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*Photo submitted by April Rivera*  
**Celeste Valle, BSPD officer, was recognized by April.** She was described as never letting a tough battle or people knock her down. She protects the community and ensures everyone's safety even if that means risking her own. She's the strongest and most selfless person I know and am proud to call her mom.

*Recognizing Daily Heroes*

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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.

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## City, County, Emergency Mgmt. issues statement on re-opening

*Gov. Abbott Executive Order allows re-opening to begin May 1*

*Editor's Note: Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman, Big Spring Mayor Shannon Thomason and Howard County Emergency Management Team issued a release addressing the re-opening of Texas. The release addresses the guidelines for Howard County and Big Spring.*

### Special to the Herald

On Monday, April 27, 2020, Governor Abbott issued an Executive Order to start reopening the State of Texas. The order included guidelines for opening restaurants, retail establishments, movie theaters, museums, and libraries. The order also gave approval for outdoor sports with no more than four participants and provided guidelines for churches to expand their services. Governor Abbot's Executive Order includes the specific guidelines that each business shall follow. We strongly recommend that citizens continue to practice social distancing, wash your hands, stay home if you're sick, and

wear a mask when in public areas. Citizens should also simply stay home when possible. Don't make unnecessary trips into public. Keep in mind that local establishments may require citizens to wear a mask and can refuse service to anyone.

Inside of Howard County, to include the City of Big Spring, businesses outlined in the Executive Order may open on May 1, 2020, to fifty percent (50%) of their capacity, if they follow social distancing guidelines and sanitizing guidelines set forth by the CDC and the Texas Department of State Health Services.

At this time, and by Governor Abbott's orders, gyms, public swimming pools, interactive amusement venues such as bowling alleys and video ar-

cade, massage establishments, tattoo studios, piercing studios and cosmetology salons shall remain closed.

The use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options for food and drinks remains allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of the Governor's executive order.

We are each called upon to be Texans; to act responsibly as we re-engage the economy, to continue following all health precautions and sanitizing guidelines, and to care for our vulnerable neighbors.

Anyone with questions regarding the specific guidelines for each business may visit the Governor's Open Texas website at [www.gov.texas.gov/open-texas](http://www.gov.texas.gov/open-texas).



## CRMWD announces opening recreation areas at J.B. Thomas, O.H. Ivie and E.V Spence on May 1

### Herald Staff Report

Beginning Friday, May 1, the Colorado River Municipal Water District's park and recreation areas at J.B Thomas, E.V Spence and O.H. Ivie will be open to the public for day use only (sunrise to sunset). There will not be any overnight camping allowed at this time. Group shelter pavilions will remain closed.

The boat ramps will open at Southside Park, Lake Thomas; Paint Creek and Wildcat Parks at Lake Spence; and Padgitt, Kennedy and Concho Parks at Lake Ivie. Bank fishing is allowed within all park boundaries.

CRMWD is following the directives issued by Gov. Greg Abbott in an effort to promote public and staff health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Park visitors shall follow Federal, State and Local guidelines, recommendations and restrictions regarding gatherings of people and cleanliness standards while in public spaces.

Park concessionaires located at E.V. Spence and O.H. Ivie Reservoirs will remain open at their discretion. Each concessionaire should be contacted for their operating hours and services provided. Concessionaire contact information is available on the CRMWD website at [www.crmwd.org/recreation](http://www.crmwd.org/recreation).

CRMWD will continue to monitor Federal, State and Local directives to promote public health and safety for outdoor recreation activities and will announce any changes or modifications.

For more information, please go to [www.crmwd.org](http://www.crmwd.org) or contact us at 432-267-6341.



## Recognizing area students: BSHS Senior Olivia Bancroft

### By COL. ALLEN MORRIS

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Herald has been recognizing Star Students each week as part of the education page. Due to distance learning being implemented for the past several weeks, students and teachers have been adjusting to this new way of "normal." However, the accomplishments these students have achieved still deserve to be recognized, and this week the recognition goes to Big Spring High Olivia Bancroft.

She is the daughter of George and Elissa Bancroft and has lived in Big Spring almost all of her life. Had you asked her a few years ago, she would have said, "I am in the class of 2021," but her drive and ambition for her future and for those with whom she will share her future have changed that answer to be, "I am in the class of 2020." Not only will Olivia be a high school graduate one year early,

she will start her university studies this fall as a member of the Junior Class.

When asked to explain what is important to Olivia, she said, "My family and my education are important to me. Without the support of my parents, I would not be the student nor person I am today. Because of them I am able to take on as many [school and work] hours as I can handle. At the moment I am taking twenty-five college hours while still in high school. My parents encourage me when I feel overwhelmed and they congratulate me when I have accomplished something, no matter how big or small. I am always reminded of how loved I am through their constant support. I hope to one day repay them for all they have done for me."

When asked what inspires her, Olivia said, "My favorite Bible verse is: Commit your works to the Lord and your plans will be established. Proverbs 16:3" According to Kelly Ralston, who helps

students learn English Language Arts at Big Spring High, "Olivia is a beautiful young woman who is determined, ambitious, and driven. Olivia's smile is as bright as the highlighter that she uses on her super-organized day planner. She's simply a sweetheart. She deserves good things in her life."

Amy Ogle Aquatic Director at our local YMCA said, "Olivia has worked for me for three years. She has grown into one of the hardest working young ladies whom I know. She has been a big part of our lifeguard family. She has become part of our Alive Group that is head of all the new lifeguards that come to work our summers. Olivia takes on new tasks with heart and a smile. On many occasions, I have given her a new task and she puts everything she has into it. Olivia works the 5am shift without complaint and that is rare among teens. Recently she has been given new duties and was assigned to teach on our new aqua boards. She is extremely good at it. I am so proud of everything she has become. I know she will do amazing things in her life. The YMCA family

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**Olivia Bancroft**

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## Obituaries

## Heriberto Gonzalez Rubio



Heriberto Gonzalez Rubio, 98, of Big Spring, passed away Friday, March 20, 2020.

Graveside services will be Noon, Saturday, May 2, 2020, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born March 16, 1922, in Laredo, Texas and married Manuela Parras, Oct. 10, 1945, in Big Spring. The couple met at the train station in March 1943 in Pyote, Texas, while he was stationed at the

Air Force base there. She preceded him in death Nov. 24, 1995.

Heriberto had been a resident of Big Spring since 1945. He is a World War II veteran of the United States Air Force from 1942 until 1945 and was sta-

tioned in England. He worked at the Veterans Administration Medical Center for 33 years, retiring as cook foreman. He was a member of La Fe Baptist Church and was active with the church brotherhood where he served as a secretary, music director and deacon.

Survivors include two granddaughters, Melody Baez and Bess Harmony Tello; three great-grandchildren; and one sister, Cecelia Rubio of Laredo, Texas.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, Gregorio and Paz Gonzalez Rubio; a daughter, Delia Tello; two sisters, Dora and Anita; and three brothers, Raul, Martin and Enrique.

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

*Paid Obituary*

## Fire/EMS

*Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity from April 27 - April 29, 2020:*

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

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Lynn. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2200 block of S. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Tucson. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Virginia.

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of E. FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 5100 block of E. Midway Road. No transport was required.

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of Dogwood. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of E. Hwy 350. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of E. Ninth Street. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Hwy 87. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Sycamore. No transport was required.

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

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2700 block of Andrews Hwy. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of E. 25th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Mountain Park Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Clanton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of N. Hwy 87 and FM 700. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Cindy Lane. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Drive-thru COVID-19 testing May 3 at Trinity Baptist Church by appointment

The National Guard will be conducting a "free of charge" drive-through coronavirus testing in Big Spring on May 3. 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 E. FM 700. 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 and before collection will be completed. Registration will not be accepted prior to 24 hours before testing therefore you will not be able to register until Saturday, May 2 at 9 a.m.

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## 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: 5th and Abrams  
Bus 28: 3rd and Lockhart  
Bus 77: Parkway and Hearn  
Bus 85: Goliad Elementary  
Bus 86: 6th and Circle  
Bus 90: Southridge RV Park  
Bus 96: 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: 8th and Lorilla  
Bus 28: Roy Anderson Complex  
Bus 77: Airport and Mobile  
Bus 85: Scott and Macausian  
Bus 86: Washington Elementary  
Bus 90: Oasis and Neill  
Bus 96: Anderson School

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

Coahoma ISD 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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**Sheriff**

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity from Monday, April 27- April 29, 2020:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.

- **DUANE CLINTON FULGHAM**, 36, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of resist arrest, search or transport.
- **ADRIANA MARIE HARRISON**, 31, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of theft of property between \$2,500 and \$30,000.
- **ANDREW MARTINEZ**, 18, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of theft of firearm.
- **ROBERT JULIAN MARTINEZ**, 19, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of theft of firearm.
- **JOSHUA MATTHEW SALAZAR**, 17, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MORGAN LEE WATSON**, 57, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of FTA/credit card or debit card abuse.
- **ALVIN PHILLIP ALLEN**, 56, was arrested BSPD on a charge of

theft of property between \$100 and \$750 and public intoxication.

- **WILIS ROYER BAILEY**, 18, was arrested by BSPD, on evading arrest detention with vehicle and evading arrest detention.
- **DON LLOYD BROOKS**, 53, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property less than \$2,500 two or more convictions.
- **ADRIANA MARIE HARRISON**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance PG 3 less than 28 grams; violate promise to appear (x2); driving while license invalid (DWLI) and fail to maintain financial responsibility.
- **CANDICE KAELYNN HODNETT**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of burglary of building.
- **AKKEY MCVAE**, 22, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **BRANDON RYAN RIVERA**, 24, was arrested by DPS, on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **JUAN URIBE VALDEZ**, 47, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of indecency with child sexual assault.

**Take Note**

may apply at this time.

• St. Vincent de Paul will be open the following dates beginning May 2020. Food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

• 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>)

• 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.

**BSHS**

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is so proud to call her one of us."

Additionally, Amber Griffith, who also helps students learn English Language Arts said, "Olivia Bancroft is an excellent student; she is always thinking of others. I'm afraid that when it comes to being interviewed and Olivia is asked what her greatest weakness is, she is going to have to respond with an answer like, "I insist on getting things done in a timely manner and I am only satisfied with doing my best." Because, in my experience as her former teacher, those were her greatest weaknesses. Olivia has a kind and giving heart and on more than one occasion has made my day brighter. I am honored to have called her name on my roster and I sincerely look forward to seeing her continue to grow and conquer everything that

is put in front of her."

Bancroft said, "I am very excited to start this new chapter of my life and very proud of the one I have just completed. In just twelve months, I will have accomplished 55 to 61 college hours (according to AP exam scores). This fall, I am very eager to continue my undergrad studies through Southwestern Governors University, where I will be enrolled as a seventeen-year-old college Junior. During this time, I have decided to remain at home so that I may continue to work, save, and live rent-free."

She continued, "Through Southwestern Governors I will obtain a Bachelors of Accounting. Immediately after graduation, I will either attend graduate school at the Brint Ryan School of Business at the University of North Texas or en-

list in the United States Marine Corps. Whatever the order, I do plan on doing both things and eventually, I hope to become a CEO of a large corporation."

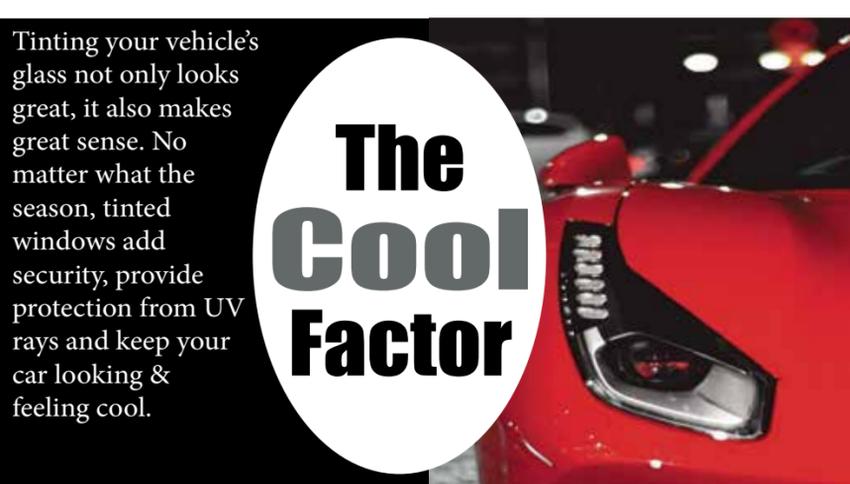
It is easy to be excited for Olivia's future and equally so for those who are lucky enough to get to spend it with her.

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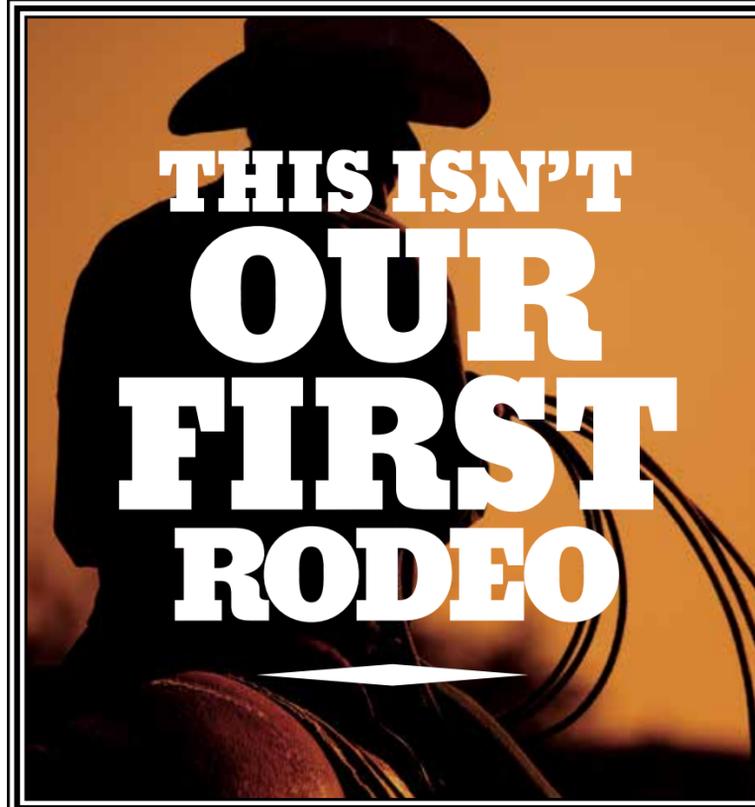
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# Everyday heroes - Making an impact in Big Spring & Howard County

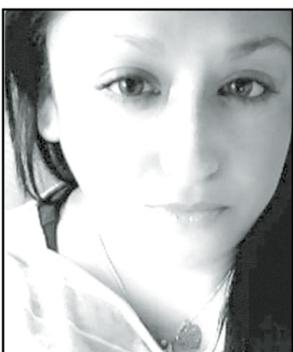


Photo submitted by *Netti Rios*

**Beatrice Trevino** is a nurse, single mom and mentor. *Netti Rios* said, "When I thought I couldn't finish school and my life was over due to my divorce she saved me from my depression and showed me a different way."



Photo submitted by *Samantha Rodriguez*

**Inez Marie Delgado** was recognized by her sister. She works at H-E-B Pharmacy and goes above and beyond for all customers; she has a beautiful and kind heart. **Felipe Delgado** works as the grocery manager at Midland H-E-B. He works long hours and also goes above and beyond for the customers. He travels to Midland for work and is such an amazing boss.

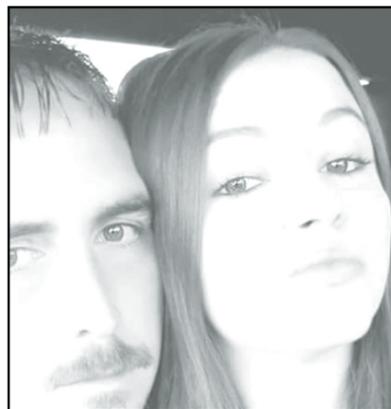


Photo submitted by *Lou Sherman*

**Lou Sherman** nominated her daughter in law **Crystal Shults**. She is going to school for LVN and works on the front line for free for schools.



Photo submitted by *Chuey N Sky Soliz*

**Lisa** works at the YMCA. *Chuey N Sky Soliz* said, "She is my hero at work and everywhere. I can always count on her. She is an amazing person..."



Photo submitted by *Cindy Yanez*

Pictured Left: **Cindy Yanez** wanted to recognize the Radiology team at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Yanez is part of the team and said she is proud to work with these amazing ladies,

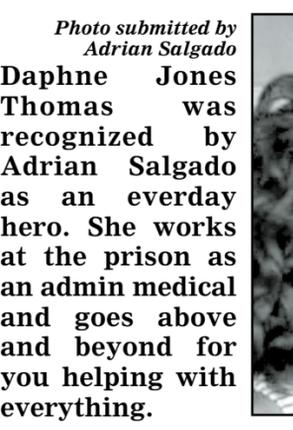


Photo submitted by *Adrian Salgado*

**Daphne Jones Thomas** was recognized by **Adrian Salgado** as an everyday hero. She works at the prison as an admin medical and goes above and beyond for you helping with everything.



Photo submitted by *Sheri Wallace Bailey*

Pictured Left: **Malinda Pope** was recognized by **Sheri Bailey**. She works in the lab and X-ray department at SMMG. She does her job with a sweet smile and is so caring and always willing to



help patients. She is an angel.



Photo submitted by *Nora Hinojos Hernandez*

Pictured Left: **Nora** nominated her son **Valentin Garcia** as an everyday hero. He works as a Correctional Officer at Flightline at GEO. He is their hero by helping his brother and his mom. He has polycystic kidney disease and he does whatever he can to support both of them, while making

sure he has enough to provide for them so they don't struggle. She said, "Without my son, I don't know what to do if it wasn't for him. I thank our Lord Jesus Christ that he's in both of mine and his baby brother's life."



Photo submitted by *Harvey Valdez*

**Kierstan Rose** is a Certified Nurse. She also takes care of three kids and her grandpa, all while going to school for nursing.



Photo submitted by *Fidel Calderon*

**Lucas Lopez**, pictured far left, and **Eddie Levens**, left, were nominated by **Fidel Calderon** for being everyday heroes. He said, "Eddie and Lucas, and all the other nurses and medical staff working the front lines during this pandemic are heroes. These two men have done more than words can say. Words cannot express the tremendous impact they have had on our lives. Thank ya'll very much.

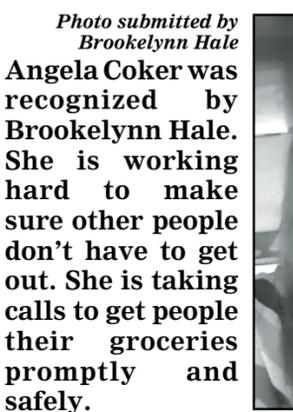


Photo submitted by *Brookelynn Hale*

**Angela Coker** was recognized by **Brookelynn Hale**. She is working hard to make sure other people don't have to get out. She is taking calls to get people their groceries promptly and safely.



Photo submitted by *Schrhonda Drone*

Pictured left: **Angel Velasco** works at the Walmart Pharmacy and was recognized by **Schrhonda Drone** for going above and beyond for his customers. He is dedicated to his job and keeping everyone safe during this difficult



Photo submitted by *Casey Bordovsky Chavez*

**Head Master Jenny Bryans** has worked tirelessly to start a classical school here in Big Spring. With the school board, they have worked to provide an excellent education in a Christian environment. She and her family have repeatedly invested their love into this community. The staff and Bryans continue to work with parents and students to complete the school year so kids will have a great next year.

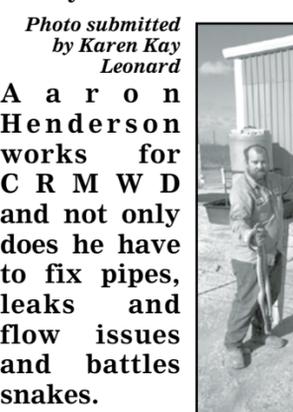


Photo submitted by *Karen Kay Leonard*

**Aaron Henderson** works for CRMWD and not only does he have to fix pipes, leaks and flow issues and battles snakes.



Photo submitted by *Prisma Jessica*

**Erica Viera** was recognized by her sister **Prisma Jessica**. Erica works at the VA.



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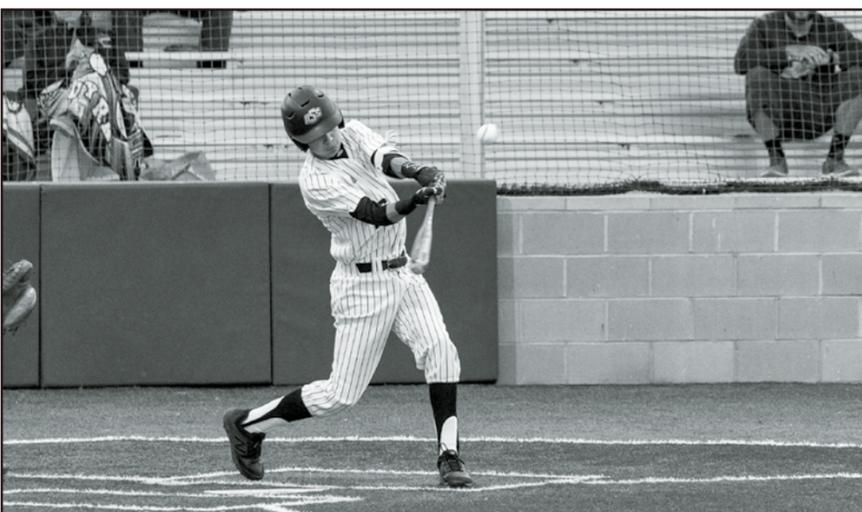
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### Big Spring baseball's Anthony Sarmiento named class valedictorian



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Pictured above left: Sarmiento makes a strong connection with a ball at the plate. Pictured above right: Sarmiento prepares to send an infield grounder to first base from his second base position.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

The 2019-20 school year is going to end differently than any previous year of school in memory. With the coronavirus pandemic shutting down in-person teaching for the remainder of the year, students have had to revert to distance learning while stuck at home.

Even though the seniors will be sent off without spending the last few months in the classroom, it is still important to recognize the achievements that these students have put in for the last 13 years. After starting on the baseball diamond every spring, Sarmiento would receive his transcript at the end of the semester and see that he was usually No. 1 in the class.

Now, he is the 2020 Big Spring High School Valedictorian.

"He was like a son to me," Steers baseball coach Daniel Carrillo said. "Him growing with the program and when he would go and try to set an example, it always sounded like me out there. He's one of the few kids that I've ever coached that has trusted in me and everything I would say and he would believe in it. He wouldn't question it and he would just what he learned out onto the field. He was like a second coach out on the field and a phenomenal teammate."

Sarmiento often took his smarts from the classroom and translated them onto the baseball field. Whenever Carrillo needed to make an adjustment, Sarmiento acted as another coach on the field and would relay the message to the other players. He was never afraid to ask his coaches' questions and he also made some pretty sweet plays from his second base position through his years in the black and gold.

During the shortened 2020 season, Sarmiento had gotten off to a great start and was one of the Steers most consistent batters. He also helped complete a few nice double-plays from his spot in the field and even caught a scorching line-drive in the playoffs last year that had everyone in awe of his reaction time and pure skill.

"I don't know how he grabbed it but he did and it was just a phenomenal play," Carrillo said. "He's always been more athletic than people thought. His demeanor every day at the ball park was positive. He just came in and worked and worked."

Sarmiento does not have a favorite subject in school but if he were to pick a

class he believes he is best at, it would be English. He has recently applied to Angelo State University and plans to attend there before transferring to Lubbock Christian University.

Why did he decide on that route?

"In Texas, if you're valedictorian, you can get your associates' from any public institute in Texas," Sarmiento said.

Sarmiento plans to study so that he can go into assisting people as a pastoral counselor. It is a cause that is near-and-dear to his own heart and he would like to make a difference in people's lives who have been through similar struggles that he or his family members have gone through.

It is not easy for a young student-athlete who dedicates so much time to sports to be able to also excel in the classroom. With all of the additional practice time and time spent on road trips with his team, Sarmiento still always found a way to get his schoolwork done. This kind of dedication is a lot coming out of a teenager which only shows the maturity and intelligence of the Steers' Valedictorian.

"He has the whole package," Carrillo said. "Character, work ethic, and everything else. He just has it."

This school year is ending like any other and there is still uncertainty surrounding the school's graduation ceremony. There have been rumors that the graduation will go on at Memorial Stadium but there has been no official rule yet. Whether or not the ceremony will be in-person is still yet to be decided but one thing is for certain: If Sarmiento needs to deliver a speech, he will be ready.

"I have a decent idea of what I want to say and how I want to go about it but I'm not sure if that'll happen," he said.

His family, friends and even fans will hopefully have a chance to see Sarmiento up on stage to speak to and motivate his fellow graduates. After four years of excelling at everything he has put his mind to, it is now a time to celebrate all of his outstanding accomplishments and be excited about what his future holds.

Big Spring and all of its citizens will not soon forget the impact of Anthony Sarmiento in both the classroom and on the baseball diamond.

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

### Skeptics loom as NCAA builds guardrails around compensation

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Sports Writer

For more than 60 years, NCAA leaders have insisted college athletes had to be amateurs and to be amateurs they could not be paid for being athletes — by anybody.

That will no longer be the case. The NCAA announced Wednesday it is moving forward with a plan to allow college athletes to earn money for endorsements and a host of other activities involving personal appearances and social media content.

It's a big deal — "unprecedented," Ohio State President and NCAA Board of Governors chairman Michael Drake called it. But there are important details to be sorted out before NCAA membership votes on legislation in January and there are plenty of skeptical lawmakers and lawyers watching.

"The challenge of evaluating this is we don't know where they have landed yet," said Gabe Feldman, director of the Tulane University sports law program.

While athletes will be able to cash in on their names, images and likenesses as never before, the money won't come from the NCAA, schools or conferences.

The broad plan is to allow athletes to strike deals with third parties, but require them to disclose those agreements with their schools. The NCAA and schools want to regulate for improprieties so payments aren't actually recruiting inducements or pay-for-play schemes.

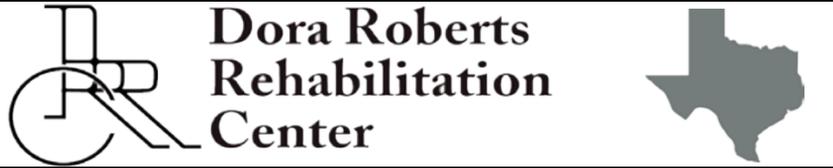
Guardrails is the word college sports leaders are using to describe those regulations. The next phase is building those guardrails.

There will be no cap on what the athletes can earn, said Ohio State athletic director Gene Smith, who led the group that produced the recommendations approved by the Board of Governors.

That's important because the NCAA is still fighting the appeal of an antitrust case in which the plaintiffs claimed the association and its member schools and conferences have been illegally capping compensation to athletes at the value of a scholarship.

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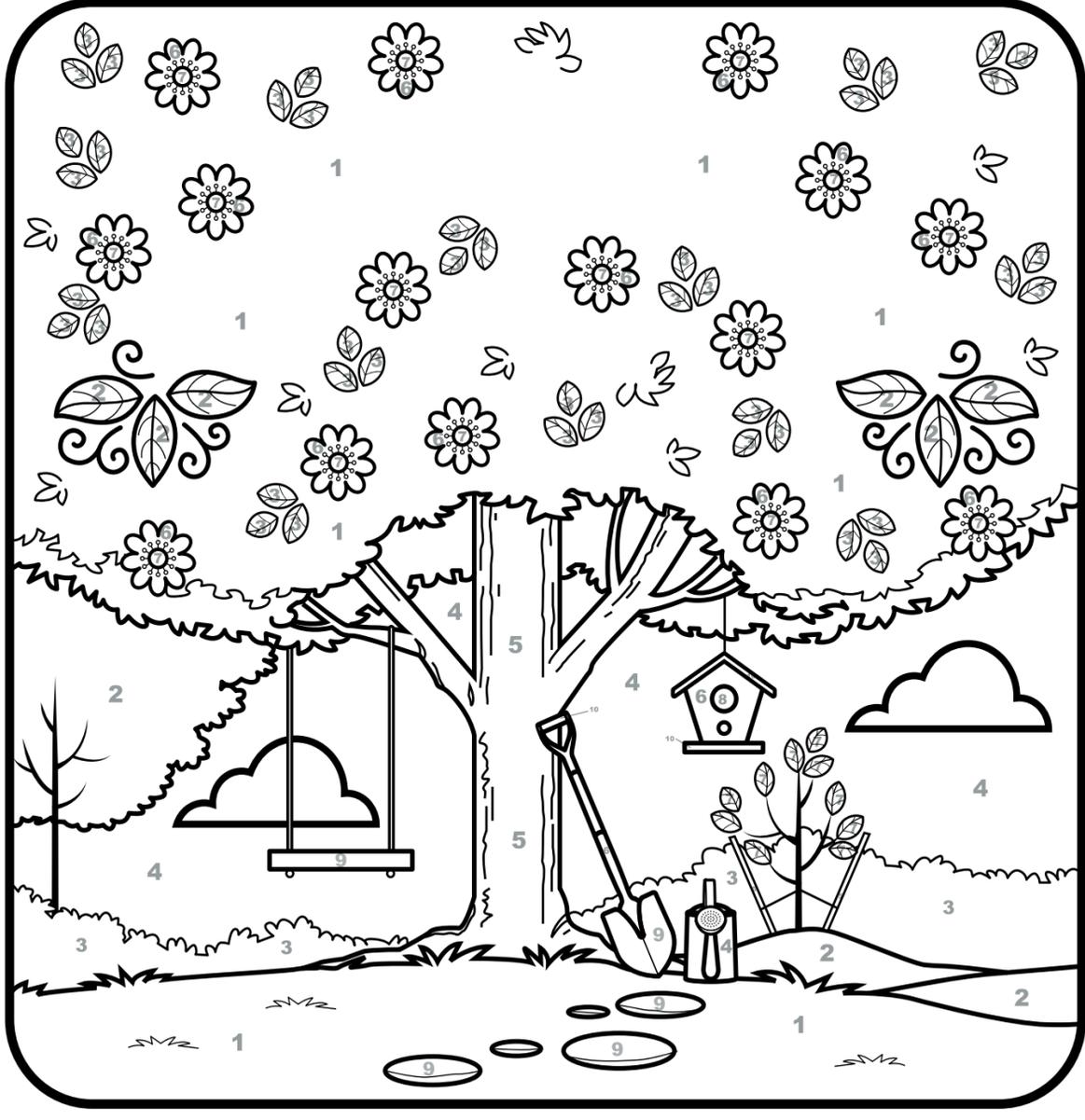
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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

## Cat Scratch Moon

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** There comes a point in every commitment when the newness has worn off and the grind begins. Stop and take a walk up the proverbial mountain so you can look down on this with the benefit of a sky-high perspective.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You've been through challenges that other people can relate to. You'll notice a recurring theme here. You've dared to want more for yourself than was offered. Keep believing you can have that.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Ask a direct question, and then let silence be your friend. When you don't pre-judge or put words in the other person's mouth, you'll learn something surprising and useful.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Nothing works with all of the people all of the time. But you'll learn a few techniques for dealing with people that work with most, especially with traffic. Try something over and over until it becomes natural.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** When we believe a thing, it seems like a fact, and when we disbelieve, we assume it's a theory or an opinion. Your golden move today will be in being slow to decide what you believe. Let all the ideas entertain you.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You want to be very aware of your feelings, especially when you're having a good time. So you prefer to keep a clear head, free of distract-

tion or anything that might dull your senses to the full effect of life.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You've an unconventional approach to a very conventional activity. This will be a fun thing to share with others, and you could even become very well-known for it.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You'll give of yourself, and your kindness will elevate anything you add it to. Add it to words to make confidence. Add it to moments to make profound memories.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Sometimes knowing the theory behind a thing can help you learn it more or less completely. But mostly, experience is the best teacher. It puts things not only into your mind but also into your being.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You'll show up today in a way you can be proud of later when you're telling the story. These are, after all, notable times. The way you play it will go down in the history books.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Real-life situations can echo digital ones in that a login is often required to get to the good offerings. In

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



today's case, setting up an account is more a matter of checking all the boxes that tend to the other person's needs.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** There's no point to interacting on autopilot. Fresh topics, interesting questions and receptive, curious interactions will cause the spark that leads to exciting relationships.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 30).** There's no reason to fret about the right move, because it's the right reason that matters most. As long as your intention is clear and pure, you're brilliant. Common-sense moves will be lucrative. Resist spending until and unless you're sure. Someone falls in love with you when you're unaware and not self-conscious. Leo and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 47, 9, 13 and 22.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION:** Here is more on yesterday's question from a Capricorn reader concerned with how and what to reveal in early dates. "I haven't settled on a good pattern for letting people get to know me," the reader said. "I don't know which version of my story to tell." In the very early stages of getting to know a person, the vibes mat-

ter more than the actual facts. Since you're looking for a confluence of interests, it's more important to talk about where you are in life and what you're interested in than where you've been. One easy story to master about yourself is simply the one about what you like.

For instance: "The first time I heard an electric guitar, it was in the garage of my sister's boyfriend. The sound blew my mind. From then on, mastering different sounds on the guitar has been one of my favorite things to do. Also, I go to a lot of concerts."

"My dad worked in a bakery when I was kid, and I loved when he'd bring the fresh bread home. It's just something that brings me comfort now, and I love to try new recipes. Do you cook?"

These breezy stories tell a lot without saying much. But the most important part is how the other person reacts and whether you feel acknowledged and engaged by the reaction. More on Saturday!

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Kirsten Dunst entered show business at age 3 and developed a lifelong mutual love affair with film. Whether she's playing a vampire, a princess or a superhero's love interest, this Venus-ruled beauty captivates with a commanding presence. Dunst will star in "The Power of the Dog," based on the novel by Thomas Savage. She was born with the sun and Mercury in Taurus, and a moon in Leo, the sign of show business.

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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 EAST  
♠ A 6 5 4 ♠ 7  
♥ 9 5 ♥ 10 8 6 4 3 2  
♦ 9 2 ♦ 8 5 4  
♣ A K J 10 3 ♣ 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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## SUDOKU

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

Level: Intermediate

## Here's How It Works:

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

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

ANSWER:

## Let's not

Party

Meet up

Bro-hug

Defy

## Let's

Stay put

Binge watch

Video-happy-hour

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#AloneTogether

## Annie's Mailbox

## Finding Beauty in the Ugly Part of Aging

**Dear Annie:** I was very close to my grandmother, and when she died, I felt guilty at times, thinking that I might have been sharp with her. She had always been like a mother, and a friend. I guess I was mad that she was getting older. She never got bad enough that we couldn't have a coherent conversation about how she felt.

She would ask me to sing songs I knew she liked, and she remembered every word. She would recall funny stories about the family that always brought a smile to her face. She was always so mad at herself when she couldn't remember a word, or forgot what she was going to say.

I knew there would be a time when I would lose my buddy as I knew her. She would stare with a vacant look in her eye, and I always wondered where she was. I would always make a joke of it so as

to not make her feel embarrassed. She would always make up something to not worry me, but I knew at that moment she wasn't with me.

I took her on walks, and she was in excellent health for 90. And very attractive. I was still sad, though, wondering if she was afraid. She had long ago told me that people don't realize that when you age, no matter how old, you are always the same person inside.

I started writing these observations down, and soon it was in poem form and people were asking for copies. Some even had it framed. It assuaged the fear and sadness in regard to our projections and conjectures about what people her age might be going through. So with what I had written down, along with what Grandma was able to tell me, I composed a poem. I hope it helps those who are, or will be, touched by this ugly part of aging.

## "A Letter From Grandma"

"I've seen the way you look at me when you think I haven't heard what you said.

"Truth is I heard you, but I'm at a new place now, and it's somewhere in my head.

"I understand it scares you, but it's because it's all so new.

"Time was when it scared me, and made me more than a little mad too.

"But I've found this field of daisies where the skies are always so blue,

"and I've seen a spotted puppy with a child who looks a lot like you.

"I can jump so high and run so fast -- I'm so very young again I hardly have a past.

"I've seen you worry, and I know you stew  
"Sometimes you even get mad -- I know that you do.

"It's because you love me, and you don't understand that what's happening to me is all part of a plan.

"Sometimes from where I am I think I see

my mother.

"I see everyone I've ever loved, first one and then the other.

"When I'm here, I have strength, not an ache or a pain.

"I can play baseball or hopscotch and take long walks in the rain.

"Here It doesn't matter if I forget what I wanted to say.

"There's no stress or pressure, maybe someday I'll stay.

"It all happened so slowly, but someday you'll understand.

"Even you will visit this new place, and when you do, you and I will walk hand in hand."  
-- Jim Aitken

**Dear Jim:** Thank you for sharing your beautiful poem. You were a wonderful grandson, and no one appreciated you more than Grandma.

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2:AM	J. Kimmel	Deportivo	Two Men	Simpsons	Holly	Caso	Late-Lilly	Behind	Hitchcock	Live PD	New Girl	Movie: Geostorm (DVS)	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	Sooner	Psych	60 Days In	Naked and Afraid
3:AM	Extra	Destilando amor	Simpsons	Holly	Caso	Late-Lilly	Behind	Light of Southwest	Mannix	Live PD	New Girl	Movie: Geostorm (DVS)	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	Sooner	Psych	60 Days In	Naked and Afraid
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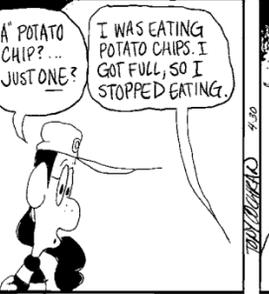
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ONE BIG HAPPY



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NEST HEAD



THIS DATE IN HISTORY

**Today in History**  
Today is Thursday, April 30, the 121st day of 2020. There are 245 days left in the year.  
Today's Highlight in History: On April 30, 1945, as Soviet troops approached his Berlin bunker, Adolf Hitler committed suicide along with his wife of one day, Eva Braun.  
On this date: In A.D. 311, shortly before his death, Roman Emperor Galerius issued his Edict of Toleration ending persecution of Christians.  
In 1789, George Washington took the oath of office in New York as the first president of the United States.  
In 1803, the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France for 60 million francs, the equivalent of about \$15 million.  
In 1900, engineer John Luther "Casey" Jones of the Illinois Central Railroad died in a train wreck near Vaughan, Mississippi, after staying at the controls in a successful effort to save the passengers.  
In 1911, a fire broke out in Bangor, Maine, destroying much of the downtown area before it was brought under control the next morning; two deaths were blamed on the blaze.  
In 1945, the radio show "Queen for Today" (later "Queen for a Day") premiered on the Mutual Network.  
In 1970, President Richard M. Nixon announced the U.S. was sending troops into Cambodia, an action that sparked widespread protest.  
In 1973, President Richard Nixon announced the resignations of top aides H.R. Halde- man and John Ehrlichman, Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst and White House counsel John Dean, who was actually fired.  
In 1975, the Vietnam War ended as the South Vietnam- es capital of Saigon fell to Communist forces.  
In 1983, blues singer and guitarist Muddy Waters died in Westmont, Ill., at age 68.  
In 1993, top-ranked women's tennis player Monica Seles was stabbed in the back during a match in Hamburg, Germany, by a man who described himself as a fan of second-ranked German player Steffi Graf. (The man, convicted of causing grievous bodily harm, was given a suspended sentence.)  
In 2004, Arabs expressed outrage at graphic photographs of naked Iraqi prisoners being humiliated by U.S. military police; President George W. Bush condemned the mis-

Newsday Crossword

Cloris Leachman is 94. Singer Willie Nelson is 87. Actor Burt Young is 80. King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden is 74. Movie director Allan Arkush is 72. Actor Perry King is 72. Singer-musician Wayne Kramer is 72. Singer Merril Osmond is 67. Movie director Jane Campion is 66. Movie director Lars von Trier is 64. Former Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper is 61. Actor Paul Gross is 61. Basketball Hall of Famer Isiah Thomas is 59. Country musician Robert Reynolds is 58. Actor Adrian Pasdar is 55. Rock singer J.R. Richards (Dishwalla) is 53. Rapper Turbo B (Snap) is 53. Rock musician Clark Vogler is 51. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chris "Choc" Dalrymple (Soul For Real) is 49. Rock musician Chris Henderson (3 Doors Down) is 49. Country singer Carolyn Dawn Johnson is 49. Actress Lisa Dean Ryan is 48. Rhythm-and-blues singer Akon is 47. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jeff Timmons (98 Degrees) is 47. Actor Johnny Galecki is 45. Singer-musician Cole Deggs (Cole Deggs and the Lonesome) is 44. Actor Sam Heughan is 40. Actor Kunal Nayyar is 39. Rapper Lloyd Banks is 38. Actress Kirsten Dunst is 38. Country singer Tyler Wilkinson (The Wilkin- sons) is 36. Actress Dianna Agron is 34. Country singer Brandon Lancaster is 31. Rap- per/producer Travis Scott is 29.

**Thought for Today:** "There's a difference between a philosophy and a bumper sticker." — Charles M. Schulz, American cartoonist (1922-2000).

FIVE-STORY BUILDING

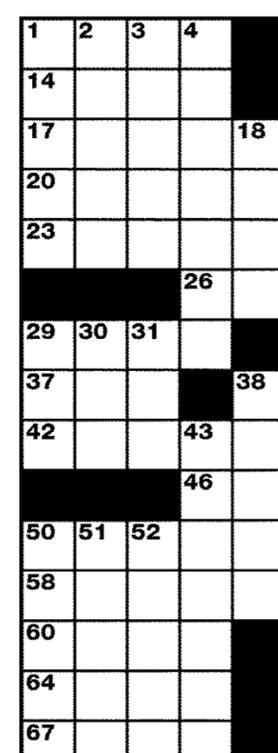
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ACROSS

- 1 Nuisance
- 5 Flower's outer covering
- 10 Many a mixer
- 14 Stuff from a scoop
- 15 Common computer font
- 16 Reveille no-show
- 17 \_\_\_ story
- 19 Passionate about
- 20 Lawrence of Arabia star
- 21 Profit from
- 23 Actress O'Neal
- 24 \_\_\_ story
- 26 Casablanca guy's nickname
- 28 Wool source
- 29 Picket fence piece
- 32 Orbital segment
- 33 Place for a stickpin
- 37 Reunion attendees
- 38 "\_\_\_ story!"
- 41 Be in the red
- 42 Pet pendant
- 44 Caustic solution
- 45 Shoe section
- 46 Masterpiece
- 48 Put up
- 50 \_\_\_ story
- 54 Spouse of Pocahontas
- 58 What skin creams do
- 59 Strand
- 60 Ancient Peruvian
- 61 \_\_\_ story

DOWN

- 1 Embroidery loop
- 2 Soul singer Baker
- 3 "Otherwise . . ."
- 4 "For sure!"
- 5 Have empathy
- 6 Really exist
- 7 Small, for short
- 8 Crimean resort
- 9 BVD designation
- 10 Gave one's blessing
- 11 Had
- 12 Contradictory comeback
- 13 With the group
- 18 Sailor's patron saint
- 22 Farm products cooperative
- 24 Alexa alternative
- 25 69 Across for a comic
- 27 128 fl. oz.
- 29 Navigate slopes
- 30 Cookware covering
- 31 Crumb carrier
- 34 Whisper tenderly
- 35 Night flier
- 36 Summer shirt
- 38 Operative
- 39 Fictional governess
- 40 Middle name for men or women
- 43 Way back when
- 45 Squirrel away
- 47 Sicily's high pt.
- 49 Overstuff
- 50 21st-century buggy drivers
- 51 "No man is an island" poet
- 52 Parish priest
- 53 Like a dodgeball winner
- 55 Relaxed
- 56 Makes origami
- 57 Continue until
- 59 Word before market or transit
- 62 Pipe with a bend
- 63 Dolphin habitat



Answer to previous puzzle  
SOLO OHARE CLAY  
AVID SEVEN RIPE  
NERD CAINE OPEN  
GRASPATSTRAWS  
IRS VIN  
ADORES MAAM TAM  
BIGOT SECT RUDE  
HOLDALLTHECARDS  
ODES AIRY ARIES  
RED LIMY TRENDY  
WED LEE  
GRABASANDWICH  
SIRI AGENT IDLE  
EDIT REACH SEAR  
COME ESSIES HAND

NCAA

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What the NCAA will attempt to do is monitor deals athletes make and require them to disclose details. Boosters, those who support schools with donations, likely won't be immediately disqualified from working with athletes. But the NCAA fears individuals and companies using business relationships with athletes as cover for paying prospects to attend a particular school.

How to draw that line has yet to be resolved. The NCAA also has to figure out how to assess the fair-market value for an athlete appearing in a television commercial for a local business, signing autographs at a memorabilia shop or promoting a product or event on social media.

"It is still a moving target," Smith said. "But again, we just have to be reasonable. If I do a deal with Panera Bread and I do two likes and they pay me \$50,000 for that, I'm not so sure that is in the realm of what we're talking about."

Big East Commissioner Val Ackerman, co-chair of the working group with Smith, said there has been discussion about creating a third party to make those assessments and manage disclosure.

"This has been referred to alternatively to as a clearinghouse or a registry or an NIL center," Ackerman said. "And I don't know that there would be an approval mechanism, but the notion would be to create the sunshine and the transparency that would allow us to monitor valuations and booster involvement. And if there are some concerning patterns, we would be able to help screen those out or figure out how to address those."

Athletes will not be allowed to use their schools' logos or brands in their personal deals. So if Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence appears in a TV ad, he won't be allowed to wear the school's familiar orange Tiger Paw.

While NCAA leaders celebrated the move as another example of evolving to better serve college athletes, there are plenty of skeptics. The NCAA has been talking with members of Congress about federal legislation that would render moot various state laws and perhaps stave off future legal challenges.

"This proposal is one step forward, one step back," tweeted Sen. Chris Murphy, a Connecticut Democrat who has been pushing for more economic rights for college athletes. "The NCAA wants to limit athlete endorsement deals in a way that could make them totally impractical. And the NCAA wants Congress to give it total power of athletes' compensation. That should be a non-starter."

California lawmakers have already passed a bill that would make it illegal for NCAA schools to prohibit college athletes from making money on endorsements, social media advertising and other activities. The law goes into effect in 2023. Doz-

ens of states have followed California's lead; a Florida bill awaiting the governor's signature would go into effect July 2021.

"Recommendations today by the NCAA are about protecting their pockets, not student athletes," tweeted Republican Chip LaMarca, a Florida state lawmaker. "Now they are shifting blame for their deliberate inaction to states that have passed meaningful legislation to protect students' right to earn a living."

Jeffrey Kessler, the lead attorney in an antitrust cases against the NCAA that is still in appeals, said the NCAA's move toward NIL compensation for athletes "completely destroys every argument they've made in the past."

"Because their defense has been if you allow to permit any type of compensation to the athletes beyond what they call cost of attendance, this will destroy the whole concept of amateurism and destroy fan interest in college sports," he said.

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