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Delinquent accounts to be disconnected starting July 13

Special to the Herald

Beginning Monday, July 13, 2020, at 8:00 AM the City of Big Spring Water Office will resume disconnections for all delinquent accounts. As we resume disconnects, if you cannot pay your bill, please call the Water Office. We will work with you to make reasonable payment arrangements.

The Water Office is located at 305 South Johnson Street. The office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Water Office staff can be reached by calling 432-264-2544 or 432-264-2542.

COVID-19 Update:

Active Cases: 12

Confirmed: 26

Tests performed:

1677

Pending:

25

Negative tests:

1624

Recovered:

13

Deaths:

1

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City Council to look at increase Tax Cap Rate to 8% from 3.5%

Board vacancies, updates, final readings amongst agenda items

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

Recently the Big Spring Area Community Foundation made a one-time donation to the City of Big Spring in an effort to relieve some financial strain Big Spring residents may have experienced in the pandemic. The one-time donation was designated to pay for delinquent account to the Water Department from May 1 to June 1. During the upcoming City Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday at 5:30 p.m., the Council will be officially accepting the donation. The community is invited to attend the

meeting in person or watch on Channel 17 through Suddenlink or by visiting <http://mybigspring.com/224/Channel-17-Live>.

In keeping with previous business, the Council will be hearing the final reading of a resolution reaffirming its policies including on police procedure and issuing an official statement. The final reading of the resolution authorizing and appointing the City Manager to submit an application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to solicit funding from the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program for personal protective equip-

ment (PPE) and supplies for use by the Big Spring Police Department, Howard County Sheriff's Office and Detention Center, and Emergency Medical Services to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus.

As mentioned last meeting, the Council was considering amending the ordinance for the Cemetery, Parks, and Recreation board, to ensure all members of the board were citizens of Big Spring. The first reading was passed last meeting and Tuesday the Council will hear the final reading of that ordinance.

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Severe weather didn't stop community Juneteenth Celebration



Courtesy photo/Community Report

The community gathered together - with a short weather delay - to celebrate Juneteenth last Friday. The celebration opened with a proclamation read by Big Spring Mayor Shannon Thomason.

Howard Co. receives two more COVID-19 cases

Special to the Herald

On June 19, 2020, the City of Big Spring and Howard County officials were notified of two new positive test results for COVID-19. The individuals are both isolating at home and are currently exhibiting mild symptoms. These new cases have been determined to be travel related within the state of Texas.

The affected individuals are:

- A 32-year-old male
- A 47-year-old male

These are the 25th and 26th cases of COVID-19 in Big Spring/Howard County. We now have twenty-six confirmed positives in Big Spring and Howard County to date. We have seen a dramatic increase in

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Toasty Tuesday Trash Off KBSB focusing on Hwy 87 this week



Last week 27 people gathered on Martin Luther King Blvd, in front of Scenic Mountain Medical Center to help pick up trash, as part of Toasty Tuesday. A total of 37 bags of trash were picked up in the hour. Representatives from Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Family Faith joined Keep Big Spring Beautiful members for the weekly clean up. This week the group will be focusing on Highway 87 near the Comanche Trail Park entrance. All are welcome to join the efforts. Trash bags and gloves will be available for those wanting to help.

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Food pick up info

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

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

Bus 13-Navajo and Choctaw (9 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.)
Bus 14-Bauer (9 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.)
Bus 15: Larry and McDonald (9 a.m. -10:25 a.m.)

Bus 27: 5th and Abrams (9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)
Bus 28: 3rd and Lockhart (9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.)
Bus 28: Limestone Ridge Apt. (9:40 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.)
Bus 77: Parkway and Hearn (9 a.m. -10 a.m.)
Bus 85: Goliad Elementary (9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.)
Bus 86: 6th and Circle (9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)
Bus 90: Southridge RV Park (9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)
Bus 96: Albrook and Randolph (9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)

From 10 a.m. to 10:55 a.m., you can pick up at:

Bus 13-Barcelona Apartments (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)
Bus 14-Lakeview (10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.)
Bus 14 - Knollwood Apartments (10:35 a.m. -11 a.m.)

Bus 15: Colby and Drew (10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.)
Bus 27: 8th and Lorilla (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)
Bus 28: Roy Anderson Complex (9:50 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.)
Bus 28: 14th and Main Church of Christ (10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.)
Bus 77: Airport and Mobile (10:05 - 10:55 a.m.)
Bus 85: Scott and Macauslan (10:35 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)
Bus 86: Washington Elementary (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)
Bus 90: Oasis and Neill (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)
Bus 96: Anderson School (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)

Student meals will also be available for pickup on the Moss, Marcy and Junior High campuses, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until Noon. Please call, 432-264-3635 if you have any questions or concerns.

Take Note

• NazFamily Church is gearing up for 2020 Vacation Bible School. VBS is set for July 6-10 from 5:30 p.m. Until 8:30 p.m. NazFamily is located at 1400 Lancaster. For more information, call 432-267-7015.

• The Life Center in Big Spring is helping moms and dads with a Diaper Day Giveaway! Call for a five minute phone appointment and a pickup time for free diapers, wipes and formula. 432-606-5041.

• The National AARP Tax-Aide officials have notified us that they will not allow many of the local sites to reopen for tax preparation this year. They made the decision using a map that shows the growth of positive COVID-19 cases at this time. Since the numbers in Howard County have recently increased, our Big Spring site will not be allowed to reopen for 2020. There is a free government site that you may use to complete your own taxes. The website is: irs.gov/freefile. The deadline for filing is July 15, 2020.

We appreciate the cooperation of the City of Big Spring for trying to help us get safe procedures in place to meet the national guidelines, and we are very disappointed that we are not allowed to help our citizens with this importance service. You may contact Ray Alexander at 432-212-3533 if you have any questions.

• American Legion Post 506 will be holding a fish fry Saturday, June 26 from 11 a.m. Until 1 p.m. For delivery orders and until 2 p.m. for those wanting to pick up a plate. Plates are \$10 each and everyone is encouraged to come out and attend. American Legion is located at 3203 W. Hwy 80.

• The Senior Supper Club has come out of hibernation to resume its normal Tuesday evening dinners. The Come-One-Come-All group will be meeting at Spanish Inn on Tuesday June 16 at 5 p.m. and orders will be placed around 5:30 p.m. after much socializing from a distance. The Senior Supper Club is an informal group of folks from Howard County who meet at least weekly and sometimes more for Dutch-Treat food at different area restaurants. Sometimes the group also meets for cards, dominoes, or desserts and fellowship. For more information, contact Colonel.Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com.

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

• Maranatha Baptist Academy located at 903 Johnson Street, in Big Spring, Texas, is currently open and taking applications for enrollment for 20-21 School year.

We are a faith-based Christian Academy and use the individualized Accelerated Christian Education Curriculum for Kindergarten through 12th grade, out of Hendersonville, Tennessee. July 20, is our startup date and applications will be accepted year-round. Someone will take your call for information at 432-213-1046. Please leave a message and we will get back with you.

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

• Pre-registration for CISD Kinder, Pre-K3 & Pre-K4 underway. Due to COVID-19, Coahoma Elementary will be handling Pre-K3, Pre-K4 and Kindergar-

ten registration for the 2020-2021 school year a little differently.

For safety precautions, district officials will only take registration by phone at this time. The phone registration does not guarantee your child will be attending CES for the 2020-2021 school year, but it will give the district a starting point until restrictions are lifted.

Pre-registration by phone will continue through Friday, April 17, from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. To register, please call 432-394-5000, ext 2 and speak to Jessica. Pre-registration is only open for children who live in the district. Transfer requests will not be processed until after June 1.

For CISD Kindergarten and Pre-K requirements, please visit the CISD website:www.coahomaisd.com

• Isaiah 58 while not open during normal business hours; will be open on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. further notice, for the safety of their volunteers and those they serve. The change will take place June 1.

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

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

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

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

• City of Big Spring announces water office number change. Effective immediately, the temporary phone numbers used to contact the Big Spring Water Office are no longer in effect. Customers can contact the water office at the following phone numbers:

1. Pay online at www.mybigspring.com. Click ONLINE BILL PAY. Pay via the automated phone system by calling 833-227-1752. Payment can be placed in the Drop Box at 305 South Johnson. Staff checks the box daily. Pay over the phone by calling the Water Office directly at the phone numbers listed above. Water Office staff are available to assist customers Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5:00 PM, by phone or in the office located at 305 South Johnson Street.

• City of Big Spring offices will remain open by appointment and electronic means only effective Sunday, March 22, at midnight. These offices include: City Hall (432-264-2401); Finance Department (432-264-2513); Public Works Department (432-264-2501); Human Resources Department (432-264-2346); Water Office (432-264-2319); Code Enforcement/Permits (432-264-2505); Community Services Office; Convention and Visitors Bureau (432-263-8235); Facilities (432-264-2322); Cemetery (432-264-2323); Police Department (432-264-2550); Fire Department (432-264-2304); The Big Spring Senior Center will be closed to congregate meals, but those who wish to pick up a to go order can call 432-267-1628, for more information. All City pavilions and playground structures will remain closed until further notice. For any questions or concerns please contact the City Manager's Office at 432-264-2401.

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

Obituaries

Gloria Galan

Gloria Galan, 90, of Abilene, formerly of Big Spring died Friday, June 19, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

MONDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees It, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

• Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

• Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

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

There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. The next session begins Sept. 3, 2019. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 432-517-9207 for more information.

• Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-860

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

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The final reading will also take place adopting the ordinance regarding the annual budget for the City of Big Spring fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 2019 and ending Sept. 30, 2020 by increasing the general fund budget by accepting the Coronavirus Relief Fund for the State of Texas Cares Act Distribution to be used for COVID-19 Public Health Expenses.

As part of the City Manager's report there will be an update regarding board applications. Applications are still being sought for the following boards: Board of Adjustments and Appeals; Zoning Board of Adjustments, Animal Control and Rescue Committee, Convention and Visitors Bureau Board, Parks Recreation Board, and Citizens Ad-

visory Board.

In addition to the open positions on the advisory boards, the City Manager will provide an update covering the recent Large Item Pick up, the Russ McEwen Aquatic Center and Comanche Trail Lake.

Ports to Plains feasibility study regarding I-27 and the North Section of the Reliever Route will also be a topic of conversation as part of the report. An update will also be provided regarding cleanup of burnt structures. A report will also be presented from the Medical Advisor.

During Tuesday's meeting, the Council will also award the bid for Wastewater Treatment Plant Clarifier and Trickling Filter Construction Contract to Dorado Construction Group and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute any necessary documents.

As part of new business for the Council, there will be a first reading referencing the code of ordinances entitled "Cemeteries, Parks and Recreation", article 5 "Moss Creek Lake" Section 6-111 "Admission Regulations, Subsection B Admissions and Permit Fees to increase various fees; amending Sec. 6-117 Discharge of Firearms and Hunting by renaming the section to Hunting, Discharge Firearms and Fireworks Prohibited in order to clarify the heading and ban the discharge of fireworks at Moss Creek Lake. ; amending Chapter 2 of the Big Spring Code of Ordinances Alcoholic Beverages Sec. 2-9 banning of glass beverage containers in all city parks and public properties to clarify the language banning glass bottles and excepting Comanche Trail Golf Course from the ban.

Regarding taxes, the Council will hear the first reading of a resolution authorizing the finance director to direct the Howard County Tax Appraiser/Collector to calculate the voter-approval tax rate of the City of Big Spring under Texas Tax Code using the Special Taxing unit cap rate of 8% instead of the recently amended 3.5% cap rate as a result of the declaration of disaster issued by the President

of the United States and the Texas Governor; clarifying to the Citizens that this cap rate increase does not reflect the Council's intent to raise taxes by 8% but instead to increase the cap as a precautionary measure as permitted during times of disaster and providing an effective date.

An Executive Session will take place to allow the City Council to consult with the City Attorney regarding anticipated litigation with Oncor, Jake Tiner Construction and GEO Group. After Executive Session has concluded, the Council will reconvene and take any necessary action resulting from the Executive Session.

Other agenda items include:

- Council input
- Approval of Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Board of Director's minutes of regular meeting May 19 and special meeting June 9, 2020; Big Spring McMahon-Wrinkle and Industrial Park Development Board minutes of the regular meeting Dec. 19, 2019; City Council meeting minutes from June 9, 2020 regular meeting
- Vouchers for 06/11/2020 and 06/04/2020
- Update on the Census 2020
- Presentation of the Howard County Appraisal District Proposed 2021 Budget
- Consideration and possible action to grant an easement and right of way to Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC for purpose of improving value of property at 5412 I-20 West.
- Consideration and possible action to delegate negotiating authority to City Manager over leases of possible lease to another party of building 19, Air Park
- Authorizing auction of surplus property to the highest bidder for cash without reservation

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Weather



Today: Sunny and hot, with a high near 106. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north in the afternoon.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 72. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tuesday: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 91. Northeast wind 5 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Tuesday Night: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. East wind 5 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

Wednesday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 90. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 92.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 69.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 92.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 71.

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

News Briefs

Remains identified as soldier stationed at Fort Hood, Texas

KILLEEN, Texas (AP) — Skeletal remains found in Texas have been identified as those of a soldier from Oklahoma who was missing from Fort Hood, the U.S. Army's Criminal Investigation Command in Quantico, Virginia, said Sunday.

The body of Pvt. Gregory Scott Morales, 24, of Sapulpa, Oklahoma, was found Friday in a field in Killeen, Texas, after officials at nearby Fort Hood received a tip, according to Killeen police.

Foul play is suspected while an autopsy is to determine the cause and manner of death, according to a release from Army CID public affairs chief Chris Grey.

There is no indication Morales' death is connected to the disappearance in April of Pfc. Vanessa Guillen from Fort Hood, who remains missing, according to the Army.

Morales, who was also known as Gregory Wedel, was last seen in August driving his personal vehicle outside of Fort Hood. He was to be discharged within days after his disappearance, the Army said.

Morales joined the Army in June 2015 as a motor transport operator and had been assigned to the 1st Sustainment Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood since November 2016, according to the Army.

Officials: 5 hurt in early morning shooting in Texas capital

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — At least five people were wounded in an early morning shooting in Texas' capital, officials said Sunday.

Five adults with "serious, potentially life threatening injuries" were taken to local hospitals by Austin-Travis County EMS, the organization said in a tweet.

The shooting took place around 3 a.m. in a commercial area of downtown Austin, according to tweets from EMS and Austin police. Further information wasn't immediately available, and it's unclear whether anyone was taken into custody.

More than 4,400 new coronavirus cases reported in Texas

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas health officials on Saturday reported a record of more than 4,400 new coronavirus cases in the state and 25 additional deaths due to COVID-19, the disease caused by the

virus.

A total of 107,735 confirmed cases, an increase of 4,430 from Friday, and 2,165 deaths, up from 2,140, were reported Saturday.

Officials had reported 3,454 new cases on Friday after a previous record of 3,516 were reported on Thursday.

The actual number of people who have contracted the virus that causes COVID-19 is likely higher because many people have not been tested and studies suggest that people can be infected and not feel sick.

Officials also reported 3,247 people hospitalized with the virus and that an estimated 67,096 people have recovered.

For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms that clear up within weeks. But for others, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, the highly contagious virus can cause severe illness, including pneumonia, and be fatal.

Texas man whose son was killed by police wants videos

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texas man whose son was shot and killed by Houston police in April is calling for law enforcement officials to release any videos related to the encounter.

The request from Joaquín Chavez comes after a bystander posted cellphone video on YouTube that appears to show Nicolas Chavez on his knees when officers shot him on April 27, KPRC-TV reported.

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Paul Whaley, 84, died Thursday. Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Gloria Galan, 90, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Randy Clark, 45, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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positive cases in Big Spring/Howard County in the past two weeks. Most of the new cases are because people have unknowingly been infected and then came home infecting family members.

We urge you to take proper precautions against the spread of respiratory illness. COVID-19 remains a major concern in our community and we urge citizens to wash their hands, wear a mask, social distance and avoid travel when possible.

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Former Forsan star Kobe Richardson named to West Texas All-Decade Team



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Above left: Kobe (24) grabs a rebound away from an opponent in a game at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Above right: Richardson puts up a shot from the near the three-point line in front of a packed gym.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

A few days after making his decision to continue his basketball playing career at Mary Hardin-Baylor, former standout Forsan guard Kobe Richardson was named to the West Texas All-Decade Team.

"I was happy about it and I really liked it," Richardson said in response to being named to the list. "I think that's a pretty big deal and there are a lot of great players on that list and being named to it is a great honor."

Richardson scored over 2,000 points during his high school career and was a superb threat from beyond the arc. He spent last season as a redshirt on the Howard Hawks and will now be moving on to his next college stop in a couple months.

"Richardson was one of the area's best players and perhaps the best 3-point shooter," the article announcing the All-Decade Team said. "He scored 2,065 points in his career, and nearly half of them came from long range as he knocked down 341 3-pointers. As a junior, he had 117 of them, which was sixth in Texas and 21st in the nation, according to maxpreps.com. Richardson was the Offensive MVP of his district as a sophomore, then won back-to-back MVP awards. He averaged 21.3 points, 4.8 assists, 5.9 rebounds, 5.3 steals and 1.1 blocks as a junior, leading Forsan to a 29-5 record and a spot in the regional semifinals. As a senior, he averaged 23.8 points, 6.1 rebounds, 4.8 steals and 3 assists to earn All-State honors."

Being recognized as one of the best players in all of West Texas over the past 10 years is a great accomplishment. Another unique wrinkle to Richardson's story is the fact that he was coached by his father, Forsan coach Cory Richardson, while growing up. Cory has had a frontline view of the work his son has put in over the years and he was very happy to find out that Kobe had made the All-Decade Team.

"I thought that he may have been deserving but to actually see him on there it was very neat as a dad," Cory Richardson said. "As a Coach, it's good to have one of our players on there. I coached against a lot of the people on the list so I know how good they are. It felt good to see one of our own on there and my own son on there."

Now, the younger Richardson will be suiting up as a Crusader this winter under a coach who has a similar style to the one he played in at Forsan. He should be able to earn some time on the court during this upcoming season if

he can show his long-range shooting ability and relentless effort in practice in front of his new teammates and coaching staff.

Following years of having his father coach him while growing up in Forsan, Richardson will now enter his second season playing under a new head coach. Having your father as a coach can put a lot of pressure on the player but Kobe knows that a big part of the reason he was so successful in high school was because of the high standard his father kept him to on the hardwood.

"He pushed me everyday and I think he really made me be the best player that I possibly could be," Kobe said.

Cory added, "Knowing his desire to be above average and to be great and the amount of work he was willing to put in, I may have pushed his buttons a little bit. But he put the work in showed on the court."

One of the most memorable moments from Kobe's playing career at Forsan was a last-second shot that he hit against Christoval during the first-place district tiebreaker his sophomore year. Like most times when the Buffs needed a shot the most, Richardson would find himself wide open for a three-point shot. In this game, he sealed the win with the corner three and it is a game that is remembered fondly by the father and son combo more than three years later.

"There was a lot of great memories but that one was probably the best," the elder Richardson said.

After not playing in competitive games outside of some practice scrimmages last season while at Howard, Richardson is looking forward to getting back on the court with his new teammates. He feels like he has learned a lot over the past 12 months playing alongside "some of the best athletes" that he has ever seen in his life. The sharpshooting guard has been working on driving through the lane and adding a new wrinkle to his offensive arsenal.

Forsan is still looking to get back to the level that they played at while the local hero was suiting up as a Buff and the younger players are surely watching old film of Richardson when he was lighting up the scoreboard every night.

Kobe Richardson left a mark on Forsan basketball that will not soon be forgotten. The high-scoring, high-energy baller will now be playing at the NCAA Division III level and is ready and waiting to show the Crusaders, and all of their opponents, what he has got.

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Athletic Support: "Vulnerability is key in uncertain times"

By ELI CRANOR

Special to the Herald

Dear Athletic Support: My daughter had her first softball tournament of the summer last weekend. It felt so good to be back out on the field, but things were definitely different. I don't know if it was the masks all the girls were wearing or what, but my daughter just didn't seem as sharp as usual. It was like she was distracted. Or maybe she was just rusty from the long break. Do you have any suggestions on how I can get my daughter back on track? I've tried taking her out to the field and getting some extra swings in, but that doesn't seem to help. I guess what worries me most is that some of the other girls haven't skipped a beat. It's like they're just as good as they were before the shutdown. — Wishing For A Cure

Dear Wishing: All kids process trauma differently. Some internalize it. Some lash out. Others don't seem to be phased at all. But the truth is, they're all impacted one way or the other.

If your daughter's softball game is showing signs of regression, it could mean a couple things. First, she might really be struggling with the fears and uncertainties surrounding COVID-19.

If this is the case, then you're right, there's no amount of extra batting practice that's going to snap her out of this funk. Your daughter just needs time. Time to process all the changes that have occurred in her young life over the last few months. She might also need to talk to you. You'd be surprised how far a ten-minute conversation can go, especially when kids are trying to deal with something like COVID-19.

Even if you don't have all the answers, or you're not sure what you believe when it comes to the pandemic, talking to your daughter is still a

good idea. It's okay to be vulnerable in front of your kids. In fact, sometimes it's just what they need to hear.

After you've had your talk, I have a feeling your daughter's game will change for the better. She'll be able to get back to being a kid again without having to worry about the unknown.

If, however, you find that she's still struggling, I'm afraid there's no amount of talking that's going to snap her out of this funk. The prognosis is simple — your daughter just doesn't like softball as much as she used to.

Over the last few months, I've heard from more than one concerned parent where this has been the case. Their child takes an extended break from sports due to COVID-19, and then, when it's time for sports to get going again, the child has lost interest.



ELI CRANOR

There's absolutely nothing you can say in this situation. When a kid is ready to quit—they're ready. Period. Back when I was coaching, I knew when a player was coming into my office to quit. I could see it in his eyes every time. I tried everything I could to get those players to stay on the team, but it never worked.

You can — and should — try talking to your daughter about why she's lost interest in softball. But in the end, if she's ready to quit the team, she's ready to quit. And honestly, that's okay. There's a lot of worse stuff that could happen.

Eli Cranor is a former professional quarterback and coach turned award-winning author. Send questions for "Athletic Support" to eli.cranor@gmail.com or visit elicranor.com.

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By Steve Becker
Famous Hand

West dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠—
♥K J 10 8 6 4
♦Q J 7 5 3
♣A 8

WEST
♠A K Q 10 8 2
♥9
♦K 10
♣K 10 9 4

EAST
♠9 7 6
♥A Q 7 5 3
♦8 6
♣J 7 2

SOUTH
♠J 5 4 3
♥2
♦A 9 4 2
♣Q 6 5 3

The bidding:
West North East South
1 ♠ Dbble 1 NT 2 ♦
4 ♠ 5 ♦ 5 ♠ Pass
Pass 6 ♦ Dbble

Opening lead — nine of spades.

In most circles, the players don't bother with enforcing the official laws of the game. If an irregularity occurs, they try to settle the matter in a fair and amicable way.

But in tournaments, the laws are strictly enforced, and the appropriate penalty is invariably applied when an irregularity takes place. For example, take this deal from a regional tournament, reported in Bridge World magazine some years ago.

South wound up in six diamonds doubled, intended as a sacrifice against five spades. However, the declarer made the contract! It

required extraordinary cooperation by East-West for this to occur, but South got exactly what he needed.

To begin with, East led the nine of spades. It wasn't East's lead, though, so the tournament director was called and presented South with several options, one of which was that he could bar a spade lead by the proper opening leader, West.

Declarer chose that option, whereupon West, a bit rattled by his partner's lead out of turn, led the queen of spades. The director informed West that he was barred from leading a spade and, furthermore, that the queen of spades was now a penalty card that he would later have to play at his first legal opportunity.

West then led the nine of hearts. East won dummy's ten with the queen and continued with the ace. When South ruffed with the two, West overruffed with the ten!

Again the director was called. He told West that he was required to play the exposed queen of spades on the trick and was not allowed to overruff. Furthermore, he told West that the diamond ten was now a penalty card that he would have to play at the first legal opportunity.

Declarer thereupon led a low diamond to the jack, on which West had to play the ten, and continued with a diamond to the ace, felling the king. South then had no trouble making the rest of the tricks and the slam!

Tomorrow: To the victor belongs the spoils.

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SUDOKU

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2	5	1	8	3	6	4	9	7
9	7	8	9	6	5	7	8	1
1	3	2	4	6	5	7	8	9
7	9	5	8	3	8	1	2	6
4	6	8	2	9	7	1	5	3
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Washing Hands and Rinsing Away the Haters

Dear Annie: It's horrible to be judged. Here is my story: I am fortunate to have a nice car. This vehicle is my first new vehicle after 15 years of saving. From my additional savings, I am able to provide to others and deliver the items they need. I also have friends who do not have transportation to get from food drives and other similar places.

When the schools closed, my daughter and I packed up what we had in our pantry

and dropped it off at her friend's house, knowing that they would need food. I went to a school district food distribution to secure more food for them to drop off since they didn't have transportation to get to the drive.

While there, I got death stares and screamed at that I didn't need free food because of my car! I'm fortunate to have a nice car, but I'm using it to deliver food to those who need it most. I'm also purchasing food, diapers and formula for churches to distribute. Do not judge if you don't know the whole

story. -- Don't Judge a Book by the Cover

Dear Don't Judge a Book by the Cover: I'm sorry that you received such harsh judgment from others. In this world, unfortunately, there will always be people who judge or condemn others. However, there will also be people who forgive and love. You are teaching your daughter to serve others, and your helping to provide food and essential supplies for those who need support is admirable. Doesn't that make you feel good? Try to focus on the people you are serving and not the people who are

judging, and you will be surprised at how quickly the judges fall by the wayside. It's about a shift in where you draw your attention.

Dear Annie: We are certainly in challenging times. It sounds like COVID-19 will be with us for a long time. As a semiretired nurse, I think one of the greatest preventive measures is good hand hygiene. Unfortunately, often I see poor technique when using the alcohol hand sanitizers. Most people use one pump, rub their palms, back of hands, and between fingers but do not treat the fingertips.

Most of us touch our faces, particularly our eyes, with our fingertips. While the palm is still wet with sanitizer, rub the fingertips into the palm, with some sanitizer getting under the nails.

Even better is washing with soap and water for 20 seconds, again paying attention to the fingertips. I think people have become very complacent with alcohol sanitizers, thinking they have cleaned their hands and not realizing that it was an incomplete action, perhaps not ridding them of this infectious virus.

I love your column,

which brings so much helpful info and advice to many. Thank you for letting me share. -- Old Nurse

Dear Old Nurse: I love your letter! Hearing from professionals on tips for proper hand-washing, and the use of alcohol sanitizers, always deserves a round of applause. Thank you for your reminder on how to properly protect against this virus, and many others, through proper sanitation techniques.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Neptune Memory Challenge

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Where is this relationship going? You have more control over this than you think. Your unyielding kindness and unconditional love will guide all to a stable place.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Suggestions come from all sides -- bosses, mentors, partners and your own head. Weed out the unhelpful. Hone in on the best and brightest. Listen to the ones likely to do you the most good.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The Greek word (SET ITAL)krisis(END ITAL) means "decision." You will not wait until a moment of despair to choose what's right for you. Whatever compels you to make up your mind is a positive force.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's hard to make another person understand what's in your heart when you

can't quite articulate it to yourself. Do try though. Writing about your feelings will help you understand them a little better.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's not too much to ask that others get in tune with what you are feeling. Good friends will try to match your pace, slowing down or speeding up to be where you are, physically, emotionally and otherwise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're analytical and cautious enough, but when there's a lot of gray area in a nuanced and complex situation, you'd rather err on the side of trust, which is what trustworthy people tend to do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). True love is without expectation and does not try to change anyone. This is a paradox because true love changes people anyway, without trying, and usually for the better.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Because you avoid overindulging in the rabbit hole of email, social media, games, television and other fascinating things that steal your attention and don't give much back, this day will be extremely productive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Being self-aware is the foundation of social and emotional intelligence. A lot of today, you'll be managing different facets of that awareness. It will involve trying new things and choosing different emotions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you

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are with a certain person, you lose your sense of time and get very involved in the moment. Its cascade of subtly layered feelings will carry you both away.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Motivation can be very mysterious, but it doesn't always have to be. Generally, motivation comes from action and not the other way around. Doing anything at all will change the situation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be wrestling with something that's just a little out of reach. You won't be able to bring it closer, so you will just have

to get up and move to where the thing is.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 22). This is the year in which you drop the demands of yourself, are less critical and give yourself plenty of slack. As you focus on enjoying yourself, learning more and getting out of your own way, life gets increasingly better. You'll complete a project at the start of 2021 and be praised in a realm of excellence. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 3, 33, 38 and 40.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "Am I psychic? Sometimes, I'll feel really fearful for no reason and I'll read it as a bad omen. I'll change my plan based on that feeling. I won't leave the house to go to the store, or whatever I was going to do. When nothing bad happens, I believe I have averted the danger. If I had gone to the store, maybe I would have been in an accident or something,

who knows? I could have been killed! But how can I be sure that I'm following psychic intuition and not some kind of anxiety disorder? Signed, Sensitive Pisces."

The answer may lie in the frequency of these kinds of episodes. If this is a regular occurrence for you (which it sounds like it might be), then you could be letting fear, not intuition, get the best of you. While it would be foolish to ignore your inner guidance, if you let fear rule you, you're not living fully. It's time to get honest with yourself about what incentive you might have for staying home. Are you really tired? Are you overscheduling yourself? Is your stress level keeping you on edge? For a sensitive Pisces like you, rest and relaxation aren't luxuries; they are health requirements.

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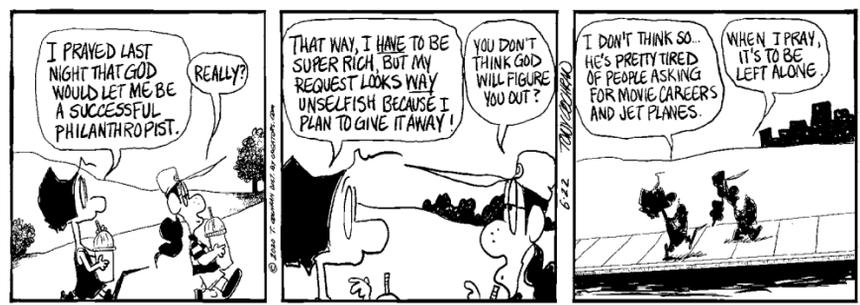
Answer: Involve me and I learn.

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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Monday, June 22, the 174th day of 2020. There are 192 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On June 22, 1940, during World War II, Adolf Hitler gained a stunning victory as France was forced to sign an armistice eight days after German forces overran Paris. On this date: In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte abdicated for a second time as Emperor of the French. In 1911, Britain's King George V was crowned at Westminster Abbey. In 1941, Nazi Germany launched Operation Barbarossa, a massive invasion of the Soviet Union. In 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, more popularly known as the "GI Bill of Rights." In 1945, the World War II battle for Okinawa ended with an Allied victory. In 1969, singer-actress Judy Garland died in London at age 47. In 1970, President Richard Nixon signed an extension of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 that lowered the minimum voting age to 18. In 1977, John N. Mitchell became the first former U.S. Attorney General to go to prison as he began serving a sentence for his role in the Watergate cover-up. (He was released 19 months later.) In 1981, Mark David Chapman pleaded guilty to killing rock star John Lennon. Abolhassan Bani-Sadr was deposed as president of Iran. In 1987, actor-dancer Fred Astaire died in Los Angeles at age 88. In 1992, the U.S. Supreme Court, in R.A.V. v. City of St. Paul, unanimously ruled that "hate crime" laws that banned cross burning and similar expressions of racial bias violated free-speech rights. In 2012, ex-Penn State assistant coach Jerry Sandusky was convicted by a jury in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, on 45 counts of sexually assaulting 10 boys over 15 years. Ten years ago: White House Budget Director Peter Orszag announced he was stepping down. South Carolina Republicans chose Nikki Haley, a tea party favorite, to run for

governor (she went on to win a runoff and the general election). Dino Ciccarelli, Cammi Granato and Angela James were elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame as players; Jimmy Devellano and the late Daryl "Doc" Seaman were elected as builders. South Africa became the first host nation not to advance in 80 years of World Cup play. Five years ago: The Obama administration released a report on global warming that said failure to act on climate change could cause an estimated 57,000 deaths a year in the United States from poor air quality by 2100. South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley said the Confederate flag should be removed from the grounds of the state capitol, reversing her position on the divisive symbol amid growing calls for it to be removed. Oscar-winning film composer James Horner, 61, was killed in the crash of his plane in Los Padres National Forest. Italian actress Laura Antonelli, 73, died in Rome. One year ago: Novelist Judith Krantz, whose steamy tales of the rich and beautiful included "Scruples" and Princess Daisy," died at her Southern California home at the age of 91. Officials at the Santa Anita race track banned Hall of Fame trainer Jerry Hollendorfer after a fourth horse from his stable died at the track; it was the 30th horse death overall since the racing season began at the California track in December. North Carolina's state lottery reported a record payout after the winning numbers in a Pick 4 game turned up as "0-0-0-0;" there were about 2,000 winning tickets worth either \$2,500 or \$5,000. Today's Birthdays: Actress Prunella Scales (TV: "Fawlty Towers") is 88. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., is 87. Singer-actor Kris Kristofferson is 84. Movie director John Kory is 84. Actor Michael LeRner is 79. Actor Klaus Maria Brandauer is 77. Fox News analyst Brit Hume is 77. Singer Peter Asher (Peter and Gordon)

is 76. Actor David L. Lander is 73. Singer Howard "Eddie" Kaylan is 73. Singer-musician Todd Rundgren is 72. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., is 71. Actress Meryl Streep is 71. Actress Lindsay Wagner is 71. Singer Alan Osmond is 71. Actor Murphy Cross is 70. Actor Graham Greene is 68. Pop singer Cyndi Lauper is 67. Actor Chris Lemmon is 66. Rock

musician Derek Forbes is 64. Actor Tim Russ is 64. Rock musician Garry Beers (INXS) is 63. Actor-producer-writer Bruce Campbell is 62. Rock musician Alan Anton (Cowboy Junkies) is 61. Actress Tracy Pollan is 60. Environmental activist Erin Brockovich is 60. Rock singer-musician Jimmy Somerville is 59. Basketball Hall of Famer Clyde Drexler

is 58. Actress Amy Brenneman is 56. Author Dan Brown is 56. Rock singer-musician Mike Edwards (Jesus Jones) is 56. Rock singer Steven Page is 50. Actor Michael Trucco is 50. Actress Mary Lynn Rajskub (RYS'-kub) is 49. TV personality Carson Daly is 47. Rock musician Chris Traynor is 47. Country musician Jimmy Wallace is 47. Actor Don-

ald Faison (FAY'-zahn) is 46. Actress Alicia Goranson is 46. Actor-comedian Mike O'Brien (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is 44. TV personality/actor Jai Rodriguez is 41. Americana singer-songwriter John Moreland is 35. Actress Lindsay Ridgeway is 35. Pop singer Dina Hansen (Fifth Harmony) (TV: "The X Factor") is 23.

Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS 1 Hair-stiffening goo 4 Practice boxing 8 Cannonballs, for short 12 Florida city near St. Pete 14 Female horse 15 Frog relative 16 Be patient for 17 Keep __ (persevere) 18 Wizard of Oz dog 19 Tool that improves dull points 22 Informal refusal 23 Tax-collecting agcy. 24 The real __ (something genuine) 27 More sugary 31 Island near Maui 32 Round martini garnish 33 Doc for pets 35 Markers, crayons, etc. 39 Contraction for "small" 40 Usual situations 41 Applaud 42 Passes by, as time 44 "Fresh as a" flower 46 Two-finger victory sign 47 Ship's distress call 48 Where who's present and absent is marked 57 Where a goatee grows 58 Notion

- 59 Our planet 60 Zesty flavor 61 Huge 62 Portion of pizza 63 Location 64 CPR experts 65 "Long time no __" DOWN 1 FBI guy, informally 2 Long, heroic story 3 Hispanic fellow 4 Break into bits 5 Trail to hike on 6 Operatic solo 7 Bring back from storage 8 Say under oath 9 Our natural satellite

- 10 Husband or wife 11 Aroma 12 Touch on the shoulder 13 Feeling of amazement 20 __ down the law (get tough) 21 Fuss in front of a mirror 24 __ Antoinette (French queen) 25 Coldness in the air 26 Use scissors 27 Run-down urban neighborhoods 28 Clever people 29 Lesser of two __ 30 Footrace with batons 31 Hooting bird 32 Fairy-tale villain

- 34 Small amt. of sugar 36 Using ink 37 Rapid decline 38 Bio. or chem. 43 Get even for 44 Fawn's mother 45 Evaluate 47 Leaves quickly 48 Plays a role 49 Person from Bangkok 50 Windshield coloring 51 Partner of Eve 52 Home for a robin 53 __ and hearty (healthy) 54 A Great Lake 55 And others: Abbr. 56 Fill in __ blank

