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## Oil prices hit all-time low Monday, dramatically dropping, market closes **-\$37.63**

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
Managing Editor

West Texas oil prices hit an all-time low Monday as oil prices plummeted. In less than a couple of hours oil prices took more than a 300% drop going from less than \$5 a barrel to well below \$0. By mid-afternoon oil was sitting in the negatives and steadily declining. The oil market closed at **-\$37.63** a barrel on Monday afternoon.

"This price drop was drastic and unless there is some relief that comes from the government, about which there is ongoing discussion, it will be difficult for producers and oil producing regions," Quincy Krosby, Prudential Financial Chief Market Strategist, said. "The shale producers are incredibly important. It's difficult to imagine the producers in the Permian Basin and across the country of being left without aide."

As Krosby stated, the decline of oil prices have a domino effect on the economy. If you have shale producers default on their debt, they go under, they let people go and then the banks in the region aren't getting paid and are under pressure, as well as the other companies associated in shale production and hydraulic fracturing.

"The government is determined to cushion the downturn in hopes of coming out of the shutdown businesses and consumers are poised to once again engage in economic activities," she said.

According to Krosby there is ongoing discussions at the higher levels of government about financial aide programs or facilities, to keep producers from producing, to stop oil production but still be paid until the global demand picks up.

Monday's oil prices decline was the first time in history that oil prices dropped as quickly and as low as they did. The last major downturn, as referenced by Krosby was in November 2014, when the Saudis began pumping oil at increased rates. The idea behind the increased production was to put pressure on those producers who were unable to function because of lower prices and then to dra-

matically drop prices forcing a consolidation in the industry.

"This had a major effect on shale producers. The message from this was to tell those countries that had found oil and gas that it may be good to go explore and drill now with high prices, but that prices would eventually drop and shelf those projects. Many of the shale producers did go out of business and consolidation did take place."

The attack from the Saudi's on the oil industry came to a stop when Brent Oil reached \$28 a barrel, causing them to not be able to sustain their financial support programs. However, before the pressure was backed off, the high yield shale producers had to deal with tremendous consolidation.

"What was surprising for shale producers was they were able to come back at a lower price thanks to the introduction of technologies," she said. "The changing technologies enabled them to come back with profitability."

While the price drop of 2014 was related to increased production, Monday's drop is the opposite end of the spectrum and are the result of the collapse of demand. The oil reserves have reached capacity at this point and oil producers no longer have anywhere to send their oil.

"Forward looking the contracts are at a higher price with the assumption that as the global economy turns the corner, the global price will begin to inch higher as demand picks up albeit slowly," Krosby said.

As West Texas begins to look ahead at to the next step, Krosby offers a light at the end of the tunnel, even amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to Ray Perryman, Economist with the Perryman Group, said oil prices have declined due to the combination of plummeting demand as economies and industries around the world shut down due to COVID-19 and rising supply, as well as threats of even more due to the collapse of talks earlier this year among major global oil producers to try to bring discipline to the market.

"The recent agreement by OPEC+, the United States, and other nations is not sufficient to rebalance markets due to the unprecedented effects of shutting down huge segments of the world economy, though it is an important step to keep the supply overhang from getting as big as it would otherwise," Perryman said.

According to Perryman, as the economy begins to recover from COVID-19 restrictions and travel prohibitions, oil markets can normalize rather quickly.

"I anticipate that prices will recover to sustainable levels for West Texas producers in the next few months. In the 1980s, prices fell to around \$8.00 per barrel," he said. "That recovery took a while because there were massive structural problems in the market and the economy which exacerbated a growing oversupply situation - the savings and loan and real estate collapse."

He continued, "If you want to go back further, prices fell to around a dime per barrel in the East Texas oil field in the 1930s. That one also lasted a while as a result of the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl. This time, the basic structure of the economy was sound going into the COVID-19 disruptions and once major parts of the economy are able to resume operations."

Krosby added, "It is fortunate that the government at this point, as opposed to back in 2014-15, is that the focus is completely on cushioning the downside of this shutdown. The government is all in, whether its the Federal Reserves, the Treasury Department, Administration and Congress, they are all in. I would be shocked if the government turned its back on the shale producers. This isn't about protecting companies that are going under; it's about making certain the economy doesn't go deeper into a downturn and then perhaps evolve into a depression."

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



### COVID-19 Updates as of Monday

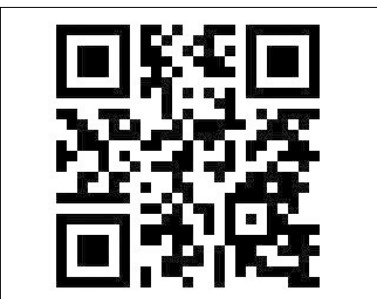
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## Adopt - A - Senior initiative taking off on Facebook

By **ERICA MORSE**

Herald Contributing Writer

2020 was the year Jacque Foster-Richardson and her family have been waiting for – the year her son, Taylor, was to walk the stage at Coahoma High School to accept his diploma.

Due to COVID-19, however, Taylor won't be celebrating with a typical graduation this year. His mom, Jacque, was becoming increasingly frustrated knowing her son is missing out on important moments from his senior year.

"It was 2:00 in the morning – on Thursday, April 9th – and I just made the Facebook page," Jacque Foster-Richardson said. "I was thinking about Taylor and all the other kids who aren't going to have a normal graduation and wanted to do something to support them."

In its first week, the official group, 'Adopt a High School Senior – Howard County Texas Area – has developed a membership of over 1,180 members. The group includes parents of area high school seniors, local residents and business owners seeking to support the students.

Currently, there are approximately 200 seniors from Coahoma, Big Spring, Stanton, Forsan, Garden City, Westbrook, Grady and Sands who are available for 'adoption'.

Foster-Richardson, a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Coahoma Elementary, spends all day on the computer with her students, and her evenings online running the page.

"I'm on the computer with my own students from 8 a.m. to 3:30 every day, and the rest of the time I'm trying to do this page," she said. It's exploded just in the first five days," Jacque Foster-Richardson said. "I had to hire a couple people to help me run it."

The seniors first fill out a form, which is provided in the Facebook group. It contains information about the student's likes and dislikes from their favorite scent to their favorite candy or snack. The senior's parents then post that information, along with their teen's photo in the group, for their student to be 'adopted'. Posts seeking a sponsor contain the hashtag, "#NotAdopted. When a senior is chosen, the post is changed to the hashtag #Adopted.

From there, the family and the sponsor connect via messenger, where they exchange more information.

So far, 66 area high school seniors have been 'adopted' by good Samaritans in the region.

The student's parent or legal guardian must post their child's adoption request, especially since the parents communicate directly with the adopter. "We've had some high school kids try to post for their friends, but we want to make sure every student and their information remains protected," Foster-Richardson said. "We don't publish any personal information about the student and the parents handle those



*Courtesy photo*

Coahoma High School senior Taylor Barnes shows off his gift basket. Taylor's mom started a Facebook group allowing the community to 'adopt' an area high school senior as a gesture of support for their lost events and celebrations due to COVID-19.

private messages."

While the effort is cheering up area seniors, it's also helping local businesses stay afloat at a time when sales are down.

"Small business owners have come into the group to offer gift ideas for the 'adoptees', and that allows us to help keep them open. One of my son's gifts was a yard sign with his graduation year (2020) and his name. That was done by a local printer, so everyone benefits."

"People are just going to stores and getting them little gifts; my son received one with Gatorade and Oreos, but it let him know someone was thinking about him."

The group is public – meaning, open to everyone – and can be found via Facebook. There is a section titled, 'Rules' where the guidelines and how-to's of the effort are outlined for anyone who may be interested in learning more.

To join the group or learn how to be an adopter or an adoptee, log onto the Facebook group titled, 'Adopt a High School Senior – Howard County Texas Area.'

"We want all the seniors to know we're thinking of them and that we're loving and supporting them," Foster-Richardson said.



Obituaries

E.J. Russell

E.J. Russell, 91, of Big Spring, died Saturday, April 18, 2020, at home. Private family graveside services will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.



E.J. was born Sept. 5, 1928. He married Barbara Riggs July 30, 1949. He served during the end of World War II in the Navy, and was stationed on a battleship in Guam. His many passions in life included his family, coffee with friends, and playing bridge and dominos. He was an astonishing dancer and loved the Dallas Cowboys.

He was a member of College Baptist Church. He

worked for Cosden Refinery for 32 years.

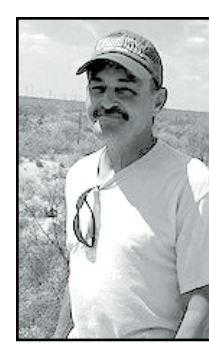
Survivors include his devoted son, Steve Russell and his wife, Judy of Fort Worth; six grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; and one sibling, Clarice Cleghorn. His life was blessed with the expressions of love, frequent visits, and daily conversations with Steve. His passing will leave a void that cannot be filled.

E.J. was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Barbara Russell; his parents, Fred and Carrie Russell; two daughters, Diane Russell and Carolyn Moore; and siblings, Ruby Russell Pitts, Lois Russell Evans, and Mary Russell Gays.

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

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Steven C. Cosby



Steven C. Cosby, age 59, of Odessa, Texas, passed from this life on Friday, April 17, 2020. He was born in Portales, New Mexico on Oct. 21, 1959, to Buddie Ray Cosby and Patricia Ann Tidwell.

Survivors include his father: Buddie Cosby and wife Amanda of Gainesville, FL; mother: Patricia Cosby of Atlantic Beach, FL; sister: Cynthia McDonald and husband Terence of Hollywood,

FL.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association or JDRF for diabetes research.

No services have been scheduled at this time. Arrangements are entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel and condolences to the family may be sent online at [acreswestfuneral.com](http://acreswestfuneral.com).

Wilbur Leo "Pat" Grigg

Wilbur Leo "Pat" Grigg, 80, passed away peacefully at his home on April 19, 2020. Private services for the family will be 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 22, 2020, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



He was born on Aug. 25, 1939 to Rosamond and C.C. Grigg. He attended school in Ackerly and graduated from Ackerly High School in 1957.

He married his high school sweetheart, Penny Butchee in 1959, and they were blessed with a son, Robyn Le. Pat married Patsy Gail Hayworth in 1968. They were married for 43 years, and their son Jason was born in 1973. He was a loving father to his stepdaughter Laura, who he raised as if she was his own.

He worked for several years for Cabot carbon black plant until they closed. He then worked for many years as head of maintenance at Howard College.

Pat and Patsy loved to travel in their RV and visited several states in their lifetime. He loved to be outdoors and kept an immaculate yard and flowerbeds. He could fix anything himself and rarely paid for any plumbing or repairs as a result. He loved helping people and was always ready to give advice, which was usually, "Oh, it's easy! You just..." (It was never easy.) He loved to swap tall tales with his brothers and tell stories of their childhood pranks. He and his son Jason were avid fans of the Lady Hawks and Coahoma Bulldog girls' softball teams, and they enjoyed watching the ladies softball games on television.

Pat attended Trinity Baptist Church for many years, and he had a steadfast faith. He enjoyed visiting and eating out with his church buddies, whom he loved dearly. He was a loving and patient caretaker for his wife Patsy and son Jason in their various medical needs.

He is survived by his son Robyn Grigg-Harris of San Diego, CA; his son Jason Dennis Grigg of Big Spring; his daughter Laura and her husband, James Dumas of Midland; his beloved granddaughters, Hannah Dumas of Denton, TX and Leah Dumas of Midland; along with his brothers, Dub Grigg and wife, Kay of Big Spring, Buster and wife, Judy of Corrigan, Texas; sister-in-law Nelda Grigg of Bedford TX; and his faithful dog Tilly.

Pat was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Patsy; his brother Bill and wife, Joyce Grigg; and his brother, Pete Grigg.

Pat loved people, and to know him was to love him.

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Dan Billington, 64, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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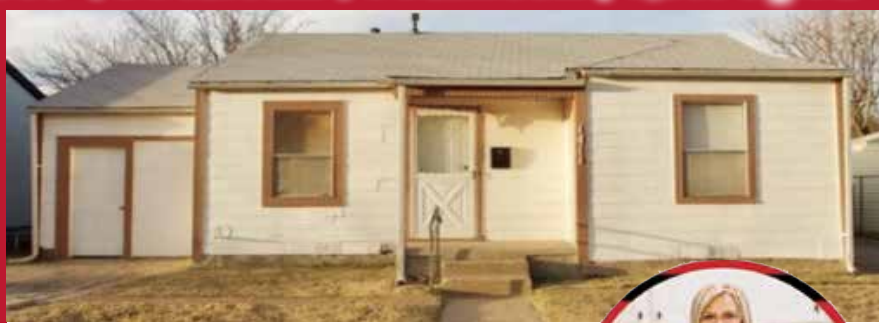
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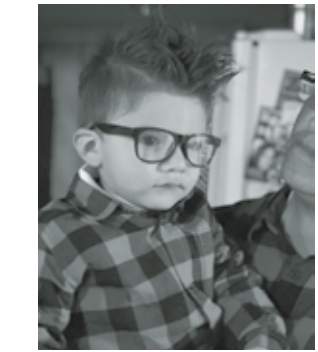
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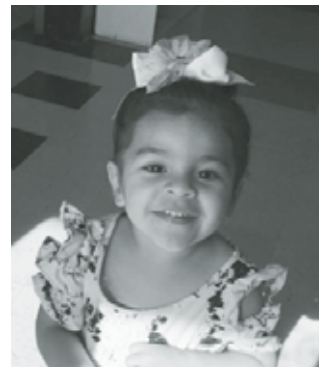
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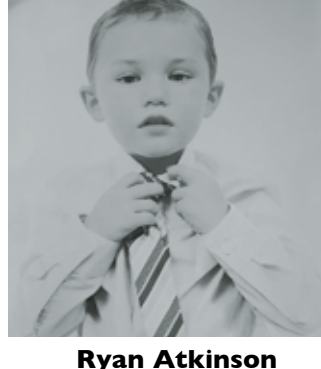
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# Pair of Buffalo ballers named to TABC All-State Academic Team



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Pictured above left: Ryan Buske gets ready to head to the paint during an inbound play for the Buffaloes. Pictured above right: Jonathon Gabehart (40) shows off his handles and makes his way down the court.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

It has now been over one month since the last sporting event around the city of Big Spring happened. Even though the UIL has now canceled the rest of the spring sports season, there are still some postseason awards rolling in.

The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) has recently selected their Academic All-State teams. On that list was two Forsan Buffaloes: seniors Ryan Buske and Jonathon Gabehart.

To be named, or even nominated as, a Texas Academic All-State player the athlete must (1) be in good standing with the team, (2) have good moral character, (3) be a senior and (4) have an overall grade point average of 92 or higher throughout entire high school career.

That means that Buske and Gabehart not only dominated the books this year as much as they were forces on the court, but also have been excelling in the classroom since the day they first walked into Forsan High School.

The duo made the 2A list after thriving both on the court and in the classroom. The Buffs' were knocked out of the first round of the postseason this year, but these two multi-sport stars were still excelling in their classes.

At the end of last week, Forsan superintendent Randy Johnson tweeted out from the school's personal Twitter account about the cancellation of the remainder of the in-person school year and the rest of spring sports.

Johnson said, "But first, there are about five

weeks of school remaining. We want all of our students to reach their full potential and to accomplish their goals. A serious approach to schoolwork and a 'finish strong' attitude are both important in these last few weeks."

With Forsan and all the other local high schools shut down because of the coronavirus, students have had to get used to the idea of their own bedroom or kitchen table serving as their classroom. While a lot of students might have trouble with distance learning, that was obviously not an issue for the pairing of Buske and Gabehart.

The duo have now played their final games in the black and silver and will be heading off to college in the fall. They both join teammate Zane Riffe as seniors who have been honored with postseason awards this year.

With all of that talent leaving the team heading into next year, the Buffaloes and Head Coach Cory Richardson will be working through some things such as team chemistry and how to play smart on the court.

"We'll miss those guys and we'll miss the leadership. I think we have ballplayers and we have athletes but their leadership is going to be hard to replace," Richardson said.

Now that three veteran players who are at the top of the top of their games will be graduating and departing, Forsan will need to build that chemistry up over the offseason. There will be some new team leaders such as Paul Evans, Mason Hillger, and Cayden Morgan that will take over the reigns from Buske and Gabehart.

While Buske and Gabehart might not have been the highest scorers on the team, they were both extremely consistent and always seemed to knock down a shot whenever the team needed it.

Buske was a force on the low block in many games this past season. The big man used his frame to out-muscle and outmaneuver the opponents under the basket for a healthy heaping of rebounds over the course of the year.

On the other hand, Gabehart was an active player who seemed to get his hands into a ton of passing lanes and collected steals. He also has a nice mid-range shot but did most of his damage close to the basket. Even when he was not able to get the ball to fall, Gabehart was tremendous at drawing fouls.

The way that both of these players played the game of basketball shows their intelligence off of the court. They both play the game extremely smart and with their strong fundamentals showing through.

Now that sports are over for the remainder of the school year, Forsan and Richardson can even start looking ahead to the next basketball season soon. They will have to replace with top-level talent and teammates in the fall but with the mark that players such as Buske and Gabehart have made on the program, it will not be difficult for the younger players to step up and take over those well-established roles.

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

# UTPB to continue streaming historic Falcons games online

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

The University of Texas-Permian Basin has recently been streaming games that have gone down in history as some of the best the Falcons have ever played. The athletic department is calling these streams UTPB Classics and have been streaming them on Youtube for the last couple of weeks.

This week, the Falcons go all the way back to when the volleyball team upset No. 10 Tarleton on Senior Day in 2018. The Falcons handed Tarleton their only loss of the Lone Star Conference schedule on the final day of the regular season. It was the biggest upset in program history and the first win over a ranked team in the Tim Loesch era.

The Falcons advanced to their first ever LSC Tournament and used it as a springboard to win 20 games in 2019. After the season, Skyler Friel was named a Lone Star Conference First Team selection after setting the program's hitting percentage record.

That game will be streamed on April 24 at 1 p.m. on the UTPB Youtube channel.

There are also a couple of other options for Falcons fans to watch when they get online. The Falcons have also posted the men's basketball team win over Texas A&M-Commerce that clinched the conference regular season title back in 2017.

If you enjoy the volleyball stream this week, then taking a look at another Falcons classic victory on the court will also quench your thirst for sports in this trying time.

In the other classic, the Falcons show off their skills and get a playoff victory over Dallas Baptist. It was the first Lone Star Conference playoff win for the Falcons in their program's history and also the first team that surpassed the 20-win mark.

With no sports currently on, Falcons fans and other sports enthusiasts should check out the UTPB Youtube channel this Friday afternoon.

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



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**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You'll be focused on attracting the sort of people who are a good fit for you, a key component of compatibility being their ability to pay the price you charge, which encompasses more currencies than one.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** There are some things that people don't see naturally. They have to learn to see them, or maybe they have to unlearn ignoring them. You'll become informed, and things will look different to you.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** In an oxymoronic statement, Henry Ford wisely suggested, "A business that makes nothing but money is a poor business." Indeed, you're looking for a demonstration of heart.

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).**

Frustration is caused by unrealistic expectations. Lower the bar a little and see if things don't get a more manageable. Small steps will take you the same distance as hops and stretches.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You'll create possibilities for the next person. This is how a legacy is built, with keys made for doors that exist in future realms beyond what you or anyone around you can see.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** People have various ways of demonstrating status and power. When they can't throw a party or call a meeting or assemble a group to witness their work, a different kind of creativity comes out.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-**

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**



**Nov. 21).** Perhaps the

high-maintenance person in your life lacks a fundamental understanding of the value you provide. It's better to surround yourself with people you don't have to work so hard to please.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Change your environment. Distance yourself from a problem you don't feel ready to take on. Give yourself time to think and build a strategy.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Your confidence reads loud and clear. You've earned this, and yet you're not entirely content with it. This is nowhere near your resting place. You'll continue to flex your

skills and improve.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** What things are physically is not as important as what they mean. An object has value because of what it represents in the world, or because of the story you've personally attached to it.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** The ocean is made in drops. Perhaps you can't see your contribution today, but the more people you involve, the better your chances of watching this thing rise.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 21).** You travel lighter this year, both emotionally and physically! Life illuminates the essentials, and you'll have the courage to throw out what you don't need. As your energy rises, you'll uplift those close to you and attract a crew of fans and supporters. A fresh chapter begins in August, and you'll be teaching as well as amassing skills. Cancer and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 39, 2, 22 and 40.

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6	1	3	7	9	7	2	4	5
4	9	5	8	6	3	9	8	9
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## Annie's Mailbox ®

## Avoiding Scammers

**Dear Annie:** As a public service, please make your readers aware of the grandparents phone scam. My elderly parents were victims of this scam. Someone called them claiming to be a narcotics detective and told them their grandchild had been arrested and they needed to send bail money in order to have her released from jail.

He said they must not discuss this with anyone, even the family. They put a girl on the phone claiming to be their grandchild. She was crying hysterically in order to disguise her voice. She begged them not to tell her parents or anyone else. My parents were given specific directions on getting the money, how to pack it and send it. The scammer requested \$22,000 in cash in \$100 bills. He said time was of the essence and if they didn't follow his directions or if they told anyone, their grandchild could be facing a long jail sentence.

Unfortunately, my parents fell for this scam and sent \$22,000 in cash to a residential address in Florida. I am shocked that my parents fell for this scam, as there were so many red flags. My parents may be elderly, but they are both mentally sharp. These scammers are pros and have an answer for everything.

They prey on the grandparent's love and concern for their grandchild. My dad was told he would receive a certified check in the mail reimbursing him all of the money after their grandchild was released from jail. He even followed up with them on where the package was in transit, calling them several times over a two-day period, always reminding them that they must not discuss this with anyone.

I have reported this matter to the FTC and the FBI, but I am aware that my parent's money is gone forever. I just want to get this information out to the elderly and also to their

friends and family. I do not want to see another person scammed and lose their money to these evil people. You may think your parents would never fall for something this devious, but I thought that, too.

My parents are so embarrassed and ashamed that they fell for this scam. I'm sad that they didn't contact someone for advice, but he was just so convincing. -- Sad Daughter

**Dear Sad Daughter:** I am so sorry that your parents had to go through that. Shame on whoever stole from them -- and probably many other desperate, loving grandparents. Thank you for alerting others to the problem. I'm hoping that your letter helps save others.

**Dear Readers:** Here are some fun tips to make the most out of your days in quarantine.

--Start a gratitude journal. It can be as small as writing one thing you are grateful for every

day.

--Call a family member or friend to check in on them. This will make both of you feel good. It's a win/win.

--Move your body. Create a workout space inside or maybe on a patio or in your backyard. Take all precautions listed by the White House, if you venture outdoors.

--Work on hobbies, crafts or art. Do something that makes you happy. It can be playing an instrument, sewing, gardening, writing, painting or anything else that allows for creative expression.

--Lastly, take time to breathe. There are many great breathing exercises online. One of my personal favorites is from James Gordon. Another is the Buteyko breathing method.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com).

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Contract  
Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Why is he so good to me?

East dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠K 10 9 8 3  
♥9 5 2  
♦A 4  
♣10 8 3

**WEST**  
♠6 2  
♥Q 10 8 7 4  
♦9 6 5  
♣K 7 4

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

**SOUTH**  
♠Q J  
♥A K  
♦Q J 10 7 3  
♣A J 9 6

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass 1♦ Pass 1♠  
Pass 2NT Pass 3NT  
Opening lead — seven of hearts.

"Beware of Greeks bearing gifts" is just as good advice now as it was 3,000 years ago, when the Greeks left a huge wooden horse on Troy's doorstep that eventually led to the Trojans' undoing. In today's deal, a wily declarer showed how the ancient adage still applies, and how a gullible defender, who must have thought it was Christmas, fell right into the trap.

West led a heart to East's jack and declarer's king, and South quickly saw that by forcing out the ace of spades he could ensure eight tricks — and that a ninth might later come

Tomorrow: Treadmill to oblivion.

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from a successful diamond finesse. But South also saw another possibility, which he decided to exploit.

Accordingly, South led the queen of spades at trick two, which held, and followed with the jack of spades, on which he played the eight from dummy! East thereupon also played low, delighted with the opportunity to cut declarer off from dummy's remaining spades.

Declarer then abruptly shifted gears, leading a low diamond to the ace, followed by another diamond. It did not matter whether East took his king on this trick or the next one. Either way, South now had nine unassailable tricks — two spades, two hearts, four diamonds and a club — and so made three notrump. Of course, he would have gone down had East taken the ace of spades at trick three and returned a heart.

East should have viewed with grave suspicion South's failure to overtake the jack of spades with dummy's king at trick three. He probably thought declarer had blundered by playing low from dummy, but it turned out that South was dumb like a fox.

The hand demonstrates that psychology can sometimes play a key role in bridge. Declarer saw an opportunity to create the impression that he had erred, and East cooperated by falling for the ruse.

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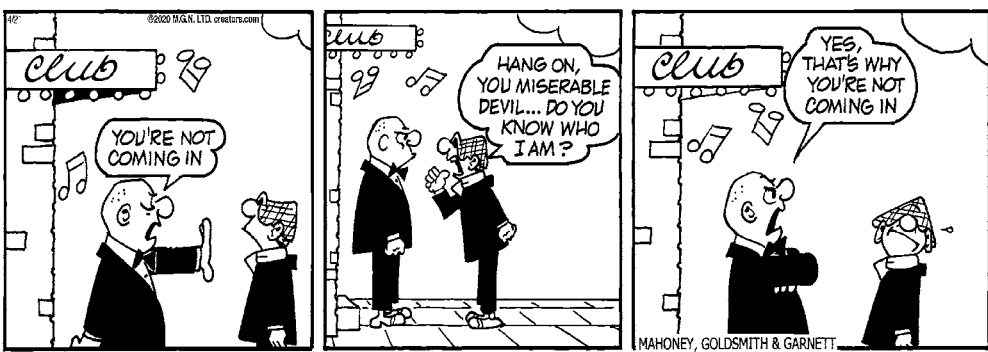
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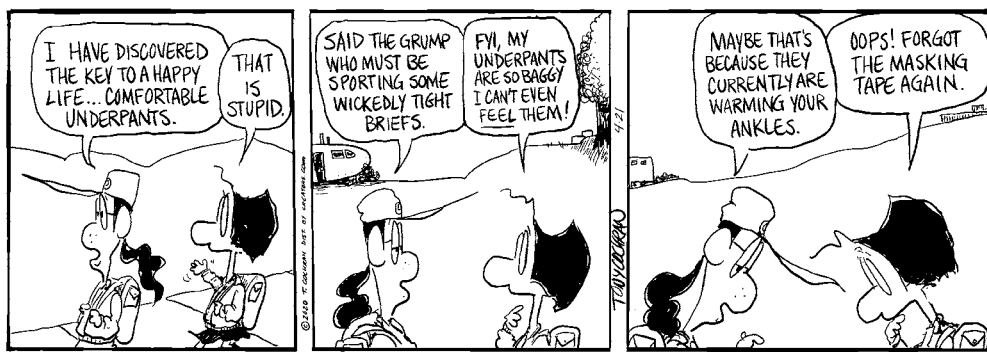


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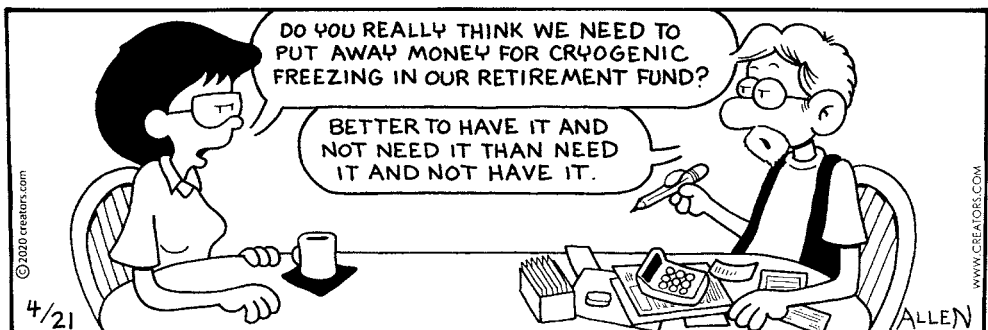
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This Date  
In History

**Today in History**  
Today is Tuesday, April 21, the 112th day of 2020. There are 254 days left in the year.  
Today's Highlight in History: On April 21, 1976, clinical trials of the swine flu vaccine began in Washington, D.C.  
On this date:  
In 1509, England's King Henry VII died; he was succeeded by his 17-year-old son, Henry VIII.  
In 1789, John Adams was sworn in as the first vice president of the United States.  
In 1816, Charlotte Bronte, author of "Jane Eyre," was born in Thornton, England.  
In 1836, an army of Texans led by Sam Houston defeated the Mexicans at San Jacinto, assuring Texas independence.  
In 1910, author Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, died in Redding, Connecticut, at age 74.  
In 1918, Manfred von Richthofen, 25, the German ace known as the "Red Baron" who was believed to have downed 80 enemy aircraft during World War I, was himself shot down and killed while in action over France.  
In 1926, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II was born in Mayfair, London; she was the first child of the Duke and Duchess of York, who later became King George VI and the Queen Mother.  
In 1930, fire broke out inside the overcrowded Ohio Penitentiary in Columbus, killing 332 inmates.  
In 1975, with Communist forces closing in, South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu resigned after nearly 10 years in office and fled the country.  
In 1989, the baseball fantasy "Field of Dreams," starring Kevin Costner, was released by Universal Pictures.  
In 2009, the sole survivor of a pirate attack on an American cargo ship off the Somali coast, on which Captain Richard Phillips was held for ransom, was charged as an adult with piracy in federal court in New York. (A prosecutor said Abdiwali Abdiqadir Muse (AHB'-dih-wah-loo-SAY') had given wildly varying ages for himself before finally admitting he was 18. Muse later pleaded guilty to hijacking, kidnapping and hostage-taking and was sentenced to more than 33 years in prison.)

In 2016, Prince, one of the most inventive and influential musicians of modern times, was found dead at his home in suburban Minneapolis; he was 57.  
Ten years ago: Pope Benedict XVI promised "church action" to confront the clerical abuse scandal. Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger was suspended for six games for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy. (Commissioner Roger Goodell handed down the punishment after prosecutors decided not to bring charges in a case involving a 20-year-old college student who'd accused Roethlisberger of sexually assaulting her.) Juan Antonio Samaranch, 89, who'd served as president of the International Olympic Committee for 21 years, died in Barcelona, Spain.  
Five years ago: An Egyptian criminal court sentenced ousted Islamist President Mohammed Morsi to 20 years in prison over the killing of protesters in 2012. The head of the Drug Enforcement Administration, Michele Leonhart, announced her retirement in the wake of allegations that DEA agents had attended sex parties with prostitutes. Pope Francis accepted the resignation of U.S. Bishop Robert Finn, who'd pleaded guilty to failing to report a suspected child abuser. Mary Doyle Keefe, 92, the model for Norman Rockwell's iconic 1943 Rosie the Riveter painting, died in Simsbury, Connecticut.  
One year ago: President Donald Trump spoke with the newly-elected Ukrainian leader, Volodymyr Zelenskiy, to congratulate him on his landslide election victory. (A second phone call in July, in which Trump solicited Zelenskiy's help in gathering potentially damaging information about his principal Democratic rival, Joe Biden, would lead to Trump's impeachment by the House.) Suicide bombings at three churches and three luxury hotels in Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday killed more than 250 people; the attackers were homegrown militants who had pledged loyalty to the Islamic State group.  
Today's Birthdays: Britain's Queen Elizabeth II is 94. Actress-comedian-writer Elaine May is 88. Actor Charles Grodin is 85. Actor Reni Santoni (REH'-nee san-TOH'-nee) is 82. Anti-death penalty activist Sister Helen Prejean is 81. Singer-musician Iggy Pop is 73. Actress Patti LuPone is 71.  
Actor Tony Danza is 69. Actor James Morrison is 66. Actress Andie MacDowell is 62. Rock singer Robert Smith (The Cure) is 61. Rock musician Michael Timmins (Cowboy Junkies) is 61. Actor-director John Cameron Mitchell is 57. Rapper Michael Franti (Spearhead) is 54. Actress Leslie Silva is 52. Actor Toby Stephens is 51. Rock singer-musician Glen Hansard (The Frames) is 50. Actor Rob Riggle is 50. Comedian Nicole Sullivan is 50. Football player-turned-actor Brian White is 47. Olympic gold medal pairs figure skater Jamie Sale (sah-LAY') is 43. Rock musician David Brenner (Theory of a Deadman) is 42. Actor James McAvoy is 41. Former NFL quarterback Tony Romo is 40. Actor Terrence J is 38. Actress Gugu Mbatha-Raw is 37.  
Actor Christoph (cq) Sanders is 32. Actor Frank Dillane is 29. Rock singer Sydney Sierota (Echosmith) is 23.  
Thought for Today: "I try to avoid looking forward or backward, and try to keep looking upward." — Charlotte Bronte (1816-1855).

Newsday Crossword

CLOAK & DAGGER TRIO by Billie Truitt  
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Immense oceanic ice
- 5 "\_\_\_ first you don't succeed..."
- 9 Sound of cymbals
- 14 Aroma
- 15 Bowl-shaped roof
- 16 Birthday celebration
- 17 McEntire of country music
- 18 One of the Great Lakes
- 19 Assemble haphazardly
- 20 Common foe in James Bond stories
- 23 Statue such as *The Thinker*
- 24 Lacking color
- 25 Permission to enter
- 27 Spicy sandwich sausage
- 30 Something forbidden
- 32 Grade school support grp.
- 33 One-pot beef dish
- 35 Hard work
- 39 Gatherer of secret information
- 43 Longtime microwave brand
- 44 Mexican money
- 45 Smallest two-digit number
- 46 Remove soap from
- 48 Not in school today
- 51 Without much effort
- 54 "Understood"
- 55 Actor Baldwin
- 56 Person working against a
- 62 10% donation

**DOWN**

- 1 Tiresome person
- 2 Biblical garden
- 3 Choir member's garb
- 4 Mom's dad
- 5 Person with noble goals
- 6 Sign fraudulently
- 7 French female friend
- 8 Adolescent
- 9 Lifesaving procedure, for short
- 10 Wet weather wear
- 11 Bicker
- 12 Small earrings
- 13 Promotes aggressively
- 21 Yellow Thanksgiving veggie
- 22 Bar bill, informally
- 26 Pepsi or Coke
- 27 Pet protection org.
- 28 Molecule part
- 29 Volcanic flow
- 30 Wigwam relative
- 31 Greatly impresses
- 34 Shirts and blouses
- 36 Mosquito attack
- 37 Bakery appliance
- 38 Apartment resident's payment
- 40 Added vitamins to
- 41 Banister
- 42 Cooking on a barbecue
- 47 Where Wall St. is
- 49 Contest of spelling
- 50 Person bringing your meals
- 51 Absorb the loss
- 52 Full of energy
- 53 Become permanent
- 54 Emcee's opening speech
- 57 Grains in Cheerios
- 58 *E pluribus \_\_\_*
- 59 Location
- 60 Walk heavily
- 61 Strong cravings
- 63 Double-curve letter

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Answer to previous puzzle

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