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Cancellations/Postponed events:

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.

Master the Mountain 5K/10K set for April 18 at the State Park

Local businesses team up to support First Responders in West Texas

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

While there are many local business owners who are wondering what tomorrow will hold for their business, there are just as many stepping up and finding out ways to pour into the community. Recently a group of local businesses gathered efforts and resources together to ensure the first responders were able to have access to hand sanitizer, a rare commodity these days.



The Big Spring Fire Department recently received a donation of sanitizer - 66, 5-gallon buckets - was distributed throughout the Permian Basin.

“My friend Suzy called Saturday morning around 9 as we laid in bed. Travis said we are lazy we haven’t done anything this morning,” Lindsey Pitcock said. “She mentioned a random thought and didn’t know where to go with it. She

told me her brother works at a hospital where they are having to outsource their hand sanitizer because they can’t keep it in stock and the manufactures can’t keep up. After we get off the phone Travis says we have all that stuff except the glycerin and we can blend it.” Lindsey’s husband along

with five others owns a chemical company – True Chemical Now – which was started three years ago. While there have been trials and tribulations in the company and in life, the heart of all the owners is immense. “These guys want nothing else than to serve others,” Lindsey said. “I mean I can

for sure speak that about my husband. Everything he does is to serve his family and community; to give the Pitcock name a good reputation. His Grandmother used to say, ‘You are a representation of this family name. Don’t screw it up.’ or at least that’s the jist of it. With that, he has always lived his life with integrity.”

After the phone call ended, Lindsey had an idea and through the support of her husband and a friend who they had met through the stock show world, they put a plan together that would benefit the first responders in the community.

Being a stock show family had led Lindsey and her family to form connections that have added to their life, but also added an essential

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City parks, rental facilities to close through April 30

Herald Staff Report

Over the weekend, President Donald Trump extended the social distancing guidelines through the end of April after the data had been reviewed from the health experts. The decision was announced during a press conference on Sunday.

On Monday, the City of Big Spring issued a press release announcing the extended and expanded closure of parks in the city beginning Wednesday.

The press statement said, the City of Big Spring will be closing Comanche Trail Golf Course, Comanche Trail Park, Comanche Trail Lake, Moss Lake, and all other outside parks, including Birdwell Park, ABC Park, Bert Andries Park, and Dr. Morgan Park effective Wednesday, April 1, 2020.

All City parks and City rentable facilities, including Dora



Roberts Community Center, Municipal Auditorium, Comanche Trail Amphitheater, and all Comanche Trail Park Pavilions will remain closed until April 30, 2020, with the possibility of an extension.

All City Offices are still open by appointment only.

For any questions or concerns, please contact the City Manager’s Office at 432-264-2401.

At this time, no shelter in place order has been issued in Big Spring or Howard County. With the increasing number of confirmed cases in Midland and Odessa, the Mayors of those

respective cities have been ramping up precautionary measures to help slow the spread. Odessa Mayor David Turner issued a shelter in place order for Odessa on Monday.

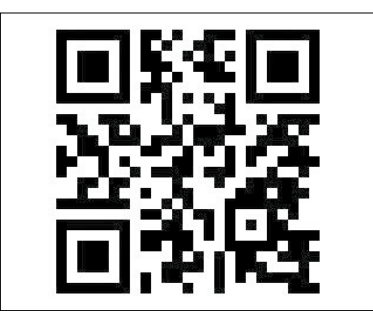
At this time the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the area include: Martin County - 1; Midland County - 11 cases with one death; Mitchell County - 1; Ector County - 5.

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YMCA hands out free basketballs, begins online drills for community youth to stay active



The YMCA of Big Spring handed out free basketballs to the community youth on Saturday. Kids will be able to take part in online drills Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Noon on the YMCA Facebook page.

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

The Big Spring YMCA is doing their part to slow the spread and has closed their doors to the public, while social distancing is being practiced across the nation.

However, in an effort to keep the youth in the community active and safe, Saturday staff and administration

at the YMCA took the time to hand out free basketballs to the youth.

“Our goal is to keep kids in our community active and safe during these uncertain times,” Dathan Jones, CEO of the Big Spring YMCA, said.

The YMCA handed out basketballs for two hours in anticipation of the online drills that began this week. According to the YMCA Facebook page, the online drills will be taking place Mondays,

Wednesdays, and Fridays at Noon. Anyone who is wanting to take part can connect by visiting the Big Spring YMCA YOUTH Basketball 2020 Facebook page.

For those who have questions, call or text Dathan Jones at 432-254-9949.

Amanda Duforat is the Managing Editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, e-mail editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.



Obituaries

Dorothy Maxine Jones Hughey

Dorothy Maxine Jones Hughey, 94, passed away Friday, March 27, 2020, in a local nursing home. Graveside services will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2020, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Richard Schneburger officiating. She was born Aug. 3, 1925, in Eastland, Texas, to Dave and Maudie (Layfield) Jones. Maxine married R.L. Hughey Sept. 21, 1950, in Stanton, Texas. He preceded her in death Oct. 25, 2001.

Maxine was known as a true pioneer. In World War II, at the age of 19, she worked at Webb Air Force Base as a Burma Truck Driver that transported soldiers to distant secret locations. She worked for the family business, "Jones Paving Co." as a dump truck driver. Her artist's side was sewing and painting. She helped make the curtains and bed spreads for the Settles Hotel in Big Spring with her beloved sister, Katie Jones Cathey. She loved

adventures to Alaska and Hawaii for many years. Her love for family would bring her back to Big Spring as a loving daughter, sister, mother, aunt and grandmother. Maxine loved to laugh and with a lot of sassy style!

Survivors include a son, Arion Hughey of Alaska; and daughter-in-law, Sandra Hughey of Big Spring; six grandchildren, Michael, Michelle, Matthew, Mark, Ryan and Nina; six great-grandsons; a sister, Joyce Streicher of San Marcos; one brother, Wayne Jones; a sister-in-law, Patsy Jones; 11 nieces and nephews, Ricky Jones, Terry Jones, Dianna Thorpe, Jerry Thompson, Ronnie Jones, Peggy Lou Jones, Cool Ann Brewster, Cali Springfield, Davy Jones, Robbie Jones, and Eldon Jones; and many great nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Sharon; two brothers, Eldon Jones and Weldon Jones; and a sister and brother-in-law, Katie and Jack Cathey.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com

Paid Obituary

Ashlee "A.A." Taylor

Ashlee "A.A." Taylor, 39, of Big Spring died Sunday, March 29, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Sylvia Arguello

Sylvia Arguello, 58, of Big Spring died Monday, March 30, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 78 inmates at the time of this report.

• **PAUL CAPETILLO**, 54, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JODY WAYNE DAWDY**, 55, was arrested by BSPD on a charge

of possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.

• **CODY JOE DEPAUW**, 40, was arrested by BSPD on charges for public intoxication and no driver's license.

• **JIMMY WAYNE HECTOR**, 57, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.

• **ALEX COACHIES LEDEZ-MA**, 38, was arrested by BSPD on

a charge of public intoxication.

• **ROBERT LEE LYLES**, 18, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of aggravated robbery.

• **JERRICK DECOVA STRAUGHTER**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on charges of public intoxication and evading arrest/detention.

• **BLANCA CECILIA VARGAS**, 43, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Baylor. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of March Circle. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of 3rd and

Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Lynn Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2700 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical

Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2400 block of Carleson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **OUTDOOR RUBBISH/TRASH FIRE** was reported in the 100 block of Jonesboro. Fire was contained.

Take Note

• 2020 Advocating for Agriculture Symposium will be hosted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension - Corpus Christi based specialists is set for Tuesday, April 14, 2020 from 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The symposium can be attended from the comfort of your home. To register visit <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/ag>. For more information email megan.clayton@ag.tamu.edu.

• Effective immediately, to contact the City of Big Spring Water Office, please call 432-466-3264, 432-466-3568, or 432-466-7248. The Water Office is temporarily located at 305 South Johnson. Be advised, all City of Big Spring offices, including the Water Office, remain closed to the public and open by appointment and electronic means only. Ways to make your payment: 1. Pay online at www.mybig-spring.com. Click ONLINE BILL PAY; Pay via the automated phone system by calling 833-227-1752; Payment can be placed in the Drop Box at the Polly Mays Annex (501 Runnels). Staff checks the box daily; Pay over the phone by calling 432-466-3264, 432-466-3568, or 432-466-7248. Water Office staff are still available to assist customers by appointment and over the phone during normal business hours.

• 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.

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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 March and Moss, pick up will be in the bus lane behind the campus. At BSJH, pick up can be made at Door #5 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: 5th and Abrams
Bus 28: 3rd and Lockhart
Bus 77: Parkway and Hearn
Bus 85: Goliad Elementary
Bus 86: 6th 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: 8th 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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piece to this new forming idea. The one ingredient that was missing was glycerin and that was a product that could be purchased at the feed store.

"Remember we are stock show people, so the feed store is our place to go," she said. "I call Elbow Creek feed store in Elbow, Texas, and I tell her this is a completely random question. 'Do you have a source to get glycerin and she says, 'yes, I do.'"

With one phone call, the missing piece was able to be found making the idea a possible reality. While the group was waiting on the glycerin to arrive, calls were made to area hospitals and first responders to get an estimate on the true need that existed.

"Of course, there is always a hurdle to overcome it seems when an idea is coming together; the kicker to all of it is glycerin is getting back ordered and IPA alcohol has tripled in price. The formula they use comes from the WHO (World Health Organization)," she said.

While there may have been hurdles, the idea didn't stop and the generosity was able to impact many who needed it throughout West Texas. With the support of Stanton's branch of Tractor Supply and their donation of buckets, the sanitizer - 330 gallons totalling 66 buckets - made by True Chem were able to be transported.

"This is community. This is what using your God given talents is used for," she said. "To be the hands and feet of Christ to love your neighbors as yourself, to see people come together

and love one another unselfishly is the biggest blessing. Never think your talents are wasted."

She encourages all those who have the heart to help to follow the idea that has been placed on their heart.

"Use your social media platform to help others; use your connections to help one another," she said. "I am blessed and thankful to be able to be a small portion of this bigger cause. Like Mister Rogers says, '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' and, that right there is what I hope and pray my boys see in not only their parents, but the people we are surrounded by.'"

She continued, "West Texas I am so proud of you! We are going through so much right now stress is real and

you are being a light in the dark." In addition to the local support in Howard County, distribution costs were also supported by businesses in the Midland/Odessa area. According to Lindsey, Fasken Oil and Gas was generous enough to sponsor the first tote for Midland and Arismendez Construction and Roustabout sponsored for Big Spring and Lamesa.

"This is Community. It takes a village and West Texas, our village, is the very best! Thank you all for loving on these people on the front lines and giving them ammunition to help fight this virus," she said.

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Weather



Today: Sunny, with a high near 74. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast in the afternoon.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 77. South wind 10 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 86.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 55.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 75.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 46.

Saturday: A chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 69.

Saturday Night: A slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55.

Sunday: A slight chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 74.

(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via forecast.weather.gov)

Take Note cont.

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

• 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.

• The Alzheimer's Association West Texas Chapter will host the Big Spring Community Forum on March 26, 2020, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the Big Spring Senior Center, located at 100 Whipkey. The event is free, but space is limited. RSVP to WestTexas@alz.org, call 1-800-272-3900, or go to the link at bit.ly/ConfBS20. More information can also be found at www.alz.org/westtexas.

• **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. to 2 p.m. The Vitalant Bloodmobile will be on site. See Nicole Doose to sign up. The Sponsor Code is BSKindred. Eat a good meal, drink plenty of water, and bring a picture ID.

• AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax preparation help to anyone, and if you're 50 and older, and can't afford a tax preparation service, AARP Tax-Aide was made especially for you. They understand that retirement or other life changes may mean your taxes are a little more complicated now. With the help of our team of IRS-

certified volunteers, we make it easy for you. AARP Tax-Aide Service will be available at the Big Spring Senior Center every Monday, beginning on Feb. 3, 2020, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. There's no fee and no sales pitch for other services, and AARP membership is not required. Additional information can be found on the AARP web site https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/info-2004/about_aarp_taxaide.html

• VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

• Food2Kids will again be providing sack lunches to children in the Big Spring area who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It takes just a couple of hours

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Retha Southwood, 80, died Sunday. Graveside services will be at 2:30 PM Tuesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Liam Morelion, infant, died Thursday. Graveside services will be Tuesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Ashlee "A.A." Taylor, 39, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Sylvia Arguello, 58, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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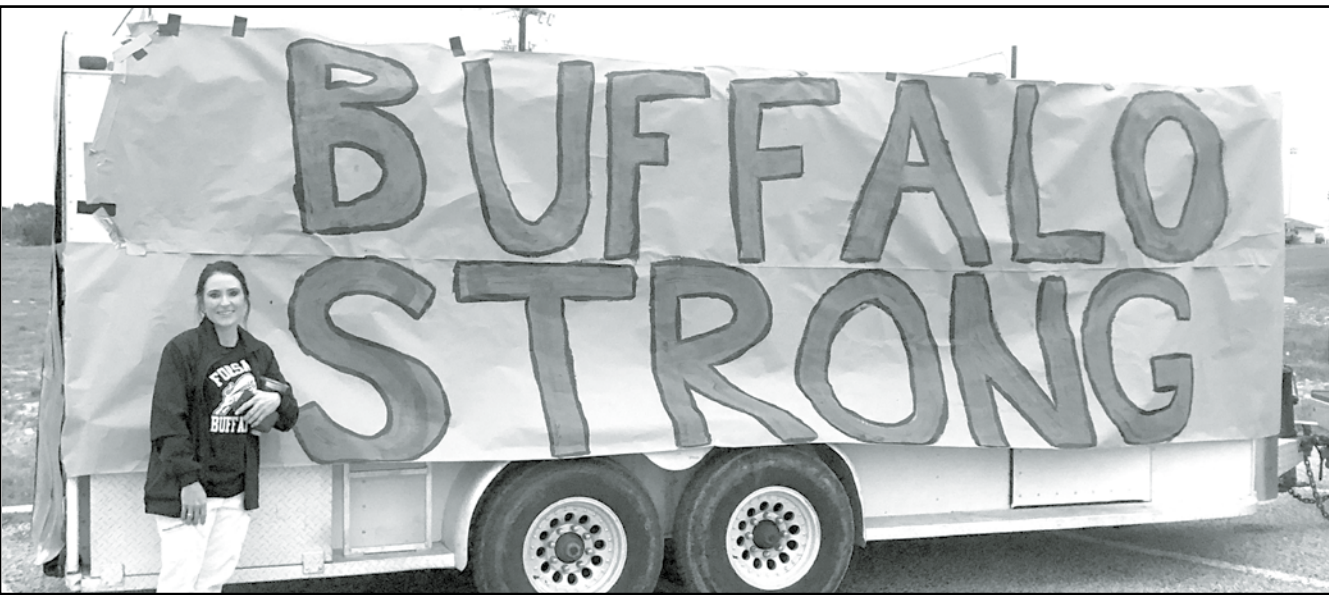
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Forsan Elementary students greeted with balloons, signs and Buffalo spirit



Little Buffaloes were greeted with balloons, banners and yard signs during this week's packet pick up. Teachers created signs showing the students they are missed and while they may not be in the classroom together, they are not forgotten. This is the second full week of distance learning for area schools. In addition to packet pick ups, Forsan - along with the other school districts - is offering free lunch and breakfast Monday through Friday for students.

Courtesy photos



HHSC temporarily waives renewal requirements for Medicaid, SNAP clients during COVID-19 crisis

State of Texas also waives SNAP interview requirements

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN - Texas Health and Human Services announced today SNAP and Medicaid benefit renewals currently due will automatically be renewed so existing clients can maintain continuity of coverage during the COVID-19 public health crisis.

"During this difficult time, we're making sure Texans in need continue to receive their food and medical benefits without the added worry of having to renew their coverage in the midst of a crisis," said Wayne Salter, HHS Deputy Executive Commissioner for Access and Eligibility Services.

To ensure benefits continue, Texas requested and received federal approval to automatically extend benefits for recipients who were up for renewal. Renewing the SNAP and Medicaid applications automatically means that those who were up for a renewal do not have to call or complete their renewal to receive continuous coverage. SNAP and Medicaid benefits are extended until further notice, and Texas HHS will continue to provide updates to the public during the coming months.

Additionally, as authorized by section 2302 of the Families First Coronavirus

Response Act, Texas is also waiving interview requirements for households applying for SNAP. As part of that, households are not required to complete an interview before approval if identity has been verified and mandatory verification steps are completed.

Waiving interview requirements means people do not have to come into an office or call the agency about their application or renewal, and HHS can process applications as they are received and make eligibility determinations faster.

Administered by Texas HHS, SNAP is a federal program that provides food assistance to approximately 1.4 million eligible low-income families and individuals in Texas, with monthly benefits worth nearly \$400 million.

Medicaid is a joint federal-state program that provides health coverage to 4.6 million Texas children, pregnant women, parents of eligible children, people with disabilities, and older Texans who need nursing home care.

Texans in need can apply for benefits, including SNAP and Medicaid, at YourTexasBenefits.com or use the Your Texas Benefits mobile app to manage their benefits.

Travel form, instructions available online for travelers coming to Texas from New York Tri-State area, New Orleans to comply with Governor's mandated 14-Day self-quarantine

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN - In response to Governor Abbott's Executive Order, DPS has added the required travel form and terms of self-quarantine to our website for individuals traveling to Texas - with Texas being their final destination - through an airport from the Tri-State Area of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, as well as from the city of New Orleans, to complete as part of the mandated self-quarantine outlined in the Executive Order. DPS is tasked with enforcing this Executive Order, which takes effect statewide at noon on Saturday, March 28, 2020.

Required Travel Form

As part of the Executive Order enforcement, DPS Troopers will be stationed at Texas airports to screen passengers traveling from the designated quarantine areas, beginning Saturday, March 28.

Travelers who are subject to the self-quarantine are required to complete this form to provide DPS with identifying information, including their full name, date of birth, home address, driver license/passport information and quarantine location.

Passengers can access the form on our website prior to traveling, which gives them the opportunity to complete it before disembarking the aircraft. Those who do not have a completed form will be provided one upon exiting the plane.

Mandatory Terms of Self-Quarantine

Pursuant to Governor Abbott's Executive Order, individuals must comply with the Mandatory Terms of Self-Quarantine. As part of the department's efforts to ensure compliance with the Governor's Executive Order, DPS Special Agents will conduct unannounced visits at the quarantine locations listed on the forms completed by travelers.

Enforcement Action

DPS anticipates wide compliance with Governor Abbott's Executive Order. However, it is important to note that under Texas Government Code § 418.173, failure to comply with these mandatory terms is a criminal offense punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000, confinement in jail for up to 180 days, or both. DPS will take the appropriate enforcement action against anyone who fails to comply with the Executive Order.

Additional Information

DPS is working with airports, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and the airline industry to provide information and help ensure compliance with the orders.

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Beginning on Tuesday, March 31st, we will move the mobile donation location available Monday through Friday between 10AM and 12PM to the Abell Hanger Pavilion, 200 Andrews Hwy. Please do not take donations to the Legends Building. Staff will be on site to assist during these hours and please remember to wash your hands afterwards.

While Midland Memorial does not normally accept donations of supplies and equipment, the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) has restricted the quantities of protective equipment our caregivers use to deliver care to patients. Under these constraints associated with this Covid-19 outbreak, donations from organizations, companies, groups and individuals to Midland Memorial, that meet quality and safety standards, can be donated for our hospital to use.

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Wall Street pushes higher, led by surging health care stocks

By **STAN CHOE** and **ALEX VEIGA**

AP Business Writers

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks pushed higher on Wall Street Monday, led by big gains for health care companies announcing developments that could aid in the coronavirus outbreak.

The rally tacked more gains onto a recent upswing for the market, which is coming off the best week for the S&P 500 since hitting bottom after the financial crisis 11 years ago. Nascent optimism is budding on Wall Street that the worst of the selling may be over, but markets around the world remain tentative amid uncertainty about whether global authorities can nurse the economy through the pandemic. The S&P 500 remains about 23% below its record set last month, and oil tumbled to an 18-year low.

In early afternoon trading on Monday, the S&P 500 was up 2.3%. European indexes rose modestly after erasing earlier losses. Asian markets were down, but by much milder degrees than the huge swings that have rocked investors over the last month.

A surge for health care stocks led the way at the week's open. Abbott Laboratories jumped 8.2% after saying it has a test that can detect the new coronavirus in as little as five minutes. Johnson & Johnson leaped 8.8% after it said it expects to begin human clinical studies on a vaccine candidate for COVID-19 by September.

Stocks jumped last week as the Federal Reserve promised to buy as many Treasuries as it takes to get lending markets running smoothly and Capitol Hill agreed on a \$2.2 trillion rescue package for the economy.

"The market wants to see everything line up, and

last week everything lined up," said Nela Richardson, investment strategist at Edward Jones, referring to the unprecedented aid from the Fed and Congress.

Now, she said, President Donald Trump also appears to be in sync with health experts about the need to restrict the economy to slow the spread of the virus. Trump on Sunday extended social-distancing guidelines, which recommend against group gatherings larger than 10, through the end of April after earlier saying he wanted the economy open by Easter.

"Now that message is in line," said Richardson. "All these things line up coming into this week, and that's why you saw strong performance last week continuing today."

Some of Monday's sharpest action was in the oil market, where benchmark U.S. crude fell more than 5% and touched below \$20 per barrel for the first time since early 2002. Oil started the year above \$60, and prices have plunged on expectations that a weakened global economy will burn less fuel. The world is awash in oil, meanwhile, as producers continue to pull more of it out of the ground.

The S&P 500 was up 2.3%, as of 1:50 p.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 403 points, or 1.9%, to 22,116, and the Nasdaq was up 3%.

Most voices on Wall Street are telling investors to prepare for more losses, but a 16% surge for stocks since last Monday has the first green shoots of optimism appearing.

Forced selling by investors looking to raise cash may be easing, and Morgan Stanley strategists said the worst may be behind us. They say another pullback in stocks is likely, but current levels offer some buying points for investors willing to wait six

to 12 months. "Our base case is that the lows are in for this bear market for most stocks," they wrote in a report.

Goldman Sachs, though, warned the market will likely turn lower in coming weeks, though they expect the S&P 500 to recover to 3,000 by the year's end. One factor against markets is that companies aren't buying back as much stock as politicians have railed against repurchases made before the outbreak. Any slowdown in buybacks will have a big impact because companies themselves have been the single biggest source of demand for U.S. stocks in recent years, according to Goldman Sachs.

Most investors say they expect markets to remain extremely volatile until the virus slows its spread. Until then, investors won't know how long the economic downturn will ultimately last. In a sign of increased caution, the yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 0.64% from 0.74% late Friday.

Economists expect a number of weak reports on the economy to come in through the week. The lowlight will likely be Friday's jobs report, where economists expect to see the largest fall in the nation's payrolls since the Great Recession.

The number of known infections around the world has topped 741,000. The United States has the highest number in the world, more than 143,000. More than 156,000 people around the world have also recovered.

Most people who contract COVID-19 have mild or moderate symptoms, which can include fever and cough but also milder cases of pneumonia, sometimes requiring hospitalization. The risk of death is greater for older adults and people with other health problems.

Texas tightens rules on neighboring Louisiana over virus

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas is ratcheting up restrictions on neighboring Louisiana, one of the growing hot spots for coronavirus in the U.S., and preparing Dallas' downtown convention center to house infected patients as Gov. Greg Abbott on Sunday announced a sweeping series of moves to both slow and manage the growing pandemic.

Just two days after Texas began requiring airline passengers from New Orleans to comply with a two-week quarantine, Abbott said state troopers will now also patrol highway entry points at the Louisiana border and require "everyone stopped" in those cars to also self-isolate. Abbott's order requires drivers to fill out a form listing where they will quarantine in Texas.

But how aggressively Texas troopers will patrol incoming traffic wasn't immediately clear. Hours after Abbott's announcement, traffic both in and out of Texas was freely moving along Interstate 10 near the Sabine River that divides Texas and Louisiana. No state troopers were seen patrolling the interstate, although multiple highway electronic signs in both directions warned drivers that "Personal travel from Louisiana must quarantine."

More than 3,500 Louisiana residents have been diagnosed with the disease caused by a new coronavirus, and more than 150 of them have died, according to state figures released Sunday.

For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially

older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia and death.

Abbott also said airline passengers arriving from Miami, Atlanta, Detroit, Chicago or anywhere from California or Washington state must also quarantine for 14 days, or risk jail time if they don't comply. And as the virus spreads throughout Texas jails, Abbott issued an order prohibiting bond for anyone arrested on charges related to physical violence or with past convictions for violent offenses.

Texas has more than 2,500 cases of COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus, and at least 34 related deaths.

Nearly 500 cases are in Dallas, according to a running count by Johns Hopkins University. Abbott said there is currently enough beds in the Dallas and across Texas to treat patients, but the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said the city's convention center could be set up to house as many as 1,400 people if needed.

It would be first temporary hospital for coronavirus patients in Texas, and Abbott said the state is looking at options in other cities.

"Our job is to make sure that we're looking one, two, three, four weeks ahead, and make sure that Texas is going to be prepared to meet the needs of your communities if COVID-19 continues to increase," Abbott said.

News Briefs

Texas National Guard to help with state's COVID-19 response

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas National Guard will help with drive-thru testing for coronavirus in the state.

Gov. Greg Abbott announced Friday the deployment of three National Guard Joint Task Force Brigades.

At least 27 people with COVID-19 in Texas have died while more than 2,000 have tested positive, the Texas Department of State Health Services said Saturday. Officials said that more than 25,000 people in the state have been tested.

Abbott said he's ordered the guardsman to initially focus on assisting drive-thru testing sites and bolstering the state's health care infrastructure with medical providers, equipment and supplies.

Abbott said that over the past week, Guardsmen have practiced erecting and running drive-thru testing site locations alongside medical staff to make sure it's a well-coordinated process.

For most people, the new coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks.

Texas reports 4 more coronavirus deaths

DALLAS (AP) — Four more people in Texas with COVID-19 have died, as the number of people with the disease caused by the novel coronavirus swelled to nearly 2,900, the state health department said Monday.

The reported fatalities were at 38 on Monday, up

by four from Sunday while the number of diagnosed cases rose by nearly 400. Harris County and Dallas County both had around 500 confirmed cases Monday, according to the state tally.

For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia and death.

US pending home sales trended higher before virus outbreak

BALTIMORE (AP) — Americans signed more contracts in February to buy homes, but the gains are likely relics of a moment before the coronavirus outbreak sent the U.S. economy spiraling into a likely recession.

The National Association of Realtors said Monday that its pending home sales index, which measures the numbers of purchase contracts signed, rose 2.4% in February from the prior month to 111.5. Lower mortgage rates were enticing more people to buy homes, such that pending sales had climbed 9.4% over the past 12 months.

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Howard baseball's Jake Smith commits to Southern Arkansas



HERALD File Photos

Pictured above left: Smith makes a play on the ball from his second baseman position in the field. Pictured above right: The McKinney native uses his big bat to send a ball into orbit in a game during Smith's freshman year at Howard.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

Jake Smith has just become the second Howard student-athlete to commit to furthering his athletic commitment at Southern Arkansas University in the past two weeks. Following the commitment of Laela Minnich to the Lady Muleriders softball team, Smith will also suit up for the royal blue and gold when the next baseball season kicks off in the spring of 2021.

"I'm so proud of him," former Hawks assistant coach Eddie Paparella said. "Southern Arkansas will be a great fit for him and I have no doubt he" be able to make an immediate impact next year."

The sophomore infielder played in 16 games for the Hawks in the shortened 2020 season. He was consistent at the plate and finished his second season in Big Spring with 11 hits in 52 at-bats. Smith also scored 12 runs and accounted for seven runs-batted-in while knocking one ball over the fence for the lone home run of his sophomore year.

Smith also finished with a middle-of-the-pack batting average (.212) but made up for it with a better ability to find his way on-base (.328 OBP) through a good eye for the ball. The McKinney High School graduate also made his mark on defense by leading the team with five double plays made and a sky-high field-

ing percentage (.939).

The Texas native played his high school ball over 300 miles away from Howard while growing up just east of Dallas. He will now move over 200 miles east of McKinney to suit up for the Muleriders for the next two years. Smith will be within a three-and-a-half hour drive of his hometown and should be able to show off his skills in front of friends and family.

Southern Arkansas was off to a tremendous start to their 2020 season and had jumped out to a 19-4 record. The Muleriders are a high-scoring bunch of explosive batters and solid defenders and are a threat to win the Great American Conference (GAC) every year. Smith could bring his leadership ability to the diamond in Magnolia and assist the Muleriders in having a top-notch season.

"He's a leader, relentless worker, fierce competitor, and a fearless servant of Christ," Paparella said. "He's the type of young man that will leave an impact on the locker room long after his time on the field is over."

"He's the total package."

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Questions about O'Brien's roster building beginning to surface

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

Since taking over as the Houston Texans' general manager last offseason, Head Coach Bill O'Brien has made some head-scratching moves from the outside appear to be a talent dump.

It all began with the trade of former No. 1 overall pick Jadeveon Clowney to the Seattle Seahawks. The Texans received a small return for their generational pass-rushing force and frustrated many fans in the process.

At the start of the new league year this season, the Texans traded away three-time All-Pro wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins. Hopkins is notoriously raved about as one of the top wide receivers in the entire league and O'Brien decided to trade him away in exchange for a one-year wonder running back in David Johnson along with a second and fifth round pick.

O'Brien is also receiving criticism from the team's fans about some of the free agent signings

that the former New England Patriots offensive coordinator and Penn State head coach has made so far in this free agency signing period.

The signing of nine-year veteran Randall Cobb to a \$9 million per year deal was also a head-scratcher and seemed like a poor replacement plan for one of the league's most-talented receivers. Cobb had 55 catches for 828 yards and three touchdowns last season while suiting up for the Dallas Cowboys but has only gone over the 1,000-yard mark once in his career.

The ___-year head coach has also run into a problem in the most recent contract negotiations with Pro Bowl left tackle Laremy Tunsil. Just last year, O'Brien sent a pair of first round picks to Miami for the Ole Miss product and seemed to have locked up the blind-side position for years to come.

Reports coming out of Houston are that those contract negotiations are not going as planned and both teams are far apart. This has caused O'Brien to look into upgrading the tackle position again and there are rumors that there is interest in longtime

Washington Redskin left tackle Trent Williams and a possible trade could happen there.

Although many Texans fans are frustrated with the way their offseason has gone and the talent that O'Brien has surrounded franchise quarterback Deshaun Watson with, other NFL front offices are not as critical of the moves the Houston head coach/general manager has made.

"Do I agree with the moves he's made? No!" one exec said in an interview with ESPN. "But one thing I can respect is that he's doing it his way. He will not go down due to moves made by anybody else."

O'Brien will continue to run the team how he sees fit and fill the roster with players that fit the style and culture that he is still building in Houston. The draft is next month and another risky move by O'Brien might be right beyond the horizon.

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Athletic Support: "Staying in shape during a pandemic"

By ELI CRANOR

Special to the Herald

Dear Athletic Support: With school closed, my son is itching to get back in the weight room. He's been running around the neighborhood, but we don't have any dumbbells or weights he can use for strength training. Do you have any home workouts we can do with minimal equipment? — Weighting Dad

Dear Weighting: Strength gains can be lost in as little as two to three weeks of inactivity. So, your son is absolutely right — he needs to be working out. Luckily, even without a home gym, there are many different exercises your son can be doing to stay in shape.

Most high-school-aged boys are overly concerned with bulking up their upper body. They want the bulging pectorals and biceps of a body builder. The problem here is those muscle groups don't translate well to the field.

So let's start with the lower body. Regardless of the sport, an athlete's hips are very important and oftentimes neglected. As a culture, we've grown accustomed to sitting for the better part of our waking hours. Whether the kids are sitting in a desk at school or on the sofa playing video games, our youth are very good at being sedentary. As a consequence, we are a nation of stiff hips.

The answer to this growing problem is the squat.

We called them "prison squats" back when I was coaching and playing. The exercise is simple: your son just needs to squat down like a catcher behind Homeplate. His backside should drop down past his knees and his heels must stay planted on the ground. If your son's heels are coming up, or he's having trouble sinking his bottom down far enough, then this means he needs some serious work on his hip flexibility.

The good news? Hips are like any other part of the body; they can be stretched



ELI CRANOR

and flexibility can be gained. Your son can even watch TV while sitting in the squat position. I used to have my players stay seated in a squat while I addressed them at the end of a workout or a practice.

For some of my players this exercise was so painful they couldn't pay attention to what I was saying. Your son should start with short time intervals and work his way up. By the time school is back in session, he'll be a squat master with super healthy hips!

In terms of actual strength gains, pull-ups, push-ups, and sit-ups are all great ways to stay in shape. He'll have to be creative if he wants to do the sort of free-weight exercises he's used to. For bench, he could try sliding under his bed and pressing it up from the floor. If he needs extra weight, have a sibling lie on the bed. Just be careful. If he's dying to do some curls, try stuffing a pillowcase with books. After his workout is over, maybe he could do some real heavy lifting and read one of the books!

During this break, I hope all young athletes are remembering to keep their brains in shape and not just their bodies. Here's a list of some of my favorite sports-themed books:

- Crash – Jerry Spinelli (football for younger readers)
- The Natural – Bernard Malamud (baseball for college-level)
- The Professional – W.C. Heinz (boxing)
- Swing Your Sword – Mike Leach (nonfiction)
- The Essential Smart Football – Chris Brown (nonfiction)
- Sacred Hoops – Phil Jackson (nonfiction)
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Annie's Mailbox

Recommendations on Opening Up

Dear Annie: I understand what "Unable To Open Up" is saying. I was never able to communicate with my parents. It carried over into my marriage and caused problems.

My suggestion is for him to write down his thoughts and feelings before he meets with the counselor. I have found that I can put thoughts into words on paper better than I can communicate verbally with someone.

Then he can hand her what he has written and they can go from there. Hope this helps. -- Been There, Done That

Dear Been There:

A great many readers suggested that writing down his feelings would be helpful for "Unable to Open Up." Here are two more letters with similar suggestions.

Dear Annie: This is regarding "Unable to Open Up," the man has a difficult time opening up to his therapist about his feelings. It's very hard for me to open up, too. I can always write about my thoughts and feelings a lot better than talking about them.

A suggestion would be that he write down his

thoughts and feelings. He could do this in private, when he's alone and not feeling put on the spot. Then either he or his therapist could read these notes during the following session. - Not Good on the Spot

Dear Annie: I'm responding to "Unable to Open Up," who asked how to maximize the value of the help of a therapist if he couldn't open up.

My suggestion is this: Try keeping a journal. Get a loose-leaf notebook that is specially dedicated to holding your thoughts and feelings related to your "buried anger" or any thoughts and feelings you have difficulty sharing. When you get a glimmer of one of those thoughts and feelings, write down as much as you can about it. Ask it questions. Get really calm and quiet and listen for answers.

Perhaps go for a walk and listen for answers on the walk. Then write down what you hear. Read what you have written. You may want to add an additional thought or reflection. Give your written piece a title and a date at the top of the page. Put it in your notebook.

Keep doing this over a period of time, say, a month. Then look over what you have written. See if there are any items

you would like to shine more light on. Jot those on a list. Then keep your eyes open for answers to the questions you raise. When you get an answer, jot that down on a separate page. It might be a change in behavior or attitude. Write it down clearly and start practicing it.

Your psyche is like an onion. As you write about one layer and put that in the notebook, it will release energy for the next layer. Soon, you'll have a collection of wisdom and guidance that will free you up to share, perhaps with your spouse, a friend or a therapist.

I have seen this work hundreds of times. Write down what scares you, and describe it as clearly as you can. Gradually, that gets it out of your psyche so you can begin to make friends with it, learn what it needs and give it that. I hope you try this and communicate the results to Annie. -- Working on an Intensive Journal

Dear Working: You make many great suggestions for uncovering our feelings, slowly and powerfully. Thank you.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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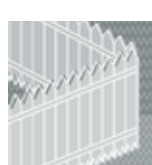
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). With fondness, you'll look back on what you said goodbye to long ago. The nostalgia may have you thinking, if only for a second, "Should I try that again?" Probably not.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you can avoid interruption, you'll be twice as productive. The two biggest contributing factors to distraction will be your location and internet use.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Anyone who's loved a television character or been devastated by the plotline of a book knows the power of alternative realities. Today, you'll use this principle to your advantage.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The difference between a genuine smile and a forced or insincere one is registered, at least on a subconscious level, by most humans. Real smiles send real joy. This will be your contribution to an improved world today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). To do your best

work, you must concentrate. To concentrate, you must be free of worry. To be free of worry, you must get resolution. You will do your best work once you've resolved the issue on your mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The child climbing the monkey bars on the playground is not thinking about tests of balance or growing motor skills. It just seems like a fun thing to do. Similarly, whatever you think might be fun now will also be a chance for unexpected growth.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you can whip up some joy for yourself and live inside that, you'll have accomplished the mission of your spirit. Just be careful not to confuse joy with pleasure, its broth-

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



er from another mother.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Life is full of surprises and today brings one of your favorite kinds

-- the kind where you surprise yourself. You're deeper, stronger, more talented and more interesting than even you knew.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're not concerned with getting ahead, staying ahead or anything that has to do with being out in front. You want to enjoy your route, do justice to your role and learn something along the way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Though wanting something to be finished will not make it so, it's the organizing thought that causes you to make a list of steps and start methodically getting this thing on the

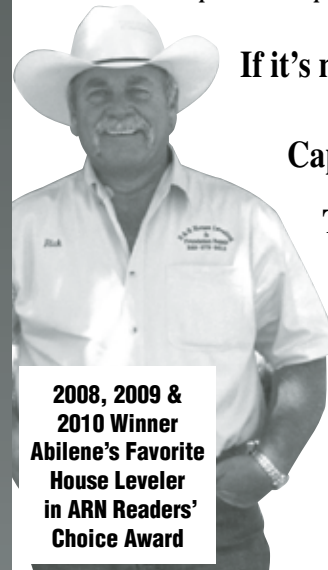
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NORTH		EAST	
♠ 8 4	♥ J 10 9 7	♠ J 10 9 7	♥ A 8 4
♦ K Q 10 7 2	♦ A K Q 3	♦ 10 5	♦ 10 5
♣ A K Q 3	♣ 10 5	♣ J 8 7 4	♣ J 8 7 4
WEST		SOUTH	
♠ K	♠ A Q 6 5 3 2	♥ 9 3	♥ 9 3
♥ J 6 5	♦ 9 6 4 2	♦ J 8 7	♦ J 8 7
♦ 9 6 4 2	♣ Q 9 6 3 2	♣ A K	♣ A K

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠			

Opening lead — three of clubs.

The finesse is without question one of the most valuable tools in bridge. At the same time, it is also one of the most dangerous, because it lends itself so easily to abuse. That was the case in today's deal, where declarer would have been better off had he never heard of a finesse.

South won the opening club lead and concluded that his contract was safe. He expected to lose a heart and either one or two trump tricks, depending on the location of the king of spades. So at trick two, he crossed to dummy with a diamond and led a spade to the queen, losing to the king.

He then won the club return and cashed the ace of spades, but when West showed out, South had to lose two more trump tricks and the ace of hearts for down one.

While it is true that declarer ran into a very unlikely lie of the opposing trumps — the chance of West having the singleton king was slightly less than 3% — his play in that suit left something to be desired. Attempting a first-round spade finesse had practically nothing to gain and everything to lose.

South should have realized that even if the finesse succeeded, he would still have to lose at least one trump trick. Therefore, no harm could come from playing the ace first and then crossing to dummy to lead a spade toward the queen.

If East has the king and the missing trumps break 3-2, only one trump trick will be lost; if East has the king and the spades are 4-1, two trump tricks will be lost; and if West has the king and the suit splits 3-2, two trumps will be lost. In all of these cases it doesn't matter whether declarer takes a first-round finesse or cashes the ace first — the outcome is exactly the same.

But there is one case where playing the ace first gains — when West started with the singleton king. South should therefore have cashed the ace at trick two as a safety measure, and when the king appeared, 10 tricks would have been assured.

Tomorrow: The numbers game.

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8	5		3	6	7		4
4			7	8			3
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1	4		2	3	6		
2			6	7			8
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6	5	7	9	4	8	2	3	1
2	3	9	6	1	7	4	5	8
1	8	4	5	2	3	6	9	7
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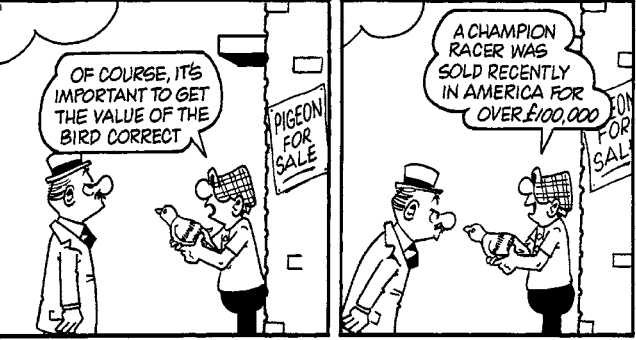
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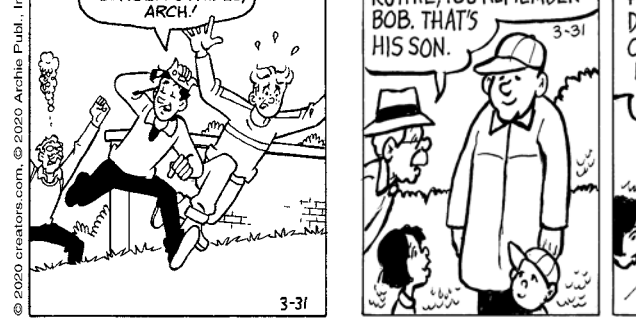
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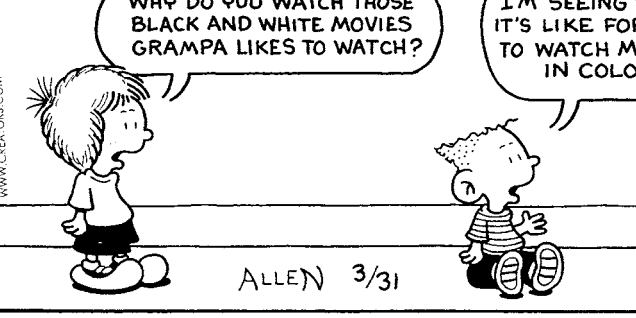
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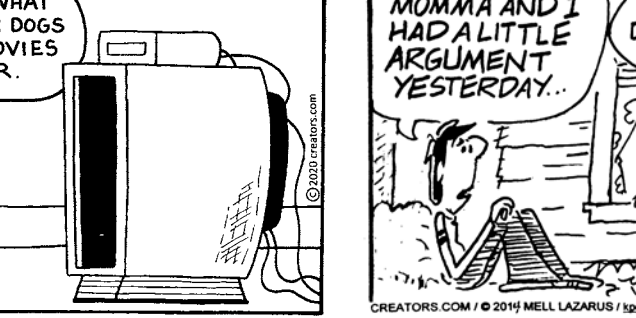
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In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Emergency Conservation Work Act, which created the Civilian Conservation Corps.
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In 1995, Mexican-American singer Selena Quintanilla-Perez, 23, was shot to death in Corpus Christi, Texas, by the founder of her fan club, Yolanda Saldivar, who was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison.
In 2004, four American civilian contractors were killed in Fallujah, Iraq; frenzied crowds dragged the burned, mutilated bodies and strung two of them from a bridge.
In 2005, Terri Schiavo (SHY'-voh), 41, died at a hospice in Pinellas Park, Florida, 13 days after her feeding tube was removed in a wrenching right-to-die court fight.
In 2009, Benjamin Netanyahu took office as Israel's new prime minister after the Knesset approved his government.
In 2014, an umpire's call was

overturned for the first time under Major League Baseball's expanded replay system, with Milwaukee Brewers star Ryan Braun ruled out instead of safe in a game against the Atlanta Braves. (The Brewers won, 2-0.)
Ten years ago: President Barack Obama threw open a huge swath of East Coast waters and other protected areas in the Gulf of Mexico and Alaska to oil drilling. A Chechen militant claimed responsibility for deadly attacks on the Moscow subway two days earlier that claimed 40 lives; the claim came hours after two more suicide bombers struck in the southern Russian province of Dagestan, killing a dozen people.
Five years ago: Lawyers for Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev (joh-HAHR' tsahr-NEYE'-ehv) rested their case in his federal death penalty trial, a day after they began presenting testimony designed to show his late older brother, Tamerlan, was the mastermind of the 2013 terror attack. Muhammadu Buhari (moo-HAH'-mah-doo boo-HAH'-ree), a former general who once rose to power in a military coup, won Nigeria's presidential election, defeating President Goodluck Jonathan.
One year ago: Rapper Nipsey Hussle was fatally shot outside the clothing store he had founded to help rebuild his troubled South Los Angeles neighborhood; he was 33. Former Vice President Joe Biden defended his interactions with women; saying he didn't believe he had ever acted inappropriately. Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro announced a 30-day plan to ration electricity, following nationwide power cuts that had inflicted misery on millions of people and ignited protests. Michigan State reached the NCAA Final Four by knocking out overall top seed Duke, 68-67, marking the end of Duke star Zion Williamson's college career; Auburn beat Kentucky 77-71 in overtime to win the Midwest Region finals and reach the Final Four for the

first time in school history
Today's Birthdays: Actor William Daniels is 93. Actor Richard Chamberlain is 86. Actress Shirley Jones is 86. Musician Herb Alpert is 85. Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., is 80. Former U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., is 80. Actor Christopher Walken is 77. Comedian Gabe Kaplan is 76. Sen. Angus King, I-

Maine, is 76. Rock musician Mick Ralphs (Bad Company; Mott the Hoople) is 76. Former Vice President Al Gore is 73. Author David Eisenhower is 72. Actress Rhea Perlman is 72. Actor Robby Coltrane is 70. Actor Ed Marinaro is 70. Rock musician Angus Young (AC/DC) is 65. Actor Marc McClure is 63. Actor William McNamara is 55. Alt-country musician Bob Crawford (The Avett (AY'-veh) Brothers) is 49. Actor Ewan (YOO'-en) McGregor is 49. Actress Erica Tazel is 45. Actress Judi Shekoni is 42. Rapper Tony Yayo is 42. Actress Kate Micucci is 40. Actor Brian Tyree Henry (TV: "Atlanta" Stage: "Book of Mormon") is 38. Actress Melissa Ordway is 37. Jazz musician Christian Scott is 37. Pop musician

Jack Antonoff (fun.) is 36. Actress Jessica Szohr is 35.
Thought for Today: "An optimist may see a light where there is none, but why must the pessimist always run to blow it out?" — Rene Descartes, French philosopher (born this date in 1596, died 1650).

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Shoeshine spoiler
 - 6 Gradually recedes
 - 10 Ran away
 - 14 Forbidden
 - 15 Without help
 - 16 Part in a play
 - 17 Hints of what's to come
 - 18 Chimney grime
 - 19 From here ___ (hence forth)
 - 20 Popular pencil puzzle
 - 22 Butterfly catchers
 - 23 Climbing vine
 - 24 Main course
 - 26 Frozen spike
 - 30 Dawn
 - 32 Long sandwich
 - 33 Common lunch hour
 - 35 ___ game (pitcher's dream)
 - 39 Unpleasant smell
 - 40 Hiker's path
 - 42 Uncommon
 - 43 One cent
 - 45 Stylistically pretentious
 - 46 Very stylish
 - 47 Shuts tightly
 - 49 Unoriginal idea
 - 51 Lounging robe
 - 54 Highest roll of a die
 - 55 Fitzgerald of jazz
 - 56 Attend Mass, for example
 - 63 Impolite look
 - 64 Whitish gemstone
 - 65 More formal "Ditto"
 - 66 Business boss, for short
- DOWN**
- 1 Use an overhead bin
 - 2 Disguising military garb, for short
 - 3 Lyft's ridesharing rival
 - 4 Affectionate, as a farewell
 - 5 Archaeologist's bony find
 - 6 Opinion piece
 - 7 Ill-mannered person
 - 8 Voting coalition
 - 9 "Afterward . . ."
 - 10 Outdoor place for a rocking chair
 - 11 Solitary type
 - 12 Privileged class
 - 13 Tightly packed
 - 21 Noteworthy occasion
 - 25 Convent resident
 - 26 Flapjack restaurant chain
 - 27 Relinquish legally
 - 28 Metal that can rust
 - 29 Sauce thickener
 - 30 Flies high
 - 31 ___ of measure (mile or pound)
 - 34 Spoken, as opposed to written
 - 36 "That's funny!"
 - 37 Colorful eye part
 - 38 Computer expert, for short
 - 41 Words of a song
 - 44 Vote like "aye"
 - 48 Fine wool
 - 50 Breathe out
 - 51 Any show biz notable
 - 52 Voice of Amazon devices
 - 53 Group of warships
 - 54 Shoe bottoms
 - 57 Numbered musical work
 - 58 Chitchat
 - 59 Owned by someone else before
 - 60 Fury
 - 61 "Hurry up, let's go!"
 - 62 Snake's sound

Answer to previous puzzle

SPAS	STAT	PIED
MOOSE	TACO	USDA
CLOSE	ELMS	FAIR
CORN	FLAKES	FACE
IN	FLAM	ERECTS
COURTS	BASED	
OKRA	SILLO	ERASE
ALLIN	RAN	FIXIT
LIASSO	AREA	CENT
	INUSE	SLEDGE
CRANES	VIA	
LAMB	HOTO	OATMEAL
ODOR	EDIT	EAGLE
PINA	RIIDE	STOOD
SIGN	SEED	TEST



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