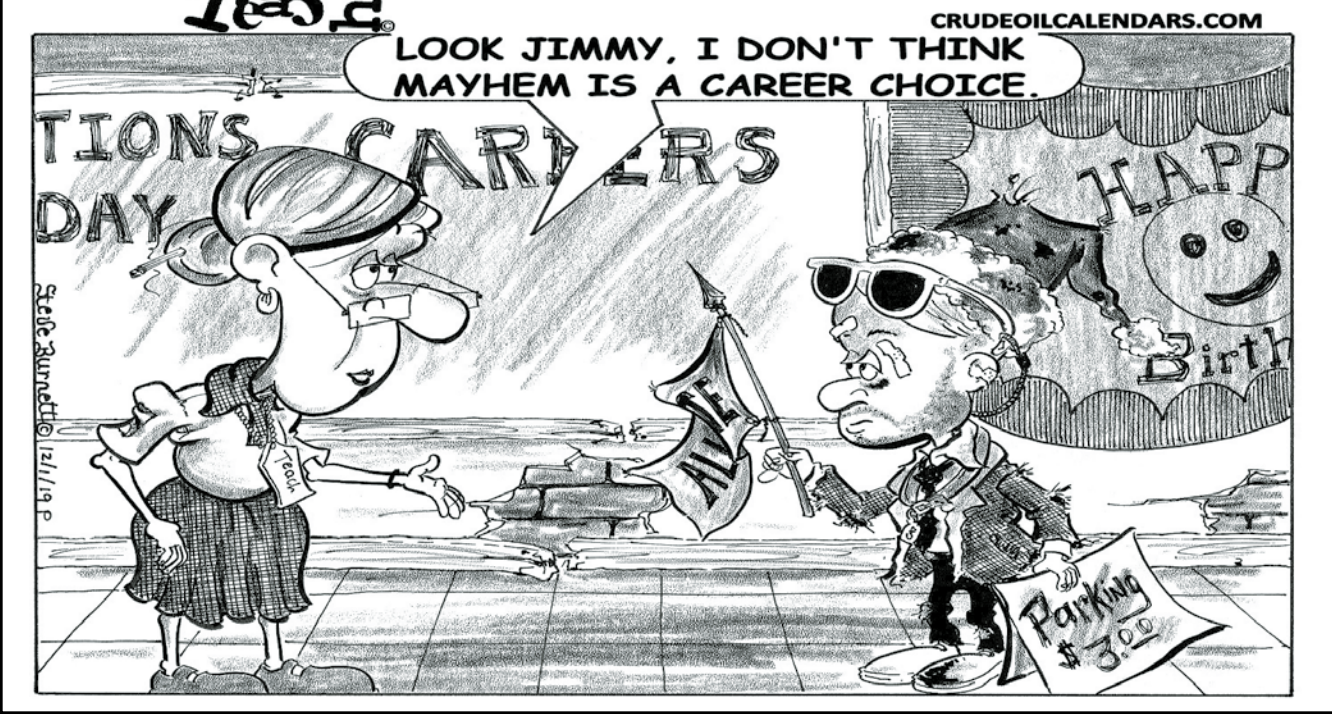
Why is our trust so strong in the sun overpowering the moon, but yet lacking when it comes to a difficult moment, especially if our foundation is rooted in God and his word?

Maybe if we took in the hard times with the same perspective as we do the eclipse we would be able to see the lessons; we would be able to enjoy the overtaking of ourselves and anticipate the shift back and the glorious image it can leave behind.

I'm not saying all the dark moments are wonderful and rose, I mean if they were they wouldn't be dark moments, but over the years the shift in my perspective, in the rebuilding of my foundation, I am starting to realize every moment - even the dark ones - have a lesson to be learned.

As uncertain, unexpected the darkness may be, don't miss the beauty it can hold. Enjoy the moment, let the world around you slow down for a moment, cling to those around you and do your best to let the best in you shine through.

God is in control of the moon, and the sun. Nothing is unknown to him. God truly does hold it all; He knows what tomorrow holds and well, if we can trust him to make the sun shine again then He can make our dark moments miraculous. We just have to be willing to slow down for a moment, see the beauty he is giving us an opportunity to see, and take in the shift.



## The Postscript: Dusty Surprises

The surprises just kept coming.

When I moved in with Peter a few years back, I brought my clothes, a few books, and some artwork. I rented out my house, gave away my furniture, and everything else was consigned to "things I'll deal with later," a pile which—mysteriously—did not shrink with time. These stacked plastic boxes were still in my barn, still waiting for me, long after I'd forgotten what was in them or cared.

But I am going to put the property up for sale and it was time for a reckoning with the barn. It took two dumpsters, four days, and two hardworking guys from the appropriately named, "Git-er-Gone Junk & Clutter Removal," to see it to the end.

And, yes, I did think, "Why not just dump it all, sight unseen?"

But then, what to do with all the surprises found in the boxes of photos and letters and trinkets? Obviously, most of them would be thrown away, recycled, or given to the thrift store. But what about that piece of blown glass from Norway, the postcard from grandpa when he served overseas, the bright red wool jacket

handsewn by my aunt that was still stylish. Anyone who's done this knows—it's not that easy.

So, I piled a few boxes in my car ("kicking the can down the road" Peter called it, "saving my sanity," is how I described it) to sort through after everything else was out of the barn.

Yesterday I sorted through a box entirely filled with letters. I discovered that I had saved every postcard and letter I had received since childhood. No, I did not read every one. It turns out that descriptions of what happened in school or how someone spent their vacation makes for extraordinarily dull reading forty years later. But I sampled a few letters in each of the neatly stacked piles that filled the huge storage box before I put them in recycling.

"Oh my gosh," I kept saying, "I had forgotten about that entirely."

I forgot my younger sister wrote to me with such regularity when I went away to college. I forgot friends I'd spent a summer with and never saw again. I forgot the letters sent by a friend after our little high school group went off to college and he was left alone, still living at home.

I'm living in the Twilight Zone, he wrote, and don't even have

Rod Serling to comfort me. To the obvious response, "Meet new people," I can only remind you of the great difficulty I have in doing just that."

But, I have a solution, the letter went on, I'm going to marry a princess of some European country that they forgot to tell us about in 11th grade. Maybe it didn't fight in either of the world wars, or is really small. Anyway, I going to find this country, marry this princess and show all you women a thing or two. So there!

My heart hurt, reading this forty-year-old letter. I wondered if I wrote back. I hoped he was doing well. Then I realized, (unlike forty years ago) this was relatively easy to determine. I logged onto Facebook.

And there he was, looking remarkably the same—but with a smiling dark-haired wife and two grown daughters and what appeared to be a very happy life.

As the last pile of letters went into the bin, I stood still for a moment and smiled—with dusty hands and a full heart. "You didn't need Rod Serling after all," I thought.

*Till next time,  
Carrie*

*Carrie Classon's memoir, "Blue Yarn," was released earlier this year. Learn more at CarrieClasson.com or www.FaceBook.com/CarrieClassonauthor.*

## DAILY PRAYER

*You, Lord, give us sound advice.  
Thank You.*

*Amen*

## Academic Star Student of the Week *Big Spring HS, Brandon Rogers*

This week's Star Student at Big Spring High is Brandon Rogers, class of 2021. He is the son of Melissa and Mark Rogers and he has lived in Big Spring all of his life.

When asked what is important to Brandon, he said, "Family is very important to me; without my family, I wouldn't be able to do the things that I do." Additionally he went on, "My teammates in Cross Country and Track are important to me too, because they push me to do my very best every single day." "I am extremely glad I am able to be a helping hand and to inspire others as well. I enjoy encouraging my teammates to keep running their hardest and to not give up." "I plan on going to college to run Cross Country and Track; I will study Criminal Justice so that I can become a Game Warden."

Per Coach Shaw, "I have had the pleasure of knowing Brandon since he was in 8th grade. He is a talented athlete with an amazing drive and he is a hard worker. I remember watching Brandon run along a Jr. High runner from another team who was having trouble. He stayed with him running almost 2 miles after he had already finished. Brandon loves encouraging more than just his teammates; he helps everyone. He also tends to be a bit of a jokester. One morning, I drove to the destination where the athletes were running to bring water. Brandon snuck into the back of my truck and I discovered him once I was back at the school. I made him run extra the next day. Overall Brandon is a great young man to have on the team."

Fellow student Rocky Ramirez said about Brandon, "He has always been so helpful in times of need for everyone. I can always count on him when the times get rough, and he reciprocates the positive energy he receives every single day. He has been a friend of mine since day one, and I honestly think he will be there for me for the rest of my life."

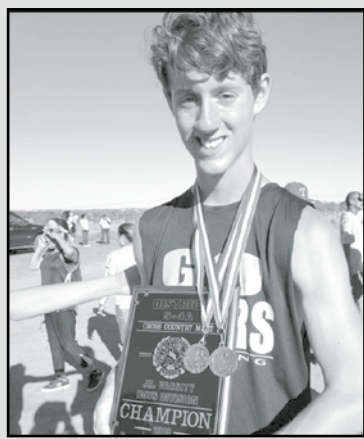
Fellow classmate Roman Perez said about Brandon, "He's that person that one does not see too often in today's world. He is what you call "Different!" Brandon is such an amazing person for just being himself. When I first met 'Mr. Rogers,' I knew that I had met a new lifelong friend. Today I would not be the person that I am if it wasn't for Brandon; he took me under his lengthy arms and introduced me to the sport that I love, cross country. He has always been there for me and I know he has been there for others as well. Brandon is not perfect, but to me he's a perfect person in this world. He always pushes through the negativity and continues to move forward. Brandon has a determination to be the best that he can be, and right now, he's going strong."

With the current shutdown of school due to the Covid-19 Virus, Brandon is showing his metal to the rest of us. While most people are enjoying the down time, Brandon is staying on top of more than just his schoolwork, he's putting in extra workouts too. That is, he's able to get his schoolwork finished in less time than normal and this gives him more time to dedicate to developing himself for his future --his future self will certainly thank him too.

As in all things, there is good and Brandon will not be competing against those who saw this downtime as a relaxing time, but he will be competing against the rare few who saw this as a time to ramp up and make good use of the opportunity to make himself better than he was.

Brandon sees his future and he sees himself in it. He knows what he needs to do now to get there and Thrive there.

When pressed for his favorite quote, he said, "Philippians 4:13- I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



## Census Day is coming

The City of Big Spring and Howard County joined together and issued a letter to the residents regarding the upcoming 2020 Census. The letter read as follows:

Census Day is April 1 and it is extremely important that everyone in Howard County complete the Census. We strongly encourage everyone to complete the Census.

WHY is this year's Census so important to Big Spring and Howard County?

Our district representation in Congress is based on population counts. Census results have an impact on federal funding for a number of programs including planning and funding for health clinics and highways, fire departments and disaster response, education program such as Head Start, college tuition assistance, and so much more. For us to compete with the larger metropolitan areas and get every dollar we are entitled to, we need every person in Big Spring to be counted.

WHO counts?

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WHEN does the Census begin?

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The Census is more than a population count, it's an opportunity to shape the future of our community. It's one way you can help make a difference.

If you have further questions please go to [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov).

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## Preparing to learn from home



Courtesy photo  
Mr. Kennedy, BSI Associate Principal, and Mrs. Connie Kennedy 5th grade SS teacher are working on getting packets ready for pick up by the students.

Editor's Correction: In the March 24, 2020 edition of the Big Spring Herald, photos were run on Page 6 of "Parkview" residents enjoying arts and crafts. This was an error and it should have read "Big Spring Center for Skilled Care" residents enjoy arts and crafts. We apologize for this error.

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# Edward Paparella ready to take on next challenge of being minor league coach



Pictured above left: Paparella shows off his swing by making a connection with the ball at the plate during his time at Howard College. Pictured above right: The shortstop makes a nice bare-handed play from his position in the infield.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

Edward Paparella has lived out a baseball journey that has taught him so much and brought him all across the country.

When the new baseball season is allowed to start, the former Howard Hawk player and coach will be taking on his new job as a hitting coach in the Seattle Mariners minor league system.

The Skillman, New Jersey native began his life and baseball career in the small, country town that was an hour drive south from New York City. Skillman was a baseball town where it seemed as all the best athletes found their way onto the baseball diamond every spring.

"It's farmland and cornfields," Paparella said. "It was a great place to grow up. All the kids played baseball all the way through the summer. There was a district All-Star team that I would play for during the summer from the time I was eight years old all the way until I was 15. For about the seven consecutive summers I played with the same exact group of guys from my town."

When it came time for Paparella to choose which college he would attend, he decided on St. John's University. St. John's is a private university in New York City where the average enrollment hovers around 20,000 students. The baseball team has been consistently one of the nation's best and has made 10 NCAA Tournament appearances since the turn of the century.

The small-town shortstop arrived on campus with the feeling that he was prepared for the jump to the college level after a successful high school career. But things changed quickly

for Paparella and following his fall semester the future coach spoke with his parents and decided that it would be best for him to leave St. John's.

"Being from where I was and then moving into a big city was a really, really big transition for me," Paparella said. "I thought I was excited for college, and I was excited, I just wasn't sure if I was ready for it. I think athletically I was ready for it, but in terms of being mature enough to go off and be on my own was a lot for me."

The next stop for Paparella was a two-year pitstop as a Howard Hawk at the junior college-level. Former Hawks head coach Rob Martinez recruited the aggressive bat of Paparella to join his team in Big Spring for the 2014-15 seasons. During his tenure at Howard, the Hawks won back-to-back Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) regular season titles.

Paparella's freshman year at Howard was one of his most efficient ever on the field. In only 23 games played, he recorded a .333 batting average that included three doubles, two triples, 22 runs batted in, 23 runs scored, and five stolen bases. All the breakout performer did to follow up his impressive freshman season was produce even more during his sophomore campaign.

He played a total of 54 games as a sophomore and was able to keep his batting average above .300 for the second consecutive season (.309). Paparella added 12 doubles, one triple, 11 home runs, 39 runs batted in, 45 runs scored, and five stolen bases.

While playing at the junior college level may not have always been in the planning for Paparella, the skilled infielder made the most of his time in Big Spring and left town with many

lessons learned.

"The biggest thing I'll remember from junior college and my time at Howard is the family-like feel to it," Paparella said. "I can't really tell you of a time I had more fun playing baseball than with the group at Howard in 2015. We all took the field and it just felt right. It was just a lot of fun and is something I'll always remember and always cherish about my time at Howard."

South Alabama was the next stop on the list for the big man from New Jersey. The Cougars play at the Division I level in the Sun Belt Conference and were the first school to offer him a scholarship during his time at Howard.

Paparella was strong at the plate during his time in Mobile and tied a school record for hitting safely in 26 games. The college town feel and beautiful stadium that sit on the campus were recruiting points during Paparella's recruitment and the small-town atmosphere helped the heavy hitter feel more comfortable and be able to produce on the field during his time there.

Following an injury during his senior year, Paparella decided that he was going to change his career path from potential big league player to potential big league coach.

"Last year in 2019 was my last year playing, so this whole coaching thing is very new to me," Paparella said. "But I've loved every second of it and really couldn't imagine doing anything else."

While at Howard, Paparella met the man that would help him live out his newfound dream of being a coach in a Major League system. Jarret DeHart was a teammate of Paparella with the Hawks in 2015 and is now the

Mariners' big league assistant hitting coach. After spending two years in the minors, DeHart is now a big league coach and told Paparella of an opportunity to get his foot in the door in the Seattle organization.

"I ended up interviewing with the Mariners this past winter and had a couple of rounds of interviews with them," Paparella said.

In the following months, the Seattle farm director called to offer Paparella a position on the minor league coaching staff in Arizona. With the uncertainty surrounding this past junior college baseball season, he accepted the job and will start once the current health crisis is resolved.

Many baseball journeys are described as a roller coaster and that is exactly what category Paparella falls under.

"There was times where I was on top of the world and times where I was down and getting kicked around. Through all of that, I never knew how it was going to end up or where I was going to end up but I always had faith in the Lord that he was going to put me where he wanted me to be."

The ex-sluggers' next stop will now be coaching high-level players that are trying to earn their way to the majors, which is a dream of his own that has recently been put to rest. Paparella will now be working the hardest he ever has to make sure his players are able to fulfill their own Major League dreams.

One thing is for certain: Edward Paparella is exactly where he is supposed to be.

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# Without spring practice, football coaches try to fill void

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

Since taking over as Florida State coach in December, Mike Norvell has spent seemingly endless hours laying the foundation of his program.

Winter is time for coaches to deliver a consistent message, build the culture they want and get players to buy into a way of going about their business whether they are in the weight room, a meeting room or classroom.

Norvell has seen plenty of positive signs. Spring practice is the first opportunity to see how it translates to the field. The Seminoles got in three practices before the coronavirus outbreak shut down college sports and upended nearly everything else.

"You spend so much time teaching them why we do things. And you're hopeful to get the chance to show them some of the payoff of that through spring practice," Norvell said.

Normally, college football teams all over the country would be preparing for the upcoming season. Installing new schemes. Working on fundamentals. Developing less experienced players and expanding the skills of veterans. Building a cohesive team, players and coaches connecting.

That's gone now and coaches are trying to figure out how to recreate some of what has been lost.

"Your football team is under construction," Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly said. "A new group of players that require time. Those hours mean a lot. You begin to develop the DNA of your football team."

Kelly is in year 11 with the school and the Fighting Irish are coming off a third consecutive season of double-digit victories. He replaced offensive coordinator Chip Long after last season, but did so

promoting quarterbacks coach Tommy Rees. The Irish also have a fifth-year senior quarterback in Ian Book heading into his third season as the starter.

Kelly said his top concern was making sure players stay on top of their now online academics. Notre Dame normally offers no online classes.

"We're all academic advisers," Kelly said of his staff.

Miami coach Manny Diaz doesn't have Kelly's luxuries. The Hurricanes have a new offense under coordinator Rhett Lashlee and a new quarterback in Houston transfer D'Eriq King.

"You can really hone in on the techniques, fundamentals (during spring practice)," Diaz said. "That's the time the players are introduced to the new scheme and then they get a chance in the summer to grasp it on their own before we get back together again for training camp in August."

Spring practice across major college football is typically done by the end of April. The Atlantic Coast Conference has canceled all athletic-related activities through the academic year; the other Power Five conferences have suspended spring athletics, including practices, though various dates.

"I'm not going to be overly optimistic about the return to practice." Southeastern Conference Commissioner Greg Sankey said. "We haven't fully closed that opportunity but I think practically that window is pretty narrow."

Coaches are hopeful some of the time they have lost in the spring might be given back in the summer, either through minicamps or earlier starts to preseason practices. But there is so much uncertainty the old coaching cliché of taking things one

day at a time has never been more relevant.

Luke Fickell is entering his fourth season at Cincinnati with an established core of experienced players. He said his goal is to give the players a routine. The American Athletic Conference has suspended practices, but left the door open for other organized team activities — even if they can't be done in person.

The Bearcats will be getting workout regimens they can do on their own without access to local gyms. Fickell plans to organize online meetings with position groups and assistant coaches.

"Don't know how much they're going to get out of the meetings. Don't know how much they're going to get out of the workouts," Fickell said. "We just have to create some type of structure."

Indiana strength and conditioning coach Aaron Wellman said he is trying to individualize workouts to match what players have available.

"We've provided the workouts through an app on their iPhones so that they can download their workouts, we can track their progress," Wellman said.

Fickell said he is not overly concerned about his veteran players. Sometimes keeping those guys engaged and motivated in spring practice is a challenge. For younger players, especially at a developmental program like Cincinnati, losing spring practice is a huge setback.

"They're going to lose half a year of development," he said.

Illinois center Doug Kramer, a senior, said nothing compares to the amount of repetitions a player gets in spring ball "to work on specific skills that you can bring to the team sets."

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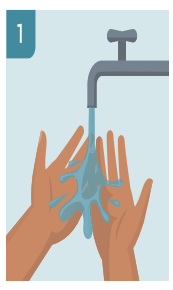
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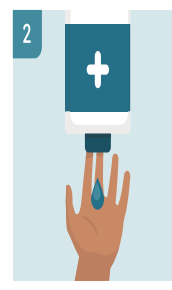
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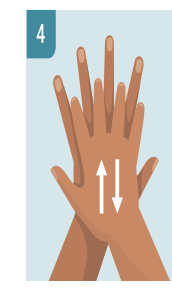
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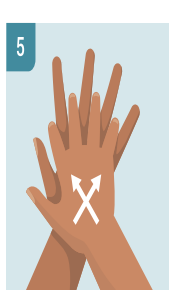
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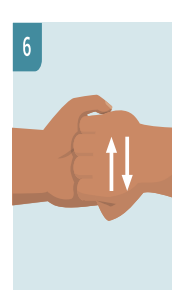
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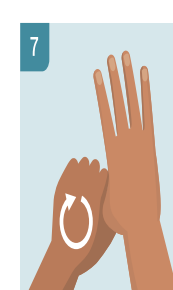
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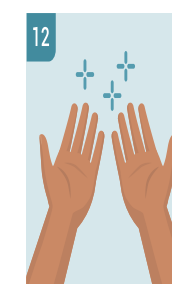
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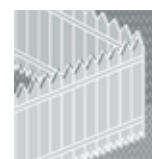
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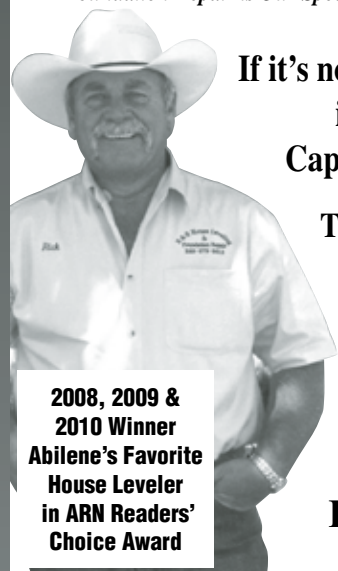
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♥ K Q 8 5  
♦ K Q J 10  
♣ J 6 3

WEST EAST  
♠ J 10 5 ♠ 8 3  
♥ A 6 ♥ 10 9 7 4 2  
♦ 7 4 ♦ 8 5 3 2  
♣ A K Q 10 8 2 ♣ 7 4

SOUTH  
♠ A K 7 6 4 2  
♥ J 3  
♦ A 9 6  
♣ 9 5

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1♠ 2♣ 2♦ Pass  
2♣ Pass 4♣

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Anyone can take tricks with aces and kings; the real challenge in bridge lies in taking tricks with the lower-ranking soldiers of the game.

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breathing hard. The outcome seems normal, but the fact is that declarer should have gone down one. Better defense would have stopped the contract.

West can deduce, after seeing dummy at trick one, that South has the A-K of spades and the ace of diamonds for his opening bid. He also can deduce, after the queen of clubs wins at trick two, that the only chance for the defense lies in developing a trump trick for his side that does not exist naturally.

With this in view, West should lead a low club at trick three instead of continuing with the ace. As it happens, East is able to ruff dummy's jack of clubs with the eight of spades, after which South must go down one, whatever he does. Declarer's best play is to overruff, hoping the remaining trumps are divided 2-2, but when West turns up with the J-10-x, a trump trick must be lost.

Note that West does not lead the K-A and a low club, as East might make the mistake of ruffing low, thinking South has the queen of clubs. Instead, West leads the K-Q of clubs to show that he has the ace, then continues with a low club in order to emphasize the importance to East of ruffing with his highest trump.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.  
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6	8	3	9	7	5	1	4	2

ANSWER:

## Tomorrow's Horoscope

Moon Stokes Stubborn and Snarky Moods

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

alternative is to start from ground zero.



**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Those who only do what they want to do are limited indeed. Most of the good stuff comes from doing what's right, helpful, challenging, interesting, gutsy... Your wise instinct to push yourself will kick in.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Knowing what someone values is like having the keys to their kingdom. You can speak their language, please and delight them. You can anger them. You can influence them. Good relationships involve good intel.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Humans crave certainty. Where none is available, fake certainty will do. So go with confidence or fake confidence. Humility may be a prerequisite for success, but if you lead with it, no one will follow you.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** What does obedience mean to you? What will you obey willingly, begrudgingly or automatically? Figure out your own rules because they will guide the day.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Though everyone has access to higher intuition, many don't know how to use it. This is why you'll be watching out for yourself, loved ones, colleagues and everyone around you,

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**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Somewhere in the world, a person thinks about you with love and beautiful intentions. In a related story, you'll fall into a good mood with no obvious reasons for why you're there.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** A relationship keeps popping to mind. You'll see moments, wonder about how things might have worked if you'd have done it differently, and get golden insights and ideas for going forward.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You hear the song and then miss someone who doesn't even exist. That's the power of art, of music and of your own capacity to connect with it.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Sometimes you can reverse-engineer a thing that's working well to duplicate the success. Sometimes you can't. Go ahead and try anyway because the

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Emotional complexities vex others but not you. You accepted long ago that not every problem is meant to be solved. This is what allows you to relax and learn as you go.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** There are many potential realities out there for you, and you don't have to dive too deeply into any of them to figure out whether or not they are for you. Today, it's like you're in the dressing room of life.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Suspicion is among the most fun emotions you'll feel today. There won't be much more satisfying than finding out that your suspicions were absolutely correct.

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### Best to Leave It Alone

Dear Annie: I have a cousin who is married, and he and his wife are very close to my wife and me. We started spending time together, not because of my cousin and me but because our wives hit it off and developed a close friendship. We spend the holidays together, visit one another at least once a week and go out together.

My cousin has two young daughters, one with his wife and another with his ex (who cheated on him, by the way), and he brings them along with us to spend the day together. Lately, my wife and I have been noticing that my cousin's wife has changed dramatically. She used to be more lively, talkative and happy, but now she seems distant and quiet, and sometimes she comes up with excuses to not go out with us. We think this change came about because we found out a couple of months ago (through my wife) that she is cheating on him.

She is employed at a correctional facility, and apparently, her lover is also employed there. We think that she suspects we know something about her infidelity, and that she might be trying to avoid us. My wife was able to obtain proof of this infidelity.

and we don't know how to proceed.

Should we confront her about this? As I said, we are close, and it hurts me to see that she is doing this to my cousin, who has already gone through a situation like this. I see his wife going about her business with us and the rest of my family as if nothing has happened, and it makes me uncomfortable. She (SET ITAL) knows (END ITAL) that her husband's ex cheated on him, and she accepted his daughter as her own.

My cousin was deeply hurt after he found out about his ex's cheating, and he has told us repeatedly that he will not tolerate another infidelity. He has tried to hurt himself on a couple of occasions. I am worried that if he finds out from someone else, he might try to hurt his wife or himself, or if he finds out that we knew about it all along and didn't tell him anything, then he might get upset with us and not want anything to do with us. I don't want this situation to escalate into something worse and know that I could have done something to stop it. What should I do? -- Cousin Clueless

Dear Cousin Clueless: Sit this one out. Mind your own business. It is always hard

to see people you love in trouble, but sometimes the best thing you can do is send them kind thoughts and hope that things will work out or they will reach out to you. If he does, you can be an empathetic friend and tell him how much you support and love him.

Dear Annie: When responding to Sleepless in Roanoke, you asked readers what other natural sleep aids work well. My doctor recommended the herbal supplement valerian. I have been using it for years to help me fall asleep when my mind is busy or my restless leg syndrome is working overtime. It works great. I have never had to try anything else. The capsule smells bad (she said that is how you know it's fresh), but it doesn't taste bad. -- Sleeping Well

Dear Sleeping Well: Thank you for your suggestion. I hope it helps other people who have similar problems falling asleep, though I recommend everyone talk to their doctor before deciding what supplements will work best.

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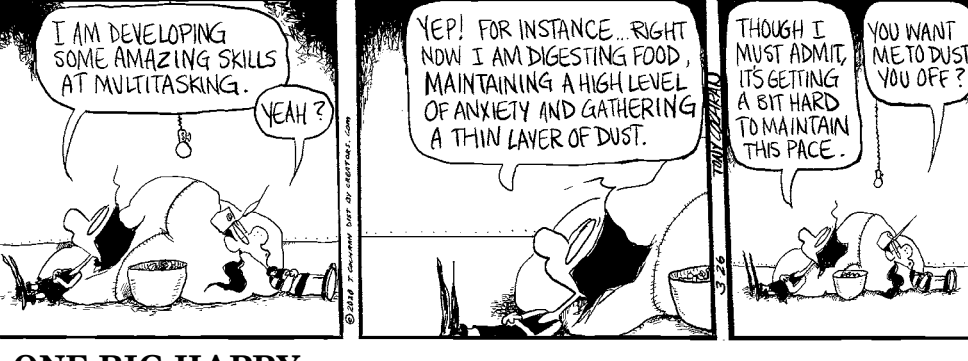
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This Date In History

**Today in History**  
Today is Thursday, March 26, the 86th day of 2020. There are 280 days left in the year.  
**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On March 26, 1945, during World War II, Iwo Jima was fully secured by U.S. forces following a final, desperate attack by Japanese soldiers.  
On this date:  
In 1812, an earthquake devastated Caracas, Venezuela, causing an estimated 26,000 deaths, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.  
In 1827, composer Ludwig van Beethoven died in Vienna.  
In 1911, American playwright Tennessee Williams ("The Glass Menagerie," "A Streetcar Named Desire," "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof") was born in Columbus, Miss.  
In 1962, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Baker v. Carr, gave federal courts the power to order reapportionment of states' legislative districts.  
In 1964, the musical play "Funny Girl," starring Barbra Streisand as Fanny Brice, opened on Broadway.  
In 1979, a peace treaty was signed by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin (men-AH'-kem BAY'-gihn) and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and witnessed by President Jimmy Carter at the White House.  
In 1982, groundbreaking ceremonies took place in Washington, D.C., for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.  
In 1988, Jesse Jackson stunned fellow Democrats by soundly defeating Michael S. Dukakis in Michigan's Democratic presidential caucuses.  
In 1992, a judge in Indianapolis sentenced former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson to six years in prison for raping a Miss Black America contestant. (Tyson ended up serving three years.)  
In 1997, the bodies of 39 members of the Heaven's Gate techno-religious cult who committed suicide were found inside a rented mansion in Rancho Santa Fe, California.  
In 2013, Italy's top criminal court overturned the acquittal of American Amanda Knox in the grisly murder of British roommate Meredith Kercher and ordered Knox to stand trial again. (Although convicted in absentia, Knox was exonerated by the Italian Supreme Court in 2015.)  
In 2018, a toxicology report obtained by The Associated

Press revealed that the late pop music superstar Prince had levels of fentanyl in his body that multiple experts described as "exceedingly high."  
Ten years ago: The U.S. and Russia sealed the first major nuclear weapons treaty in nearly two decades, agreeing to slash the former Cold War rivals' warhead arsenals by nearly one-third. A South Korean warship exploded and sank near a disputed maritime border with North Korea, killing 46 sailors. (South Korea blamed North Korea, which denied involvement.) A truck collided with a van on I-65 in Kentucky, killing 10 Mennonites in the van and the truck driver. NBA player Gilbert Arenas was sentenced to 30 days in a halfway house for bringing guns into the Washington Wizards locker room.  
Five years ago: Indiana Gov. Mike Pence signed a measure prohibiting state and local laws that "substantially burden" the ability of people to follow their religious beliefs; opponents charged the new law could legalize discrimination against gay people.  
One year ago: The House failed to override President Donald Trump's first veto, allowing him to steer billions of extra dollars to construct border barriers. The Senate defeated a motion to take up the Green New Deal, rejecting an opportunity to debate a comprehensive climate change plan offered by Democrats. Prosecutors in Chicago abruptly dropped all charges against Jussie Smollett, the "Empire" actor who was accused of faking a racist, anti-gay attack on himself; they said they still believed that Smollett had concocted the assault. (A grand jury revived the criminal case with new charges against Smollett in February 2020.) Rockland County in New York City's northern suburbs declared a state of emergency over a measles outbreak that had infected more than 150 people; the action included a ban against unvaccinated children in public places.

**Today's Birthdays:** Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor is 90. Actor Alan Arkin is 86. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas is 85. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is 80. Actor James Caan is 80. Author Erica Jong is 78. Journalist Bob Woodward is 77. Singer Diana Ross is 76. Actor Johnny Crawford is 74. Rock singer Steven Tyler (Aeros-

mith) is 72. Singer and TV personality Vicki Lawrence is 71. Actor Ernest Thomas is 71. Comedian Martin Short is 70. Country singer Ronnie McDowell is 70. Movie composer Alan Silvestri is 70. Rock musician Monte Yoho is 68. Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao is 67. Radio talk show host Curtis Sliwa is 66. Country singer Dean Dillon is 65. Country singer

Charly McClain is 64. TV personality Leeza Gibbons is 63. Actress Ellia English is 61. Actress Jen McDonagh (Film: "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri") is 50. Actress Leslie Mann is 48. Actor T.R. Knight is 47. Rapper Juvenile is 45. Actress Amy Smart is 44. Actress Bianca Kajlich (KY'-lihk) is 43. Moderator Margaret Brennan (TV: "Face

the Nation") is 40. Actor Sterling Sulieman is 36. Actress Keira Knightley is 35. Rapper J-Kwon is 34. Actress Carly Chaikin is 30.  
**Thought for Today:** "Life's like a play; it's not the length but the excellence of the acting that matters." — Seneca the Younger, Roman statesman and philosopher (3 B.C.-A.D. 65).

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Look \_\_ now!"
  - 5 Julio's home
  - 9 One in a cast
  - 14 Healthful husks
  - 15 Cry of concern
  - 16 Thick, as fog
  - 17 " \_\_ better believe it!"
  - 18 Theta follower
  - 19 Largest Greek island
  - 20 Sequel to *The Absent-Minded Professor*
  - 23 Skirmished
  - 24 Something comparable
  - 28 PBS "Science Kid"
  - 29 Hectic lifestyle
  - 31 Shooting sport
  - 34 Isn't oneself
  - 35 Confessional admission
  - 36 Human Resources department
  - 40 Feline constellation
  - 41 Nothing other than
  - 42 Tools with teeth
  - 43 Enrolled in the service
  - 46 USAF officer
  - 47 Very small
  - 48 Mixing up
  - 52 Morning eyeopener
  - 55 Iranian faith
  - 58 *Doctor Zhivago* heroine
  - 59 Pre-Euro money
  - 60 What the three longest answers have in common

- DOWN**
- 1 Deep chasm
  - 2 Band of Boy Scouts
  - 3 Hawaiian word for "mountain"
  - 4 Supports publicly
  - 5 Styled in a salon
  - 6 Get \_\_ of (obtain)
  - 7 Annual DC speech
  - 8 Whaler of literature
  - 9 Corporate advancement
  - 10 Round up
  - 11 Calendar abbr.
  - 12 Withdraw, with "out"
  - 13 Cereal crop
  - 21 Brand-name corn chip
  - 22 Deep singer
  - 25 Vision correction acronym
  - 26 Chilling at the table
  - 27 Chromosome contents
  - 29 Pastureland
  - 30 One who's with you
  - 31 Get away
  - 32 New Hampshire city
  - 33 Diminish by degrees
  - 34 One of two of Henry's six
  - 37 Memo taker
  - 38 Tolkien hero
  - 39 Fail completely
  - 44 Highly risky
  - 45 Urbanize
  - 46 Jewel box
  - 48 Be in accord
  - 49 "In that case . . ."
  - 50 Brainy bunch
  - 51 Cogwheels
  - 53 Snowman in *Frozen*
  - 54 Salt, symbolically
  - 55 Proclaim disapproval
  - 56 Flexible quantity
  - 57 Carpool lane designation

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# The Latest: Kentucky Derby prep at NY's Aqueduct postponed

**By The Associated Press**

The Latest on the effects of the coronavirus outbreak on sports around the world:

Aqueduct has extended the suspension of live horse racing through at least April 5 because of the impact of the new coronavirus in New York.

As a result, the \$750,000 Wood Memorial has been postponed. No make-up date has been determined yet for the major Kentucky Derby prep that was to be run on April 4.

Last Thursday, the New York Racing Association suspended racing at Aqueduct after confirmation that a backstretch worker who lived and worked at Belmont Park tested positive for COVID-19. The Belmont backstretch is home to 585 workers who tend to the daily care of more than 1,300 horses stabled on the property.

The pandemic has affected other prep races for the Kentucky Derby, which itself was postponed from May 2 to Sept. 5. The Sunland Derby in New Mexico and Blue Grass and Lexington stakes in Kentucky have been canceled, along with the UAE Derby. The Arkansas Derby was pushed back from April 11 to May 2.

For now, the Florida Derby on March 28 and Santa Anita Derby on April 4 are still scheduled.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell has instructed the 32 teams to close their facilities to all but a select few employees by 6 p.m. Wednesday.

In a memo to the teams, Goodell said the restrictions meant as a safeguard against the new coronavirus will be in force until at least April 8. Then the league will re-evaluate, using advice from medical experts and health authorities. The few exceptions include trainers and doctors treating players, security and technology personnel.

The NFL has gotten some pushback for not postponing the draft scheduled for April 23-25 while the rest of the sports world is largely shut down. The league is developing a new format because it has scrapped the public events set for Las Vegas.

The Belgian soccer league says clubs should not apply for temporary layoffs for their players despite matches remaining suspended because of the coronavirus outbreak.

The league asked clubs not to burden the government's temporary unemployment scheme for employees forced out of work because of the lockdown measures implemented in Belgium.

The league says exceptions can be made only "for urgent economic reasons."

The league also says it's too early to decide when matches can resume.

Major League Soccer has extended its moratorium on team training through April 3 and still wants players to stay in their team's local market.

MLS has targeted May 10 as a potential return date.

Team training facilities may be used only for physical therapy purposes at the direction of the team's medical staff.

Roger Federer and his wife, Mirka, say they have donated 1 million Swiss francs (\$1.02 million) "for the most vulnerable families" in Switzerland.

Federer writes on his social media accounts that "these are challenging times for everyone and nobody should be left behind."

The announcement was the first post on his Twitter and Instagram accounts in more than three weeks.

Federer underwent surgery on his right knee five weeks ago and hoped to return for grass-court tournaments in June. The men's tennis tour has since shut down because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Federer says he and wife hope "others might join in supporting more families in need."

The Spanish soccer federation has announced measures to help smaller clubs financially.

The measures include a loan of 4 million euros (\$4.3 million) to help pay the salaries of players and coaches.

The loan will be available to clubs from the third and fourth divisions, and futsal clubs. It can be paid back without interest over two seasons.

The federation also says it will negotiate a credit line for teams in the first and second division.

Federation president Luis Rubiales says the federation's doctors will be made available to help fight the coronavirus pandemic, and the national team's hotel can be used as a hospital if necessary.

IOC president Thomas Bach says government guidelines imposing restrictions on daily life only into next month and even President Donald Trump's target of the "middle of April" to lift them are among the reasons why he waited so long to postpone the Tokyo Olympics.

Bach says "we were in line with these developments" until World Health Organization leaders said Monday the coronavirus pandemic is accelerating.

Bach and the International Olympic Committee faced mounting criticism from athletes last week for publicly supporting holding the Tokyo Games in July and August.

Bach was asked on a conference call why the postponement decision came only after much of the world was in lockdown. He says "we could not see (government) measures being taken lasting until July."

Premier League teams Brighton and Bournemouth have become the first clubs to sign up

to a campaign to make 100,000 free soccer tickets available to medical workers on the front line during the coronavirus outbreak.

The initiative was conceived by executives at Brighton, which has committed to giving National Health Service workers 1,000 tickets for matches and has invited other clubs from the Premier League, English Football League, Scotland and Northern Ireland to join in.

Bournemouth immediately followed suit, offering "a minimum of" 1,000 tickets.

Brighton chief executive Paul Barber says "we feel this is a small way in which we can show our gratitude for those NHS staff on the front line who are fighting the battle on behalf of all of us and give them something to look forward to."

The Kontinental Hockey League has given up on trying to reschedule its playoffs and canceled the remainder of the season.

The Russia-based KHL is widely considered to be the strongest league outside the NHL. It was due to play its conference semifinals when play was suspended because of the coronavirus outbreak.

Teams from Finland and Kazakhstan withdrew because of travel and safety concerns.

## 2020 NFL Mock Draft (Mel Kiper)

Selection	Team	Player	Position	College
1	Bengals	Joe Burrow	QB	LSU
2	Redskins	Chase Young	DE	Ohio State
3	Lions	Jeff Okudah	CB	Ohio State
4	Giants	Isaiah Simmons	OLB	Clemson
5	Dolphins	Tua Tagovailoa	QB	Alabama
6	Chargers	Justin Herbert	QB	Oregon
7	Panthers	Derrick Brown	DT	Auburn
8	Cardinals	Tristan Wirfs	OT	Iowa
9	Jaguars	Javon Kinlaw	DT	South Carolina
10	Browns	Mekhi Becton	OT	Louisville
11	Jets	Jedrick Wills Jr.	OT	Alabama
12	Raiders	CJ Henderson	CB	Florida
13	49ers	Jerry Jeudy	WR	Alabama
14	Buccaneers	Andrew Thomas	OT	Georgia
15	Broncos	Henry Ruggs III	WR	Alabama
16	Falcons	K'Lavon Chaisson	OLB	LSU
17	Cowboys	CeeDee Lamb	WR	Oklahoma
18	Dolphins	D'Andre Swift	RB	Georgia
19	Raiders	Tee Higgins	WR	Clemson
20	Jaguars	Antoine Winfield Jr.	S/CB	Minnesota
21	Eagles	Justin Jefferson	WR	LSU
22	Vikings	Denzel Mims	WR	Baylor
23	Patriots	Jordan Love	QB	Utah State
24	Saints	Kenneth Murray	LB	Oklahoma
25	Vikings	A.J. Epenesa	DE	Iowa
26	Dolphins	Josh Jones	OT	Houston
27	Seahawks	Yetur Gross-Matos	DE	Penn State
28	Ravens	Patrick Queen	ILB	LSU
29	Titans	Ezra Cleveland	OT	Boise State
30	Packers	Chase Claypool	WR	Notre Dame
31	49ers	Noah Igbinoghene	CB	Auburn
32	Chiefs	Cesar Ruiz	C/G	Michigan

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