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Governor Abbott has issued bars to close; 50% capacity at restaurants and businesses; outdoor gatherings limited to 100 or less before needing approval; river rafting trips have been shut down.

Aquatic Center has moved to 50% capacity; All businesses reduce capacity to 50%

YMCA water slides are now open.

Submit your story ideas, photos, to us at editor@ bigspringherald.com or call us at 432-263-7331.

Reminder: Howard County is under a burn ban. No fireworks at Moss Lake allowed No fireworks allowed in Coahoma.

Wash your hands, social distance, wear a mask.

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Early voting continues in Democratic Runoff, election July 14

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

The Democratic Runoff Election, set for July 14, which include races for Railroad Commissioner, which is Robert R. "Beto" Alonzo against Chrysta Castaneda and the U.S. Senator race which has Mary "MJ" Hegar against Royce West. No local contested races are on this Ballot.

"We will be set up for social distancing and practicing safe transactions between the volunteers and voters," Jodi Duck, Howard County Elections Administrator, said. "Voters are encouraged to attend early voting at the courthouse and practice the safe guards they deem necessary."

Those who voted a Democratic ballot in the primaries will be able to vote, as well as those who did not vote in the

primary. Voters who voted a Republican ballot will not be able to cast a ballot until the November election.

"In order to ensure the safety of our staff and the voters, we have worked a plan with safety precautions, sanitizing practices and social distancing precautions, that will allow for a safe environment for our voters to cast their ballots," Duck said

By Governor Gregg Abbott's order, due to the pandemic situation, another four days have been added to help lessen the crowds on Election

Day. Sanitizing protocols between each voter and every hour will be implemented and hand sanitizer, a disposable stylus, and sneeze guards will be provided

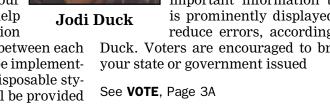
to maintain little to no contact.

"Another bonus of having the new election equipment is the

hands off procedure it already provided. I feel confident we can hold a safe election and still have a good turnout," Duck said. Another addition that vot-

ers will be seeing are the new epollbooks that are more user friendly for our workers. The software provides added security as well as important information that is prominently displayed to reduce errors, according to

Duck. Voters are encouraged to bring



VA launches COVID-19 screening tool

Pre-screening expedites Veteran access to facilities for care

Special to the Herald

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today the launching of a digital COVID-19 screening tool to streamline Veteran access to medical care during the coronavirus pandemic.

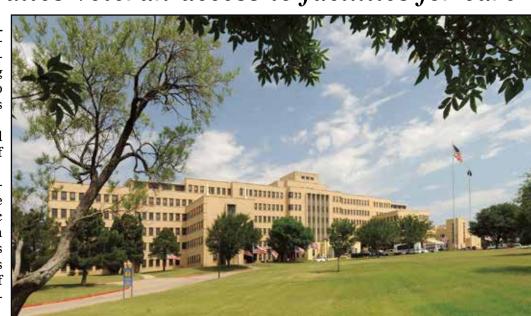
The tool, designed with Veteran and staff input, enables the screening of more than 10,000 people each day.

"Our Veterans' safety is our top priority. We also understand that their time is valuable," said Michael Cole, public affairs officer, West Texas AV Health Care system. "This tool will help us save time as we welcome our Veterans to their VA," Michael Cole, Chief of gagement, said.

Veterans, their caregivers and VA health care employees can use this tool complete and helps reduce wait times, going into VA facilities. lowers exposure risk and eases patient stress. It also helps Veterans gain confidence with increased

digital interactions as part of their VA health care experi-

"This screening tool emphasizes the ongoing importance of VA's investment in digital modernization, as it went



Courtesy photo/West Texas VA Medical Center on their mobile phones before entering The West Texas VA Medical Center is taking part in the pre-screening facilities. It takes less than a minute to COVID-19 tool, which will expedite the process for veterans who are

> from initial concept to national availability in less than two weeks," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "In addition to providing a broad range of innovations and improvements that significantly

See VA, Page 3A

Big Spring Symphony and Orchestra to Celebrate 39th season starting in the Fall 2020

Herald Staff Report

The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra (BSSO) has officially announced their plans for the upcoming 2020-2021 Concert Season. It is extremely rare for a community our size to have a professional symphony orchestra. BSSO typically has 4 regular concerts a year and makes a special appearance at "Pops in the Park". Unfortunately, the last season was cut short due to COVID-19. "Music er in bringing our com-

munity back together once again in the beautiful Big Spring Municipal Audi-



HERALD file photo has great healing power The Big Spring Symphony and Orchestra is planning to kick and we want to be a lead- off their 39th season this coming Fall.

torium," said Natalie Permenter, Big Spring Symphony Publicist. "Maestro Keith Graumann and our BSSO Board

our Patrons at the top of our priority list. We will make adjustments as needed in response to the ongoing crises." According the Dr. Keith

working hard to bring Howard

County and surround-

ing areas the great

music experience they

expect, while keeping

the health and safety of

Graumann, Music Director and Conductor of the Big Spring Symphony, "We have obviously had to adjust our plans due to the Pandemic

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Obituaries



Virginia was born May 24, 1925, in Polar, Texas to Isham Monroe and Linnie Bell Long Stephens. She died on Sunday, June 29, 2020. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Big Spring and was a dedicated employee of Montgomery Ward in Big Spring, Texas. She worked in

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-

• 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 dia-

pers, wipes and formula. 432-606-

• The National AARP Tax-Aide

officials have notified us that

they will not allow many of the

local sites to reopen for tax prepa-

ration this year. They made the

decision using a map that shows

the growth of positive COVID-19

cases at this time. Since the num-

bers in Howard County have re-

cently increased, our Big Spring

site will not be allowed to reopen

for 2020. There is a free govern-

ment 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 guide-

lines, and we are very disappoint-

ed that we are not allowed to help

our citizens with this importance

service. You may contact Ray

Alexander at 432-212-3533 if you

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the credit department as a book keeper for 33 years. Virginia was a volunteer for the VA Hospital for 23

LOCAL

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Harold King and several brothers and sisters.

Survived by her daughter Hazel Rudd and husband Ernest of Daingerfield; granddaughter Neshia Rudd Lewis and husband Tommy of Winona; grandson Randall Rudd and wife DeMia of Diana; great grandchildren Molly Rudd, Mallory Rudd and Randall Rudd all of Diana; brother Wayne Boggan of Lamesa; numerous nieces and nephews.

They will also receive friends from 9 a.m. till service time at Nalley- Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Monday.

Online condolences may be made at Nail-HaggardFH.com.

Paid Obituary

Take Note

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 distri-

butions 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 (prek only).

Support Groups

SATURDAY

 Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/ speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7

SUNDAY

 Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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
- 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 beging 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



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MEMBER

Food pick up info

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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 Randolf (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.)



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Bus 14 - Knollwood Apartments (10:35 a.m. -11

Bus 28: Roy Anderson Complex (9:50 a.m. - 10:25

Bus 28: 14th and Main Church of Christ (10:30 a.m.

Bus 85: Scott and Macauslan (10:35 a.m. - 10:55

Bus 86: Washington Elementary (10 a.m. - 10:55

Student meals will also be available for pickup on

the Moss, Marcy and Junior High campuses, Mon-

day through Friday from 9 a.m. until Noon. Please

call, 432-264-3635 if you have any questions or con-

Bus 77: Airport and Mobile (10:05 - 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.)

Bus 15: Colby and Drew (10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.)

Bus 27: 8th and Lorilla (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)

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Check this out, at the library this week other terrible mistake? Is it too late to outfox the entertaining. This was supposed to be a very dif-

Howard County Library wishes everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July. For this week's Virtual Summer Reading Program-Imagine Your Story performance join Nancy and Her Friends for fantastic stories. Nancy Burks Worcester is an awardwinning ventriloquist and she will be presenting her friends on Facebook and our YouTube channel, tune in on Wednesday at 10 AM. Come by on Monday, starting at 10 AM and pick up a free craft kit at the circulation desk, this week kids can make their own puppets. This Friday, July 10 is the last week of Kids Camp, join us on Friday at 10 AM for Dino Camp. Even if you haven't joined before there is still time to sign up and join us, look for the link to sign up on our Facebook page or visit our webpage on the "Summer Reading June 1-Aug 5" section. Also, make sure to sign up for Code Club to learn coding, participants can sign in at any time. Join us on Tuesday for Storyland and listen to stories, look for our post on Facebook and our YouTube

This week's reviews include large print fiction and biography.

Jimmy Fisher has coasted through life on charm and good looks in "Two Steps Forward" (LP F FIS S) By Suzanne Woods Fisher. But his dimpled smile has no effect on Sylvie Schrock King, the violet eyed beauty who owns Rising Star Farm. She's offered him a job, but nothing else. It doesn't help that Jimmy is the son of Sylvie's neighbor, Edith, who holds a serious grudge against her. But Sylvie is desperate for help, and Jimmy understands horses like no one else. While Jimmy's lazy smile and teasing ways steal Sylvie's heart, Edith is working on a way to claim her land. Has Sylvie made anfox? More important just who is the fox?

Dr. Evelyn Talbot, founder and head psychiatrist at Hanover House-a prison/ research facility for psychopaths in remote Alaska-is happier than she's ever been in "Blind Spot" (LP F NOV B) By Brenda Novak. She is expecting her first child and planning to marry Amarok, her Alaska State Trooper love interest who is the town's only police presence. But before the wedding can take place, a psychopath from the recent past comes out of nowhere and kidnaps Evelyn in broad daylight. Instead of planning her wedding, Evelyn finds herself doing everything she can to survive, save her baby, and devise some way to escape, while Amarok races the clock to find her- before it's too late.

After Jane Hardy is appointed Sheriff in Pelican Harbor, Alabama, her father is arrested for theft and implicated in a murder in "One Little Lie" (LP F COB C) By Colleen Coble. Jane quickly realizes that someone is out to destroy the only family she has. Fifteen years ago, she escaped with her father from a cult that her mother refused to leave. Has someone from that horrible past found them? Meanwhile, documentary filmmaker Reid Dixon's latest project is covering Jane's career. Soon the two begin working together to clear her father. But Reid has his own secrets, and the gulf between them may be impossible to cross especially once her father's lie catches up with him.

Preacher's daughter, pop phenomenon, reality TV pioneer, billion dollar fashion mogul, girlfriend, wife, mother, Jessica Simpson has been all these things. Now, guided by the journals she's kept since she was fifteen, "Open Book" (B SIM J) By Jessica Simpson is as inspiring as it is ferent book. Several years ago, Jessica Simpson was approached to write a motivational guide to living your best life. She walked away from the offer, the truth was that she didn't want to lie Jessica couldn't be authentic with her readers if she wasn't honest with her herself first. In "Open Book" Jessica tells her truth, revealing a history of trauma, struggles with anxiety, addiction, and self-confidence. She invites readers on a journey, examining a life that blessed her with the compassion to help others, but also burdened her with an almost crippling need to please. First celebrated for her voice, she became one of the most talked about women in the world, whether for music, and fashion, her relationship struggles, or as a walking blonde joke. But now instead of being talked about, Jessica is doing the talking. "Open Book" shows the real woman behind all the pop culture clichés and the wisdom and encouragement she's found along the way, an opportunity to laugh and cry with a close friend, one that will inspire you to live your best most authentic life, now that she is finally living hers.

"With freedom, books, flowers and the moon, who could not be happy?"- Oscar Wilde

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and social distancing requirements. While I had originally planned a season using a large number of players and adding extra players to several concerts, I have adjusted our plans and we will use a normal size orchestra in order to accomplish proper social distancing. Due to the many adjustments that have been made, I have entitled the season 'The Versatile Big Spring Symphony'."

Graumann continued, "We will provide social distancing for the audience at our concerts in the Municipal Auditorium by skipping seats between individuals, couples or family groups. Social distancing will be a little more challenging for our players. For one thing, the winds and brass will not be able to wear masks. However, we can separate the players more than usual and move the entire orchestra downstage toward the audience providing more space between players. This will require adjustments in tuning and balance, another reason to call the season: 'The Versatile Big Spring Sym-

We have twice rescheduled our April Pops con-

cert from last season and we will now perform 'The Music of Queen' on October 17, 2020. We will honor all tickets from last season and will include it as an extra concert for our upcoming season subscrib-

Maestro Graumann gave a brief synopsis of the upcoming season: "Our opening concert is on September 19, 2020 and is entitled 'A Breath of Fresh Air'. We will feature Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony, No. 6, a work that will be refreshing and entertaining for our audience. We will also feature one of my favorite artists, cellist Jeffrey Lastrappes, who will play the Elgar cello concerto. 'The Music of Queen' will follow on October 17, 2020 as previously mentioned.

We will perform a 'Holiday Spectacular' on December 19, 2020. This is one of my favorite concerts to present and will include holiday favorites, singa-longs, vocal ensembles and soloists. We will feature students of Gershom Garcia as well as soloists Lawrence Thibeault and Tara Trowbridge.

Our winter concert will be on February 6, 2021 and is entitled 'Out of this World'. Maestro John Giordano will guest conduct. We will announce a guest artist for this concert as plans are

Early voting will run from June 29

through July 2 from 8 a.m. Until 5 p.m.

be done on this day. Early voting will

pick back up on July 6-8 from 8 a.m.

Until 5 p.m. and then extended hours

will take place from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

July 3 is a holiday and no voting will

Our final concert of the season, 'Pops Extravagan za' will be on April 24, 2021 and feature 'The Texas Tenors'. The three 'Texas Tenors' are each well known artists in their own genres and include popcountry and operatic repertory. Their popularity has grown exponentially recently. Their performance with our orchestra will be a very fitting finale for our season, 'The Versatile Big Spring Symphony'."

The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra exists be cause of the generosity of this great community. Individuals or businesses can get involved by purchasing Season Subscriptions, single concert tickets or becoming a BSSO Association Member by making a donation. Memorial donations are also available. Patrons not on the internet or social media can subscribe to the mailing list to get all the season information. To purchase tickets, make a donation or subscribe to the mailing list, you can call or text 432-816-5196 or go to bigspringsymphony.org. You can also get involved by following The Big Spring Symphony Facebook Page for concert information, guest artist bios and to enter the very

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screens everyone for coronavirus

symptoms and exposure each time

they enter a health facility. VA staff

identification. Voter certificate is handy, but not required. Those without a photo ID should visit the voteTexas.gov website for alternative documents that will work in place of a government issued ID card. Voting will take place in the four voting centers located in

Howard County: Ryan Hall, located at 605 N. Main Street; First Baptist Church, located at 705 W. FM 700; and Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, located at 1001 Birdwell in Big Spring; and in Coahoma at Coahoma Community Center, located at 306 N. Avenue.

For those with questions regarding the upcoming elections, call the Howard County Elections Office at 432-264-2273.

on July 9-10.

ditional screening.

Veterans, caregivers and staff can use the tool by texting the word "SCREEN" to 53079 or scan a dedicated QR code with their mobile phone to get a link to the tool. They then answer a series of simple questions and share their results at the VA facility entrance.

For more about VA efforts to meet Veteran and staff needs during the coronavirus pandemic, visit VA.gov coronavirus FAQs and VA's public health response.



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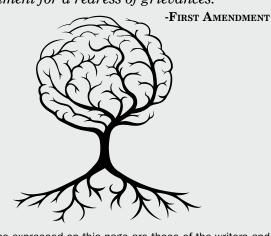
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Opinion P

"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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May we not be pressured into making a decision, Lord, without considering what You would want us to do. Amen

Pageantry at the pool

erhaps the most dazzling outdoor summer event in West Texas is the Fort Stockton Water Carnival.

"It takes place at night in mid-July," says Vicki Mitchell who has worked with Water Carnival for 27 years. "We

have spectacular costumes, glitter, glitz, dramatic lighting and it's all at Comanche Springs Pool." Each nightly performance begins with a beauty pageant followed by an outdoor theatrical show with props and a huge cast. The

show every changes year and Vicki has written some of the scripts for the show. Her

husband builds props. This year the title is "How Not To Propose In Las Vegas." Big crowds come from all over the state and beyond to see the show. They are seated in bleachers

around the Olympic size pool.

"Dancing and synchronized swimming are rotated so we have a dancing act that has something to do with the script, then we have a swimming act that has something to do with the script. Our show usually has about 16 different acts."

> After the show, winners of the beauty pageant are announced. Saturday's winner (for girls 17 to 22) gets a scholarship and works with the chamber of commerce, making appearances throughout the year as Miss Fort Stockton. 200 volunteers, including

generations of some families, work with Water Carnival practically the entire **Tumbleweed** year preparing for it.

The same people have **S**MITH worked lights for 40 years. It's Fort Stockton's biggest

"That's what you do when you live in Fort Stockton all your life. When I was growing up I lived near the pool and would hear the music from the show. Our summers are spent on Water Carnival. We don't have a summer

vacation. That's our family time together. It's a time of school and family reunions."

The Water Carnival has been a part of Fort Stockton since 1936 when the Lions Club wanted to do something at the big swimming hole that was created by

natural springs They would dance, have diving exhibitions and all kinds of stuff. Water Carnival lasted a whole week back then. Now it's Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights the 3rd weekend in July. So you come, you see beautiful girls at

dancing. After that we name our pageant winners in different age categories.

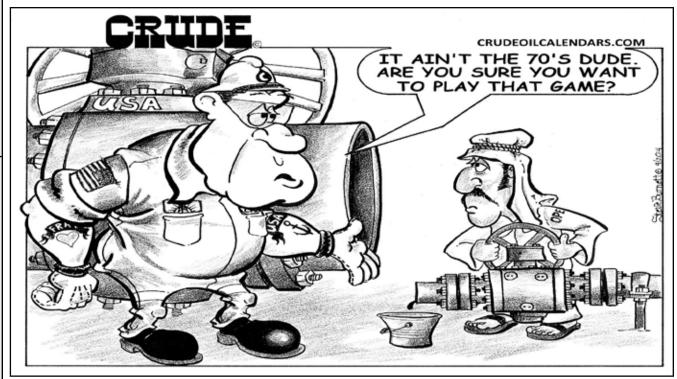
the first, and then you watch a

great show of swimming and

The springs started slowing down in 1950 with the increase in agriculture.

The pool was built in 1953 and stays full of water year round. There' a good reason for that.

"When it rained a lot, the pool would float out of the ground because the water underneath the springs would lift the pool up. So it's filled with water all the time to keep it weighted down."



No broken bones ... yet

ive me a break. There in Brownwood. are pitfalls when one gin of expressions.

ing in reading newspaper comics. A recent Bizarro panel from the fertile mind of cartoonist Dan Piraro struck a chord. (I tend to communicate best at a fourthgrade level, so I miss the point of many Piraro cartoons. The ones I "catch" are reasons enough to keep an eye out for Bizarro.)

A recent panel showed a pirate interview: "Theater was my first love, but I gave it up for piracy when I became tired of all the

Even semi-public figures "catch" it. Countless times I've when approached lecterns, well-wishers have urged me to "break a leg." Folks who speak regularly admit failing to hit home runs every time. Most of us are far short of "legbreaking.'

'break-a-peg' jokes.''

The "break-a-peg" cartoon sent me searching for the

"break-a-leg" origin. Numerous possible origins are cited; none is conclusive.

One opinion is that the phrase is most warranted when speakers' words are so excellently chosen that orators kneel patiently to acknowledge audiences' prolonged applause, but with make-believe "leg-breaking" in the process. Well, a leg wasn't broken--or even scratched--when I attempted to express thanks at the recent groundbreaking of the Newbury Family Welcome Center at Howard Payne University

Truth to tell, I'm not sure exactis in tall weeds trying ly how I responded to undeserved to determine the ori- comments by HPU President Dr. Cory Hines; Development VP Dr. I'm "old school," still delight- Dale Meinecke and Texas Baptist leader Dr. Chris Liebrum. They really "poured it on," lobbing accolades my late mother would have believed, but likely caused our rescue dog to shake his head in wonderment.

I stammered and stumbled, trying to express thanks from a grateful family, a dozen of whom hold HPU degrees.

Lips tangled, noticeably shortcircuiting as I feebly attempted to convey deep gratitude from

a "shook-up" heart. I didn't come close to 'breaking a leg."....

Our family was overjoyed, though, by the 200 or so friends who braved the summer afternoon heat to break ground on the university's first major construction project this century. Permit my citing

additional delight for a building that will Don provide a new "front Newbury door" on a plot where once stood Old Main. It was a stately, four-story sandstone structure where most

classes were conducted until destroyed by fire in 1984. "Tips of the hat" also to HPU

Trustee Chair Debbie Cartwright; Brownwood Mayor Pro Tem Draco Miller; Dr. Richard Jackson, college classmate and pastor; Trustee Second Vice Chair Robert Morrison; Dr. Ronny Marriott, pastor, FBC-Burleson, and Dr. David Lowrie, trustee and pastor, FBC-Decatur. I'd be remiss for failure to in-

clude Jacob Rohrer, presidential

assistant who orchestrated the

memorable event.

They had "gold-plated" shovels for the "dirt-turning," and at the Grace Chapel reception, there were additional niceties.

For example, we "dug in" to excavate wonderful hors d'oeuvres using tiny plastic shovels masquerading as spoons....

Upon departing, we thought of Pastor Marriott's reference to a "welcoming God," with hopes that the new center always will welcoming, honoring the

name of Jesus Christ. We thought also of late President Dr. Thomas H. Taylor, who maintained that "Howard Payne is the college where everybody is somebody." Then there was "my" president, the late Dr. Guy D. Newman, who was fond of saying, "It is a small college, but there are those who love her." (Their years of service were 1928-1955 and 1955-1972, respectively.) Many HPU alumni remember longtime custodian/poet John Mitchell, who once wrote: "Autumn leaves are wonderful when they start to fall, but when you leave the windows up, they clutter up the hall."

My 49-year association with HPU began as an 18-year-old freshman in 1956--highlighted by presidential years, 1985-1997--and I am still honorary chancellor. Deepest thanks from all of the Newburys--even if in sentence fragments--and and with no "broken legs."

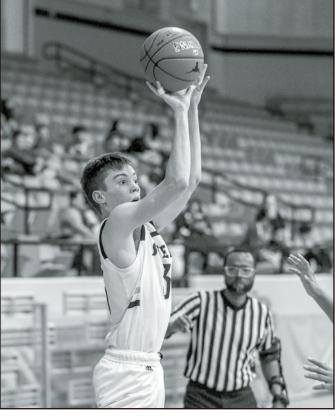
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Big Spring's Kyler Seymore staying prepared for senior year athletics







Above left: Seymore puts up a shot from beyond the arc on the hardwood. Above middle: Seymore makes contact with a ball at the plate during a game at Pecos. Above right: Kyler puts up a shot close to the basket and shows his ability to drive through the lane.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

This past school year ended under very unfortunate circumstances for every senior in high school throughout the entire country. Included in that group is the many student-athlete's who were unable to finish the final sports season of their high school careers because of COVID-19.

Now, it seems as though the Fall 2020 sports calendar may also be in jeopardy and the next wave of high school seniors could possibly miss out on their final sports season's as well. Everyone is currently crossing their fingers and hoping for the best possible decision from the University Interscholastic League

That includes Big Spring star athlete Kyler Seymore.

"It's getting a little scary and I really hope we're allowed to play this year,"

Seymore is a three-sports athlete who excels in each and is expected to be a team captain during his senior year. The local legend has been training hard and safely all summer, even with the coronavirus, and is looking to be in the best shape he has ever been in when the next season swings around.

The upcoming senior has been training a handful of hours every single day this summer to improve at his craft and be prepared to challenge the best of the best whenever they may face-off. Seymore likes to keep no stone left unturned and works hard at each sport that he will be playing next year: basketball, baseball and track & field (high jump).

The multi-sport athlete lifts weights Monday through Friday, plays five-onfive basketball three days-a-week, participates in school workouts and trains for high jump three days out of the week as well.

"I will admit that I think I have been close to overdoing it," Seymore said. 'I've been doing close to five or six hours of training per day and it's been ty hectic. My mom has been telling me to slow it down a little bit but I'm just trying to make-up everything I've lost or not gained during the quarantine."

Basketball will be the first sport up on the calendar for Seymore and he will be following a superb junior year season. In one game, Seymore scored 45 points and made it look so easy the only way one could know he scored that much was to check the final box score.

The Showtime Steers will be adding two new powerhouses, Estacado and Levelland, to the district and will also be losing some big-time contributors on the court. Both Abel Clark and Zephaniah Nelson have graduated and that will leave Seymore as the day undisputed leader of the squad this winter. Because of that, Seymore has been focusing a lot on improving his defense and being able to create on the offensive end.

The guard with over 1,000 career points knows that if he wants his team to be successful this upcoming season, he will need to be able to create opportunities for open shots not only for himself but for his teammates as well. Most

of all, he is just trying to make the most out of his last year on the Big Spring High School hardwood.

"I just want to help get the team ready for whatever we have to do to battle them for a district championship. We have a lot of cats this year and I think that we could really make something special happen," Seymore said.

In his two other sports, Seymore was unable to complete his junior year sea-

son. Both baseball and track & field are played in the spring and both seasons were cut short because of the coronavirus. On the diamond, Seymore was starting to get into his rhythm on the mound

and the Steers were visibly improving each game. The same thing can be said about each track meet that Big Spring participated in this past spring.

Seymore is one of the strongest high jumpers in the region and his season was halted just as he seemed to be hitting his groove. On the diamond, he and all of his teammates had just seemed to have turned a corner for the best before the season was shut down.

"It really stunk because I thought we had a special senior class this year, just like last year, and it really stunk because those kids have been working alongside me and they've really set a good example for me since I was a freshman,' Seymore said. "I thought we were going to have something really cool happen this year and it just stunk that it had to end."

Having basically a full season cut from his high school career was tough on Seymore and he will be coming back with a chip on his shoulder next spring. After all the hours and hours of work and practice that went into preparing for the season, it would be be disappointing for anyone to be told that their season will not continue. In particular, Seymore knows that he will need to go all-out next spring in the high jump because he does not have that extra year of film or stats to back up his talent.

The talented athlete should have no issue impressing many people over the next year and at the end could go down as one of the greatest athletes in Big

Spring history. "I definitely don't ever want to consider myself that, or tell anyone that, but on a personal level it would feel wonderful to be remembered like that," he said. "I've worked my butt off since the sixth grade to be in the position that I am and whatever achievement, accomplishment or accolade is special to me just because of how many hours of work that I've put into it."

The fans of Big Spring, his coaches, and certainly his teammates appreciate all the time and dedication that Seymore puts into perfecting his craft. With the coronavirus pushing summer workouts back and causing some panic throughout the state, the entire city of Big Spring is crossing their fingers that they will be able to watch one more year of their talented homegrown star.

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Trio of former UConn greats leading social justice charge

By DOUG FEINBERG

AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Renee Montgomery and Tiffany Hayes appreciated what former UConn teammate Maya Moore was doing when the All-Star forward stepped away from basketball two years ago to focus on criminal justice reform.

The Atlanta Dream guards admit they weren't sure why she couldn't continue playing at the same

Now they have a better understanding.

"I had no idea," Hayes said on a Zoom call last week. "I thought she wanted a break or something. ... Now I get it, I see what she was going through and trying to accomplish. I commend her for what

Hayes and Montgomery are following Moore's example with both deciding to take the upcoming WNBA season off to help with social justice reform and voter registration. They credit Moore's decision to put her career on hold to help family friend Jonathan Irons get a conviction overturned for in-

Irons was freed on Wednesday, walking out of a Missouri penitentiary nearly four months after a judge overturned his conviction on charges of burglary and assault.

"I saw what she was doing and admired it from afar," Montgomery said. "Now I start to get it. ... I see why she couldn't do both. For me, if I'm all focused on something else, I can't do both. I started to just get why she did what she did.'

The trio of former UConn greats, along with Tina Charles, have come a long way off the court since they led the Huskies to an undefeated season in 2008-09.

UConn coach Geno Auriemma has been impressed by what many of his former players are accomplishing off the court.

"What's amazing was all these guys were very much extroverts on the court," the Hall-of-Fame coach told The Associated Press in a phone interview. "On the court, they have big games and personalities. They dominated games. Yet off the court they were so different, very introverted.'

He always knew they were passionate.

"One thing you can probably draw a line through was the passion they have," he said. "This is coming out right now, and I couldn't be more proud."

Montgomery, Moore and Hayes credit Auriemma for helping guide them, even long after graduation. He was one of the first calls that Montgomery and Moore made when they were deciding whether to take time away from basketball.

"A lot of our conversations were about being informed and intelligent," he said. "When they put their mind to it, they go all in. They were all in on basketball. They were following who they are."

Montgomery and Hayes smiled at the thought that a dozen years ago the UConn players had any aspirations of being social activists. They do know that Auriemma and the UConn staff have always fostered players using their voices — even if it took a little while for them to do so.

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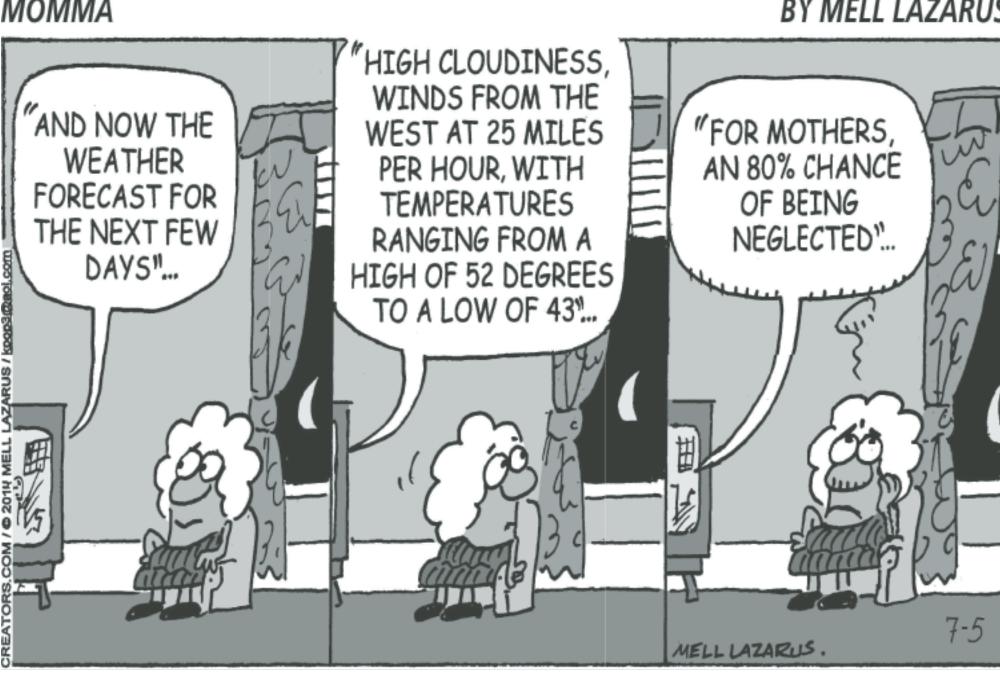


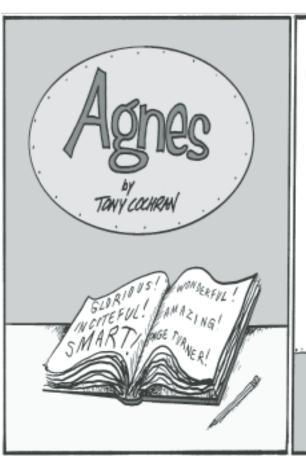


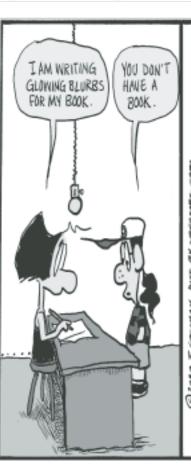


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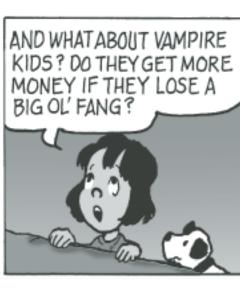






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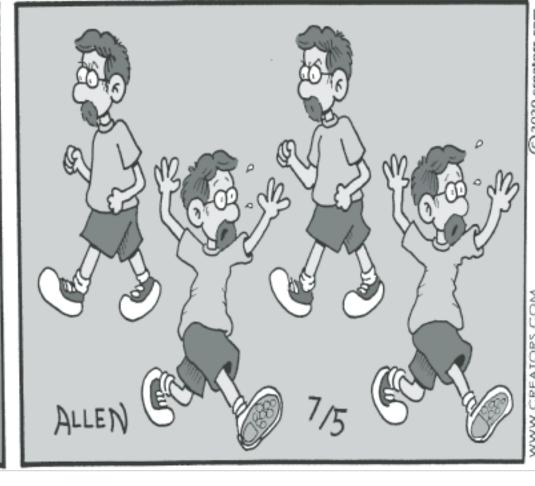












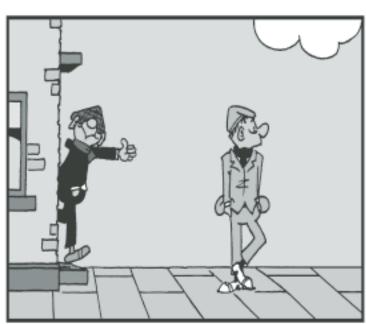














TPWD Prompts Boaters to 'Clean, Drain and Dry'

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN – The July 4th Holiday arrives this weekend and Texans may be getting out on the water. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) inland fisheries and law enforcement staff are urging boaters to do their part to fight back against aquatic invasive species, such as zebra mussels and giant salvinia, threatening Texas lakes

Zebra mussels are one of the top concerns for Texas. Currently, zebra mussels are found in 30 Texas lakes across five river basins as well as in river reaches downstream of infested lakes. These invaders can litter shorelines with sharp shells, impact recreation, harm aquatic life, damage boats and clog water intakes.

"Boaters can help keep zebra mussels and other invasive species from being moved and harming more lakes by taking a few minutes to properly clean, drain and dry boats and equipment before they leave the lake," said Monica McGarrity, TPWD Senior Scientist for Aquatic Invasive Species Management. "Taking just a few minutes for these simple steps can make a huge difference in our efforts to protect and preserve Texas lakes for future generations."

If you have stored your boat on the water at a lake with zebra mussels, it may also be infested. Before moving it to another lake, call TPWD at (512) 389-4848 for guidance on decontamination. A status map of these lakes can be found at tpwd.texas.gov/zebramussels.

"There's no doubt that Texans love their lakes," said John Findeisen, TPWD Brookeland Aquatic Habitat Enhancement team lead. "But we also need Texans to help protect their lakes, and the best way to do that is by properly cleaning, draining and drying boats and equipment every time they leave the water."

Giant salvinia, a highly invasive, free-floating aquatic fern that can double in size in less than a week under ideal growing conditions, is one of the major threats to aquatic ecosystems in Texas. The invasive plant produces thick mats making fishing, boating, swimming, and other water recreation nearly impossible. While giant salvinia is currently not limiting angling or boating access in Texas public waters, there is still a chance of plants hitchhiking from one lake to another on a boat, trailer, or other equipment.

Boaters need to remove all plants, mud and debris from boats, trailers, vehicles and gear and drain the water from all equipment and on-board receptacles before leaving the lake to prevent giant salvinia and other invasive species from spreading. In addition, boats should be dried completely before visiting another lake, preferably for at least a week. Washing the boat and compartments, using a carwash or other thorough cleaning method, can help to reduce the risk of spreading aquatic invasive species if this is not possible.

On top of the harm these organisms can cause to aquatic ecosystems and the recreational experience at lakes, the transport of aquatic invasive species can result in legal trouble for boaters. Transporting prohibited invasive species in Texas is illegal and punishable with a fine of up to \$500 per violation. Boaters are required to drain all water from their boat and onboard receptacles, including bait buckets, before leaving or approaching a body of fresh water.

For more information on how to properly clean, drain and dry boats and equipment, visit the TPWD YouTube channel for a short instructional video. To learn more about giant salvinia, zebra mussels and other invasive species in Texas, visit tpwd. texas.gov/StopInvasives.

TPWD and partners monitor for invasive species in Texas lakes, but anyone who finds them in lakes where they haven't been found before or who spots them on boats, trailers or equipment that is being moved should help identify and prevent new introductions by reporting the sighting to TPWD at (512) 389-4848 or by emailing photos and location information to aquaticinvasives@tpwd.texas.gov.

When boating during the ongoing public health situation, the public is encouraged to check with the managing authority of the waterbody they intend to visit for any local ordinances in place or access point closures. Also, boaters should continue to maintain a safe social distance while on the water in accordance with recommended public health guidelines. All boating laws are still in effect, including the requirement of having life jackets and wearing the engine cutoff switch while on the water

World Athletics freezes Russia panels because of unpaid fine

MONACO (AP) — The program allowing Russian track athletes to compete internationally will be frozen because the country's federation failed to pay a fine on time, World Athletics said Thursday.

The Russian track federation, known as RusAF, owes a \$5 million fine and another \$1.31 million in costs for various doping-related work and legal wrangles. World Athletics said

RusAF missed Wednesday's deadline to pay.

World Athletics said it would freeze the work of the Doping Review Board, which vets Russian athletes who want the "authorized neutral athlete" status that allows them to compete internationally, and its taskforce monitoring RusAF's anti-doping reforms.

World Athletics said both bodies will be "put on hold" until its council

meets to discuss the situation at the end of July.

"RusAF is letting its athletes down badly," World Athletics president Sebastian Coe said in a statement. "We have done as much as we can to expedite our ANA process and support RusAF with its reinstatement plan, but seemingly to no avail."

RusAF president Yevgeny Yurchenko earlier told the Tass state news

agency that his federation's finances were damaged by the coronavirus pandemic and that it had asked for more time to pay.

World Athletics' statement didn't directly address that issue, but said Russia hadn't indicated when it would pay.

The following is an AP Story published on 7/2/20.

UCONN

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While most college coaches took to social media to support the movement, the current UConn Huskies were one of the first college teams to put out a statement about racial inequalities with the blessings of their coach.

Hayes said there's no doubt that her group would have done something similar had the current movement happened during their time in Connecticut.

"I know Renee and Maya would have led the way," said Hayes, who was a freshman on that championship team.

Both Hayes and Montgomery loved seeing Auriemma and his wife and fam-

ily at a protest in his community last month. While they appreciated his support, they were a little concerned about the 66-year old being in the higher risk

category for the virus.

"He doesn't need to be out there. Appreciate his support, but we don't want him to be at risk," Montgomery said.

Skipping the upcoming WNBA season, which is set to begin later this month in Florida at a single site because of the coronavirus pandemic, was not an easy decision. After the death of George Floyd, neither Montgomery nor Hayes could focus on basketball.

"I knew my mind wasn't there, my heart wasn't there," Montgomery said. "Since those 8 minute and 46 seconds, everyone was a little bit changed. That was the moment I knew I needed to do something different this year."

Hayes said she has a different mindset now.

"I stopped going to workouts since my mind wasn't in it anymore.," she said. "I think that was one of the main reasons why I feel this is the right thing to do right now."





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Quality versus quantity

hen I was a youngster, we would have school programs where our parents got to come and see us perform. Many times I would be fidgety waiting for my mom or dad to show up to watch us. When one of them would show up, I was so elated because they were showing me they cared enough to come and watch.

When I graduated from College I waited in vain. My dad was sick and my mom couldn't leave him to travel 700 miles just to see me graduate. I was really disappointed until I saw my cousins in the crowd. It made my day that they would travel one hundred miles to see me graduate. Quality time is when you do some-

BOHANNAN thing over the top with your kids. Even sitting down to play a video game, or teaching them to catch or pitch a ball, or just eating a meal with

them is quality time. Taking them to church or

Sunday school or just sitting with them when they are sad, or laughing with them when they are glad, is quality time.

Quantity time is what I spent most of my childhood doing. I would play cowboys and Indians with my brothers, play dolls with my sister, climb trees and read books up in the crook of the oak tree, and eat lots of meals with my family. But the quality time is what memories are made of.

Recently in our fair city we have had opportunities to spend a quantity of time at home. Little quality time is spent with other people due to this virus plaguing our world. So what do we do to combat the loneliness and disappointment of not being around our normal friends, or in some cases our abnormal ones? We can choose to go stir crazy, or we can pick up

a home project and work on the things we couldn't get done for lack of time.

We can paint a room, change the furniture, or get ready for Fall that is just around the corner. We can plant a Fall garden, do some canning, store a bunch of firewood, or fix up the patio. But that's all quantity time.

Try calling people on the phone instead of texting them. Write a letter to those in isolation. Take flowers or balloons to a rest home or assisted living facility. Get in touch with long time friends. That's called quality time.

Even church activities can cause us to do quantity time. More meaningless activities or overrating our importance in religious activities, can be classified as quantity time.

God loves His children. He wants us to spend quality time with Him. He wants us to show up when we are supposed to. He wants us to be useful in quality time for our families, friends, and fellowship with Him. He made Heaven for us to spend all of eternity with Him. We will only have quality time for eternity with Jesus if we spend the quality time He gives us helping those He sends our way while we await His Return. Something to think

Double-Knit: From my desk to your heart

he clothing industry several years ago was pushing a style of material called "double-knit." There were double-knit shirts, doubleknit dresses, and double-knit suits. Long before the industry came up with this idea though, the Apostle Paul wrote:"That their hearts

might be comforted, being knit together in love, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and the Father, and Christ." (Col.2:22). Paul called the Christians to have themselves knit together in love and assurance.

Love is the motivating factor of the entire Word of God and Christian living. It is what caused God to send His Son, His "only Begotten Son" to the world. It is what moves a person to obey the commands of God. It is the identifying mark of the Lord's church to the world around it. Love for our broth4ers helps keep us keenly aware that we are the family of God, the body of Christ. It is the cushion which helps us to accept each other, to encourage one another, and work together. Without this we are like a machine left unoiled. Our members freeze up and the work of sharing the Gospel is left undone. Love for God

can not be expressed when we do not have love for each other.

Love helps to bring the full assurance of understanding the mystery of God, which is Christ. Assurance that it was indeed God's Son which came to earth some 2000+ years ago. Assurance that Christ's death bought for us the gift that otherwise was beyond our reach: salvation. Assurance that the resurrection will one day bring our own. Assurance that God's love is as immense the universe itself; and yet directed at every man, woman, and child, personally.

The knitting together of love in full assurance is what comforts our hearts. The cold air of uncertainty may prevail in the events of the world around us but love fore one another and God can warm us like a fire on a cold winter night. The winds of doubt, prejudice, and even hate can crash against the church of God, but with full assurance we can continue to abide in Christ and the Father. Let's knit our hearts together in love and full assurance and awareness of how great is our God. Let's be "double-knit Christians."

That we might be a force of change in a world of turmoil. Let's be what God through Christ called us

to be!

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Father's guidance helps TSTC student complete degree

HARLINGEN -

Encouraged her father, Sabrina Wicker was determined to finish what she started and obtain her college degree. The Lubbock native studied Digital Media Design at Texas State Technical College, and now she is ready to share her creative side with the world after graduating with an Associate of Applied Science degree.

"When I walked into my first class, the students thought I was the instructor," she said. "That project, a website. It sounds simple, but

it was then that I knew I could finish school."

Though there was a happy ending, Wicker faced a few personal barriers on her road to graduation. "I have always had anxiety about school," she

said. "I never had confidence in my ability, so finishing that website was a huge accomplishment for

While credit is due to Wicker for finishing her journey, she did have an additional boost of confi-



Courtesy image ly than she and her

gave me a good gig- Sabrina Wicker found her determination to obtain classmates had exgle. But my favorite her college degree through inspiration that her pected, the impact memory was when I father gave her. She recently graduated with an presented my final Associate of Applied Science Degree.

"I now have the confidence skills to move forward," she said. "My instructors were wonderful and very supportive. They brought their professional understanding to class, and I feel I now have real-world experience. My instructors were all so patient, and I had an opportunity to learn from every bump in the road. It was life-

Enrollment for the fall semester is underway. To learn more about TSTC, visit tstc.edu.

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for them," she said. "Jennifer has several

cats that she grooms.

They come in for baths

and brush outs and get

their nails trimmed.

She has special sham-

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SPRING HERALD

Do you have an interesting item for the Business and Agriculture pages? Call the Herald at 263-7331.

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Highlighting Howard Co. Business

Pampered Paws

By CARRIE HARVELL

Herald Contributing Writer

Dog grooming is an ancient art that started in some form thousands of years ago. Humans and wolf/dogs co-evolved into companions, they shaped not only each other's cultures and economies but each other's survival.

Dog grooming refers to both the hygienic care and cleaning of a dog as well as the process of enhancing a dog's physical appearance. Grooming is a vital part in the wellbeing and health of a dog.

The earliest historical records of dog groomers as a profession comes from the Middle ages. Full time "kennel boys" worked on estates maintaining the hunting and herding stock. These young men lived with the dogs, caring including groomers were serving a practical need since

dogs were valuable. Grooming as an art began in France in the

early 16th century when Poodles were introduced at Court. The "Continental Cut" shaved legs with ankle bracelets, a pom pom on the tail and longer hair on the jacket covering the front part of the chest was designed to protect the joints and vital organs. Less hair meant less matting and tangling.

The evolution into pet also began in the Middle Ages as an expression of "Upper Class" status. It took centuries of evolution before dog ownership reached the masses.

Like all other professions, the grooming industry is constantly growing and changing. New discoveries, new science and new products make the

"Dogs do not make our whole life, but they make our lives whole. Dogs can make a bad day better," Betty Kelly, owner of Pampered Paws Resort and Grooming, said.

Ms. Kelly moved here in 1952 from Amarillo. Twelve years ago, she opened Pampered Paws. She has always had a love for dogs.

"My Mother had a picture of me as a tiny baby sleeping under a table curled up with our dog,"

She is affiliated with the AKC (American Kennel Club) a licensed groomer and has a commerce permit from the city. She offers grooming, boarding, day care and training classes.

"Our Mission is to make everyone's pet feel as loved and cared for here as they do at home. Our customers know their pet is as safe here as they are at home," Kelly said. "Each kennel suite is bright, roomy and decorated with a different theme. They are climate controlled and get daily housekeeping. Pets enjoy comfortable beds, two meals and snacks. We have supervised playtime in a large indoor gym, and a large outside play area. We recommend that owners bring the food their pet is use to and any special toys or blankets. Some of our customers tell us their dogs know when they are coming to visit us and get excited. There are a couple who don't want to leave."

She continued, "We require dogs to be current



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for them in every way Pampered Paws is staffed with a group of people brushing who love animals. Each animal that comes through their teeth. Early dog their door is treated with love and made to feel at home. To find out about services offered at Pampered Paws, call 432-267-5557 or stop by and speak with Betty Kelly or any of the staff members.

> terbury once a month to cut dogs nails for the residents. We know some have a difficult time getting to us," Kelly said. "We also have a couple of customers who are not physically able to bring their dog in. We will go and pick the dog up, groom them and return them, with no extra charge," she said. "We offer senior citizens discounts. We want to help both the dog and owner anyway we can. Our customers come from all over the area, mostly for boarding a few come for both grooming and boarding. All of the groomers in town work together. If one is overbooked, they will refer a customer to one of the other groomers."

> According to Kelly, all work with relocation rescue centers and have fostered both dogs and cats. They all love animals and want to help anyway they can.

> Of course, a little humor goes a long way and adds to the atmosphere at Pampered Paws. A good joke is always a perfect way to brighten someone's

> A police dog responds to an ad for work with the FBI.

> "Well" said the personal director, "You will have to meet some strict requirements. First, you must type at least 60 words per minute".

> Sitting down at the typewriter, the dog types 80 words per minute.

> "Also", says the director "You must pass a physi-

cal and complete the obstacle course". The perfect canine specimen finishes the course

in record time. "There is one last requirement" the director con-

tinues; "you must be bilingual" With confidence, the dog looks up at him and

says "Meow". Pampered Paws is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday through Friday.

They are located at 1501 E. 3rd. Stop by and visit with Betty, Jennifer and Billy and Travis, a service dog. He may not be bilingual, but he is handsome and very smart.

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Oil and Gas Monitoring and **Enforcement Plan finalized** dustry operates in a manner that that will help inspectors quickly

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN -- The Railroad Commission of Texas has released its latest strategic priorities in regulating the state's oil and gas industry. The RRC's Fiscal Year 2021 priorities are outlined in the Oil and Gas Monitoring and Enforcement Plan which can be found on the RRC website at https://www.rrc.texas.gov/media/58340/og-s-plan-fy-2021.pdf

Texas' oil and gas industry is vital to the state's budget and economy and contributes toward the country's security by helping it be energy independent. From common household products to everyday energy consumption, oil and gas has a profound impact

on our lives. By ensuring the in-

protects public health and the environment, the Railroad Commission helps protect this critical resource that all Americans rely upon.

The annual planning document outlines how the agency will continue to build upon its current success to ensure all wells in the state are inspected at least once every five years and documents ongoing enhancements to agency operations.

"Just in the past several months we have utilized technological advances to streamline operations and improve our agency's efficiency," said Wei Wang, RRC Executive Director. "We launched a Drone Program

respond to emergencies which is critical in incidents when time is of the essence. The drones also provide aerial views of incidents, which were not available to inspectors in the past. We also added another layer to our transparency initiative with an online portal for our hearings cases. Not only does this portal give the public unprecedented access to view documents and reports used in the hearings, but it also allows parties involved in hearings to easily save time by filing documents online while also streamlining our staff resources."

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Dog owners should be aware of reverse sneezing, especially in breeds of pugs and bulldogs.

COLLEGE STATION, June 26, 2020 – Snorts, yips, growls and groans —dogs make a variety of sounds that can entertain or worry their owner, depending on the circumstance.

Though owners who have concerns about the health of their pet should always consult a veterinarian, Dr. Lori Teller, an associate professor in the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (CVM), weighs on one of the many unusual noises a pet dog can make: reverse sneezing.

Also known as inspiratory paroxysmal respiration, reverse sneezing is caused by a muscle spasm at the back of a dog's mouth where it meets the throat. This spasm, which lasts around 30 seconds, causes a temporary narrowing of the opening of the trachea, making it difficult for the dog to inhale.

"A reverse sneeze is a sudden, involuntary respiratory reflex, but instead of forcefully expelling air out, like a regular sneeze, air is sucked into the nose with a series of rapid, forceful inhalations," Teller said.

Episodes of reverse sneezing can occur in any breed of dog, but Teller said they seem to be more common in brachycephalic, "smushy-faced" dog breeds like pugs, shih tzus and "A reserve sneeze sounds like a combination of a loud snort, honk and choking noise,"

Teller said. "The dog may stand very still with their front legs and neck extended. The owner will notice their pet's chest and abdomen rapidly moving in and out.' While a reverse sneezing episode may be cause for concern for some pet owners, Teller

wants owners to know that it is not painful or harmful for your pet. "People are concerned that their dogs cannot get air and are suffocating or choking to death," Teller said. "However, it is much scarier to the owner than to the dog."

If pet owners find their dogs experiencing reverse sneezes, Teller says there are several techniques owners can use to calm their dog and get the episode to stop.

"During an episode, an owner can try speaking in a soothing voice while gently massaging the dog's throat," Teller said. "The owner can also gently blow in the dog face to make it swallow or gently open the dog's mouth and press down on the tongue to alleviate the

Occasional episodes of reverse sneezing are normal and are not of concern to the health of the dog, but always consult a veterinarian if your furry friend is experiencing respiratory symptoms that affect their ability to breathe or if reverse sneezing episodes are recurring.

"If your dog has chronic episodes or other respiratory issues, such as coughing, nasal discharge, or difficulty breathing, or just does not seem to feel well, then it's important to seek veterinary attention to determine if there are other problems going on." Teller said.

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. Texas A&M University. Stories can be found on the Pet Talk website. Suggestions for future topics may be directed to editor@cvm.tamu.edu.

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In April the Commission exceeded its Fiscal Year 2020 performance target four months ahead of schedule for the number of oil and gas well and facility inspections.

As of this month, 286,205 inspections have been conducted. The RRC has also exceeded the 5-year well inspection frequency goal for

Among other goals, the annual planning document outlines RRC's education initia-

The educational outreach helps operators

help them comply with the rules and avoid enforcement action. The various educational activities that

better understand RRC rules which can

the agency uses include an annual regulatory conference; regulatory forums at sites near large concentrations of oil and gas workers; presentations at industry events, including conferences, seminars and workshops; production of online user guides; and instructional videos.

Because of the impact of COVID-19, the Commission embarked on several virtual training sessions and is exploring ways to provide more online training as part of the agency's future outreach to the oil and gas industry.

Texas A&M System Regents create \$100 Million Scholarship New Fund's Goal: 'Make the A&M System Look Like Texas'

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents created a special \$100 million scholarship fund with the goal of making the A&M System's 11 universities better reflect the state's demographics.

The scholarship program is to address diversity issues as well as concerns of students who are first-generation and/or from low-income families in the wake of economic uncertainty associated with COVID-19, current unemployment rates and families' depleted emergency savings.

"Historic challenges call for historic action," said Chairman Elaine Mendoza. "Given the economic impact families are enduring across the state, it is imperative we act now before the Fall semester begins. Our board's strategic plan articulates clearly our commitment to ensuring our institutions serve a diverse student body. By doing this now, our administration has another tool to support Texans and enable them to pursue their

The program is in line with the Board of Regents' Strategic Plan that promises the A&M System will remain accessible and affordable for all students, regardless of socioeconomic back-

Monday's agenda item emphasized that "the A&M System must ensure that cost and a lack of support for diverse students do not prevent qualified students from attending and finding success at a member institution." "Too often we are getting outbid for great kids by out-of-state

schools that can make larger offers," said Chancellor John Sharp. "We don't intend to lose underrepresented students to them without a real serious fight. The goal is to make the A&M System look like Texas." The program provides \$10 million annually over 10 years for scholarships to students from all socioeconomic backgrounds,

particularly to low income, first-generation and students from geographically underrepresented regions of the state. The universities will be engaged in fund raising to help support this ef According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the state's demograph ics last year broke down: 41.5% white, 39.6% Hispanic or Latino

and 12.8 percent black or African American. Though system-wide the 11 universities are within a few per centage points of reflecting the state's demographic, the student population on some individual campuses skews this data. The strategic plan calls for all Texas A&M System universities to

better represent the population of the state. "This has been in the works for years," said Chancellor Sharp. 'With financial challenges from COVID-19, now is the time to do

About The Texas A&M University System The Texas A&M University System is one of the largest systems of higher education in the nation with a budget of \$6.3 billion. The System is a statewide network of 11 universities; a comprehensive health science center; eight state agencies, including the Texas Division of Emergency Management; and the RELLIS Campus. The Texas A&M System educates more than 151,000 students and makes more than 22 million additional educational contacts through service and outreach programs each year. System-wide, research and development expenditures exceeded \$1 billion in FY 2019 and helped drive the state's economy.

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Grantor: BRMJE LLC Brandy R. Manning

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Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Liens

Date: June 25, 2020

Property: Out of and part of block No. 30 of Govern-

married couple

Grantee: Jack Owens Property: Being all of Lot 10, block 8, Edwards

Heights Addition Date: June 22, 2020

Grantor: Peyton Joe Rodriguez and Lynzi Ferrell Grantee: Zelma Vernette Payen and Orlando Samuel

Property: Lot 4, block 1, Caroline Court Date: June 23, 2020

Grantor: Tyler Bradley aka Tyler M. Bradley and Stormy Bradley aka Stormy D. Bradley Grantee: Brandon L Luce

Property: Being a 10.04 acre tract out of the E/2 of Sec. 3, block 31, T-1-S, T&P RR. Co. Survey Date: June 23, 2020

Grantor: Tropical Paradise, LLC

Grantee: Peyton Joe Rodriguez and Lynzi Brianna Ferrell

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Date: June 23, 2020

Grantor: Byron Harris

Grantee: David Daniels and Rhonda Daniels Property: Lot 9, block 4, Wasson Place Addition Date: June 24, 2020

Grantor: Garth David Hughes and Sydney C. Hughes Grantee: Brady Harrison

Property: Lot 28, block 3, unit No.1, Kentwood

Date: June 25, 2020

Grantor: Tiffany May Grantee: Joanna Hernandez Property: Lot 1-4 and block 3 subdivision A, Fairview

Heights Addition Date: June 26, 2020

Grantor: Barbara Brock Grantee: Victor Mata Villarreal

Property: Being a 2.31 acre tract of land out of a 19.18 acre tract of land out of and part of N/2 of Sec. No. 44, block No. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: June 26, 2020

Grantor: Jonathan D. Collins

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The Big Spring Independent School District shall receive sealed bid proposals for the following areas:

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These bids will form a multivendor list for instructional personnel to secure supplies, equipment, and contracted services. Specifications and bid documents may be secured from the school district's Business Office, 708 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4648, phone number (432) 264-3620, or from the district's website, www.bsisd.esc18.net. The school district will begin opening bids on July 6, 2020, in the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District. The Business Office will continue to receive and open bids through 4:00 p.m., July 30, 2020. All bids must be received by 4:00 p.m., July 30, 2020. Bids will be presented to the Board of Trustees on August 13, 2020, at 5:15 p.m. at their regularly scheduled board meeting. The Big Spring independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all

#10572

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

PUBLIC HUNTING ON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS AT O. H. IVIE RESERVOIR

Application for public hunting permits on the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Wildlife Management Areas will be accepted by mail only beginning July 15, 2020 and ending August 15, 2020, at the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Field Office.

Hunting Permits will be limited, and requests for information and application packets should be made by calling the Colorado River Municipal

Public Notice

Water District (CRMWD) at 432-267-6341, or by writing

CRMWD ATTN: Public Hunting P.O. Box 869 Big Spring, Texas 79721 www.crmwd.org/recreation

A public drawing for the WMA Public Hunting Permits for the 2020 Hunting Season, will be held at 1:00 p.m. on August 21, 2020, at the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Field Office, located near the north end of the dam. All applicants are welcome to attend the drawing, if they desire.

#10555

PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Bids

The Forsan Independent School District is now accepting bids for the following:

> RFB # 20-003 -Concrete Work

Documents may be obtained from Jason Mims, Business Manager, Forsan ISD, 411 W 6th St., Forsan, TX 79733, (432) 457-2223 x 223. Bids will be accepted through 2:00 PM CST on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 in the Superintendent's Office, Forsan JH/HS, 411 W 6th St., Forsan, TX 79733, at which time they will be read into record. Proposers are instructed that a formal opening will not occur. The District will negotiate with qualified proposers concerning documents submitted. The final determination of proposal award will be made at a future board meeting.

All questions should be directed to Jason Mims, Business Manager, Forsan ISD, 411 W 6th St., Forsan, TX 79733, (432) 457-2223 x 223., e-mail imims@forsan.esc18.net Forsan Independent School District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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dispose of oil and gas waste into the Ellenburger, Red Rock SWD Lease, Well Number 2. The proposed disposal well is located 12 miles West of Big Spring, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Howard County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 11,250' to 12.050'.

of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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This requires you to

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from possible drains.

Nov. 21). Put a quarter

in; get a treat out. That

is how it works today.

The currency won't

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SAGITTARIUS

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). This is a fact-finding mission. You'll gather up advice and opinions. Don't be too quick to incorporate everything you hear. Let all the opinions marinate a while. The most applicable will rise to top of mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The qualities you want to cultivate are optimism, expectancy and enthusiasm. With these attitudes as your guide, opportunities multiply and problems go away.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The stars highlight your ambition. Do not doubt that you can do what you set your mind to do. What you're not born for, you can be trained for. All you have to do is decide to be that thing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you just

Tomorrow's Horoscope By Holiday Mathis



become extraordinary. The insight you bring to matters will elevate them. You go deeper; they get higher.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People who behave terribly in their personal lives can sometimes be extremely effective, productive and creative in their professional lives. It will be something to handle, process and move forward with today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's a reason enthusiasm is called "the ambrosia of the gods." It has real power. Do not underestimate the impact of your genuine enthusiasm. When you feel it, pour it on.

PISCES (Feb. **19-March 20).** What you make helps you grow. Your work is a kind of projection. You'll put the ideas out there and then try them on. This is all an experiment. If it's not getting the desired result, you can try something

else.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 5). Your birthday boon is a bright idea, one you can follow through on every day of this year of uncanny magic. Upgrades have you getting around in style. New people and areas of study contribute significantly to your happiness and high energy. More recognition and financial support come your way at the start of 2021. Libra and Virgo adore vou. Your lucky numbers are: 8,

THE WEEK AHEAD: This last week of the Mercury retrograde offers a deep dive into the realm of communication. It will be im-

portant to embrace the

fact that most of what

we say to the world is

not verbal. We signal

FORECAST FOR

20, 22, 18 and 24.

the Mercury retrograde, the big question is preverbal. What do you say without your mouth? How do you let the world know what you want, what you are feeling, how you are agreeing or disagreeing? Your awareness of this will affect all outcomes this week.

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Guess Who?

I am a rapper/singer born in New York on July 4, 1995. I taught myself to play guitar through the game "Guitar Hero" and YouTube tutorials. I was in a high school hardcore band at age 16. I have collaborated with Quavo and dated Ashlen Diaz.

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Opening lead — nine of diamonds.

Bridge is an easy game — if you always make the right bid and the right play at the right time. Thankfully, the right bids and plays are usually easy to find, though some of them might be a bit harder to find

Take this deal played by Emma Jean Hawes in a national pairs championship many years ago. She got to

was do the right thing every time it was her turn. But what she did must have been very, very good, because all of the others who played the hand either failed to reach four hearts or failed to make it. West led a diamond, and Hawes

made her first good play when she won the trick in her hand instead of in dummy. She had already determined the proper line of play, which necessitated taking the first trick with the diamond queen. Next she drew three rounds of trump, led a spade and finessed the nine! Why the nine? We'll come back to that in a moment. East took the nine with the queen and played the A-K-Q of clubs.

Hawes ruffed, led a diamond to the king and returned the king of spades. East covered with the ace, establishing dummy's jack, after which Hawes crossed to dummy's diamond ace and discarded her remaining diamond on dummy's jack of spades to make her contract.

The unusually deep spade finesse at trick two was prompted by East's one-trump overcall, which indicated 16 to 18 points and thus marked East with the Λ-Q of spades. Playing the jack or king from dummy was therefore pointless, while playing the nine could be very productive if West had the ten.

four hearts as shown, and all she did Tomorrow: Famous Hand. ©2020 King Features Syndicate Inc

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to air conditioning. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 26 = e)

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Clue: Heating and

В. 26 16 Clue: Measures temperature

Clue: Unit of temperature measurement

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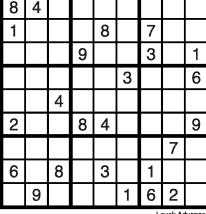
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A. cooling B. thermostat C. degree D. house

Annie's Mailbox ®

Nothing Broken About Single-Parent **Homes**

Dear Annie: I am really tired of all this negative news about "broken" families. I raised my two children, and we were not "broken." It is time for single parents (mostly mothers) to band together. I could have made three times as much as I did had I taken those jobs that took me away from my children. We just lived on what I made, not on what we wanted.

However, I was home every night; saw that they did their homework and knew how to clean the house and do laundry; took them to Sunday school and church every Sunday; taught them how to be kind, helpful and honest. When you are a single parent, it is your responsibility to do many of the things that two parents do. Mothers can pool hours with children, swapping time in order to not have to hire babysitters. Just do not give up. It is a 24/7 job, 365 days a year for 20 years. As

a parent, you owe it to your children.

Many of the children from two-parent homes never had the sleepovers, pizza parties and ball games that I did. Do not have children if you do not consider that you may become a one-parent family and are not ready to do 250% of what two-parent families can but may not do. My children were NOT from a "broken" home. -- Not From a Broken Home

Dear Not From a Broken Home: You sound like a wonderful mother with the right values. I agree the term "broken home" is not fair. Homes are homes, and so long as there is lots of love, and good values, there is nothing broken about a single

Dear Annie: I am very hurt. I met my husband on a dating site, and we have been married for four years. Recently, I looked at his phone and discovered that he has texted women thousands of

and Edward Wein, PhD. This make-ahead batter yields a big batch, but leftover batter can be refrigerated up to three weeks, so feel free to bake up as

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cup hot tea 1 2 large eggs 2 tablespoons

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honey

times.

The other day, when I saw his text message to another woman, I said that I cannot take it anymore. He said that texting is not cheating. Is that true? I am thinking about filing for divorce. -- Fed up With **Texting**

Dear Fed Up:

You're right, and he's wrong. Whether his activities are physical or not, your husband is placing texts to these women above your feelings and cheating on you psychologically. This emotional betrayal

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cups fresh or

Zest of 1 orange

to 3/4 cup choc-

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ing powder

ground cinnamon

frozen blueberries

or sugar-free)

olate chips (semisweet

1. In a very large mix-

with oil and yogurt.

2. Add eggs, milk

combined.

Pour hot tea over the

mixture and let stand

for 5 minutes. Stir well.

mixture, brown sugar,

and molasses. Stir until

3. Add flour, cinnamon,

baking soda, and bak-

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other women behind your back. Before you file for divorce, talk to him. Express how much it hurts when you see all

has the same flavor as

cheating because he is

doing something with

these texts with someone else and that you would like to be that close with him.

couples counseling. Best of luck. Send your questions for

I would also suggest

Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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ing powder. Mix until

blended.

4. Stir in orange zest, blueberries, and chocolate chips, jut until combined.

5. Either let batter stand for 30 minutes. until thickened, or cover and refrigerate for up to 3 weeks.

6. Preheat oven to 375 F. Spray compartments of a muffin pan (or muffin pans) with nonstick spray.

7. Scoop batter into the muffin pan(s), filling each compartment about two-thirds full. 8. Bake 22 to 25 minutes, or until tops spring back when lightly touched.

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HOW TO WASH YOUR HANDS

PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS AGAINST INFECTIONS



WET HANDS



APPLY SOAP



RUB HANDS PALM TO PALM

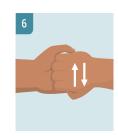


LATHER THE BACKS

OF YOUR HANDS



SCRUB BETWEEN YOUR FINGERS



RUB THE BACKS OF FINGERS ON THE OPPOSING PALMS



CLEAN THUMBS



WASH FINGERNAILS AND FINGERTIPS





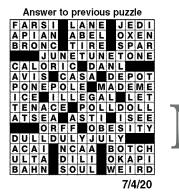


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YOUR HANDS ARE CLEAN

Please thoroughly wash your hands to keep us healthy!





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Appetizers

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Burrito

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Gill's Fried Chicken

Cowboy's Steakhouse

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Al's & Son Bar-B-Q

Wild West Wingz

Dell's Cafe

Dell's Cafe

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Ward Family Dental The One Way Salon Big Spring Health Food Store Kindred At Home

Parkview Skilled Care & Rehabilitation **HEB Pharmacy** Parkview Skilled Care & Rehabilitation Parkplace Retirement Living

Parkview Skilled Care & Rehabilitation The Krazy Kow Co. Lula Blu Boutique Affordacare Winner

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Higginbotham Brothers Honest HVAC LLC **Dazzling Decor** Kenn Construction Johansen Landscape & Nursery Higginbotham Brothers

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Home & Garden Awards Winner

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USDA's Tips for a food safe July 4th

will be celebrating the Fourth of July outdoors this year, with celebrations including barbecues, picnics and fireworks. No matter how you're celebrating the Fourth of July, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) encourages you to make food safety a part of the celebrations.

"Foodborne illness can increase during summer because of the warmer temperatures and time spent outside," said Dr. Mindy Brashears, the USDA's Under Secretary for Food Safety. "As we gather with family and friends to celebrate this Fourth of July holiday, I encourage consumers to remember and use food safety steps to reduce their risk of illness."

Follow these tips from USDA to ensure a food safe Fourth of July:

Don't Cross-Contaminate - Always keep raw meat and their juices from touching other foods. Avoid using the same utensils that can come into contact with raw meat or poultry while grilling with ready-to-eat foods. Wash and sanitize all surfaces

WASHINGTON, July 1, 2020 - Many Americans and utensils after they touch raw items. A recent USDA survey showed that 34 percent of respondents do not use a different utensil to take food off the grill. Bring enough tools to keep your raw meat and poultry away from any cooked or ready-to-eat foods and have extra cleaning and sanitizing supplies ready for your surfaces, plates and utensils.

> Use a Food Thermometer - Some grill masters may say they know their food is done just by looking at its color when it comes off the grill. That's not possible and shouldn't be relied upon. This is where a food thermometer comes in.

> "More than 25 percent of burgers can turn brown inside before they are fully cooked," says FSIS Administrator Paul Kiecker. "Although your grilled foods may look done, foodborne illness causing bacteria are not killed until the safe internal temperature has been reached. Using a food thermometer is the only way to know your food is done and safe to eat."

> The USDA recommended safe minimum internal temperatures are:

- · Beef, pork, lamb and veal (steaks, roasts and chops): 145°F with a three-minute rest time
 - Fish: 145°F
- Ground meats (beef, pork, lamb and veal): 160°F
- ·Whole poultry, poultry breasts and ground poul-

Keep Foods at a Safe Temperature - Perishable food items should not be left outside for more than two hours, and only one hour if the temperature is at or above 90°F. Keep your food at or below 40°F, in coolers or containers with a cold source, such as ice or frozen gel packs. This includes any leftovers from the grill, cold salads and even cut fruits and vegetables. Leftovers should be refrigerated or placed back in the cooler within 2 hours of being placed outside (1 hour if temperatures are at or above 90°F). If you are not sure how long food has been sitting out, throw it out immediately.

If you have questions about these tips, or any other food safety topics, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) or chat live at ask.usda.gov from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

30.1% of Traffic Deaths in Texas Involve Speeding

Special to the Herald

When lockdown orders from the COVID-19 pandemic went into effect across the country, car traffic declined significantly. But research from the Governors Highway Safety Administration (GHSA) shows that even though there were fewer cars on the road during this time, speeding and reckless driving increased. While the relatively empty streets might lull drivers into a false sense of security, speeding is still dangerous and claims the lives of nearly 10,000 Americans every year.

Speeding is responsible for more than a quarter of all traffic fatalities in the U.S. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHT-SA) considers a crash to be speedingrelated if one of the drivers is cited for a speeding-related offense or if an officer determines that driving too fast for conditions, racing, or exceeding the speed limit was a contributing factor in the crash.

While NHTSA data shows that both the share of traffic fatalities related to speeding and the speeding-related fatality rate have been declining in recent years, these rates vary at the state level. Nationwide, the average annual speeding-related fatality rate for the five year period from 2014-2018 was 2.97 per 100,000 people. However, at the state level, there is a statistically significant relationship between speeding-related fatalities per capita and the maximum posted speed limit in the state. States with higher posted speed limits often experience more speed-related fatalities.

Another significant factor in speedrelated deaths is alcohol consumption. Data shows that over the past five years, 47 percent of all speed-related deaths involved a driver with a positive blood alcohol content (BAC). Among U.S. states, there is a strong positive correlation between the share of fatalities due to speeding and the share of drivers in fatal accidents

with a positive BAC.

In light of the increase in speeding during COVID-19, researchers at CoPilot, a car shopping app that helps guide users through the buying process, wanted to examine which states and counties historically suffer from the most speeding-related deaths. The analysts used data from the NHTSA, the U.S. Census Bureau, and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety to rank which states have the most speeding-related fatalities as a share of all vehicle fatalities. It is worth noting that the data used in the analysis was collected from 2014-2018 and therefore does not reflect recent driving behavior in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The analysis found that in Texas, 30.1% of total traffic deaths involve speeding. Here is a summary of the data for Texas:

Traffic fatalities that involve speeding: 30.1% of total

Speeding-related traffic fatality rate per 100k: 3.84

Total traffic fatalities that involve speeding (past 5 years): 5,511

Total traffic fatalities (past 5 years): 18,289

Maximum posted speed limit: 85 mph

Worst county for speeding: Collin For reference, here are the statistics for the entire United States:

Traffic fatalities that involve speeding: 27.0% of total Speeding-related traffic fatality rate

per 100k: 2.97 Total traffic fatalities that involve

speeding (past 5 years): 48,622 Total traffic fatalities (past 5 years):

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mph (Texas) Worst county for speeding: Wash-

ington County, RI For more information, a detailed

methodology, and complete results for all states and counties, you can

find the original report on CoPilot's com/posts/states-and-counties-withwebsite: https://www.copilotsearch. worst-speeding-problem/



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AMAC Briefs

Kiss me quick

You can't be too careful if you want to avoid exposure to the COVID virus, especially if you are an actor or actress and the scene calls for a bit of smooching, says the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. And so, Bradley Bell, head writer for the classic soap opera, The Bold and the Beautiful, has announced that they'll be using blow up dolls when rehearsing for some of the steamier romantic scenes in upcoming episodes. Bell told the New York Post that "we put our heads together trying to figure out a way to make these scenes work without breaking the eight-foot [distancing]

rule... and we brought out a doll we used years ago as a corpse. We posed it and it was very convincing.'

The show must go on

Pandemic or no pandemic, the folks at Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest have announced that its annual competition will take place, as it has since 1916, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. To be sure, the organizers of the event are taking precautions. The contest will take place at a secret location with no audience in attendance. And, social distancing rules will apply, so there'll be only five contestants in both the men's and women's competition instead of the usual 15. And they will all be tested for the coronavirus before participating. Workers will wear masks and gloves but it is assumed that the hungry contenders will forego the face masks, which would obviously limit the amount and speed of consump-

Affordable housing, and then some

What can you buy for a buck these days? How about your very own home in the picturesque Italian village of Cinquefrondi, reports AMAC. The town is located between the Ionian Sea and the Tyrrhenian Sea in Calabria, a region in the extreme southern part of Italy that boasts one of the country's lowest levels of COVID cases. In fact, Cinquefrondi calls itself "a COVID-free village" as it has reported not a single case of coronavirus since the pandemic.



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