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Upcoming Events:

United Way of Big Spring and Howard County will be hosting **Wash Your Hands & Fill Your Trunk on May 9 at 10 a.m. at Blankenship Field.**

Prayer at SMMC May 9 at 8 p.m. in front of the hospital. Those attending are asked to stay in their vehicles.

Heritage Museum announced that 2020 Legends and Legacies will not be taking place in June this year.

National Nurse Week May 6-12

National Hospital Week 10-16

Help slow the spread: Adhere to social distancing, wear a mask, wash your hands

COVID-19 Update:

Confirmed: 6
Tests performed: 227
Pending: 75
Negative tests: 128
Recovered: 3

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County Commissioners to discuss Burn Ban at Monday meeting

By AMANDA DUFORAT
Managing Editor

As temperatures begin to rise and the West Texas winds find their way to Howard County, the potential for fire danger increases. Howard County Commissioners will be discussing a burn ban order during the upcoming meeting, Monday at 3:30 p.m. at the Howard County Courthouse.

Pursuant to the Suspension Order by Governor Abbott, the Howard County Commissioners Court meeting will be closed to protect the public, staff and members from potential exposure to

the coronavirus. The public may participate in the meeting through the following video conference link: <https://www.facebook.com/Howard-County-Info-Tech-110733893888746/>.

Before the meeting, the Commissioners will convene for a Budget Workshop at 2:30 p.m. The workshop will take place on the Third Floor of the County Courthouse. During the workshop, Commissioners will discuss emergency management position and designate officer/employee to calculate no-new-revenue tax rate and voter approval tax rate and certify accuracy of tax rate cal-

culations form.

Once the workshop has concluded, the Commissioners will reconvene for the regular meeting. A section for Citizen input will open up the meeting. Once input has concluded, the Commissioners will move on to the agenda, where Judge Kathryn Wiseman will bring up discussion of the burn ban.

Discussion will also take place on the JP Clerk Seminar, and retainer agreement from Allison, Bass, and Magee, LLP. Continued discussion on the

See **BURN BAN**, Page 3A

Big Spring Fire Department reports to structure fire Thursday



Courtesy photo

A structure fire on Cardinal Street had Big Spring Fire Department responding Thursday afternoon. According to media partner KBYG, no utilities were hooked up at the residence and no injuries have been reported from this fire. Some damage was caused to a nearby structure and two vehicles.

City of Stanton to hold routine Council meeting

Herald Staff Report

The City of Stanton will hold a regular Council meeting on Monday, May 11 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

The meeting will begin with public comments. Each person wanting to speak will be limited to five minutes for each item that is listed on the agenda being addressed.

Once the public comments section has wrapped up, the council will look to approve meeting minutes from April 13.

A presentation by Christopher West with TxDOT will discuss regulations pertaining to sewer and water lines installation within right-of-ways. Seth Covington with Tarzan and Jane Truck Stop will be discussing the proposed changes to water and sewer line locations.

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Two Forsan student entries advance to State Soil & Water poster contest this past Spring

By JUDY TERELETSKY
District Clerk

Howard Soil and Water Conservation District is thrilled to announce that two of its poster contest entries advanced to the state finals. The Howard Soil & Water Conservation District is scheduled to hold its annual Conservation Awards Banquet in the East Room of Howard College Dorothy Garrett Coliseum during the Fall. Howard County Outstanding Ranchers for 2020 are Gaylene and Darrell Hodnett (previous article featuring the Hodnetts was published in the Herald's March 15 edition). After a special presentation, the couple will receive a unique gate sign to display their award.

The highlight of the evening will be the presentations of the Annual Poster Contest. This year's theme was "Where Would We BEE Without Pollinators?" The Howard SWCD received over 200 entries from Big Spring Intermediate and Forsan Elementary in this year's contest and judging was tough. First place winners and their families will be treated to a special banquet catered by Crispy's Café. All first-place winners will receive special monetary awards and certificates for their winning entries.

First place winners from Forsan Ele-



Courtesy photo

Pictured above is Coy Evans poster contest entry which placed 2nd in the Area II competition.

mentary Mrs. Welch's third grade class were: Allie Olson, daughter of Amanda and Chris Olson; Finley Strickland, daughter of Sunni and Clipper Strickland; and P'Jae Yabes, daughter of Pysche and Orlando Yabes. Finley and P'Jae are returning winners having placed when they were in first grade. Students who received second place were: Alizabeth Barker, Emilee Gonza-

les, Brynlee Mims. Third place went to Kiara Rivas, Garrett Roach, and Brookslie Webb. Receiving Honorable Mention were Natalie Arzate, Adrian Hernandez and Cash Wallis.

Under the direction of Mrs. Vedder at Forsan Elementary, 4th grade first place winners were: Aubrey Dennis,

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Obituaries

Bobby Edens



Bobby Edens, 81, of Big Spring, died Thursday, May 7, 2020. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Edens - Tatum Memorial Park with Dr. Randy Cotton officiating.

Bobby was born Jan. 22, 1939, in Howard County to Mabel and Edgar Edens. He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy Seabees serving at Gitmo in Cuba during the Cuban

Missile Crisis.

Bobby is survived by his wife: Rosemary "Nana" Edens of Big Spring; one son: Matthew L. Edens of Big Spring; one daughter: Toma Hale of Big Spring; three sisters: Marie Dennis of Brownwood, Louise Tatum of Arlington, and Pat Wallace of Austin; four grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by seven brothers and sisters.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Richard Nelson Sanders



Richard Nelson Sanders, age 75, of Granbury, Texas, died Tuesday, April 28, 2020.

Richard was born March 11, 1945, in Connersville, Indiana. On August 29, 1970 he married his wife of nearly 50 years, Deborah. Together they welcomed son Eli in 1976, and daughter Emily in 1978.

Richard is survived by wife Deborah, son Eli and daughter in law Heather, daughter Emily, granddaughter Autumn, grandson Riley, grandson Zackary & wife Danielle with great-grandson Emerson. He is preceded in death by parents Joseph & Geneva Sanders, sister Nancy & brother in law Jimmy Mitchell, nephew Ricky Mitchell, and lifelong best friend John McManus, Jr.

As a student of life his extensive education includes: Admiral Farragut Academy, St Petersburg, Florida, New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, NM, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas BS Class of 1970, Oklahoma City University, OKC, OK MS Class of 1974, El Reno Jr College, El Reno, OK AA Class of 1978, Midland College, Midland TX, FAA A&P Class of 2009.

Richard retired from the US Army as MSG-E-8 in December 1991 and as a Correctional Counselor from the Federal Bureau of Prisons in 1996. Richard served in the US Peace Corps in Colombia from 1966-1969, Belize 2003, and Guatemala in 2006. He was a member of the Greater Big Spring, TX Rotary Club until he and Debbie retired to Granbury, Texas, where he joined the Stephenville Rotary Club. As a Rotarian he was recognized multiple times as a Paul Harris Fellow and actively wrote and pursued grants to better enable the club to provide scholarships to students and participate in relief efforts where needed. Richard worked closely in securing and transporting vital medical supplies to Mexico Medical Missions in Samachique Chihuahua, Mexico and with Project C.U.R.E.

Richard enjoyed new challenges and held many positions and titles throughout his life including soldier, truck driver, correctional worker, grant writer, helicopter mechanic, missionary facilitator, Rotarian, son, brother, husband, father, uncle, friend, and Christian in training.

A Celebration of Richard's life is being planned for August 29, 2020 in Fort Worth, TX. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Mexico Medical Missions @mexicomedical.org or mail to 1302 Waugh DR #685 Houston, TX 77019 or KERA.

David Manriquez



David Manriquez, 60, of Big Spring died Wednesday, May 6, 2020.

Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

David was born March 24, 1960 in Venice, California. He married Maggie Enriquez on Sept. 25, 2018, in Big Spring.

David is survived by his wife Maggie Manriquez of Big Spring; six daughters: Adriana Harrison of Big Spring, Bianca Valencia of Big Spring, Mary Valencia Gomez of Abilene, Tiffany "Enriquez" Gonzales of Big Spring, Daviana Duarte of Florida, and Diana Duarte of California; one son: Danny Duarte of California; and 15 grandchildren.

In addition to his parents: Carmen Manriquez and Joe L. Mendoza, he was preceded in death by one daughter: Abigail Valencia.

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

Robert Hale



Robert Hale, 66, of Big Spring died Monday May 4, 2020.

Private family services will be at a later date.

Robert was born May 6, 1953 in Big Spring to Josie and Percy Hale.

Robert is survived by one brother: Lloyd Hale and his wife Ola of Big Spring; two

sisters: Josie Painter of Big Spring, and Janie Miller of Big Spring; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter: Jessica Wright; one brother: Donnie Hale; and one sister: June Hale.

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Jimmy Eugene Berry

Jimmy Eugene Berry, 60 of Big Spring died Friday, May 8, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Sue Fowler

Sue Fowler, 90, of Big Spring died Friday, May 08, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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 Randolf
 - 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
- 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 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **REBECCA LYNN COMSTOCK**, 36, of 509 S. Johnson Street, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass habitation/shelter.
- **AUSTIN CLINTON JOSEY**, 19, of 2206 S Monticello Street, was arrested on warrant - other agency (x4).
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 700 block of E 14th Street; 3200 block of Rickabaugh Drive; and 6th and Kentucky.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1400 block of S. Runnels Street; 200 block Centerpoint Road (x2).
- **IDENTITY THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported at 15th and Cherokee.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1500 block of Todd Road; and 1000 block of N Runnels Street.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 90 inmates at the time of this report.

- **KADEN KEITH SEALES**, 17, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **REBECCA LYNN COMSTOCK**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **AUSTIN CLINTON JOSEY**, 19, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid (DWLI), failure to appear, fail to maintain financial responsibility and forgery government/national/inst/money.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4000 block of Chaparral. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical
- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 3 block of Coachmans Circle. No transport was required.
- **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

ed in the 1000 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 3 block of Coachmans Circle. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the larea of 15th and Benton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of E 6th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

cal Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2400 block of E FM 700. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of Mountain Park Drive. No transport was required.
- **GRASS FIRE** was reported in the 100 block of Wasson. The fire was contained.
- **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal. The fire was contained.

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proposal of The Master's Touch, LLC Mailing Service Contract for the Tax Assessor/Collector's Office will be brought before the Commissioners by Tiffany Sayles.

The screening process and use of masks at the Courthouse will also be up for discussion led by Judge Wiseman.

The County Treasurer Sharon Adams will meet

with Commissioners in executive and closed session for personnel consideration. She will also deliver the Treasurer's Monthly Report for April and the TCDRS 2021 Plan Assessment.

County Auditor Jackie Olson will ask for approval of the Commissioners for invoices, purchase requests and budget amendments. Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek will provide a roadway maintenance update as well during Monday's meeting.

Howard County Elections Administrator Jodi Duck will address the Commissioners on deciding

locations for additional vote centers, contract for additional election equipment to be used at new locations and possible donation of building for Election's Department by City.

Commissioner Jimmie Long, Pct. 3 will lead discussion on temporary salt water cross line on Old Howard County Airport.

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STANTON

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The Council members will then consider and possibly approve proposed location changes to water and sewer line to Tarzan and Jane Truck Stop, approving a representative to the Board of Directors for Martin County Appraisal District, and re-

financing landfill Cat D6T dozer payments. The payments will be \$39,446.48 per year for three years if approved.

The Council will look at renewing the Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster due to public health emergency for 30 days.

The Chief of Police and City Administrator will also present their routine reports to the council and possible action could be taken on Economic Development

Report and Projects. The Planning and Zoning request will also be an action item for Council.

Other items on the agenda will include action on April bills.

Before the meeting concludes, the Council will swear in new member Leah Flanagan, District 1, unopposed Council members James (Gib) Wheeler, District 2, James Jenkins, District 3 and unopposed new Mayor Sally Potest.

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Tim Crawford, 38, died Sunday.

Visitation will be 9 AM until 9 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene.

Robert Hale 66, died Monday. Private family services will be at a later date.

Vickey Weaver, 60, died Tuesday. Visitation will be Friday from 9:00 AM until 9 PM. Graveside services will be at 1:00 PM Saturday at Howard Cemetery in Desdemona, Texas.

David Manriquez, 60, died Wednesday. Vigil services will be at 7 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Service will be at 10:00 AM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Bobby Edens, 81, died Thursday. Graveside services will be at 2 PM Saturday at Edens - Tatum Memorial Park.

Jimmy Eugene Berry, 60 died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Sue Fowler, 90, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Weather



Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 82. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south in the afternoon.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 56. Southeast wind around 10 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 60. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 10%.

Monday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 82. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

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

POSTER

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daughter of Katlin Robert Strickland; Steven Gulley, son of Stephanie and Eugene Gulley; and Paislee Jackson, daughter of Jessyca and Brionne Jackson. Aubrey and Paislee were also past poster contest winners.

HSWCD was thrilled to see so many students continue to participate in the annual event. Second place winners were Jahir Gonzales, Paxton Skaggs, and Larry Sutton. Third place winners were Trooper Harrison, Jules Nichols, and Kolbi Wright. Honorable Mentions went to Cooper Chapman, Landon Harrison, Khyln Leonard and Ryker Smith.

From Forsan Elementary 5th grade Mrs. Gressett class the following students won first place: Emily Austin, daughter of Jennifer and Nathan Austin; Coy Evans, son of Kim and Chris Evans; Isabell Gonzales, daughter of Magali Flores and Xavier Gonzales; and Aaralyn Roman, daughter of Jessica and Gregg Roman. Second place winners were Hadley Fowler, Halen Kemper, Bryson Roberts, and Hayden Smith. Third place winners were Matthew Blakeney, Cade Cunningham, Kenlei Mugby, and Rachel Rodgers. Honorable Mentions were Kayleigh Daniel, Catherine Myers, Kristian Richardson, and Sydni Sayles.

Mr. Twining's 6th grade class at Big Spring Intermediate was represented by first place winner Abimael Gonzales, son of Belarmino Gonzales. Second place winner was Zach Barker and third place winner was Ramiro Arroyo. Honorable Mentions were received by Rodrigo Gonzales, Abby Hilario and Eddyson Quezada.

In addition to the Howard SWCD awards two students, Aaralyn Roman and Coy Evans, had works advance to the Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board Area II level in Temple, Texas. Aaralyn and Coy will receive items from HSWCD in honor of being chosen as Area finalists. Their works competed against other statewide entries in late February and also advanced to state finals.

Aaralyn received 1st place in Area II and Coy received 2nd Place. Area II covers 51 counties extending from El Paso to Abilene and from Andrews to Eagle Pass. Aaralyn and Coy were scheduled to be honored with a steak dinner at the Area II Banquet in Wall, Texas on May 5th which has been postponed until the State office can reschedule the ceremony.

Forsan Superintendent Randy Johnson, Big Spring Superintendent Jay McWilliams, Big Spring Intermediate Principal Patsy Sanchez, Forsan Elementary Principal Andrew Eudy, and teachers Mrs. Welch, Mrs. Vedder, Mrs. Gressett and Mr. Twining will receive special appreciation gifts from the Howard SWCD for their continuing dedication to the education of Howard County students and support of local agriculture.

Howard Soil and Water Conservation District #243 serves the local agriculture producers of Howard County. The Board of Directors is made up of Chairman Jimmy Sterling, Vice-Chairman Glenn Ace Berry, Secretary Mark Morgan, Director Ed Miller and Director Kevin Hamlin. The office is located in the USDA Service Center at 302 West Hwy Interstate 20, Suite 101.

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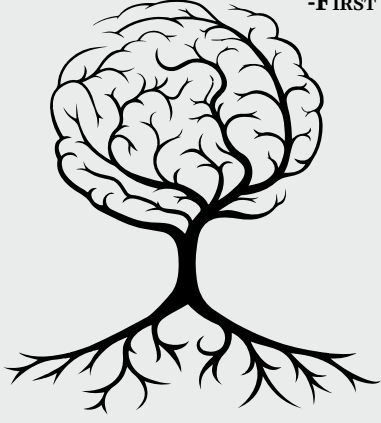
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Opinion

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

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Dear Lord, our lives can change so much from day to day. Thank You for watching over us. Amen

Outrageous Texas women of character

By this time of year I've usually done several speeches at various events around the country. All of my scheduled winter appearances took place, but because of the Corona Virus, most of the ones scheduled for this spring have been canceled or postponed.

With this extra time at home I've had the opportunity to create a new one-man show. It's all about women characters I've interviewed during the past 50 years. Although the show will have a couple of trial performances between now and the end of the year to get some possible kinks worked out, the official debut will be February 9th of next year when I speak to the Second Tuesday Club in Midland.

The title of the new show is **OUTRAGEOUS TEXAS WOMEN OF CHARACTER**. So far I've

gone through about 10,000 programs to pick out some of the most hilarious women who tell about their personal experiences.

I still have 3,000 more programs to check. No telling what I might find.

I've met women with names usually associated with men's names like Gary, Charlie, Travis, Cecil and Tony (I've also interviewed men named Beverly, Vivian, Sherrill, Carroll and Laurie).

Some of the women I've interviewed have unusual pets: monkey, bobcat, raccoon, mountain lion, coyote, chimp, rabbit, donkey, pig, chicken, wolf, kangaroo, peacock, porcupine, bat and turtle.

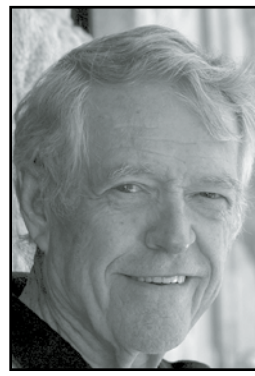
Some have unusual occupations: raising fighting roosters, blacksmithing, working on a pipeline, truck driver, alligator hunting guide, stunt pilot, goat farmer, bagpipe player, cowgirl, water witch, totem pole carver, faith healer, worm raiser and horse-breaker.

I interviewed Mrs. Pancho Villa

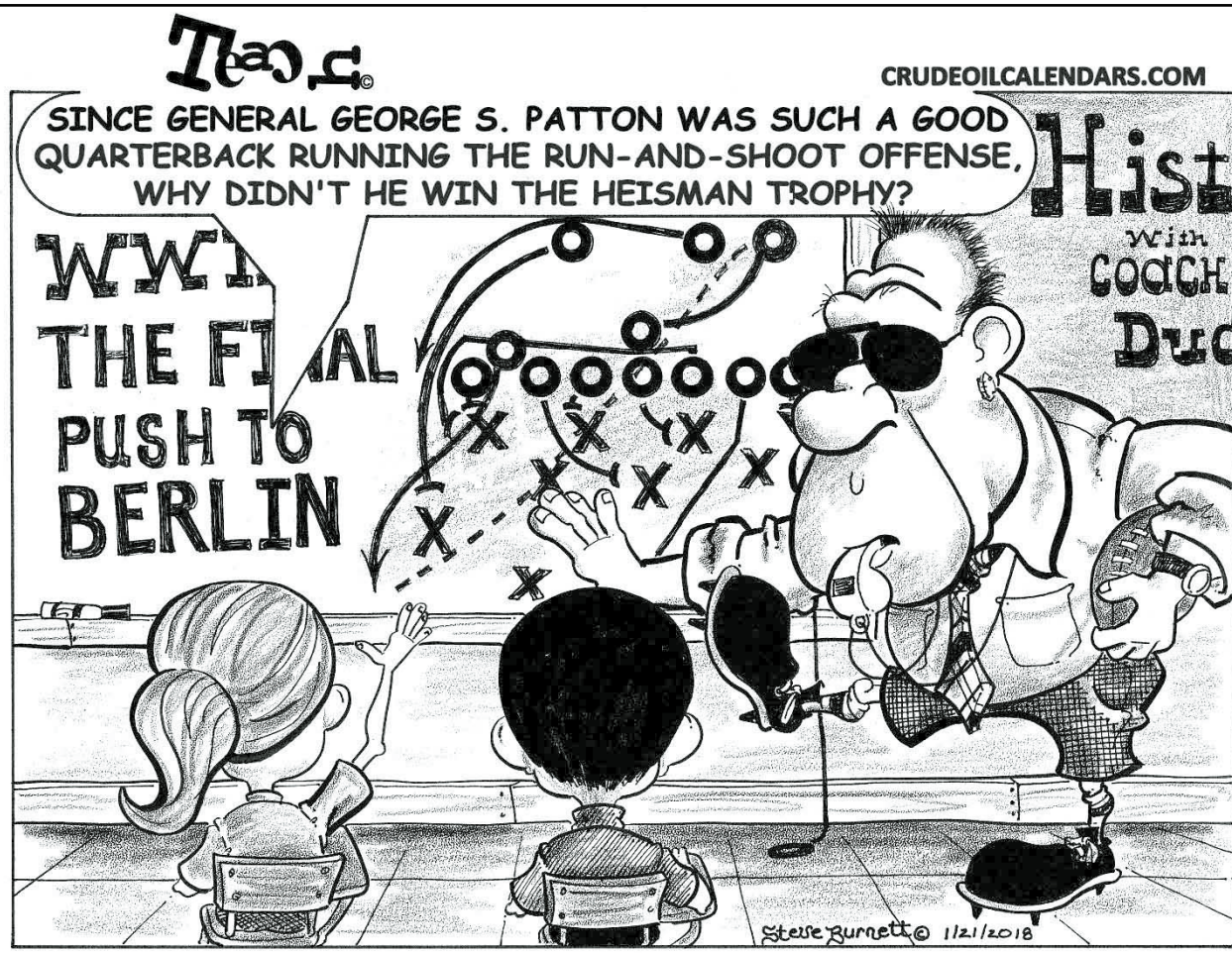
(I've been doing this a long time), a lady who makes fruitcakes using a cement mixer, a champion hog caller, a woman who uses her red umbrella to coax oil out of the ground, 84 year old triplets who were married in a car, a lady who swears greasewood tea cured her leukemia, a champion shrimp eater (she weighs about 100 pounds), a woman who makes baskets from armadillos, another who has a landing pad for UFOs, one who drinks burro milk, a woman who uses ducks to guard her property, a woman who repairs accordions, a female who won a tobacco spitting contest, another who makes mesquite bean jelly, sisters who play harmonicas, a couple of female champion chili cooks at Terlingua, a woman who shears sheep, a llama kisser, a female steamboat pilot and many other fascinating Texas women.

I've interviewed some Sisters on the Fly, a group of women who have small travel trailers and caravan around the country.

Their motto is "We make girls out of women."



TUMBLEWEED SMITH



I'm 'Tooting' their horns

I've always been a sucker for the sappy, plot-easily-followed kind of "flick" that ends happily. Take Mr. Holland's Opus--and others like it--where movie-goers had best take multiple hankies.

Richard Dreyfuss starred in this tear-jerker a full quarter-century ago. Opus is a great story to watch--or re-watch--while we're marooned in our homes, sometimes with "virtually" nothing to do. The "main guy" is a beloved band director.

It underscores a theory I've had over a 40-year career in higher education. There's no middle ground for band members' views of their directors. They are loved or reviled, thanked or blamed, upheld or duntrodden. Most of them seem comfortable in extreme approaches to music, and most everything else....

In my judgment, Greg Berry, now nestled in the grandeur of Colorado mountains with Leta-- his wife of 61 years--ranks number one on my list of unorthodox band directors.

Leta richly deserves to spend life's eventide in such resplendent repose, even if it is with an old guy whose eardrums have sustained the blasts of too many sour notes lofted in lousy band halls.

They both were my college classmates. Leta has been at his side during collegiate band posts at Howard Payne, Wayland and Samford Universities. (After Samford, he directed a renowned

community band in Birmingham, where his daytime career switched to investments and the stock market for 17 years.)

They were beloved wherever they went, but their bubbling pot of grand memories began at Azle High School in the 1960s.. For his final AHS concert in 1968, he rented the Will Rogers Auditorium in Fort Worth. They slapped on bumper stickers and employed numerous other advertising methods to promote the event, which attracted 2,000 persons. "American Civil War Fantasy" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic" were featured, as was a student's reading of the Gettysburg Address. The audience roared.

Unscripted after curtain calls was a presentation by band president Johnny Miller. Leta was called to Greg's side. The AHS band's gift--said to be "just between the band and the Berrys"--was an all-expenses-paid vacation to Nassau. Rest-of-the-story must be shared.

Members paid for the gift NOT with cash, but with S&H Green Stamps, gathered throughout the community and dumped at the redemption center.

It didn't stop there. The junior high band collected \$150 for "spending money," and beginner band families provided free babysitting for the couple's four children.

Greg had just gotten his pilot license, so they rented a rickety, fabric plane. Off they flew to Florida to board a big jet to Nassau.

Apprehension set in as the tiny

craft climbed to avoid Carswell AFB airspace. A radio message--instructing Greg to change frequencies-- was voiced by the band booster president, an FAA employee, who said, "GOOD MORNING, GREG! GOOD MORNING, LETA!"

Years later, during Greg's Wayland tenure, I had just begun "presidenting" at Western Texas College in Snyder, a couple of hours' drive from Plainview. When his band played at our Sunday night church service, I shrunk in a far-back pew, thinking Greg might not know of our WTC role.

It was to no avail. Soon, reality set in. "Our next number is a favorite of your new president," he said. Truly, it was--and remains--a favorite. Somehow, though, "The Orange Blossom Special" seemed a bit daring for a church service 40 years ago.

Another memorable director was the late Carl McCord, who--in his 70s--started the Early High School marching band in 1954. He was the most patient director ever. I played baritone horn, sometimes hitting the right notes. And, unlike the "Music Man message," we didn't have 76 trombones. With 30 or so members, almost all beginners, we NEVER were asked to lead big parades.

It is small comfort that we who muddled in the "bottom half" of the band made the "top half" possible.

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When times are tough!

By **Dr. Lillian Bohannon**

One time in seventh grade, I was challenged to a fight. I wasn't scared until after it was over. But my big brother took care of it for me. Anytime I needed a champion he was there to defend his little sister.

Sometimes my mouth caused the fight. I think and hope by this time, I have learned to not let my mouth get me in trouble.

Other tough times in my life included being bored in idle time. Mother had a definite solution if I once told her I was bored.

She could always find something in the way of work to make me not so bored. I learned not to tell her those words.

But now times are tough. We have a big Brother Who will help us through it all. Sometimes our mouth gets us in trouble. Jesus is there to help us get through the process of asking for forgiveness and mending relationships.

Right now the economy is tough to deal with. Supplies in stores are limited to a degree like we've never seen it. But when times are tough, we can still turn to our Saviour and He will show us what to do.

What to do is from the LORD when He brings Scripture to our mind.

What to do is from the LORD when a thought that agrees with His Word comes to our thinking processes.

He can get us through this crisis of life. He does know what to do.

When we don't know what to do to occupy our idle time as older adults, we need to clean out a closet, plant a garden, mow the grass, plant flowers, or call our prayer groups and pray for them.

Keep a journal telling the many ways God has occupied your idle time during this idle time of our world.

It has changed.

Now as good citizens and Christians, let's deal with it in a Godly way.

Pray, and ask Him what to do. He is our Companion through thick and thin.

Can God grieve over America? Part 1

By **RALPH ANDERSON**

America has found herself in a new era of time. The landmark for this new era is the coming of the new security. By new security, I mean the population explosion, the shrinking of our country by the super jet and television, the "new morality" code, Covid-19 and a pandemic, and the ever-present fact of man's self-destruction capabilities. The new era of history has produced a rampant lawlessness never before known to man. Our boundary and cultural differences in America began to produce major problems. Yes, we are in a new era of history and perhaps it is the final era for mankind.

What is the cause for the new degree of force and lawlessness? Economists believe it is due to monetary inequities. They say, "Redistribute the wealth and all our problems will be solved." However, history tells us, even with God's Levitical Law, this did not eliminate the problem for the Israelites. Legislators believe the cause lies in ill-planned laws of the past. But more laws only agitate the situation. It would be like wearing a wool sweater with a case of the seven year-itch. Educators, on the other hand, view the problem as a lack of education. They contend, if a man knows better, he will do better.

However, leading psychologists say that the higher the education of man the greater the dictatorial drives of the inward man. This is not to say any higher education is wrong or bad; but is not a governing force for which man can base life. There are hundreds of other reasons given by those who concern themselves with such problems. But the Bible says mankind's problems arise when turning aside from the Creator takes place in history. This is what has happened in America and this is why we are in such a dangerous situation.

None can truthfully deny that America has been a great nation with much good influence. But do we desire God to rule in the affairs of this nation? Bible believers know He controls the course of all nations (ref. Isaiah 54:5; 11Kings 19:15; Daniel 2:21). But do we, as a nation, actually will that control? It is evident in legislation, education, economics, and even many areas of religion the answer is a resounding "NO!" Proverbs 14:34 states "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

Such an answer grieves our Loving God of mercy. He is grieving because of the wrong emphasis we have in America. As the fiery sins of greed, hate, abuse, abortion and such are sweeping America, we seem only concerned with self-comfort. We are "at peace or ease in Zion", wanting the fatted calf, wine, and trimmings while the sins of this great nation...great society...destroys us. How long will it be before America wakes up to this neglect and sin?
COME VIST IF YOU GET A CHANCE

Something to think about...

By **RICHARD SCHNEBERGER**

Charles Blondin was a French man who became world famous in 1859 for crossing Niagara Falls on a tightrope. They stretched a thin rope a quarter of a mile over the thundering falls. Crowds gathered daily to watch him perform this death defying feat. He didn't just walk across either, he performed various stunts along the way. One day he waked on stilts, another time he rode a bike. His stunts got more elaborate each day.

One particular day he pushed a wheelbarrow across the falls. When he got to the other side, he filled the wheelbarrow with sacks of potatoes and walked back. Then he put on a blindfold and pushed the wheelbarrow full of potatoes over 160 feet above the ground back to the other side. The crowds cheered! Blondin quieted them down and asked, "Do you think I can push a person across in this wheelbarrow?" And they shouted, "Yes!" They watched him go back and forth every day for weeks, they definitely believed he could do it. Then he said, "Okay, who would like to get in the wheelbarrow?" And the crowd got silent. No one volunteered. None of them were willing to get in the wheelbarrow. They might have believed it was possible, but they weren't willing to stake their life on it.

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible." (Hebrews 11:1-3) The Scriptures go on to say, "Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him." (vs. 6)

Genuine faith is not an intellectual affirmation. It is not saying, "Sure, I believe it is possible." Instead, it is saying I'm staking my life on this. I trust Him completely! We want a faith that is safe and secure, but I think faith often feels more like sitting in a wheelbarrow being pushed across a tightrope over Niagara Falls. Faith is not the absence of fear, but it is overcoming our fear with a radical trust that the Lord is able to get us safely across. It requires that kind of faith to put ourselves fully in His hands, and that is the only way we will ever get to the other side.

I recently read about Betsie ten Boom, the sister of Corrie ten Boom. Of course, their entire family was taken to Nazi concentration camps for helping Jews escape the Holocaust. As Betsie lay dying in Ravensbruck camp, she turned to her sister Corrie and said, "We must tell them that there is no pit so deep that He is not deeper still. They will listen to us, Corrie, because we have been here." ~ Betsie ten Boom

"There is no pit so deep that He is not deeper still."

When you truly understand that you develop the kind of faith that enables you to let everything else go and cling to Christ alone.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." ~ Hebrews 12:1-3

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"GO BUFFS!"

Big Spring's Eric Tuttle finding new way to inspire students after 30 days of photos



Courtesy Photos

Tuttle has been posting daily videos online to spread positivity to Big Spring students and residents around the city. He has been to many places around town so far such as Comanche Trail Park, the amphitheatre, Steer Stadium and Memorial Stadium.

By SHAWN MORAN
Herald Sportswriter

While sports may not be back yet, there is one person with strong ties to athletics in Big Spring that continues to spread positivity and motivation to members of the community: Coach Eric Tuttle.

During the first 30 days of the school shutdown and self-quarantine, Tuttle had posted a few photos each day to his personal Twitter account with the caption "I have been thinking about my kids/students a lot so I wanted to share a few photos a day just for fun."

Since then, Tuttle has switched up his way of motivation and spreading a positive attitude by posting short videos to his Twitter account from popular places around the city. Tuttle has filmed his short motivational pieces at places such as Memorial Stadium, Steer Gym, Comanche Trail Park and more.

"I've always had pretty positive things on my social media and it's things that I've said in class-

rooms, gyms and on the field," Tuttle said. "I've just amped it up since I can't be around those kids right now and not being able to see them face-to-face and motivate them that way has been a challenge. I'm just trying to put more positive things out there for people to see."

His new go-to caption for these videos is, "I wanted to do something different after 30 days of pictures. I will be going to different places around Steer Nation, and adding short messages of positivity!"

Tuttle receives a lot of praise for these videos and several of his followers are quick to re-post them everyday. In a time full of negative news and not much to look forward to, Tuttle's daily videos give a breath of fresh air to the negative situation that we are all currently in.

"People are just glad to see it and some people really look forward to seeing them on a daily basis," Tuttle said. "I'm not doing it to try to get likes or anything, I'm just putting them out there to help people get through the day."

It is an extremely kind display of Tuttle's love for the city of Big Spring and the entire Steers program. After almost two months of no sports there are coaches, players and fans that are itching for the Steers to get back on the field in some form or fashion. Tuttle is also waiting patiently for the day he is able to get back on the field and coach up his players but he will continue to spread a positive attitude in any way that he can.

"I talk to a lot of people and they always say they're good," Tuttle said. "While I'm sure a lot of people are, there are also people who are struggling with things that they just don't want to let out on the surface."

Those people should take a few minutes to check out some of Tuttle's videos. They will surely make any bad day a little better.

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Former Howard Hawk Lacey Watson receives first scholarship offer from Alderson Broadbush University



HERALD File Photos

Pictured above left: Watson shows his toughness on the way to the basket and puts up a shot over a close defender. Pictured above right: Watson shows his aggressiveness and defensive prowess with an emphatic block during the 2019-20 season.

By SHAWN MORAN
Herald Sportswriter

There were several players on the Howard Hawks 2019-20 roster that would cause the opposing team constant trouble on the court. The Hawks were an aggressive bunch that were not afraid to take on the toughest junior college teams in the nation and even defeated the No. 1-ranked Ranger Rangers.

As the season went on, Howard started to mesh as a team and there were a few players that took a noticeable step forward with their personal skills. Lacey Watson was one of those players.

Watson played every game like it was the last he would ever play and his effort on the boards and defensive side of the ball were infectious to the rest of his team. He also had a solid repertoire of no-look passes that would make any scouts jaw drop.

The Illinois native was the team's leading rebounder last season and his impressive vertical was a large reason why. Watson did not appear to be intimidated by anyone on the court and he played with the same level of intensity whether it was just after the opening jump-ball or in the final minute of regulation.

Watson played his freshman season at Edison State where he started 30 games and led the team with 25.0 points per game. The versatile wing player shot an outstanding 51.1 percent from the field and also converted 36.9 percent of his shots from beyond the arc. He also fell just shy of averaging a double-double with 9.9 rebounds per game. An even more impressive stat? Almost four rebounds per game came on the offensive end. Also not to be forgotten is the fact that Watson led those Chargers in assists per game as well.

It was at Edison State where Watson led the team in almost every major statistical category and established himself as the best player on the court on any given gameday.

That is also where he caught the eye of Howard Head Coach Scott Raines. Watson's one season in Big Spring was somewhat shortened as he was forced to miss 10 games because of a mid-season wrist injury. That did not stop him from making a major impact when he was on the floor. In the 13 games that Watson started last season, he was one of three players to average double-digit points scored (10.0) while playing an average of under 11 minutes played per game.

Even with the lower amount of minutes played during his sophomore campaign at Howard, Watson still led the team in rebounds per game (6.6) and finished in the top five for assists per game (2.1).

Watson is now preparing to join his third basketball program in three years after finishing his second year at the junior college level. The Alderson Broadbush Battlers would be a fantastic landing spot for the swiss army knife from the midwest and were smart to offer Watson during their recruiting process.

The Battlers just concluded a 9-19 season under the leadership of first-year Head Coach Stephen Dye and could use a playmaking wing like Watson to stretch the court.

Now that the first offer has rolled in for Watson, there may be more to come. Either way, the determined baller will be able to continue playing the game he loves at a four-year university this fall.

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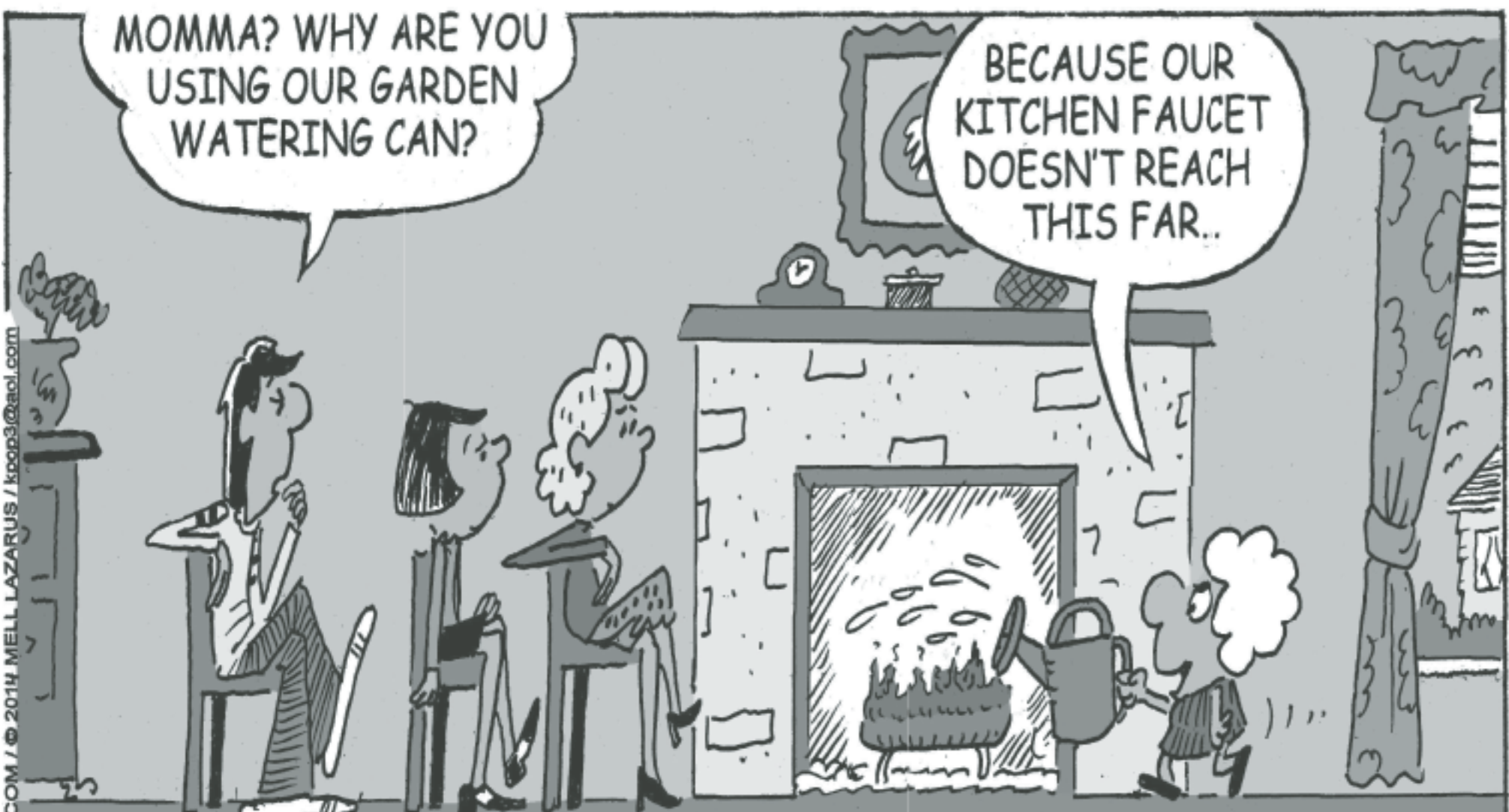
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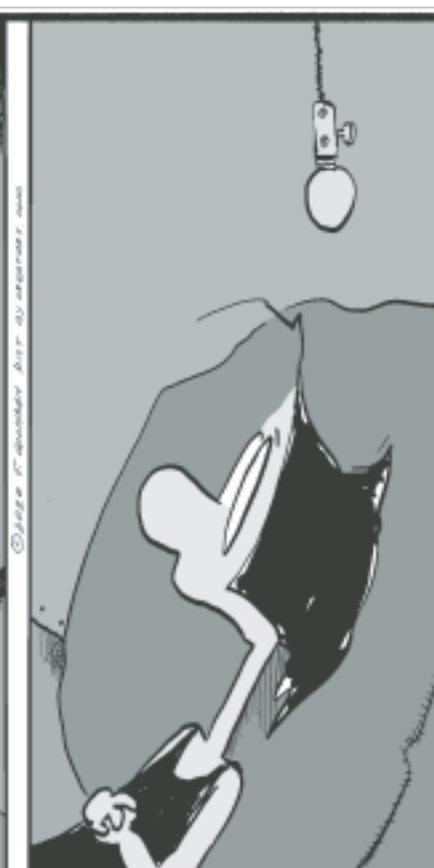


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BY MELL LAZARUS



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Kicking off: Texans at Chiefs to open season Sept. 10

By **BARRY WILNER**

AP Pro Football Writer

The Kansas City Chiefs will open defense of their Super Bowl championship by hosting Houston on Sept. 10 in the NFL's annual kickoff game — pending developments in the coronavirus pandemic, of course.

The Texans won a regular-season game at Arrowhead Stadium in 2019, then blew a 24-0 lead in the divisional round of the playoffs.

Another highlight of the opening weekend will have Tom Brady's regular-season debut with Tampa Bay against Drew Brees at New Orleans on Sept. 13 — the first matchup of 40-plus quarterbacks in NFL history.

The opening of SoFi Stadium in the Los Angeles area that Sunday night has the Rams hosting the Cowboys.

Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas will debut on the Monday night, Sept. 21, with the Raiders facing Brees and the Saints.

All of the 32 teams released their schedules early Thursday evening, with the full 2020 list scheduled to be revealed by the league a bit later.

The Chiefs, who won their first Super Bowl in a half-century last February, need baseball's Royals to move their game for Sept. 10, which now is part of a doubleheader two days earlier. The teams' stadiums share parking lots.

The NFL schedule, not to mention offseason activities and the preseason, has to be considered tentative given the current prohibition on large gatherings.

But Commissioner Roger Goodell has said the league is planning for a normal season, albeit while making contingency plans.

"The league and the clubs have been in contact with the relevant local, state and federal government authorities and will continue to do so," NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said.

The traditional Monday night doubleheader on opening weekend will have Pittsburgh at the New York Giants, which has a rookie head coach in Joe

Judge, and Tennessee at Denver.

"The number one positive is we're getting ready to play football, so that's the biggest thing," Judge said. "Once you get the schedule, it starts moving a little bit faster in your mind in terms of preparing for what's in front of you."

Top overall draft pick Joe Burrow and the Bengals start off against the sixth overall selection in April's draft, Justin Herbert and the Chargers at Cincinnati. The Bengals also will face the other highly rated rookie quarterback Tua Tagavailoa and the Dolphins in Week 13.

New England, without Brady at QB for an opener for only the second time since 2001 — he was suspended for the first four games of 2016 — hosts Miami on the opening Sunday.

Thanksgiving games will have Houston at Detroit, Washington at Dallas, then one of the league's fiercest rivalries with Baltimore at Pittsburgh in the night game.

Late-season Saturday games will be scheduled but with undetermined matchups for flexibility, something the NFL has done previously.

Certain to draw heavy early season interest will be the past two league MVPs, Patrick Mahomes and Lamar Jackson, facing off in Week 3 on Monday night at Kansas City. The Chiefs and Ravens each have five prime-time games, as do New England, Dallas, Green Bay, Tampa Bay, defending NFC champ San Francisco, and the Rams.

Detroit and Washington have no prime-time outings.

There's one Friday night contest, on Christmas, when Minnesota visits New Orleans.

Every team has two home and two away games in the first month of the schedule. Whether that's a quirk or by design is unknown.

The season ends Jan. 3 with all divisional matchups, as in recent years. Then follow the playoffs, with the Super Bowl slated for Feb. 7 in Tampa, Florida.

Pending developments with the coronavirus, of course.

Police: Ravens' Thomas threatened by wife with gun in Texas

By **DAVID GINSBURG**

AP Sports Writer

BALTIMORE (AP) — The lawyer for the wife of Baltimore Ravens safety Earl Thomas said she is being subjected to an "unfounded ongoing investigation" by Texas police after she allegedly pointed a loaded gun at her husband's head upon finding him in bed with another woman last month.

According to a police affidavit, Nina Thomas tracked down her husband at a short-term rental home in Austin in the early morning hours of April 13 and found him and his brother, Seth, in bed with two women.

The affidavit says Nina Thomas admitted to pointing the pistol at Earl Thomas' head "with the intent to scare him." She had taken the magazine out of the gun and disengaged the safety, but police noted "she was unaware the gun had a round in the chamber."

Nina Thomas struck Earl Thomas repeatedly with her free hand before her husband eventually wrestled the 9 mm Beretta from her grasp, the affidavit said. At that point, he told the woman with whom he was romantically linked to call the police.

Nina Thomas was arrested on a felony charge of burglary of a habitation with the intent to commit

aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. The incident was first reported by TMZ.

After getting word that the episode would soon be made public, Earl Thomas acknowledged late Wednesday in a video on his Instagram account that there was "an altercation between me and Nina."

"It's really not anybody's business. It's (ticking) me off that it got out, but it's the world we live in today," he said in the video, which has since been deleted. "Stuff like this happens. We try to live the best life we possibly can, but sometimes it doesn't go as planned."

Jonathan D. "Jay" Goins, the lawyer for Nina Thomas, said she "was wrongfully arrested."

"We have already gathered information which controverts every single allegation made on the night in question," Goins said.

Earl Thomas, who turned 31 on Thursday, earned his seventh Pro Bowl selection last season. He signed a four-year deal with the Ravens in April 2019 and was an integral part of a defense that helped Baltimore finish with an NFL-best 14-2 record in the regular season.

In a statement, the Ravens said: "We became aware of the situation when we read and saw it on

the reports late last night and early this morning."

Nina Thomas told police she tracked her husband's whereabouts to the rental home through his Snapchat account, which showed several videos of Earl with the other woman. Two women who Nina brought to confront her husband were also arrested on burglary charges: her sister and her best friend, the ex-spouse of Seth Thomas.

Upon their arrival at the home, police found Nina Thomas with a knife in her hand chasing her husband, who had the pistol, around a vehicle, according to the affidavit. The two were ordered to drop their weapons and drop to the ground, and they complied.

Police said the sister took a video of the altercation with her cellphone. The footage showed Nina Thomas pointing the gun at her husband's head from less than a foot away with her finger on the trigger and the safety disengaged, the affidavit said.

It states that Earl Thomas told police that he was "romantically involved" with the other woman for "3-4 months and that he was working on his relationship with his wife."

Earl Thomas was not arrested. Nina Thomas was released from custody after making bond.

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Green flag: IndyCar to open its delayed season in Texas

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — IndyCar has gotten the green flag to finally start its season in Texas next month with a nighttime race June 6 without spectators.

The race at Texas Motor Speedway was the next one on the series schedule that hadn't been postponed or canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic. IndyCar and track officials announced the details Thursday, heavy with safety precautions.

IndyCar President Jay Frye said IndyCar worked with TMS President Eddie Gossage and public health officials on a plan to "ensure the safety of our event participants alongside an exciting return to competition for our drivers, teams and viewers tuning in from around the world."

Texas has hosted IndyCar races since the 1 1/2-mile track opened in 1997. TMS used to have the

first race after the Indianapolis 500 in late May and hosted two races a year from 1998-2004, including the series finale the last six years of that stretch.

The June season opener will be on a condensed schedule with practice, qualifying and the race taking place on the same day. There will be strict access guidelines limiting the number of personnel on site, with health screening system administered to all participants and personal protection equipment provided to everyone entering the facility.

Social distancing protocols will be in place and carefully maintained.

"America needs live sports and they are not going to believe what they see when the Genesys 300 storms into their living rooms on TV from Texas," Gossage said. "One of the world's greatest sporting events, the Indy 500, has been postponed until August by coronavirus, so all of that pent-up energy, anticipation, frustrations and anxiety will be

pounding through the drivers' nervous systems."

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott had said April 20 that NASCAR was working with Texas Motor Speedway on a plan to race there, and that his state welcomed racing without spectators. Gossage then said his track was working to reschedule its Cup Series event that was supposed to be run March 29, and is one of eight races NASCAR has postponed so far because of the COVID-19 outbreak.

NASCAR is set to resume racing May 17 in South Carolina and for now will stick close to the home bases of the teams in North Carolina.

In a joint statement, Abbott and Gossage said racing "is part of Texas culture."

"The American people are eager to watch their favorite live sports again, and this race serves as an example of how we can responsibly hold sporting events while prioritizing the health of the participants and the public," the statement said.

New Cowboys quarterback Andy Dalton views season of backing up Dak as halftime of career

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**

AP Pro Football Writer

Andy Dalton views what figures to be just one season of backing up Dak Prescott with the Dallas Cowboys as essentially halftime of his career.

The 32-year-old former Cincinnati starter doesn't expect to play as the insurance policy for a two-time Pro Bowler who hasn't missed a game in his first four seasons, even though Prescott technically isn't under contract because he hasn't signed the \$31 million deal that goes with the franchise tag.

At the same time, Dalton doesn't think his days as a No. 1 quarterback in the NFL are over following his release from the Bengals a week after they drafted Joe Burrow first overall. That's why Dalton is calling this the second half of his career.

The beginning of the end for Dalton in Ohio came when first-year coach Zac Taylor benched him for three games midway through last year's 2-14 season, a move that shocked Dalton and his longtime teammates.

Dalton, who led the Bengals to the playoffs five straight years but lost all four of his postseason starts before missing the last appearance with an injury, was let go with a year remaining on the \$96 million, six-year extension that followed his rookie deal as a second-round pick.

"I believe I'm a starter in this league, and I feel like I could bring a lot to the table," Dalton said Wednesday, two days after Dallas signed the three-time Pro Bowler to a one-year contract with \$3 million guaranteed and a value up to \$7 million.

"I understand the market's going to be a little bit different next offseason. So for me, it's just, I'm trying to set myself up and put myself in the best position for the second half of my career."

New Orleans offers the best example for why Dalton thinks he could get another chance to start after a year as a backup, and why he would think he's only halfway through his career in his early 30s with already nine seasons as a starter.

Teddy Bridgewater backed up Drew Brees on a pair of one-year deals with the Saints before cashing in on a \$63 million, three-year contract with Carolina this offseason. Brees, meanwhile, is 41 and preparing for his 15th season as the New Orleans starter.

"I feel like I have a lot of good football left," Dalton said. "For me, I have to

think about the next 10 years. Is it going to be 10 years? I don't know. But that's the mindset I have, is put myself in the best position for my career."

While ensuring that he won't start unless Prescott gets injured, Dalton won't have to find a new home. He already has one in Dallas and has also lived in Fort Worth, where he led TCU to its only undefeated season in the past 81 years in 2010.

Dalton was born and raised in the Houston area, so other than pro football seasons up north, Texas has always been home. This time it's more permanent — for a year at least.

"I wouldn't have thought that this would've happened a couple months ago, but for me, I'm excited," Dalton said. "And I know my family's excited. Everybody's happy to be back in Texas."

Cowboys executive vice president of personnel Stephen Jones sometimes thinks in analogies to explain his team's roster moves.

In this case, the comparison is a familiar one from an NFC East rival, with Jones bringing up Nick Foles, a six-year veteran at the time, leading Philadelphia to its only Super Bowl title after Carson Wentz injured a knee in 2017.

"Dak's the quarterback of our franchise for now and for many years to come," Jones said in a radio interview this week. "You lay your head better on your pillow at night knowing that you have someone like Andy Dalton who's led teams to the playoffs and had winning records."

Dalton knew from the outset what signing with the Cowboys meant.

"Fortunately for me, I've been around a lot of great backup quarterbacks, guys that have helped me out," he said. "I'm going to try to be the biggest asset to this team, try to help out this offense, help out Dak, help out everybody as much as I can."

"It's a different perspective for me, since I've been a starter the last nine years. But I understand the position I'm coming into and the role I'm going to play."

Let the halftime show begin.

NOTES: The Cowboys signed former Kansas City lineman Cameron Erving, who could end up as their swing tackle. The Chiefs didn't pick up their option on his contract. Erving was the 19th overall pick by Cleveland in 2015 and traded to Kansas City after two seasons.



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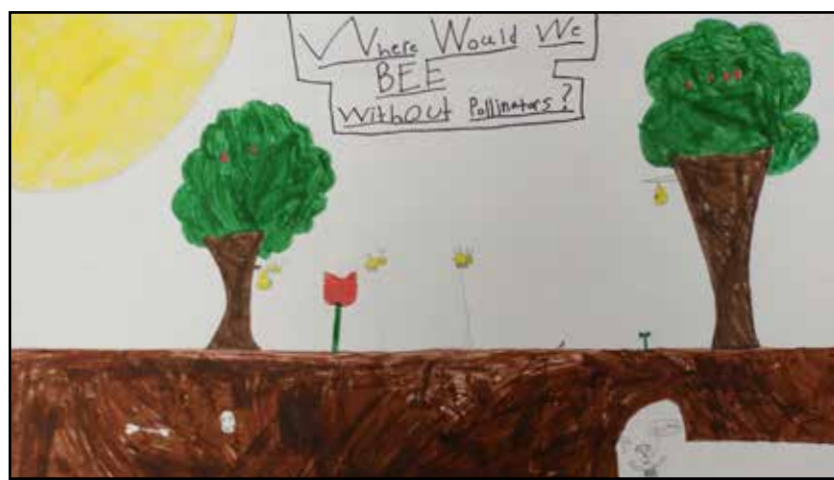
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This week's reviews include fiction and mystery titles.

In the summer of 1932 on the banks of Minnesota's Gilead River, in "This Tender Land" (M KRU W) by William Kent Krueger, the Lincoln Indian Training School is a pitiless place where Native American children forcibly separated from their

parents, are sent to be educated. It is also home to Odie O'Banion a lively orphan boy whose exploits constantly earn him the superintendent's wrath. Odie and his brother Albert are the only white faces among the hundreds of Native American children at the school. After committing a terrible crime Oldie and Albert are forced to flee for their lives along with their best friend, Mose, a mute young man of Sioux heritage. Out of pity they also take with them a brokenhearted little girl named Emmy. Together they steal away in a canoe, heading for the mighty Mississippi in search of a place to call home. Over the course of one unforgettable summer, these four orphan vagabonds journey into the unknown, crossing paths with others who are adrift, from struggling farmers and traveling faith healers to displaced families and lost souls of all kinds.

"Look Homeward Angel" (F WOL T) by Thomas Wolfe follows the trajectory of Eugene Grant, a brilliant and restless young man whose wanderlust and passion shape his adolescent years in rural North Carolina. It is 1929 and Grant is on a quest for a greater intellectual life. He has a burning desire to leave his small town and tumultuous family in search of a better life. Grant's journey gives the world proof of his genius and launches a powerful legacy.

Nat, a forty seven year old veteran of Britain's Secret Intelligence Service, believes his years as an agent runner are over in "Agent Running in the Field" (F LEC J) by John Le Carre. He is back in London with his wife, the long suffering Prue. But with the growing threat from Moscow center, the office has one more job for him. Nat is to take over the Haven, a defunct station of London General with a ragtag band of spies. The only bright light on the team is Florence, who has her eye on the Russia Department and a Ukrainian oligarch with

a finger in the Russia pie. Nat is not only a spy but a passionate badminton player. His regular Monday evening opponent is half his age, the introspective and solitary Ed. Ed hates Brexit, and hates his job at some soulless media agency. And it is Ed of all unlikely people who will take Prue, Florence, and himself down the path of political anger that will ensnare them all.

Set in Depression-era America, "The Giver of Stars" (F MOY J) by Jojo Moyes is a story of five extraordinary women and their remarkable journey through the mountains of Kentucky and beyond, based on a true story rooted in America's past. Alice Wright marries handsome American Bennett Van Cleve hoping to escape her stifling life in England. But small-town Kentucky quickly proves equally claustrophobic, especially living alongside her overbearing father-in-law. So when a call goes out for a team of women to deliver books as part of Eleanor Roosevelt's new traveling library, Alice signs on enthusiastically. The leader, and soon Alice's greatest ally, is Margery, a smart-talking, self-sufficient woman who's never asked a man's permission for anything. They will be joined by three other singular women who become known as the Packhorse Librarians of Kentucky. What happens to them, and to the men they love, becomes an unforgettable drama of loyalty, justice, humanity and passion. These heroic women refuse to be cowed by men or by convention. And though they face all kinds of dangers in a landscape that is at times breathtakingly beautiful, at others brutal, they're committed to their job: bringing books to people who have never had any, arming them with facts that will change their lives.

"Books are the plane, and the train, and the road. They are the destination, and the journey. They are home." —Anna Quindlen

Births

Eric Donovan Uranga



Eric and Kristi Uranga are proud to announce the arrival of their new son, Eric Donovan Uranga. Eric Jr. was born April 14, 2020. He weighed 6 pounds 12 ounces and was 20 ¼ inches long.

Grandparents are Debbie and Ambrosio Uranga and Linda Porter. He was welcomed home by big sisters Naya and Kenley.

We Salute!

There are those in the community - local business, individuals, or civic organizations - who have gone above and beyond. There have been those moments that have made a positive impact on the community and we want to recognize those moments, contributions and people:

- Shotwell Hydrogenics, from Midland, for donating hand sanitizer to local businesses, first responders - Big Spring Police Department, Big Spring Fire Department, Howard County Sheriff Department - and more donations will be coming.

- Trinity Baptist Church for hosting the National Guard for the drive-through testing site that opened up access to COVID-19 testing in Howard County.

- Delek and Expedition Royalty for donating to the local United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. All those who supported the fundraiser hosted by the United Way. Through funds raised there will be 300 care packages handed out this weekend.

Recognizing the great things happening in Big Spring is important. Send in your recognitions to editor@bigspringherald.com. We Salute will run Thursdays and Sundays.

Comptroller Glenn Hegar Distributes \$824 Million in Monthly Sales Tax Revenue to Local Governments

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced today he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$824.1 million in local sales tax allocations for May, 5 percent less than in May 2019. These allocations are based on sales made in March by businesses that report tax monthly, and sales made in January, February and March by quarterly filers.

Widespread social distancing requirements were not in place across much of the state until late March, meaning the impact of those measures affected only a portion of allocations for this month. The agency expects next month's allocations, based on April sales, will show steeper declines compared to a year ago.

Local Sales Tax Allocations - May 2020
Cities will receive \$532.2M which is 5.1% down from 2019, but up 2.6% year to date change. Transit Systems will receive \$174.6M which is a 8.2% change from 2019, but up 3.2% year to date change. Counties will receive \$51.6M which is 2.8% down from 2019, but up 1.8% year to date change. Special purpose taxing districts will receive \$65.7M which is up 3.1% from 2019 and up 9.3% year to date change. The total allocation will be \$824.1M which is down 5% from May 2019 and up 3.2% year to date.

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Highlighting Howard Co. Business Inspiration sent out in the community one flower bouquet at a time

By CARRIE HARVELL

Herald Contributing Writer

In today's society, flowers are given to loved ones to help communicate human emotions. Whether it be to express your undying love or gratitude for a friend, flowers can be given to anyone at any time. The act of giving flowers has a rich history. The reasons behind giving flowers has evolved. There are a plethora of reasons people choose to give flowers, and because of all the different meanings associated with flowers, it's important to consult an experienced florist before choosing flowers for someone. The florists at Inspiration Flora Boutique can ensure you find the perfect flower for any occasion.

"If we can start a new business during the worse economic disaster in our lifetime, we can do anything," Tana Higginbotham said. Tana and her husband Arick started their adventure April 13, when they bought the property at 1410 Scurry. With the help of Jeff Ward at Prosperity Bank and Mique Yarbar of Home Realtor's the Higginbotham's bought Inspirations-previously owned by Laura Murpree and began a new chapter together.

"Laura started Inspirations 18 years ago when she bought it from the Dakotas. The house was originally built in 1907 by Dr. Hall for his mother. His granddaughter Marie Hall sold it to them. In 2012 Laura added on to the existing building. Once again, just last month, the business switched ownership one more time when Tana purchased it. Tana grew up here and graduated from Coahoma High School.

"I went to school with Laura Murpree's daughter Becky, and used Inspirations for all my floral needs. I never expected to one day own the business," Tana said. While owning a floral shop is not in the couples experience, having previously been employed at Bulldog Steel, makes business venture the next step.

"We are super excited about taking over the business. It is a family project, my mother in law Beth Henry will be doing customer service. Whitney Hulse, Myckala Edwards, Viola Harris and Evyette Quinones are the new designers, and Laura will continue to assist with some of the arrangements," she said "We are going to bring in new inventory, some jewelry, housewares, home décor, sympathy, birthday and wedding gifts. We will continue to honor all the community outreach projects that Laura had." Special orders for local churches, weddings and funerals will still be happily filled according to Tana. Mother's Day will be the first big holiday and the couple is looking forward to it. "The amazing support of the community has helped us keep our spirits up, especially the "Adopt a Senior"



Courtesy photo

Tana Bradley-Higginbotham, along with her husband Aarick Higginbotham, are the new owners of Inspirations Floral Boutique. campaign since all the proms were canceled," Tana said.

While many of the services and outreach will remain, there will be some changes. New hours will be; Monday-Friday 8a.m. to 6p.m. and Saturday 9a.m. to 1p.m. "I invite everyone to come in and look at all the updates we have made," she said. Services will be expanded to the surrounding areas to include Stanton, Garden City, Forsan, Colorado City and Coahoma.

My biggest joy is making people smile. I can't think of a better way of doing that than this," Tana said. "Flowers are the music of the ground. From earth's lips spoken without sound."

Tana is the Executive Ambassador with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, and considers the community a vital part of any business. She is encouraged by the shop local attitude expressed by the community.

This summer she plans on having several open houses and offering bouquet building classes. If you lament that your bouquets only last a few days visit with the staff and learn how to properly care for them. For more information or to view some of the items, visit the Facebook page or the website at www.bigspringflowers.com or call 432-263-8323.

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The Value of Rainwater Harvesting

Special to the Herald

STANTON – As there is a push for our world to become more green, it isn't a surprise that rainwater harvesting is becoming increasingly more popular. There are countless benefits to capturing rainwater. Even the great state of Texas recognizes these benefits and the importance and offer incentives to those who construct rainwater harvesting on their homes.

Rainwater harvesting isn't a new concept, it dates back as far as 4,000 years ago. It is valued for its purity and softness. Rainwater has a nearly neutral pH, is chlorine free, and doesn't contain mineral deposit or harsh chemicals. Plants, gardens, and crops thrive on rainwater due to these reasons. If used in the home, appliances life span will substantially increase due to their being no buildup of minerals and because of the softness of the water. Rainwater is also free and could help

cut costs on water once the cost of collection and use is paid for. Most importantly, rainwater provides a water source when groundwater is unavailable or unacceptable. Even in places where rain is scarce you would be amazed at how much rainwater can be harvested throughout the year. A 1 inch rain on a 2,000 square foot roof will yield about 1,200 gallons of water.

The average rainfall in our area is 19 inches a year, so that is 23,000 gallons of water a year that could be caught with a 2,000 square foot roof. This is free, pure water that can be used to assist your plants or home.

Texas offers several incentives and support for rainwater harvesting. Texas Legislature allows exemption on part or all of the assessed value of the property on which approved water conservation initiatives, such as rainwater harvesting are made. Any individual planning to install a rainwater harvesting system should

check with their county appraisal district for guidance on exemptions from county property taxes. Texas Tax Code also exempts rainwater harvesting equipment and supplies from state sales tax with a Texas Sales and Use Tax Exemption Certificate. Texas Property code prevents a homeowner's association from prohibiting the use of rainwater harvesting systems. Texas also requires some new state facilities to incorporate rainwater harvesting systems in their design.

If the thought of rainwater harvesting interests you then we encourage you to reach out to our office at the Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District at www.pbuwcd.com or by phone at 432-756-2136. You may also check with your local Texas AgriLife Extension office or the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). TWDB provides information to the public on all aspects of rainwater harvesting at www.twdb.texas.gov.

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Experts are creating a strategy to safeguard citizens, honey, crop production

By **OLGA KUCHMENT**

A giant invasive hornet was sighted several times in northwestern Washington state and Canada in late 2019, causing concern across the U.S. At the request of Gov. Greg Abbott, a specialized task force led by Texas A&M AgriLife experts is spearheading an initiative to protect Texas citizens, agriculture and honey bees if the "murder hornet," or Asian giant hornet, arrives.

The hornet, *Vespa mandarinia*, preys on bees and can decimate local honey bee populations. Honey bees are essential for most fruit and vegetable crop production. Because crops rely on honey bees and other insects for pollination, in its absence, crop yields would greatly suffer. What's more, the Asian giant hornets are fiercely protective of their nests. They deploy painful stings that can cause fatal allergic reactions in people already sensitive to bee stings.

"Although this pest has not been spotted in Texas, the hornet poses a threat to both agriculture and public health," said **Patrick J. Stover**, Ph.D., vice chancellor of **Texas A&M AgriLife**, dean of the **College of Agriculture and Life Sciences** and director of **Texas A&M AgriLife Research**. "Because of

this, we are bringing to bear the diverse expertise and knowledge base that exists within Texas A&M AgriLife to collaborate with federal partners and extension agents across the country to protect our state and the global food supply."

The task force brings together experts from **Texas A&M AgriLife Research**, **Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service**, the **Texas A&M Department of Entomology** and the **Center for Cross-Border Threat Screening and Supply Chain Defense** — a Department of Homeland Security Center for Excellence with representation from various parts of The Texas A&M University System.

Courses of action planned

How the pests ended up in North America is not yet clear. Washington state investigations are focusing on the possibility that container ship or airplane transport may have inadvertently transported a fertilized female hornet.

"Part of our response is preparing our state entry points for cargo transportation," said **Greg Pompelli**, Ph.D., director of the Center for Cross-Border Threat Screening and Supply Chain Defense. "We are developing training for Customs and Border Protection staff to be able to detect the Asian giant

hornet. We are also increasing surveillance of incoming containers and evaluating opportunities for specialized detection, such as possibly using scent-trained dogs to find these hornets hidden in cargo or luggage."

The task force is planning several avenues of action. The team will provide science-based educational materials on the hornet for citizens and beekeepers. In addition, to guard against the hornet entering Texas, the task force will work on detection efforts for border and port-of-entry points. The team will also assist with mitigation efforts to protect Texas honey bee populations. Finally, the task force will prepare statewide identification efforts if necessary.

About Asian giant hornets

The world's largest hornets, these insects are native to many areas, from Japan and South Korea to India and Pakistan. Up to 2 inches long, the insect is about a half-inch larger than the "cicada killer" wasp common in Texas.

"The hornets' life cycle informs the potential control strategies," said **David Ragsdale**, Ph.D., chief

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District Court Filings

Plaintiff: Connie Cortez
Defendant: Lionirez Cortez
Type of Case: Divorce – No children
Date: April 30, 2020

Plaintiff: In the interest of Evelyn Mendez
Type of Case: All other family law matters
Date: April 30, 2020

Plaintiff: Sarah Yanez
Defendant: Mario Yanez
Type of Case: Divorce – Children
Date: April 30, 2020

Plaintiff: B&E Roustabout Inc
Defendant: Pitbull Services LLC
Type of Case: Contract – Consumer/Commercial/Debt
Date: April 30, 2020

Plaintiff: In the estate of Freddie Murl Phillips (deceased)
Type of Case: Civil Case
Date: May 1, 2020

Plaintiff: Kelsi Baliguat
Defendant: Jimmy Baliguat
Type of Case: Divorce – No Children
Date: May 1, 2020

Plaintiff: Teresa Sanchez
Defendant: Joe Sanchez
Type of Case: Divorce – No Children
Date: May 4, 2020

Plaintiff: Austin Gentry
Defendant: Mikayla Gentry
Type of Case: Divorce – No Children
Date: May 5, 2020

Plaintiff: Medallion Pipeline Company LLC
Defendant: Lazy J, LTD

Type of Case: Eminent Domain
Date: May 5, 2020

Plaintiff: In the interest of A.P.A.M. a child
Type of Case: All othre family law matters
Date: May 6, 2020

Plaintiff: Plaintiff
Defendant: Defendant
Type of Case: Injury/Damage-Motor Vehicles
Date: May 6, 2020

Plaintiff: Vanessa Mendez
Defendant: David Mendez
Type of Case: Divorce – Children
Date: May 6, 2020

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: A. R. Ballard Jr.
Grantee: Osvaldo Mejia
Property: Lot. No 2, block 20, Sherrod Heights Subdivision and Lot 4 and 5, block 15 in Sherrod Heights Subdivision in Sec. No 27, block 32, T-1-N T&P Ry. Co. Survey in Howard County
Date: April 20, 2020

Grantor: Jorge L. Luna
Grantee: Jeff Castle
Property: Lot No. 19, block 8, Suburban Heights Addition
Date: April 24, 2020

Grantor: Basil Hilo
Grantee: Tyler Bradley
Property: Lot 6, south one half (s/2) of Lot 5, block 7, FURRH Addition
Date: April 22, 2020

Grantor: Oscar Robles
Grantee: Crystal Young formerly Crystal Robles
Property: Lot 12, block 20, Monticello Addition
Date: April 24, 2020

Grantor: Thomas Orance Smith Jr.
Grantee: Sabrina Ann Smith
Property: S/50' of SW/4 of block 30, Government Heights of Bauer Addition
Date: April 28, 2020

Grantor: Nathan Bradshaw
Grantee: Hilary Elaine Garza
Property: Lot 11, block 1, Jearld Smith Addition
Date: April 28, 2020

Grantor: Frank Long and Glenda Long
Grantee: Frank & Glenda Long Family, LP
Property: West 120 acres more or less of the N. 240 acres of Sec. No 27, block No. 32, Township 2 North
Date: April 22, 2020

Grantor: Gwendolyn Combs
Grantee: Lee Harris

Management LLC
Property: North 2/5ths of Lot 8, block No 2, Lockhart Addition
Date: April 29, 2020

Grantor: Scott Klarer
Grantee: Tristen Anderson
Property: Being 1 acre tract of N/Sec. 37, block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: April 29, 2020

Grantor: Travis Hohensee and Jayton H. Hohensee
Grantee: Jendy Thomas
Property: Lot 5, block 8, Coronado Hills Addition
Date: April 29, 2020

Grantor: John Luke Yarbar and Mique Yarbar
Grantee: Dillon Phernetton and Linzee Phernetton
Property: Being a 3.195 acre tract of SE/4 of Sec. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: May 1, 2020

Grantor: John Luke Yarbar and Mique Yarbar
Grantee: Marc A. Segundo and Logan Segundo
Property: Being a 3.50 acre tract out of 10.195 acre tract of the SE/4 of Sec. 32, block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: April 28, 2020

Grantor: John Luke Yarbar and Mique Yarbar
Grantee: Leksey Yarbar
Property: Being a 3.50 acre tract of a 10.195 acre tract out of the SE/4 of Sec. 32, block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: April 29, 2020

Grantor: Michael S. White AKA Michael White and Samantha White
Grantee: Roland Fryar and Sara Fryar
Property: Being a 4.04 acre tract, more or less, Lot 20, block A, Campestre Estates unrecorded subdivision, Sec. 17, block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: May 1, 2020

Grantor: Jeff Phernetton and Courtney Phernetton
Grantee: J. Hopper Homes
Property: Being at a 1/2' I.R. With cap set in the centerline of 60' wide N/S Road in the NE/4 of Sec. 6, block 31, T-1-S, T&P Ry Co. Survey for the SE corner of this tract from whence the NE corner of said

Sec. 6 bears N. 74'30'44 E. 1173.4' and N. 15'08'55 W. 1250.07"
Date: May 1, 2020

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Liens

Grantor: Debra Lusk
Grantee: Zachary Rivera and Linda Rivera
Property: South block 25, save and except North 20' of W/150' of the S/250' of block 25, amending College Heights Addition
Date: April 21, 2020

Grantor: Craig Olson aka Craig Allen Olsen and Jackie Olson aka Jackie Perkins Olson
Grantee: Donald James Green
Property: .987 tract of land of Sec. No. 5, block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR. Co. Survey
Date: April 27, 2020

Grantor: Cash R. Berry and Leslie A. Berry
Grantee: Travis Hohensee and Jayton Hohensee
Property: Lot 8, block 3, Highland Caprock Subdivision a 16.709 acre tract of Sec. 8, block 32, T-1-S-T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: April 28, 2020

Grantor: Fuqua Walker Turnkey Properties LLC
Grantee: David White and Hayle Hodnett
Property: Lot 11, block 18, Save and except N/15', College Park Estates
Date: April 30, 2020

Grantor: Amy Elizabeth Reese and Larry Bryan Reese
Grantee: Thomas M. Cross and Holly Jean Cleveland
Property: Lot 16, block 12, Kentwood Addition
Date: May 1, 2020

Grantor: Vernon L. Lowery, a widower
Grantee: Jonathan Lalie Adams
Property: Being a 5 acre tract of land, more or less out of a 15.09 acre tract of the SE/4 of Sec. 41, block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Ry. Survey
Date: April 30, 2020

Grantor: J. Hopper Homes LLC
Grantee: Garland Myrick
Property: Lot 2, Hill Country Estates
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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37
Case No. 0326545
DATE OF ISSUANCE:
May 5, 2020 Status/Permit No. 863490
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, May 26, 2020
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SM ENERGY COMPANY, [RRC Operator No. 788997] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 24, Bk. 35 T1N, T&P RR CO/POWELL, M Survey, A-797, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 13 miles NW direction from BIG SPRING, Texas.

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sion rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at (512)463-6751. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848.

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Abstract: 519

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Survey: T&P RR CO
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IN THE INTEREST OF: Antonio Cota Cruz

Minor Child.

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UPON THE PETITION OF: Veronica Cruz Balm, Petitioner.

ORIGINAL NOTICE

TO: ANTONIO COTA GUERERO

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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37
Case No. 0326547
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Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 328.0
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Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal
Lateral: TH1
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Terminus Location
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Abstract: 519
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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37
Case No. 0326546
DATE OF ISSUANCE:
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The horns of a dilemma

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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

WEST
♠ K
♥ J 8 5 3 2
♦ 10 7 4
♣ K Q 8 2

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

SOUTH
♠ A Q 10 8 6 2
♥ A Q 7
♦ Q 5
♣ 9 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ Pass 2♦ Pass
2♠ Pass 3♠ Pass
4♠

Opening lead — king of clubs.

If a player is forced to guess in a difficult situation, he will sometimes guess right and sometimes guess wrong. For this reason, experienced players try to arrange their play so that they will be confronted by as few guesses as possible.

South unnecessarily subjected himself to a guess on this deal, and went down one in four spades when he eventually guessed wrong.

The defenders began by playing the K-A and another club, ruffed by

South. Declarer then crossed to dummy with a heart and led a spade to the queen, losing to West's king.

South won the heart return, led a diamond to the king and played a second spade. After East followed low, declarer agonized for a long time but finally decided to play the ace. Result — down one.

Although South's line of play would have succeeded most of the time, he could — and should — have avoided the trump guess altogether. In fact, had he made the technically correct play, he would have finished with 11 tricks instead of nine!

South's one and only aim from the outset should have been to avoid losing two trump tricks. To that end, he should have cashed the ace of spades at trick four, planning to cross to dummy next for a second spade lead toward his Q-10-8-6-2 unless one of the missing honors appeared on the ace.

This safety play ensures the contract against any 2-2 break, any 3-1 break where the singleton is an honor, and any 3-1 or 4-0 break where East holds the trump length. It fails only when West started with K-J-x or K-J-x-x of spades, in which case not even a doctor could help.

In the actual deal, cashing the ace catches West's king, leaving a marked finesse against East's jack for an overtrick.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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Annie's Mailbox

Much Love to Moms

Dear Mothers:
"A mother's arms are made of tenderness and children sleep soundly in them." -- Victor Hugo.

To all the mothers out there: Happy Mother's Day! To everyone for whom this is a difficult holiday, may it land gently, to borrow a phrase from columnist and author Connie Schultz.

Sometimes, being a truly loving, tender and caring mom means that your children think you are "mean" at times. But the truth is that teaching discipline to your children will mean they'll become happier and more well-adjusted adults. So here's a poem for all those "mean" moms out there who deserve recognition and respect:

"A 'Mean' Mother" (Author unknown)

(SET ITAL)A "mean" mother never allows candy or sweets to take the place of a well-balanced meal.

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and I contemplate the suffering that is occurring, I include thanks in my prayers that I am content. I am a firm believer that attitude is what gets us through. I am thankful to have been introduced to this "me," who has been waiting in the wings. While being removed from the fast pace that life had become, I hope others have rediscovered and enjoyed what they also may have set aside. May we find that life as we knew it isn't all we thought it was, and develop a new perspective on our blessings. -- Self-Discovery

Dear Self-Discovery: Congratulations on discovering what makes you happy and content. Knowing oneself is one of the greatest gifts you can give to yourself and others. Having a positive attitude can certainly help the human spirit to thrive during unsettling times. By slowing down the pace of your life, you sped up the pace of finding joy in your everyday life, and that is a wonderful life to live.

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

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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!

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

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



My Mother, My Teacher

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are not separate from the people you are trying to influence. If you can make yourself do a thing, you can inspire others to do the same thing. Work on you first.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). While it's true that the bull can be dangerous when angered, for the most part, the nature of cattle is docile contentment, powerfully strong and gently discerning enough to use that strength but rarely.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You live for things other than money and fun, which is why you still have a firm footing in life when those things aren't in flowing supply. You'll be helping others this week with your solid perspective.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Friendliness and respect disarm people. Whereas confrontation usually escalates the conflict. Both approaches get to peace eventually. The question is: At what

cost? **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Remind yourself about what's within your influence these days. It's a lot, but it's maybe not what you're focusing on. Worrying is a symptom of needing to delineate between circumstances that are and are not within your control.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you're around easygoing people, their attitude rubs off on you. This is true even virtually. If your social media feeds are not filled with like minds, now is the time to change that.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Danger sometimes feels like an attraction, especially to those who intimately know the rush of internal chemistry that comes from successfully riding on the razor's edge of risk.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are those who can be trusted to spread the word quickly. Instead of thinking of them as gossips, consider them your broadcasters and give them the informa-

tion you want everyone to know. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You have a reputation for being nice, good and fair. But life isn't always so clear cut. Sometimes, the gentle approach is neither expedient nor effective. A swift, decisive move will be kind.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's so much easier to improve your skills when you accept that you're going to make mistakes, look foolish and fall down a few times before you eventually get the hang of it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Consider carefully how hard you should be working. While working hard means you're strong, working too hard is an

indication of not setting yourself up well with enough support. **PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Policing the behavior of others can be an endless and thankless vigil that certainly doesn't help your popularity. Accept them as they are and feel yourself grow lighter.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 10). You are good at so many things and equally passionate in many directions. It can be a real challenge to focus when you have so many strings to your bow! That's why the cosmic gift of incredible laser focus is so useful to you this year. You'll choose one thing and work on it for several

months, earning due rewards. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 10, 3, 33 and 45. **FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** Saturn is the lessons and limits planet of the zodiac as well as the great stopwatch holder of the sky, with associations to Father Time. Of course, time is the one thing no one can get more of. Even if we are ever-mindful of its preciousness, it is wise not to let this breed restlessness. Impatience is time's thief.

There is no point in rushing anxiously through the mundane parts of the day to get to the good stuff. After all, one never knows where the "good stuff" really lies. It could be hidden in the line at the grocery or the hold music on the phone. The real elasticity of time is inside its usage and the attitude and emotions we bring to the seconds. The secret to stretching time is to show up in every moment, however big, small, preferred or undesirable it may be, and explore that moment to its fullest

potential. Saturn's retrograde comes with an opportunity to engage with time on our own terms, to lavish in memory or dance in fantasies of the future. In this way, we can take back some control of time, as much that happens in the mind, meditations, dream states and the like are actually occurring in a dimension that is outside of time's bounds.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Taurus is the first earth sign of the zodiac, known for quite literally singing nature's praises, as Taurus is also the sign that rules the vocal cords. Bono brings together both of these cosmic gifts. He was one of the first musicians to link environmental and political causes directly to his concerts. Bono also has natal moon and Neptune in secretive Scorpio, the elusive glamour of which is captured in his perennial sunglasses.

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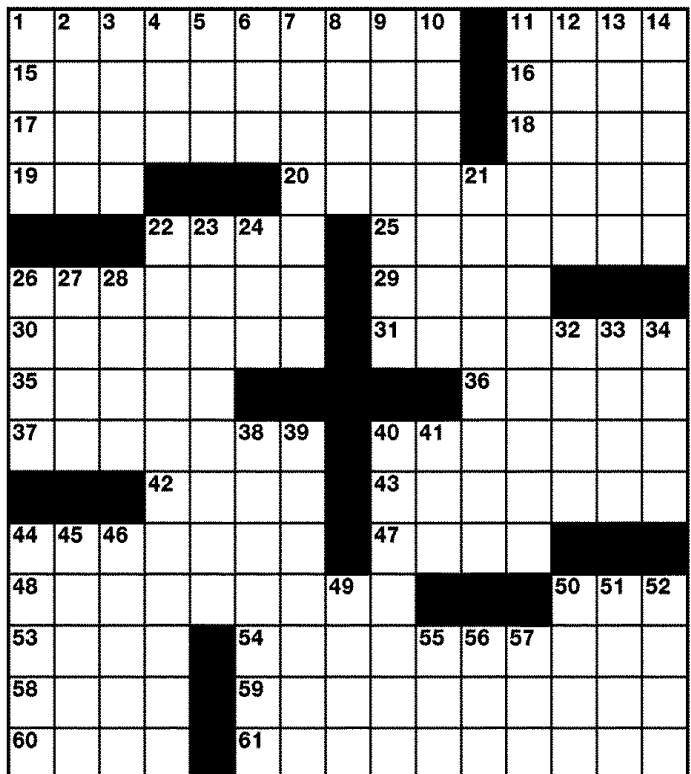
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1 Bails
11 Woman wrapped in flannel
15 Careless?
16 Up a cell bill, maybe
17 It's pitched low
18 Corsica's region, locally
19 Full-house "tell"?
20 Has nothing good coming
22 Cause corrosion
25 They're making their point
26 Nazarene, for instance
29 Flag
30 Don't stay silent
31 Annual Yukon Quest participant
35 She stands on her own two feet
36 Wearable symbol of piety
37 What tears may damage
40 Furnace input
42 Disagreeable task
43 Complex descriptor
44 Trace
47 A way to say "nay"
48 It's beside the point
50 Dash
53 Speaking of
54 Shuttle operator
58 Choreographed opera scene
59 Source of a scion
60 "The leaves they were withering and ___": Poe
61 Backup, as a medical treatment
- DOWN**
1 Marches, in lit
2 Bump on a log
3 Fuel sponsor of Hockey Canada
4 Los ___ (both, in Barcelona)
5 Part of a Gretel goodbye
6 Early Middle Ages century starter
7 What might be asked of a judge
8 Sprouts or shavers
9 Gets to help
10 Label maker's timesaver
11 National Guard contingent
12 *Couleur de la nuit*
13 Point of greatest adversity
14 Lets off
21 Herald
22 Magnavox introduction of 1972
23 Flag
24 "I got no quarrel with them Vietcong" speaker
26 Latter-day Minuteman
27 Typical Azerbaijani
28 Rushes, resounds, or rents
32 ___ zone
33 Southern superfood
34 Rob Roy, by birth
38 Take punishment on the field
39 AFI's #5 male Screen Legend
40 Beckett's Romanian contemporary
41 Trainee of Luke and Leia
44 Metaphor for life experience
45 Succeed
46 Certain coin collector
49 Nickname from the Greek for "lizard"
50 Sicilian wedding feast staple
51 Trash can or cart
52 Lestat's father
55 East ender
56 What fezzes usually are
57 Tom's *Top Gun* rival



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ATBAT WEBB ABLE
SWISH AVER WAIL
POCKETSIZE OLGA
MOBILEWALLET
ASSERT LEITORE
SOP YEAS DODO
AURA SCAM LONGS
DRIVETHRUWINDOW
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Texas A&M veterinary lab tests people for COVID-19 Despite Federal Red Tape limiting Capacity

COLLEGE STATION — The Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory is helping increase the state's capacity to test people for COVID-19.

But federal red tape is holding back the state agency from widespread testing — even in Amarillo as the Panhandle has become a hotbed for the coronavirus.

“Increased testing is the key to safely opening up the economy,” said John Sharp, chancellor of The Texas A&M University System. “The federal government needs to let us unleash the full potential of our diagnostic veterinary labs.”

The Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL), a component of Texas A&M AgriLife, has more testing capability than any public lab in the state. It could run as many as 300 samples per day in its Center and Gonzales labs, another 1,000 per day in Amarillo and as many as 1,800 per day in College Station.

Monday, the TVMDL lab in College Station began limited human testing through a temporary partnership with a local health care provider. However, for more than a month, Texas A&M System officials have hit a roadblock at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) while trying to fully scale up TVMDL labs for human testing.

Amarillo Congressman Mac Thornberry has joined the effort.

“Many of the steps we can take to deal with COVID-19 are really common sense,” Thornberry said. “Animal health professionals, such as those at the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory in Amarillo, maintain the highest medical standards and can make a major contribution to more testing in the Panhandle. I will continue to push federal agencies to make better use of the resources we have available in this fight.”

Veterinary diagnostic laboratories test at high-volumes for flocks and herds of animals. TVMDL routinely performs 900,000 tests annually, with over 64,000 of those tests using

the same method used to test for COVID-19, a process called polymerase chain reaction or PCR.

While the supplies to run the human PCR test are different than those used for animals, the equipment and the testing process are the same.

TVMDL staff have years of formal education, training, and experience in the procedures.

HHS generally requires people with human lab experience to oversee human testing. The Texas A&M System is seeking a waiver in light of the pandemic. Texas has one of the nation's lowest rates of COVID-19 testing per capita.

TVMDL would use the same FDA-approved test kit as other labs.

“There are not a lot of differences between human and animal PCR tests,” TVMDL Director Dr. Bruce Akey said. “Aside from the testing reagents used, the equipment and testing process are identical.”

TVMDL is a natural fit to provide such a public service. The agency is a part of the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN), a group of state and regional veterinary laboratories performing surveillance testing for the US Department of Agriculture. They follow strict federal standards to ensure the quality and reliability of testing.

“We provide the highest quality service every day to veterinary clients,” Akey said. “Although this will be the first time in TVMDL's history to test human clinical samples, we have all the equipment, supplies, and expertise to help make a lasting impact in Texas.”

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scientific officer and associate director of AgriLife Research, and professor in the Department of Entomology.

Autumn is the hornets' mating period and the most crucial time for their spread. After mating in the fall, the queens find places to overwinter while the rest of the nest dies out. Hornet queens re-emerge in the spring to raise their young. Once the queen has reared a few dozen workers, she no longer leaves the nest. To control the insects at that point, the nest must be located and the queen killed.

“While widespread surveillance for the hornets in Texas is premature, we do need strategies to prevent the hornets' arriving here in cargo,” Ragsdale said. “Right now, what we need to know is whether the Asian giant hornets have successfully overwintered in British Columbia or in Washington state.”

In Washington, the State Department of Agriculture, WSDA, has created a systematic trapping program to locate any overwintering queens or workers this spring, Ragsdale said. If WSDA confirms the hornets are overwintering in Washington, the department will work to map the infestation and eradicate all colonies before the hornets' mating season in late summer or early fall.

For more information, please see [Asian Giant Hornet FAQ](#), a publication of Texas A&M AgriLife.

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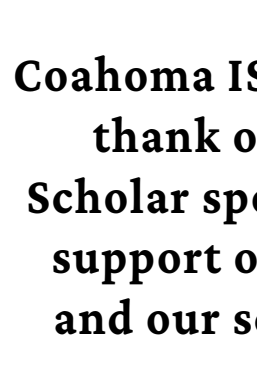
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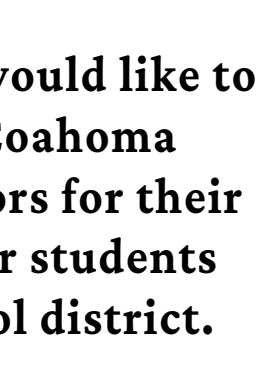
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Howard County Soil & Water Poster Contest Recognitions



Pictured above left: Abimael Gonzalez, 1st place; Zach Barker, 2nd Place; and Ramiro Arroyo, 3rd Place winners from Big Spring Intermediate School. Pictured above right: Eddyson Quezada received an honorable mention. He attends Big Spring Intermediate.



Pictured above left: Zach Barker, 6th Grade Big Spring Intermediate, 2nd Place Winner poster is featured. Pictured above right: Abimael Gonzales, 6th Grade Big Spring Intermediate.

Forsan Elementary 3rd Grade Winners under the instruction of Mrs. Welch. Winners left to right (top): P'Jae Yabes, Finley Strickland, Garrett Roach, Alizabeth Barker; Middle: Natlaie Arzate, Brookslie Webb, Cash Wallis, Kiara Rivas. Front: Brynlee Mims, Allie Olson, Emilee Gonzales, Adrian 'A.J' Hernandez.



Pictured above: Abby Hilario (left) and Rodgo Gonzales (right) from Big Spring Intermediate received honorable mentions for their submissions to the poster contest.

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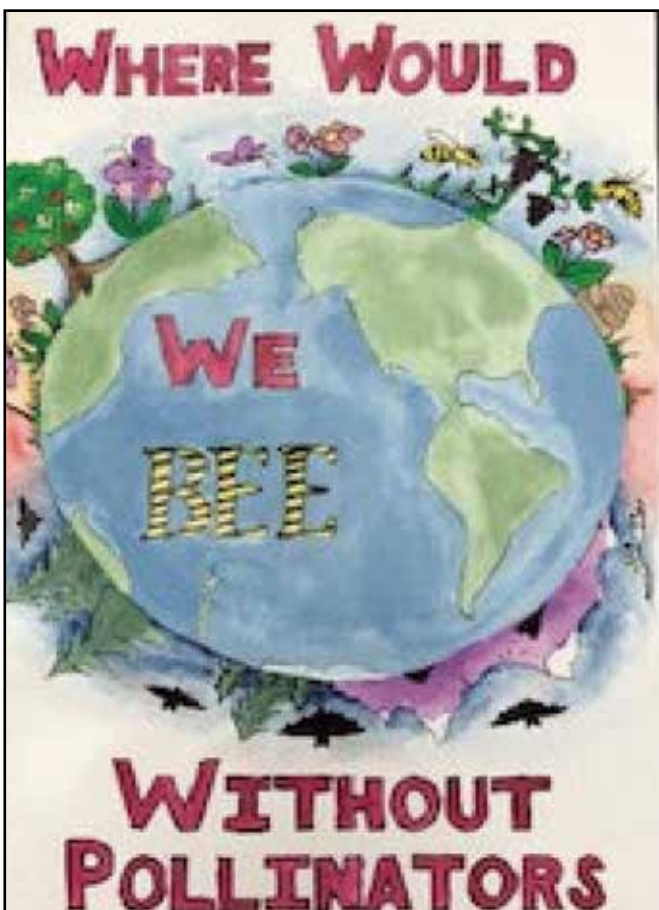
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