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*Gun and Blade Show  
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*Forsan ISD, Coahoma  
ISD, Big Spring ISD  
extended closures  
through May 4*

*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.*

## A community gathers to pray

*Flashing lights, prayer and a sense of community filled SMMC parking lot Saturday night as more than 50 cars gathered*



Courtesy photo & HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat

**More than 50 cars gathered in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center parking lot Saturday night to pray for medical staff as they battle on the front lines of COVID-19. Flashing lights and prayer filled the parking lot as staff members and patients watched from the windows.**

**By AMANDA DUFORAT**  
Managing Editor

Social distancing has halted baseball games, social events and numerous other activities in town. However, it hasn't stopped the community from coming together to pray. More than 50 cars filled the parking lot at Scenic Mountain Medical Center on Saturday night as prayer erupted from each of the cars. A local resident, Kristen Michelle cre-

ated a Facebook event Saturday morning calling residents of Big Spring to join together - while maintaining social distancing from their vehicles - and pray for medical professionals, nursing staff and even patients at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

"I know how difficult it is for them at a time like this and there are many who can't go home to visit their families, I figured this might help bring a smile to their face at the end of the day and let

them know we are here for them," Michelle said. "These people are risking their lives for us and they are the ones here when we are sick, when we are on the verge of dying and it's important to show that gratitude; they don't get it enough. They work hard and they do it because they love to do it."

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## Council to reconsider Mayor's veto on \$6 million EDC project; postponing May 2 election in special meeting

**By AMANDA DUFORAT**  
Managing Editor

The Big Spring City Council will hold a special meeting on Friday at 5:30 p.m. by telecommunication. The meeting will be accessible through Channel 17 on Sudenlink or on the City website at <http://mybigspring.com/224/Channel-17-Live>. Those wanting to make a public comment during the meeting can do so by calling 432-271-6537.

During the special meeting, council members will look at the final reading of an ordinance to postpone the General Election scheduled for May 2, for the purpose of electing a City Council Member for District 1 and District 3, to Nov. 3, 2020 pursuant to a proclamation from Governor Abbott; providing for the publication and posting of notice and providing an effective date.



meeting last Friday. "Since this was plopped on the citizens I think we should give them an opportunity to offer up any comment if they so choose."

After the meeting, Mayor Thomason posted a poll on Face

Council members passed the first reading of the ordinance to postpone the May 2 election, during the special meeting of the City Council held last Friday. While the Council did not vote unanimously that it was an emergency matter, it did pass through for a second reading.

"The ultimate determination of this issue should be the citizens and since this was brought to the Council just today I think the citizens should have an opportunity to voice their opinions whether or not they want their election postponed until November," Mayor Thomason said during the special

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## CISD updates parents on learning from home

**Herald Staff Report**

After hearing the new executive order issued by Governor Greg Abbott on Tuesday afternoon, area schools began formulating a plan to ensure parents, students, faculty and families were prepared for the recently announced extension of school closures. According to the order, Gov. Abbott issued all Texas schools to remain closed through at least May 4, 2020.

The CISD administration issued an update to parents and students, on Wednesday afternoon about classwork, the upcoming Easter holiday and food pick up line.

"The CISD administration and faculty are thankful to our parents and students for their collaboration through this exceptional time," the press re-



lease stated. "As we enter into April, we will continue to provide course material and lessons through online resources such as Google Classroom, and we encourage parents to take advantage of these new learning opportunities."

For parents and guardians who have questions about how to access the online lessons, please call 432-394-5000, and someone will walk you through the pro-

cess.

Lessons will continue to be provided through take-home packets, but a few adjustments have been made to the pick-up schedule. Also please note, the packets will now contain lessons for the entire month.

The new packet pick-up schedule will be as follows:

- Monday, April 6, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Monday, April 20, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 27, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

If you can not drop-off your packet at the above times, please call and set up a time to return your packet at your convenience. If you have any questions, please call us 432-394-5000.

A grab-and-go breakfast/lunch bag for our students will be available between

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## Obituaries

### Janis Neighbors

Janis Neighbors, 80, of Big Spring died Wednesday, April 1, 2020. Funeral services will be at 11:00 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

### Mae Mayhall

Mae Mayhall, 75, of Big Spring died Wednesday, April 1, 2020. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

## Sheriff, Fire/EMS reports

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

**Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.**

• **ZACHARY ROTH DREHER**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of assault family violence.

### *Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:*

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was re-

ported in the 1100 block of Lamar Ave. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Elm. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of W. 17<sup>th</sup> Street. No transport was required

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Park. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was report-

ed in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the area of 4<sup>th</sup> and Jones. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Scurry. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Take Note

• Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Economic Development Corporation and Leading EDG understand the serious challenges our country faces as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. In response to this crisis, the Small Business Administration (“SBA”) has created new programs geared towards financial relief for affected businesses. The Economic Injury Disaster Loan (“EIDL”), is currently available, but only by applying directly to the SBA via the online portal: <https://www.sba.gov/disaster/apply-for-disaster-loan/index.html>. It only takes a few minutes to fill out. Another option, The Paycheck Protection Program, (“PPP”), has been approved by Congress. If you want to apply for the “PPP” loan contact your local lender. Information changes daily so make sure you are checking the SBA website regularly.

• 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](mailto: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](http://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.

• Permian Basin Multiple Sclerosis Support Group for information, encouragement and support. The group meets monthly on the Second Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 12 PM at the Holiday Inn Express at 5321 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa. If you or someone you know has been touched by MS, or if you are just interested in more information please feel to contact Gary Tidwell at [garylteagle1987@gmail.com](mailto:garylteagle1987@gmail.com).

• 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](mailto:WestTexas@alz.org), call 1-800-272-3900, or go to the link at [bit.ly/ConfBS20](http://bit.ly/ConfBS20). More information can also be found at [www.alz.org/westtexas](http://www.alz.org/westtexas).

• 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.

## 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: 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: Albroom 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 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. No meals will be provided on the Easter holiday.

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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# PRAY

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Many family members, including Kristin, serve at some capacity in the medical field which brought this event even closer to her heart. After hearing of similar events taking place in Midland and other surrounding areas, she decided to issue the call to action to her local community and see what happened.

“When I first posted this morning I didn’t expect this,” she said. “Seeing everyone here, the police here with their lights on, everyone praying... it warms your heart.”

She continued, “With everything going on we can’t just focus on ourselves. We need to be here for one another, show support, show solidarity between us all, and show we are here for each other. A virus can’t get between us, a virus isn’t going to get us down. This is only the beginning and we need to continue bringing positivity to the world.”

As community members prayed, SMMC staff members peered out into the parking lot and watched as car lights illuminated the darkness. In addition to those who were on shift looking out onto the support from the community, SMMC staff and members of administration also took part in the event.

“It was extremely moving,” SMMC President

Emma Krabill said. “On behalf of our Staff, Providers, Board of Trustees and Administration, I would like to express our gratitude. We are humbled and deeply moved for the beautiful expression of solidarity, thoughtfulness and Christian love. Scenic Mountain Medical Center and our clinics are committed to serve our community and to do our part as we fight this epidemic. We will stay strong and remain professionals with a calling to serve in sickness and in health. We will continue to do this with passion, skill, strength and compassion.”

*Amanda Duforat is the Managing Editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, e-mail [editor@bigspringherald.com](mailto:editor@bigspringherald.com) or call 432-263-7331.*

## Weather



**Today:** Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 87. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 55. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north 10 to 15 mph in the morning.

**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 45.

**Saturday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65.

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

**Sunday:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 74.

*(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via [forecast.weather.gov](http://forecast.weather.gov))*

## SPECIAL

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book for the community to respond. According to the poll, of those who answered there was 65% who voted to postpone the election and 35% to keep the election in May. There were 580 who responded to the poll.

The Council will also revisit the agenda item of the \$6 million project through the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation for the road improvements to the Airpark. At the special meeting held last Friday, the final reading of the resolution for the loan was approved with a 5-2 vote by the Council. Mayor Thomason and Councilman Doug Hartman voted against the project.

On March 29, 2020, City of Big Spring Mayor Shannon Thomason notified City Secretary Don Moore of his veto of Resolution 006-2020, which approves a loan of up to \$6 million to the Big Spring EDC to Finance road construction at the Big Spring McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Mayor Thomason’s veto of the resolution cites financial uncertainty during the current COVID-19 pandemic as well as issues with the project itself.

“At this time, no one can reliably predict the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the City of Big Spring and it’s component units, which includes the Big Spring EDC. In times like these,

## CISD

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the hours of 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please note, the cafeteria will be closed on April 10 and 13 for the Easter holiday, and no meals will be distributed on those days.

Please understand that when it comes to the education of your children, we’ve got this. The state of Texas has waived all standardized testing for this year, so you and your children only need to focus on their

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

Sylvia “Cheva” Arguello, 58, died Monday. Funeral services will be at 10:00 AM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Janis Neighbors, 80, died Wednesday. Funeral services will be at 11:00 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mae Mayhall, 75, died Wednesday. Funeral service will be at 3:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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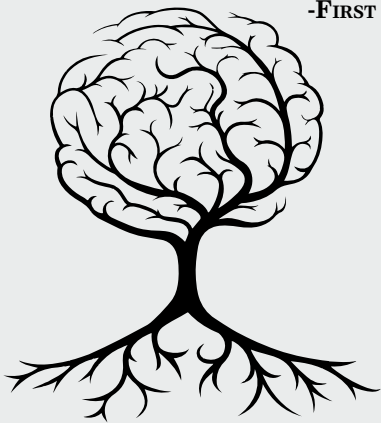
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# Opinion

*“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”*

-FIRST AMENDMENT



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# Mustard seed ...

Has anyone gone to the mountains or run a marathon?

When you drive up to the mountain it looks small and nonthreatening. You feel like you can just easily rise to the top of it any time you want to. As you get closer you find how large and challenging the mountain can become.

When you approach it at night it appears to be like an angry giant that is ready to crush you. It makes you feel small, intimidated and even scared. As you walk up the mountain or as you start that marathon it seems easy at first, but as you get higher, as you run more miles you become out of breath and you don't know what else to do except stop.

You feel like there is no escape from your own madness. You forget the only way to get home is to keep moving forward ... one step at a time.

Just imagine what it felt like to climb Mt. Everest, the highest mountain in the world that has also caused the most death.

Imagine finding out you have an illness like cancer, diabetes and even Corona virus.

You feel trapped and afraid and your first reaction is fight or flight. The question that many - if not all of us struggle with - is do we lay down and go down to our knees and give up or do we stand,

fight and move forward?

My friends, the latter option is the only way out.

When times get hard the people left standing are not only the strong, but the individuals who have helped their fellow human being become strong so everyone can move forward.

When our conscious mind rationalizes the difficult and frames the good as too hard while your subconscious mind is screaming, 'It's going to kill you!! Danger Danger Will Robinson!'

Your mind goes to this fight or flight mode. This can and will sabotage you into forgetting what is important in life such as love, friendship and helping your fellow human being and your only response becomes

to hoard and protect yourself.

In essence our fears and anxieties keep us from being strong and that is where we fail and fall; that is why, maybe, we cannot move forward.

That becomes the moment when we cannot move up that mountain. It brings us to the question of how do we get passed our fears of getting sick from this illness that is killing thousands of people and is said to be spread by contact with other people.

How do we climb this scary dark mountain? How do we reach the finish line of our marathon when we seem to have hit a wall? How do we stand up after we fall?

Well my friends that answer comes from Matthew 17:20.

Jesus said, Truly I tell you, if you have faith like a grain of a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, "Move from here to there," and it will move.

If you look at life like this in general nothing will be impossible for you.

If a tiny virus can do this much damage just imagine what your inner mustard seed sized faith can do. Think about this everyone, when you are are afraid and your fears of becoming ill come and they will, I task you with remembering Phillipians 4:13 which has "I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me."

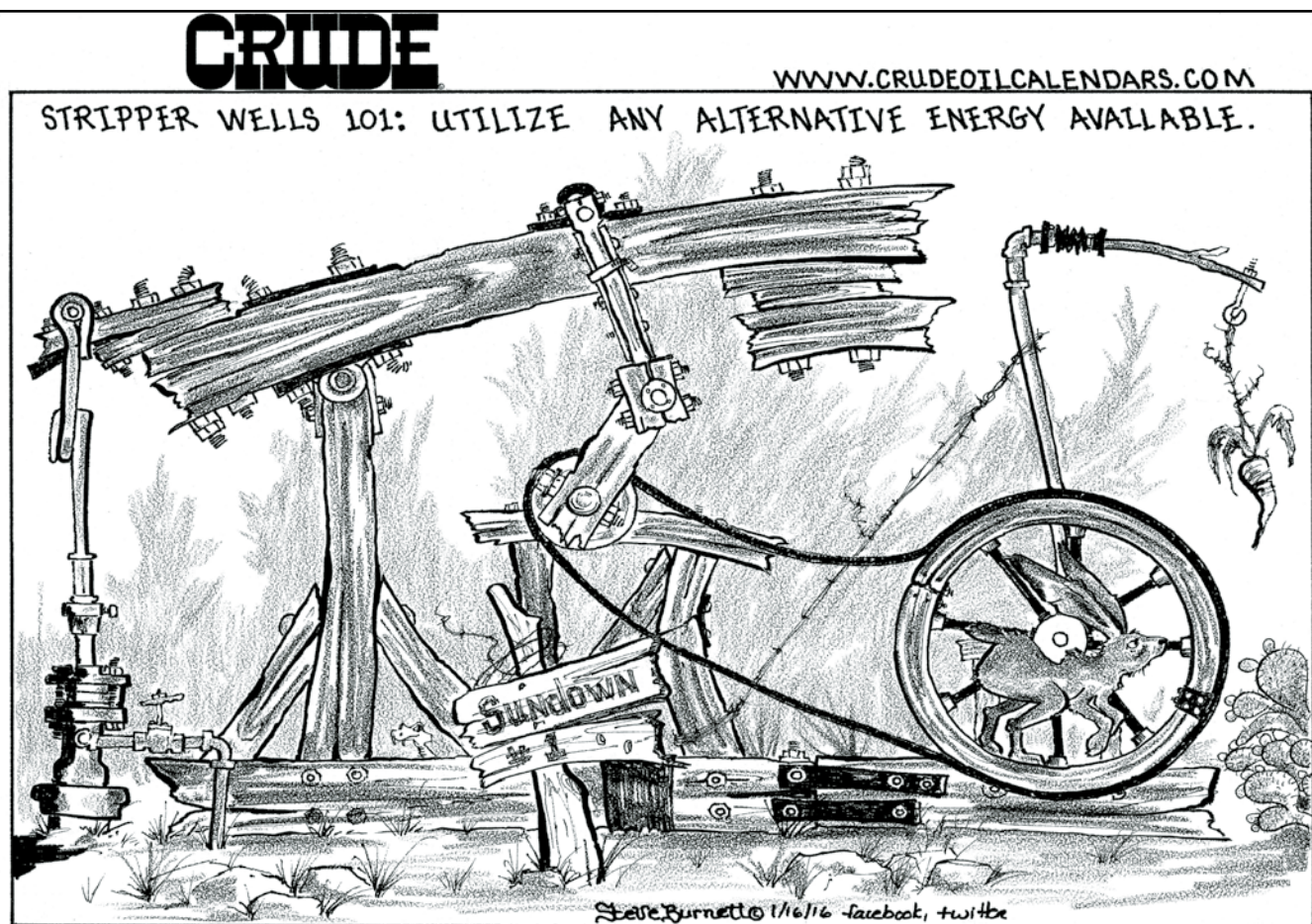
If you cannot have faith in God, have faith in your inner strength that has gotten you this far.

Always remember to be braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.

When everything is going out of control - like now - sometimes the best thing you can do is not think, not wonder, not imagine, not obsess. Just breathe, and have faith everything will work for the best.

Always remember to look for something positive in each and every day, even if some days you have to look a little harder.

Let the challenges make you strong and do not forget to smile, to laugh, and to love one another. Most importantly we must hold each other up and strengthen each other so that we can climb this mountain until we reach the top, and get to other side.



## The Postscript: Parked out back

Joe's red truck is parked behind his house. It hasn't moved in days.

Joe gets in his red truck every morning and drives around. He's a member of every fraternal organization, a regular at the brewpub, and has friends in every corner of town.

Joe picks up a coffee and spends most mornings greeting people out the window of his red pickup. But Joe hasn't been feeling well and his truck has been parked behind his house. He's been sick and there's nowhere to go. Normally, I would be worried about Joe. But worries these days, like toilet paper and fresh produce, are spread a little thin.

Worry is in the air.

Charles and Joanna live across the street. They are both elderly and live alone. Joanna's health is not good. Because I have a bird's eye view of their house, I know their habits well. Charles fires up his SUV every morning to make the trip to the senior center to pick up his free newspaper, stop at the bank for his free coffee, then head to Starbucks to get free cream to put in his free coffee. He then comes home with his coffee

and newspaper. But not now.

"There's nowhere to go!" Charles tells me, as if I might not have noticed. "Everything has shut down except the grocery store!"

I tell him I know. I confirm that these are strange times. Charles looks amazed and a little annoyed. But he also looks worried. I just saw Charles leave in his SUV. He has nowhere to go but he's still driving around, trying to behave as if the world hasn't changed.

I'm reading a lot about people bingeing on Netflix and Cheetos and being bored and spending quality time in bed and I'm sure there are folks doing this. But, so far, they aren't the ones I've talked to. The ones I know personally are a lot more like Charles. They are perplexed and worried and trying to stay busy.

I've got a friend who makes beautiful designer bags. She is now using her luxury fabrics to make face masks. "I've made more than 500!" she told me.

"That's a lot of masks!" I said. "If I needed a mask, I would want one of yours!"

"Aww! Thank you." It doesn't strike either of us as odd that I am complimenting her on stylish

respirator masks.

Another friend, a retired librarian, is a quilter. She is also making masks out of expensive fabric. "I hope we don't need them all!" she says, looking over her pile of wired mask faces, sorted by color. "If we don't, maybe we can use the matching ones to make bikini cups in the spring!"

The idea of unneeded respirator masks being transformed into bikini tops is one of the happiest thoughts I've had all week.

In Japan, I hear they are cutting apart bras to make masks. I saw a YouTube on this and I think the success would depend a lot on a person's cup size, but more power to them, that's what I say. They are keeping busy and I think that's the best most of us can do right now.

The news evolves so quickly. The expectations change overnight. I feel as if I am driving in a fog, unable to see past my dim headlights, no idea when there will be a sharp turn in the road.

My husband, Peter, met Joe outside and says he's feeling better. I'm glad. But I'm still worried. And Joe's red truck is still parked out back.

*Till next time,  
Carrie*

*Carrie Classon's memoir is called, "Blue Yarn." Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.*



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## DAILY PRAYER

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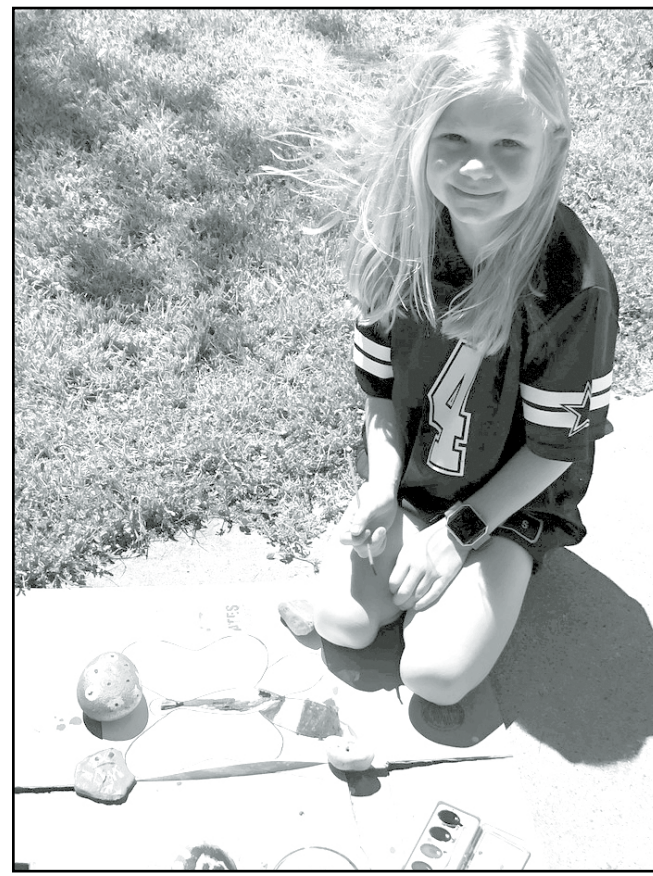
# Learning from home, combining forces

*Teachers, parents and students adapt and embrace a new way of learning*



Courtesy photos

Students, parents and teachers across Howard County have been adapting to the new way of learning from home. Parents and students once again picked up packets this past Monday from their respective schools; last week students were able to enjoy completing their lessons outside as they enjoyed the nice weather. Howard County is adjusting to the new way of life as each day passes. Please feel free to share your photos or even your experiences with learning from home by e-mail at [editor@bigspringherald.com](mailto:editor@bigspringherald.com).



## Texas Health Care Association launches adopt a nursing home initiative

**Special to the Herald**

Campaign to Encourage Texans to Safely Connect with Residents and Staff in Long-Term Care Facilities During the COVID-19 Crisis

AUSTIN, TEXAS - Today, April 1st, 2020, the Texas Health Care Association (THCA) announced the Adopt a Nursing Home initiative to connect willing Texans with a local nursing home to safely communicate during the COVID-19 outbreak to send words of comfort to both residents and their caregiving staff.

"In a time when we must protect residents by restricting visitors, human connection is more important now than ever. This initiative will help boost morale and support the emotional and mental health of our residents and those staff caring for their daily needs," said Kevin Warren, President and CEO of THCA.

The initiative allows Texans to visit an online portal ([adoptanursinghome.com](http://adoptanursinghome.com)), enter basic information, and identify local nursing homes where they can then send letters, emails, artwork, crafts, needed materials and more. While offering a method to send electronic words of encouragement, support for mailing through USPS is available to give residents and staff something they can touch, hold, or even hang. For additional prevention, facilities are encouraged to hold mail for 24 hours before distributing to residents.

The COVID-19 outbreak has particularly affected

nursing home residents, who look forward to regular visits from friends and family. Concurrently, nurses, administration, housekeeping, dietary, and other essential staff are also struggling, working even longer hours now to provide care for these residents in the absence of outside visitors, community groups and family.

"With more Texans sheltering in place, we hope to move hearts of the local community through a safe and creative outlet for them to connect and provide comfort to our seniors and the amazing staff caring for them every day," Warren stated.

To learn more and get involved with the Adopt a Nursing Home initiative, visit the website here or reach out to Cara Gustafson at (561) 797-8267.

**About THCA**  
Founded in 1950, the Texas Health Care Association (THCA) is the largest long term care association in Texas. THCA's membership is comprised of several hundred licensed nonprofit and for-

profit skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), specialized rehabilitation facilities and assisted living facilities in Texas. These facilities provide comprehensive, around-the-clock nursing care for chronically ill or short-term residents of all ages, along with rehabilitative and specialized medical programs. THCA also represents more than 190 long term care businesses that provide products and services to the more than 3,200 nursing homes and assisted living facilities in the state. To learn more, visit <http://txhca.org/> or connect with THCA on Facebook or Twitter.




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# Watchdog finds new problems with FBI wiretap applications

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department inspector general has found additional failures in the FBI's handling of a secretive surveillance program that came under scrutiny after the Russia investigation, identifying problems with dozens of applications for wiretaps in national security investigations.

The audit results, announced Tuesday by Inspector General Michael Horowitz, suggest that FBI errors while eavesdropping on suspected spies and terrorists extend far beyond those made during the investigation into ties between Russia and the 2016 Trump campaign. They come as the FBI has scrambled to repair public confidence in how it uses its surveillance powers and as lawmakers uneasy about potential abuses have allowed certain of its tools to at least temporarily expire.

The new findings are on top of problems identified last year by the watchdog office, which concluded that the FBI had made significant errors and omissions in applications to eavesdrop on former Trump campaign adviser Carter Page during the early months of the Russia investigation. Those mistakes prompted internal changes within the FBI and spurred a congressional debate over whether the bureau's surveillance tools should be reined in.

After the Russia report was submitted last December, Horowitz announced a broader audit of the FBI's spy powers and the accuracy of its applications before the secretive Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court. The watchdog office selected for review a subset of applications in both counterterrorism and counterintelligence investigations covering the pe-

riod from October 2014 to September 2019. It found problems in each of the more than two dozen applications it reviewed, including "apparent errors or inadequately supported facts."

The audit examined how well the FBI was complying with internal rules that require agents to maintain a file of supporting documentation for every factual assertion they make in an application. Those rules, or "Woods Procedures," were developed in 2001 with a goal of minimizing errors in the surveillance applications, known by the acronym FISA.

Horowitz said in a letter to FBI Director Chris Wray that in four of the 29 FISA applications his office selected for review, the FBI could not locate any of the supporting documentation that was supposed to have been produced at the time the application was submitted.

Each of the 25 other applications it reviewed contained "apparent errors or inadequately supported facts," the inspector general said. In those instances, the facts stated in the applications were either not backed up by any documentation or were inconsistent with the documentation.

The watchdog office said it found an average of about 20 issues per application, including one application with about 65 issues.

As a result, Horowitz wrote, "we do not have confidence that the FBI has executed its Woods Procedures in compliance with FBI policy, or that the process is working as it was intended to help achieve the 'scrupulously accurate' standard for FISA applications."

The inspector general's office did not make a judgment as to whether the mistakes it identified were "ma-

terial" to the investigation or to the court's decision to authorize the wiretaps.

The office recommended that the FBI "perform a physical inventory" to ensure supporting documentation exists for every application in all pending investigations. It also recommended that the FBI examine the results of "past and future accuracy reviews" so that it can identify trends and patterns and develop better training for agents.

The FBI and Justice Department say they have begun making significant changes, including additional training and other safeguards meant to ensure the accuracy of surveillance applications.

In a response letter, FBI Associate Deputy Director Paul Abbate said the FBI agreed with the office's recommendations, and that the errors identified by the inspector general will be addressed by the more than 40 corrective actions that Wray ordered last year after the Russia probe report.

"As Director Wray has stressed, FISA is an indispensable tool to guard against national security threats, but we must ensure that these authorities are carefully exercised and that FISA applications are scrupulously accurate," Abbate wrote.

The Justice Department said in a statement that it welcomes the audit, and that it has "been hard at work" implementing the changes demanded by Wray. Attorney General William Barr has also instituted his own changes, including in the handling of politically sensitive investigations.

"The Department is committed to putting the Inspector General's recommendations into practice and to implementing reforms that will en-

sure that all FISA applications are complete and accurate," the statement said.

The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court was established in 1978 to receive applications from the FBI to eavesdrop on people it suspects of being agents of a foreign power, such as potential spies or terrorists. Critics have long complained about the opaque, one-sided nature of the application process, and longstanding calls to overhaul the system received a bipartisan push because of the errors identified during the FBI's investigation into ties between the Trump campaign and Russia.

The congressional debate tripped up FBI efforts to renew three surveillance provisions that expired this month, with lawmakers adjourning last week without agreeing on legislation that would renew the tools.

The Justice Department urged Congress on Tuesday to revive the provisions as it continues working toward broader reforms.

"No one was more appalled than the Attorney General at the way the FISA process was abused. This abuse resulted in one of the greatest political travesties in American history and should never happen again," Justice Department spokeswoman Kerri Kupec said in a statement.

"However," she added, "FISA remains a critical tool to ensuring the safety and security of the American people, particularly when it comes to fighting terrorism."

Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham, the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said he would ask Horowitz to appear before the panel to explain his findings.

## 'I heard the roar': 6.5 earthquake hits Idaho

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — An earthquake struck north of Boise Tuesday evening, with people across a large area reporting shaking.

The U.S. Geological Survey reports the magnitude 6.5 temblor struck just before 6 p.m. It was centered 73 miles (118 kilometers) northeast of Meridian, near the rural mountain town of Stanley. There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

More than 2 million live in the region that could feel the Idaho quake, according to the USGS, with reports of shaking coming in from as far away as Helena, Montana, and Salt Lake City, Utah.

Marcus Smith, an emergency room health unit coordinator at St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center, said the hospital, about 65 miles (104 kilometers) south of the epicenter, shook but the quake didn't interfere with the treatment of any patients. The hospital in Blaine County is on the front line of Idaho's coronavirus outbreak, in a region with the nation's highest per-capita rates of known COVID-19 cases outside of New York City and its surrounding counties.

"It felt like a wave going through the ground, so I knew right away what it was. It just felt like waves going through the ground," he said.

The earthquake added stress during an already tense time for the region, but Smith said everything seemed fine, for now. "Until the next one, I guess," Smith said. "I mean, that's what we do. We're all good."

Brett Woolley, the owner of Bridge Street Grill in Stanley, said he heard the earthquake coming before he felt it.

"I heard the roar, and at first it sounded like the wind but then the roar was tremendous," Woolley said about 10 minutes after the earthquake. "The whole house was rattling, and I started to panic. I'm sitting here perfectly still and the water next to me is still vibrating."

Dr. Lucy Jones, a seismologist at Caltech and the founder of the Dr. Lucy Jones Center for Science and Seismology, said the Idaho region has an earthquake of about this size every 30 or 40 years. The most recent one, a magnitude 7.0 earthquake near Borah Peak in 1983, killed two children in Challis

and caused an estimated \$12.5 million in property damage across Challis and Mackay.

That quake was along what scientists call a "normal fault," with the quake causing vertical movement, she said. Tuesday's quake appeared to be on an unmapped "strike-slip fault," causing mostly horizontal movement along the fault line.

"This is one that wasn't obvious enough to be mapped before now," Jones said.

Unmapped faults of this size are rarer in highly populated areas like California, she said, but in sparsely populated and remote regions like central Idaho they're less likely to cause damage and less likely to be a focus of geologists and seismologists.

Residents in the region will likely continue to feel aftershocks, she said. The area had already recorded five aftershocks within the first hours after the 6.5 earthquake.

"An aftershock is just an earthquake, but it happens at a time that doesn't surprise us," she said. "They do every bit as much damage."

People in an earthquake should drop to the floor and cover their heads with their arms, she said.

"Get to the floor before the earthquake throws you there, and if you have a table nearby, get under it and hold onto it," Jones said. "Running in an earthquake is incredibly dangerous — people die from running in an earthquake. Just get down and try to cover."



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# Keona Loftis commits to Sul Ross State



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**Pictured above left: The Amarillo native drives close to the basket and prepares to go up for a layup. Pictured above right: Loftis (23) puts up a shot close to the basket in a matchup against Frank Phillips College.**

**By SHAWN MORAN**

Herald Sportswriter

In just the past few days, the second member of the 2019-20 Howard Lady Hawks basketball team has committed to a four-year university to finish up their college careers as a student-athlete. Starting guard Keona Loftis will be joining teammate Jazzeem Bethea (Arkansas-Pine Bluff) as commits from this edition of the Lady Hawks when she moves on to Sul Ross State next fall.

Loftis finished up her one season at Howard on the bench because of a late-season knee injury but made enough of an impression on Lady Lobos' coach Katie Novak to warrant a spot on the future Sul Ross State roster. Novak originally saw Loftis play in an All-Star game while she was still in high school, but because she was already committed to Howard, Novak could not add her to her team just yet.

"I always keep in contact with Coach Diddle because he's a good friend of mine and I know that he's had really good teams in the past and he wanted me to keep an eye out on her," Novak said. "I continued to watch her this year and I know that she got hurt at the end of the year but I was pretty confident because I've seen her play enough."

The Amarillo native's energy and positivity on the floor is contagious and she will bring her hardworking mentality with her to Alpine. She will have three years of eligibility left after graduating early and playing only her freshman year at Howard College in Big Spring.

Loftis started 20 out of the 22 games she played this past season and always stepped onto the court with a high level of energy. She routinely would fill the stat sheet and made her mark in several crucial situations with her three-point shot.

The freshman recorded one of the top percentage marks from beyond the arc for the Lady Hawks (30.4) during the roller-coaster of a season that Howard had and was also the top shooter from the free-throw line (80.8). She recorded five double-digit scoring and always seemed to heat up with the more shot opportunities she was given.

Even with her impressive shooting marks, Loftis still averaged only 5.4 points per game during the 7-22 season put together by the Lady Hawks. But like many basketball coaches will tell you: There is more to the game than scoring.

"I think she's well-rounded and it's going to be interesting to see what she can do now going forward," Novak said. "She's a hustler player and she has good experience and she comes from a really great program. She's a little bit of a wild-card and I think she could have a lot of different strengths."

In addition to her scoring, Loftis also averaged 2.7 rebounds per game and 1.1 assists per game during the 2019-20 season. While she was not always the first option on offense, she made up for it with an aggressiveness on defense and was never afraid to go up for the rebound against a bigger opponent. She grabbed on average over one steal per game and would consistently frustrate the player she was guarding.

Sul Ross State also had a down 2019-20 season, finishing 7-18 in the shortened season because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The roster is very young and Loftis will be able to bring the experience she had this past year in junior college and apply that to the way she will play the game next season. The Lady Lobos play at the NCAA Division III level in the American Southwest Conference and have never won their conference title.

Novak will be entering her fourth season as head coach of the Lady Lobos and is trying to change the long-running losing culture that has been engrained into her program. With more aggressive and positive players such as Loftis and Coahoma's Caitlyn Corley set to join the team in the fall, Novak believes that her team is heading in the right direction and these players are the ones she needs to help her build and change the team's culture.

"She wasn't just there (at Howard) her freshman year, she got on the floor a lot, she played a lot of minutes against those junior college level players in a very tough conference. I think that's going to prepare her really well for the transition. I would expect that she comes in and really makes a huge impact right away," Novak said.

With just one junior college season under her belt, Loftis felt like the best choice for her was to take the Division III route she was being given. If the guard had returned to Howard, she would have been the undisputed leader of the Lady Hawks. But after weighing her options, Loftis will be taking her talents to Alpine in the fall and will be suiting up for the scarlet and grey for the next three years.

*Shawn Moran is the sportswriter at the Big Spring Herald. To contact him, e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.*

# Keegan Dobbs ready for next chapter at Hardin-Simmons



HERALD File Photo

**Dobbs (61) leads the Coahoma Bulldogs onto the field while carrying an American flag before an away game against Idalou during his junior year.**

**By SHAWN MORAN**

Herald Sportswriter

Keegan Dobbs is the third member of the Coahoma Bulldogs that will be continuing his football career at the next level. The versatile two-way high school player will be lining up alongside teammates Jonathon and Zack Schneider next fall in the purple and gold of the Hardin-Simmons Cowboys.

Dobbs began playing football in the seventh grade and really fell in love with the game once he got to high school. Like many football players, including the Schneider twins, Dobbs' favorite part of playing the game is the contact.

"Just being able to express myself, being able to do something I'm good at, and dominating another human being and it being legal," Dobbs said.

It is not often that three teammates from the same high school will go on to play together at the college level, but Coahoma has done just that with this trio of talented players. They are all close friends

and being able to suit up together in the future is a meaningful thing to all involved.

Even though Dobbs was not a big Hardin-Simmons fan growing up, he will have two lifelong friends with him to lean on and build up his inner-team spirit.

"We've been good friends since elementary school and it's just amazing to be able to go and share it with them and have some familiar faces there," Dobbs said.

Keegan's father, Coley Dobbs, added, "It's easier to make the transition to something new if you're doing it with a buddy."

Dobbs played both the offensive and defensive line at Coahoma, but will most likely be making the switch to linebacker in Abilene. At 6-foot-1 and 215 pounds, he would be undersized at his usual downline position at the NCAA Division II level.

That will not hold Dobbs back from improving at whatever position his new coaching staff feels is best suited for him. Even though he would be un-

dersized at his lineman position, Dobbs is a physical and quick player who could develop into a force on the second level of the defense.

At Coahoma, the team is very tight-knit and the players learn how to be leaders. What does Dobbs think he will bring with him from Coahoma to Hardin-Simmons?

"A good solid work ethic, teamwork is something you will need and have to use, and leadership."

If Dobbs can bring those three things with him to his new team, he should have no problem fitting right in and making an impact in-between the white lines on the field. The athletic, versatile player has a knack for getting after the quarterback and should have an exciting next four years terrifying opposing quarterbacks throughout the American Southwest Conference.

*Shawn Moran is the sportswriter at the Big Spring Herald. To contact him, e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.*

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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

### By HOLIDAY MATHIS



**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).**

The best reason to improve? Which-ever one motivates you. For some, it will be revenge. For others, it's competition. For you, it's to fulfill an idea you have about who you might be.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You can see the same picture a thousand times and still notice something different in

each viewing -- a reminder that you are constantly evolving and the world will meet you wherever you are.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You never stop reaching for the sun. The progress you seek will be all about reinvention. Some of who you are becoming is completely within your control, but there will also be surprises.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** The space between things will convey more meaning than things themselves. It's true for the space between words, notes, visuals, people and more. You'll get good at reading spaces.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** When you seek achievement and goals, there's a definite

end in mind. You get the prize, and you're done. But this thing you're after now will be an endless cycle of exploring and reinvention.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 2).** There's a joy-dial on your heart; this solar return reaches in and turns it up. You get more of what makes you happy. More music, interesting stories, time with loved ones and order in your life. You impose the order through a series of small practices, taking on one less-than-optimal circumstance at a time. Scorpio and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 50, 31, 2 and 11.

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### Muses from a Moon Void of Course

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Guard against interruptions. You can't afford to be pulled out of the flow of what you're doing. Sure, you can jump back in, but every distraction costs you something.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You've committed to an endeavor. There have been plenty of days when you didn't want to do it, and you did it anyway because you're a person who honors your commitments. Today, you'll be rewarded.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Emotions can get in the way or they can support you. Much depends on how focused you are on the goal. Stay fixed on your aim, and let

### PREVENTION

whatever feelings show up organize themselves to help you.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** There are plenty of reasons why you can't do the thing, and writing them down is the first step in your action plan. Answer every reason with a possible solution to try.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Your reputation is excellent, and you'll like the feedback you get when you test that. Today's luck involves publicity. Your best ideas may involve an open invitation to the general public.

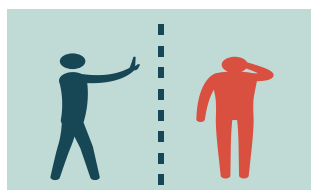
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Follow the crowd; end up in a crowded place. That's not so bad if the music is right, if your team needs you or if the event rocks your world. But if you just

wind up in a long line for lunch? It's probably not worth it.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Can anyone tell you what to do with your life? Sure, and lots of people will be happy to, especially if there's some kind of payment involved. And yet, moments of reflection and meditation will give you better intel.



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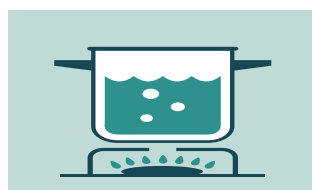
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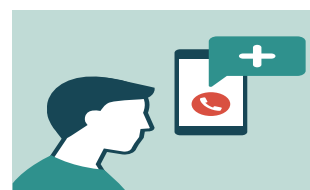
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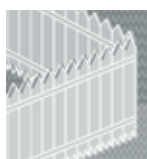
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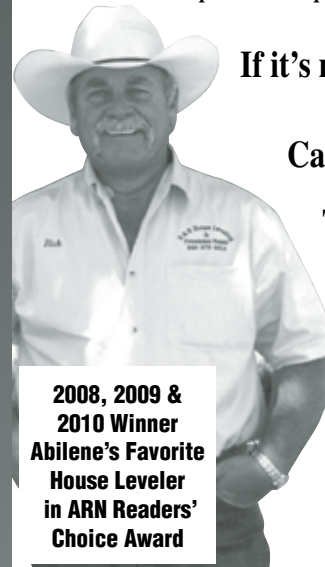
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### Annie's Mailbox

#### Grandson's Activities Too Feminine?

**Dear Annie:** Our 5-year-old grandson, "Ernie," is best friends with our 6-year-old granddaughter, "Emily." They ride to school together and are in the same kindergarten class.

Recently, Emily and I sewed a cute little project together. Ernie decided he wanted to sew, too. We grabbed a scrap piece of fabric, and he stitched out a variety of decorative stitches with a variety of colorful threads. Now he brings that scrap with him, and we have added to it a few times. Ernie pushes buttons on the machine and steps on the gas peddle.

Papa is mad as a hornet about this. He says I am encouraging feminine tendencies! What?! In today's world, men and women share the same careers and sports. Papa takes Emily fishing, shoots hoops, and practices baseball and soccer with her. Is that too masculine?

I would love to hear your thoughts and opinions from your readers.  
-- Mama

**Dear Mama:** You are right to think Papa is being ridiculous. If your 5-year-old grandson wants to sew with his best friend, there is nothing wrong with that. In fact, it will help him develop motor skills and hand-eye coordination.

Ideally, your husband would expose both grandchildren to the fun activities you mentioned -- fishing, shooting hoops, baseball and soccer. Kids are like sponges and love all new experiences. It's important they try all types of activities. Encouraging their progress in any endeavor they enjoy goes a long way toward helping them build a healthy sense of self.

**Dear Annie:** I am writing in response to Worried Wife, whose husband refused to see a doctor. My heart aches for her, as I suspect her husband has the same devastating

neurological disease my husband had.

If her husband was in the Vietnam War, he could have a neurological disease linked to Agent Orange. The Department of Veterans Affairs may be able to help you navigate the course of this disease. Please check out Agent Orange on the VA website. -- Another Worried Wife

**Dear Another Worried Wife:** Thank you for sharing your story. Although tragic, I hope it provides a sense of urgency, helpful information or, at the very least, sympathy, for others dealing with the threat of disease.

**Dear Annie:** Thank you for telling "Black Sheep" to explore her options for college. My husband was accepted into a prestigious private college right out of high school. Neither of his parents said anything about this potentially life-changing accomplishment, and the cost would have been astronomical, so he just put himself through

community college, followed by a state university. He saved his acceptance letter all these years (49, to be exact), and not going to that university is one of his biggest regrets. Now we know we should have asked for help, but back then we were young and dumb and didn't know where to turn. Also, we thought small. We came from very little; we'd never been told to think big. I say believe in yourself and there's no telling where life will take you. But don't hesitate to ask for help!  
-- Older and Wiser

**Dear Older and Wiser:** Thank you for your letter. I am sorry your husband didn't attend the university he wanted to, but you both learned a valuable lesson, and now you are sharing it. If you truly want something bad enough, there is nothing wrong with asking people for help.

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

*The first step tells the tale*

North dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ K 4  
♥ J 10 7 2  
♦ K J 6  
♣ K Q 9 3

**EAST**  
♠ 10 9 8 7  
♥ 5  
♦ A 8 5 2  
♣ J 7 6 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ A Q  
♥ Q 9 8 6 3  
♦ Q 10 7 4  
♣ A 5

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
2 ♥ Pass 4 ♥

Opening lead — nine of diamonds.

Some problems that arise during the play can easily be resolved with virtually 100% confidence in the outcome. But there are other times when you can't be sure just how you'll fare, in which case the best you can do is to opt for the action that is most likely to succeed in the long run.

Assume you're East, defending against four hearts, and your partner

leads the nine of diamonds. Declarer plays the king from dummy, but, if you're a careful player, you don't automatically win the trick with the ace. Instead, you take time to think about the situation as a whole and, more particularly, your play at this point.

The first order of business is to try to decipher the meaning of partner's diamond lead. You know that the nine is not a fourth-best lead, nor can it be the top card of a sequence, since you have the eight in your hand. In theory, it could be the top of a worthless three-card suit, but it is much more likely to be a singleton or doubleton.

If the nine is a singleton, it is right to take the ace and return the suit for partner to ruff. But if the nine is a doubleton, the proper play is to duck, at the same time signaling with the eight to show the ace.

Percentage-wise, South is far more likely to have four diamonds rather than five. You should therefore let dummy's king hold the first trick. When declarer next leads a trump, partner wins and returns his remaining diamond to secure the ruff that sets the contract.

Tomorrow: Test your play.

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#### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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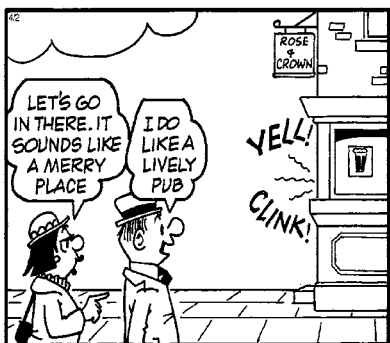
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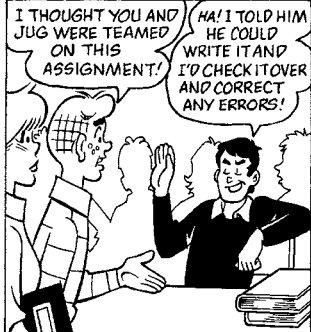
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Thursday, April 2, the 93rd day of 2020. There are 273 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 2, 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis and most of his Cabinet fled the Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia, because of advancing Union forces.

On this date:

In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon and his expedition landed in present-day Florida. (Some historians say the landing actually occurred the next day, on April 3.)

In 1792, Congress passed the Coinage Act, which authorized establishment of the U.S. Mint.

In 1912, the just-completed RMS Titanic left Belfast to begin its sea trials eight days before the start of its ill-fated maiden voyage.

In 1917, President Woodrow Wilson asked Congress to declare war against Germany, saying, "The world must be made safe for democracy." (Congress declared war four days later.)

In 1956, the soap operas "As the World Turns" and "The Edge of Night" premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1958, the term "beatnik" was coined by San Francisco Chronicle columnist Herb Caen (cayn) to refer to members of the pre-hippie counter-culture; the term was inspired by the "Beat Generation" and by the Soviet launch of its second Sputnik spacecraft.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter signed into law a wind-fall profits tax on the oil industry. (The tax was repealed in 1988.)

In 1982, several thousand troops from Argentina seized the disputed Falkland Islands, located in the south Atlantic, from Britain. (Britain seized the islands back the following June.)

In 1986, four American passengers, including an 8-month-old girl, her mother and grandmother, were killed when a terrorist bomb exploded aboard a TWA jetliner en route from Rome to Athens, Greece.

In 2002, Israel seized control of Bethlehem; Palestinian gunmen forced their way into the Church of the Nativity, the traditional birthplace of Jesus, where they began a 39-day standoff.

In 2003, during the Iraq War, American forces fought their way to within sight of the Baghdad skyline.

In 2005, Pope John Paul II

died in his Vatican apartment at age 84.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama, visiting a factory in Charlotte, North Carolina, hailed a new government report showing the most jobs created in nearly three years, saying, "We are beginning to turn the corner." Gunmen seeking to pass themselves off as U.S. and Iraqi soldiers raided a Sunni village outside Baghdad, killing at least 24 people in an execution-style attack. Ohio State junior swingman Evan Turner was the runaway choice as The Associated Press' college basketball player of the year; Syracuse's Jim Boenheim (BAY'-hym) was the AP's college basketball coach of the year.

Five years ago: Capping a week of difficult negotiations, the United States, Iran and five other world powers said they had agreed on an outline of limits on Iran's nuclear program that would prevent it from developing nuclear weapons in exchange for sanctions relief. Al-Shabab gunmen rampaged through a college in northeastern Kenya, killing at least 148 people. A Russian trawler, the Dalny Vostok, sank in just 15 minutes in icy waters off Russia's Far Eastern coast, killing at least 56 crew members. Rev. Robert H. Schuller, 88, died in Artesia, California. Stanford won its second NIT title, edging Miami 66-64.

One year ago: Former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot won the runoff election for Chicago mayor, becoming the first black woman and the first openly gay person to lead the nation's third-largest city. Police near Los Angeles arrested a man they said had fatally shot rapper Nipsey Hussle and evaded authorities for two days; police said the two men knew each other and had some sort of personal dispute in the hours before the rapper was killed. Lawmakers in New Zealand voted overwhelmingly in favor of new gun restrictions, including a ban on the types of weapons used by a gunman to kill 50 people at two mosques the previous month. A judge in Pennsylvania sentenced three former Penn State fraternity members to jail in the 2017 death of a pledge who drank heavily

before being fatally injured in a series of falls; they were the first defendants ordered to serve time behind bars in a case that brought a new state anti-hazing law.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Sharon Acker is 85. Actress Dame Penelope Keith is 80. Actress Linda Hunt is 75. Singer Emmylou Harris is 73. Actor Sam Anderson is 73. Social critic and author Camille

Paglia is 73. Actress Pamela Reed is 71. Rock musician Dave Robinson (The Cars) is 71. Country singer Buddy Jewell is 59. Actor Christopher Meloni is 59. Singer Keren Woodward (Bananarama) is 59. Country singer Billy Dean is 58. Actor Clark Gregg is 58. Actress Jana Marie Hupp is 56. Rock musician Greg Camp is 53. Rock musician Tony Fredanelli (Third Eye Blind) is 51.

Actress Roselyn Sanchez is 47. Country singer Jill King is 45. Actor Pedro Pascal is 45. Actor Adam Rodriguez is 45. Actor Jeremy Garrett is 44. Actor Michael Fassbender is 43. Actress Jaime Ray Newman is 42. Rock musician Jesse Carmichael (Maroon 5) is 41. Actress Bethany Joy Lenz is 39. Singer Lee Dewyze (TV: "American Idol") is 34. Country singer Chris Janson is 34. Actor Drew

Van Acker is 34. Actress Briga Heelan (TV: "Great News") is 33. Actor Jesse Plemons is 32. Singer Aaron Kelly (TV: "American Idol") is 27.

**Thought for Today:** "Living is a form of not being sure, not knowing what next or how. The moment you know how, you begin to die a little." — Agnes de Mille, American dancer-choreographer

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Newsday Crossword

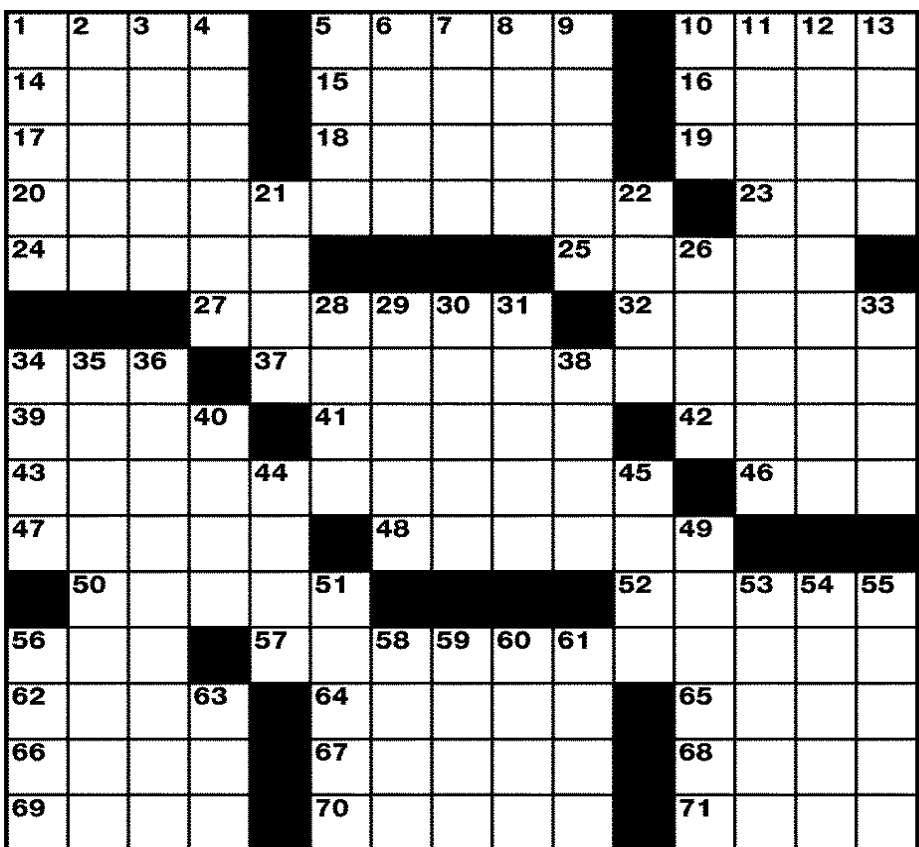
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- 5 Metaphor for glory
- 10 Nile-region reptiles
- 14 Love poems, e.g.
- 15 Rubbery material
- 16 Urgent request
- 17 *The Last Jedi* commander
- 18 Japanese canine
- 19 Sonar sound
- 20 Be boastful
- 23 Crime lab material
- 24 Koran's first proper name
- 25 Appropriates
- 27 Fast company?
- 32 Itemizes
- 34 Typing stat.
- 37 Latter-day "Huh?"
- 39 Mythical archer
- 41 A panhandle state
- 42 Scintilla
- 43 Aerobic maneuver
- 46 Spin product
- 47 Philippines neighbor
- 48 Affectionate
- 50 Prepare a jack-o'-lantern
- 52 BBC receiver
- 56 ABA member
- 57 Deliver on one's promises
- 62 Fastball catcher
- 64 Unapt anagram of "A SONY"
- 65 Infamous czar
- 66 Make straight
- 67 Bring to mind

- 68 Verne's underwater voyager
- 69 Where tweets originate
- 70 Jazz band regulars
- 71 Receive from a deck
- DOWN**
- 1 Italian physicist
- 2 Standard of perfection
- 3 Sam of *Jurassic Park*
- 4 Any of two million+ Japanese
- 5 Without zip
- 6 Desirable cabin view
- 7 Battling (again)
- 8 Frat letter
- 9 Glorify

- 10 Play Store selection
- 11 Speaker's preparation
- 12 School northwest of Harrisburg
- 13 Extended story
- 21 Extended defrosting
- 22 Green smoothie ingredient
- 26 Green smoothie ingredient
- 28 \_\_ Tzu
- 29 Citadel student
- 30 Dickensian title starter
- 31 UK peer title
- 33 Shot in the dark
- 34 Nonstandard "Anyway . . ."
- 35 Making things happen
- 36 Dairy Queen servings

- 38 Homie's hangout
- 40 Practice jabbing
- 44 Alphabetic quartet
- 45 "Pistol" follower, in sports nicknames
- 49 VCR button
- 51 Loosens up
- 53 Ashe contemporary
- 54 Alpaca cousin
- 55 Conversation filler
- 56 Last word of Handel's *Messiah*
- 58 Hot rock
- 59 Fort near Louisville
- 60 Little guy
- 61 Soil scrapers
- 63 Cause of a blast



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# NFL team owners vote to expand playoffs to 14 teams

**By BARRY WILNER**  
AP Pro Football Writer

The NFL is gearing up for a normal season and playoffs — with two additional wild-card teams in the Super Bowl chase.

NFL team owners voted Tuesday to expand the playoffs by one team in each conference for a total of 14 next season as they continue to plan for the 2020 season to begin on time.

During a conference call to discuss league business after the annual meetings were canceled due to the new coronavirus, the owners also awarded one of those extra games to CBS and one to NBC. Three-fourths of the 32 owners needed to approve the change, and the vote was unanimous, football operations chief Troy Vincent said.

As for opening the season on Sept. 10 as scheduled, NFL lead counsel Jeff Pash said: "All of our focus has been on a normal traditional season, starting on time, playing before fans in our regular stadiums and going through our full 16-game regular season and a full playoffs."

That would include the two stadiums still under construction in Las Vegas and Los Angeles, plus international games in England and Mexico.

"I expect that international games will be part of our schedule for this year," Pash added. "We're optimistic just as we expect conditions in the United States to permit playing a full season that that will be the case for our international partners as well. Obviously, that's something that we'll have to work closely with the authorities, public health and other government authorities in those other countries to make sure it's entirely safe."

Contingencies are being discussed for all potential interruptions caused by the coronavirus.

As for the first expansion of the postseason field since 1990, when the NFL went from 10 qualifiers to 12, only the teams with the best record in the AFC and NFC will get a bye under the new format; the top two teams in each conference skipped wild-card weekend in the past. The seventh seed will play No.

2, the sixth will visit No. 3 and the fifth will be at the fourth seed for wild-card games.

Three games are set for Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 9-10 — pending the NFL schedule going forward as planned; that schedule likely will be released on May 9, according to Brian Rolapp, the league's chief media and business officer, to give the NFL "flexibility."

CBS will broadcast one of the new games on Jan. 10 at approximately 4:40 p.m. EST. The game will also be available via live stream on CBS All Access. A separately produced telecast of the game tailored for a younger audience will air on Nickelodeon.

NBC, its new streaming service Peacock and Spanish-language Telemundo will broadcast the other new game on Jan. 10 at approximately 8:15 p.m. EST.

"It's definitely going to be different," Washington Redskins linebacker Thomas Davis said. "It's going to be weird. Essentially, the second team (in each conference) is being penalized for being a good football team."

"It just makes it more competitive, it adds more teams in and it allows teams that are hot late in the season like the Titans to be able to make a run — a team that might not normally be in the playoffs are getting that opportunity. I like it, though."

Team presidents and owners were advised of current plans for conducting the draft on April 23-25.

Peter O'Reilly, who oversees organization of major events such as the Super Bowl and draft, said all of the NFL's preparations have been designed to "ensure the selection process is sound." That means equitable arrangements for every team; "celebrating and welcoming" draftees to the league; fan involvement "providing an escape for our fans and perhaps allowing virtual fan access"; and as a fundraiser for people and communities affected by the pandemic.

O'Reilly stressed that social distancing will be maintained, with no more than 10 people together, remaining at least six feet apart. Anyone who is ill

will be kept away.

Commissioner Roger Goodell will make the first-round selection announcements from a central hub, and the telecasts will have connectivity at the 32 teams and potentially at some players' or fans' homes.

Vincent noted that the powerful competition committee is discussing a potential one-shot extension of the time limit on a draft slot so teams can complete a trade.

O'Reilly said Las Vegas, scheduled to host the draft this year, will get consideration for 2022; the 2021 draft will be held in Cleveland.

"2022 is an option for Las Vegas," he said. "We need some time to work through that with Las Vegas and the Raiders, but that is something we are considering."

This week, Vincent sent a letter to several prospects inviting them to participate "live" in the draft.

"We hope that you will start your NFL journey with us as part of the NFL family," Vincent wrote. "At this time, we are working on the plan for draft. As you can imagine, it is a bit of a moving target with all that is going on."

"We are contemplating several options that we will be communicating to you once details are confirmed. We want to ensure that you and your family stay safe while we develop the best way to give you a great experience and highlight your accomplishments as you are drafted into the NFL."

In recent drafts, first-round selections were announced by Goodell. Then followed hugs involving players and Goodell — some of them comical — and photo sessions with the players wearing team ball caps or even showing off team jerseys. Often their families and friends would get involved in the celebrations.

This year, with all public events at the planned site of Las Vegas canceled and the draft set to proceed remotely, players will likely be at their homes when their names are called.

# NCAA throws baseball coaches a curve with added eligibility

**By ERIC OLSON**  
AP Sports Writer

Widely hailed as the right thing to do for student-athlete welfare, the NCAA's decision to extend spring sports athletes' eligibility a year because of the coronavirus pandemic is causing consternation for baseball coaches.

Ohio State's Greg Beals said Tuesday he isn't worried about 2021, when the 35-man roster limit will be relaxed to accommodate seniors choosing to return for another season.

The problem comes in 2022, when the limit is back in force. Beals has 11 freshmen coming in this fall, and they will join nine players who will be reclassified as freshmen because the 2021 season ended abruptly March 12.

"So I have a freshman class of 20, and that class is going to stay with me for the next four years," Beals said. "So there's some challenge there. We're going to be able to work through it. There's going to be some tough conversations while the roster is thick and strong. The lineup card still only has nine slots on it."

The NCAA allows a total of 11.7 scholarships per team in Division I baseball, and it's required they be divided among 27 players. Eight walk-ons are permitted, taking the roster maximum to 35. Baseball is the only spring sport with a roster limit.

Seniors who choose to return in 2021 will be allowed to have the same scholarship amount they had this year, less or none at all. Returning seniors' scholarships won't count against the 11.7 limit.

Looming logjams because of the extended eligibility could force coaches to sign smaller recruiting classes and nudge underperforming players to transfer or quit.

"The greater effect might be two or three years from now," LSU's Paul Mainieri said. "Most schools in the SEC have their 2021 recruiting classes for high school players already done. So now you're bunching a lot of kids together, and we'll see how it plays out."

"As far as this year, the impact is minimal. What is of greater impact is what Major League Baseball does with their draft."

The draft always plays a role in roster management, but there's additional stress for coaches and players this year. Because of the pandemic, MLB might not hold the draft until late July, and there's no clarity about number of rounds.

The renewal date for scholarships is July 1, and coaches might not know which players are staying or going by then. If there are five or 10 rounds in-

stead of the usual 40, juniors and seniors who aren't projected to go in the early rounds would be apt to return to school. The more rounds there are, the more likely there'll be fewer junior and seniors returning. The fall semester could be drawing close before the numbers are known.

"You've got freshmen that are coming in that were counting on those seniors and juniors leaving or going to the draft," Mississippi athletic director Keith Carter said, "so what does that look like for the young players and does that change the dynamic with them?"

Junior colleges stand to be the beneficiary of the uncertainty.

Iowa Western Community College coach Marc Rardin said he recently got four calls in one day from advisers for high school seniors looking for a fallback plan if they aren't drafted and the Division I schools they signed with have clogged rosters.

"Some kids who are signed with four-year schools coming out of high school are a little apprehensive about it and want to make sure they get somewhere they can have a chance to develop and play," Rardin said.

An NCAA spokeswoman said rules remain unchanged for players who decide to transfer from one Division I school to another. The extended eligibility travels with them, but the scholarship they receive would count against the 11.7 limit this year.

If a junior-college transfer's 2020 season ended because of the pandemic, his Division I school could apply for a waiver to extend that student's NCAA eligibility.

Graduate transfers can play immediately and could receive the same, less or more aid than they did at their previous school.

The extended eligibility decision coincides with concerns about athletic funding. Schools can tap into the NCAA's Student Assistance Fund to pay for scholarships for returning seniors next spring.

NCAA distributions to schools have been reduced because of the cancellation of the NCAA basketball tournament, and there is uncertainty about how the pandemic will affect the football season and the revenues associated with it.

"As an athletic director, the challenge now becomes finding the resources to fund these unanticipated scholarships given the uncertainty surrounding our enterprise," Oklahoma State athletic director Mike Holder said. "However, I prefer this challenge over the alternative of telling our athletes they lost a year of eligibility."

# Wimbledon canceled for 1st time since WWII because of virus

**By HOWARD FENDRICH**  
AP Tennis Writer

Wimbledon was canceled on Wednesday because of the coronavirus pandemic, the first time since World War II that the oldest Grand Slam tennis tournament won't be played.

Britain imposed a nationwide lockdown just over a week ago, and the All England Club announced after a two-day emergency meeting that the event it refers to simply as The Championships is being scrapped for 2020. That hadn't happened since 1945.

Wimbledon was scheduled to be played on the club's grass courts on the outskirts of London from June 29 to July 12.

Instead, the next edition of the tournament will be June 28 to July 11, 2021.

Also Wednesday, the ATP and WTA announced that the men's and women's professional tours would be suspended until at least July 13, bringing the number of elite tennis tournaments affected by the coronavirus to more than 30. The top tours

already had been on hold through June 7. Lower-level events on the Challenger Tour and ITF World Tennis Tour also are called off through mid-July now.

Wimbledon first was held in 1877 and has been contested every year since, with the exception of two stretches: from 1915-18 because of World War I, and from 1940-45 because of World War II.

"It has weighed heavily on our minds that the staging of The Championships has only been interrupted previously by World Wars," club chairman Ian Hewitt said in a press release, "but, following thorough and extensive consideration of all scenarios, we believe that it is a measure of this global crisis that it is ultimately the right decision to cancel this year's Championships, and instead concentrate on how we can use the breadth of Wimbledon's resources to help those in our local communities and beyond."

Wimbledon joins the growing list of sports events called off completely in 2020 because of the COVID-19 outbreak.

That includes the Tokyo Olympics — which have been pushed back 12 months — and the NCAA men's and women's college basketball tournaments.

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