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COVID-19 Update:
Active Cases: 33
Confirmed: 64
Tests performed: 1979
Pending: 42
Negative tests: 1885
Recovered: 26
Deaths: 1

** Numbers as of Friday afternoon.*

6 new COVID-19 cases

On July 10, 2020, the City of Big Spring and Howard County officials were notified of six (6) new positive test results for COVID-19. The individuals are isolating at home and are currently exhibiting mild symptoms, such as headache and low-grade fever. These new cases have been determined to be community spread.

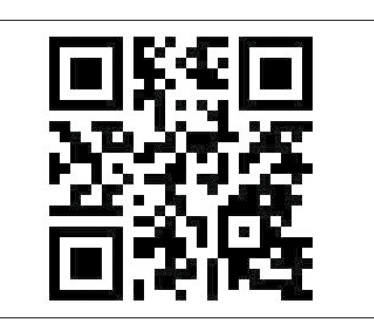
The demographic information of infected individuals is:
 20-year-old male
 30-year-old male
 38-year-old female
 60-year-old male
 4-year-old female
 7-year-old female

These cases have been reported by local clinics only and the daily report from emergency management reflects those local reports. The Texas DSHS website at this time is reporting a total of 64 cases for Howard County, they show 33 active cases and 26 people recovered.

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County Commissioners to hear routine agenda items Monday

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

The Howard County Commissioners will convene for a regular meeting on Monday at 3:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Howard County Courthouse. A budget workshop will take place before the meeting at 1 p.m.

Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman will open up the meeting with a presentation of Judicial Education Record for the Fiscal Year. After the presentation, the Court will discuss and possibly approve the Tax Appraisal Budget.

County Treasurer Sharon Adams will discuss TAC Unemployment Refund Check and the decrease in rate. After the discussion, Commissioners will proceed with any action should a need arise.

County Auditor Jackie Olson will discuss Public Workers' Compensation Program Howard County Addendum to the Interlocal Agreement and request action from the Commissioners.

County Commissioners, as part of the County Auditor's presentation, will discuss and possibly take action on awarding bids for county property located at 3707 Old County Airport Road.

There will also be discussion and possible appointment of an outside auditing firm for the 2019-2020 fiscal year audit. Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek will be providing the Commissioners with a roadway maintenance update, as he does at the regular meetings. Klinksiek will also be request approval of the CTIF Agreement and appoint designated signature authority for

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County Commissioners will convene for a regular meeting Monday at 3:30 p.m. at the Courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

City of Stanton to hold public hearing Monday

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

The City of Stanton will be conducting a public hearing for Planning and Zoning on Monday, to discuss three locations. Following the public hearing a regular meeting will take place to address routine agenda items for the City.

The Public Hearing will address the following locations: Jim and Melissa Herring, 601 N. St. Peter (TR 4SE/4, block 2 Oak Addition); Randy Rodriguez, 207 N. Oak (Lot 1-2 block 23 OT); and Cherri Waites, 802 N. St. Boniface (S/4 Lot 8 and N/44 Lot 9 block K North Addition).

Public comments will be limited to five minutes per person. Once the public hearing has concluded the City Council will convene for the regular meeting.

At the opening of the Regular Meeting there will be time allotted for public comment pertaining to agenda items.

The City Council will hear from Amber Pedigo regarding the current numbers of the 2020 U.S. Census as it pertains to Stanton.

The 2018-2019 audit will be presented by Josh Haislip with Stalling and Herm P.C. and following the presentation the City Council will consider accepting and possibly take action on this item.

The proposed budget for 2020-2021 will also be up for discussion and possible action at the Monday meeting.

Regarding the Baily Toliver sewer line project, a bid will be received from TEC Excavation Inc. The bid is in the amount of \$171, 539, 30. The Council will discuss and possibly take action on accepting this bid for the proposed project.

The adoption of a uniform policy is also up for consideration and action, along with possible amendment to the probationary period for City Officers to one full year from date of hire.

Consideration and possible action will also be taken on planning and zoning request.

- Other agenda items include:
- June 8, 2020 minutes approval
 - 2nd quarter report presented by Finance Director Patsy Simer for approval
 - City Administrator and Chief of Police reports
 - June Bills
 - Economic Development Reports and Projects

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Forsan ISD surveying parents for upcoming school year; applications for food services

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

The 2019-2020 school year may not have gone as planned, but it doesn't stop the planning for the upcoming year. After an unexpected and unprecedented year, faculty and staff at Forsan ISD – along with other districts in the area - are gearing up to welcome back students in the fall. According to Governor Greg Abbott in recent weeks, Texas schools will be returning in the Fall and with base guidelines will be responsible for implementing their own safety protocols that fit their respective districts. Forsan ISD is planning and preparing to welcome students back on Aug. 10.

"In preparation for the upcoming school year, Forsan ISD is actively assessing the current situation regarding COVID-19. As a result, two learning options will be made available for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year," an announcement on the Forsan School-District Facebook page stated.

Families will have the ability to choose from traditional learning which would place students back in the classroom or to have a fully remote education. According to the post, the remote learning will include the same curriculum, scope and rigor as on campus. If an online platform is selected the students is committed to this form of learning until the end of the current grading period. Parents of Forsan ISD students are being asked to fill out a survey for feedback.

"As we continue to work through both options, we need

parents to fill out this survey and give feedback to ensure that we can serve our students in the best manner possible. This is not a final decision, but a way for the district to get an idea of who is considering which option," the post stated.

The survey can be taken by visiting the following link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdV8fzNj8Zj4ARYcQPAY0Th12RVDtrPfh-9wANOaV3QlGbw/viewform>

Parents will choose which option they would like for their student(s) at registration on July 27 and 28.

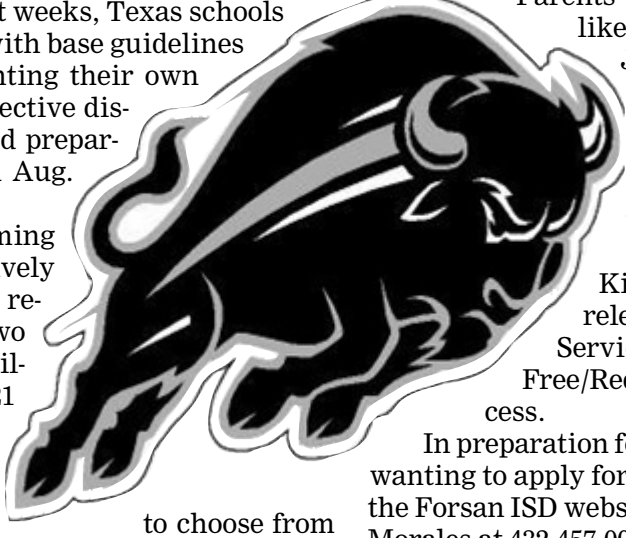
"We still have several unknowns leading up to the beginning of school and we appreciate everyone's patience and support as we work together to get there," the post stated.

With early registration for Pre-k and Kindergarten already underway, and the release of the school calendar, the Food Services Department has also announced the Free/Reduced lunch program application process.

In preparation for the new school year, families who are wanting to apply for the free and/or reduced meals can visit the Forsan ISD website at forsan.esc18.net or contact Sandra Morales at 432-457-0091 ext. 207. This year prices will remain the same as last year, breakfast will be \$2.00 and elementary lunch will be \$3.00 and junior high/high school lunches will be \$3.25.

The free/reduced meals program is based on income. Eligibility is determined by the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines chart, and includes those families who receive special

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ERIC JAMES ROGERS**, 30, of 1009 E. 13th Street, was arrested on a charge of unauthorized use of motor vehicle and possession controlled substance between 28 grams and 200 grams.
- **STEPHANIE SAVANNAH**

GALARZA, 28, of 103 NW 8th Street, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass - property/building/aircraft/vehicle.

- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1600 block of E. 17th Street.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 500 block of E. 3rd Street.
- **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 700 block of S. Johnson Street.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1600 block of N. FM 700.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1900 block of Morrison Drive; 300 block of S. Owens Street.

Sheriff

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

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

- **WESLEY AARON CALAME**, 32, was arrested by DPS on

a charge of driving while intoxicated third or more.

- **STEPHANIE SAVANNA GALARZA**, 28, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **ERIC JAMES ROGERS**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled

substance between 28 grams and 200 grams and unauthorized use of vehicle.

- **JAMES ROBERT SIMPSON**, 36, was arrested by HCSO, on a charge of interfere with emergency request for assistance.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of E. 15th Street. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of E. Third Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical
- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain

Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of N Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 2500 block March Circle. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medi-

cal Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of San Antonio. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of FM 700 and Hwy 80. Two people were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **BRUSH/GRASS FIRE** was reported in the 500 block of N. Runnels. The fire was contained.

Take Note

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

- The National AARP Tax-Aide officials have notified us that they will not allow many of the local sites to reopen for tax preparation this year. They made the decision using a map that shows the growth of positive COVID-19 cases at this time. Since the numbers in Howard County have recently increased, our Big Spring site will not be allowed to reopen for 2020. There is a free government site that you may use to complete your own taxes. The website is: irs.gov/freefile. The deadline for filing is July 15, 2020. We appreciate the cooperation of the City of Big Spring for trying to help us get safe procedures in place to meet the national guidelines, and we are very disappointed that we are not allowed to help our citizens with this importance service. You may contact Ray Alexander at 432-212-3533 if you have any questions.

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

- Maranatha Baptist Academy located at 903 Johnson Street, in Big Spring, Texas, is currently open and taking applications for enrollment for 20-21 School year. We are a faith-based Christian Academy and use the individualized Accelerated Christian Education Curriculum for Kindergarten through 12th grade, out of Hendersonville, Tennessee. July 20, is our startup date and applications will be accepted year-round. Someone will take your call for information at 432-213-1046. Please leave a message and we will get back with you.

- Forsan Elementary has opened virtual pre-registration for 2020-21 school year. Due to COVID-19 pre-registration will be done virtually. Contact Mandy Buske with any questions at 432-457-0091 ext. 203 or by email at abuske@forsan.esc18.net. All pre-registration packets will be completed and returned to Mandy Buske via email or fax. A copy of the following items need to be re-

turned with the packet: certified birth certificate, social security card, immunization record, proof of residency for district students only (utility bill), parent driver's license and proof of income (pre-k only). Age requirements are: Pre-K - must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020; Kindergarten - 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020. New transfer students (Kinder - 5th) may apply at this time.

- Pre-registration for CISD Kinder, Pre-K3 & Pre-K4 underway. Due to COVID-19, Coahoma Elementary will be handling Pre-K3, Pre-K4 and Kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 school year a little differently. For safety precautions, district officials will only take registration by phone at this time. The phone registration does not guarantee your child will be attending CES for the 2020-2021 school year, but it will give the district a starting point until restrictions are lifted. Pre-registration by phone will continue through Friday, April 17, from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. To register, please call 432-394-5000, ext 2 and speak to Jessica. Pre-registration is only open for children who live in the district. Transfer requests will not be processed until after June 1. For CISD Kindergarten and Pre-K requirements, please visit the CISD website: www.coahomaisd.com

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

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

1. Pay online at www.mybigspring.com. Click ONLINE BILL PAY. Pay via the automated phone system by calling 833-227-1752. Payment can be placed in the Drop Box at 305 South Johnson. Staff checks the box daily.

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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 p.m.

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 children. • Is reconciliation possible?

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

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

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

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For this week's Virtual Summer Reading Program-Imagine Your Story join The Pipdillys-Bo and Gigi Gerard, award-winning writers and actors, as they present "The Magical Trickolini" on Facebook tune in on Wednesday at 10 AM. Since 1984, Bo and Gigi Gerard have been writing and performing their original musical comedies for young people and their families throughout Texas.



Sandra Verdin

Get ready to laugh, learn, and sing with the Pipdillys. Free craft kits are available starting Monday at 10 AM, stop by the circulation desk to pick one up. Join us on Tuesday for Storyland and listen to stories, look for our post on Facebook and our YouTube channel. Join Code Club to learn coding registration is free and participants can sign in at any time. The Code Club registration link is on webpage on the "Summer Reading June 1-Aug 5" section.

This week's reviews include large print fiction. In 1909, Clementine steps off a train with her new husband, Winston in "Lady Clementine" (LP F BEN M) By Marie Benedict. An angry woman emerges from the crowd to attack Winston, showing him in the direction of an oncoming train. Just before he stumbles, Clementine grabs him by his suit jacket. This will not be the last time Clementine Churchill will save her husband. "Lady Clem-

entine" is the story of the ambitious woman beside Winston Churchill, the story of a partner who did not flinch through the sweeping darkness of war, and who would not surrender either to expectations or to enemies.

Portland, Oregon, 1879. Newly widowed, Nancy Pritchard discovers her deceased husband's shady business schemes in "Secrets Of My Heart" (LP F PET T) By Tracie Peterson. Seth Carpenter, a childhood friend of Nancy's, has recently returned to Portland and, as a lawyer, he offers to help her sort through the legal ramifications of her husband's death. But this job will take Seth into the dark side of Nancy's husband's life. As the two search for the truth behind her husband's death, a mutual attraction creates complications. When Nancy's own life is threatened, can Seth be honest with her about who he really is and why he's back in Portland? And can Nancy bear another betrayal?

When Kristen Daniels arrives at Hart's Hollow Farm, the place speaks to her soul in "Hart's Hollow Farm" (LP F DAI J) By Janet Dailey. So, she agrees to help matriarch Emmy Hart return the Georgia farm to its former glory. Emmy's handsome grandson, Mitch Hart, left home at eighteen, haunted by his violent upbringing and the loss of his sister. Now he's back and determined to see his orphaned niece and nephew, who live with Emmy, settled in a better life. He's convinced that his grandmother's plan to save the farm is crazy. But something about Kristin's spirit has Mitch stick-

ing around and suddenly he's hoping to find happiness in the very place he left behind.

In the aftermath of a terrible crime, a girl is found hiding in "Good Girl, Bad Girl" (LP F ROB M) By Michael Robotham. She won't tell anyone her name, her age, or where she came from. Maybe she is twelve, maybe fifteen. Six years later, she is living in a secure children's home with a new name, Evie Cormac. When she demands the right to be released as an adult, forensic psychologist Cyrus Haven must determine if Evie is ready to go free. She is fascinating and dangerous unlike anyone he's ever met. When Cyrus is called in to investigate the death of a high school figure skating champion, he is caught between two cases one girl needs saving another who needs justice. What price will he pay for the truth?

"In the case of good books, the point is not to see how many of them you can get through, but rather how many can get through to you." - Mortimer J. Adler

Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, for Grab & Go access to the library. Customers have 30 minutes to browse the shelves, checkout items, make copies and send a fax, an appointment is still required to use a computer. Please visit our website at <http://howard-county.ploud.net> and our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/HowardCoLibrary for more information. You may reach us at 432-264-2260 and our fax number is 432-264-2263.

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grant paperwork along with approval for the grant resolution. Consideration will also be discussed for approval of updates on the CTIF Grant project list.

Plumbing issues at the Howard County Courthouse will be brought for discussion by Commissioner John Cline, along with request for possible action. Commissioner Cline will also lead discussion and ask for possible action regarding

the release of right of way in the Sheridin Subdivision.

The Commissioners Court will retire into Executive Session to discuss real estate contracts, pursuant to Section 551.0725. Should any action need to be taken from this discussion it will be done so once the court reconvenes from the Executive Session.

Other agenda items include:

- Treasurer's monthly report, monthly payroll report and personnel consideration
- County Auditor's invoices, purchase requests, budget amendments, monthly financial report
- County Clerk's monthly report

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Head out to the wild horse and burro event in Lubbock, Texas

NORMAN, Okla. — The Bureau of Land Management will hold a wild horse and burro event in Lubbock, Texas, July 10-11 at the Panhandle South Plains Fairgrounds. The two-day event, featuring 75 wild horses and burros, will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 11. Adoptions will be held from noon-6 p.m. on Friday, July 11, and from 8 a.m.-noon on Saturday, July 12. Animals are eligible for adoption. Inquire with BLM staff onsite for more information.

We continue to follow Center for Disease Control and Prevention guidance to ensure public and employee spaces are safe and clean for adopters, visitors and employees.

As part of our efforts to find every horse and burro a good home, the BLM now offers up to \$1,000 to adopt an untrained animal. This incentive, which has contributed to a 91% increase in the number of animals adopted in the first year of the Adoption Incentive Program, will be offered for every animal in Lubbock.

The animals offered at the event are adult and yearling horses and burros that once roamed free

on public lands in the West. The BLM periodically removes excess animals from the range in order to maintain healthy herds and to protect other rangeland resources. The adoption and sale program is essential for achieving these important management goals. Since 1973, the BLM has placed more than 235,000 of these animals in approved homes across the country.

BLM staff will approve applications onsite. To qualify to adopt, one must be at least 18 years old, with no record of animal abuse. Qualified homes must have a minimum of 400 square feet of corral space per animal, with access to food, water and shelter. A six-foot corral fence is required for adult horses; five feet for yearlings; and four-and-a-half feet for burros. All animals must be loaded in covered, stock-type trailers with swing gates and sturdy walls and floors. BLM staff will be on hand to assist with the short application process.

The Panhandle South Plains Fairgrounds is located at 105 E Broadway.

For more information, call 866-468-7826 or visit www.blm.gov.

Independent probe coming after Fort Hood soldier death

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — U.S. Army officials announced Friday they will begin an independent review of the command climate at Fort Hood following calls from members of Congress and community activists for a more thorough investigation into the killing of a soldier from the Texas base.

Secretary of the Army Ryan D. McCarthy said he was directing the review and that it will be conducted by an independent panel of congressional representatives selected in collaboration with League of United Latin American Citizens. The panel will examine claims and historical data of discrimination, harassment and assault.

The review comes in the wake of the death of 20-year-old Spc. Vanessa Guillen, who investigators say was bludgeoned to death at Fort Hood by a fellow soldier. She was last seen in April and was listed as missing for six weeks before the Army released details. The soldier suspected in Guillen's slaying, Spc.

Aaron Robinson, died by suicide on July 1 as police were trying to take him into custody.

"The Army is deeply saddened and troubled by the loss of one of our own," McCarthy said Friday during a press conference.

In a separate press conference Friday, U.S. Rep. Sylvia Garcia, D-Texas, said McCarthy had also agreed to back calls for a Department of Defense to conduct an inspector general's investigation into the death of Guillen. She said the independent review of Fort Hood's climate showed military officials were listening.

The Texas congresswoman and others met with McCarthy after dozens of lawmakers joined a letter demanding a full accounting of the circumstances surrounding Guillen's death.

"This is the military 'me too' movement," Garcia said.

Questions over Guillen's disappearance still loom.

Guillen's family has said Robinson, the soldier accused of killing her, sexually harassed Guillen at Fort Hood, but they have

not given specifics of what they were told.

Guillen was assigned to work in an armory room at Fort Hood on April 22, when she was last seen walking to a parking lot, according to the Army. On April 23, the U.S. Army Criminal Investigations Division learned of her disappearance and began investigating.

Investigators began interviewing people who had been in contact with Guillen on April 28, according to a timeline provided by the Army. That day, Robinson was identified as a "person of concern" based on information that he provided investigators during his interview, Army officials said.

The Army was receiving 20 to 30 tips per day about Guillen's whereabouts, officials said, and it took more than a month to get cell phone records requested for the investigation.

Phone records helped lead investigators to Cecily Aguilar, a civilian now charged with one federal count of conspiracy to tamper with evidence. Investigators believe she helped Robinson.

Weather

Saturday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 108. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 78. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 108. Southwest wind around 10 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 80.

Monday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 111.

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assistance through Texas programs such as SNAP, DPIR and TANF. According to the chart, a family of four can make up to \$48,470 annually and still qualify for the program. According to information provided by Forsan ISD, even if students were approved last year for the free/reduced meals program, a new application has to be submitted for the coming school year. If a new application does not have to be sub-

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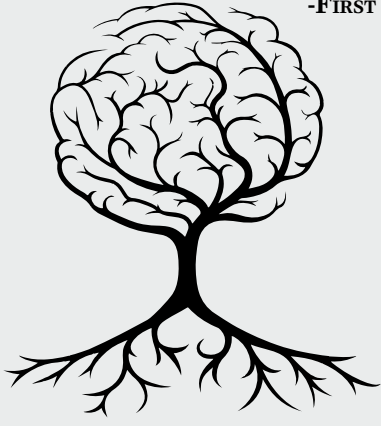
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DAILY PRAYER

When we don't see the outcome of our good deeds, Lord, we know through You we have made a difference. Amen

The umbrellas of Baytown

A n unsightly dead-end alley in downtown Baytown has been converted into a major tourist attraction. It's called Umbrella Alley. Colorful umbrellas are suspended by cables and provide shade.

“Red, yellow, blue and green.

Those are the colors,” says Anna Yowell, Baytown's tourism director. “We have 2 different shades of green right now, normally there's a royal blue, a bright yellow, a Kelly green and an apple red.”

She says weather does take a toll on the umbrellas.

“So our amazing parks and recreation department that partners with us comes in once a week and changes umbrellas that are starting to look ragged or happen to be broken. If things don't seem to be working just right, they fix it.

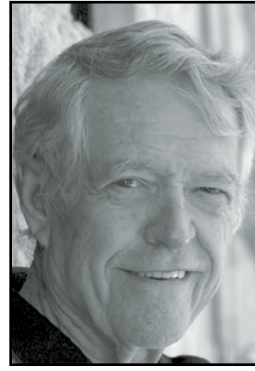
We replace about 400 umbrellas a year. We looked at all kinds of umbrellas and discovered there's

really only a certain style that was going to work for us so we told the umbrella salesman to give us a really good price on a bunch of umbrellas.”

It's considered an art installation and is a project of the city's art committee.

“We were just trying to figure out how in the world could we inspire art and create art in the community. My team and I were at the Texas State Fair that had an umbrella area. We were walking by and one of my staff members said ‘I can do that.’ And here we are. We worked with the local community college to paint a unique and interesting mural of Baytown's history and ecology on all three sides of the alley. We thought it was great that young people got involved in the project.

It took several semesters to complete. Now we have this really nice area with 150 colorful umbrellas that sway with the wind and create a bright, fun space where a lot of people take photographs. At noon when the sun is straight up the umbrellas are shadowed on the concrete in perfect umbrella shapes. It's really neat when you're there.”



TUMBLEWEED SMITH



A really big goof

It still lurks in my mind's “crannies,” jumping to the forefront of my thoughts more often than I'd like. It was a single sentence—uttered by someone whose name I don't know—imparting an important truth usually requiring paragraphs, chapters or even volumes.

It was uttered in a large room where a few dozen people were scattered, dutifully obeying mandates of mask-wearing and remaining separated from other folks by the length of two yardsticks.

Surely the handful of words—carefully chosen—warranted consideration by all who heard them.

“I'm worried less about who we are than about who we are becoming.”

That was all I heard from the lips of someone I never met, and probably never will.

Immediate thoughts were of slippery slopes, downward trajectories and uncertainties faced along life's tangling trails.

Foremost, I contemplated the topic of intolerance, one I've deemed it personally important to revisit often. I am reminded of my aged Uncle Mort, who thinks too many people get their exercise in one of two ways—jumping to conclusions, or shaking heads in disbelief.

Such head-shaking is now common throughout the land.

Truth to tell, few are spared such indicators of disbelief.

Retired after spending almost two decades in collegiate presidencies, I recall beginning some

staff meetings thusly: “I reserve the right to be wrong,” then soon making “flubs” to provide glaring proof. My colleagues also made missteps—some of bonehead proportions—that would come back to haunt.

One announcement made the other day caught my eye, and here I go, making assumptions without knowing “the whole story.” Most stories have at least two sides, and often more.

The news spotlight fell on Brown University, a venerable Ivy League institution in Providence, RI. It was reported to be a long-studied decision, but perhaps made at this time with hopes that its impact might be obscured—or at least greatly reduced—swirling about in the backwaters of a world awash in news of COVID-19.

President Dr. Christina Paxon may have signed the new athletic policy with a shaking hand, hoping—perhaps even praying—that the action wouldn't make the national news and/or cause her considerable grief. (Her jaws may need greasing due

to “turning the other cheek” as barbs and arrows of criticism strike the heart upon announcement of the elimination of eight varsity sports, not soon, next year or later, but IMMEDIATELY.)

On the face of it, such action usually is announced for “up the way,” insuring that current students in the eight varsity sports affected be allowed to continue their Brown academic pursuits with athletic scholarships honored, or assisted in transferring to other institutions.

When it was installed a few years ago it was only supposed to be up for a year. However it is so popular they're keeping it permanently.

Umbrella Alley has been the backdrop for two weddings and several baby pictures. It's one of those places that look so inviting you just can't pass it by. Some cities have copied Baytown's Umbrella Alley and several restaurants have colorful umbrellas over their outside dining areas. Anna says a city in France has an entire street covered by umbrellas.

Could it be Cherbourg? In the 1960's a beautiful romantic movie was about an umbrella store in Cherbourg. The title was “Umbrellas of Cherbourg.”

Anna is a trained archeologist and worked at the Waco Mammoth Site, a National Monument for a few years before returning to Baytown where she was born. Her roots are deep. Four generations of her family have called Baytown home.

A relative had the first general store in town. One reason she left the dig site in Waco was because she enjoyed visiting with tourists so much.

When the position of tourism director came open in Baytown, she applied for it.

While I am sure there are many unannounced details, I have to believe that overall confidence in the university founded in 1764—seventh oldest of the nine institutions founded prior to the American Revolution—is shaken.

Most shaken are the students and parents of the former varsity sports (track and field, fencing, golf, squash and sailing). Some call these “minor sports,” but they are major to participants....

They aren't taking this sitting down, these students. (Except maybe for participants in sailing, the only sport I know of where they sit down going backwards.)

They are suing, having engaged the same attorney who defended former New England Patriots' quarterback Tom Brady in his “deflategate” saga.

I'll add just this as a retired president who initiated the elimination of ALL athletic scholarships, moving to NCAA Division III status where no athletic scholarships are permitted. It is a painful decision. Such action is gut-wrenching, but we honored athletic scholarships or assisted students in transfer.

Brown U. has backed up a bit. I tend to side with the students, particularly upon noting that the institution's growing endowment now exceeds \$4.2 BILLION. This in mind, Brown's negative national spotlight is at least partially deserved. Dumb-de-dumb-dumb....

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Dirty Dez Yanez next Combate Americas fight set for August 28 in Miami



Courtesy Photos

Above left: Yanez poses during a photoshoot showing off her warrior-like body with a tattooed torso and arms. Above right: Yanez shows off her ground-and-pound attack against an opponent in the octagon during a previous fight.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

After months of inactivity throughout Combate Americas, fights are slowly beginning to be scheduled for upcoming events. One of those fight nights has been scheduled for August 28 at a closed set in Miami and is set to include a Co-Main Event featuring Big Spring native Desiree “Dirty Dez” Yanez (5-2) facing off against an up-and-coming fighter from Philadelphia named Criszaida Adames (2-0).

Yanez has been looking forward to her next professional bout since she was shockingly defeated by current strawweight champion Melissa “Super Melly” Martinez back in early December of 2019. The rematch was set to be fought back in March and Yanez was more than prepared at that time to take on Martinez and silence all of the haters.

“It’s one of those things where I’ve always wanted to hurt someone so bad,” Yanez said. “I’ve always had so much respect for my opponents and I still have respect for her skillset. But as far as it goes for respect for her as a person, it just went out the window.”

After battling and defeating Martinez for what seemed like three-quarters of the fight at least, the fight went to a judge’s decision where it was announced that Martinez would retain her championship title and belt. This result not only shocked the many fans watching around the world, but it also made Yanez believe the only way she would ever gain the title of Champion would be to knock her out cold. What also did not help the case was the fact of how Martinez and her family reacted to any criticism that came their way about who the true

winner of the fight should have been.

Now, the top contender Yanez will have a new opponent to go up against to show all of her fans and the fans of Combate Americas that she is not going anywhere except for after that championship belt.

The fight will be held live on a closed studio set in Miami for the first-ever event of its kind for Combate Americas. Yanez will be attempting to start a new winning streak after her four-bout streak was snapped by Martinez last year.

Adames will be fighting in her first pro bout since October of last year and will be trying to keep her undefeated record alive. Her first fight was won by a vicious knee that knocked her opponent out of the fight in the second round. Adames’ second fight was more evenly-matched as she was able to pull out the win by way of a judge’s decision.

On the other hand, Yanez may also only have a handful of wins under her belt but she carries herself as a true champion and someone who is not to be messed with. She refuses to back down from any opponent and in speaking to her, it is obvious how much heart, sweat, and tears that she puts into perfecting her craft.

One of the most common trends throughout all of sports is the story of a top-notch team or player who hates to lose so much that they end up coming back better than ever after a loss. A loss can be an eye-opening event in sports and Yanez has already had one case of coming back from a loss. After being submitted in her first match ever as a part of the Legacy Fighting Alliance (LFA), Yanez responded by knocking out the next fighter she faced just a couple of minutes into the first round.

Her win streak that followed included a fight against an undefeated fighter (Paulina Vargas) that ended with Yanez breaking her opponent’s ankle to win the match.

She is a fearless and ferocious competitor who is undoubtedly looking to pummel Adames until she no longer wants to compete in Combate Americas. A strong finish would all but cement another much-anticipated upcoming title match for Yanez against Martinez.

Back in March, Yanez had been focusing a large amount of her training to her conditioning and endurance to withstand the rigors of a championship-level bout. She had been doing a lot of workouts in the pool to help her with her endurance while also helping her build muscle because of the natural resistance you battle against while swimming in a pool.

“My muscle endurance is the best it’s ever been and cardio has been amazing,” she said.

Even though she has had to deal with the same social distancing guidelines as the rest of the nation, there is no doubt in any of her fans minds that Yanez will be ready to go at full power in a month-and-a-half. After a three-month break between fights has become almost nine months, Yanez will just be happy to be back in the octagon and doing what she does best.

Beating her opponents until they beg for mercy.

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Niblett, Cotton to Play for 99th Women’s Texas Amateur Title

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN – Two hometown competitors with strong ties to the University of Texas Golf Club will face off Friday morning for the right to etch their name into Texas golf history at the 99th Women’s Texas Amateur.

Fifth-seed Makenzie Niblett and No. 6 seed Bentley Cotton, both who grew up in Austin, advanced to the Championship Match after overpowering their competitors in Thursday’s Semifinals.

Niblett’s family belongs to UT Golf Club. She’s played the classic Hill Country course since she was 7 years old. An incoming freshman at Texas A&M, Niblett defeated Oklahoma State sophomore Hailey Jones, 4 and 3, on Thursday afternoon. As she’s done all week, Niblett shot out the gate like a cannon against Jones. Niblett built a 4-up lead through six holes, and then holed out from 120 yards for an eagle on No. 9 to stake a 5-up advantage at the turn.

“I had good speed on my putting, and I was playing to correct spots in the fairway,” said Niblett, who estimated she’s played UT Golf Club at least 250 times over the years. “I know the correct times to go for things and when to lay off and play safe. It helps knowing how to get around this golf course.”

Jones, a three-time Legends Junior Tour Player of the Year from Dallas, dug deep on the back nine to stay in the fight. She won the 12th and 14th holes with pars to cut Niblett’s lead to 3 up, but it wasn’t enough. Niblett ended the match by pouring in a downhill, 10-foot birdie on the picturesque par-4 15th.

Six-seeded Cotton may not have grown up playing UT Golf Club as much as Niblett, but the 2003 Bechtol-Russell designed gem is Cotton’s new home course as an incoming freshman for the Texas Longhorns. Bentley defeated Southern Methodist University senior Kennedy Pedigo, 3 and 2, in the Semifinals.

After a back-and-forth front nine, Cotton went 2 up with a par on the 10th hole. Pedigo, the No. 7 seed from Fort Worth, bounced back with a birdie to win the 11th hole. Cotton won the 12th hole to reassert her 2-up margin and eventually closed out Pedigo with 12-foot birdie on the par-3 16th.

“My wedges and irons were really good today,” Cotton said. “I hit to my favorite yardage a lot of times, especially on the par 5s. That really worked well for me.”

Both Cotton and Niblett also were involved in compelling Quarterfinals matches on Thursday morning. Both young ladies had to play against their good friends.

Cotton squared off against her former Austin Westlake High School teammate, No. 3 seed Sadie Englemann. Cotton won the match in dramatic fashion.

Englemann, a Stanford freshman, birdied three of the first four holes to take a commanding 3-up advantage in the early going. Cotton chipped away at her deficit with wins on the sixth and eighth holes. Englemann won the par-5 ninth hole with a bogey to grab a 2-up lead at the turn. Englemann was 3 up after a birdie on No. 11, but Cotton won holes 14, 15, 16 and 17 to flip the match and take a 1-up lead.

“On the first few holes, she was making 30- and 40-footers. It was unbelievable,” Cotton said. “On the back nine I just kept fighting.”

The dagger came on the 18th green. Cotton’s second shot on the par-4 finisher at UT Golf Club finished about 15 yards short of the green. Englemann’s second shot came to rest on the back fringe. Cotton played first and nipped her chip shot perfectly. The ball took one bounce, checked up and hit the flagstick. It stopped a foot away. Englemann conceded the par.

Englemann’s attempt to force extra holes strayed wide of the mark. “I had a great lie on my chip,” Cotton said. “I knew it was going to check, and I hit it just a little into the hill. It checked, and it was perfect. It almost went in.”

While Cotton and Englemann battled, Niblett was taking on one of her college teammates smack dab in the heart of enemy territory. No. 13 seed Courtney Dow, a Texas A&M senior, watched Niblett birdie the first hole on her to take a 1-up lead. Niblett never looked back.

The youngster went 2 up on the sixth hole after Dow blocked her tee shot into the penalty area and made double bogey. Niblett birdied the par-4 seventh to go 3 up and closed out her older teammate, 5 and 4, on 14th hole.

Niblett said the vibe of the match was friendly. They talked a bunch between shots and caught up on each other’s lives and families. When Niblett learned on Wednesday she’d be playing against Dow, she knew it was going to be a comfortable pairing.

“I loved it. I love her. We just had fun,” Niblett said. “We knew whoever came out of our match, it was going to be fine because it would be an Aggie.”

In the other two Quarterfinals matches Jones defeated No. 17 seed Kelsey Hailey, 3 and 2, and Pedigo dispatched No. 31 seed Julia Gregg, by the same margin.

The Championship Match begins Friday at 8:06 a.m.

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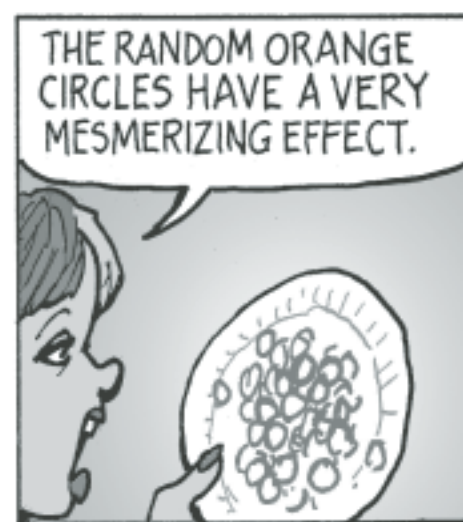
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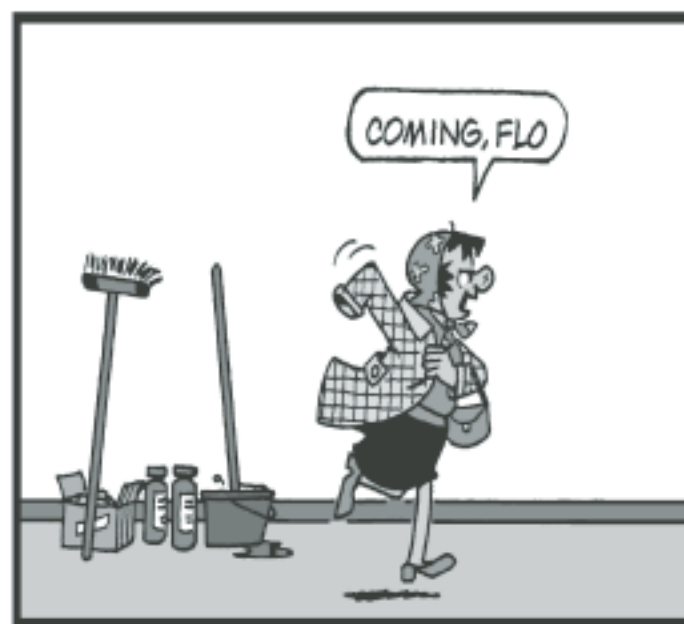
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Big Ten scraps nonconference football games due to pandemic

By **JOHN ZENOR**

AP Sports Writer

The Big Ten Conference announced Thursday it will not play nonconference games in football and several other sports this fall, the most dramatic move yet by a power conference because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The conference cited medical advice in making its decision and added ominously that the plan would be applied only "if the conference is able to participate in fall sports."

Big Ten Commissioner Kevin Warren said it was "much easier if we're just working with our Big Ten institutions" in terms of things like scheduling and traveling.

"We may not have sports in the fall," Warren told the Big Ten Network. "We may not have a college football season in the Big Ten."

"So we just wanted to make sure that this was the next logical step to always rely on our medical experts to keep our student-athletes at the center of all of our decisions and make sure that they are as healthy as they possibly can be from a mental, a physical, an emotional health and wellness standpoint."

There has been deep unease that the pandemic will deal a blow to fall sports after wiping out hundreds of games, including March Madness, this past spring. More than a dozen schools have reported positive tests for the virus among athletes in the past month but the bad news picked up this week as the Ivy League canceled all fall sports and Stanford announced it was cutting 11 varsity sports.

The Big Ten decision is the biggest yet because Bowl Subdivision football games — more than 40 of them, all moneymakers in different ways — were simply erased. And the move didn't wash away fears the entire fall season could be in jeopardy.

"I am really concerned, that is the question of the day," Ohio State athletic director Gene Smith said on a conference call after the announcement. "I was cautiously optimistic. I'm not even there now."

Besides football, the sports affected include men's and women's cross country, field hockey, men's and women's soccer, and women's volleyball.

"By limiting competition to other Big Ten institutions, the conference will have the greatest flexibility to adjust its own operations throughout the season and make quick decisions in real-time based on the most current evolving medical advice and the fluid nature of the pandemic," the Big Ten said.

The other big conferences, the SEC, ACC, Big 12 and Pac-12, have all indicated they intend to play fall sports.

"The Big Ten decisions are interesting and provide additional information to inform our discussions," Big 12 commissioner Bob Bowlsby said. "At this time our medical and scientific advisors have suggested we should move ahead slowly and with constant re-evaluation. We plan to continue to prepare for all available scenarios until we are informed that some are no longer viable."

Southeastern Conference Commissioner Greg Sankey said league officials "will continue to meet with regularly with our campus leaders in the coming weeks, guided by the medical advisors, to make the important decisions necessary to determine the best path forward related to the SEC fall sports."

The marquee nonconference matchups in the Big Ten this season included Notre Dame vs. Wisconsin on Oct. 3 at Lambeau Field, home of the NFL's Green Bay Packers. Other big matchups included Michigan at Washington, Ohio State-Oregon, Penn State-Virginia Tech and Miami-Michigan State.

Much of the pain will be felt at smaller schools that lean heavily on the big-money games to help fund their athletic budgets. Hours before the Big Ten announcement, Northern Iowa, which will lose a Sept. 5 game at Iowa, said it expected an athletics budget shortfall to exceed \$1 million.

A handful of teams were scheduled to play two Big Ten opponents, including Bowling Green, Central Michigan and Northern Illinois. Bowling Green athletic director Bob Moosbrugger said the Big Ten's decision "is the tip of the iceberg."

"Ten FBS conferences have signed a college football playoff agreement with an expectation that we will work together for the good of college football," Moosbrugger said. "If we are to solve these challenges and be truly dedicated to protecting the health and safety of our student-athletes, we need to do a better job of working together."

Illinois State was scheduled to play at Illinois on Sept. 4.

"Obviously, we are disappointed by the decision, as there are many people affiliated with both universities that have had this game circled on their calendars for a long time," Illinois State athletic director Larry Lyons said. He said the budget is in a "constant state of flux," but there are no plans to cut sports.

Memphis, which had been scheduled to visit Purdue on Sept. 12, announced Thursday it was cutting administrative and sports operation budgets 14% in addition to some other personnel savings.

The Big Ten said it would release detailed schedules later and continue to evaluate other sports. The league said its schools will honor scholarships for athletes who choose not to compete in the upcoming academic year because of concerns about the coronavirus.

Indiana athletic director Scott Dolson said he and his Big Ten colleagues "know that there remain many questions that still need to be answered, and we will work toward finding those answers in the coming weeks."

In the SEC, Missouri athletic director Jim Sterk was asked about the possible rationale for a conference-only schedule.

"Probably, it's a comfort level of how protocols are being enacted, how testing is done and then keeping it within that family, if you will — your expanded social circle or social pod," said Sterk, whose Tigers play in the SEC. "You might be able to control things more that way, or feel like you can, anyway versus the unknown of people coming from outside our 11 states."

New extra-inning format stirs debate as teams plot strategy

By **STEVE MEGARGEE**

AP Sports Writer

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Baseball has its answer to penalty kicks, overtimes and shootouts, and it figures to stir just as much debate as all those other tiebreakers.

Major League Baseball will start each extra inning in this abbreviated, 60-game season by putting a runner on second base. The rule has been used since 2018 in the minor leagues, where it created more action and settled games sooner.

"It's like 'arena baseball,'" said Scott Thorman, who managed the Kansas City Royals' Single-A Carolina League affiliate in Wilmington, Delaware, last season.

Those words may cause traditionalists to shudder.

"I haven't met anyone so far that likes it," Washington Nationals manager Dave Martinez said.

Dave Martinez, meet Christian Yelich.

"I think it's great," said Yelich, the Brewers outfielder and 2018 National League MVP. "As a player, there's nothing worse than extra innings. Especially in a season like this, where you literally can't take on that 15- or 16-inning game with just how rosters are constructed and pitchers not being built up to where they usually are and not really having the option to draw from this minor league talent pool."

Indeed, MLB is experimenting with the rule this year in part to prevent marathon games from caus-

ing long-term damage to pitching staffs.

Brady Williams, who manages the Tampa Bay Rays' Triple-A affiliate in Durham, North Carolina, said he initially considered the extra-inning format "Mickey Mouse baseball" but eventually appreciated how it reduced his bullpen's workload.

According to minor league data, 71% of extra-inning games ended after one or two more innings in 2016 and it was about the same in 2017 (74%). With the new rule in place, that number climbed to 93% each of the last two seasons.

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4th of July Sparkle



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Howard County residents turned out in normal Fourth of July tradition for the annual Coahoma Freedom Parade last weekend in recognition of Independence Day.

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The long standing tradition of the Highland Fourth of July Parade continued on this year. Red, White and Blue was seen throughout Highland this past weekend as community members decorated mailboxes, houses, golf carts, strollers and even their pets to show off their patriotism.



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The Pet Connection's Pet Talk

Training your pet in a way that fits you

BY MELANIE GAMBRELL

Pet Care Specialist

You've gotten everything you need to start your training: crate, training collar, leash, designated area to train and who's in charge of the training.

Now it's time to decide what type of training is best for you and your dog! Are you looking to train in a group setting? Are you looking to have a trainer come to you or are you looking to send your dog off to a professional trainer? Do you have what it takes to fry your hand at training? Have you thought about what method of training you want to do? Clicker Training, Behavior Training, Electronic Training or possible another type of

First give it some thought as to what it is that you are trying to accomplish by having a trained dog. Does your dog have behavioral issues, like jumping on people, digging holes in the yard, running out doors and gates or barking? Are you looking to train for a protection dog, a dog to guard your family and belongings? Are you looking to train a companion dog, someone that you can take out with you and travel, a dog that is well behaved in public. Have you ever thought of using this dog as a therapy dog or service dog? Are you looking for an all around good retriever hunting dog, a dog that will honor and do blind retrieves? The possibilities are endless to how and what training is available and what your dog can learn.

As a behaviorist I've trained several dogs over the vast several years. I've trained and titled dogs for HRC (Hunting Retriever Club) and put a HR (Hunting Retriever) title on my AKC/UKC dual registered Golden Retriever Buckshot. This training required off lead hunting on land and water. Using hand signals and verbal commands with control. You and your dog will be tested against



Courtesy photo

Doug, Big John's dog, at his graduation.

written standards and you will be testing in simulated hunting conditions. Rain, snow or heat, this is just like you were actually on a hunting trip. Trials consisted of Started, Seasoned and Finish classes. Each hunt test will consist of different hunting scenarios and you must pass the test for that class to receive your title. Check out HRC.ORG for more information on their hunt tests or to see if there is a HRC in your area. This type of training definitely takes your training to the next level. You'll experience whistle commands and hand signals like you've never seen before.

I titled Nadine, an AKC/UKC dual registered Golden Retriever in an AKC Competition class putting a CD (Companion Dog) title on her, 3 shows, with 3 passes. I was told that this was a great accomplishment, not many people had done this. This showed basic obedience on lead and off lead, using hand and verbal commands and having your dog under control. This competition highlighted your heeling, sitting, down and come training and how well your dog listened to your commands. If you are interested in competing in a sanctioned AKC show, check to see that your dog is a registered AKC breed and can show proof of such.

I was a Delta Society Pet Partners Team with my dog Hunter. Hunter was a mix Golden Retriever rescued off the streets. We were certified for complex facilities as a Pet Partners Team.

Hunter and I tested for the Delta Society in Ft. Collins, Colorado. This is a volunteer program you can do with not only your dog, but cat, rabbit, horse or other listed species. As a Pet Partners Team, I underwent the Pet Partners Handler Course where I learned my responsibilities and expectations as a Pet Partner. To become a Pet Partners Team, I not only had to complete and pass the course but my dog Hunter was also tested. Hunter's veterinarian had to certify that Hunter was healthy and could participate in the program. After Hunter's health screening we signed up for and had to attend the Team Evaluation. This is where all the training that Hunter and I had done was put

to the test and he passed with flying colors. Note: Having a Therapy Dog is different than having a Service Dog, so know the difference. A therapy dog is a dog trained to provide comfort/affection to people in hospitals or nursing facilities, where a service dog performs a type of service, or task (mobility or seeing eye) as an example, these dogs are trained for people with disabilities. If you have an emotional support animal, this differs from a therapy and service animal. An ESA or Emotional Support Animal must legally be prescribed by a licensed mental health professional, such as a therapist, psychiatrist or psychologist.

Over the years with the rescue, I've taken and certified many a rescue with AKC CGC (American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizenship). CGC program was designed to promote responsible dog ownership. CGC has always been open to anyone who's dog can pass AKC 10 Essential Skills Test. These 10 steps are taken from the AKC.org website, Test 1: Accepting a friendly Stranger, Test 2: Sitting Politely for Petting, Test 3: Appearance and Grooming, Test 4: Out for a Walk (Walking on Loose Lead), Test 5: Walking Through a Crowd, 6: Sit and Down on Command and Staying in place, Test 7: Coming When Called, Test 8: Reaction to Another Dog, Test 9: Reaction to Distraction and Test 10: Supervised Separation. What's required to pass each of these tests are found the AKC website, 10 Essential Skills for Every Dog. When I am training a new rescue or working with a new client, this is the goals that I set forth. I will teach you the basics and with the knowledge you can move forward to getting your dog's CGC.

Now it's time to train! Choosing a trainer, always check around, like anything there are good trainers and there are bad trainers. Ask for references, look online for reviews, check with family and friends to see if they know of any reputable trainers. If you are looking to attending a group training class, go and watch one of the classes before you sign up, talk to some of the pet parents.

Your dog must want to attend training, if you have to drag him or her into a group class then maybe that's not for your dog. Maybe your dog would do better with less distractions being taught at home with a trainer coming in. If you la-low that you don't have the time or the patients to do the training yourself, then sending your dog off to a trainer might be the answer. Again, do your research and know everything there is about that trainer, go to their training site and talk to people who have had their dogs trained with that trainer. When looking for a trainer, I'd suggest looking for someone who's well educated in speaking the language of dogs, someone who uses positive reinforcement, bad dog/good dog training and above all else has patients to not only train your dog, but patients to train you. I'd look for someone with experience and I'd look for someone with a passion not only for dogs but a passion for training. I've learned from experience that if I'm working with a pet parent on training their own pet, there's no guarantees. As a pet parent, you have to be dedicated and consistent with your training, that all falls on you, I can only give you the guidance and experience of my knowledge to help you train your dog. If I am coming to your home, I like to set up a consultation first, visit with you and your pet. Find out what problems you are having and what you want from your training sessions- Then I train at your home for 6 weeks, coming to your home once a week with a lesson plan. The great thing about me training with you at your home, unlike a group class, if you miss that class then you have missed



Courtesy photo

Melanie Gambrell at 10 months old conducting her first training.



Courtesy photo

Melanie Gambrell and one of her dogs.

out. Where training at your home, if something should arise, you need to be

away for that training class, we can always reschedule for the next day or extend our 6 weeks, it's a win, win for both you and your dog. If you are paying a trainer to take and train your dog, then absolutely, you need to know what you are getting for your money, so ask questions. What will my dog be able to do after their training? Get it in writing also if dropping your dog off with a trainer, know what it is that you are paying for.

I can't tell you how awesome and wonderful it is to have a well mannered, well-behaved dog. A companion that you can take anywhere with you and

be confident that they will remain by your side, will respond to verbal commands and be a joy for many years to come. No matter what the age or breed of dog, every dog deserves to understand what it is we are trying to tell them. Remember that everyday is a "TRAINING DAY", that every time you give your dog a command you are training! Follow it up with positive reinforcements and lots of GOOD DOGS.

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By **CARRIE HARVELL**

Herald Contributing Writer

Last time I had a flat tire, I pulled into one of those side of the road gas stations. The attendant walks out, looks at my truck and he asked, "Tire go flat"? I could not resist. I said, "Nope I was driving around and those other three swelled right up on me." Here's your sign! -Bill Engvall-

Man's greatest invention, the wheel was first recorded in the Neolithic era. Beginning with agriculture, wheels were soon used in everything from chariots to toys. They are a symbol of human technological advancement.

From the wooden wheels of the 1880's to today's run flat tire, tires have had an interesting evolution over the last 200 years.

The first tires for cars were invented in 1888 when Benz introduced the first gasoline car. They were metal tires covered with air-filled rubber. This was the beginning of pneumatic tires. John Dunlop received the first patent for these tires.

The 20's saw the advancement of tire material. Synthetic rubber replaced natural rubber. In 1923 the balloon tire was introduced; it was a low-pressure tire that had a greater contact area.

The first winter tires were introduced in 1934, they were designed for stormy weather. 1947 saw the invention of tubeless tires. These were developed in an attempt to relive the high cost of oil prices. Tubeless tires reduced the weight of a vehicle allowing for savings on fuel cost.



HERALD photo/Carrie Harvell

Ray Jones, Manager at Franklin and Sons, is pictured inside Franklin and Sons near a display of tires. Franklin and Sons has been serving West Texas since 1961.

opened in 1995, it was originally Goodyear.

"Some people still refer to it as Goodyear," store manager Ray Jones said. "There is also a store in Lamesa. After Delbert, his son Terry took over running all of the businesses, until a few years ago when his son Reggie took over."

Each store does more than just tire sales and service. They also check and replace brakes, oil changes, A/C service, alignments, and front-end work. The Stanton store offers gas, propane and diesel. They will deliver and can set up fuel stations for farmers or companies needing fuel on site.

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Michelin introduced the radial tire in the 50's. They had better fuel economy and offered better driving stability even at high speeds.

The run flat tire was developed in 1979, these tires allowed a vehicle to continue driving up to 50 miles at 50 mph with a puncture.

Since then several types have been developed, eco-friendly and ultra-high-performance tires. UHP have diameters greater than 16 inches. This allows for better cornering, braking and driving.

Franklin and Son's tire store began with Delbert Franklin who grew up in Stanton. He opened his first tire store in Stanton in 1961. The Big Spring location was

Conditions drying due to higher temperatures, less rain

Temperatures 3 degrees above normal

Special to the Herald

Above average temperatures are exacerbating drier-than-normal conditions around the state, said the state's climatologist.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service reports and experts say the hot, dry conditions are taking a toll on soil moisture levels and crops in areas that missed spotty rainfall this spring and early summer.

John Nielsen-Gammon, Ph.D., director of the Texas Center for Climate Studies at Texas A&M University and Texas state climatologist, College Station, said conditions remain mostly dry across Texas despite recent rains.

Storms over the last few weeks delivered rainfall to moisture-deprived areas of the state, but overall, 2020 is drier and hotter than normal going into July and August, Nielson-Gammon said.

"We've been on the dry side for whole calendar year," he said. "The past three months are among the driest 20% of years for West Texas. A few spots here and there in the High Plains were listed as D3, or extreme drought."

Nielson-Gammon said higher-than-normal temperatures were contributing to the problem. The state is averaging 3 degrees above normal. The western half of Texas has been 3-6 degrees above normal, while the eastern half has been within 1 degree of normal. Parts of deep South Texas have been slightly below normal the past month due to good moisture.

"Those temperature differences exaggerate the problem in a drier-than-normal summer," he said. "Moisture can go away quickly during summer, especially with high temperatures."

Nielson-Gammon said drought conditions this spring started in Central Texas and crept south before May rains changed conditions in those two regions. West Texas has emerged as the

epicenter of drought conditions, with widespread areas of the High Plains experiencing severe drought.

West Texas has received little rain because very few squall lines have developed, he said. Usually they build over the western parts and move east across the state. Storms have developed, but they only delivered very spotty, inconsistent rainfall.

"The seasonal forecast is not promising and favors above-normal temperatures and drier-than-normal conditions," he said.

Reagan Noland, AgriLife Extension agronomist, San Angelo, said dryland crops in his coverage area, which spans much of West Texas to north of Abilene, were suffering from dry conditions though fields varied greatly.

Rains that typically deliver moisture April-June did not materialize or were spotty, Noland said. But recent spotty rains may be enough to help dryland fields survive long enough for weather patterns to change.

"It's highly variable, especially in cotton," he said. "I can drive across a county and see fields planted at different times that caught timely rains where others didn't, and the difference is pretty stark. Some of the showers have been short and intense. One area might catch 2 inches of rain and a few miles away might pick up trace amounts."

Noland said some dryland grain sorghum fields too dry to make grain were being salvaged as silage or baled. Dry conditions negatively impacted establishment of dryland cotton fields, but late plantings may benefit the crop if late-season rains arrive.

July is typically dry and hot, while August-October can bring more consistent and substantial rainfall in the immediate area, he said. The majority of the 1.3 million acres of cotton in Noland's coverage area are dryland.

"A lot of cotton won't be too far into reproductive growth during the typical hot, dry part of summer," he said. "The hope is for those late-season rains. It'll be tough without the spring rains we usually get, but there is hope."

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

CENTRAL

The district needed moisture. Temperatures were in the 90s. Hay producers were spraying for grasshoppers and stem maggots. Producers were practicing brush control on mesquite and prickly pear. Livestock were in good condition with good standing forage in pastures. Crops were in good to excellent condition, but some later-planted sorghum had not produced heads. Some hay was baled. Small-grains producers worked their ground in preparation for August and September planting dates. Trees were starting to suffer from dry conditions. Nearly all counties reported short soil moisture levels, and fair crop, pasture and rangeland conditions.

SOUTH PLAINS

Farmers received scattered showers across the district. Rain totals ranged from 0.5-1.1 inches. Cotton was squaring, and early planted corn was silking. Irrigated cotton around the district produced good stands, but most dryland fields were in poor condition. Pumpkins were emerging and showing good stands across the district. Peanuts continued to bloom with pegging and pod set beginning soon. Pastures were dry and needed rain to maintain growth for cattle. Cattle were in good condition.

FAR WEST

Temperatures were in the 100s with lows in the high 60s. Isolated rainfall averaged between 0.75-2 inches. Burn bans were

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Texas Sheep and Goat Expo expands format

Aug. 14-15 event will now be in-person, online

By SUSAN HIMES

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has announced changes to the 2020 Texas Sheep and Goat Expo.

The annual event, originally slated to take place at the 1st Community Federal Credit Union Spur Arena on the San Angelo Fairgrounds Aug. 14-15, will now be both at the arena and online.

"With everything going on right now with COVID-19 and rules and associated recommendations continuously changing, the planning committee wanted to ensure the event could go on," said Robert Pritz, AgriLife Extension regional program leader, San Angelo. "As of now, we plan to hold the event both online and at Spur Arena Aug. 14 and online Aug. 15."

He said this combined format will allow more people to participate from across the state and give participants the option to experience the Texas Sheep and Goat Expo in whichever format feels more comfortable to them.

"We will be following all state and county guidelines and look forward to bringing together the leaders in the field," Pritz said.

"Business and Technology" is the theme of this year's event and will cover many different segments of the industry and address the concerns and challenges facing producers today.

The expo is the largest event of its type in Texas and one of the largest sheep and goat industry educational programs in the world, said event organizers.

Those interested should periodically check the Texas Sheep and Goat Expo Facebook page for updates and before traveling to the live event. Once details are finalized, registration will be available on the Texas Sheep and Goat Expo website.

Registration fees are as follows:

- Live and Virtual Expo: \$40, includes lunch Aug. 14 for in-person participants.
- Virtual Only Expo: \$40, includes virtual access both days.
- Virtual Youth Skill-a-thon: \$15 for the event on Aug. 15.



TIRE

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"I started here 10 years ago outside, then moved up to shop foreman. From there I moved into mechanical then assistant manager, and now I'm the manager," Jones said. "This is a Christian based company. Mr. Franklin built his business by keeping his customers trust. Excellent customer service was his motto and it remains ours today. Some of our customers go back for generations, their fathers and grandfathers were customers before them."

He continued, "It is important to us to keep our customers loyalty and make sure everyone has a good experience when they come in. We are honest with our customers. Yes, we want to sell tires, however, I am more interested in making sure the customer gets the best tire for their vehicle. We take the time to explain to them why one brand or size is better and give them the best deal possible. I understand that some of our customers are on fixed-incomes, and will do my best to help them out."

According to Jones, it is hard to compete with discount tire stores, they lure customers in with great prices, but do not have the customer service that local, home-owned stores like Franklin and Sons offers.

"We want our customers to come back every time they need something," Jones said. "In keeping with that, we support our community. We support baseball and football teams, and the car show. We buy local as much as possible from office supplies to the pizza we order for lunch. When a company comes to us for service or buys tires, I try to use their services whenever possible."

Jones said, as far as staff, everyone attends training once a year to learn about the advancements in flat repair.

Franklin and Sons employees carefully follow the guidelines set by the Rubber Manufacture Association

"We have state of the art equipment, and each of us are tech savvy. The machine we use to balance tires is the only one in this area including New Mexico," he said. "We all attend classes to be better informed on the performance of the different types of tires. Before there were few options available in tires, today there are so many we can't keep them all in stock. We will custom order wheels and tires. If we don't have a particular tire in stock, I will call the other tire stores in town to see if they have it. They often do the same they will call us if they have a customer looking for something they don't have or if they have customers who need something right away."

An interesting fact, according to Jones, when it comes to the newer cars, they don't come with spare tires, not even the 'donut'. Therefore it is important to take care of your tires.

To maintain good tire use Jones recommends the following:

- Tire rotation
- Wheel alignment
- Repair or replace damaged tires
- Keeping the recommended inflation for the tire. This is easier since most vehicles now come with tire monitoring systems

"We service and sell tires for lawn mowers, forklifts, ATV's dollies and bicycles. If it holds air, we can work with it," Jones said.

Franklin and Sons is located at 408 Runnels. to contact them, call 432-267-6337. Their website is Franklin&sonsinc.com. Their hours for the Big Spring store are 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For the Stanton store the hours are 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

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Defendant: Tyonne Brown

Type of Case: Divorce - no children; all other family law matters

Date: July 2, 2020

Plaintiff: David Parrish

Defendant: State of Texas

Type of Case: Writ of Habeas Corpus

Date: July 2, 2020

Plaintiff: Talon/LPE Ltd.

Defendant: Professional Trucking Services LLC d/b/a Pro-Trucking Solutions

Type of Case: Civil Case - other

Date: July 7, 2020

Plaintiff: David McClung

Defendant: Kimrad Transport LP, Pohlmeier Resources LLC Russell James Angel

Type of Case: Injury/Damage-motor vehicles

Date: July 7, 2020

Plaintiff: Jefferson Capital Systems LLC

Defendant: George Harwood

Type of Case: Contract - Consumer/Commercial/Debt

Date: July 8, 2020

Plaintiff: Ally Bank

Defendant: Beverly Harp, Bryan D. Harp

Type of Case: Contract - Consumer/Commercial/Debt

Date: June 25, 2020

Plaintiff: M&M General Contractors Inc

Defendant: Bobby Barber, Cheryl Barber

Type of Case: Real property/other

Date: June 25, 2020

Plaintiff: Amanda Carpenter

Defendant: Fabian Carpenter Sr

Type of Case: Divorce - children

Date: June 26, 2020

Plaintiff: Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC

Defendant: Pamela Karwedsky

Type of Case: Contract - Consumer/Commercial/Debt

Date: June 29, 2020

Plaintiff: Middin Vidale

Defendant: Knight Transportation Inc and Alex Acosta

Type of Case: Injury/Damage - motor vehicles

Date: June 29, 2020

Plaintiff: Credit Corp Solutions Inc.

Defendant: Sherry Newsom

Type of Case: Contract - Consumer/Commercial/Debt

Date: June 29, 2020

Plaintiff: Meghan Loveless

Defendant: John Loveless

Type of Case: Divorce - no children

Date: June 29, 2020

Plaintiff: Robert Collins

Defendant: Debra Collins

Type of Case: Divorce - no children

Date: June 29, 2020

Plaintiff: David Woods

Defendant: Sherrie Woods

Type of Case: Divorce - no children

Date: June 29, 2020

Plaintiff: Melissa Bailey

Defendant: Kyle Bailey

Type of Case: Divorce - children

Date: June 30, 2020

Plaintiff: Martha Blake

Defendant: Lorin Blake

Type of Case: Divorce - no children

Date: July 1, 2020

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Marron Inc

Grantee: Elvira Hernandez

Property: Lot 1 and the N/2 of Lot 2, block 48

Date: June 29, 2020

Grantor: ATD, LLC

Grantee: Tom Pitts and Tamara Pitts

Property: Being a 2.25 acre tract, more or less out of a 3.987 acre tract out of the NE/4 Sec. 44, block 32,

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Date: June 26, 2020

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Grantee: David A. Wesclouh

Property: Lot 5, N.6' of Lot 6, block 2, Central Park Addition

Date: July 1, 2020

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Date: June 26, 2020

Grantor: Jerry McGuire and Teresa McGuire

Grantee: Rocky Hilario and Cynthia Hilario

Property: Lot 1, block 92

Date: June 26, 2020

Grantor: Ruby B. Robision aka Ruby B. Robinson, a single woman

Grantee: Peggy Calhoun

Property: Being all of Lot 5, block 5, Corrected Plat of Hillcrest Terrace

Date: June 30, 2020

Grantor: Clayton R. Sontag and Caitlin R. Sontag

Grantee: Corina Marie McKiski and Mark Edward McKiski

Property: Being lot 6, block 3, Kentwood addition Unit No. 1

Date: July 2, 2020

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Grantee: Bryan Bateman

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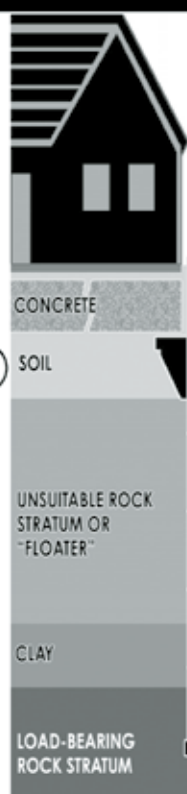
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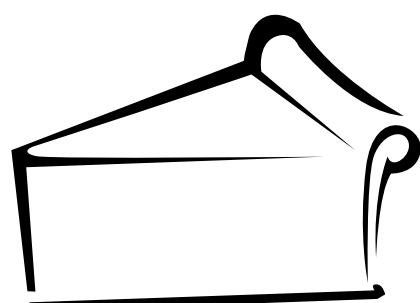
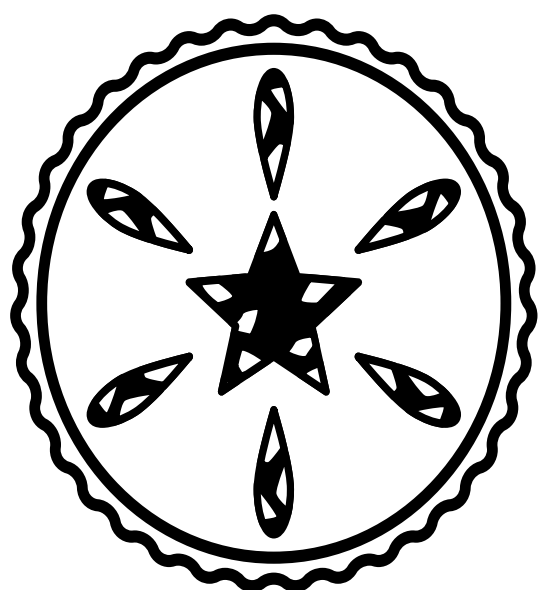
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- ♠ Q 6 5 4 2
- ♥ A 4
- ♦ Q 6 5
- ♣ A 7 3

WEST

- ♠ 9 3
- ♥ K 9 7
- ♦ 9 8 3 2
- ♣ J 8 6 5

EAST

- ♠ A K J 8 7
- ♥ 8 5 2
- ♦ J 10
- ♣ 9 4 2

SOUTH

- ♠ 10
- ♥ Q J 10 6 3
- ♦ A K 7 4
- ♣ K Q 10

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass

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Opening lead — nine of spades.

Relying on the defenders' bidding is often the best guide to how to play a hand. For an excellent illustration of this principle, consider this deal from *The Bridge World* magazine, where South got to three notrump as shown and East doubled.

The out-of-the-blue double by East, after he had passed throughout, was clearly lead-directing and asked West to lead the first suit bid by dummy. From East's standpoint, an opening spade lead offered by far the best chance of stopping the contract.

West duly led the nine of spades, East winning the trick with the jack as declarer followed with the ten. East returned the jack of diamonds, taken by South with the ace. Declarer then played the queen of hearts, which won, and now had to decide what to do next.

It was at this point that South invoked the principle mentioned above. He led a club to the ace and returned a low spade from dummy!

As a result, East found himself between a rock and a hard place. He won the spade lead with the seven but was then helpless. If he cashed the A-K of spades, dummy's queen would become declarer's ninth trick; if he abandoned the suit or cashed only one high spade, declarer would later concede a heart to West's king and again wind up making the contract. Either way, East was a dead duck.

It is true that South's lead of a low spade from dummy, which superficially seems suicidal, is a mighty hard play to think of. But if declarer gives full weight to the bidding — especially the highly significant double by East — it is not at all a far-fetched play.

To make the contract, South must first sever the communication between East and West. The low-spade play at trick five does exactly that, leaving the defenders with no recourse.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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I had a prior marriage at a very young age. I was in the service and lonely. It was a long-distance relationship, and we were married within two years. We didn't even know each other. I was miserable, and the marriage ended. I don't like talking about it and am embarrassed by it, which is why I haven't mentioned it to "Jane."

I haven't lied, because the issue hasn't come up. Am I digging a hole by not telling her? Would you be offended if this was not disclosed? -- Wondering in Michigan

Dear Wondering in Michigan: If your prior marriage is on your mind and you feel you should tell your new love interest, then tell her. It might feel embarrassing at first, but part of being in an intimate relationship is being willing to feel vulnerable. You are putting yourself out there with all of your history, and I'm sure she has her own history. Once you both accept each other, real trust and bonding will take over.

If she judges you and has an issue with your two-year marriage, then it is better to find that out sooner rather than later. No sense wasting time with someone who will not accept the whole you, warts and all.

Dear Annie: With COVID-19, many people have had elective surgery postponed. Insurance companies are shortening the length of stays they will cover afterward, and I am

hearing of people being discharged from the hospital the day after surgery, for what would normally have been a four- or five-day stay.

I am waiting to have surgery. More than the hospitalization, my concern is about home care afterward. I live alone, and my daughter plans to stay with me. However, she works where there are a lot of people in and out, and I know that she is going out with friends and not wearing a mask now that businesses are reopening. The number of COVID cases is on the rise in my state.

I am starting to feel that I do not want my daughter staying with me after surgery without guaranteeing that she will not be socializing for two weeks before. It's bad enough that she works with the public. A few weeks ago, I jokingly mentioned taking two weeks off from work to quarantine before

surgery. Am I wrong to ask her not to go out socially for two weeks before? Should I plan to have visiting nurses instead? -- Trying to Be a Patient Patient

Dear Patient Patient: You are not wrong to ask that of her. It is irresponsible of her to not wear a mask and socialize with a group of people. Your immune system won't be at its best while it is fighting to heal. While her intentions are sweet, the biggest way she can care for you is by protecting you from COVID. If her job does not allow for that, I recommend hiring professional nurses to care for you while your body gets strong. If your daughter is offended by that, have a serious talk with her about the protocols she would need to follow to care for you.

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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ANSWER:



Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



End of the Mercury Retrograde

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You know who you are and you tell the world today, mostly by how you move around in it, what you say and the feeling you bring to interactions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you're trying to show someone your value, it's a pretty good indicator that they are not picking up on it as quickly as they should be. Step back and consider the merits of this match.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have mad-charisma and people can't help but agree to your ideas, even the crazy ones. The thing at the root of all your sharing is an irresistible sense of fun.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's a reason you haven't been getting what you want, and it's a very small one. This is a fine adjustment. Probably,

there's a sacrifice that needs to be made in trade.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're not trying to do a job. You're trying to turn a job into art. This is why you'll put more thought into your task than the others do, and this is why you'll get better results.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You root for the underdog before you even realize how the odds are stacked. It's because you see merit where others do not, and you'll be correct in this too. Your cheerleading will make a difference.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's not how much stress you have in your life that matters, it's how you deal with it. Your response today will be indicative of a trend toward greater effectiveness than you've ever known.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you say what you need to say but no one seems

to be listening, take it as a signal to repeat. Many people will not even begin to understand until you've said it seven times.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The effort you make doesn't always directly correlate with the results you get, which is what makes today mighty fine. You'll be able to see how you're making a difference in real-time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Once you decide what you are and are not willing to tolerate, it's important to kindly and immediately let people know. Otherwise, they will in-

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are so many ways to think about today's dilemma and, in the end, those thoughts are invisible and untouchable. It's the action that will matter.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll engage your life honestly, at least in your head. This is the start of all clarity. The day will bring you many gifts as you move toward your own excuses and faults with love.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 12). Your ideas hold within them sparks that can help humanity on the whole. The contribution you've wanted to make is possible. You'll become extremely organized on what needs to be done in your community. You'll join arms with a family cause. You'll put your money where it matters and get paid back for your best intentions. Gemini and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 38, 6, 16 and 3

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The battle to change is challenging enough when it's you you're trying change, but when it's someone else, it's not only hard, it's also probably futile, possibly selfish and likely impossible. Of course, all around us transformations are occurring without mental effort, intention or any willpower at all. Tides go out and in and out again. Planets travel; naiads become dragonflies; babies learn

to stand and sing and leap. When you quiet your mind, breathe easy and do very little of anything at all, you align yourself with the ever-changing nature of nature.

The major omen in the sky is a game of tug of war between the sun and Jupiter. The cosmic question posed here has to do with the energies of Cancer and Capricorn and the tug between our sense of self at home and our identity in the world. The question is further explored when the sun and Pluto form a similar tension a few hours later.

As the long Mercury retrograde ends, we'll slowly slip out of reactivity and get back to the work that counts. What was it we were trying to build here?

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Newsday Crossword SATURDAY STUMPER by Andrew Bell Lewis Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS

- 1 "The Trumpet Shall Sound" in *Messiah*, e.g.
- 9 Sub heading?
- 15 Focus of a Buenos Aires museum
- 16 Andean condor prey
- 17 Airy, crunchy snack
- 18 "He is American music," per Kern
- 19 Tangibly realize
- 20 New-"timey" short-video app
- 22 One of the Stockholm Convention's "dirty dozen" (2001)
- 23 Yam store inventory
- 25 Drop-off spot
- 27 Knightly order's kind of cross
- 31 Screened over
- 32 Cook's left
- 33 Roses on TR's coat of arms, e.g.
- 37 Sanctions south of El Paso
- 38 Much of King Solomon's Temple
- 39 Something under elder care
- 40 Austronesian transportation invention
- 42 Yeats contemporary
- 43 Sainted early follower of Francis
- 44 Did pan-roasting?
- 46 Part of the '80s *demokratizatsiya* program
- 49 Cover name on *My Father At 100* (2011)
- 50 The ___ (barbecue city, affectionately)
- 51 Region around Athens
- 53 Stuff

DOWN

- 1 Traffic noise dampener
- 2 Nike patent infringement opponent (c. 1992)
- 3 Place for potatoes
- 4 Bonneville Salt Flats events
- 5 Credit crunch overseer
- 6 Takes quite a while to deliver
- 7 *Avengers* enemy
- 8 10-min. walk for many
- 9 Role for a mole
- 10 Strauss opera based on Sophocles
- 11 House-closing disclosure
- 12 Symbol of simple living
- 13 Certain vitamins
- 14 Uses explosive charges
- 21 Viscous oil source
- 24 "Everyone likes me, ___ nobody understands me": Einstein
- 26 Call to action
- 27 *Abréviation du dictionnaire*
- 28 Capital with the University of The South Pacific
- 29 Things written off
- 30 Metaphor for an ultimate challenge
- 34 Home of Panhandle Natl. Forests
- 35 Inner feeling
- 36 It may be crying
- 38 What makes flamingos pink
- 41 Water-plant grazer
- 42 Maximally crowded into a class
- 45 Gum for the office
- 46 Word from Old Norse for "grin"
- 47 Onset of evening
- 48 Short rows
- 52 Swimmer or blister
- 54 What some coffee menus list as "misto"
- 55 What the Forest Service is part of
- 56 And next
- 58 Phone company that became a mega-conglomerate
- 60 Carpet stain removable with vinegar

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Expand your grilling horizons

Grilling is a great way to cook many different types of foods. Burgers, chicken or steaks may be grilling staples, but many other foods are equally at home cooking over an open flame. Shrimp grills up perfectly and can be enhanced with mesquite, oak or pecan wood. Wrapping shrimp with a spinach leaf not only increases the wow factor when plating, it also helps keep the shrimp tender and moist during cooking. Such is the case in this recipe for "Wood-Grilled Shrimp and Yellow Peppers" from "The Gardener & The Grill" (Running Press) by Karen Adler & Judith Fertig.

Wood-Grilled Shrimp and Yellow Peppers
Serves 4

1/2 cup moistened wood chips or dry wood pellets

1 1/2 pounds large shrimp (18 to 20 count), peeled and deveined

30 medium-size spinach leaves

2 yellow, red, or orange bell peppers, stemmed, seeded, and cut into quarters

1/4 cup olive oil
Kosher or sea salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Prepare a hot fire on one side of your grill for indirect cooking. Wrap each shrimp loosely with a large spinach leaf. Place the shrimp in a disposable aluminum pan. Lightly season with sea salt and pepper, and then drizzle lightly with olive oil.

wood chips or pellets in a foil packet with holes poked in the top; place the packet on the grill grate over the heat source.

When you see the first wisp of smoke from the wood, place the shrimp on the indirect side of the heat and the peppers on the direct side. Close the lid and grill for 8 minutes. Open the lid and turn the peppers. Grill for another 8 minutes. Open the lid and turn the peppers. Grill for another 8 minutes, then open the lid and transfer the peppers to the indirect side. Close the lid and transfer the peppers to the indirect side. Close the lid and grill for 15 to 20 minutes more, or until the shrimp are cooked through and they have a pleasant, smoky aroma. To serve, cut the peppers into strips, arrange on plates, and top with the shrimp.

For a charcoal grill, throw 1/2 cup moistened wood chips or dry wood pellets directly on the coals right before you want to grill. For a gas grill, enclose the

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Practice Healthy Habits

TSTC Nursing instructor wants graduates to be equipped, passionate

SWEETWATER, Texas - Texas State Technical College Nursing instructor Lisa Van Cleave has one goal for graduates of the program in Sweetwater.

"We want to turn out safe RNs who are highly equipped and passionate," she said.

TSTC offers an Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing at its Sweetwater and Harlingen campuses, and Van Cleave said 34 students are enrolled at the Sweetwater campus this summer. She expects to have 35 enrolled this fall.

"Our program in Sweetwater is different because the stu-



Courtesy photo

dents are coming in as LVNs," Van Cleave said.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Van Cleave said she hopes more licensed vocational nurses consider becoming registered nurses.

"Once you become an RN,

that opens the gate wider for you professionally," she said. Van Cleave and her fellow instructors are committed to student success.

"We highly emphasize passing the National Council Licensure Examination. We want to prepare our students to pass the exam the first time they take it," she said.

According to the Texas Department of State Health Services, Texas had 251,253 registered nurses as of September 2019, the latest statistical information available. Texas leads the nation in the number of

registered nurses, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to more interest in nursing, which has always been a profession that changes with the times.

"Everything seems to be changing on a daily basis during this pandemic," Van Cleave said. "It has helped us in the fact that we are able to get a better look at our curriculum."

TSTC also offers a certificate in Vocational Nursing at the Breckenridge, Harlingen and Sweetwater campuses.

Substance Abuse Among West Texas Teens

Special to the Herald

As most local students continue to take a break from school this summer, The Prevention Resource Center in Region 9 is reminding parents about the dangers of substance abuse among teens. Multiple studies show that alcohol and drug use among adolescents increases during the summer months. Among the most abused substances are alcohol, vaping, and marijuana. Here are some local statistics from the Texas School Survey:

Alcohol

- The average age of first use of alcohol by West Texas youth is 13.

- 34% of West Texas students say they are currently using alcohol.

- 14% of West Texas students say they are high-risk users.

Vaping

- Almost Half of all 12th graders in West Texas have used an e-cigarette

- Only 54% of West Texas teens think e-cigarettes are harmful

- 34% of West Texas high school think e-cigarettes are not very dangerous or dangerous at all

Marijuana

With legalization efforts succeeding in various states across the U.S., marijuana continues to grow as a drug of choice among youth and adults in Region 9. In recent years, perception of harm regarding marijuana has diminished in Region 9, possibly due to misinformation and pro-legalization efforts.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse:

Marijuana use can lead the development of problem use, known as marijuana use disorder. People who begin using marijuana before the age of 18 are four to seven times more likely to develop a marijuana use disorder than adults

We encourage you to help us spread awareness about this growing problem among our youth.

If you are interested in an interview or more facts, please contact Jose Gaona (432) 894-2484.

TSTC Automotive Technology instructor brings military experience to school's program

SWEETWATER - Gerod Strother has worked on all types of vehicles.

Strother, a 21-year veteran of the U.S. military, brings that experience to Texas State Technical College as an Automotive Technology instructor. After retiring from the military, he began working at the Sweetwater campus in January.

His experience in the military included service with the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Army.

"I experienced the highest of highs and the lowest of lows in the military," Strother said.

He said the moment he remembers the most was during Operation

Enduring Freedom, America's response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

"I was part of the first military action in Afghanistan. I loaded the bombs on the first aircraft that were going to bomb Afghanistan," Strother said. "For a guy from small-town Andrews, Texas, I knew then I was, for the first time in my life, part of the big time."

Strother's first job in the Air Force was as an aircraft electrician on B-1 bombers. He also performed vehicle maintenance at several bases and served as an Air Force recruiter in Abilene.

He said one of the

more unique jobs was working on a Tunner 60K Cargo Aircraft Loader, which is used to load pallets on large aircraft.

"It is the size of two or three cars," he said. "It took a special school to learn how to operate it."

After his time in the Air Force, Strother switched his focus and attended officer candidate school at Fort Benning, Georgia. His Army career led him to several locations, including Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Lewis, Washington; and Fort Polk, Louisiana.

While in the Army, Strother was deployed to Afghanistan for a second time but returned

home for additional officer training. While in the military, he worked on earning a bachelor's degree and a master's degree "without having to pay any money."

"(During) my time in the military, I met some really good people," Strother said. His service has already helped him in his short career as an educator.

"I knew that I would have to deal with different types of people. I did that for 21 years," Strother said. "I also learned from different people that there is more than one management style to use."

For more information on Texas State Technical College, go to tstc.edu.



Courtesy photo/Gerod Strother

TSTC Automotive Technology instructor Gerod Strother served in the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Army for 21 years.

HHSC announces recipients of the Innovators in Aging Award

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN - The Texas Health and Human Services Commission today announced the recipients of the 2019 Innovators in Aging award, which highlights individuals and organizations that have positive impacts on the lives of older Texans.

"This year's award recipients have all created unique, inspiring ways to significantly improve the quality of life for aging Texans, a demographic that is an important and growing part of our state," said Holly Riley, Texas HHSC Aging Services Coordination Manager.

According to the Texas Demographic Center, the population of Texans who are older than 65 is expected to exceed 9 million people within the next 30 years. With that population expanding, more innovation is needed to meet its needs. Texas HHSC is recognizing seven organizations and individuals that have developed and carried out new ideas that help older adults stay healthy, connected and informed.

The 2019 Innovators in Aging award recipients are:

Active for Life® at the Texas A&M Center for Population Health and Aging: Active for Life® addresses the critical issue of translating research into practice in meeting the needs of older adults, by connecting partners and stakeholders that help older adults become active members of their health care team.

AGE of Central Texas and Blanton Museum of Art: This unique partnership offers an accessible opportunity for people living with early memory loss and their caregivers to have an interactive museum experience, promoting connection between the older adult with dementia and their caregiver.

Caring in Action: Caring in Action pairs volunteers with residents of nursing or assisted living facilities through The Holiday Project and shares HHSC Age Well Live Well resources through the Activity Professionals of Texas Networking Group. The

initiative connects people of all ages, faiths, and backgrounds through volunteering and engagement.

Jim Jonson and The Medicare Puzzle: The Medicare Puzzle is a 50-minute video that provides an overview of the Medicare system and a detailed breakdown of its requirements and protocols. The information is presented by Jim Jonson, a volunteer Benefits Counselor at the Alamo Area Agency on Aging for 14 years.

Laura Golden and Cheyenne Rhodes of My Health My Resources of Tarrant County: Golden and Ms. Rhodes are part of the clinical care team at the My Health My Resources of Tarrant County that created and successfully implemented a person-centered, dementia-friendly intervention for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and dementia.

Texas Elder Abuse and Mistreatment Institute for their work on the Forensic Assessment Center Network-Adult Division program: The FACN-Adult Division program uses telehealth to connect geriatric and forensic mistreatment experts with Adult Protective Services and HHSC provider investigation specialists to help them address the safety and well-being of vulnerable adults in Texas.

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Garrison Institute on Aging: The Garrison Institute on Aging is a collaborative initiative aiming to advance healthy aging through innovative research, education, and community outreach. The institute also offers RSVP, a Healthy Aging Lecture Series, and the Care Partner Academy, a caregiver support group.

All recipients of the Innovators in Aging award were nominated by their communities. This is the second year of the award program. More information about it is available here. Texas residents can also dial 2-1-1 to learn about programs and services for older adults.

What to know about vesicular stomatitis

The disease has outbreaks every few years and can be harmful to horses, mules, cattle and swine.

By Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences staff

COLLEGE STATION, July 10, 2020 - Vesicular stomatitis, or VSV, is a virus endemic to the warmer regions of North, Central and South America. Texans with livestock and horses are likely familiar with the disease, as outbreaks of VSV typically occur in the state every few years.

The current national outbreak of VSV began on April 13, when the National Veterinary Services Laboratory reported VSV-positive premises in New Mexico. On April 23, the first in-state VSV finding of this outbreak was reported at an equine facility in Starr County, Texas.

Dr. Leslie Easterwood, a clinical assistant professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, informs horse and livestock owners on what they should know about this virus and how they can keep their animals safe and healthy.

"Vesicular stomatitis is a viral disease that affects horses, donkeys, mules, cattle and swine," Easterwood said. "This virus is spread by insect vectors, including blackflies, sand flies and members of the Culicoides species (usually 'no-see-um gnats')."

The current serotype, or "version" of VSV, causing this outbreak is known as the New Jersey serotype, which Easterwood characterizes as being very virulent and contagious.

The virus causes crusting, ulcerative and vesicular (fluid-filled) lesions of the lips, tongue, coronary bands (where the hairline meets hoof), mammary glands, muzzle and nostrils.

"These lesions are very inflamed, causing swelling, pain, and excess salivation," she said. "Many affected animals are lame due to the inflammation of the coronary bands, and have a hard time chewing and swallowing their feed due to the lesions on their lips and tongue."

Easterwood says that VSV is self-limiting, meaning the disease tends to go away on its own, but that anti-inflammatory medications may help to decrease pain and swelling caused by the lesions.

To protect animals from contracting VSV, Easterwood recommends practicing good fly control and limiting exposure to infected animals, as the virus can be spread directly from animal to animal or between shared spaces and equipment, such as water buckets.

In addition to causing harm to individual animals, VSV can also be more broadly dangerous to agricultural industries.

"This virus can be especially detrimental to our milk producing cows," Easterwood said. "They can become lame and the lesions decrease their milk production."

"With horses, infected individuals are not allowed to travel to events where they could be mingled and transmit the virus. VSV could have economic impacts on our show horses, racehorses, commercial dairy cattle, and commercial swine operations."

If an owner suspects that one of their animals is suffering from VSV or has been exposed to an infected animal, they should consult their veterinarian promptly due to the highly contagious nature of the condition.

"This viral disease is a reportable disease, which means that the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) will be informed when an animal tests positive," Easterwood said. "TAHC will then control how the animal's movements are restricted until the symptoms resolve and the outbreak is over."

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.

Texas Cowboy Joel Nelson named working Cowboy Award recipient

Ranching Heritage Association will present award at National Golden Spur Award dinner Oct. 10.

Special to the Herald

Joel Nelson, a Texas cowboy that some say has considerable talent with horses, will be the third recipient of the Ranching Heritage Association Working Cowboy Award during the 43rd Annual National Golden Spur Award dinner at 6 p.m. Saturday, October 10 at the Overton Hotel in Lubbock.

"This award is designed to recognize an outstanding individual who makes his living primarily horseback caring for livestock on a daily basis," said Jim Bret Campbell, director of the National Ranching Heritage Center (NRHC) at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. "Although Joel grew up in Seymour, Texas, and now ranches in Alpine, his impact has been felt from the King Ranch in South Texas to the Parker Ranch in Hawaii."

The Ranching Heritage Association (RHA), a nationwide non-profit membership organization supporting the work and mission of the NRHC, sponsors the award on an annual basis to honor a working cowboy skilled in all aspects of ranch work and respected by the ranch crew and ranching community.

"Our Board of Directors believes it's important to recognize those folks who brave all kinds of weather and conditions to ensure that work on a ranch gets done," Campbell said. "Our first two recipients—Boots O'Neal of the Four Sixes Ranch and Arizona cowboy Ed Ashurst—set a high standard in regard to integrity and impact on a ranch and the surrounding community. Joel Nelson definitely fits in the mold established by Boots and Ed."

Campbell said Nelson's nomination included heartfelt letters from supporters across ranch country. King Ranch descendent Tio Kleberg called Nelson "a cowman's cowboy" who does and can do all the jobs to perfection. Kleberg's wife, Janelle, described Nelson as "the finest horseman I have ever seen, and I have seen many."

Western entertainer Red Steagall declared Nelson's talents with a horse unequaled and said "his instincts about handling cattle give him an edge over almost anyone else in the cow outfit."

Nelson has spent decades working on some of the most respected ranches in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Hawaii, specializing in breaking colts. He and his wife Sylvia work together on horseback

operating the Anchor Ranch near Alpine and raising Angus cattle.

Nelson's skills on the ranch are rivaled only by his widespread reputation as a cowboy poet. He takes the raw materials of ranch life and expresses them in poetry. In 2009, Nelson was named a National Heritage Fellow by the National Endowment for the Arts for "major contributions to the excellence, vitality and public appreciation of the folk and traditional arts." In addition, his "Breaker in the Pen" album of cowboy verse is the only cowboy poetry ever nominated for a Grammy Award.

Nelson was invited in 1999 to Rothbury, Northumberland, England for one month as a poet-in-residence visiting school classrooms, young farmers' meetings and public gatherings. An article in "Poetry Review" described him as captivating his audience and "incomparable as an inspirational force for poetry."

Since 1986 he has been a regular performer at the annual Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nev., and helped found the Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Alpine, where he served on the organizing committee for 33 years.

"My earliest memory is of my father carrying me in the saddle with the saddle horn between my legs," said 74-year-old Nelson. "I must have been three. He pointed to the ground and taught me to tell the difference between a cow and a horse track."

Cows and horses have been part of Nelson's life ever since, and he has managed to merge his two



Courtesy photo/ Ross Hecox

Texas cowboy Joel Nelson, recipient of the 2020 Working Cowboy Award, stands with his horse Stoney on the Anchor Ranch in the Davis Mountains near Alpine. The award is given annually by the Ranching Heritage Association, a nationwide non-profit organization supporting the programs of the National Ranching Heritage Center at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

great passions: poetry and the cowboy lifestyle. "There's rhythm and meter to everything when you work outside," Nelson said. "Trotting across a grassy flat, working cattle, the day-to-day changes of the seasons; they all have a poetic cadence."

Gary Dunshee, owner of the Big Bend Saddlery in Alpine, may have summarized Nelson's life best in describing him as "a great ambassador for cowboy-ing not only in Texas but all of the West."

To register for the National Golden Spur Award dinner, call Vicki Quinn-Williams at (806) 834-0469 or register online at www.ranchingheritage.org/spur. Reservations are required by Thursday, October 1. Tickets are \$95 for RHA members and \$125 for non-members.

Birth announcement

OANNA BETH BREMER



Sarah Beth Dunn Bremer and Craig Michael Bremer of Spring, Texas proudly announce the birth of their first child, Joanna Beth Bremer.

Joanna arrived at 2:52 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2020, at Hermann Memorial Hospital in Houston, Texas.

She weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 20.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents and aunt are Michael, Amy

and Katie Dunn of Big Spring. Paternal grandparents are Mike and Lois Bremer of Sugar Land, Texas.

New beginnings

New beginnings are always exciting: weddings with candles and flowers, beautiful bridesmaids, handsome groomsmen, laughter, toasts and dancing; the birth of a baby wrapped in blankets, showered with gifts; graduations with speeches about dreams and possibilities; a new job; a new home. Starting anew stirs our imagination.

New beginnings are filled with excitement, optimism, and hope as well as fear, doubt and worry. Weddings are fun, but making a marriage is hard work. Babies are cute, but raising a child is challenging. Graduation marks a significant achievement, but finding a job and advancing in a chosen career can be daunting.

We cannot predict our future. Not all newlyweds who leave the marriage altar showered with petals and birdseed will experience a life-long relationship of love and fulfillment. Not all babies will grow to health and maturity. Not all graduates will find positions for which they prepared. But, we are all called to something new, something significant.

God always calls us forward into new beginnings. He beckons us to leave the old and familiar to follow Him on a journey of discovery into places we have never been. He encourages us to

calm our fears and exchange our doubts for faith. He challenges us to trust in Him for a better future and a better day. Even in this Coronavirus fog, God is calling us preparing a future and a hope.

When God called Abraham, He called him from his familiar home to follow Him into a strange land. God said, "Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father's house to a land that I will show you; and I will make you a great nation and I will bless you, and make your name great, and you shall be a blessing." (Genesis 12:1-2). Abraham's step of faith to follow God into a new beginning changed history.

To Isaiah, God said, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland." (Isa. 43:18-19). Paul wrote, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone. The new has come." 2 Cor. 5:17).

The 2020 pandemic has thrown the world into confusion. Families, careers and whole economies have been upended. But, on the other side, is a new beginning. If we will persevere and be patient, we will find a new day dawning with possibilities and opportunities. God has promised.

Submitted by Bill Tinsley

Something to think about ...

I have been reflecting on true freedom and was reminded of something Henri Nouwen wrote several years ago:

"The words of Jesus, 'Set your hearts on God's kingdom first... and all other things will be given to you as well,' summarize best the way we

are called to live our lives. With our hearts set on God's kingdom. That kingdom is not some faraway land that we hope to reach, nor is it life after death or an ideal state of affairs. No. God's kingdom is, first of all, the active presence of God's spirit within us, offering us the freedom we truly desire.

And so the main question becomes: How to set our hearts on the kingdom first when our hearts are pre-occupied with so many things? Somehow a radical change of heart is required, a change that allows us to experience the reality of our existence from God's place.

Once I saw a mime in which a man was straining to open one of the three doors in the room where he found himself. He pushed and pulled at the door-knobs, but none of the doors would open. Then he kicked with his feet against the wooden panels of the door, but they didn't break. Finally, he threw his full weight against the doors, but none of them yielded.

It was a ridiculous, yet very hilarious sight, because the man was so concentrated on the three locked doors that he didn't even notice that the room had no back wall and that he could simply walk out if he would only turn around and look!

That is what conversion is all about. It is a complete turnaround that allows us to discover that we are not the prisoners we think we are. From God's place, we often look like the man who tries to open the locked doors of his room. We worry about many things and even wound ourselves while worrying.

God says: "Turn around, set your hearts on my kingdom. I give you all the freedom you desire." ~ From Here and Now: Living in the Spirit by Henri Noun

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