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**Cancellations/
Postponed events:**

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

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.

Master the Mountain 5K/10K set for April 18 at the State Park has also been postponed. No new date available yet.

Big Spring Symphony Concert for April has been postponed

City Council overturns Mayor's Veto during Special Meeting

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
Managing Editor

The Big Spring City Council met in a special meeting Friday afternoon to discuss the postponement of the upcoming May 2 election and to revisit the Mayor's veto regarding the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation \$6 million loan for the Airport road project.

As the Council moved into the final reading of the ordinance of the City of Big Spring postponing the General Election to be held on May 2 to Nov. 3, a heated, lengthy discussion ensued surrounding Robert's Rules of Order as the Mayor overruled a motion made



by Councilman Terry McDaniel and seconded by Council member Camilla Strande.

"My belief that passing this (moving the election to November) is a violation of the City Charter," Mayor Shannon Thomason said.

After the Mayor made his objection, while specific details of Robert's Rules

of Order were also discussed, Council received input from the City Attorney and Howard County Election's Administrator Jodi Duck.

As part of Duck's time at the podium, she informed the Council of several obstacles that have already arisen during preparation for the election. The ability to find staff for polling locations has proven to be a struggle, with the current COVID-19 situation, as well as securing polling locations due to restrictions that have been implemented at the Howard County Courthouse.

"I am fearful and worried about the integrity of the election regarding getting mail ballots out and receiving them back with an election moved and

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Howard Board of Trustees look at postponing May 2 election in Special Meeting on Monday

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
Managing Editor

The Howard College Board of Trustees will be meeting in a special meeting on Monday, April 6, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. via teleconference. The Board will be discussing the possible postponement of the upcoming May 2 election due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If the board chooses to postpone the election, the new election will take place on the Nov. 3, 2020 uniform election date.

Howard College is not the first to consider postponing their election. The Big Spring City Council held a special meeting Friday to also consider the postponement of the election.



During the special meeting, the Board of Trustees will also hear communication from Dr. Sparks regarding changes and other communication that has come out since the board last met in a special session almost a week ago.

Dr. Sparks will speak to the Office of the Texas Governor press release that was issued March 18. The press release suspended provisions of the Texas Election Code to allow political subdivisions to postpone their 2020 local elections. The most recent proclamation by Governor Greg Abbott where most the Governor addressed school closures and extended through May 4 in order to continue to help flatten

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Senior Year interrupted by Coronavirus

By **SAMANTHA RANEY**
Herald Contributing Writer

It is senior year, they finally made it to the end of their high school career and want to make the most of what is left. Coronavirus starts to make its way through the United States, and most schools across Texas disregard the warnings and continue to hold school in session. Students start to pray that their sport doesn't get canceled, and showmen start to worry their last stock show of the year could get shut down by the CDC. This could be the end of what these seniors have made their priority and given their all.

In mid-March students were let out for Spring Break and were happy to finally have some freedom, but they didn't know they might not be coming back for the rest of the year. Prom, UIL sports, stock shows, and many other spring activities suddenly snatched from the grasp of students all over the country. Approximately 3.7 million high school seniors across America are left wondering if there is even going to be a graduation ceremony. It is hard to imagine what losing your last shot at something feels like, but these seniors are definitely feeling the pain.

Emily Braden, a senior at Garden City High School, was working hard to accomplish many things in her last year of school, but the coronavirus changed her plans. The Texas Math



and Science Coaches Association or TMSCA is an organization for coaches of academic University Interscholastic League teams in Texas middle schools and high schools, specifically those that compete in mathematics and science-related tests.

"I started TMSCA in the sixth grade, gave up weekends and a big part of my social life to participate. The past four years I have gone to State TMSCA and spent my whole Spring Break there,"

Braden said.

TMSCA awards students that have been involved in the association for more than four years with a large scholarship. Emily went on to say that all TMSCA meets and the State contest have been canceled due to the virus, "I feel robbed of an opportunity and feel as though I

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Obituaries

Robert Statham Griffin

Robert Statham Griffin, age 85, entered into the presence of the Lord on March 30, 2020.



Private Burial was held 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, 2020, in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth.

Bob's family invites you to join them in a Celebration of Bob's life to be held on a day to be announced in the future.

Memorial contributions may be made in remembrance of Bob to the UT Southwestern Medical Center, www.utsw.edu.

Bob was born in the Oak Cliff neighborhood of Dallas on April 14, 1934. He graduated from W. H. Adamson High School and the University of Texas in Austin. He completed his formal education at the UT Southwestern Medical School in Dallas where he was a member of one of the earliest graduating classes. He enjoyed serving his community as a doctor of Internal Medicine mainly in Big Spring, Texas and also in Dallas, Fort Worth and Washington D.C. where he served in the U.S. Army. He was a Fellow of The American College of Physicians. He was a member of Arlington Heights United Methodist Church where he enjoyed singing in the choir and honoring God through music. He and Anne sang with the AHUMC choir in England and at Carnegie Hall. Bob enjoyed traveling, especially to New York City and Colorado; he enjoyed good food including Blue Bell Ice Cream and El Fenix, and he was a fan of the Dallas Cowboys and the UT Longhorns.

Bob lived his life fully and with no regrets. He is loved by his family and friends and will be remembered for his kindness and gentleness to all. He was a generous encourager and a quiet leader by example. Bob's family is grateful for the tenderness of those who provided care and dignity to him during the years in which he needed extra help.

His family is also grateful to his wife, Anne, for being the best caregiver anyone could ask for. She was steadfast and unwavering in giving him the very best. Our faith gives us the assurance of knowing that Bob has run the race with endurance that was set before him; he has kept the faith; and now enjoys the prize of eternal life in the presence of his Lord, Jesus Christ.

Bob was preceded in death by his mother and father Mary Evelyn and H.S. Griffin of Dallas.

Bob is survived by his loving wife, Kathleen Anne, with whom he shared more than 60 years of marriage; sister, Mary Elizabeth, and husband, Dick Corbin, of Houston and South fork, Colorado. Bob and Anne have three children; Jim and wife, Sheila of Dallas, KK and husband, Joe Kinder of Midland and Patty Merrill of San Angelo. Bob will be remembered by grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Chris and Megan Cox and son, Michael, of Pineville, Louisiana, MEG and Cole Thatcher of San Carlos, California, Kathleen Kinder of Dallas, Brad and Ashley Kinder and son, Kieran, of Fort Worth, Todd Kinder of Midland, Jonathan Merrill of San Antonio and Matthew Merrill of San Angelo. Bob is also survived by many other close relatives and friends who he enjoyed throughout his life.

Paid Obituary

Ruben Gamboa



Ruben Gamboa, 64, of Big Spring died Thursday, April 2, 2020. Vigil service will be at 5 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside service will be at 2:00 PM Monday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Ruben was born Jan. 26, 1956, in Big Spring. He owned West Third Auto and Tire Service. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a Catholic.

Ruben loved all sports. He was an avid Cowboy Fan.

Ruben is survived by his mother: Sulema Delga-

do of Big Spring; two sons: Ruben Gamboa, Jr. of Big Spring and Steven Gamboa of Big Spring; one granddaughter: Mikayla Gamboa of Big Spring; one sister: Sylvia Munoz of San Antonio; three brothers: Andy Gamboa and his wife Delia of Ft. Worth, David Gamboa of Big Spring, and George Roman and his wife Yohanna of Ft. Worth; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Ruben was preceded in death by his grandmother: Pola Gomez; and his favorite aunt: Severa Roman.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Sheriff

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

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

- **REBECCA LYNN COMSTOCK**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **SUSAN ETTA HUMPHREY**,

33, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of hold - murder - found not competent.

- **MICHAEL HOUSTON ROSE**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of parole violation.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of E. 8th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Larry. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Swasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Ray Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of Airbase Road. No transport was required.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Center Point Road. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Marsh Circle. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of E. FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of Mulberry. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of E FM 77. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of S. Salem. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of Mulberry.

One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3500 block of E I-20. 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 1000 block of E. 16th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of W. 3rd Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the area of FM 818 5 miles S I-20. Two people were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Food Pick Up Info

Big Spring ISD

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: 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: 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

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

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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worked so hard all those years for a scholarship I will not get."

Emily will be attending Texas A&M in the fall and plans to study public health and go to medical school. She has also been involved in UIL throughout her high school career. Practices, studying, and early morning trips were only a few of the things that came with UIL contests. After all of the time and tears put into preparing for these events, these students aren't going to be able to show their skills this year and seniors will never get the chance again. All sporting events have been canceled, and all athletes are saddened because the work they have put in year-round was "just for fun" at this point. Emily has played golf since seventh grade and has been on varsity for the last four years. The Garden City Boys Golf Team has been to State consecutively the last five years. The Girl's team got their first chance at the State contest last year. The Girl's Golf team was one stroke away from placing at state, so the game was on and the girls had been working hard to improve their score with every tournament. Braden's family has spent hundreds of dollars on golf lessons to improve Emily's swing and bought expensive golf clubs to tune in exactly what Emily needed. The whole golf team's hearts were shattered when they heard that all UIL sports were canceled for the year. No more state, no more practicing, no more drive.

Reed Seidenberg, also a senior at Garden City, has been stock showing for many years. Between Reed and his two other siblings, he and his family have spent hundreds of thousands on barns, equipment, and most importantly show animals. Reed has been very successful throughout his show career at all of the major stock shows, and senior year lit a fire in his heart to give it his all every time he walked into the ring. The sadness that swept over

the whole state of Texas when it was announced that the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo was canceled was suffocating. The countless hours and thousands of dollars spent on these animals for one of the biggest stock shows in the country was all for nothing. Tears were shed, hearts were broken, and many kids would never get to walk into the show ring again. The impact this had on the agriculture industry was so great that organizations banded together to put on shows of their own in smaller locations within several days so that everyone could stay safe from COVID-19 and get that one last chance at the stock show. Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo and San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo take months and months to prepare for and organize, however the people in the stock show community worked as hard as possible. The Alternative Jackpot show that was held in place of Houston Stock Show & Rodeo and Austin Stock Show & Rodeo, ran nearly 1,500 hogs through the show ring. The show was expedited when the CDC started trying to shut down the event after hundreds of people traveled from all over Texas. Because the show was put in fast gear, a show that would normally last 2 days was started at 3:00 p.m. and was run continuously throughout the night until 10:30 a.m. the next morning.

"My heart goes out to the kids who will never get this chance again," Seidenberg said, fully understanding the heartbreak from his years of hard work and dedication.

Reed has also been involved in tennis since sixth grade and has had many successes throughout his years of playing. The hours spent on the court to perfect his swing and learn to work with his partner and their dedication won't pay off. Tennis has been a big part of Reed's life and has helped him make friends from other schools across Texas.

"Although my tennis career is over, I will continue to use my skills in college in intramural sports," he said.

Seidenberg will be attending Texas Tech University and plans to judge livestock. Livestock judging is something that can last a lifetime. Learning the parts of the animals and what makes one better than another can benefit in so many ways. Becoming a livestock judge, and judging all over America, or becoming a breeder and looking for the best stock, are only two ways livestock judging can become a career.

Although the coronavirus has caused sadness around the world, there have been some benefits from the quarantine and social distancing. Teachers have moved to online schooling, using web casting platforms to give virtual lectures to their whole class, and having students turn in papers online. Students without Wi-Fi or computers at home have been sent home with a MacBook and a Wi-Fi hotspot to ensure they have the materials they need to continue their school year from home. The technological side of schools have been advanced in so many ways that will greatly benefit the system in years to come. More than likely, there will be big changes in the following school years with the addition of online schooling. Kids who are sick, disabled, or away for stock shows, will be able to learn from the comfort of their home or hotel room and not miss out on what everyone else is learning. Families have been able to grow closer and spend time together because of the quarantine. Because businesses are closed, and schools are out, parents can stay home and help their children with schoolwork and many other activities throughout the day. Quality time can be spent with their kids, instead of rushing around early in the morning for school and late nights working on projects. Governor Abbot has ruled to continue quarantine until April 30th, and schools will go back into session May 4th. Flatten the curve, stay home, and stay healthy. America is going to get through this tough time and use the lessons they have learned to avoid this situation in the future.

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the curve of COVID-19. The Election Advisory that was released on March 18 highly encouraged municipalities and local governing boards to postpone their elections and outlined some directive for those who chose to do so. The most recent advisory that was issued by Texas Secretary of State Ruth Hughs once again highly encouraged the postponement of the elections. While the directive is to have elections for May 2 postponed, according to the Advisory the governing body still needs to meet and vote on the action.

"While the proclamation details the postponement of the May 2 election we have called the special meeting so that the Board of Trustees can vote on the

issue as the advisory directions so stated," Dr. Cheryl Sparks, said.

During the meeting, the Board will also hear from Howard County Elections Administrator Jodi Duck as she presents different financial scenarios surrounding the election.

Those who are wanting to join the meeting can call the conference hotline at 1-888-204-5987 with the access code 3148424#. There is also a visual presentation for those wanting to view the documents at <https://www.gotomeet.net/HowardCollege/hcbrdmtg040620201230pm>. The agenda and other documentation for the meeting can also be accessed on the Howard College website at howardcollege.edu under the About Tab.

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having to hold those ballots until November," Duck said. "While we are prepared to have the election on May 2 we are running into some complications."

Duck also informed the Council, after being asked for statistics, that last week there were around 10 counties that were still choosing to hold the election on May 2, but that number had dropped to around 5 throughout the week. While that number is not a complete representation of all of Texas that is a representation of what is taking place across the State of Texas as the May 2 election day approaches.

"At the end of the day I would gladly exit in May, but we are in a pandemic, and in my opinion I don't think proper testing has been performed in the City of Big Spring, and to hold this election is going to be stressful in trying to get it done ... so many things that could happen in the election I don't think it's fair to the voters," Councilman Raul Marquez, said.

The motion was made to appeal the ruling of the chair with the vote being to sustain the motion of the chair, with the Mayor calling the vote. After the motion was made and a second, this took the council back to the vote for the final reading of the ordinance to move the May election. The motion passed by a 5-1 vote.

The Council moved on to the agenda item, reconsider of mayor's veto regarding the EDC's \$6 mil-

lion project loan.

"It's more important now than ever before to try and diversify our economy. By building this entry road off the reliever route we accentuate the biggest asset Big Spring has to try and diversify our economy," Jeff Ward, BSEDC President stated during public comment. "By this project ... specifically with this project being done it's a beacon for I-20 to come right through Big Spring. Now is the time to act; the BSEDC stands behind this project and we hope the City Council will as well."

After discussion, the Council voted to approve the loan and the motion passed 5-1.

While the agenda item to discuss personnel matters regarding City Manager was listed as an executive session, it was moved to open session by City Manager's request. The main focus were questionable credit card charges. After addressing these issues, the Council retired into executive session.

During executive session the council discussed the duties and responsibilities of the City Attorney and consulted the City Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation Fabian Butler v. City of Big Spring.

After the Council reconvened from executive session no action was taken.

During Council Input, Mayor Shannon Thoma-son did report on the statewide numbers regarding COVID-19; more 5,340 confirmed, 90 fatalities with cases in 145 counties out of 254. The closest case is in Martin County.

As of Friday night, there were no confirmed cases

in Howard County. According to numbers provided by the Mayor, there have been 56 tests administered and eight are still currently pending.

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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.

Midway Baptist Church



Join us for our Easter Worship!
April 12th at 11am
Sunday School: 9:45am
Morning Worship:
11am Evening: 6pm
Monday-Wednesday: 6:30pm

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The Evans/Overton Ranch Easter Sunrise Service 2020 will be a little different this year, but nothing changes the GOOD NEWS that Christ has Risen!! Circuit Riders Cowboy Church has graciously offered to pre-record the service which will be posted on Facebook Easter Sunday Morning, April 12/2020. We look forward to gathering next year!!

Circuit Riders Cowboy Church looks forward to worshipping with you on Easter Morning!! He (Jesus) Is Risen INDEED!! We will be offering two 'drive in' church opportunities on Easter Sunday Morning. First/Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. @ the North Camp at 6701 I-20 West, Big Spring, TX 79720. The Second service will be at 10:00 a.m. @ the same location.

Due to President Trump and Governor Abbott's Executive Orders issued before this writing on April 1st, we will cooperate with these recommendations. WE WANT YOU SAFE & WELL!! We are praying for you!

With this in mind, we recommend you park in and around the church building at least 6 feet apart and abstain from going car to car or in and out of the building. We are placing the large speakers on the porch and in each doorway. We are NOT handing out coffee and donuts - we've been donating those to First Responders. Thank you for your patience as we look at healthy ways to worship out Lord on this GREAT RESURRECTION SUNDAY!!

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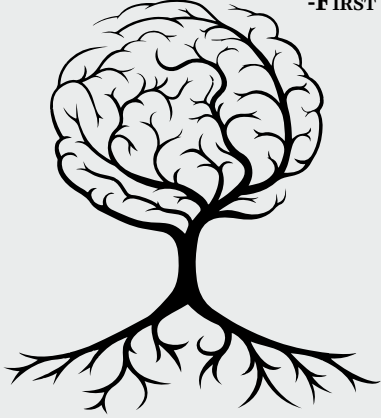
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DAILY PRAYER

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A big turtle in the backyard

Andrews has a turtle race on the 4th of July. “It’s the biggest thing here on the 4th of July,” says Mylissa Powers. “Everybody gets up super early because the race is like 8 o’clock in the morning.

They draw a big circle, put the turtles in the middle of it and the first one out of the circle is the winner.”

Mylissa got a 3-inch turtle 7 years ago. Now it’s a foot and a half tall, has a shell 3 feet across and weighs 100 pounds. He makes his home in Mylissa’s back yard in Andrews. His name is Spike. “He’s an African Spiked Tortoise or Spurred Tortoise. He has these little spikes on his shell and feet. As he gets bigger they’ll spread out so that when he gets full grown they’ll be pretty smooth and almost disappear. He’ll live to be 50 to 100 years old and can get up to 200 pounds. When we first got him we used to put him in

a 5-gallon bucket. Within a year we couldn’t put him in a 5-gallon bucket anymore. We love him. He’s a pretty quiet pet.”

Spike’s favorite food is lettuce. “He can eat 3 heads of lettuce in one sitting. He can eat a head of lettuce in about 2 minutes. They’re really not supposed to have fruit but he loves strawberries.

So every once in a while he’ll get a strawberry. He’ll also graze on some weeds. He’s never tried to bite. They don’t have teeth, just jaws. And they don’t chew anything they just bite and swallow.”

Spike can move pretty fast.

“If we’re not careful he has got out of the yard and is across the street. He has learned how to unlock the gate. Our neighbors like him and keep an eye on him if he gets out. They’ll either bring him back or let us know he got out. Here lately they’ve just called us, since he weighs a lot.”

Mylissa and her husband have other pets, too. “Spike thinks he’s a dog. We had a little dog and Spike used to follow her in and out through the doggie door. He’ll come in and eat out of the

dog bowl and drink out of the dog’s water bowl.”

Spike responds to displays of affection. “He loves to have his neck rubbed. And he loves to have his shell rubbed. He’ll lean in to me when I pet his shell. He loves to walk through the sprinklers and get out in the rain when it’s not raining too hard. He is a very unusual pet.”

When he was younger, Spike entered the annual turtle race and did pretty well. “He came in second in the only race he entered. He would have won first but he was chasing other turtles around.”

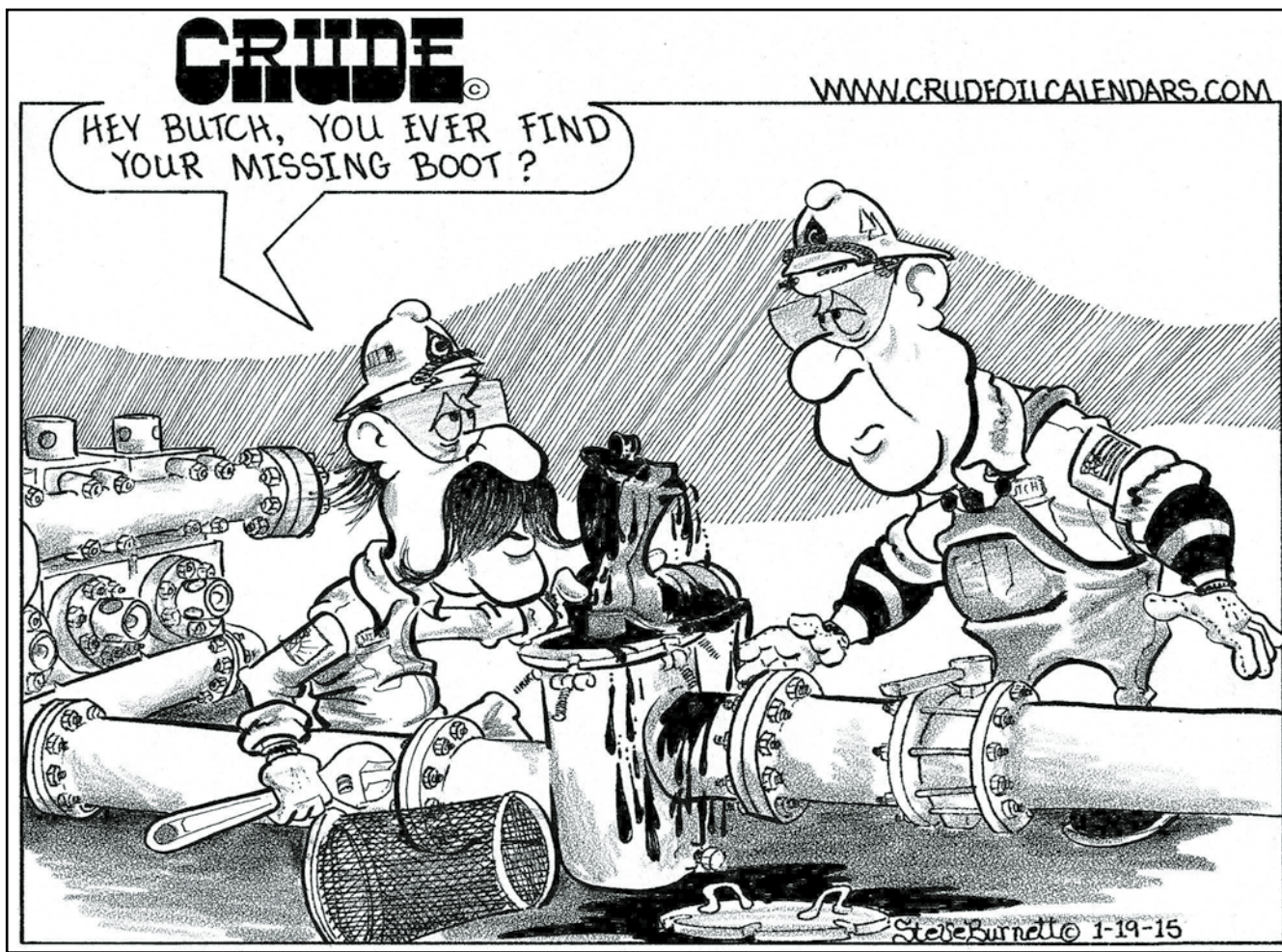
Mylissa is the second owner of Spike. Her son bought it for his daughter and she kept it for a while then passed it along to her grandmother. Spike has made him some living quarters in the back yard.

You don’t see much of Spike in cold weather.

He’s in one of a series of tunnels he has dug. One goes straight down, but has a little cave on one side where he stays when it rains.

He hibernates most of the winter but sometimes comes out on days that are sunny and warm.

He doesn’t like snow.



Life in the slow lane

Lanes don’t get slower than those to which we’ve all been assigned. Thoroughly “slowed down,” I am reminded of the old duffer stopped numerous times on the freeway who refused to accelerate to minimum speed. Finally, the officer said, “If you don’t start moving faster, I’m going to strongly suggest that you sign up immediately for offensive driving.”

Like most everyone else, we are “sheltered in,” digesting material from both mass and social media. Generally, there’s an abundance of “warm fuzzies” when they are most needed.

Contributors seem intent on providing stories/cartoons/suggestions to provide smiles when things could easily go south. Many of them are exceedingly creative. In one cartoon, a lady—staring blankly at her weekly calendar of equal blankness—notes that trash day pick-up is on the morrow. She ponders what she should wear as she dragged bags to the curb.

One guy says he passes time counting shingles on his roof. Questioned about the dangers of moving about on his roof, he answered, “I lie on a sleeping bag in my attic and count them looking up.” (Really, he counts the protruding nails, then divides the total by five. That’s the number of nails that roofer friend Brent Prunty claims to be required to

secure each shingle. (Wading into mathematical “deep water” threatens, so I’ll leave it at that.)

The “nail-counter” says the attic is serenely quiet (if he remembers to disengage the thermostat), and there, he can “whistle in peace.” Frequently, the long-time “shower whistler” cuts

loose with an old favorite, “Counting Flowers on the Wall.” My friend whistles loudest on the parts where he’s “playing Solitaire ‘til one with a deck of 51” and “Don’t tell me I’ve nothing to do.” He thinks June through August in the attic might be tough, but right now, he avoids the “noises below,” too many of which is the well-worn TV ad for “My Pillow, Dot Com.” He’ll “talk your arm off” about that ad, and he

thinks the Egyptian cotton the TV guy brags about “ain’t a whit better than the white stuff we grow in America.”

At our house, I’m quick to head to the store when the shopping list includes at least two items. Formerly, trips were less frequent, with lists that often spilled over to the back side, or when all “recipe substitutes” have been exhausted.

One trip to Sam’s is most memorable. Our “rescue” dachshund Sailor and I exhaled. We were “on the road again,” despite the trip being just two miles and change.

We were in our “newer” car, the one wife Brenda is willing to be seen in. (You’ll understand soon why we’re sad about not “tripping” in what could have been

our “fishing car” if we fished, but we don’t.)

My brief list was completed, except for Charmin. (Mr. Whipple stood tearfully—near empty shelves—wishing for some Charmin to squeeze.)

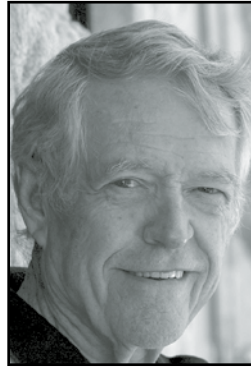
Again, timing was everything. If we’d left seconds earlier, we would have made it home in a happy state. But no. A bedraggled old duffer (even “duffier” than I am) had shuffled up to the driver window, unobserved by both Sailor and me. He pounded on the driver window, an act our pet considers the “unpardonable sin.”

I’m not “trying to sell you anything,” he yelled. “I just want to make your driving more pleasant.”

Sailor wasn’t buying it, not for a nanosecond. “Window-pounding”—inches from his master’s head—is not acceptable.

So, he did what he’s done twice before. He couldn’t penetrate the window, so he took bites out of the upholstery below it. I lowered the window slightly, pointing to the gashes. “Pretty feisty dog,” the old fellow said. Yep, and such “feistiness” thrice done would have been more acceptable if confined to our OTHER car. Twice now, Sailor has attacked our newer one. We’d put him in the dog house, if he had one.

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Social Security recipients will get Stimulus Checks

Special to the Herald

WASHINGTON, DC, Mar 31 -- "It's the ONE question nearly all Social Security recipients are asking: Will I get a Coronavirus stimulus check? If yes, do I get one even if I haven't filed a tax return in recent years?"

The answers are YES and YES!, says Jeff Szymanski, political analyst at the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC].

The "Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act" (CARES Act) passed by Congress provides for substantial stabilization of America's economy during the unprecedented medical crisis now sweeping the country.

The Act provides critically needed funding in key areas like expanded unemployment benefits and specific aid to many business segments facing extraordinary disruption, along with financial relief payments to most Americans, subject to income guidelines below.

"Under the Act's provisions, Americans having a valid Social Security number will receive direct cash assistance, specifically including those who receive welfare and Social Security benefits. Relief payments will be \$1,200 for individuals, \$2,400 for couples, and \$500 per child, for individuals with incomes at or below \$75,000 (\$112,500 for heads of household) and couples with income at or below \$150,000. Individuals earning up to \$99,000 and couples up to \$198,000 will receive a reduced payment, prorated according their higher income level," according to Szymanski.

The procedural details on how the approved payments will get into the hands of recipients are still being finalized, but these are the general elements:

- According to Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, most payments should be in the hands of recipients within three weeks

- Eligibility for cash payments is based on income as reported in your most recent income tax return (note: adjusted gross income is the figure used)

- If you did not file tax returns and are receiving Social Security payments, the IRS can use your Form SSA-1099 Social Security Benefit Statement or your Form RRB-1099 Social Security Equivalent Benefit Statement to send your check

- If you have received a tax refund in the last two years by direct deposit, that's where your money will be sent. If not, the IRS will mail a check to your "last known address"

- The IRS will mail a notice confirming distribution of your payment, along with IRS contact information if you haven't actually received the confirmed payment

- You do not need to do anything in advance. For many recipients, the IRS has your banking information and will likely execute direct transfers to your account

AMAC's sister organization, The AMAC Foundation, updates a site five days a week entitled The Social Security Report. For the absolute latest daily information on this vital program, visit www.socialsecurityreport.org.

Many of this week's headline and latest news posts on The Social Security Report deal specifically with The CARES Act (Stimulus Bill), and those seeking more detailed information will find it a valuable resource.

But to reiterate, reports Szymanski, "YES, Social Security recipients are eligible and need do nothing at all to receive their \$1,200 per person relief payments due them. If you are required to file a tax form, it is likely that having done so already may speed up delivery of the payment."

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Texas Businesses must file property tax renditions by April 15

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds business owners that for many property types, April 15 is the deadline to file property tax renditions with their county appraisal districts. Different deadlines apply for certain regulated property.

Business owners affected by the COVID-19 pandemic may request, in writing to the chief appraiser, an extension of the deadline to May 15. Some appraisal districts already have extended the deadline for filing rendition statements or property reports to May 15, so please check with your local appraisal district first.

For information relating to your property appraisals, owners should refer to their local county appraisal district. For other taxes, the Comptroller's office is providing continuous updates on the Comptroller's COVID-19 Emergency Response page on our website.

A rendition is a list of the taxable inventory, furniture and fixtures, machinery, equipment and other property owned or managed as of Jan. 1 each year. The appraisal district may use the information to set property values.

A rendition allows property owners to record their opinion of their property's value and ensures that the appraisal district notifies property owners before changing a recorded value. Exempt property such as church property and equipment used for farming, is not subject to rendition.

Owners whose property was damaged by storm, flood or fire last year may file a special decreased value report, which indicates the property's condition on Jan. 1, 2020. Filing the decreased value report could lower those owners' final tax bills for 2020.

Rendition forms and decreased value report forms are available from county appraisal district offices statewide and can be downloaded at the Comptroller's property tax forms webpage.

For more information about property rendition, deadlines, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at 800-252-9121 (press 2) or visit the division's website.

A word from the Howard County Library this week

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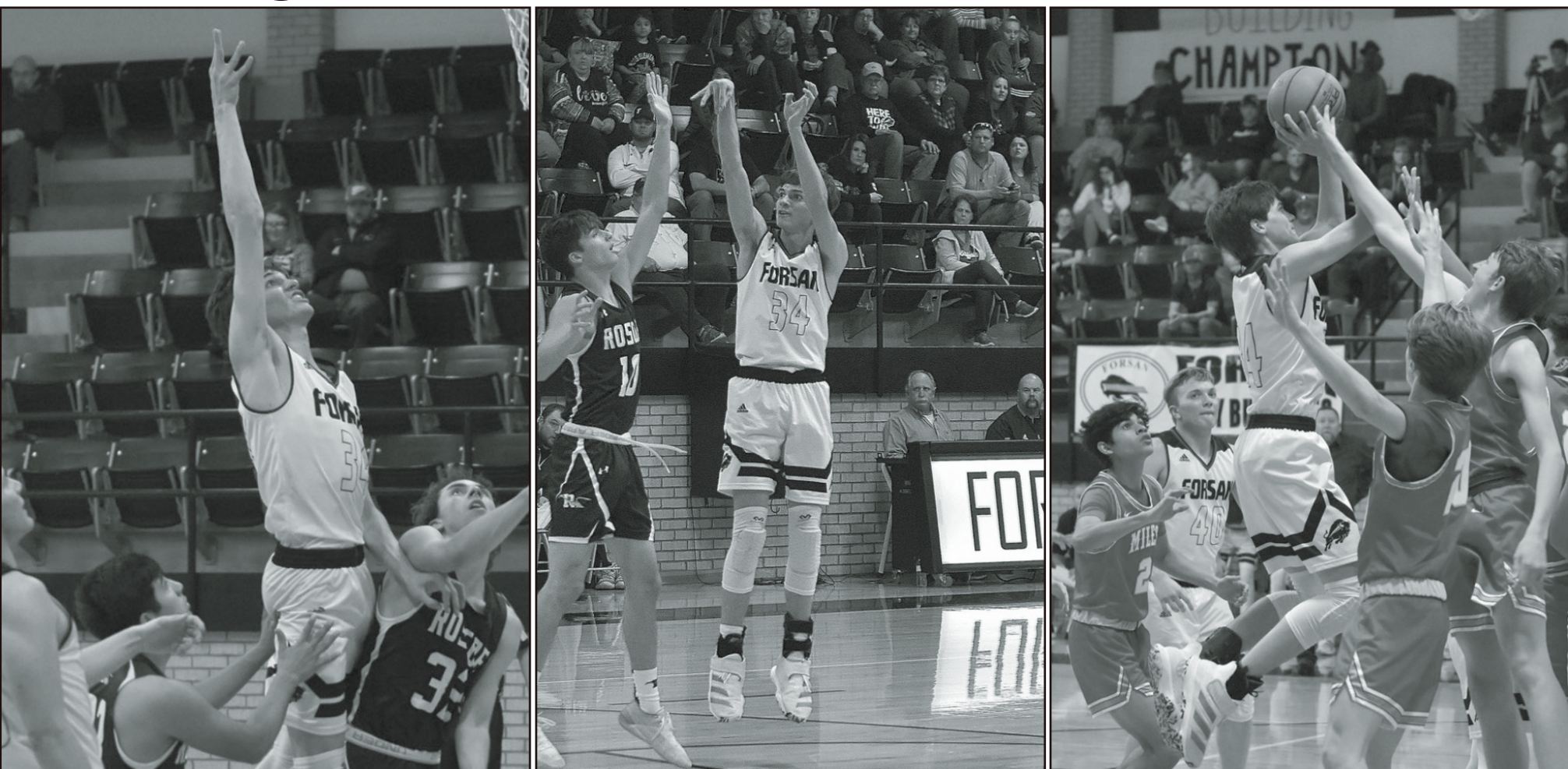
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Riffe adds another postseason accolade by being named to All-West Texas Team



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Riffe (34) shows off his expansive scoring arsenal by putting up a floater close to the basket (above left), a jumpshot (above middle), and a runner in-between a sea of defenders (above right).

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

Zane Riffe was a force every time that he stepped onto the court during the 2019-20 Forsan basketball season. The forward's senior year on the hardwood was defined by a hard-driving approach on offense that also came with a silky jump-shot and earned him the District 7-2A Offensive MVP award following his outstanding last season suiting up for the Buffaloes. Riffe has also recently added two more accolades to his resume after being named to the All-Big Country Preps Basketball team and the 2A All-West Texas team.

"He led us in scoring, led us in rebounding, led us in blocked shots, led us in steals almost every night," Forsan coach Cory Richardson said. "He was definitely what made us go. If we didn't have him, we wouldn't have won very many games this year."

Being one of the most experienced members of the team, Riffe had a lot of pressure on him to lead the Buffaloes against their competition. During one point near the middle of the season, Richardson pulled Riffe aside to tell him in order for Forsan's season to be successful then he had to be more aggressive on the court. From that point on, the offense was run through the big man and the Buffs' offense really began to take off.

Riffe had impressive numbers throughout the season and was the Buffs' leading scorer in almost every game. He averaged 11.7 points per game with several 20-point outings scattered throughout the schedule. The forward was also a force on the boards and averaged 11.1 rebounds per game. This means that Riffe averaged a double-double during his senior season, a feat that not many high school basketball players accomplish.

"Our record wasn't great but we were in a lot of games this year that we could have won and it was only because he kept us in there. If it wasn't because of his scoring it was because of his defensive rebounding," Richardson said.

It is impossible to forget Riffe's effort on the defensive side of the ball as he finished the season averaging 2.3 steals per game and 1.5 blocks per game. If an opponent decided to throw it into Riffe's zone, there was a great chance that the ball was going to be heading the other way down the court in a hurry.

When the 6-foot-2 forward would make his way to the opposite end of the

court, he always made a smart decision on whether to drive the lane to the basket himself or to dish it to the open man on the wing. Even when he would play off the ball, Richardson was likely to run a play to set up his star player with an open shot. This example of high basketball IQ and on-court versatility will be sorely missed by Forsan when they hit the hardwood next fall. Even though he might have not been the loudest player on the court, Riffe always led by example.

"He wasn't very vocal. But if you have a kid that is going to give that kind of effort, then people are going to follow him," Richardson said.

In addition to leading his team on the court through his own offensive skills, Riffe also improved the game of his teammates near the basket. Late in the season, when opposing teams began to double-team him, Riffe excelled at finding the open man underneath the basket or near the three-point line. Even when the ball was not coming his way, the extra attention put on him by defenses would free up one of his teammates for an open shot.

Even with a first-round exit from the playoffs this season, there was plenty to be proud of with the young roster of the Buffaloes. Riffe will not be returning next season but the influence he left on his younger teammates should surely be felt whenever the Buffs return to the court. Following his stellar senior year, there will be plenty of usable tape for Richardson to show his future players on how to play Forsan basketball.

"Whatever he did he did it at 100 percent," Richardson said. "He wasn't perfect and we don't ask anybody to be perfect but his example of perfect effort is something that we can build off of and if we have guys that are going to follow his example, then we're going to be okay."

Next fall, Forsan will be looking for their next standout player on the hardwood. If every player on the court for the 2020-21 Buffaloes can display the dominating effort that Riffe exhibited this past season, then Richardson will have himself a group of players prepared to run the court as hard as one of the greatest players in school history.

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Meet the Texas High School Coaches Association President-Elect Nominees

The President-Elect Nominating Committee has selected three nominees for the office of President-Elect. The nominees will be voted on at the General Meeting of the THSCA members at the annual THSCA Coaching School and Convention to be held July 19-21, 2020 in San Antonio. The convention will be held at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. Nominees are:

Ron Rittimann, Alamo Heights High School graduated from Canyon HS in New Braunfels, TX in 1985 and was recognized as the Athlete of the Year. He played football, basketball and baseball for some great high school coaches and attended Tyler Junior College and Southwest Texas State University on football scholarships. After his playing days in San Marcos, Ron began his coaching career as a student/coach and then as a graduate assistant coach in 89-90.

Coach Rittimann began his high school coaching career as an assistant at San Antonio Madison in 1991 under Coach Jim Streety. From 1991-2007, Rittimann served as a coach for football, basketball and baseball. In 1994 he was named the offensive coordinator and assistant head coach. In Decem-

ber 2007, Rittimann moved to open a new school in the NEISD, Johnson High School. The Jaguars advanced to the state semi-finals in 2013 with Ron's son, Hunter, playing quarterback. The 2013 Jaguars were recognized by Texas Football as the 5A Team of the Year. The Jaguars were district champs in 2017. In his twelve years as a head coach, his teams have made it to the playoffs 8 times. Rittimann recently accepted the position of AD/head coach at Alamo Heights High School.

Ron has been named San Antonio Coach of the Year 4 times (2009, 2011, 2013, 2017). Ron and his staff coached the 2014 San Antonio All-Star game and he was also privileged to coach the US Army All-American game in 2016.

Coach Rittimann is a 2008 Honorary Lifetime member of the PTA. In 2009, Ron was awarded the Comal ISD Outstanding Graduate Award. Coach Rittimann served on the THSCA Football Advisory Committee from 2009-2012 and was a member of the THSCA Board of Directors from 2015-2018.

Bob Wager, Arlington Martin High School began his coaching career at Springfield College where he played as a wishbone running back. In

1992, after reading H.G. Bissinger's book "Friday Night Lights", Coach Wager moved to the great state of Texas to pursue a career as a high school football coach. In thirteen seasons at Martin, Coach Wager is the school's all-time leader in victories. The Warriors have made thirteen consecutive playoff appearances, including seven trips to the regional round and a state quarterfinal appearance.

In the past thirteen years, Martin has promoted dozens and dozens of football players who have signed football scholarships. Coach Wager has been honored to present annually at coaching clinics across the country. In addition, Coach Wager has coached in seven Under Armour All-American Games and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Texas High School Coaches Association.

Now in his 23rd year as a Head Football Coach in Texas, Coach Wager and his staff have compiled a record of 166-91. Coach Wager is proud to have mentored 9 of his former assistants who have become Head Football Coaches themselves.

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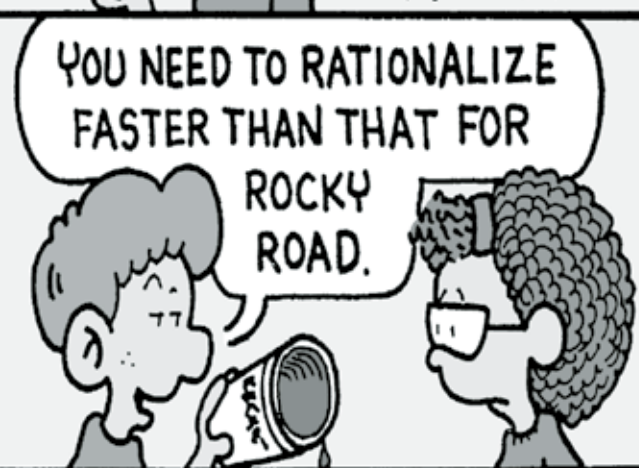
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The Waiting Game: For NBA coaches, that's the new schedule

By **TIM REYNOLDS**

AP Basketball Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Orlando's Steve Clifford figures he's like every other NBA coach right now: Wake up, go to whatever now serves as the office, study his own team, maybe think about possible opponents, and resume planning.

Of course, nobody knows what they're planning for — or when these plans will get used.

A stoppage in play doesn't mean vacation time has arrived for NBA coaches, especially those like Clifford in position to take their teams to the post-season — assuming this pandemic-interrupted season is able to resume. They're all spending more time at home, not able to run practices, but none seem to be sitting idly.

"Not knowing the restart date is the toughest challenge professionally," Clifford said. "Obviously, we're all limited in what we can do, and basketball takes a back seat right now to family and health. But I will say this: When I talk to our guys, the one common question that comes up is 'When do you think we can start again?'"

And that's a question with no answer. The waiting game is the only game in town right now.

Miami's Erik Spoelstra was coaching the fourth quarter against Charlotte on March 11 when the NBA announced it was suspending the season, a move made once it became known that Utah center Rudy Gobert was the league's first player to test positive for COVID-19. Spoelstra found out right after the final buzzer, as he walked to the locker room.

He instantly realized that losing to the Hornets that night didn't ultimately matter much. Spoelstra and his staff are holding Zoom meetings every other day, but he's also enjoying the benefits of time

away — getting more time with his two young sons, his wife and grilling for the family most nights — and is emphasizing to his coaches and players that this is a time to help those less fortunate.

He's checking the news as well, on a limited basis. "My routine is checking after dinner, and I usually get on my computer, watch a little bit of what's going on," said Spoelstra, who often wears a T-shirt emblazoned with "Stay Positive" and like many coaches he taped a video telling fans the importance of hand-washing and other precautions. "So, I'm staying abreast of the current status of things, but I definitely do not try to start my day that way and I do not obsess about it during the day."

Dallas coach Rick Carlisle also went the video-message route, doing one for the going-stir-crazy crowd to demonstrate his "Balance, Balance, Shot Drill" that allows players to work on their shooting form even when they don't have access to a court or a rim.

Oklahoma City coach Billy Donovan took advantage of downtime to appear on a virtual coaches clinic, and had a safety message for those who attended — online, of course — before spending about an hour breaking down his philosophy. And Los Angeles Lakers coach Frank Vogel is spending some of his time watching old games, binging on Netflix and watching movies with the family, and plenty of cooking.

"This is bigger than basketball, and us getting back on the court is not the most important thing for the world right now," Vogel told reporters on a

conference call Thursday night.

This is the first in-season stoppage of its kind in NBA history, but Milwaukee coach Mike Budenholzer is equating the unknown — in terms of when the next game will be — to what the league went through with lockout-shortened seasons in 1998-99 and 2011-12.

His message to his staff: Things may be slow now, but when the suspension ends the pace of everything will be frantic. So while some projects like things in the video room and breakdowns of his roster are being tackled, Budenholzer is also having staff get ready for potential playoff opponents with a first-round series against either Brooklyn or Orlando likely for the NBA-leading Bucks.

"Things happen really fast, whether it's three games in three nights, or playoff series are shorter or the time between the end of the regular season to the first playoff game, everything can be shorter or can happen quicker," Budenholzer said. "We can put a little bit of money in the bank now with preparation for first round but also if you go a little bit deeper, the East."

For 30 teams, 30 coaches, there's many ways to spend the down time.

And they all know that they're in the same boat — waiting and wondering.

"It's hard for all of us," Clifford said. "It's hard to set a plan for yourself that will have you ready. But that's the parallel, not just for us, but for everyone around the world no matter what profession that you're in."

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Keeping your pet's heart healthy

Pet Connection: Pet Talk addresses Heartworm Awareness Month

By MELANIE GAMBRELL

Pet Care Specialist

When moving to Texas back in the early 80's was really the first time I recall hearing about "HEARTWORMS"! Coming from Iowa and Colorado you didn't hear much about Heartworms as what you might now, due to their colder winters and length of winter months. But Heartworms or *Dirofilaria Immitis* have been around for ever and have been the death of many dogs and we are also seeing Heartworms in cats.

With April being Heartworm Awareness month if you don't have your dog or cat on a monthly heartworm preventative, let's schedule that appointment today.

What are Heartworms exactly you ask? They are a parasitic roundworm, that looks like spaghetti that causes severe health problems and can eventually cause death to your dogs and cats if left untreated. Heartworms, or their microfilaria, are transmitted between hosts by mosquitoes. A dog or cat that has already been infected with microfilaria gets bitten by a mosquito can then infect other pets by that mosquito leaving that host, flying over to another dog or cat and thus injecting into that warm blooded animal. Heartworms also live in wild animals, such as coyotes and foxes and are also a source of transmitting the disease to your family pet. These worms can reach up to a foot long, and they live in your pet's heart and lungs causing heart failure along with damage to other organs.

Heartworms in dogs are very different than the disease in cats, where a dog can be a natural host (where the worms can reach maturity and produce offspring) to a cat where the worms do not survive to adult stages. Dogs can have hundreds of worms in their bodies to where a cat may only have just a few.

With a simple snap test running around \$35 at your local veterinary hospital or clinic, within a matter of a few minutes you'll know the results of your pet's heartworm test. When taking your puppy or kitten in for the first time, it's recommended to start them on the Heartworm Preventative. It usually takes about 6 months for the larvae to develop into an adult heartworm, so most pets after 6 months will need to get tested prior to starting the medication. It's suggested by your vet to continue with the prevention medication on a monthly basis, making sure not to miss any months. Prevention for a large dog for monthly supply of Heartguard can run about \$58. Common other sizes of dogs and cats cost will vary in price due to sizes. Google says the risk of your pet being infected with heart worms each year is 250,000 out of 50,000,000, Translated into 1 out of 200 dogs each year becoming infected.

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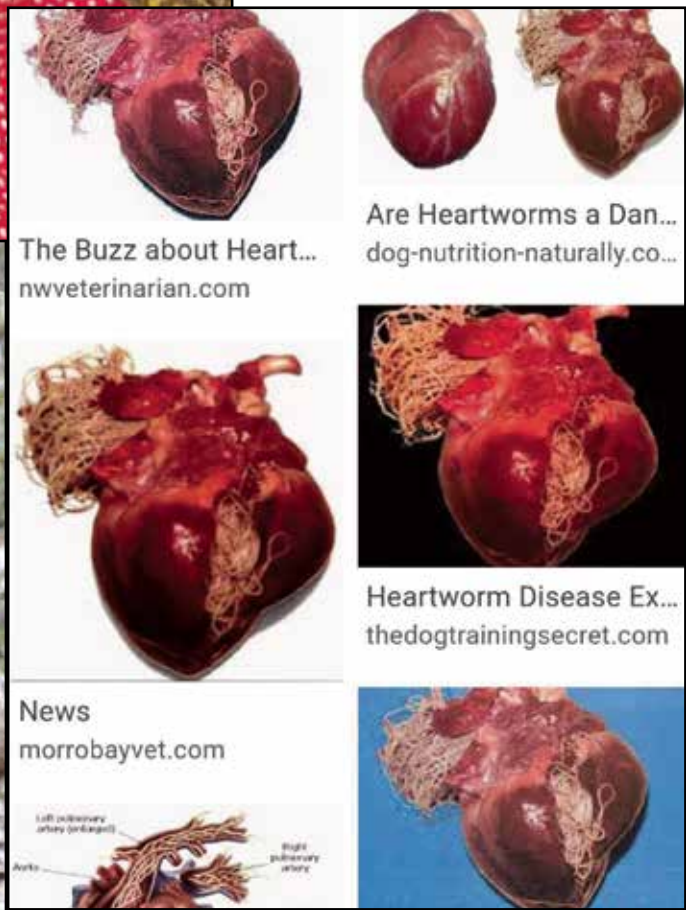
According to Google, the risk of your pet being infected with heartworms each year is 250,000 out of 50,000,000 which can be translated to 1 out of 200 dogs each year becoming infected. Keeping an eye on your pets and being able to recognize the signs and symptoms can be a major factor in seeking medical treatment for the best possible outcome of your pet.



As a rescuer I've picked up a couple of dogs over the years that have been heartworm positive and have gone through the expense to have them treated. Heart worms can live up to seven years in a pet's vital organ, heart, lungs, kidney and liver but with major risk and eventually death. Signs of a dog having heart worms can range from a weight loss, decreased appetite, fatigue, coughing with abnormal lung sounds and enlarged abdomen are just a few of the signs of heart worms. Always consult your pet's veterinarian if your pet shows any of these signs, because the quicker your pet receives treatment the better their chances are.

Treatment for heart worms will take several trips to your vet, the initial trip then Stage I Treatment and later Stage II Treatment. An injection of a drug called Melarsomine is given to kill the adult worms and is done in a series of injections. I can remember back in the day when I had Salem, my first dog, treated, the drug that was used was Arsenic to treat Heartworms. Cost for heartworm treatment can vary depending on your vet and the area you live in period with the initial snap test, lab work, treatment and medication, you're looking in the area of \$500 to a \$1000 depending on the size of your dog and yes size does matter. Your vet will require your pet to stay quiet while at home after the treatment. This usually means kennel or crate training, while only going outside on a leash to do their business, no running or playing. I can't stress this ENOUGH - NO RUNNING OR PLAYING THEY MUST REMAIN QUIET. This is to prevent the worms from dislodging in the heart as the worms are dying off. Antibiotics, usually doxycycline along with a steroid of prednisone given by mouth to help with the side effects of the treatment and heart worm preventative or a lead to kill the juvenile worms.

With our heat index slowly on the rise brings with it the threat of mosquitoes and the possibility of mosquitoes carrying the deadly heart worm. Prevention is always the best measure for your family for babies, a monthly pill for all dogs and cats can keep them safe and healthy.



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Aggie engineers create Step-by-Step method of making protective medical masks

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — With a touch of inspiration from MacGyver, Aggies have developed a way to make medical protective gear from readily available materials. A group of professors and graduate students from the College of Engineering at Texas A&M University are researching methods to construct desperately needed personal protection masks for medical personnel who have seen a depletion of resources as the number of COVID-19 cases increases.

John Criscione, a Texas A&M professor in the Department of Biomedical Engineering and a Johns Hopkins-educated medical doctor, said he and his colleagues are investigating a low-technology solution to a growing problem. Dr. Criscione and his team have figured out a way to build masks with materials such as air-conditioning filters, sheer curtains, staples and stretchable cords.

John Sharp, chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, said the Texas A&M community has a long tradition of helping society when it needs assistance the most.

"This is exactly the kind of Aggie ingenuity that has been evident on our campus for generations," he said.

See a video about the engineering professors and their efforts at https://www.youtube.com/user/tamusystem?sub_confirmation=1.

Also, see a video with a step-by-step guide concerning construction of protective masks at <https://enmed.tamu.edu/DIYmasks/>

Dr. Criscione said his team will be quantitatively testing do-it-yourself masks in the coming days. The team will continue its efforts to create a mask that has features similar to the N95 respirator, which is capable of filtering 95 percent of airborne particles, including viruses. (Surgical masks cannot block as much.)

"If the gap between supply and demand continues to worsen, and particularly our emergency medical colleagues are forced to use DIY masks, we want them to have technical guidance as they make their choices of materials and construction," Dr. Criscione said. "We see this as our selfless service responsibility to the general public, as Aggies, and we are here to help."

The project began after emergency room physicians asked Dr. Criscione to explore potential solutions, in case masks become unavailable. The result is a work-product that would be approved by MacGyver, the innovative namesake of an iconic late 1980s/early 1990s TV show.

The prototype never was intended to join the supply-chain of approved personal protective equipment, or PPE, Dr. Criscione said. Rather, he said that the Aggie masks should be reserved for worse-case scenarios where overwhelmed hospitals "had no protective masks to use for life-saving procedures."

Another group at Texas A&M's College of Engineering is working on options to produce similar personal protective masks with 3D printers.

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Learning to Slow Down

When we rush through our days and lives, we fail to notice the simple beauty of living.



Anne Lucero

Throughout our lives, we are taught to value speed and getting things done quickly. We learn that "doing" is more valuable than merely "being", and that making the most of life is a matter of forging ahead at a hurried pace. Yet as we lurch forward in search of some elusive sense of fulfillment, we find ourselves feeling increasingly harried and disconnected. More importantly, we fail to notice the simple beauty of living. When we learn to slow down, we rediscover the significance of a simple life. Mealtimes become meditative celebrations of nourishment. A job well-done becomes a source of profound pleasure, no matter what the nature of our labors. We give ourselves the gift of time-time to indulge our curiosity, to enjoy the moment, to appreciate worldly wonders, to sit and "think", to connect with others, and to explore our inner landscapes more fully.

A life savored slowly need not be passive, inefficient, or slothful. Conducting ourselves at a slower pace enables us to be selective in how we spend our time and to fully appreciate each passing moment. Slowness can even be a boost to situations that seem to demand haste. When we pace ourselves for even a few mo-

ments as we get to urgent matters, we can center ourselves before moving ahead with our plans. Embracing simplicity allows us to gradually purge from our lives those commitments and activities that do not benefit us in some way. The extra time we consequently gain can seem like vast, empty stretches of wasted potential. But as we learn to slow down, we soon realize that eliminating unnecessary allows us to fill that time in a constructive, fulfilling, and agreeable way. We can relish our morning rituals, linger over quality time with loved ones, immerse ourselves wholeheartedly in our work, and take advantage of opportunities to nurture ourselves every single day.

You may find it challenging to avoid giving in to the temptation to rush, particularly if you have acclimated to a world of split-second communication, cell phones, email and overflowing agendas. Yet the sense of continuous accomplishment you lose when you slow down will quickly be replaced by feelings of magnificent contentment. Your relaxed tempo will open your mind and heart to deeper levels of awareness that help you discover the true gloriousness of being alive.

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Common Sense Health: Stress won't kill you, but your reaction to it might

By W. Gifford-Jones, M.D. & Diana Gifford-Jones

Special to the Herald

"Don't underestimate the value of doing nothing," wrote one of the world's foremost philosophers, Winnie-the-Pooh, "of just going along, listening to all the things you can't hear, and not bothering." Doing nothing is exactly what a lot of us are facing for an extended period of time. But "not bothering" is probably not how most of us are feeling.

We're worried about our families, our next meals, our jobs, the bills, the economy. For some, self-isolation, quarantine, or lockdown is a risk factor for domestic abuse. Many people are trapped in truly precarious situations, far away from home or from needed medication. Others are just alone, and it feels like solitary confinement with no prospect of human interaction for weeks to come.

These adverse circumstances amount to considerable stress. Yet, there's hope, as it's not the stressors that will kill you, but rather how you react. In other words, your home isn't going to hurt you, but your physical reaction to being cooped up might do some damage. For example, you might be fearfully producing the chemicals in your body and brain that cause your heart rate to increase, breathing to quicken, muscles to tighten, and blood pressure to rise. Your behavioural choices and how those around you handle tension can also have a huge impact on your health.

As Lou Holtz, the American football coach says, "It's not the load that breaks you down. It's how you carry it." Let's do what we can to ensure that the current crisis doesn't manifest an avalanche of cases of anxiety and depression.

We've seen examples of how people are alleviating stress amid the COVID-19 crisis. Neighbours are joining in song from their balconies in China and Italy. Social media is alive with suggestions for fun, sociable activities you can do online in groups. Musicians are streaming concerts online. And everywhere, families are getting quality time together.

But being stuck at home can lead people to adopt unhealthy behaviours too. The most easily accomplished of these are smoking and eating too much. If you have started smoking, then seek help. Smoking will

only pile on the problems. As for food, don't let this be a time for poor diet choices. Those who struggle with weight management should focus on losing weight, not gaining it. Join an online exercise group and remember to step on the scale every day.

Difficult relationships can be made worse when confined in close quarters. So use the occasion to talk out the troubles. Find common ground. Put time into building the foundation for new beginnings. And reach out to professionals who can help you.

Even without the COVID-19 pandemic, anxiety is already the world's top driver of poor mental health. The incidence of anxiety is certainly skyrocketing now. So before you run for more pills, try proven natural approaches. Exercise is one of the best remedies. Yoga, meditation, even reading a good book. If you are having trouble sleeping, turn off the TV and put away your phone. Try using a weighted blanket, which has a natural comforting effect.

Finally, think about all those who may need a little help with day-to-day living during these difficult times. Call someone who may be lonely. Check to see if seniors in your neighbourhood have the supplies they need. Offer help and reassurance to those who may be facing uncertainty about their job security. And show appreciation for all those on the front lines of the pandemic - most especially by staying home and keeping healthy yourself.

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The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's annual health fair was originally set for this weekend, April 4 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and executive orders pushed out by the President, Texas Governor and local government, the annual health fair has been postponed. The new date is set for Aug. 8 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum from 8 a.m. until Noon. More information will be provided the event date nears. Thank you to all who have continued to support the annual health fair.

Producers with deep soil moisture see potential for boom year

Special to the Herald

Texas A&M University Ag

Good rains last fall filled soil moisture profiles for much of the state and set up a good yield potential for Texas farmers, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Calvin Trostle, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension agronomist, Lubbock, said lines between areas with plenty of good soil moisture and those dealing with drought were distinct. Big rains in the fall delivered deep soil moisture throughout the "root zone" for most areas, while much of South Texas and along the Gulf Coast continue to struggle with drought.

The difference in good soil moisture – 4-5 feet down – can make a big impact on harvest yields, he said.

"The place you want to be is to have your soil holding as much moisture as it can hold going into the cropping season," he said. "Deep soil moisture and regular rains through summer could bump yields of corn, sorghum and cotton up 10%-20%, and even more if you're a West Texas dryland farmer. That moisture

makes a huge difference."

Soil moisture makes the crop

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from Abilene to Wichita Falls received good fall and winter moisture. Those rains brought much of those areas out of drought and created a deep soil moisture profile.

"The difference between soil holding 5 inches of rain compared to 2 inches of rain at 5 feet deep is big," he said. "That 3 inches of moisture translates into 1,000 pounds per acre for a sorghum producer. It's around 150-200 pounds of lint per acre for cotton producers. That's huge."

Trostle said dryland farmers in

the High Plains who receive average summer rain could see up to 480 pound lint yields, or 1 bale, per acre with the combination of moisture and improved cotton varieties. A typical year yields around 250 to 300 pounds of lint per acre.

"Farmers are eager to plant this season," he said. "They see a nice opportunity to maximize their per-acre yields."

Little to no rain

In the southern half of the state, rains have been scattered at best.

Josh McGinty, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension agronomist, Corpus Christi, said most of the region was in D2 stage drought, or severe drought, according to the U.S. drought monitor.

"A week ago, much-needed rains fell across some of the more inland counties but missed those of us along the coast," he said. "Corn and grain sorghum fields have emerged to good stands in most areas but there are some inconsistent skimpy stands where soil moisture was marginal."

McGinty said timely rains would have helped even those fields but have not developed so

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Elizabeth Gomez, 509 Raleigh St., Plainview
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Juanita Hernandez, 1502 Bluebird, Big Spring
Matias Hernandez Jr., 620 E 4th St., San Angelo
Billy Dean Hill, 7117 Alissa, Rowlett
Johnny R. Hill, 704 San Antonio, Big Spring
Kaleb Hill, 910 Baylor, Big Spring
Shatiya Lasha Jenkins, 4590 N Texas #198 Odessa
Jim Bob Jennings, 4446 Ridgecrest Amarillo 9001 Indiana Apt D, Lubbock

David Kelley, P.O. Box 724, Salado
Joni D. Kelly, 3050 Co. Rd 139, Colorado
Renola S. Kelly, 4503 LA Salle Circle, Colorado City
Kimberly Jo Kennemur, 120 Hooser Rd., Big Spring
Cynthia Lee Kent, Moved to Newport News, Virginia
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Jesse Paul Lopez, 101 Scurry St., Big Spring
Ruben Lopez Jr., 107 Milburn St., Snyder, Texas
Clifford G. Lowe, 501 Circle, Big Spring
Patricia D. Lyons, 7502 Interstate 27 number A, Lubbock

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Rene N. Martinez, 8618 Serene Ridge, Big Spring, Texas
Victoria Josephine Martinez, 323 S. Main St., Loraine
Karen McCalister, 5925 Raton Ln. number 154, Ft. Worth

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Ethel Laverne McVae, 4202 Parkway Rd., Big Spring, Texas
Heriberto Palafox Mora, 1311 Mobile St., Big Spring
Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover Rd.
Dana Kay Peach, 1806 N 13th, Lamesa
Nicole Preston, 1605 E 11th place, Big Spring
Jacquelin Dannon Ramey, 1404 E 6th St. Big Spring
Gilbert P. Ramirez, 1614 Settles, Big Spring
Byron Roberts, 2206 Alabama St Big Spring

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Gas Buddy weekly report

March 30, 2020 - Texas gas prices have fallen 10.6 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$1.75/g today, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 38.1 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 71.1 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.25/g today while the most expensive is \$2.54/g, a difference of \$1.29/g. The lowest price in the state today is \$1.25/g while the highest is \$2.54/g, a difference of \$1.29/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 10.1 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$1.97/g today. The national average is down 45.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 72.7 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

Historical gasoline prices in Texas and the national average going back ten years:

March 30, 2019: \$2.46/g (U.S. Average: \$2.70/g)
March 30, 2018: \$2.41/g (U.S. Average: \$2.65/g)
March 30, 2017: \$2.11/g (U.S. Average: \$2.32/g)
March 30, 2016: \$1.89/g (U.S. Average: \$2.05/g)
March 30, 2015: \$2.21/g (U.S. Average: \$2.42/g)
March 30, 2014: \$3.36/g (U.S. Average: \$3.55/g)
March 30, 2013: \$3.52/g (U.S. Average: \$3.64/g)
March 30, 2012: \$3.82/g (U.S. Average: \$3.93/g)
March 30, 2011: \$3.50/g (U.S. Average: \$3.60/g)
March 30, 2010: \$2.66/g (U.S. Average: \$2.78/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

Midland Odessa- \$1.88/g, down 12.0 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.00/g.

San Antonio- \$1.66/g, down 9.2 cents per gallon

from last week's \$1.76/g.

Austin- \$1.70/g, down 8.6 cents per gallon from last

week's \$1.79/g.

"Today, we enter the 38th straight day the national average gas price has fallen, and the first week of the national average being under \$2/gal for the first time in over four years as motorists park their cars and shelter in place, leading to an unprecedented drop never before seen in U.S. gasoline demand, causing prices to sink like a rock," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "With the nation continuing to be under siege from the coronavirus and millions staying parked at home, there's quite a bit more downside that's in the pipeline coming in the weeks ahead. We could easily see the national average fall 50 cents to a dollar per gallon, while pricey states like California will see the biggest drops to come, playing catch up to the drop that has seen twenty nine states average gas prices fall under \$2. Motorists should continue to be vigilant if they need to fill their tanks- bring hand sanitizer and potentially wipes, but also shop around as the gap between station widens to historic levels."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. Unlike AAA's once daily survey covering credit card transactions at 100,000 stations and the Lundberg Survey, updated once every two weeks based on 7,000 gas stations, GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com>.

Atmos Energy Recommends Measures to Avoid Increased Scam Activity

Special to the Herald

According to the Federal Trade Commission, scammers are exploiting fear surrounding the coronavirus pandemic to access bank account information, PIN codes or Social Security numbers through illegal robo-calls and other nefarious tactics. In light of this increased activity, Atmos Energy reminds customers to be especially aware of scammers who are taking advantage of the ongoing public health emergency to steal money and personal information while posing as public utility representatives.

“During these unprecedented times, our focus remains the same: the safety of the public, our employees and our system is our highest priority, and this includes helping protect our customers from the harmful impact of a utility impostor scam,” says Jeff Martinez, Atmos Energy vice president of customer service. “Unfortunately, scammers continuously adapt and occasionally fool even the most

sophisticated customers. Customers should always be aware of telephone, mail, email, door-to-door and other in-person scams that involve criminals posing as Atmos Energy representatives and demanding immediate payment or personal information.”

Scammers typically use three strategies – in-person, online or phone – to target utility customers’ money, property and personal information. Atmos Energy recommends customers take the following steps to protect themselves from fraud:

- Employee Impostors
 - Always ask for an employee’s identification badge, which displays their name, photograph and the Atmos Energy logo.
 - If you suspect an impostor, immediately call the Atmos Energy customer service number at 888.286.6700 to verify the employee’s identity and contact local authorities.
 - Beware of impostors demanding payment at your door. Atmos Ener-

gy employees will never collect cash payments in person.

- Email Scams
 - Beware of bogus emails requesting immediate payment of your bill, particularly with prepaid debit cards.
 - Verify that your account number is listed accurately.
 - Do not click on any links in the suspicious email, as many contain viruses.
 - Verify your account balance through the online Account Center at <https://www.atmosenergy.com/ac-countcenter>
 - Telephone Scams
 - Telephone scams are also on the rise, where criminals pose as utility employees and demand immediate payment of past due balances.
 - If you ever have concerns about the legitimacy of a call, please hang up and call the Atmos Energy customer service number at 888.286.6700.
- For more information, please visit our website with steps to protect your

family from fraud: <https://www.atmosenergy.com/customer-service/beware-utility-scams>.

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CROP

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far. Most producers were finishing cotton planting and were hoping chances of rain in the forecast will materialize.

AgriLife Extension agent reports from other southern parts of the state reported spotty crop emergence, failed germination and delayed plantings due to severe to extreme drought.

CENTRAL

Producers need to get into fields, but moisture was preventing work in much of the district. Nearly all counties reported adequate soil moisture and good rangeland and pasture conditions. Pecan and mesquite trees were budding. Cattle markets were still down. Livestock were in good condition. Pastures were greening with full tanks and good soil moisture. Supplemental feeding of livestock decreased significantly. Some fields of small grains began to head out. Corn was emerging well. Fruit trees were

blooming, and producers were applying herbicides on weeds in hay pastures.

SOUTH PLAINS

Subsoil and topsoil moisture levels were good. Winter wheat and rangeland were in fair condition. Some farmers were planting oats and others were spraying wheat to get ready for cotton planting. Pastures were in good condition with the recent rains. Cattle were reported to be in good condition.

PANHANDLE

Subsoil and topsoil moisture levels were adequate. Pastures and rangelands were fair and slowly beginning to green up with warmer temperatures. Winter wheat conditions were fair to excellent. Some wheat streak mosaic and rust were reported in various fields. Stocker cattle were being moved from wheat-for-grain fields to graze out wheat. The central Panhandle reported adequate topsoil moisture and adequate subsoil moisture. Pastures and rangelands were poor to fair.

FAR WEST

Temperatures averaged in the upper 90s with lows in the mid-40s. High winds put the district under a red-flag warning. Rain averaged between trace amounts and 2 inches. Cotton producers started applying herbicides and prepared to plant in about 45 days. Rangeland conditions were improving. Winter wheat made good stands and should produce well. Alfalfa weevil hit fields hard this year. Some farmers sprayed, while the others mowed. Chile planting started. Pecan farmers were finishing last-minute pruning and preparing for irrigation. Livestock conditions were fair to good amid fair pasture conditions. Lambing and kidding were almost complete. Producers continued to feed livestock and wildlife.

WEST CENTRAL

Conditions were warm and sunny. Pastures and forages were growing, and some warm-season forages were emerging. Mesquite trees were breaking winter dormancy. Sorghum planting started and should pick up pace soon. Most ponds and tanks were full. Livestock were in fair condition. Supplemental feeding of livestock slowed.

RECORDS

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- Michael Robinson, 801 Anne St., Big Spring
- Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Rd., Big Spring
- Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City
- Polly Ann Rusk, 4201 W Hwy 80, Big Spring
- Elizabeth Salazar, 1808 Hearn, Big Spring, Texas
- Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place, Apt. 301, Big Spring
- Derrick Dewayne Smith, 703 West 16th, San Angelo, Texas
- Leon Torres, 1500 Lincoln, Big Spring
- Michael Ray Watson, 1503 Tucson Rd., Big Spring
- Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, 2526 Fairchild, Big Spring
- Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd., Apt. #28, Big Spring

District Court Filings

- Plaintiff: Laura Prince
- Defendant: Sammy Prince Jr.
- Type of Case: Divorce
- Date: March 30, 2020

- Plaintiff: Fabian Butler
- Defendant: City of Big Spring, Texas
- Type of Case: Civil Case
- Date: March 30, 2020

- Plaintiff: Big Spring YMCA
- Defendant: Kimball APEX Construction U.S. LLC DBA APEX Pools
- Type of Case: Contract – Consumer/Commercial/Debt
- Date: March 30, 2020

- Plaintiff: Paige Towing and Recovery, LLC
- Defendant: Juan Rene Vasquez
- Type of Case: Civil Case
- Date: March 30, 2020

- Plaintiff: Second Round Sub., LLC Assignee of Comenity Bank
- Defendant: Amy Briseno
- Type of Case: Contract – Consumer/Commercial/Debt
- Date: March 31, 2020

- Plaintiff: Velocity Investments, LLC Assignee of Onemain Financial

- Defendant: Stacy Coffman
- Type of Case: Contract – Consumer/Commercial/Debt
- Date: April 1, 2020

- Plaintiff: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC
- Defendant: Melissa Chavez
- Type of Case: Contract – Consumer/Commercial/Debt
- Date: April 1, 2020

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For additional information visit www.crmwd.org

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Help Wanted

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Contact **Amanda Duforat 432-263-7331 Ext. 230** for questions or to submit your resume at editor@bigspringherald.com.

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CAUSE NO. P-15001

IN THE ESTATE OF ANDREA MAE HOWARD, DECEASED

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ANDREA MAE HOWARD, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that

Legals

original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of ANDREA MAE HOWARD, DECEASED were issued on March 30, 2020, in Cause No. P-15001 pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to MARK E. FORD.

The residence of MARK E. FORD is P.O. Box 1301, Levelland, TX 79336.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 30th day of March, 2020.

/s/Mark E. Ford
MARK E. FORD

#10518

CAUSE NO. P-15004

IN THE ESTATE OF URSULA M. GOMEZ, DECEASED

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF URSULA M. GOMEZ, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of URSULA M. GOMEZ, DECEASED were issued on March 18, 2020, in Cause No. P-15004 pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to MICHAEL JOSEPH GOMEZ.

The residence of MICHAEL JOSEPH GOMEZ is 5814 Colgate, Lubbock, Texas 79416.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 18th day of March, 2020.

/s/Michael Joseph Gomez
MICHAEL JOSEPH GOMEZ

#10519

Notice of Application for Oil and Gas Waste Disposal Well Permit

HighPeak Energy Holdings, LLC. Is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced saltwater or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation which is not productive of oil or gas. The Applicant proposes to dispose of oil and

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gas waste into the Ellenburger Formation in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field of the Engle SWD #1H well, surface location at 212' FNL & 2408' FWL of Section 46, Block 27, H&TC RR co. Survey, Abstract 1201, Howard County, Texas with bottom hole location at 1802' FSEL & 2392' FWL, same section, block, survey and abstract, Howard County, Texas. The surface location of the proposed disposal well is located approximately 8.6 miles northeast of Coahoma, Texas, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field of Howard County, Texas. The wastewater will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 8615 feet to 9515 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services, Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

#10509

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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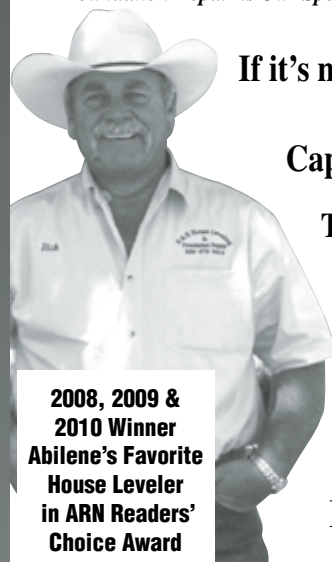
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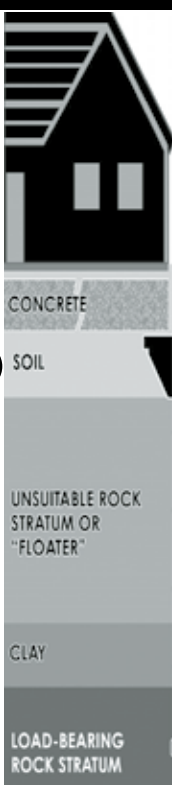
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#10496

Notice of Application for Oil and Gas Waste Disposal Well Permit

HighPeak Energy Holdings, LLC. Is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced saltwater or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation which is not productive of oil or gas. The Applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Ellenburger Formation in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field of the Will Ed SWD #1H well, surface location at 1368' FNL & 2426' FWL of Section 16, Block 25, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Abstract 1175, Howard County, Texas with bottom hole location at 1109' FSL & 1841' FWL, same section, block, survey and abstract, Howard County, Texas. The surface location of the proposed disposal well is located approximately 11.6 miles northeast of Coahoma, Texas, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field of Howard County, Texas. The wastewater will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 8740 feet to 9620 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services, Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

#10511



Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Zia magic

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH ♠ Q 10 8 5 2 ♥ 10 ♦ J 10 4 ♣ 7 6 3 2 EAST ♠ A J 7 ♥ 8 4 3 2 ♦ 2 ♣ K Q J 10 4 SOUTH ♠ — ♥ K Q J 9 5 ♦ A Q 8 7 6 5 ♣ A 8 The bidding: East South West North Pass 1♦ 2♠ Pass 2♥ Pass 4♥ Pass 5♦ Pass 4♥ Pass 5♦ Opening lead — king of clubs.

Today's deal was reported by Roger Allen, a high school math teacher from Toronto. Allen had kibitzed Zia Mahmood at a match in the 1998 Vanderbilt Teams and felt it was his journalistic duty to make sure that what he saw reached "the light of day in the bridge press." Zia is particularly noted for his ability to create a subterfuge that diverts an opponent from the winning line of play. Such was the case in this deal. Zia was East and remarkably remained calm during the auction.

Legals

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE (REAL PROPERTY)

BY VIRTUE OF A Writ of Execution issued out of the 18th District Court of Howard County, State of Texas, in a certain cause numbered: CV55792 where in Lakeland West Capital 37 LLC the Plaintiff, and Inhome Care and Michael Earl Waters is the Defendant, in favor of said Plaintiff, for the sum of \$5,431,297.33 judgments, plus interest of \$98,161.94 plus attorney's fees of \$309.00, the amount with interest thereon from October 28, 2019 at the rate of 5% per annum, and the further sum of \$100.00 cost of suit together with legal fees \$309.00 servicing fee, and commissions for collecting the same. I on the] 0th of March, 2020 at 12:49p.m. have levied upon, and will on the 5th of May 2020, at 300 S Main at the north courthouse door, between the hours of 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in Big Spring, Texas with in legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of Michael Waters, in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of the defendant, to wit:

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Stan Parker Sheriff Howard County, Texas By: ___/s/ Chief Deputy Dean Restelli 432-264-2231

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face location at 212' FNL & 320' FEL of Section 17, Block 25, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Abstract 22, Howard County, Texas with bottom hole location at 251' FNL & 1904' FWL, same section, block, survey and abstract, Howard County, Texas. The surface location of the proposed disposal well is located approximately 12.9 miles northeast of Coahoma, Texas, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field of Howard County, Texas. The wastewater will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 8600 feet to 9490 feet.

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#10510

Concerned for Elderly During Quarantine

Dear Annie: I am so concerned for my elderly loved ones during this pandemic, my father in particular. He's 89 and lives in a retirement community. As of today, they're still allowing them to go to the dining hall. They've reduced the number of tables and seating by half so that everyone can be spaced out. However, it seems like such a huge and unnecessary risk, given their age group. I've urged him to stay at his house (he has a little standalone unit on the campus), but he refuses to listen. He says that breakfast and lunch are the only times he gets to socialize. What can I do to get him to take this seriously? -- Distressed Daughter

Dear Distressed:

First, I must note that this is a rapidly evolving situation. Between the time I write this column and when it goes to print, the circumstances will almost certainly have shifted. Check

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That being said, you might share with your father that these are the groups at high risk for severe illness from COVID-19 (list courtesy of CDC.gov):

- People aged 65 years and older.
- People who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility.
- People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma.
- People who have heart disease with complications.
- People who are immunocompromised including cancer treatment.
- People of any age with severe obesity or certain underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, such as those with diabetes, renal failure or liver disease, might also be at risk.
- People who are pregnant should be

monitored since they are known to be at risk with severe viral illness; however, to date, data on COVID-19 has not shown increased risk.

--Many conditions can cause a person to be immunocompromised, including cancer treatment, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications.

Your dad belongs to at least two of those groups. The best thing that any of us can do right now is to stay home as much as possible, and that is especially true for seniors and other high-risk groups. Please visit CDC.gov for the latest info and AARP.org for information pertinent to seniors.

Dear Annie: During this unexpected upheaval around the globe, I believe that isolation is as harmful as the threat of physical illness. Now is a

good time for friends and family to gather together to count blessings as well as to share grief. One big blessing is that most of us can stay connected over the internet and telephone. In order to stay connected, there are free services like Skype, FaceTime, Google Hangouts and video conferences on Zoom. I have started to call those who live alone and those I haven't spoken to in years. My favorite thing to do is to throw virtual tea parties on Zoom with small groups. It feels so uplifting to maintain a sense of community. -- Putting the Kettle On

Dear Putting the Kettle On: I absolutely love this idea. Socializing is so important to our mental health, and in reducing stress, it contributes to our physical health, as well. I appreciate your excellent suggestions.

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

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4	6	5	7	2	7	6	3	8	1
8	7	3	8	9	4	2	6	5	7
6	8	2	5	1	4	8	7	6	4
6	9	6	8	4	7	7	4	7	6
2	5	2	7	5	7	1	6	9	8
3	1	8	7	4	7	4	6	9	8
3	1	8	7	4	7	4	6	9	8
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4	6	5	7	2	7	6	3	8	1

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



Virgo Moon Growing Power

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you follow your own leadership, reward, encourage and treat yourself. The more you reinforce a preferred behavior, the more likely you are to exhibit it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll ask yourself, "Is this who I want to be?" and then make little adjustments from there to either reinforce your choice or turn it in a new direction.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The sky is not falling. It makes some people feel better to join in a panic, and there's always one going on somewhere. You can choose to participate in it or not. Do what's right for you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The only motive to have now is no motive at all. This is a time to be hyper-aware of what is so. And if you can love

what's going on, then you'll be even more powerful in the situation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're thoroughly original. It's not that you reject the traditional approach or the way most others are doing it, it's just that you clearly see a way to do it differently.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will feel compelled to nurture those in need better than you would care for yourself. Why? Step back and challenge yourself to give yourself your highest and best.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're not "too" anything. You're just right in all of the categories -- just right for you, for this time, for the current circumstances. If you want to change something, start by accepting where you are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Loving is easier than communicating love, which can be tricky, laden in

expectation and the pressure to get things right. For today, stop trying to communicate and just focus on loving.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You improve the world by doing as much as you can in the tribes you belong to. If you feel limited by the group, then you'll join another. Your capacity for friendship and service is bigger than most.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People don't generally follow advice, but they don't have to follow it to be helped by you. Your assistance comes by way of example. You show up strong; they follow suit.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 5). This solar return lights a heartfire, and you'll hang your star on ideas you hadn't thought possible. Make vision boards, to-do lists, bucket lists and the like. Motivation and plan will come together with a satisfying click. You'll have money to invest in July. September brings a sweet happening in your personal life. Gemini and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 33, 28, 40 and 11.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The tension between Mars and Uranus brings us into full awareness that we don't know everything we want to or need to know to move forward. Many will be enticed to sign up for formal coaching or classes. Those who love a good plan will ready themselves, believing that a difficulty you expect is much easier to handle and master than one you don't. But if the luxury of formal education isn't within your reach, don't worry. Learning

on your feet might be frustrating but it makes you stronger than any other kind of learning. Life isn't a controlled environment in which the tests and lessons have been laid out logically, leading to the mastery of one skill set. Life is more of a jungle free-for-all where the rules, if there are any, keep changing. The prizes change, too.

Thoughts for the pink super moon: All relationships have an arc. It's about the same whether the relationship is professional, platonic or romantic in nature. There's a honeymoon phase, followed by a phase marked by the less euphoric feeling of reality setting in. If the relationship makes it past that point, often it's because connections are established on many different levels and a daily give and take occurs that is helpful and enriching to all involved on a daily basis.

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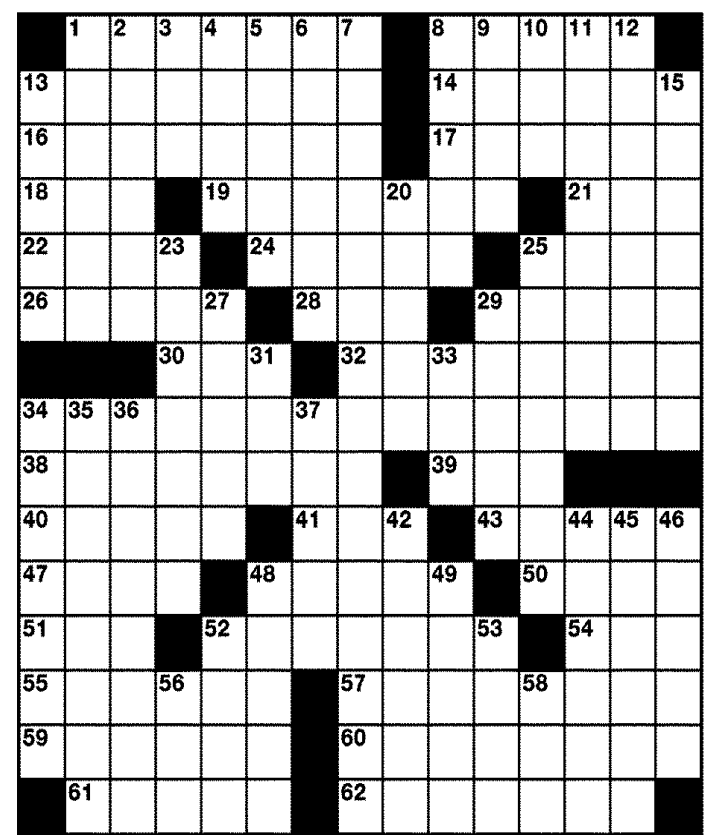
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Anna Stiga
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- ACROSS**
1 Frame + engine, transmission et al.
8 Anarchist in the news (1920)
13 Bedspread material
14 Having not missed the bus
16 Where a pat might be placed
17 Don't bother
18 VICTORY (1956 headline)
19 Covers of eaves
21 Judge on BBC's *Strictly Come Dancing* (2004-2016)
22 Not very bright
24 Becomes separated
25 Exemplar of refinement
26 All gone
28 Sixth-century date
29 Squad on a mission
30 One use for a 16 Across
32 Cyrano, by birth
34 Think
38 High-edged edible
39 What Brits call a "four-by-four"
40 Something delightful
41 Ender for walk or run
43 Current EU candidates
47 Sandwich in Parliament
48 Bothers, with "at"
50 It's seen on *Irishman* posters
51 NBA Atlantic venue
52 Dancing you can hear

- 54 Tom's *Top Gun* rival
55 Ready (to)
57 Integrated
59 Opus with the *duetto* "*Desdemona real!*"
60 Kept happening
61 Erenow
62 Conflict-avoidance phrase
- DOWN**
1 Yogi's power point
2 Because of this
3 "Can't you tell me the rest of it?"
4 Baronets' designations
5 Cutter's close kin
6 On fast food, perhaps
7 [NO CLUE NEEDED]
- 8 Shakes on
9 Honest Words (biography for kids)
10 Camp site
11 It's got their number
12 Avenue beside Reading Railroad
13 Discommend
15 "Brush your breath" sloganeer (c. 1980)
20 "Ruin, eldest daughter of Zeus" work
23 Closest gal or guy
25 Place for a pilot
27 Skunk on a field
29 Highly observant
31 Manufacturer of tiny bricks
33 Clinicians' designation
- 34 Lifting
35 City with numerous keys
36 Physical and mental powers
37 Lightning strike by-product
42 Gershwin's first hit song
44 Big name in 20th-century frescoes
45 Archer's wrist guard
46 Took care of clogs, say
48 Play guy "sure to come tomorrow"
49 Visual aids
52 It's far from Aristotelean
53 Skin source
56 Suitable for Stumpers
58 Something heated



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ELMS BIRD DIANA
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DOUGHNUT AND
CREPES ORAL
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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to car care.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 21 = e)

A. 13 21 26 8 22 10 21
Clue: Car or truck

B. 17 9 8 12 3 9 8 12
Clue: Take care of

C. 21 12 11 8 12 21
Clue: Converts power into motion

D. 17 21 22 26 9 12 8 22
Clue: Fixes cars

Answers: A. vehicle B. maintain C. engine D. mechanic

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- CLEAN THUMBS
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