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- City Parks and State Park are now open.*
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  - *Playground/Pavilions are still closed*
  - *Social distancing should continue to be followed*

## BSFD's Lt. Newman, Engineer Reynolds recognized by City Council

By **ERICA MORSE**  
 Herald Contributing Writer

The Big Spring City Council met Tuesday evening in regular session to a closed audience due to current COVID-19 guidelines for Government meetings. Pastor Michael Willard of Cornerstone Covenant Church delivered the Invocation via teleconference to open the meeting.

First on the agenda was a presentation and recognition to two members of the Big Spring Fire Department.

Lieutenant Ty Newman and Engineer Matt Reynolds were awarded the Clinical Save Award for their utilization of the Zoll defibrillator to render CPR during a service call. The Zoll defibrillator was approved at the January 14th, 2020 City Council meeting after the beta test usage resulted in saving two lives in the field. Reynolds and Newman's usage of the device also resulted in saving the life of the most recent patient, whom the Council reports to be recovering from his medical situation.

In the City Manager's report, Todd



**Big Spring Firefighters Lt. Ty Newman and Engineer Matt Reynolds were awarded the Clinical Save Award for utilization of the Zoll defibrillator to render CPR during a service call.**

Darden reported the large item pickup which most recently took place on April 15 resulted in 35,000 pounds of trash being removed from District 4. Mayor Shannon Thomason delivered a Proclamation declaring the month of May 2020 as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month. In honor of this See **CITY**, Page 3

## Mobile testing site to be conducted May 3 at Trinity

Herald Staff Report

According to a press release issued, along with a flyer, by the Emergency Management Team in Big Spring and Howard County, The National Guard will be conducting free of charge drive-through Coronavirus testing in Big Spring on May 3, 2020.

The collection will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. under the gym entrance awning at Trinity Baptist Church located at 1701 East FM 700. The gym entrance is on the west end of the church campus near Birdwell Lane.

All testing will be taking place in this entrance.

Citizens can only be tested with an appointment and should not show up to the testing site without first calling 512-883-2400, or registering online at [txcovidtest.org](http://txcovidtest.org).

Once approved, the person will receive a PIN which will have to be presented at the site before collection will be completed.

Registration will not be accepted prior to 24 hours before the test date; therefore, you will not be able to register until Saturday, May 2, 2020, at 9 a.m.

## City of Big Spring updates information regarding positive COVID-19 cases

Special to the Herald

The City of Big Spring has been working in conjunction with the Texas Department of State Health Services to follow the confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Big Spring and Howard County. A major part of that work is contact investigation. Contact investigation is conducted by the Texas Department of State Health Services to actively trace where a COVID-19 positive patient has been and where they contracted their illness.

As of Monday, April 27, 2020, Howard County has four confirmed cases of COVID-19. Of the four confirmed positive cases, we know the origin of three at this time. One case was travel-related; two cases were a health care worker that contracted the virus from other COVID-19 patients. The fourth positive case is still under investigation by DSHS.

## Howard County Commissioners address technology needs, resignations, and processing delays

By **ERICA MORSE**  
 Herald Contributing Writer

As local officials work to navigate the current challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, critical staffing and technology needs were the primary topics of yesterday's Howard County Commissioners' Court.

At the start of the meeting, Judge Kathryn Wiseman announced the resignation of two employees, one of which is an elected position. Howard County Justice of the Peace (Precinct 2, Coahoma) Connie Shaw has announced her retirement effective June 30th, 2020. In her letter, Shaw stated, "My term to this office does not expire until December 31st, 2022". Judge Wiseman advised that the Council needs to appoint someone to fill the remainder of Shaw's term, which is approximately one-and-a-half years remaining.

Howard County Emergency Management Coordinator Terry Chamness has also resigned. Judge Wiseman indicated that position needs to be filled immediately and requested assistance from

the Commissioners.

Delays in processing inmates at the Howard County Law Enforcement Center has led to a need for a new, part-time Jail Coordinator position. Judge Kathryn Wiseman explained that there are individuals in the jail that need to be processed, pleas that need to be heard/accepted, and paperwork required to release individuals currently incarcerated. Currently, magistrates have to visit the jail seven days per week and work through glass to hear pleas, obtain thumbprints and notarize paperwork. The Court is seeking to create a position that may be reimbursable through FEMA to set up private, secure meetings using the Zoom software.

Judges Timothy Yeates and Timothy Green also weighed in on the matter.

For magistrates, defense attorneys are currently picking up printed documents from the clerk's office, then going to the jail facility to have them signed by the defendants. However, Judge Yeates indicated that even defense attorneys have concerns about holding

face to face meetings with clients at this time and stressed the importance to limiting visitors to the facility.

"We don't want this getting into our jail facility", Judge Yeates said.

For safety reasons, the Court prefers this position not be held by an employee from Information Technology (IT), but rather someone familiar with the law enforcement system.

Potential qualified individuals that were discussed for this position include contract employees from area security companies and licensed private investigators - individuals who have already passed the intricate background and fingerprint screening processes - who could move into the position quickly with less training required.

County Commissioner Jimmy Long initially made a motion allowing Judge Wiseman to develop this position but rescinded the motion after realizing Sheriff Stan Parker was absent and unavailable for input on the matter.

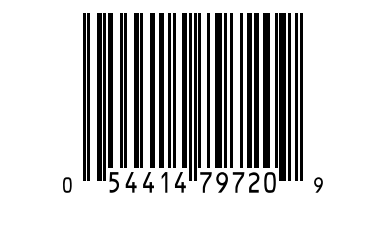
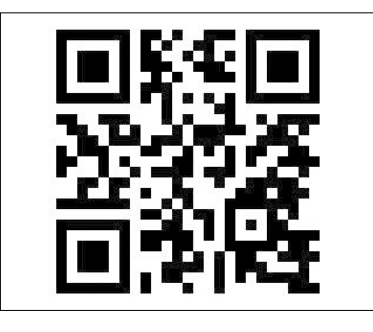
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 Submit your photos of essential workers along with an encouraging word, a thank you, or just showing them we are in this together. Email photos to [editor@bigspringherald.com](mailto:editor@bigspringherald.com).

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## Obituaries

### Kathryn (Kay) Burns



Kathryn (Kay) Burns, 79, of Big Spring, died peacefully at Midland Memorial Hospital on Thursday, April 23, 2020.

Born on Dec. 17, 1940, in Gorman, Texas, Kay grew up in West Texas and graduated from Andrews High School.

She married Wayne Burns when they eloped to Las Vegas after only dating for three months. They had two daughters and were together for 49 years. Kay participated in many Big Spring activities—most notably St. Mary's Episcopal Church and the Howard County Democrats. She will be greatly missed by family and friends who will never forget the energy she brought to any event—she was the fun, crazy, life of the party who loved to take center stage.

Having lived in Big Spring for so long, she had

many wonderful cohorts who encouraged and relished her vivacious ways.

Survivors include her two daughters, Alyssa Cerny of New York and Andrea (Andi) Eggers of California, as well as two grandchildren of California, Hunter and Emily Eggers; her brother,

Gary (Barney) Hise of Big Spring, and her 2 nieces and nephew. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Katy Hise, and her husband, Wayne Burns.

The family would like to thank Hospice of Midland for their excellent care and suggests memorials be made to them at Hospice of Midland, 911 W Texas Avenue, Midland, TX 79701. (432)682-2855.

Due to these uncertain times, we are working on an appropriate celebration of Kay's life at a later time. Please think of a great story to share with family and friends—no doubt there is a funny tale that needs to be shared in her honor. Online condolences may be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

*Paid obituary*

## Take Note

• 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](mailto: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 - 5<sup>th</sup>) 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](http://www.coahomaisd.com)

• Isaiah 58 while not open during normal business hours, will be open on Sundays from Noon until 2 p.m. until further notice, for the safety of their volunteers and those they serve.

• Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Economic Development Corporation and Leading EDG understand the serious challenges our country faces as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. In response to this crisis, the Small Business Administration (“SBA”) has created new programs geared towards financial relief for affected businesses.

The Economic Injury Disaster Loan (“EIDL”), is currently available, but only by applying directly to the SBA via the online portal: <https://www.sba.gov/disaster/apply-for-disaster-loan/index.html>. It only takes a few minutes to fill out.

Another option, The Paycheck Protection Program, (“PPP”), has been approved by Congress. If you want to apply for the “PPP” loan contact your local lender.

Information changes daily so make sure you are checking the SBA website regularly.

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

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

• City of Big Spring offices will remain open by appointment and electronic means only effective Sunday, March 22, at midnight. These offices include: City Hall (432-264-2401); Finance Department (432-264-2513); Public Works Department (432-264-2501); Human Resources Department (432-264-2346);

Water Office (432-264-2319); Code Enforcement/Permits (432-264-2505); Community Services Office; Convention and Visitors Bureau (432-263-8235); Facilities (432-264-2322); Cemetery (432-264-2323); Police Department (432-264-2550); Fire Department (432-264-2304); The Big Spring Senior Center will be closed to congregate meals, but those who wish to pick up a to go order can call 432-267-1628, for more information. All City pavilions and playground structures will remain closed until further notice. For any questions or concerns please contact the City Manager's Office at 432-264-2401.

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

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

• The City of Big Spring will be following CDC guidelines and the executive order by Governor Abbott concerning COVID-19 and will be closing all city park playground structures and park pavilions including: Kidz Zone, Cotton Mize softball field, playground structures at ABC Park, Bert Andries Park, Dr., Morgan Park, and any other city owned playground structure or pavilion until at least April 20th. The date of closure has the possibility to extend. We also ask that you refrain from gathering in groups of 10 or more during this time so we can help stop the spread of COVID-19. For any questions or concerns please contact the City Managers Office at 432-264-2401.

• Big Spring High School will be recognizing the football team, band members and cheerleaders who participated in the first game at Memorial Stadium in the fall of 1956. The recognition will take place Friday, Sept. 4, 2020 at Memorial Stadium. If you are a member of these groups, or know of a member of these groups, and would like to participate, please contact Edward Slate at 432-270-1995, or at 813 Vista Ridge, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

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

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

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible?

There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

• LIMITED VOLUNTEERS - Food2Kids will again be providing sack lunches to children in the Big Spring area who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It takes just a couple of hours of your time, and the work is very rewarding.

## Food Pick Up Info

Big Spring ISD will be providing sacked meals for students while the campuses are closed. Meals will be available at three schools from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. Meals can be picked up at any of the three campuses where they are being handed out, which will be Moss, Marcy and Big Spring Junior High School. At both March and Moss, pick up will be in the bus lane behind the campus. At BSJH, pick up can be made at Door #5 on the east side of campus.



Children in Big Spring ISD can also pick up meals at the following times and locations:

**From 9 a.m. to 9:55 a.m., you can pick up at:**  
 Bus 13-Navajo and Choctaw  
 Bus 14-Bauer  
 Bus 15: Larry and McDonald  
 Bus 27: 5<sup>th</sup> and Abrams  
 Bus 28: 3<sup>rd</sup> and Lockhart  
 Bus 77: Parkway and Hearn  
 Bus 85: Goliad Elementary  
 Bus 86: 6<sup>th</sup> and Circle  
 Bus 90: Southridge RV Park  
 Bus 96: Albrook and Randolph

**From 10 a.m. to 10:55 a.m., you can pick up at:**  
 Bus 13-Barcelona Apartments  
 Bus 14-Lakeview  
 Bus 15: Colby and Drew  
 Bus 27: 8<sup>th</sup> and Lorilla  
 Bus 28: Roy Anderson Complex  
 Bus 77: Airport and Mobile  
 Bus 85: Scott and Macausian  
 Bus 86: Washington Elementary  
 Bus 90: Oasis and Neill  
 Bus 96: Anderson School

Lunch is also available at North Side Movement for all children in the area. Meals can be picked up at Ryan Hall, located behind the church, at 605 N. Main St. To comply with Governor Abbott's mandate, all meals will be set-up drive-through style. No meals will be served inside the hall. Deliveries will depend on number of volunteers available.

You can follow the North Side Movement Facebook page for additional information.

Coahoma ISD will provide take-home lunches to all students while the campuses are closed. Students can pick up a lunch at the back door of the cafeteria, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. No meals will be provided on the Easter holiday.

Forsan ISD will be providing sacked meals for students while the campuses are closed. Meals are available at the following three locations: Forsan Elementary at the south entrance of the building, Special Education 87-20 Coop, or “The Pad”. Breakfast is served from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

*If your restaurant or organization is helping feed students during this time, please e-mail us information and we will be sure to include it in our listing and let the community know. On behalf of the Big Spring Herald and all those who are able to receive support during this time, we say Thank You for all that you are doing and continue to do.*

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COUNTY

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cause the Sheriff's Office oversees the Law Enforcement facility, the Court agreed to table the matter pending further discussion with Sheriff Parker.

In addition to the jail position, offering hazard pay to current county employees who may wish to work the front entrance of the courthouse to re-

lieve the Court Bailiff was discussed.

A proposal to offer tax statements and notifications via e-mail was tabled pending additional information. The Howard County Tax Assessor's Office is asking for \$1,000 to set up PDF e-statements through The Master's Touch, LLC.

The Court also approved invoices and purchase requests from the County Auditor, along with budget amendments.

In other business, Howard County Road Engineer Brian Klinkseik presented the 2020 Road Report to the Court for approval. This year's report - which

is more extensive than years' past - was finalized just prior to the start of Commissioners' Court, allowing little to no time for review. The report was tabled pending further review. Klinkseik also said the current lack of traffic on the roads is leading to less damage, but does anticipate it to pick up once restrictions are lifted.

The next Commissioners' Court is scheduled for Monday, May 11th at 3:30 p.m. Currently, meetings are closed to the public, but may be viewed in real-time via the Howard County Commissioner Court's Facebook page.

CITY

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effort, residents are invited to 'Ride with the Mayor for Motorcycle Awareness' this Saturday at 1 p.m., beginning at the City Council Chambers.

In new business, the Council had the first reading of an ordinance regarding online payment convenience fees related to public utilities.

Currently, the City absorbs any fees associated with using credit cards for online payments. That will continue as payment options expand to include a kiosk location for cash, check and credit cards,

as well as an Interactive Voice Response (IVR), which is an automated system allowing for over-the-phone utility and court payments. According to the Council, this effort is partially in response to the COVID-19 situation, as City officials work to find ways to allow residents more remote payment options. This will also result in personnel savings later down the line, as it will reduce the number of representatives needed at the Water Department to accept and process in-person payments.

The Council also heard a first reading of an ordinance Amending Chapter 8 of the Big Spring Code of Ordinance titled, 'Emergency Management of Disasters'.

This would allow for fines to be issued against anyone who violates rules or regulations not governing fire safety, public health, or Sanitation. Big Spring City Attorney Andrew Hagen explained that the ordinance - if passed - would allow for fines to be issued for anyone who hinders, obstructs or delays emergency management personnel. Hagen further explained the fines for these violations could be issued by police, the Fire Marshall, Municipal prosecutors and Code Enforcement officials.

Council members voted unanimously to approve the following items:

- A no-cost contract with Pepsi Cola for the Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center
- Extending the current contract for PSC Water for a temporary operator labor/operator. State regulations require a Large 'B' or 'A' operator, and the City currently has 'C' level operators. The Council approved the extension until such time as two current employees with 'C' level operators await testing to re-open due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- A \$3,800 purchase of a public utility easement from Big Spring Lots
- A mineral rights gift of land located at 1505 E. 2nd Street, Big Spring, contingent upon survey and title search. The land, which is in a flood plain, has been gifted by three heirs of the previous owner to the City.
- Economic Development Commission minutes from March 17th, 2020 meeting'

Also, the Council voted to approve the expansion and access for City employees to their retirement accounts, as authorized by recently passed legislation.

The CARES Act, which was enacted in March 2020, grants access for City employees to the retirement accounts up to \$100,000 or 100% of contributions from a 457B account. It also offers loans up to \$100,000 from the retirement account, and relief for spreading the 20% Federal tax penalty over a three-year period. Ordinarily, anyone age 72 is required to withdraw a minimum distribution amount annually; that is being bypassed this year to allow for market recovery.

Mayor Thomason announced applications are available for the Citizens Advisory Board. Anyone wishing to participate on the board is asked to contact the Mayor's office to receive and complete an application.

Big Spring Fire Chief Craig Ferguson provided the updated COVID-19 numbers as of 3 p.m. Tuesday, as follows:

- 115 tests conducted locally
- 12 results pending
- 4 positive results thus far

- 1 travel-related
- 2 healthcare-related
- 1 under investigation
- 3 recovered, 1 deceased
- 101 negative tests

After hearing from Chief Ferguson, Mayor Shannon Thomason addressed the perceived discrepancies related to the COVID-19 numbers. According to Thomason two of the positive patients were tested elsewhere; however, since they reside in Howard County, they are included in the local count.

Finally, with Governor Greg Abbot's announcement yesterday to re-open the state at 25% occupancy, the Council advised that Howard County meets an exception to that initiative. Since Howard County has less than five total COVID-19 cases, businesses re-opening will be allowed at 50% occupancy instead of the statewide 25% occupancy limit.

When asked what advice he can give to the community about the re-opening of local businesses this week, Mayor Shannon Thomason recommended continued precautions should be taken. "Just because a business can open doesn't mean it should open," Thomason said. "Anything we can do to support the community and local businesses as they begin to re-open for business, we will do it."

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for May 12th at 5:30 p.m. Notice will be given if the Council meeting can re-open to the public. Anyone wishing to offer comments via phone may do so at the next meeting by calling 432-264-2411.



Weather

**Today:** Sunny, with a high near 82. North wind 10 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Tonight:** Clear, with a low around 54. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south after midnight.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 92. South wind 5 to 15 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 64. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 100. South wind around 15 mph.

**Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 68.

**Saturday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 101.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 69.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 95.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 64.

**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 98.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 66.

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ACCES



# Abbott orders limited reopening of retail, restaurants on May 1

## Special to the Herald

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott announced a three-phase approach to reopening the state's economy in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

On Friday, Abbott said retail, restaurants, shopping malls and movie theaters can reopen but at only 25% capacity. Abbott said the state needs to see 14 days of data on reduced COVID-19 cases before moving the second phase on May 18.

There are currently 1,563 Texans hospitalized with COVID-19 and 661 deaths. Nearly 300,000 people have been tested for the virus. Abbott said the state is on a downward trend when it comes to new infections.

Part of Abbott's executive order could allow counties like Kerr, which has just five confirmed cases, to open those businesses to 50% capacity, but rural counties across the state would have to meet certain guidelines.

"We wanted to open as quickly and as safely as possible," Abbott said during the press conference from Austin.

Kerr County Judge Rob Kelly said Abbott's message was a much-needed dose of good news for the county.

"I'm going home feeling better and more relieved and more confident about where we're headed than I have been in weeks and that's a good thing," Kelly said. "I feel like I see light at the end of the tunnel. Not very big yet, but I see light."

Like Abbott, Kelly urged caution when it comes to thinking that county residents don't need to continue to practice social distancing.

"The more we open up, the more we're exposed to a flare up," Kelly said. "We now have good, objective guidelines that we can follow, so if we do have a little spike of a few cases, that's going to require social distancing."

Abbott's plan also drew positive comments from the Texas Medical Association.

"This is a prudent and careful move by Governor Abbott. Our hospitals were prepared for a large surge of COVID-19 patients," the association wrote in an email. "Thanks to most Texans abiding by social distancing requirements, we were able to avoid that surge. However, we must expand significantly our testing capacity, our ability to monitor new cases of COVID-19, and our ability to trace their contacts to prevent a rapid resurgence of this epidemic in Texas."

The order will also open up other medical offices, including dentists. It also clears the way for golf courses to resume play and for tennis courts to open. However, they're limited to groups of no more than four people. Libraries and museums were allowed to reopen but only at the required 25% capacity.

Abbott's order was not good news for barbershops, hair salons, gyms or bars because the governor said those businesses would not reopen at this time. This comes after barbers and hair stylists, pleaded with the governor to consider safe practices that would allow them to reopen.

Abbott said he understood the frustrations among those hair salon and barbershop owners, and said the state is working on a "best practices" plan, including looking at a one-person-at-a-time plan.

Testing is one of the big concerns to control COVID-19, but Abbott said the state plans to ramp up the testing to about 30,000 people per day. The state's plan also calls for 4,000 contact tracers to work to understand how the virus spreads from person to person.

In Abbott's presentation, he also emphasized the new guidelines from CDC that include new symptoms related to the virus, including loss of smell and taste.

## Local business owners happy to reopen

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Asiel's and Poly Pop will be ready to open their doors first thing Friday morning, owner Audra Robinson said.

"We are open for breakfast at Asiel's and open for lunch at Poly Pop at 11 a.m.," she said. "Starting Friday, we will be at our regular hours."

Robinson and her staff are configuring plans of how to keep employees and customers safe and well, she said.

"We are hot water-conditioned for cleaning, all of our employees will be required to wear masks and we will sanitize everything," Robinson said.

The restaurant staff also are debating on the use of disposable utensils and menus, she said.

Restaurants, retailers, movie theaters and some other business owners were given the green light to start resuming in-person services Monday by Gov. Greg Abbott, who revealed a two-step plan to reopen state businesses while maintaining safeguards to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus. Businesses that would have difficulty maintaining social distancing to provide their services, such as barbershops, bars and nail salons, will remain shuttered for now, Abbott said.

The news might have come just in time for Stand-out Fashion owner Kamisha Jackson, whose landlord sent her an eviction notice, she said.

"Well, so far, for the past few weeks, the business has significantly slowed down, and I know that applies for me and all of the other retail businesses around me," Jackson said. "So we have just been having to just get more creative by finding ways to attract people online and doing curbside."

Jackson looks forward to reopening and hopes it will increase business, allowing her to clear up the issues with her landlord, she said.

"With retail-to-go and just be opening up a little bit more, I believe more people will begin to call more orders in and that there will be more customers in general," Jackson said. "I can only hope that we will be OK through this month."

While reopening is an exciting time, Robinson will have a bittersweet feeling that not everyone at her restaurants could join her yet.

"From an owner's perspective, it's still sad that not all of our employees can be here," Robinson said. "Those that are here will be happy to serve their customers."

Robinson recommends people call and make reservations if they would like to dine in, given that they can operate at only 25 percent occupancy, she said. Asiel's can house about 70 diners while Poly Pop can serve about 20 under the governor's restriction.

The Dirty South, Robinson's third restaurant in Angleton, remains temporarily closed.

Local chamber of commerce leaders are pleased their business communities can begin to ease back into normalcy.

"I think it's very exciting, I think everyone's looking forward to that," Brazosport Area Chamber President and CEO Sandra Shaw said.

She thinks opening businesses at 25 percent capacity will go well, Shaw said, adding that she very much approves of the governor's decision. If there is no appreciable spike in new CO-

VID-19 cases in the next two weeks, the occupancy restriction will increase to 50 percent on May 18 under the governor's "Open Texas" plan.

"I was very grateful to hear that, I think he's doing a great job," she said. "We're really excited about it."

Brazosport-area businesses have been adhering to guidelines well and she thinks that will continue, Shaw said.

"I think they've done a tremendous job so far, and we look forward to working with our business community to get them back open," she said.

The Brazosport Chamber will be there to help businesses reopen in any way possible, Shaw said. She encourages businesses to call the chamber with any concerns or questions.

The Greater Angleton Chamber of Commerce has been preparing to help businesses reopen for weeks, President and CEO Beth Journeay said. The chamber and the City of Angleton partnered to give businesses signs that say "back in business and better" to post when they reopen, she said.

"We know that our businesses are ready," Journeay said. "This is a much-needed announcement."

Grapevine Gifts owner Ron Martin is excited to reopen his Lake Jackson store to visitors Friday, but worries about the safety of his father-in-law. He will ask all customers to wear masks and he'll take their temperatures as an added precaution, he said.

"If anyone has a temperature, then we won't allow them in the store," Martin said. "I have a 99-year-old living with me, my father-in-law, so I have a responsibility and I want to protect him."

Martin will continue with pick-up orders, as they have been growing in success, he said.

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"We'll still do curbside, which has been an exceptional thing for us, it's worked very well," Martin said. "We've been doing all right, but we're ready."

Elaine's Fashions owner Julie Edwards will reopen Friday after having sold clothes through social media for curbside pickup at her West Way Street store in Lake Jackson, she said.

"We'll be open Friday because he said we could, and we'll probably have different store hours to get acclimated back," Edwards said. "We have hand sanitizer, and we'll just allow one to two people at a time."

Edwards is looking forward to reopening business but was concerned about the safety of her customers last week, so they just did curbside service this week, she said.

"We're just taking precautions as we can," she said.

All in One Events and Tents owner John Castaneda's company usually provides tents for Dow Chemical and other local company events, he said. The lack of events "crushed" his business and left him with a real threat of shutting down, Castaneda said.

While he's worried about his company's future, he molded the business model to meet current needs.

"Our business has taken a different turn," Castaneda said. "And we are now providing tents for drive-thru services."

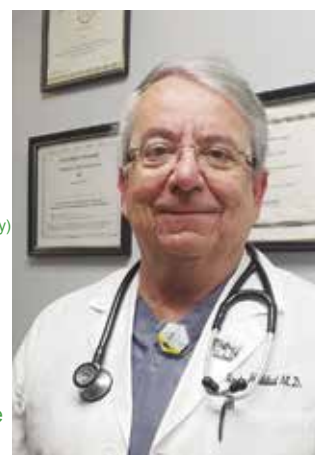
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# Woodard changing culture of Coahoma defense entering his second year

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

If you attended a Coahoma football game last fall, you could see that there was a noticeable difference in the style of defense that the Bulldogs play compared to years past. After the Bulldogs a decade-and-a-half as a position coach on the defensive side of the ball at Big Spring High School, Mitchell Woodard took over as the Bulldogs defensive coordinator last year.

What did Woodard think of his first year leading a defense?

"I enjoyed it. It was great," he said. "We has some kids that worked hard and were leading the system that I was bringing in. It was a change from what they had been doing but those kids bought in and worked hard and we had some success at it."

Woodard got his start in coaching at Dalhart High School almost 30 years ago. Following his one year there, Woodard would move on to coach at Monahans for the next 10 years. After his decade with the Lobos, Woodard decided to move to Big Spring and became a football assistant coach and one of the best track and field coaches in the area while with the Steers.

Coahoma's Chris Joslin and Woodard have been friends for many years. So, when Joslin took over the head coaching job at Coahoma after his state championship-season at Rockdale, he wanted Woodard to come and be the defensive coordinator. Woodard initially declined.

"When he first got the job at Coahoma he called me and offered me his defensive coordinator position," Woodard said. "I turned him down because I didn't think it would be a good look for him to go in and start firing people that had been there and the defensive coordinator was a good guy."

Now, Woodard is entering his second year as the defensive coordinator and the Bulldogs are becoming a feared team to face on Friday night's. After years of leading position groups at Big Spring, Woodard is now leading his own entire defense and is off to a tremendous start.

The Bulldogs made great strides on the defensive side of the ball in Woodard's first year in Coahoma.



After years of underwhelming results on Friday night's, the Bulldogs put together one of their best seasons of the century. Coahoma finished the year with a 9-4 record after years of mediocrity and below average play.

Head Coach Chris Joslin is heading into his third year as athletic director and head football coach and Woodard will be heading into Year Two on Joslin's coaching staff. The duo has already brought a new defensive scheme to the Bulldogs and will continue to make adjustments to prepare for the upcoming season.

"We were a 3-3 Stack (defense) for a few seasons before Woodard got here and my first season," Joslin said. "When he got here I really wanted to move to a 3-4 and that's what he's doing. We've been really close friends for a long time so when he came over we finally made that switch to a 3-4."

Coahoma will be losing star players such as Keegan Dobbs, Gage Hill, and Jonathon and Zack Schneider on the defensive side of the ball. With such a talented group of seniors to graduate, Woodard has his eyes set on the next wave of defensive playmakers to suit up in the red and white.

Junior Colin Daniels was tied for the team lead in sacks and should also make a big impact during this upcoming season. While the outside observer might believe that the Bulldogs are entering a rebuilding phase, they could not be farther from the truth. The Bulldogs are not rebuilding, they are retooling and building their schemes to best fit the talent they have on the field.

"We still have some guys," Woodard said. "We have some outside linebackers that are pretty good and we have a few key secondary guys that will be coming back."

Woodard mentioned Daniels and Patrick Gutierrez as focal points of his attacking style of defense. Woodard likes to bring the pressure to the opposing offense and will use those two players to lead his system. This allows the Bulldogs defense to go on the offensive and not allow the opposing team's offense to dictate the speed of the game. The linebackers play a crucial part in the success of the 3-4 Coahoma defense with all four of them having unique roles and the versatility to move around the second level of the defense.

Woodard does not lack of confidence and wants his defense to be one of the most dominant and well-respected units in all of West Texas.

"Personally, I'd like to shut every team out," Woodard said.

Football season is fast approaching and Coahoma will be ready to go when it is time for the first kickoff of fall. Woodard has changed the style of Coahoma's defense into a much more aggressive and versatile scheme and more wrinkles will be added to the playbook this summer.

Everyone around Coahoma can rest assured that the Bulldogs defense will continue to play fast and physical.

"We just want to play team defense, be where you're supposed to be and be good tacklers," Woodard said.

"The key to football is tackling."

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# Dallas Cowboys Corner: A look at the 2020 Draft Class

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This past weekend was the latest edition of the NFL Draft. During the 2020 NFL Draft, the Dallas Cowboys selected a handful of players who are either expected to contribute right away or develop into strong players that will become starters in a year or so. Dallas developed some of the past few years in the Draft and also picked up one of the top offensive talents of the past few years in Oklahoma's CeeDee Lamb. With the Draft now over and the Cowboys' 90-man roster almost completely filled, let us take a look back on those Dallas picks:

## Round 1, No. 17 overall: CeeDee Lamb - WR - Oklahoma

Even though wide receiver was not the biggest need for Dallas, when Jerry Jones saw that Lamb was falling in the first round, it was a no-brainer of a pick. Lamb can play all across the formation and will need to earn his playing time stepping into a wide receiver room headlined by \$100 million man Amari Cooper and third year man Michael Gallup. The pressure will now be put on the opposing defenses to stop the litany of weapons that quarterback Dak Prescott now possesses on his offense. Opposing defensive coordinators will have to choose carefully who they plan to double-team or attempt to eliminate from the game-plan.

Lamb is now the sixth wide receiver taken by Dallas in the first round throughout the team's history joining the group of Dez Bryant (2010), Alvin Harper (1991), Michael Irvin (1988), Mike Sherrard (1986) and Dennis Homan (1968).

At Oklahoma, Lamb earned consistent playing time during his freshman year and lit up Big 12 defenses for three years. In 40 career games as a Sooner, Lamb recorded 173 receptions for 3,292 yards (19.0 average) and 32 touchdowns. One score he had last fall against the Texas Longhorns in the Battle of Bedlam surely stuck in some Cowboys' fans heads as they watched the skilled wideout weave in-and-out of tackles for a jaw-dropping 51-yard touchdown and an additional two touchdowns. It is now those fans' hope that Lamb can do that in Dallas against opposing defenses for years to come.

## Round 2, No. 51 overall: Trevon Diggs - CB - Alabama

One of the Cowboys' biggest needs heading into this draft was help at the cornerback position. Diggs is a big-bodied corner who can contribute on the field right away. Diggs is the younger brother of current Buffalo Bills wide receiver Stefon Diggs and made the switch from offense to defense during his stint in Tuscaloosa. Cornerback has been a problem area for Dallas for years and they have not had a single cornerback record more than three interceptions in a season since Terence Newman had four in 2011. Dallas is hoping that Diggs can break that trend and use his catching skills to create turnovers consistently for the Dallas defense.

In his four years at Alabama, Diggs played sparingly on defense and collected a total of 68 tackles, four interceptions, two forced fumbles, and 17 passes defended. He is still raw at the cornerback position after making the switch from offense but his potential is through the roof. Dallas will try to build Diggs into a Day One contributor.

## Round 3, No. 82 overall: Neville Gallimore - DT - Oklahoma

Dallas grabbed their second Sooner of their 2020 draft class within their first three picks. Gallimore is a strong, big-bodied defensive tackle who should learn and develop nicely behind recent acquisitions Gerald McCoy and Dontari Poe.

Gallimore played a lot of football over his five total years in Norman and was a consistent contributor since his redshirt freshman season. Over 46 career games at Oklahoma, the third rounder combined for 147 total tackles, 17 tack-

les for loss, 8.5 sacks and five forced fumbles. While he might not be a starter this season, Gallimore should be able to develop well behind the scenes and also get some valuable time in the defensive tackle rotation with McCoy, Poe and 2019 second-round pick Trysten Hill.

## Round 4, No. 123 overall: Reggie Robinson - CB - Tulsa

This pick was looking ahead to the future with top cornerback combo Chido-be Awuzie and Jourdan Lewis set to hit free agency following this upcoming season. Robinson is a competitive cornerback who consistently makes plays on the ball. He recorded four interceptions in his senior season at Tulsa and also had 17 passes defended. In the next couple of seasons, there is a strong possibility that Robinson could be starting on the opposite side of Diggs.

## Round 4, No. 146 overall: Tyler Biadasz - C - Wisconsin

Following the retirement of stalwart center Travis Frederick earlier this offseason, center was a need for the Dallas front office to address. Biadasz is the 2019 Rimington Award winner that goes to the nation's best center and also attended the same university as Frederick. Biadasz at this time is not the replacement for Frederick but with practice time and some development, Biadasz could very well find him as the Dallas Cowboys 2021 starting center.

## Round 5, No. 179 overall: Bradlee Anae - DE - Utah

Anae was expected to be long-gone by the time this pick rolled around. With him still on the board, the Cowboys decided to swoop up the All-American pass rusher and add him to the defensive end ranks. Anae was outstanding during his last season at Utah, racking up 13 sacks and 14 tackles for loss last fall for one of the nation's top defenses. He will now join the rotation at end and should look to challenge for playing time in passing situations.

Over his four years as a Ute, Anae collected 131 total tackles, 40 tackles for loss, 29.5 sacks and five forced fumbles. If he is able to show that kind of production in Dallas, and eliminate whatever concerns made him fall so far in the Draft, then Anae could be the top pass rusher across from DeMarcus Lawrence for Dallas in the next few seasons.

## Round 7, No. 231 overall: Ben DiNucci - QB - James Madison

DiNucci will add depth and competition to the back-end of the Cowboys' quarterback room. After playing at Pitt, DiNucci transferred to James Madison last season and led his team to the FCS National Championship Game. He will now be in a competition with Cooper Rush and Clayton Thorson for the backup quarterback spot behind Dak Prescott.

Last season, DiNucci completed 268-of-378 passes (70.9%) for 3,441 yards, 29 touchdowns and only six interceptions. The small-school quarterback is the first signal caller taken during Mike McCarthy's tenure and fans should keep a close eye on him during training camp and the preseason.

The Cowboys are being praised throughout the media for having one of the better drafts throughout the league. At the beginning of a new era with Mike McCarthy at the helm, Dallas added depth to positions of need and added possibly the best playmaker in the entire 2020 NFL Draft. Now that the Draft is over, the next big event on the NFL schedule will be the release of each team's 2020 schedule. Dallas is set to challenge the tough NFC West division this year as well as the AFC North. Following their strong additions in the Draft the Cowboys appear to be the favorites to take the division crown away from the rival Philadelphia Eagles.

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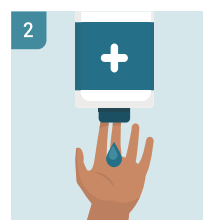
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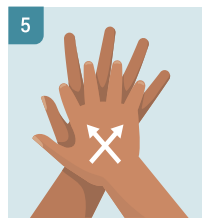
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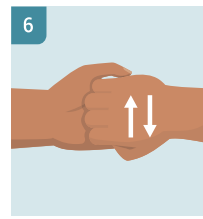
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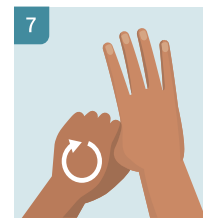
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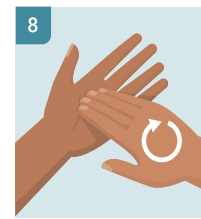
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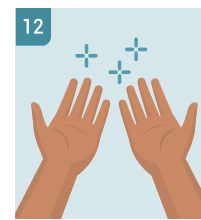
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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## The battle for trump control

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

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

Opening lead — king of clubs.

One of the great advantages of playing in a suit contract, rather than notrump, is that the trump suit neutralizes at least some of the tricks the defenders would otherwise be able to take with their high cards or long suits.

However, this advantage does not protect a declarer in every case. If the defenders persist in leading their long suit, they might eventually run

declarer out of trump and then be able to score whatever tricks remain in their main suit.

Here is a case where the defenders can prevail in that manner, provided they play properly. West leads three rounds of clubs, forcing declarer to ruff.

Superficially, it seems that South is now on solid ground, since he has four sure trump tricks, three heart tricks and four diamond tricks. Nevertheless, the contract will fail if West defends correctly.

At trick four, declarer leads the king of trump. If West takes the king with the ace, South easily wins the rest of the tricks. But if West ducks the king, leaving himself with the A-6-5 while South still has the J-10-8, West retains control of the trump suit.

When South continues with the jack, West ducks again, thus sealing declarer's fate. South cannot afford to lead another trump, because West would win with the ace and return a club to force out declarer's last trump, defeating the contract two tricks.

The best South can do, after West ducks the first two trumps, is to cash as many tricks as he can in diamonds and hearts. Sooner or later, West ruffs one of them with the six of trump, and the contract goes down one.

Tomorrow: Triumph of mind over matter.

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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



the more momentum you'll gather in the weeks ahead.

PISCES (Feb.

### Moon Brings Ocean Dreams

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You've a terrific instinct for which change to make. One habit shift can be life-altering. Just imagine how things could be in six months' time if you were to start now.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You're a busy person juggling to get things done when the circumstances of life have tied your hands. The limitation is what makes you remarkable. Give yourself credit.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Physical clutter represents mental clutter. Clear one and the other clears up, too. None of it will be hard for you to figure out once you dive in. If you can't dive, ask someone to give you a little push.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** If you can find a lot of compassion in your heart and then heap it onto yourself, that's what's needed for this time. It does absolutely no good to be critical. Cheerlead instead.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You've a curiosity and a desire to investigate new avenues. Don't think about it too much now. The answers aren't in your own head. Research. Explore what's out there for you.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Get personal. Show your face. Tell stories. Reveal yourself. When you let people connect with you, what follows will be a relationship, which is something far greater than a role.

**LI-BRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** When you see people showing signs of nervousness and apprehension, help them relax. Do or say something to reduce their worry and yours will be significantly and simultaneously dialed down.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** What stands between you and success? Indecision. Don't agonize. Just choose. Jump in with the confidence that many before you made the same choice and it worked out just fine.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Stop putting so much pressure on yourself. It's not wrong to over-achieve, but it's only worthwhile if you're enjoying yourself. Give yourself some grace.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Alter egos are a creative invention but also a discovery -- and not just for pop stars, sports moguls and comic book heroes. If you haven't explored your alter ego, this is a day to get curious.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You're on the right path. Let yourself dream a little, not of the big picture but the next milestone. The more vivid your vision,

**19-March 20).** You'll be testing something out, committing to a small order, just enough to get a feel for the bigger picture. This is the wise route, as there's no reason to rush in.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 29).** You want to learn things for yourself. This year you'll make bigger efforts to get hands on with matters that once seemed beyond your scope, or perhaps below it. You'll gain even more integrity and deep knowledge, which makes for interesting conversations, relationships and work. You'll be paid very well for your expertise. Aries and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 30, 22, 1 and 18.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION:** "I'm a Capricorn who was doing a lot of online dating before recent global events all happened. Now I'm more texting and video dating. It's definitely weird. What I'm noticing is that I haven't settled on a good pattern for letting people get to know me. I don't know which version of my story to tell. I'm actually not

even sure it's a good story. What should I say about myself in the early stages?"

From the first moment of the first encounter, you and your prospect are just trying to get a sense of who you're dealing with, and if/how you might fit together. It's a search for common ground. For a Capricorn like yourself, this strongly includes subtle power dynamics. In each interaction, you're getting a vibe about the other person's confidence and comfort level with various aspects of control. Capricorn is typically very sensitive to signs of respect, and that's the first thing you feel for. You want to know how in charge the other person is comfortable being and how that might match where you like to sit in a relationship. The facts of the story are not nearly as important as how they reveal your character. For instance, are you a person who goes with the flow, or do you make plans and mold life to those ideas? More tomorrow.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Jerry Seinfeld has a well-rounded astrological chart with all elements (earth, fire, water and air) represented and balanced. But make no mistake; the king of observational humor is undeniably Taurus. Taurus rules the material world, and many Taurus people are avid collectors. Seinfeld and Taurus talk-show host Jay Leno both have an extensive automobile collection.

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

ANSWER:

## Annie's Mailbox

### Modeling Jealousy or Gratitude?

**Dear Annie:** Here comes another summer, and I always enjoy taking my children to a local amusement park. It is a nice park, but can you tell me how to explain to my children why we have to wait in line for, let's say, 30 minutes or more to get on a ride, and then they witness others coming up in a separate line and getting right on? It is called "fast pass." They are catering to the rich because it costs a lot more to get this option.

Also, they have "preferred parking," which costs even more than the ridiculous price of \$20 to park in the "normal" parking lots. So now our children also witness us walking for a considerable distance while the privileged get to park very close to the entrance.

Let me know of a good solution, if there is one. Thank you! -- Ticked Off

### Dear Ticked Off:

One solution might be to go with another family and split the cost difference of the preferred parking.

But the real lesson here is that, yes, there are going to be people who can afford preferred parking and have an easier time at an amusement park. Some can afford expensive seats at a sporting event or on an airplane, and others can drive fancy cars. However, there are some people who cannot afford to take their children to an amusement park. The bottom line is that rather than worrying about explaining inequalities or perceived slights, focus on modeling behavior you'd like your children to emulate.

If you show them that you are bitter about others getting to cut the line, they will learn to be bitter rather than to be grateful for the opportunity to enjoy a day at an amusement park with family. If you use those 30 minutes in line

to appreciate time with your kids and show them your excitement for the upcoming ride, you might be surprised by how much fun you all have.

**Dear Annie:** The poem in your column, "And the people stayed home," was a precious gem.

I am an occupational therapist now serving my kids, their families and staff, as part of distance learning in our public schools.

Your column was a grand slam in terms of what I think people need right now: reassurance, hope, stability and empowerment. I will definitely share this column with others! Thank you, and bless you. -- Absolutely Wonderful

**Dear Wonderful:** Thank you so much for your kind words. I felt the exact same way when I read that poem. Wishing everyone safety and love.

**Dear Annie:** If I could, I would like to give a bit of encouragement to all the parents who are sheltering at home with their kids and trying to be their teacher. My older sister taught first grade for 40 years.

She eventually learned that her first task was to make the kids love her. If they loved her, they would be willing to learn.

So a message for parents is that, since your children already love you, you have already accomplished the first step of being a good teacher. -- Teacher at Home

**Dear Teacher at Home:** Thank you for your letter. I agree that love breeds listening, and I'm going to add respect to that list as well. Please thank your sister for her 40 years of service in one of the most important jobs in the world.

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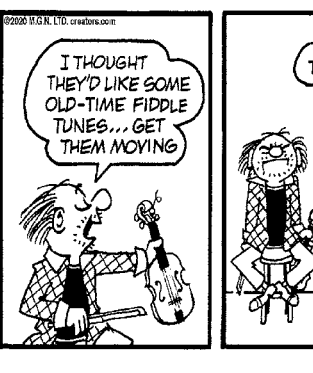


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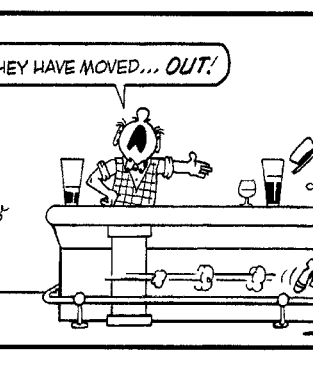
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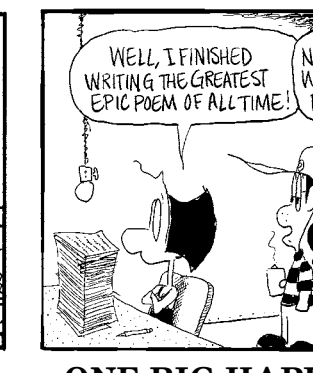
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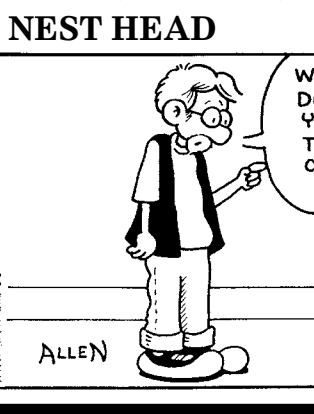
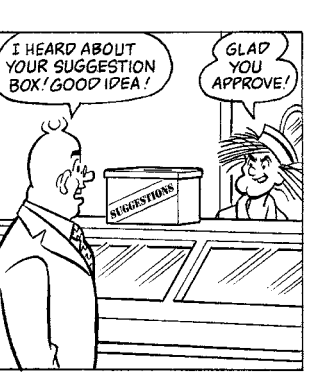
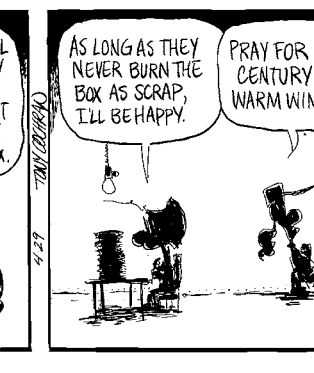
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This Date In History

**Today in History**  
Today is Wednesday, April 29, the 120th day of 2020. There are 246 days left in the year.  
Today's Highlight in History:  
On April 29, 1945, during World War II, American soldiers liberated the Dachau (DAH'-khow) concentration camp. Adolf Hitler married Eva Braun inside his "Führerbunker" and designated Adm. Karl Doenitz (DUHR'-nihtz) president.  
On this date:  
In 1798, Joseph Haydn's oratorio "The Creation" was rehearsed in Vienna, Austria, before an invited audience.  
In 1916, the Easter Rising in Dublin collapsed as Irish nationalists surrendered to British authorities.  
In 1946, 28 former Japanese officials went on trial in Tokyo as war criminals; seven ended up being sentenced to death.  
In 1957, the SM-1, the first military nuclear power plant, was dedicated at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.  
In 1967, Aretha Franklin's cover of Otis Redding's "Respect" was released as a single by Atlantic Records.  
In 1961, "ABC's Wide World of Sports" premiered, with Jim McKay as host.  
In 1991, a cyclone began striking the South Asian country of Bangladesh; it ended up killing more than 138,000 people, according to the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.  
In 1992, a jury in Simi Valley, California, acquitted four Los Angeles police officers of almost all state charges in the videotaped beating of motorist Rodney King; the verdicts were followed by rioting in Los Angeles resulting in 55 deaths.  
In 1997, Staff Sgt. Delmar Simpson, a drill instructor at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland, was convicted of raping six female trainees (he was sentenced to 25 years in prison and dishonorably discharged). A worldwide treaty to ban chemical weapons went into effect.  
In 2000, Tens of thousands of angry Cuban-Americans marched peacefully through Miami's Little Havana, protesting the raid in which armed federal agents yanked 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez from the home of relatives.  
In 2008, Democratic presidential hopeful Barack Obama denounced his former pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, for what he termed "divisive and destruc-

ive" remarks on race.  
In 2018, T-Mobile and Sprint reached a \$26.5 billion merger agreement that would reduce the U.S. wireless industry to three major players. (The deal would be approved by federal regulators in July 2019).  
Ten years ago: Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal (JIN'-dul) declared a state of emergency in the face of the worsening oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. The U.S. Navy officially ended a ban on women serving on submarines, saying the first women would be reporting for duty by 2012. A knife-wielding man slashed 29 children and three teachers at a school in eastern China (the assailant was executed a month later). The NCAA's Board of Directors approved a 68-team format for the men's basketball tournament beginning the next season.  
Five years ago: Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (shin-zoh ah-bay) offered condolences for Americans killed in World War II in the first address by a Japanese leader to a joint meeting of Congress, but stopped short of apologizing for wartime atrocities. In what was believed to be the first major league game played without fans in attendance, Chris Davis hit a three-run homer in a six-run first inning and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Chicago White Sox 8-2. (The gates at Camden Yards were locked because of concern for fan safety following recent rioting in Baltimore.) Calvin Peete, 71, who became the most successful black player on the PGA Tour before the arrival of Tiger Woods, died in Atlanta.  
One year ago: President Donald Trump, his family and the Trump Organization filed a lawsuit against Deutsche Bank and Capital One in an attempt to block congressional subpoenas seeking their banking and financial records. At his first public rally as a 2020 presidential candidate, Joe Biden accused President Donald Trump of abusing the powers of his office and ignoring everyone but his political base. Oscar-nominated "Boyz n the Hood," died in Los Angeles at the age of 51;

he had suffered a major stroke eleven days prior.  
**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Keith Baxter is 87. Conductor Zubin Mehta is 84. Disgraced financier Bernard Madoff is 82. Pop singer Bob Miranda (The Happenings) is 78. Country singer Duane Allen (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 77. Singer Tommy James is 73. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., is 70. Movie director Phillip Noyce

is 70. Comedian Jerry Seinfeld is 66. Actor Leslie Jordan is 65. Actress Kate Mulgrew is 65. Actor Daniel Day-Lewis is 63. Actress Michelle Pfeiffer is 62. Actress Eve Plumb is 62. Rock musician Phil King is 60. Country singer Stephanie Bentley is 57. Actor Vincent Ventresca is 54. Singer Carnie Wilson (Wilson Phillips) is 52. Actor Paul Adelstein is 51. Actress Uma Thurman is

50. International Tennis Hall of Famer Andre Agassi is 50. Rapper Master P is 50. Actor Darby Stanchfield is 49. Country singer James Bonamy is 48. Gospel/rhythm-and-blues singer Erica Campbell (Mary Mary) is 48. Rock musician Mike Hogan (The Cranberries) is 47. Actor Tyler Labine is 42. Actress Megan Boone is 37. Actress-model Taylor Cole is 36. Actor Zane

Carney is 35. Pop singer Amy Heidemann (Karmin) is 34. NHL center Jonathan Toews is 32. Pop singer Foxes is 31. Actress Grace Kaufman is 18.  
**Thought for Today:** "In any great organization it is far, far safer to be wrong with the majority than to be right alone." — John Kenneth Galbraith (1908-

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- ACROSS**  
1 Go it alone  
5 Chicago air hub  
10 Pottery supply  
14 Zealous  
15 Early evening hour  
16 Ready to bite into  
17 Unhip one  
18 Wouk's mutinied ship  
19 Ready for business  
20 Make a desperate try  
23 Form 1040 org.  
24 Auto registration fig.  
25 Is wild about  
29 What one may call a queen  
31 Scot's topper  
34 Archie Bunker persona  
35 Splinter group  
36 Uncouth  
37 Have a big advantage  
40 Laudatory poetry  
41 Light and breezy  
42 Sign of the ram  
43 Hue of Mars  
44 Big wheel's auto  
45 In style  
46 Take a spouse  
47 Director Spike or Ang  
48 Have lunch on the run, say  
55 Apple Watch voice  
57 Catalyst  
58 Not playing today  
59 Work on another's manuscript
- DOWN**  
1 Performed a duet  
2 [see other side]  
3 Former Italian coin  
4 Probability stats  
5 Tinseltown trophies  
6 Preliminary races  
7 Hertz competitor  
8 Take a lease  
9 Sap of strength  
10 Royal topper  
11 They're needed for pouting  
12 Orangutan, for one  
13 Strong craving  
21 Michelangelo sculpture  
22 Lesson objective  
25 Loathe  
26 Two-element semiconductor  
27 Stared at  
28 Curtain holders  
29 DC subway  
30 With sore muscles  
31 Italian shroud city  
32 Thrown in  
33 Needing straightening  
35 Slender  
36 Very hard to find  
38 Revealed, as one's feelings  
39 Felt concern  
44 Place to graze  
45 Dimes, to dollars  
46 Compose an email  
47 Knight's spear  
48 Frightful  
49 Improves in a wine cellar  
50 Salty waters  
51 Genie's offering  
52 It's a thought  
53 Extended family  
54 Sheep in quantity  
55 Hr. fraction  
56 Possible reply to "You think so?"

Answer to previous puzzle

MOVE	GRAF	OKED
AREA	LANE	NIXED
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HOLY	GRAIL	IGLOO
NET	STATES	
ZEBRAS	SKIER	
ARROW	BEEP	TAKE
PIOUS	RAY	CHINA
SEWN	CATS	RUMOR
DARTS	BURSTS	
PASTRY	SEE	
ALTAR	EXCALIBUR	
GLOBE	TROT	ROPE
EARLS	CALL	IRON
NYET	HYDE	SENT

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# New Rangers park among possible MLB ideas for season start

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Baseball Writer

North Texas has more to offer than just the new Rangers ballpark should MLB decide to start the pandemic-delayed 2020 baseball season with teams grouped together in different regions.

Among the different plans looked at by Major League Baseball is to use Texas as a mid-American hub.

"Depending upon a variety of the other factors, it makes a lot of sense," Rangers general Jon Daniels said Monday, when asked about the possibility of Texas being part of such a plan. "Just given the nature of the market, the proximity of a lot of the facilities, the quality of the facilities, the quality of not just baseball facilities, but the hotels in the area and other things that you'd need."

While the Rangers have had "some involvement, just from a due-diligence standpoint" to help Major League Baseball gather information, Daniels stressed during a conference call with beat writers that is just among several ideas being looked at by league officials.

MLB and the players' association have had preliminary discussions about potential ways for the season to start when given the go-ahead by federal, state and local governments and health officials amid the coronavirus. Having all the teams based in Phoenix has been examined, and there has also been talk of having groups of teams in Arizona, Texas and Florida, pending on health conditions.

The season to start March 26, two

weeks after spring training was suspended because of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey has said that his state is willing to host all 30 major league teams at the time public health concerns allow. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott and Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis both have indicated their willingness to allow NASCAR races without fans in their states, which could indicate the opportunity for other sports under similar conditions.

The Rangers still haven't opened their brand new \$1.2 billion stadium with a retractable roof in Arlington — just off Interstate 30, halfway between Dallas and Fort Worth. Some players who live in the area have started working out at the recently completed ballpark. There are also several other stadiums nearby, including the Rangers' Double-A franchise's home in Frisco, and several top-notch college facilities, including TCU.

Houston's Minute Maid Park, which also has a retractable roof, is about a four-hour drive from the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.

In the Phoenix area, there are 10 spring training parks plus the Diamondbacks' Chase Field, which has a retractable roof, and several college facilities. Florida has the domed Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Florida, the home of the Tampa Bay Rays, and other ballparks in the Tampa area.

While no games have been played at Globe Life Field in Texas, the first new big league ballpark since 2017.

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