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Angel Trees are out in the community. Deadline: Dec. 11 for angel adoption.

Christmas Tree Forest is open at Heritage Museum.

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BSFD responds to Wednesday structure fire



HERALD photo/Iris Rangel

The Big Spring Fire Department responded to a call for a structure fire call Wednesday morning. Upon arrival at the scene, black smoke was seen coming out of a window. It appeared Big Spring Fire Department was able to contain the fire to the single structure. At press time no information was able to be retrieved regarding injuries or source of the fire. More information will be reported when it becomes available.



Scenic Mountain Medical Center has reported:
 • 23 Covid-19 positive patients
 • 5 in ICU & 4 vents
 • 17 in MedSurg/Telemetry
 Hospital capacity is full for Covid-19 patients and 75% full for regular in-patients
 SMMG & SMMC Testing through 12/2:
 • 2,003 tests
 • 526 positives for 26.3% positivity rate
 In the last nine days 227 patients have tested of which 81 were positive for a rate of 35% positivity, which is the highest that has been seen.
*SMMC provided numbers for in-house patients/SMMG testing since the onset of Covid-19

String the lights, bring out the Christmas decor

KBest's 4th annual Christmas Lights Contest is Dec. 11-12

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

'Tis the Season for Christmas Lights Galore!

The deadline to enter the KBest 4th Annual Christmas Lights Contest presented by Bike Mike's Farm Store is almost here. Those wishing to take part need to have the entry form filled out – online or in person – by 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10.

"We are excited to bring the Christmas Lights Contest back again this year," Malinda Flenniken, KBest Media Co-Owner said. "Everyone needs a little Christmas cheer, especially this year."

According to Flenniken, there are more than 30 local sponsors and more than \$10,000 in cash and prizes to be awarded to winners across Howard County. A dozen judges will head out across the county on Dec. 11 and Dec. 12 between 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. and in the end, there will be 33 winners announced. Howard County has been divided up into 11 areas: six Big Spring city council districts plus Highland



Courtesy photo

The KBest 4th Annual Christmas Lights Contest is approaching. The deadline to register to have your house judged is Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. Pictured above is the First Place winner in District 5 from last year's contest.

South, and four Howard County precincts which include Knott, Vincent, Coahoma and Forsan.

"This contest was originally started as a way of bringing back a tradition that many remember from their childhood, but had slowly started to fade

away, which was piling in the car and driving around town to look at Christmas lights," Flenniken said. "Four years ago, we noticed there wasn't an abundance of Christmas lights being

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Santa Clause is making his way Coahoma

Coahoma Christmas in the Park has been cancelled, house decorating contest still a go

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

The tradition continues with the third annual Christmas in Coahoma Best Decorated House Contest. The Coahoma Christmas in the Park which was originally scheduled to take place Dec. 12 from 3 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. and is sponsored by the Coahoma Lions Club will not be taking place this year.

"We feel as an organization we would like to do as much as possible for our community and try to get back to a sense of normal," Lisa Duggan with the Coahoma Lions Club, said. "The holidays

are a great time for the community to come together and celebrate, however, for the safety of the community we have decided to cancel the Christmas in the Park celebration."

While the celebration in the park has been cancelled, there will still be a special surprise for Coahoma residents on Saturday afternoon. Santa Clause will be making special trip through Coahoma. The Howard County Volunteer Fire Department will be providing a ride for Santa

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Obituaries

Rodolfo "Rudy" De Leon

Rodolfo "Rudy" De Leon, Jr., 86, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020. Viewing and visitation will be Friday, Dec. 4, 2020 at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, 2020, with a vigil service at 7:00 PM. Funeral service will be Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020, at 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Rudy was born on October 12, 1934 in Big Spring. He married Josie De Leon on Dec. 14, 1955, in Big Spring. He lived his entire life in Big Spring. He worked for Stripling for 30 years. He then worked for the county as head of maintenance for 20 years. He was a devoted Catholic.

Rudy was a really hard worker. He loved attending church. He enjoyed the casinos. He loved being around family. He was in the men's organization Holy Name Society with Sacred Heart.

He is survived by two daughters: Janel Ortiz and

her husband David of Big Spring and Rosella Munoz and her husband Robert of Big Spring; four grandsons: Rudolph Munoz of San Antonio, Justin Franco of Cedar Park, Adrian De Leon of Big Spring, and Rene De Leon of Big Spring; three granddaughters: Jennifer De Leon of Big Spring, Ashley Paredez of Big Spring, and Marisol Ortiz of Big Spring; and seven great grandchildren: Rylee Logston, Paisynn Munoz, Lilliana Franco, Aubrielle De Leon, Adrian De Leon and Eddie De Leon, Jr., Anaiyah Shortes, and Axel Perez.

He was preceded in death by his wife: Josie De Leon; his daughter: Janet De Leon; and his parents: Rodolfo and Guadalupe De Leon.

Pallbearers will be Mario De Leon, Ben De Leon, Rene De Leon, Jeff Leal, Martin Anguiano, and Rudolph Munoz. Honorary pallbearers will be Justin Franco, Adrian De Leon and Eddie De Leon, Jr.

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

Paid Obituary

H.D. Lopez

H. D. Lopez, 70, of Big Spring died Monday, Nov. 30, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Eufrasia Gonzales

Eufrasia Gonzales, 86, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Thursday with a Vigil at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Jackie Don Merrill

Jackie Don Merrill, Sr., 67, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Nov. 29, 2020.

Viewing and visitation will be on Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home, with family receiving friends from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Funeral service will be on Friday, Dec. 4, 2020, at 10 a.m. at Life Church with Pastor Kevin Knudson of Life Church officiating.

Jack was born on Dec. 24, 1952 in Lamesa, Texas. He is survived by his wife: Mary Lou of Big Spring; four sons: Jackie Don Merrill, Jr. of Odessa, Stony Dean Merrill of Sterling City, Clinton Paul Merrill of Sterling City, and Jory Andrew Merrill of Sterling City; two stepdaughters and one stepson.

He was preceded in death by his father: Roy Duward Merrill; his first wife: Judith Ann Mackey Merrill; and one brother: Van Allen Merrill.

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

Fire/EMS

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Westover. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of NE 11th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of W. 13th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Brent Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Runnels. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Washington Boulevard. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of N. Highway 87. No transport was required.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **LINDA ANN FOSTER**, 43, of 603 State Street, was arrested on charges of manufacture delivery of controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to one gram less than four grams) (x2).
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of Brown Street and W. 1st Street.
- **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the area of CR 846 and NCR 45.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 88 inmates at the time of this report.

- **LINDA ANN FOSTER**, 43, was arrested by BSPD on charges of manufacture delivery of controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to one gram less than four grams) (x2).
- **JOHNNY RICHARD REYES**, 33, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of contempt of court.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.
- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtc-mhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.
- GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death.

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Today: Sunny, with a high near 47. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 27. North wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 56. West wind 5 to 10 mph.

Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 31.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 62.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 33.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 61.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 34.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 61.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 34.

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

USDA Natural Resources

Conservation Service reminds of first application deadline

Special to the Herald

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas reminds agricultural landowners and land managers the first application deadline is December 4, 2020, for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). A second funding application deadline will be February 12, 2021.

Applications are taken year around for NRCS programs, but deadlines are announced to rank and fund eligible conservation projects. Producers interested in signing up for EQIP should submit applications to their local USDA service center. If already a USDA client, a producer can submit applications online via Farmers.gov.

EQIP is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers. Technical assistance is provided without a fee from NRCS specialists to help landowners and land managers plan and implement conservation practices to help them meet their land management goals, address natural resource concerns and improve soil, water, plant, animal, air, and related resources on agricultural land and non-industrial private forestland.

For additional information visit the NRCS Texas website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov. Applications for EQIP are accepted on a continuous basis. Producers interested in EQIP can contact their local USDA service center or visit our NRCS EQIP web page.

LIGHTS

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hung, and we thought why not have a little incentive to get more Christmas lights up around town and spread some Christmas spirit."

Each participating house will be judged in four categories on a scale of 1-10 on Creativity, Design, Lights, and Overall Presentation. There will be extra points awarded for those who incorporate lighted poinsettias in the design. There will be First through Third Place cash awards for each district and precinct, in addition to the overall grand prize winner. "This is all about community.

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beginning at 3 p.m.

"We encourage the community to keep an eye out and watch as Santa passes by your neighborhood. Santa will be throwing candy canes as he passes by each residence," she said.

Connie Shaw, Coahoma Lion's Club Secretary added, "This year has proven to be difficult for annual events. Our citizens safety is our top priority and we take every precaution when planning events," Duggan said. "This is an amazing community, and we love to show our appreciation to its citizens."

The annual house decorating contest is once again offering the residents in Coahoma an opportunity to show off their decorating skills and add a little Christmas cheer.

We have more than 30 sponsors who have joined with us to make this possible," she said. "I am really excited about this year's grand prize because it is completely local. All the winnings are from local businesses and includes a staycation at Hotel Settles with a ton more goodies."

Flenniken continued, "This is the perfect Covid-safe holiday event for this year. Families can hang their lights together while making memories; the entry form can be submitted online, and judges will be in their cars while they judge. We'll post a list of the entries so that families can make an evening of driving around to see the houses as well

as the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights, all while hearing Christmas music on 94.3 FM. We are really looking forward to this year's contest and it was all made possible by the participating businesses and good people who make up Big Spring and Howard County."

To submit an entry form, visit kbst.com or swing by the station to pick up a form at 608 Johnson Street between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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"The house decorating contest is limited to those who live inside Coahoma city limits," Duggan said.

Those wishing to take part in the Best Decorated House Contest need to have an entry form turned in by Dec. 9 at Coahoma City Hall. The only criteria for the contest is that the home is within the City Limits of Coahoma. Decorations can consist of lights or other holiday décor. The judges, according to Duggan, will be basing their decision on overall design and appeal of the holiday décor. Forms are already available at Coahoma City Hall.

"Come out and join us for these events and help us to keep this tradition going for future years," she said.

For more information, contact 432-394-4287.

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Take Note

- Isaiah 58's last distribution will be Dec. 15 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. The food pantry will be closed for the holiday season, through the end of the year beginning Dec. 21. through January 5, 2021.

- Forsan's 7th annual Christmas in Boomtown Parade has been cancelled this year. The parade was originally supposed to take place Dec. 5, but in the best interest and safety of the community, the parade has been cancelled.

- The City of Big Spring recently announced that due to a recent increase in COVID-19 cases, all indoor city-owned rental facilities including our venue, The Big Spring Municipal Auditorium, will be closed for the rest of the year. With this announcement and with no other venue options that will properly social distance our musicians, we will be unable to kick off our season on Dec. 19 with our "Holiday Spectacular" Concert. Be watching our Facebook page, Symphony website (Bigspring-symphony.org), the Big Spring Herald, KBYG and KBST for further details and a new kick-off date for our season, appropriately entitled, "The Versatile Big Spring Symphony". Thank you for your continued support and patience as we navigate through these unusual times. We hope to see you very soon. May you and your family stay safe and healthy through the rest of this Holiday Season!

- The Howard County Courthouse will only be open by appointment. All doors except the handicapped entrance located on the west side of the building will be locked. All who enter will be screened following Covid guidelines. Face masks are required for all who enter.

- After the Thanksgiving break, CISD will follow the below schedule. Nov.30-Dec.3rd In person instruction (Mon.-Thurs.); Dec.4 Remote Learning for all students (Friday); Dec. 7-10 In person instruction (Mon.-Thurs.); Dec. 11 Remote Learning for all students (Friday); Dec.14-17 In Person Instruction. Remote Friday's provide the district with the opportunity to deep clean, separate for 72 hours, and time to be intentional on student learning. Each campus administrator will provide more detailed information. On these remote learning Fridays, lunch will be available for pick up between 10 a.m. and Noon.

- City of Big Spring offices have moved to by appointment only or electronic communication only. Contact information for all departments can be found on the city website at mybigspring.com.

- Christmas in Coahoma at the Park, Saturday, Dec. 12 from 3 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. has been cancelled, for safety rea-

sons. Santa will be making his rounds through the community with the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department providing the ride. There will also be a Best Decorated House Contest for houses in Coahoma City Limits. Deadline for entries is Dec. 9 at Coahoma City Hall. Both events are sponsored by the Coahoma Lions Club.

- Forsan Food Pantry will be open twice a month from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Families who are in need can pull up to the front doors of the Junior High/High School and receive a free box of pre-packed meals. If you have any questions or need to pick up a box at a different time, contact Kaci Wash at 432-457-2223 ext 821 or Jenny Sayles at jennysales@yahoo.com.

- Cub Scouts meet Monday from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Naz Family Church, located at 1400 S. Lancaster.

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Rudolfo DeLeon, Jr. 86, died Sunday. Visitation will be from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM with a Vigil at 7:00 PM on Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Demitrius Pruitt, 53, died Tuesday. Private family services will be held Saturday at 1:00 PM at Cornerstone Covenant Church.

Shirley White, 87, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Margie Barron, 93, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jack Merrill, 67, died Sunday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Thursday with the family receiving friends from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Friday at Life Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

H. D. Lopez, 70, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Eufrosia Gonzales, 86, died Tuesday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Thursday with a Vigil at 7:00 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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UK authorizes Pfizer coronavirus vaccine for emergency use

LONDON (AP) — Britain authorized a COVID-19 vaccine for use Wednesday, greenlighting the first shot backed up by rigorous scientific review. The first vaccinations are expected within days — a major step toward eventually ending the pandemic.

The go-ahead for the vaccine from American drugmaker Pfizer and Germany's BioNTech comes as the virus surges again in the United States and Europe, putting pressure on hospitals and forcing new rounds of restrictions that have devastated the global economy. Officials cautioned that several tough months still lie ahead, even in Britain, given the scale of the operation needed to vaccinate large swaths of the population.

The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency, which licenses drugs in the U.K., recommended the vaccine for emergency use after it reviewed a raft of data, including the results of clinical trials that showed it was 95% effective and offered significant protection for older people, among those most at risk of dying from the disease. But the vaccine remains experimental while final testing is done.

"This is, without any shadow of a doubt, an historic day," said David Harper, senior consulting fellow in global health at the Chatham House think tank. "This is an unprecedented piece of science," given that the vaccine was authorized less than a year after COVID-19 was discovered.

Other countries aren't far behind: Regulators in the United States, the European Union and Canada also are vetting the Pfizer vaccine along with a similar shot made by competitor Moderna Inc. British and Canadian regulators also are considering another shot made by AstraZeneca and Oxford University.

British Health Secretary Matt Hancock said the U.K. will begin receiving the first shipment of 800,000 doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine "within days," and people will start getting the shots as soon as it arrives. Two doses three weeks apart are required for protection.

The U.K. expects to receive "millions of doses" by the end of this year, Hancock said, adding that the exact number will depend on how fast it can be manufactured and checked for quality.

"The doses that we have for the U.K. are currently being packed (by) our colleagues at Pfizer's facility in Belgium, ready for shipping very, very quickly," BioNTech's chief commercial officer, Sean Marett, told reporters Wednesday.

But doses are scarce as production ramps up. Bi-

oNTech, which owns the vaccine, has so far signed deals to supply 570 million doses worldwide in 2021, with options to deliver 600 million more, Marett said. It hopes to supply at least 1.3 billion in 2021.

The German company has partnered with Pfizer to deliver the vaccine worldwide, except in China where local company Fosun Pharma will handle distribution.

The BioNTech figures still only represent a fraction of what will be needed as public health officials try to vaccinate much of the world's population. Experts have said that several vaccines will be needed in order to quickly end the pandemic, which has killed more than 1.4 million people worldwide.

In Britain, public health officials plan to offer the vaccine first to those who are most at risk of dying from the disease and those whose jobs put them at risk of contracting the virus and spreading it to others. The vaccination program will be expanded to others as supplies become available.

The first vaccines will go to nursing home residents and those who care for them, followed by everyone over 80, and healthcare workers. From there, government plans call for vaccines to be offered roughly on the basis of age groups, starting with the oldest people first.

The drugmakers said they would immediately begin shipping limited supplies to the U.K. — and have been gearing up for wider distribution if the shot receives approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, a decision expected as early as next week.

Despite the speed with which they approved the vaccine, British regulators insisted "no corners have been cut" during the review process.

The MHRA made its recommendation following a rolling review of that allowed it to assess information about the vaccine as soon as it became available. The agency began analysis of preclinical data in October, followed by information on manufacturing and quality assurance and finally the results of the clinical trials.

"The safety of the public will always come first," Dr. June Raine, chief executive of the agency, said during a news conference. "And I emphasize again that this recommendation has only been given by the MHRA following the most rigorous scientific assessment of every piece of data."

Getting that message to the public will be critical if any vaccination program is to be successful. Some people are worried about getting any vaccine, never mind a new one.

Jacqueline Roubians, a retired nurse, hopes most people will get the shot.

"A lot of people are skeptical but I think once they understand and see everyone else having it without hesitation, I think you'll find that people will go and have it," Roubians, 76, said at Brixton Market in London. "People are dying of COVID, so you make that decision: do you want to die or do you want the vaccine?"

In addition to massive logistical challenge of distributing billions of vaccines, the Pfizer-BioNTech one must be stored and shipped at ultra-cold temperatures of around minus 70 degrees Celsius (minus 94 degrees Fahrenheit).

Pfizer says it has developed shipping containers that use dry ice to keep the vaccine cool. GPS-enabled sensors will allow the company to track each shipment and ensure they stay cold.

The company also says it has agreed to work with other vaccine makers to ensure there is sufficient supply and a range of vaccines, "including those suitable for global access."

Every country has different rules for determining when an experimental vaccine is safe and effective enough to use. Intense political pressure to be the first to roll out a rigorously scientifically tested shot colored the race in the U.S. and Britain, even as researchers pledged to cut no corners.

In contrast, China and Russia have offered different vaccinations to their citizens ahead of late-stage testing.

The vaccine made by Pfizer and BioNTech was tested in tens of thousands of people. And while the study isn't complete, early results suggest the vaccine is 95% effective at preventing mild to severe COVID-19 disease. The companies told regulators that of the first 170 infections detected in study volunteers, only eight were among people who'd received the actual vaccine and the rest had gotten a dummy shot.

The companies also reported no serious side effects, although vaccine recipients may experience temporary pain and flu-like reactions immediately after injections.

Still to be determined is whether the shots protect against people spreading the coronavirus without showing symptoms. Another question is how long protection lasts.

The vaccine also has been tested in only a small number of children, none younger than 12, and there's no information on its effects in pregnant women.

US lawmakers unveil anti-slavery constitutional amendment

NEW YORK (AP) — National lawmakers are expected on Wednesday to introduce a joint resolution aimed at striking language from the U.S. Constitution that enshrines a form of slavery in America's foundational documents.

The resolution, spearheaded and supported by Democratic members of the House and Senate, would amend the 13th Amendment's ban on chattel enslavement to expressly prohibit involuntary servitude as a punishment for crime. As ratified, the original amendment has permitted exploitation of labor by convicted felons for over 155 years since the abolition of slavery.

The 13th Amendment "continued the process of a white power class gravely mistreating Black Americans, creating generations of poverty, the breakup of families and this wave of mass incarceration that we still wrestle with today," Sen. Jeff Merkley of Oregon told The Associated Press ahead of the resolution's introduction.

A House version is led by outgoing Rep. William Lacy Clay, of St. Louis, who said the amendment "seeks to finish the job that President (Abraham) Lincoln started."

It would "eliminate the dehumanizing and discriminatory forced labor of prisoners for profit that has been used to drive the over-incarceration of African Americans since the end of the Civil War," Clay said.

In the Senate, the resolution has Sens. Bernie Sanders of Vermont, Ed Markey of Massachusetts and Chris Van Hollen of Maryland signed on as co-sponsors. "This change to the 13th Amendment will finally, fully rid our nation of a form of legalized slavery," Van Hollen said in an emailed statement.

Constitutional amendments are rare and require approval by two-thirds of the House and Senate, as well as ratification by three-quarters of state legislatures. Should the proposal fail to move out of committee in the remaining weeks of the current Congress, Merkley said he hoped to revive it next year.

The effort has been endorsed by more than a dozen human rights and social justice organizations, including The Sentencing Project, the Anti-Recidivism Coalition and Color of Change.

"It is long past time that Congress excise this language from the U.S. Constitution which should begin to put an end to the abusive practices derived from it," said Laura Pitter, deputy director of the U.S. program at Human Rights Watch, which also endorsed the amendment.

The proposed amendment comes nearly one month after voters in Nebraska and Utah approved initiatives amending their state constitutions to remove language that allows slavery and involuntary servitude as criminal punishments. In 2018, Colorado was among the first U.S. states to remove such language by ballot measure.

Although nearly half of state constitutions do not mention human bondage or prison labor as punishment, just over 20 states still include such clauses in governing documents that date back to the 19th century abolition of slavery.

In Merkley's Oregon, voters in 2002 approved the elimination of constitutional language that prohibited Black Americans from living in the state unless they were enslaved.

He said the movement toward a federal amendment is "kind of saying to the world, let's not forget this big piece of injustice that's sitting squarely in

the middle of our Constitution, as we wrestle with criminal justice reform."

Many Americans will recognize modern-day prison labor as chain gangs deployed from prison facilities for agricultural and infrastructure work. The prevalence of prison labor has been largely accepted as a means for promoting rehabilitation, teaching trade skills and reducing idleness among prisoners.

But the practice has a much darker history. Following the abolition of slavery, Southern states that lost the literal backbone of their economies began criminalizing formerly enslaved Black men and women for offenses as petty as vagrancy or having unkempt children.

This allowed legal re-enslavement of African Americans, who were no longer seen as sympathetic victims of inhumane bondage, said Michele Goodwin, a constitutional law professor at the University of California, Irvine.

"These people became criminals, and it became very difficult for many abolitionists to use the same kinds of emotional messaging about the humanity of these individuals," Goodwin said.

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Howard County Football: 2020 All-District selections for each local team



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Above left: District 3-4A Co-Offensive MVP Gabriel Baeza finds his way into the end zone against Brownfield. Above center: District 'Pride' winner Clayton Tucker leads Forsan out of the tunnel. Above right: First Team Offense RB Brysen Kerby carries the ball.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

Over the past week, the 2020 All-District Football Teams for each of Howard County's districts have been named. The teams were filled with players from Big Spring, Coahoma, and Forsan as all three teams put together solid seasons where they each clinched playoff berths.

Big Spring quarterback Gabriel Baeza was named the District 3-4A Co-Offensive Most Valuable Player (MVP) after posting a season with over 2,600 yards and 28 total touchdowns. In Coahoma, the versatile playmakers Tony Hagins and Sean Striegler appeared on the All-District First Team twice. Striegler made it as both a wide receiver and cornerback, while Hagins was named to the team as a wide receiver and punter. Last but not least, in Forsan the strong-legged Nolan Park was named Kicker of the Year, Cayden Morgan was named to the First Team as both a wide receiver and cornerback, and Clayton Tucker was named the All-District Pride Player of the Year.

In all, each team had plenty of players that were honored on those lists. The following are the local schools' All-District teams:

DISTRICT 2-4A DIVISION I (BIG SPRING)

Co-District MVP's: QB Dominic Aguilar - Fort Stockton; WR/DB Luke Armendariz - Andrews

Co-Offensive MVP's: QB Gabriel Baeza - Big Spring; WR AJ Garcia - Fort Stockton

Co-Defensive MVP's: LB Evian Castro - Fort Stockton; LB Luis Cervantes - Andrews

Newcomer: WR/DB Isaiah Garcia - Fort Stockton

Lineman of the Year: OL/DL Elijah Escajeda - Fort Stockton

Coach of the Year: Mike Peters - Fort Stockton

First Team Offense:

QB: EJ Lopez - Andrews; Albert Rodriguez - Lake View
RB: Pedro Vasquez - Fort Stockton; Brock Tijerina - Andrews; Josh Torres - Lake View
FB: Maurice Garcia - Fort Stockton
WR: Austin Bandy - Lake View; Pablito Dehoyos - Big Spring; Markeese Lawrence - Andrews
TE: AJ Britten - Andrews
OL: Derek Howard - Big Spring; Danny Valenzuela - Fort Stockton; Zeke Rivera - Andrews; Evan Jackson - Andrews; Cody High - Lake View
K: Manuel Rojo - Andrews

First Team Defense:

DL: Elijah Darrow - Big Spring; Michael Ortega - Fort Stockton; Danny Valenzuela - Fort Stockton; David Zamora - Andrews
LB: Brock Tijerina - Andrews; Isaiah Holloway - Big Spring; Diego Renteria - Fort Stockton; Daren Ureste - Fort Stockton
DB: Devon Rodriguez - Fort Stockton; Pedro Vasquez - Fort Stockton; Jose Bustamante - Andrews; Eddie Velasquez - Andrews
P: Albert Rodriguez - Lake View

Second Team Offense:

RB: Orlando Sanchez - Big Spring; Jaydrien Ramirez - Fort Stockton
WR: Jaylee Ibarra - Fort Stockton; Anthony Trevino - Andrews
TE: Cruz Rojas - Fort Stockton
OL: Julian Leyva - Fort Stockton; Rito Gomez - Fort Stockton; Sebastian Rodriguez - Andrews; Cole Flora - Andrews; Ryan Mendez - Lake View; Isai Garcia - Big Spring
K: Josh Torres - Lake View

Second Team Defense:

DL: Andrew Vasquez - Andrews; Zeke Rivera - Andrews; Illias Talamantez - Lake View; Johnathon Miller - Big Spring
LB: AJ Britten - Andrews; John Mendez - Lake View; Shane Velasquez - Fort Stockton
DB: Eli Cobos - Big Spring; Brandon Herrera - Lake View; Eliazar Lopez - Fort Stockton; Gehrig Morris - Andrews
P: Cruz Rojas - Fort Stockton

Forsan Lady Buffs move to 5-0, Buffs fall to Owls

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

Forsan took the court on Tuesday night in Reagan County to take on the Owls and Lady Owls.

The Lady Buffs continued their hot start to the season as they moved to 5-0 with a low-scoring 31-29 victory over the Lady Owls. Taryn Spivey led Forsan with 10 points and Kaeli Woodall added nine points in a game where the

Lady Buffs went cold in the second half and had to hold off their opponent.

The Buffaloes also played a tough game that went down to the wire. They lost 56-55 and fell to 0-2 on the young season.

Both Forsan teams will be taking the court next later this week against Christoval. The Buffs will play on Friday and Lady Buffs on Saturday.

"Iron Man" Utility/Special Teams: Anthony Mendez - Lake View; Maverick Yanez - Big Spring; Jaden Ureste - Fort Stockton; Cody Cabrera - Andrews

DISTRICT 4-3A DIVISION II (COAHOMA)

District MVP: Brock Leatherwood - Idalou

Offensive MVP: Jared Jack - Idalou

Defensive MVP: Cooper Hill - Idalou

First Team Offense:

QB: Jacob Torrez - Roosevelt
RB: Brysen Kerby - Coahoma; Ryan Lozano - Idalou
WR: Kelly Koch - Idalou; Alex Trevino - Roosevelt
FB: Elijah Gonzalez - Reagan County; Luke Houston - Abernathy; Sean Striegler - Coahoma; Tony Hagins - Coahoma; Hagen Sage - Idalou
TE: Cooper Hill - Idalou; JJ Diaz - Roosevelt
OL: Ashton Kimball - Coahoma; Matthew Phillips - Idalou; Cutter Millenbine - Idalou; Richard Perez - Roosevelt; Jose Marmolejo - Idalou
K: Mark Phillips - Idalou

First Team Defense:

DL: Jose Marmolejo - Idalou; Bryson Leaks - Abernathy; Riley Hall - Idalou; Ashton Smith - Stanton
LB: Kaeleb Carrillo - Abernathy; Colin Daniels - Coahoma; Brennan Vinson - Idalou; JJ Diaz - Roosevelt; Matthew DeAnda - Abernathy
DB: Jacob Torrez - Roosevelt; Sean Striegler - Coahoma; Sean Rodriguez - Abernathy; Julian Mendoza - Idalou; Jared Jack - Idalou
P: Tony Hagins - Coahoma

Second Team Offense:

QB: Jess Hoel - Abernathy
RB: Malachi Reyes - Abernathy; William Wall - Idalou; Kenyon Taylor - Roosevelt
FB: Coltyn Campbell - Abernathy
WR: Anthony White - Abernathy; Billy Bailey - Coahoma; Julian Mendoza - Idalou; Hoyt Mims - Abernathy
TE: Colin Daniels - Coahoma
OL: Ashton Smith - Stanton; Bryson Leaks - Abernathy; Landry Thornton - Abernathy; Ben Lance - Idalou; Juan Saucedo - Reagan County; Brad Baker - Roosevelt; Cole Vandygriff - Abernathy
K: AJ Avalos - Reagan County

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NFL Standings (Through Week 12)

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE (AFC)										
EAST										
	W	L	T	PCT	HOME	AWAY	DIV	CONF	PF	PA
Buffalo Bills	8	3	0	.727	5-1	3-2	4-0	6-2	299	282
Miami Dolphins	7	4	0	.636	3-2	4-2	2-2	4-3	284	205
New England Patriots	5	6	0	.455	4-2	1-4	2-1	4-4	229	255
New York Jets	0	11	0	.000	0-6	0-5	0-5	0-9	152	322
NORTH										
	W	L	T	PCT	HOME	AWAY	DIV	CONF	PF	PA
Pittsburgh Steelers	11	0	0	1.000	6-0	5-0	4-0	8-0	317	261
Cleveland Browns	8	3	0	.727	5-1	3-2	2-2	5-3	265	188
Baltimore Ravens	6	5	0	.545	2-3	4-2	2-2	4-5	282	214
Cincinnati Bengals	2	8	1	.227	2-3	0-5-1	0-4	2-6	230	289
SOUTH										
	W	L	T	PCT	HOME	AWAY	DIV	CONF	PF	PA
Tennessee Titans	8	3	0	.727	4-2	4-1	3-1	6-3	324	285
Indianapolis Colts	7	4	0	.636	4-2	3-2	1-2	3-4	302	253
Houston Texans	4	7	0	.364	2-3	2-4	2-1	3-5	268	297
Jacksonville Jaguars	1	10	0	.091	1-5	0-5	1-3	1-8	227	325
WEST										
	W	L	T	PCT	HOME	AWAY	DIV	CONF	PF	PA
Kansas City Chiefs	10	1	0	.909	4-1	6-0	3-1	8-1	348	238
Las Vegas Raiders	6	5	0	.545	2-3	4-2	3-1	4-3	292	319
Denver Broncos	4	7	0	.364	2-4	2-3	1-2	4-4	209	298
Los Angeles Chargers	3	8	0	.273	2-3	1-5	0-3	3-5	277	300
NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE (NFC)										
EAST										
	W	L	T	PCT	HOME	AWAY	DIV	CONF	PF	PA
New York Giants	4	7	0	.364	2-3	2-4	3-2	3-6	214	253
Washington	4	7	0	.364	3-3	1-4	3-2	3-5	241	243
Philadelphia Eagles	3	7	1	.318	2-3-1	1-4	2-2	3-4	237	277
Dallas Cowboys	3	8	0	.273	2-4	1-4	1-3	3-6	251	359
NORTH										
	W	L	T	PCT	HOME	AWAY	DIV	CONF	PF	PA
Green Bay Packers	8	3	0	.727	4-1	4-2	3-1	6-2	349	283
Minnesota Vikings	5	6	0	.455	2-4	3-2	3-1	4-4	292	305
Chicago Bears	5	6	0	.455	2-3	3-3	1-2	5-4	216	250
Detroit Lions	4	7	0	.364	1-4	3-3	0-3	3-5	252	328
SOUTH										
	W	L	T	PCT	HOME	AWAY	DIV	CONF	PF	PA
New Orleans Saints	9	2	0	.818	5-1	4-1	4-0	7-1	326	225
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	7	5	0	.583	3-3	4-2	2-2	4-4	344	280
Atlanta Falcons	4	7	0	.364	2-4	2-3	1-2	2-7	295	281
Carolina Panthers	4	8	0	.333	2-4	2-4	1-4	3-6	280	300
WEST										
	W	L	T	PCT	HOME	AWAY	DIV	CONF	PF	PA
Seattle Seahawks	8	3	0	.727	5-0	3-3	2-2	6-2	341	304
Los Angeles Rams	7	4	0	.636	4-1	3-3	1-2	7-2	263	215
Arizona Cardinals	6	5	0	.545	3-2	3-3	2-1	4-3	304	258
San Francisco 49ers	5	6	0	.455	1-4	4-2	2-2	3-5	261	254

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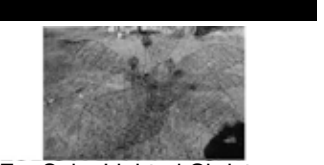
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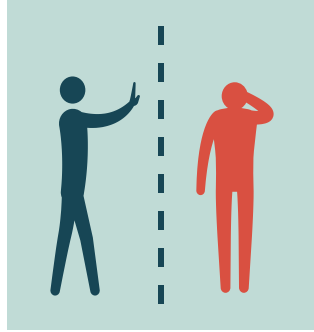
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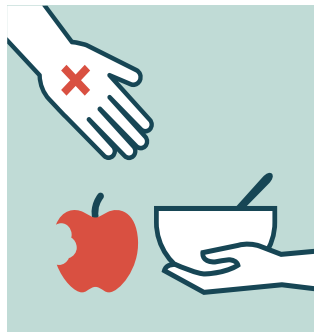
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Happy ending

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NORTH

♠ K 9 8 4

♥ K 7

♦ A J 9 3

♣ A Q 5

WEST

♠ 7 3

♥ 10 8 5 2

♦ 10 5 4 2

♣ J 9 2

EAST

♠ 6

♥ A Q J 9 6 4 3

♦ 8

♣ K 10 8 4

SOUTH

♠ A Q J 10 5 2

♥ —

♦ K Q 7 6

♣ 7 6 3

The bidding:

North East South West

1 NT 2♥ 3♠ Pass

4♠ Pass 6♠

Opening lead — two of hearts.

The outcome of many deals is determined strictly by the location of one or more specific key cards. If they are favorably placed, declarer will prevail; if not, he will fail. It is often as simple as that.

But there are many other deals where declarer's fate is really in his own hands, even though the outcome may at first seem to depend on luck. It is these hands that give declarer an opportunity to demonstrate his skill.

Take this case where West leads a

heart against six spades after East has overcalled in hearts. At first glance, it would appear that the success of the slam depends upon the location of the king of clubs. If West has it, a simple finesse will succeed, and declarer will lose only one club trick; if East has it, the finesse will fail — and so will the contract.

But this view is not correct, since with proper play, South can make the slam regardless of who has the club king. Both the opening lead and the bidding have marked East with the ace of hearts, and declarer should put this information to good use.

He starts by playing low from dummy on the heart lead, ruffing East's jack. Next, two rounds of trump are drawn. South then cashes four diamond tricks, ending in dummy. This sets the stage for the coup de grace that will assure the slam.

The king of hearts, carefully preserved for this moment, is now led. When East covers with the ace, declarer discards a club instead of ruffing. East wins the trick, but the battle is over. Whatever he returns — a club into dummy's A-Q, or a heart, permitting South to discard a second club from his hand while ruffing in dummy — gives declarer the slam.

Tomorrow: Opening lead quiz.

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

Level: Intermediate

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

ANSWER:

Mother Moon Speaks

ARIES (March 21-April 19). People are weird and therefore will behave in strange and often unpredictable ways, many of which aren't worth giving a great deal of thought to. Sometimes, the most brilliant response you can contribute is a shrug.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's what you don't say. Not only that, it's when you don't say it. Restraint is eloquence. It can also be generosity. Throw in some warmth and good intentions and silence is elevated to "saintly."

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Just because you passed the same road sign doesn't mean you're regressing. There are roundabouts on this path. Sometimes, it takes a few circles before you figure out where your correct exit is.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The energy of this day will be a wild ride -- points of high excitement and dips of lovely calm. If there's one thing that's a waste of energy, it's resisting the flow. Ride the current.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Work the crowd and shake out the opportunities therein. These days, obviously, it's most optimally accomplished in a digital format. It's also a lucky time to try out new social media.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Among the many wonderful things about animals is that they are seldom staring at their cellphones.

Instead, they are present in the moment they happen to inhabit. We can take the lesson.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The steps you've taken to make your home a comfortable and happy place pay off daily. Also, it's an evolution. New things will please you and are worth pursuing. Those who spend time in your home will want to come back.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are those who would rather not be rejected by you, and so they don't put themselves out there, where you're concerned. You're in the driver's seat here if you wish to bridge the gap with warmth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have gone the distance through an entire cycle. The old wounds are healing in the way wounds do, with no conscious help from you. Your job is not to interfere; just step back and allow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It happens that to communicate as fully as you can, you must choose the right words, which can be, in and of itself, a reductive act. "Words cannot express" is more accurate and yet less effective.

WATERBURY (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your positive, enthusiastic attitude brings the breath of fresh air that was missing in a certain group of people. Usually, you don't mind competition, but right now you absolutely thrive on it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't always love the tickertape going off in your mind. If thinking the best of people (or, as the case may be, of yourself) doesn't come automatically, make a conscious practice of it. One day, it will.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 3). You're a natural-born leader who doesn't usually seize the role. Rather, it's handed to you by those who admire your wisdom. Early 2021, you'll be attracted by the aesthetics of a situation and find in the months that follow that there's substance to match. This is a love connection that will develop into a creative endeavor. Aquarius and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 35, 14, 3 and 22.

COSMIC QUESTIONS

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Just try.



QUESTION: "I'm a nurse in a health care facility that uses a symbol for its logo that my boyfriend, a philosophy major, has told me is incorrect mythology. Does it matter? Should I say anything to the doctors who own the practice?"

Your boyfriend sounds like an astute observer. I believe you may be referring to the caduceus, which is an ancient symbol carried by the god Hermes, and dated back to earlier cultures. The caduceus is a staff with two serpents entwined around it and topped by a pair of wings. Legend has it that the god intervened with his rod between the fighting snakes. The wings represent above, the snakes below, the staff an axis that separates or perhaps balances the two. The caduceus is a symbol of Mercury, both the chemical element and the planetary representation of communication and commerce.

It is not uncommon for this symbol to be mistaken, in the health care industry, for the Rod of Asclepius, a symbol used by the World Health Organization. Asclepius is the Greek god of healing, and his rod only has one snake and no wings.

The decision to speak of this is a tough one. If you're going to be a purist about it, one rod represents commerce and the other healing. Which do you think the doctors in your practice care more about?

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Annie's Mailbox

A Distant Companion

Dear Annie: I'm

65, and my boyfriend is 70. We've been in an on-again, off-again relationship for more than eight years. I met him online six months after my divorce from my spouse of 32 years. He told me he had been divorced 25 years and had never remarried, only for me to find out that he had been briefly married a second time (when critically ill in the hospital).

In the beginning of our relationship, I never met his family. At times, he wouldn't call for days, and I suspected he may have been

seeing another woman, so I broke up with him a few times, once for three years. During that time, he would call periodically and beg me to reconcile with him. We've been back together for almost two years, and things are different. I've met members of his family; he attends my family events; and he never misses a day without calling me several times, which includes a phone call before going to bed.

He has taken me on many nice, all-expenses-paid vacations, helped me move and paid my moving expenses. He's always

willing to help me in any way he can. While things are better now in our relationship, I still don't totally trust him.

I truly love this man, and every day, he tells me he loves me. And yet, he does not want to cohabitate or marry me. For an entire year, he told me he would move in with me after his lease was up but then told me he had changed his mind and moved into a new apartment. When I asked him for a reason for his decision, he got very angry with me and said, "Maybe try to find someone else to live with." Even though he later apologized for

making that statement, it hurt me deeply.

It's probably important to mention that we live in neighboring states -- only about an hour's drive away. We saw each other more often before the COVID-19 pandemic, and now we only see each other about once a month. He also has chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, which seems to be getting worse over the years. I live in a two-story home. I've wondered if these were reasons for his decision that he just didn't want to share with me.

My dilemma is this: I really want to get married again. I absolutely hate living alone. I get lonely and don't want to spend whatever time I have left living alone. I've explained this to him and feel it's unfair to me that we can't even have a conversation about it without him getting angry. Annie, am I just being impatient, or am I right to feel that I should move on and seek a man who also hates living alone and wants to be married as much as I do? -- Am I Wasting My Precious Time?

Dear AIWMP:

It sounds like you're looking for more than

this man can give you. That doesn't make either of you wrong, but it might make you wrong for each other. If you expect him to wake up one day and suddenly want to get married, you're being unrealistic and setting yourself up for disappointment and, eventually, bitter resentment. End things now while you can do so amicably, and look for someone whose capacity for companionship is closer to your own.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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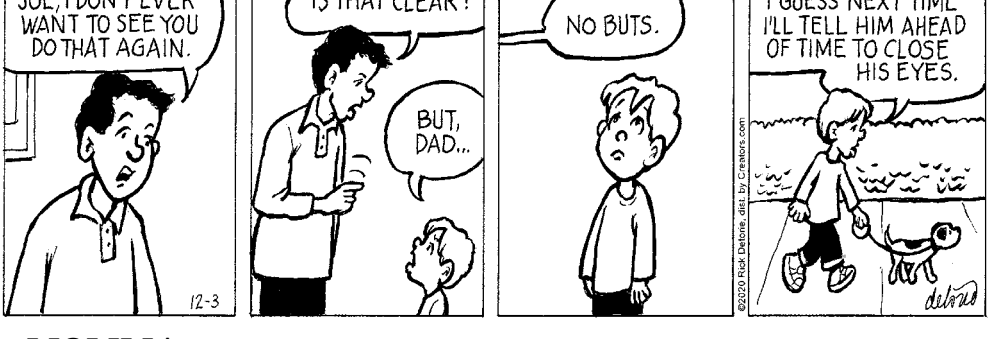
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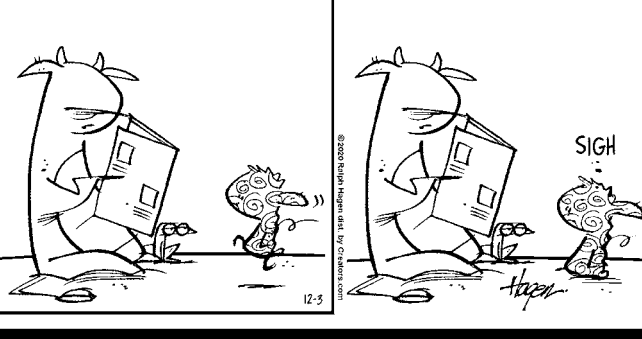
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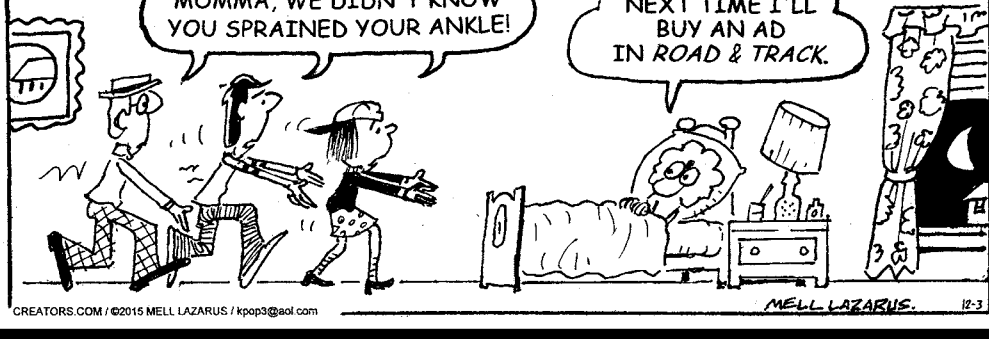
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Thursday, Dec. 3, the 338th day of 2020. There are 28 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 3, 1984, thousands of people died after a cloud of methyl isocyanate gas escaped from a pesticide plant operated by a Union Carbide subsidiary in Bhopal, India. On this date: In 1818, Illinois was admitted as the 21st state. In 1828, Andrew Jackson was elected president of the United States by the Electoral College. In 1833, Oberlin College in Ohio — the first truly co-educational school of higher learning in the United States — began holding classes. In 1960, the Lerner and Loewe musical "Camelot," starring Julie Andrews as Guenevere, Richard Burton as King Arthur and Robert Goulet as Lancelot, opened on Broadway. In 1964, police arrested some 800 students at the University of California at Berkeley, one day after the students stormed the administration building and staged a massive sit-in. In 1965, the Beatles' sixth studio album, "Rubber Soul," was released in the United Kingdom by Parlophone (it was released in the U.S. by Capitol Records three days later). In 1967, a surgical team in Cape Town, South Africa, led by Dr. Christiaan Barnard (BAHR'-nard) performed the first human heart transplant on Louis Washkansky, who lived 18 days with the donor organ, which came from Denise Darvall, a 25-year-old bank clerk who had died in a traffic accident. In 1979, 11 people were killed in a crush of fans at Cincinnati's Riverfront Coliseum, where the British rock group The Who was performing. In 1992, the Greek tanker Aegean Sea spilled more than 21 million gallons of crude oil when it ran aground off northwest Spain. In 1994, AIDS activist Elizabeth Glaser, who along with her two children were infected with HIV because of a blood transfusion, died in Santa Monica, California, at age 47. In 2014, a Staten Island, New York, grand jury declined to indict police officer Daniel Pantaleo in the July 2014

chokehold death of Eric Garner, a Black man who'd been stopped on suspicion of selling loose, untaxed cigarettes. (Pantaleo would be fired from the police force in August 2019.) Herman Badillo (bah-DEE'-yoh), a Bronx politician who was the first person born in Puerto Rico to become a U.S. congressman, died at age 85. In 2017, the second-largest U.S. drugstore chain, CVS, announced that it was buying Aetna, the third-largest health insurer, in order to push much deeper into customer care. Ten years ago: During a surprise holiday-season visit to Afghanistan, President Barack Obama told cheering U.S. troops at Bagram Air Field they were succeeding in their mission to fight terrorism; however, foul weather prevented Obama from meeting with President Hamid Karzai in Kabul to address frayed relations. The Labor Department reported the U.S. unemployment rate had risen in November 2010 to 9.8 percent after three straight months at 9.6 percent. Five years ago: Congress approved a 5-year, \$305 billion bill to address the nation's aging and congested transportation systems (the bill was approved on a 359-65 vote in the House, and an 83-16 vote in the Senate). Defense Secretary Ash Carter ordered the armed services to open all military jobs to women, removing the final barriers that had kept women from serving in combat, including the most dangerous and grueling command posts. Former Stone Temple Pilots frontman Scott Weiland was found dead in his tour bus in Bloomington, Minnesota; he was 48. One year ago: A 300-page report prepared by Democrats on the House Intelligence Committee found "serious misconduct" by President Donald Trump in his dealings with Ukraine; the report would serve as a foundation for debate over whether Trump should be impeached and removed from office.

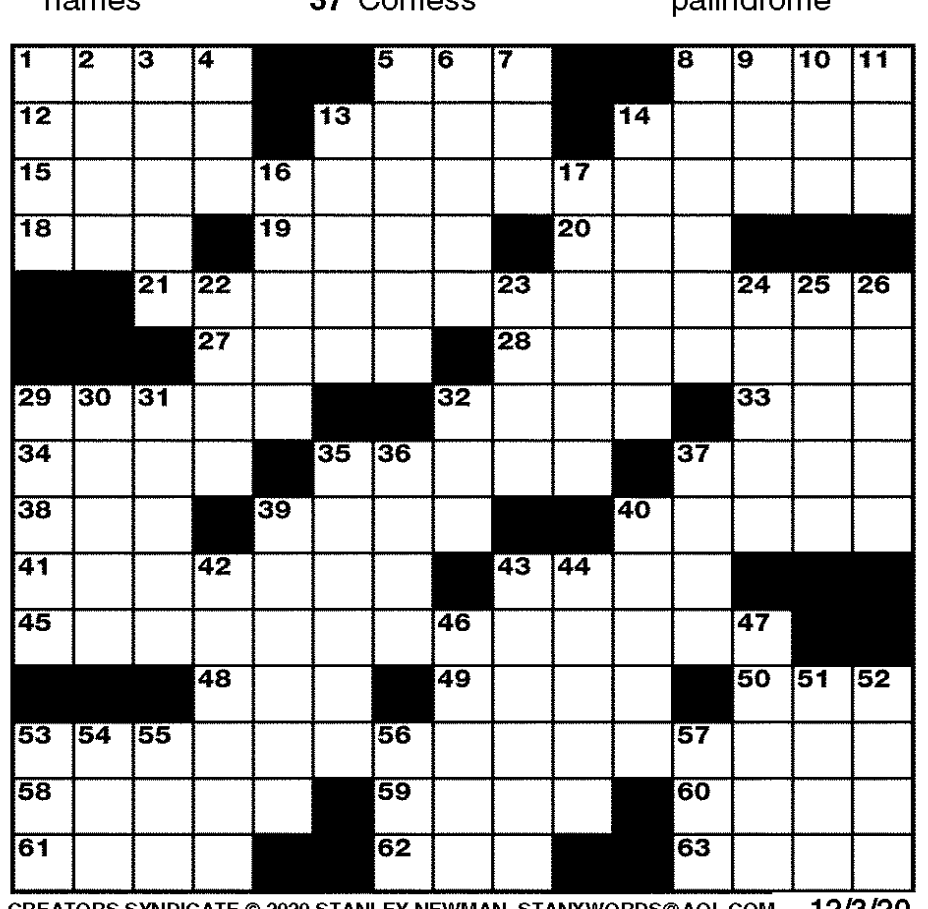
At the NATO summit in London, Trump branded Democrats as "unpatriotic" for moving ahead with the impeachment effort while he was overseas. After initially seeking to hold the 2020 G7 summit at a resort he owns in Florida, Trump announced that the annual gathering would be held at the Camp David retreat in Maryland. (It ended up being postponed

by the coronavirus outbreak.) Today's Birthdays: Movie director Jean-Luc Godard is 90. Singer Jaye P. Morgan is 89. Actor Nicolas Coster is 87. Actor Mary Alice is 79. Rock singer Ozzy Osbourne is 72. Rock singer Mickey Thomas is 71. Country musician Paul Gregg (Restless Heart) is 66. Actor Steven Culp is 65. Actor Daryl Hannah is 60. Actor Julianne Moore is 60. Olympic gold medal figure skater Katarina Witt is 55. Actor Brendan Fraser is 52. Singer Montell Jordan is 52. Actor Royale Watkins is 51. Actor Bruno Campos is 47. Actor Holly Marie Combs is 47. Actor Liza Lapira is 45. Actor Lauren Roman is 45. Pop-rock singer Daniel Bedingfield is 41. Actor/comedian Tiffany Haddish is 41. Actor Anna Chlumsky (KLUHM'-skee) is 40. Actor Jenna Dewan is 40. Actor Brian Bonsall is 39. Actor Dascha Polanco is 38. Pop/rock singer-songwriter Andy Grammer is 37. Americana musician Michael Calabrese (Lake Street Dive) is 36. Actor Amanda Seyfried is 35. Actor Michael Angarano is 33. Actor Jake T. Austin is 26.

Newsday Crossword

THERE YOU GO by Winston Emmons Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
 1 Be a banterer
 5 Chips holder
 8 Deere logo depiction
 12 Predatory marine mammal
 13 Prosecutor's pursuit
 14 Swahili boss
 15 Daydreamy state
 18 Negative link
 19 10cc, perhaps
 20 Lord's Prayer start
 21 Opportunity, initially
 27 Scottish valley
 28 Barber of Seville composer
 29 Boxes for practice
 32 Break apart
 33 Novelist Deighton
 34 Boar or bull
 35 Nocturnal newborn nestling
 37 Care for
 38 "Just ___ thought!"
 39 Tiff
 40 Obsessive smarties
 41 Kind of clam
 43 Baroque stringed instrument
 45 Evidence of embezzlement
 48 Part of IPA
 49 Paths of planets
 50 Big lug
 53 Minimal preventative
 58 Articles of faith
 59 Young roo
 60 Sung solo
- DOWN**
 11 Air, for instance
 13 Benjamin
 14 Most skylike
 16 Objects of worship
 17 Sharer of emceeing
 22 Big bad boss
 23 Faithful
 24 Ship of fuels
 25 Upright
 26 Bar twists
 29 Break apart
 30 Elbows and shells
 31 Otherworldly
 32 Sandwich much larger than a 2 Down
 35 First of a series
 36 Toad bump
 37 Confess
 39 Seemed pleased
 40 What you'd rather not hear
 42 Time-honored sayings
 43 Summit
 44 Raring to go
 46 Southeast Asian capital
 47 Longest river in France
 51 Analogous
 52 Quite an achievement
 53 Spectrum licensee
 54 S&L offering
 55 Take-home
 56 Alphabetic trio
 57 Parental palindrome



Answer to previous puzzle
 DRAT DOTS ACRE
 WIND ERIE SHOW
 AGGIE ANNE WADE
 ROLLERCOASTER
 FRO DUO OFFLOAN
 TUNNELOFLOVE
 CLASP DEFT TOW
 RACK DIGIT ETTA
 APT TIGA SNEER
 MERRYGOUND
 SLEP OTTHA BAD
 SHOOTTHECHUTE
 JOSE HAHAKAYOS
 AREA OXEN SLINK
 WEST KIND ONES

Bassmaster Opens Angler Of The Year Battle Wraps Up At Lay Lake

Special to the Herald

COLUMBIANA, Ala. — The Falcon Rods Bassmaster Opens Angler of the Year race concludes this week as anglers compete Dec. 3-5 at the Basspro.com Bassmaster Eastern Open at Lay Lake, the final event of the 2020 season. Not only will the overall Angler of the Year be crowned but 12 anglers will also earn coveted invitations to the 2021 Bassmaster Elite Series.

The overall Opens AOY title will be determined by combined points for anglers competing in both the Central and Eastern Opens. This season, each Opens division had four events, with three ways to qualify for the Elite Series invitations. The Top 4 from both the Central and Eastern Divisions get invites, along with the Top 4 overall anglers in the points standings.

At Lay Lake, everyone is gunning for the winner's trophy, which brings with it a berth in the 2021 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Huk. To fish the Classic, the winning angler must

have competed in the previous Eastern Open events held at the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes, Lake Hartwell and Cherokee Lake.

Anglers are also contending for the available Elite Series invitations as the Falcon Rods Bassmaster Opens Angler of the Year race concludes. Jason Christie of Park Hill, Okla., leads the race with 1179 points. Marc Frazier of Newnan, Ga., (1158) is second. The rest of the Top 6 includes Kissimmee champion Bryan New of Belmont, N.C., (1150); Cherokee Lake winner Matt Robertson of Kuttawa, Ky., (1148); Justin Atkins of Florence, Ala., (1143); and KJ Queen of Catawba, N.C., (1111). All of them have expressed interest in accepting an invitation.

Patrick Walters of Summerville, S.C., leads the Eastern Opens Division with 581 points. Walters is double-qualified as a current Bassmaster Elite angler, leaving the door open for another angler to earn an Elite spot. Josh Stracner of Vandiver, Ala., (580), is second and Pat Schlapper of

Eleva, Wis., (550) is third. Schlapper has already earned an Elite Series invitation as winner of the TNT Fireworks B.A.S.S. Nation Championship, opening another invitation from the Eastern Division. Scott Martin of Clewiston, Fla., (541), whose season goal is qualifying for the Elite Series, is fourth. Rounding out the Eastern Division Top 6 are Timmy Thompkins of Myrtle Beach, S.C. (532) and Atkins (526). As it currently stands, Stracner, Martin, Thompkins and Atkins would qualify for the Elite Series from the Eastern Division.

The Bassmaster Central Opens season ended on Lewisville Lake in Texas. Christie claimed the top spot in the Central Division with 719 points, while Greg Hackney of Gonzales, La., finished just three points behind in second. Japan's Kenta Kimura and Frazier also finished in the Top 4. Christie and Frazier are double-qualified from the higher priority overall AOY points, meaning as the points currently stand those invitations would likely go to Darold Gleason

of Many, La., who finished fifth, and sixth-place finisher Paul Browning of Morrilton, Ark.

The points standings have the potential to change daily depending on how far apart contenders land in the daily standings. Some can jump others based on good or poor performances.

Unlike other recent events, the anglers might be treated to a true fall bite at Lay Lake, as opposed to the challenging fall transition conditions occurring over the last two months.

Lay Lake's surface temperatures are expected to keep fish activity consistent throughout the tournament. Some anglers reported water temps in the low 60s on the Coosa River system. The tournament week forecast calls for daytime highs in the low 50s and nighttime lows in the low 30s. Add it all up, including predicted rainfall, and Lay Lake could have the temperatures and water color favorable for fall bass fishing on the Coosa River.

DISTRICT

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Second Team Defense:

DL: Issac Ortiz – Coahoma; Thomas Sanchez – Roosevelt; Konnor Hoerman – Abernathy; Kolt Redden – Coahoma
LB: William Wall – Idalou; Brendon Brown – Abernathy; Alex Trevino – Roosevelt; Bryden Fontana – Coahoma; Matthew Phillips – Idalou; Isaac Perez – Reagan County
DB: Kenyon Taylor – Roosevelt; Miguel Moreno – Stanton; Anthony White – Abernathy; Arian Emerson – Coahoma; Landin Fulcher – Idalou
P: Isaac Perez – Reagan County; Evan Cox – Stanton

DISTRICT 3-2A Division I (FORSAN)

District MVP: ATH Bo Thompson – Hawley
Offensive MVP: RB Austin Cumpton – Hawley
Defensive MVP: DT Wyatt Whitaker – Anson
Lineman of the Year: Colter Willeford – Hawley
Newcomer: QB Blake Vinson – Anson
Kicker of the Year: Nolan Park – Forsan
Staff of the Year: Mitch Abels – Hawley
Pride: OL/DL Clayton Tucker – Forsan

First Team Offense:

QB: Zhawn Holden – Stamford; Major Stockton – Forsan
RB: Jacob Garza – Anson; Nathaniel Hernandez – Forsan; Marc Williams – Haskell
WR: Kason O'Shields – Hawley; Chandlin Myers – Hawley; Aeneas Segura – Hawley; Will Scott – Hawley; Jacob Jenkins – Anson; Dyllyn Pyle – Anson; Julian Garcia – Anson; Cayden Morgan – Forsan; Dylan Faulks – Stamford; Ryheem Smith – Stamford; Chris Green – Colorado City
OL: Julian Seguera – Hawley; Haygen Garcia – Anson; Max Hagler – Anson; JB Wright – Forsan; Nolan Park – Forsan; Cameron Allen – Forsan; Cato Macias – Stamford; Brody Frierson – Haskell; Mason Randle – Colorado City

First Team Defense:

DL: Corley Williams – Hawley; Sone Cortez – Hawley; Joe Galvan – Anson; Mason Hagler – Anson; Colten Wallis – Forsan; Ely Matthies – Forsan; Carson Carver – Stamford; Mason Randle – Colorado City
LB: Hez Parker – Hawley; Will Scott – Hawley; Jacob Garza – Anson; Riley Pippin – Anson; Damon Rollins – Anson; Paul Evans – Forsan; Dylan Faulks – Stamford; Bryson Holt – Stamford; Joseph Connell – Colorado City
DB: Marc Salas – Hawley; Kason O'Shields – Hawley; Chandlin Myers – Hawley; Julian Garcia – Anson; Jacob Jenkins – Anson; Cayden Morgan – Forsan; Sawyer Stallings – Forsan; Stephon Johnson – Stamford; Jeremiah Silvas – Haskell

Second Team Offense:

QB: Xavier Rodela – Hawley; Sawyer Stallings – Forsan
RB: Riley Pippin – Anson; Chris Mendez – Forsan; Artem Brendle – Haskell
WR: Gavin Williams – Anson; Sawyer Stallings – Forsan; Ethan Harbour – Forsan; Josh Cervantes – Forsan; Tre' Whitfield – Stamford; Bryson Holt – Stamford; Landry Olson – Haskell; Jordan Raschke – Colorado City
TE: Mason Hagler – Anson; Brandon Valdez – Forsan
OL: Bradley Strickland – Hawley; Lon Davis – Hawley; Caleb Comer – Hawley; Max Hagler – Anson; Jayden Golleher – Forsan;

D'Montre Barber – Stamford; Aaron Duran – Stamford

Second Team Defense:

DL: Lon Davis – Hawley; Mason Hagler – Anson; Dyllyn Pyle – Anson; Ethan Doby – Anson; Cameron Allen – Forsan; Kolby Proffitt – Stamford; Cato Macias – Stamford; D'Montre Barber – Stamford; Jayden Weaver – Haskell
LB: Aeneas Segura – Hawley; Matt Lozano – Anson; Nate Hernandez – Forsan; Drayklyn Henry – Forsan; Brandon Valdez – Forsan; Trey Anderle – Haskell; Hadley Sloan – Haskell; Nicholas Harrell – Colorado City
DB: Gavin Williams – Anson; Ethan Harbour – Forsan; Isiah Gonzales – Stamford; Chris Ortiz – Colorado City

Honorable Mentions:

Offense: OL Steven Cavazos – Stamford; OL Payton Rosenquist – Stamford; OL Ely Matthies – Forsan; TE Colten Wallis – Forsan
Defense: LB Geraldo De La Rosa – Stamford; LB Cruz Cantu – Stamford; LB Gavin Walburg – Stamford; DB Major Stockton – Forsan

Howard County was well-represented across all three All-District teams. There are a lot of juniors on this list and they will be returning to the gridiron next fall. The future of football is bright in Howard County and these players are the leading force behind the resurgence of their respective squads.

It is a great honor to be named to an All-District team and all of the players listed should be

proud of the past season the put on the field. As for the players that did not make the list, it will be easy to add that chip to their shoulder as they attempt to make sure they are never left of the list again.

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College Football Playoff Rankings

Ranking	Team	Overall	Prev	AP Rank
1	Alabama	8-0	1	1
2	Notre Dame	9-0	2	2
3	Clemson	8-1	3	4
4	Ohio State	4-0	4	3
5	Texas A&M	6-1	5	5
6	Florida	7-1	6	6
7	Cincinnati	8-0	7	7
8	Georgia	6-2	9	11
9	Iowa State	7-2	13	12
10	Miami (FL)	7-1	10	9
11	Oklahoma	6-2	11	13
12	Indiana	5-1	12	10
13	BYU	9-0	14	8
14	Northwestern	5-1	8	16
15	Oklahoma State	6-2	23	19
16	Wisconsin	2-1	16	18
17	North Carolina	6-3	19	NR
18	Coastal Carolina	9-0	20	14
19	Iowa	4-2	24	24
20	USC	3-0	18	17
21	Marshall	7-0	21	15
22	Washington	3-0	NR	23
23	Oregon	3-1	15	21
24	Tulsa	5-1	25	22
25	Louisiana	8-1	NR	20

DROPPED FROM RANKINGS:

Texas (17), Auburn (22)

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