

Obituaries

Silberio "Willie" Gutierrez

Silberio "Willie" Gutierrez, 85, of Coahoma died Tuesday, April 21, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Weather



Tonight: Clear, with a low around 58. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southeast in the evening.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 85. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 55. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northeast after midnight.

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

• Forsan Elementary has opened virtual pre-registration for 2020-21 school year. Due to COVID-19 pre-registration will be done virtually. Contact Mandy Buske with any questions at 432-457-0091 ext. 203 or by email at abuske@forsan.esc18.net. All pre-registration packets will need to be completed and returned to Mandy Buske via email or fax. A copy of the following items need to be returned with the packet: certified birth certificate, social security card, immunization record, proof of residency for district students only (utility bill), parent driver's license and proof of income (pre-k only). Age requirements are: Pre-K – must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020; Kindergarten – 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020. New transfer students (Kinder - 5th) may apply at this time.

• Pre-registration for CISD Kinder, Pre-K3 & Pre-K4 underway. Due to COVID-19, Coahoma Elementary will be handling Pre-K3, Pre-K4 and Kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 school year a little differently. For safety precautions, district officials will only take registration by phone at this time. The phone registration does not guarantee your child will be attending CES for the 2020-2021 school year, but it will give the district a starting point until restrictions are lifted. Pre-registration by phone will continue through Friday, April 17, from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. To register, please call 432-394-5000, ext 2 and speak to Jessica. Pre-registration is only open for children who live in the district. Transfer requests will not be processed until after June 1. For CISD Kindergarten and Pre-K requirements, please visit the CISD website: www.coahomaisd.com

• 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

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by applying directly to the SBA via the online portal: <https://www.sba.gov/disaster/apply-for-disaster-loan/index.html>. It only takes a few minutes to fill out. Another option, The Paycheck Protection Program, ("PPP"), has been approved by Congress. If you want to apply for the "PPP" loan contact your local lender. Information changes daily so make sure you are checking the SBA website regularly.

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

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

• City of Big Spring offices will remain open by appointment and electronic means only effective Sunday, March 22, at midnight. These offices include: City Hall (432-264-2401); Finance Department (432-264-2513); Public Works Department (432-264-2501); Human Resources Department (432-264-2346); Water Office (432-264-2319); Code Enforcement/Permits (432-264-2505); Community Services Office; Convention and Visitors Bureau (432-263-8235).

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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FOOD

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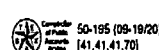
can phone to ask at 432-264-3600.

Janie Munoz said, "It really makes my heart so happy when I see the number of children fed increasing every day. I know that we are making a difference for the children in our community." While Diana Achondo stated, "It feels good to be able to help the families that need it in this troubled time," and Deb Rodriguez said, "It feels great to be able to be part of a team

that is helping to feed the children of our community!" Additionally, an unknown angel exclaimed, "It is just priceless seeing the thankfulness on the parent's faces and the joy on the student's faces when they receive their meals and Friday bags from Food2Kids."

The school district seems to have everything under control for the moment, but that too could change... Food2Kids is, however, a completely volunteer run and funded organization. President Pam Steel said,

"Due to our current situation and the fact we have to limit our volunteers at this time - the main way that people can help is to send a donation to Food2Kids Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring, TX 79720. We are meeting in small volunteer groups for April and May. Big Spring ISD has been a great help in distributing the Food2Kids weekend food sacks."



Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 81 inmates at the time of this report.

• **CLINT BRANDON BOLLIER**, 29,

was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid/previous conviction/suspension.

• **HEAVENLY FAITH EDMONDSON**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated BAC greater than or equal to .1.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4200 block of W. Hwy 90. No transport was required.

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of S. Nolan. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at MM 194 I-20. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of Ridgeroad. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of MLK. No transport was required.

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Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

Property owners have the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the appraised (market) value of your property;
- the unequal value of your property compared with other properties;
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal records;
- any exemptions that may apply to you;
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal;
- the taxing units taxing your property;
- the property ownership;
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal;
- failure of the chief appraiser or appraisal review board (ARB) to send a required notice; or
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, county appraisal district (CAD) or ARB that applies to and adversely affects you.

Informal Review

For an informal review, please contact the Glasscock County Appraisal District at 432/354-2580.

Review by the ARB

If you cannot resolve your problem informally with the CAD, you file a notice of protest requesting to have your case heard by the ARB.

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that hears and determines protests regarding property appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes based on evidence heard during the ARB hearing.

If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing and send you written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday. You may use Comptroller Form 50-132, *Property Appraisal - Notice of Protest*, to file your written request for an ARB hearing.

Prior to your hearing, you may request a copy of the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. Before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD are required to provide each other with a copy of any materials (evidence) intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. Evidence may be submitted for any hearing type either in paper or on a small portable electronic device (such as a CD, USB flash drive or thumb drive) which will be kept by the ARB. Do NOT bring evidence on a smart phone. The ARB's hearing procedures regarding all the requirements to properly submit evidence on a small portable electronic device must be reviewed.

To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or your designated agent may appear in person, by telephone conference call or by submission of a written affidavit to present your evi-

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline

Not later than May 15 (or within 30 days after a notice of appraisal value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed for good cause if you miss the usual deadline. The ARB decides whether you have good cause. Late protests are not allowed after the ARB approves the appraisal records for the year.

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the CAD informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was delivered to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change did not result from a

* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or legal, state or national holiday.

dence, facts and argument. If you decide to participate by telephone conference call, you must provide your evidence to the ARB with a written affidavit at least 10 days before the ARB hearing begins. You may use Comptroller Form 50-283, *Property Owner's Affidavit of Evidence to the Appraisal Review Board*, to submit evidence for your telephone conference call hearing or for hearing by affidavit.

You and the CAD representative have the opportunity to present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented by both parties. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

In certain protests, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You should review ARB hearing procedures to learn more about evidence and related matters.

You should not try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. ARB members are required to sign an affidavit saying that they have not talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court, an Arbitrator or SOAH

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its decision by certified mail. If you are not satisfied with the ARB's decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. As an alternative to district court, you may appeal through binding arbitration or the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) if you meet the qualifying criteria.

If you choose to go to district court, you must start the process by filing a petition with the district court within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. If you choose to appeal through binding arbitration, you must file a request for binding arbitration with the CAD not later than the 60th day after you receive notice of the ARB order. If you choose to appeal to the SOAH, you must file an appeal with the CAD not later than the 90th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order. Appeals to district court, binding arbitration or SOAH all require payment of certain fees or deposits.

Tax Payment

You must pay the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute, the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken or the amount of taxes due in the previous year.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting your CAD at

Glasscock County Appraisal District
PO Box 155 or 124 N. Main Street
Garden City, TX 79739

You can get Comptroller forms and additional information on how to prepare a protest from the Comptroller's website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/.

protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the change was delivered to you.

If you believe the CAD or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually Feb. 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

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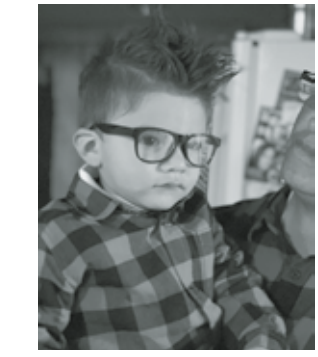
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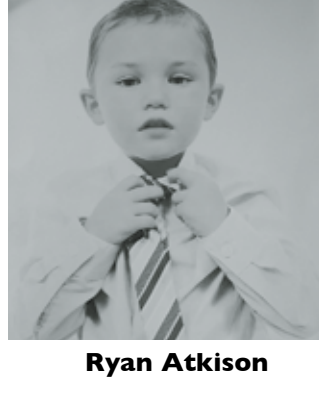
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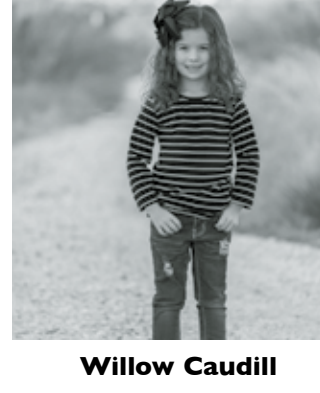
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Big Spring baseball disappointed season cut short, looking ahead to next year

By SHAWN MORAN
Herald Sportswriter

With the coronavirus pandemic currently sweeping the nation, this spring has thrown the world of sports a curveball. Coincidentally and ironically, high school baseball players around the nation were forced to hang up their gloves in mid-March and the curveballs being thrown across home plates nation-wide came to an abrupt halt.

Last week, the suspension of the season was extended into a cancellation of the remainder of spring sports around Texas. After months of training and looking forward to the season, dedicated high school athletes across Big Spring and the entire state had their season, and in some case entire career, cut short by the emergence of COVID-19.

"When I took over four years ago, this current senior class was all freshman so it's really my first full group I've had as head coach," Big Spring coach Daniel Carrillo said. "They adapted to my personality in how they played and how they led. I'm going to miss them and they were a great group. This year's seniors combined with last year's have really changed the Big Spring baseball program into something that could be special to carry on. Not just this year or next year but further on."

Now that the season has been officially canceled, Carrillo is disappointed that his team did not get to spend more time together in practices and games this spring. But he also understands that the move by the UIL is a smart decision and is the best solution in attempting to keep everyone healthy.

There will be plenty of time to reminisce on what the 2020 Big Spring Steers could have done on the baseball field and the squad was off to a solid start. Carrillo hears the widespread discontent from his fellow coaches, players and fans with baseball season ending early but he knows that his guys will be as ready as they can be to take the field next spring.

"This year, with us being so young outside of the senior class, I started noticing that we're on the right track," Carrillo said. "It's a special program and it excited me and makes me happy that this past senior class really helped build that foundation."

Carrillo hopes to get his team on the field before next spring and will hopefully be able to get his players together to play and practice during the summer. The Steers are an overall younger team and their underclassmen did not get much action on the field this year. With inexperience across the roster when it comes to being in the starting lineup, the Steers will need extra practice time in the offseason. This will ensure that the Steers' younger players are improving and will not go into next season rusty.

In 2019, the Steers won the district title, made a solid playoff run and seemed



HERALD File Photo

Shortstop Joshua Miramontes makes a play on the ball during a game against Fort Stockton at Security Bank Ballpark back in early March.

to be moving in the right direction. The leadership from those 2019 seniors trickled down and rubbed off on the next class. While there were not many seniors on the team this season, Carrillo believes that they solidified the culture that is trying to be built inside and around the Big Spring baseball program.

"Last year's group had the success and they won that title but this group finally built that concrete foundation of this being the standard and the expectation. We win baseball games and this is what we do now. They worked so hard and while they might not be the most talented, they showed up to play every day and they were all baseball rats. They loved the game for what it was and I'm just sorry that I couldn't send them off the right way."

Building and solidifying the culture that Carrillo has been trying to bring to Steer baseball for the past few years has been a tough task but he feels that Big Spring will be a top-notch winning program year-in and year-out

now that these past two senior classes have shown the way.

"Everyone knows the expectations, the standard and the culture. Everything that us coaches talk about I think is set. As a head coach, when you have it set, it's exciting because that's one less thing that I have to coach now. The seniors next year and the ones after that can lead by example and I can just coach."

If his players are able to play throughout the summer months, Carrillo will feel even more confident about the future of his baseball program. Some of the most vital self-improvement and practice time is done when no other teammates are around and there is no rush to get ready for a long season ahead. Summer ball is composed of plenty of practice time and scrimmages that will help his younger players get prepared for next spring.

It is important to remember that Big Spring is not the only school that had their season cut short. Every team around Texas had a season that was cut short and they will all be facing similar challenges to getting back onto the field. Carrillo is not making any excuses for his team and fully expects them to be ready to hit the field hard as soon as they are able to.

"The only way to get better at baseball is you *have* to play," Carrillo said.

There will most likely be some rust that needs to be knocked off before the Steers begin their 2021 campaign. With the system and knucked that the 2020 senior class has built, Big Spring baseball will be thriving for years to come.

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

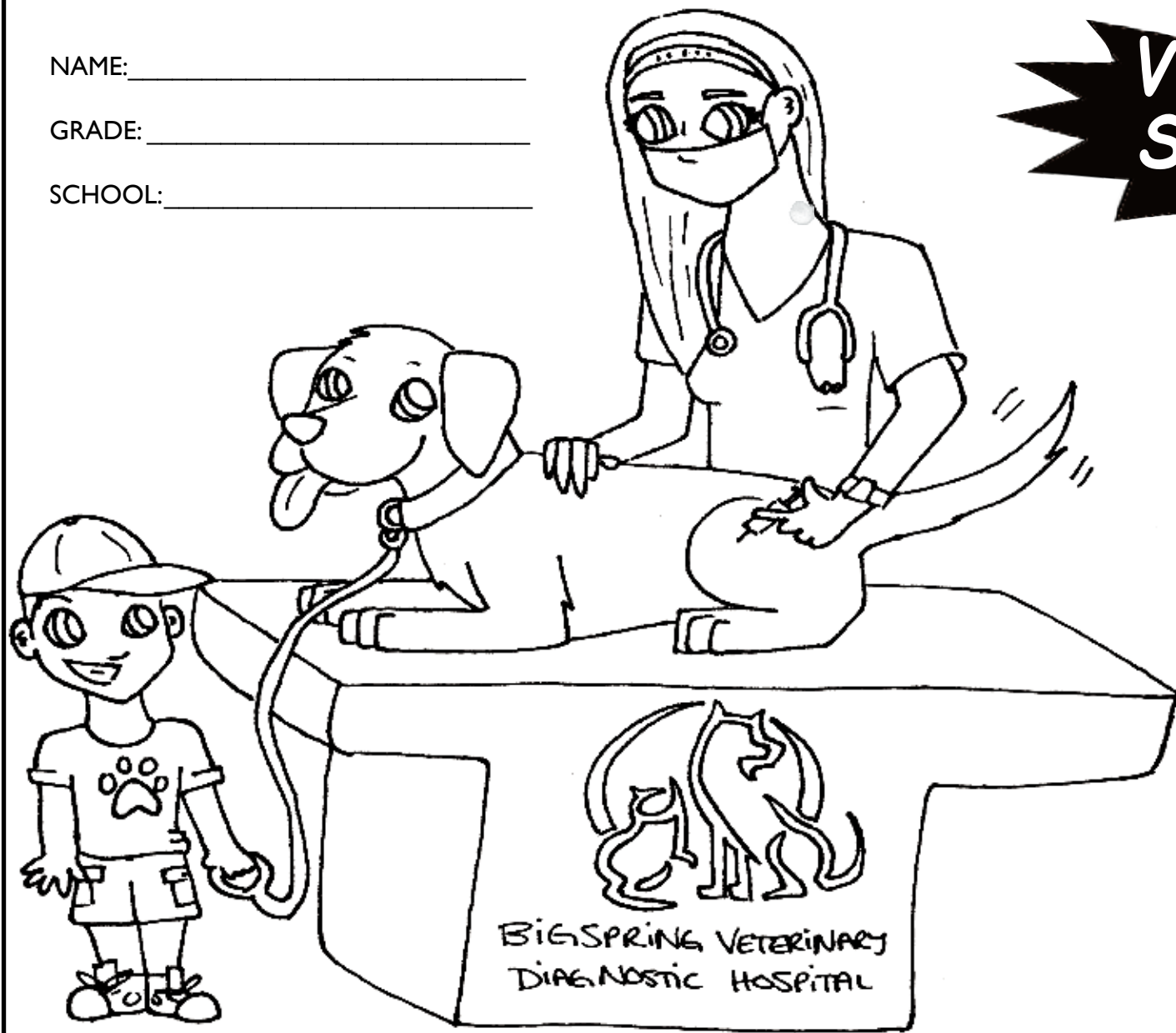
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Before making a purchase, assess what you have. By employing a little forethought, you'll save money. Bonus: It's a way of remembering and being accountable for past decisions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Ignorance is sometimes unavoidable, as no one is born knowing everything. Assume that people really can learn if incentivized properly and taught effectively.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Among your most sincere core beliefs is the idea that each person is great in their own way. Therefore, it is often inappropriate to make comparisons or value one person's efforts while devaluing the efforts of another.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

LEO

(July 23-Aug. 22). All people are both equal and unique and there was never a time when you believed otherwise. Money and status may change the power dynamics of a situation, but they don't change the value of any person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You know you can make lives better, but you don't know how you're going to do it. That's the fun part. You'll brainstorm and create until you come up with the sort of care that only you can give.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). One problem is tied to another, and luckily the solution is similarly tied. As naturalist John Muir said, "When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to ev-



everything else in the universe."

SCORPIO

(Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Pride goeth before the fall. Then again, "the fall" is

an inevitability of life that could just as easily follow shame, humility, cheer or neutrality. You may as well be proud of yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The ones who love you have already seen you through many incarnations in this lifetime and are happy with each different version that comes along. You afford the same grace to them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You can avoid trouble by making it a policy not to loan money. Give it instead, if you are so moved. Furthermore, when you do a job, try to get paid

upfront.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are openhearted and curious. Once you decide what you want to do, you'll quickly gather up everything you need to know to make it happen.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When you love someone, you don't need a lot of reasons for it, although it's fun to think about what they are. Relatedly, enjoy the good mood you fall into, as unfounded as it may be.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 23). This year calls up your most open, ebullient and lucky self. In at least three instances, you will seem able to conjure just what you need to solve a problem or create an exciting new circumstance. You'll become more powerful as you learn methods of serving and leading. You'll be an invaluable asset to a close-knit crew. Virgo and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 50, 22, 37 and 11.

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

ANSWER:



By Steve Becker

Sylvia stages a neat recovery

East dealer.
 North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ A J 9
 ♥ A Q 7 6 4 2
 ♦ 2
 ♣ A K 5

WEST
 ♠ Q 10 8 7
 ♥ K 10 8
 ♦ 9 8 4 3
 ♣ 9 7

EAST
 ♠ 5 4 3 2
 ♥ J 9
 ♦ J 7 6 5
 ♣ Q J 10

SOUTH
 ♠ K 6
 ♥ 5 3
 ♦ A K Q 10
 ♣ 8 6 4 3 2

The bidding:
 East South West North
 Pass 2♠ Pass 7♣
 Opening lead — nine of clubs.

Despite anything you may have heard to the contrary, this was the hand that launched Sylvia upon her amazing series of misadventures at the club.

The deal occurred shortly after she became a member. There is no question that the admissions committee would have rejected Sylvia's application for membership had it been aware of how poorly she played, or how little experience she had had.

I was not present when the hand arose, but the bidding was reported to

me to have taken place as shown.

Sylvia was South and bid two spades (a strong opening in those days) after East had passed. Obviously, she had suffered a mental aberration of some sort. Perhaps she was counting aloud how many spades she had or was thinking about the previous hand. Whatever the reason, West passed, and North promptly bid seven spades.

Sylvia was aghast at this turn of events, but, as usual, showed no outward sign that anything was wrong. She won the club lead in dummy, led a diamond and, having learned several days earlier how to finesse, played the ten.

After the ten held, she cashed the A-K-Q, discarding a club and two hearts from dummy. Sylvia then finessed the queen of hearts, cashed the ace of clubs and ace of hearts and ruffed a heart with the six of spades.

Nine tricks had been played, and West was down to the Q-10-8-7 of trump. When Sylvia now led a club, West ruffed with the seven but was overruffed with dummy's nine. And when Sylvia trumped dummy's last heart with her king, West had to undertruff with the eight. A club lead then trapped West's Q-10, allowing dummy's A-J to score the last two tricks, and the grand slam came rolling home!

Tomorrow: Test your defensive play.

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Dear Annie: I was wondering how the man with a short fuse was functioning in the work situation. I had a friend years ago who had anger issues that caused disastrous results in his family, professional life and social life. His license was revoked, and he was ordered to get help, which he did as an inpatient in a psychiatric facility. He was discharged on medications, and he became a totally different person, completely restoring those aspects of his life. -- Friend Reinvented Life

Dear Friend Reinvented Life: I am printing your letter because it shows that recovery is possible. If you have problems and seek the help of trained professionals, you can

improve. Congratulations to your friend. I'm glad his loved ones have him back.

Dear Annie: Mama wrote to say that Papa was "mad as a hornet" because he said she is encouraging feminine tendencies in their grandson, "Ernie," by allowing him to sew with her and her granddaughter. Don't panic, Papa. Not only can little boys show they are creative but sewing is also becoming a lost skill. Imagine a sailor not knowing how to repair his sail because he never learned how to make minor sewing repairs. And with Memorial Day coming soon, let's not forget all the World War II soldiers whose mamas sent them off to war with a sewing kit for mending. -- Sewing Is Self-Sufficient

Dear Sewing Is Self-Sufficient: You

bring up some great points about how sewing is a practical life skill, and why boys should learn to sew. The following reader added to your point.

Dear Annie: If it's any comfort to Ernie's grandpa, Boy Scouts are required to sew on their own badges. -- Sewing Is for Life

Dear Readers: Below is a poem submitted by a reader named Dennis who is a poet in Hawaii. It is a sweet tribute to true love, something the world needs a lot of.

YOUR ONLY ONE

"Some are lucky, some are not

"to find in life what can't be bought,

"the precious one to make you laugh

"True Love, dear one, your other half.

"Your other half of you that's lost

"you'll search for him at every cost.

"Behind the clouds and under stone

"you'll find that you must search alone.

"Your search will take you through many lands

"to touch and hold so many hands,

"you'll turn to kiss but while you're kissing

"a pretty miss but something's missing.

"You leave him or he leaves you

"your search continues for something new,

"what you thought was

love was only laughter --
"love that's real is what you're after.

"What sometimes happens after awhile

"you mistake love for a pretty smile,

"you're so lonely and they're all you got

"so you build him into something he's not.

"You leave him like all the rest

"or he leaves you, whatever's best

"You walk on and kick the dirt

"so terrible tired of being hurt.

"You turn off your heart and turn off your mind,

"you left too much of your heart behind

"you say, 'I've searched

til I don't know how

"a little older and colder now.'

"You see love waits for you to say 'give'

"and comes to you when you're ready to live,

"the precious one to make you laugh,

"True Love, dear one, your other half.

"The other half of you that's lost

"after you searched at every cost --

"only when your search is done

"will you find your only one."

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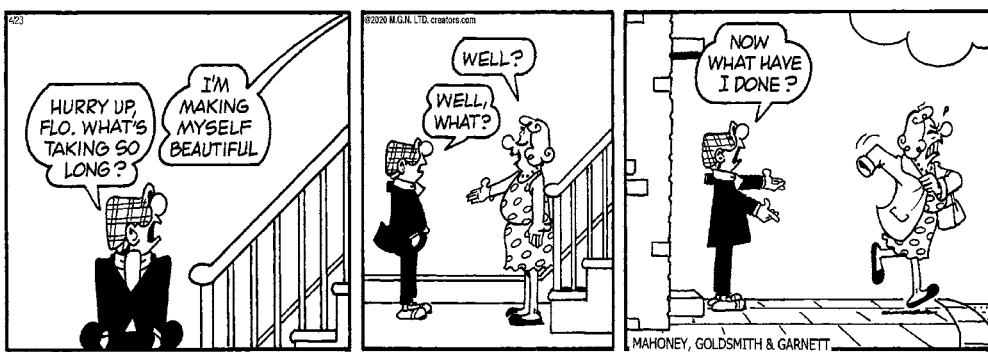
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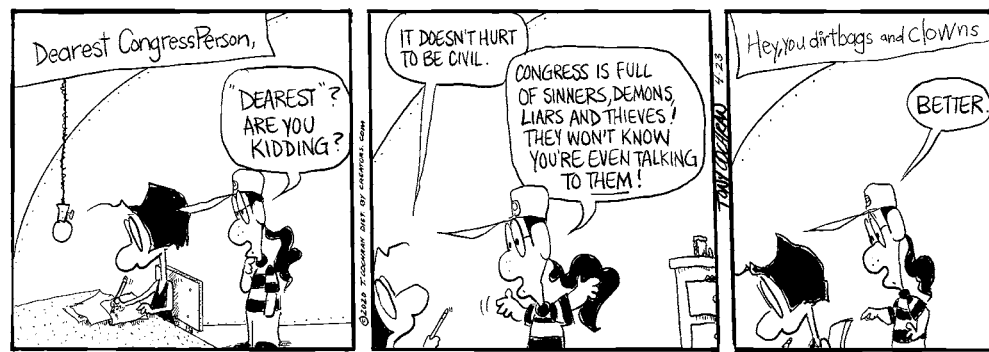
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11:30	J. Kimmel	Contacto	Mod Fam	Funny	James Corden	Casey	Light of Southwest	Light of Southwest	Heroes	Seinfeld	Big Bang			The Last Dance		Psych	60 Days In	Naked and Afraid
12:30	Nightline	Destilando amor	Two Men	Corden	La Doña (SS)	Casey	Light of Southwest	Light of Southwest	Heroes	Seinfeld	Big Bang			The Last Dance		Psych	60 Days In	Naked and Afraid
1:30	J. Kimmel	Mel Robbins	Simpsons	Holly	Programa	Light of Southwest	Light of Southwest	Light of Southwest	Heroes	Seinfeld	Big Bang			The Last Dance		Psych	60 Days In	Naked and Afraid
2:30	AM	Como dice el dicho	Pawn	Paid Prg.	Programa	Light of Southwest	Light of Southwest	Light of Southwest	Heroes	Seinfeld	Big Bang			The Last Dance		Psych	60 Days In	Naked and Afraid
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Thursday, April 23, the 114th day of 2020. There are 252 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On April 23, 1616 (Old Style calendar), English poet and dramatist William Shakespeare died in Stratford-upon-Avon on what has traditionally been regarded as the 52nd anniversary of his birth in 1564. On this date: In 1898, Spain declared war on the United States, which responded in kind two days later. In 1914, Chicago's Wrigley Field, then called Weeghan Park, hosted its first major league game as the Chicago Cubs defeated the Kansas City Packers 9-1. In 1943, U.S. Navy Lt. (jg) John F. Kennedy assumed command of PT-109, a motor torpedo boat, in the Solomon Islands during World War II. (On Aug. 2, 1943, PT-109 was rammed and sunk by a Japanese destroyer, killing two crew members; Kennedy and 10 others survived.) In 1954, Hank Aaron of the Milwaukee Braves hit the first of his 755 major-league home runs in a game against the St. Louis Cardinals. (The Braves won, 7-5.) In 1968, student protesters began occupying buildings on the campus of Columbia University in New York; police put down the protests a week later. The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church merged to form the United Methodist Church. In 1969, Sirhan Sirhan was sentenced to death for assassinating New York Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. (The sentence was later reduced to life imprisonment.) In 1987, 28 construction workers were killed when an apartment complex being built in Bridgeport, Connecticut, suddenly collapsed. In 1988, a federal ban on smoking during domestic airline flights of two hours or less went into effect. In 1996, a civil court jury in The Bronx, New York, ordered Bernhard Goetz (bur-NAHRD' gets) to pay \$43 million to Darrell Cabey, one of four young men he'd shot on a subway car in 1984. In 1998, James Earl Ray, who confessed to assassinating the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and then insisted he'd been framed, died at a Nashville, Tennessee, hospital at age 70. In 2005, the recently created video-sharing website YouTube uploaded its first clip, "Me at the Zoo," which showed

YouTube co-founder Jawed Karim standing in front of an elephant enclosure at the San Diego Zoo. In 2007, Boris Yeltsin, Russia's first freely elected president, died in Moscow at age 76. Ten years ago: Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer signed the nation's toughest illegal immigration law, saying "decades of inaction and misguided policy" had created a "dangerous and unacceptable situation"; opponents said the law would encourage discrimination against Hispanics. The Coast Guard suspended a three-day search for 11 workers missing after an explosion rocked the Deepwater Horizon oil platform in the Gulf of Mexico. Five years ago: Blaming the "fog of war," President Barack Obama revealed that U.S. drone strikes in Pakistan had inadvertently killed an American and an Italian, two hostages held by al-Qaida, as well as two other Americans who had leadership roles with the terror network. Former CIA Director David Petraeus, whose career was destroyed by an extramarital affair with his biographer, Paula Broadwell, was sentenced in Charlotte, North Carolina, to two years' probation and fined \$100,000 for giving her classified material while she was working on the book. The Senate voted 56-43 to confirm Loretta Lynch as U.S. attorney general. One year ago: President Donald Trump met with Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey, hours after bashing the company and accusing it of not treating him well because he's a Republican. The S&P 500 hit an all-time high, closing at 2,933.68 and marking the stock market's complete recovery from a nosedive at the end of 2018. Sri Lanka's president gave the country's military sweeping police powers in the wake of the Easter Sunday church and hotel bombings that killed more than 250 people. Today's Birthdays: Actor Alan Oppenheimer is 90. Actor David Birney is 81. Actor Lee Majors is 81. Hockey Hall of Famer Tony Esposito is 77. Irish nationalist Bernadette Devlin McAliskey is 73. Actress Blair Brown is 73. Writer-director Paul Brickman is 71. Actress Joyce DeWitt is 71. Actor James Russo is 67. Filmmaker-author Michael Moore is 66. Actress Judy Davis is 65. Actress Valerie

Bertinelli is 60. Actor Craig Sheffer is 60. Actor-comedian-talk show host George Lopez is 59. U.S. Olympic gold medal skier Donna Weinbrecht is 55. Actress Melina Kanakaredes (kah-nah-KAH'-ree-deez) is 53. Rock musician Stan Frazier (Sugar Ray) is 52. Country musician Tim Womack (Sons of the Desert) is 52. Actor Scott Bairstow (BEHR'-stow) is 50. Actor-writer John Lutz is 47. Actor Barry Watson is 46. Rock musician Aaron Dessner (The National) is 44. Rock musician Bryce Dessner (The National) is 44. Professional wrestler/actor John Cena is 43. Actor-writer-comedian John Oliver is 43. Actor Kal Penn is 43. Retired MLB All-Star Andruw Jones is 43. Actress Jaime King is 41. Pop singer Taio (TY'-oh) Cruz is 37. Actor Aaron Hill is 37. Actor Jesse Lee Soffer is

36. Actress Rachel Skarsten is 35. Rock musician Anthony LaMarca (The War on Drugs) is 33. Singer-songwriter John Fullbright is 32. Tennis player Nicole Pietrangola (vay-deh-SOH'-vuh) is 31. Actor Dev Patel (puh-TEHL) is 30. Actor Matthew Underwood is 30. Actor Camryn Walling is 30. Model Gigi Hadid is 25. Rock musicians Jake and Josh Kiszka (Greta Van Fleet) are 24. Actor

Charlie Rowe (TV: "Salvation") is 24. Tennis player Ashleigh Barty is 24. U.S. Olympic gold medal snowboarder Chloe Kim is 20.

Thought for Today: "For in that sleep of death what dreams may come, / When we have shuffled off this mortal coil, / Must give us pause." — From "Hamlet."

Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Spill grabber
- 4 Straw, for some animals
- 7 Seals the deal
- 13 Two Asian seas (past and present)
- 16 Stereo sound setting
- 17 Judge's instruction
- 18 Most impactful
- 19 Composer Dvorak
- 20 Any Mount Holyoke grad
- 21 Road crew boot goo
- 22 Two body parts
- 26 Moving day challenge
- 29 Vintage
- 30 Poet Pound
- 31 Wild card in 33 Down
- 35 Ending for election
- 36 With 39 Across, two chemical acids
- 39 See 36 Across
- 41 "That serves you right!"
- 42 Computer category
- 46 Oceano contents
- 48 Be situated
- 49 Trickles from trees
- 52 Two musical terms
- 56 Feel awful about
- 58 Georgia-Pacific's cup brand
- 59 Ally of Frodo
- 62 Chain store offering
- 64 Access, as some purses
- 65 Wear down
- 66 Two streaming services
- 67 They're not hits
- 68 Slow start
- 69 Luau preparation
- DOWN**
- 1 North African capital
- 2 Where players work
- 3 Digestive doc's specialty
- 4 Dyeing craft
- 5 Presently, surprisingly
- 6 Family man
- 7 Dumas hero
- 8 Frequent frowner
- 9 Entertain lavishly
- 10 Tim's eventual benefactor
- 11 Parallelogram's trio
- 12 Save, with "aside"
- 14 One-twelfth of the zodiac
- 15 One-twelfth of the yr.
- 20 "Who wants ice cream?" "___!"
- 23 Sort of sprite
- 24 "... ___ saw Elba"
- 25 Undercover cop
- 27 Only three-VP CIC
- 28 Bereft of rain
- 32 Standout performer
- 33 Commercial card game
- 34 What some jeans are sold with
- 36 One way to cook broccoli
- 37 Otello baritone
- 38 Speaks vehemently
- 40 Org. of screeners
- 43 Fruit that sounds sluggish
- 44 About 3,300 ft.
- 45 Vaccine target
- 47 Nike alternative
- 50 Keep from collapsing
- 51 "You bet!"
- 53 Water, chemically
- 54 Little bits
- 55 Exams tough to cheat on
- 57 Listless feeling
- 60 Simpsons Squishee seller
- 61 www.nj. ___
- 62 Video taker, familiarly
- 63 At-bat stat
- 64 Any watercraft

Answer to previous puzzle

STAG	SWAP	OWLS
SCALE	LACE	VEEP
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	GREAT	BRITAIN
JADE	CURE	TENSE
ALOE	TROT	RACES
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Minor leaguers, college players get creative to stay ready

By JANIE McCAULEY

AP Baseball Writer

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — Andre Nnebe hollers over the breeze coming off the bay behind home plate and announces to the group, "First pitch, 2:10!"

The Milwaukee Brewers minor leaguer thanks college catcher Eamonn Lance for showing up because now there can be live batting practice, something Nnebe hasn't done since the coronavirus put a sudden halt on sports.

"You saved the day," Nnebe tells Lance.

For this informal simulated game last week at a noted high school field, the catcher isn't the only player wearing a mask. Nnebe stands in wearing a protective face covering, and same with the guy waiting in the on-deck circle.

Nnebe and thousands more players like him are trying any way they can to stay ready amidst the uncertainty of whether there will even be a big league baseball season, let alone anything for the game's lower levels. They are trying to prepare while social distancing from 6 feet apart and without drawing a crowd as California is under a shelter-in-place order.

For now, for 90 minutes anyway, Nnebe and seven others are in their element again, albeit far different than just six weeks ago.

They relish talking everything baseball — the draft, how the ball is carrying, the future. Hearing that familiar crack of the bat is both refreshing and energizing, briefly taking the players' minds off the pressures and all that is going on in the world.

They got a tip that the gates of Encinal High School's famous Willie Stargell Field were open, and decided to give it a try.

"This is the closest thing to a game," says University of California senior pitcher Jack Delmore, from Alameda. "I haven't been excited in a while."

Three Canadian geese stand in as infielders, playing the shift, no less. Dozens more continuously honk from beyond left field, next to a dirt track that has been closed because of COVID-19, providing an impromptu rooting section.

Multiple resistance bands hang from the chain link fence, cell phones perched on tripods outside the batter's box to capture video. After Nnebe's first round of swings, Joey Wagman walks out to offer a squirt of hand sanitizer to Lance.

No high-fives. No handshakes. The new norm.

Wagman previously pitched in Oakland's farm system, then spent the past two years in independent ball. The right-hander had been set to play for Israel in the Olympics this summer.

"Need a little break?" Nnebe asks Lance at one point.

"Let's keep rolling," the Santa Clara catcher replies.

It's back to work.

Wagman shoots video as Delmore pitches. Soon, it's Wagman's turn on the mound. He has a little fun with the hitters: "Just so you know, I don't throw a cutter. That's a four-seam."

"I feel bad to be a pitcher today. If it gets in the air it's going 50 feet further than it should," declares Nick Adgar, a free agent outfielder who had his senior season at Menlo College interrupted.

Adgar plans to play in the Mexican League, where big league veterans Rajai

Davis and Bartolo Colón were set to be this year.

A day after this workout last Friday, Adgar and Wagman hopped a fence at Lincoln Middle School across town for more hitting work. They always have an eye out for available fields.

The virus outbreak has forced athletes to get creative.

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

2020 NFL Mock Draft (Sporting News)

Pick	Team	Player	Position	College
1	Bengals	Joe Burrow	QB	LSU
2	Redskins	Chase Young	DE	Ohio State
3	Lions	Jeff Okudah	CB	Ohio State
4	Giants	Tristan Wirfs	OT	Iowa
5	Dolphins	Justin Herbert	QB	Oregon
6	Chargers	Tua Tagovailoa	QB	Alabama
7	Panthers	Derrick Brown	DT	Auburn
8	Cardinals	Jedrick Wills Jr.	OT	Alabama
9	Jaguars	Isaiah Simmons	LB	Clemson
10	Browns	Mekhi Becton	OT	Louisville
11	Jets	CeeDee Lamb	WR	Oklahoma
12	Raiders	Jerry Jeudy	WR	Alabama
13	49ers	Henry Ruggs III	WR	Alabama
14	Buccaneers	Andrew Thomas	OT	Georgia
15	Broncos	Javon Kinlaw	DT	South Carolina
16	Falcons	CJ Henderson	CB	Florida
17	Cowboys	K'Lavon Chaisson	DE	LSU
18	Dolphins	Xavier McKinney	S	Alabama
19	Raiders	AJ Terrell	CB	Clemson
20	Jaguars	Trevon Diggs	CB	Alabama
21	Eagles	Justin Jefferson	WR	LSU
22	Vikings	Jeff Gladney	CB	TCU
23	Patriots	AJ Epenesa	DE	Iowa
24	Saints	Patrick Queen	LB	LSU
25	Vikings	Tee Higgins	WR	Clemson
26	Dolphins	D'Andre Swift	RB	Georgia
27	Seahawks	Yetur Gross-Matos	DE	Penn State
28	Ravens	Kenneth Murray	ILB	Oklahoma
29	Titans	Zach Baun	OLB	Wisconsin
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