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Distance learning impacting, families, students and teachers

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

Many teachers and students have been adapting to distance learning for almost a month, as the Coronavirus pandemic sweeps the nation. As schools let out for Spring Break 2020 the onset of the pandemic was barely starting to form and in just a few short days, the one week - long awaited break - turned into an extension that many couldn't even imagine. As students, teachers and families have joined forces across the nation to ensure access to education continues as a sense of stability for these students, teachers and faculty are pushing forward and reaching beyond the walls of the classroom.

For the past five years, Big Spring Independent School District Band Teacher Gabe Martinez, has been teaching hundreds

if not thousands of students not only lessons in music, but lessons in life. With the Coronavirus adding a special twist this school year, the door for life lessons offered by Martinez and so many other teachers has opened wide.

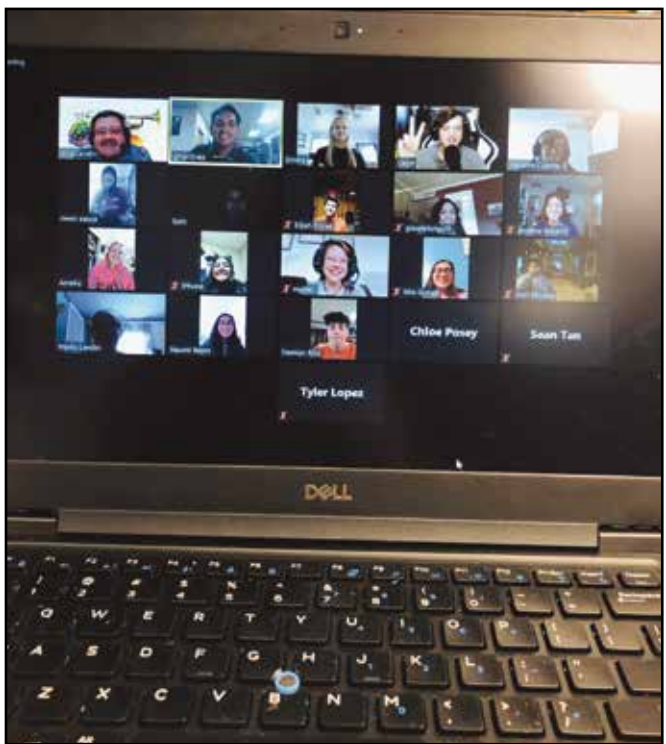


Gabe Martinez

"I always knew I wanted to do something with large groups," Martinez said. With loving music, I didn't want to let that go. The thought of putting up my trumpet was heartbreaking, to not play my horn; the joy that music gave me, I wanted to share that. I thought if I could not only share that with other kiddos, but teach them to be passionate about music then that teaches so much about life as well."

While being a band teacher was not the original plan for Martinez's life, it's the journey that seemed to fit and

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Courtesy photo

Gabe Martinez, Big Spring ISD band teacher for sixth through 12th graders, has been staying connected to his students via zoom, online courses and other advancements in technology. Distance learning is uncharted waters, but area families, teachers and students are getting through this together.

Community coming together for a common purpose

By **ALLEN MORRIS**
 Herald Contributing Writer

Positive efforts lead to positive works and in turn communities grow together and thrive together.

"We owe most of our great inventions and most of the achievements of genius to idleness - either enforced or voluntary," Agatha Christie said in her book *The Moving Finger*.

That's sort of where we are right now, isn't it? So what are we doing with our time? What is the good that will come from our idle-efforts?

Three locals asked themselves this same set of questions. Nicole Doose, Shiloh Salazar, and Nick Laplante all asked, "What can I do?"

Doose is using her time and spearheading a blood drive in anticipation of the need; Salazar has marshalled an aid-brigade of mask makers, and Laplante has started 3D printing personal protective equipment to support and protect local

health care workers.

"In times like these, we all just need to do our best. We need to start where we are, use what we have, and do the best that we can," Linda Conaway, with the HOPE Foundation, said.

This seems to be the theme of the day. Everyone is using what he or she has at their disposal for the betterment of Big Spring.

The blood drive will run off of local resources; masks are coming from the efforts of local sewers who are pulling out cloth they have long harbored, and for the 3D printed parts, a printer is being used that was already on hand and provided by the HOPE Foundation. At a time when citizens across the nation are being asked to sit at home, there are groups of people looking to use that time to help another, meet a need and put talents and ideas to good use.

Details for the blood drive are still being worked out, but See **WORK**, Page 3

May election postponed: What now?

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

A couple of weeks ago governing bodies in the City of Big Spring and Howard County met in special sessions to discuss the possible postponement of the upcoming May 2 Election. Each of the involved entities - City Council, Howard College and Big Spring ISD - all decided it was the best interest of the community to postpone the election until Nov. 3, 2020.

"To my knowledge, I am unaware of any time elections have been postponed, but this is a very rare situation," Howard County Election's Administrator Jodi Duck, said. "The Proclamation from Governor Greg Abbott afforded the entities conducting elections time to evaluate what was needed for their communities and make the best decision they could for their voters."



Jodi Duck

Now that the decision has been made to postpone many residents may wonder what do they do know since the election is no longer taking place. Duck provided an explanation of what to expect moving forward.

"We will not be holding any elections during May this year and because the ballots have not been mailed out we will be able to add the races to the November General Election ballot," Duck said.

With the postponement of the election, new registration deadline and certain procedures have been moved to new deadlines. One of the procedures that is affected is the request for ballot by mail.

"For those who had already applied for ballot by mail with reason of being out of the county for the May election, they will need to submit another application in October if the reason still

stands," Duck said.

In addition to the request for ballot by mail, the voter registration deadline has also been moved and is now set at Oct. 5 and the deadline to submit an ABBM is Oct. 23. Early voting for the November election will take place for 10 days and run from Oct. 19 through Oct. 30. The last day to register or update information is Oct. 5.

The decision to postpone the election did not come lightly and was heavily discussed amongst all entities, but in the end the safety of the community was at the forefront of the decisions.

"While our office was prepared to do whatever was needed to continue the election, we do rely on our volunteer clerks many of which did not want to work this time or expressed concern if they did," she said. "The safety of my staff and of the public was first on my mind. I would have proceeded with the election as planned, but for the sake of health and the integrity of the election

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



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

From 9 a.m. to 9:55 a.m., you can pick up at:

- Bus 13-Navajo and Choctaw
- Bus 14-Bauer
- Bus 15: Larry and McDonald
- Bus 27: 5th and Abrams
- Bus 28: 3rd and Lockhart
- Bus 77: Parkway and Hearn
- Bus 85: Goliad Elementary
- Bus 86: 6th and Circle
- Bus 90: Southridge RV Park
- Bus 96: Albroom and Randolph

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

- Bus 13-Barcelona Apartments
- Bus 14-Lakeview
- Bus 15: Colby and Drew
- Bus 27: 8th and Lorilla
- Bus 28: Roy Anderson Complex
- Bus 77: Airport and Mobile
- Bus 85: Scott and Macausian
- Bus 86: Washington Elementary
- Bus 90: Oasis and Neill
- Bus 96: Anderson School

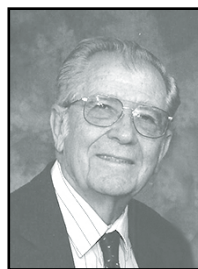
Lunch is also available at North Side Movement for all children in the area. Meals can be picked up at Ryan Hall, located behind the church, at 605 N. Main St. To comply with Governor Abbott's mandate, all meals will be set-up drive-through style. No meals will be served inside the hall. Deliveries will depend on number of volunteers available. You can follow the North Side Movement Facebook page for additional information.

Coahoma ISD will provide take-home lunches to all students while the campuses are closed. Students can pick up a lunch at the back door of the cafeteria, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. No meals will be provided on the Easter holiday.

Forsan ISD will be providing sacked meals for students while the campuses are closed. Meals are available at the following three locations: Forsan Elementary at the south entrance of the building, Special Education 87-20 Coop, or "The Pad". Breakfast is served from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If your restaurant or organization is helping feed students during this time, please e-mail us information and we will be sure to include it in our listing and let the community know. On behalf of the Big Spring Herald and all those who are able to receive support during this time, we say Thank You for all that you are doing and continue to do.

The support is much appreciated and does not go unnoticed.



Roy J. Hester

Roy J. Hester, 84, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Thursday, April 16, 2020, in Midland.

Private family graveside services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, April 18, 2020, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

A public memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Betty Clifton

Betty Clifton, 77, of Garden City, died Wednesday, April 15, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home

Take Note

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

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

• Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Economic Development Corporation and Leading EDG understand the serious challenges our country faces as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. In response to this crisis, the Small Business Administration ("SBA") has created new programs geared towards financial relief for affected businesses. The Economic Injury Disaster Loan ("EIDL"), is currently available, but only by applying directly to the SBA via the online portal: <https://www.sba.gov/disaster/apply-for-disaster-loan/index.html>. It only takes a few minutes to fill out. Another option, The Paycheck Protection Program, ("PPP"), has been approved by Congress. If you want to apply for the "PPP" loan contact your local lender. Information changes daily so make sure you are checking the SBA website regularly.

• 2020 Advocating for Agriculture Symposium will be hosted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension – Corpus Christi based specialists is set for Tuesday, April 14, 2020 from 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The symposium can be attended from the comfort of your home. To register visit <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/ag>. For more information email megan.clayton@ag.tamu.edu.

• Effective immediately, to contact the City of Big Spring Water Office, please call 432-466-3264, 432-466-3568, or 432-466-7248. The Water Office is temporarily located at 305 South Johnson. Be advised, all City of Big Spring offices, including the Water Office, remain closed to the public and open by appointment and electronic means only. Ways to make your payment: 1. Pay online at www.mybigspring.com.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 78 inmates at the time of this report.

• **AUSTIN RAY DARDEN**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of burglary of habitation and possession of controlled substance between one gram and four gram.

• **ANDREW JACOB ESTRACA**, 20, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault family violence.

• **QUINCY LAMAR HENRY**, 31, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of theft of property between \$750 and \$2,500.

• **LANA DOWER MARTINEZ**, 47, was arrested by BSPD for forgery financial instrument.

• **FRANK ANDREW MONTEMAYOR**, 22, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of unauthorized

use of a vehicle, fraud use/possession identify info, tamper with identification numbers, possession of controlled substance less than one gram (x2) and theft of property between \$2,500 and \$30,000.

• **ANGILO MATTHEW SAVILLE**, 33, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of interfere with emergency request

for assault and assault causes bodily injury family.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Runnels. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Runnels. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Mountain Park. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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as he travels this road of the unknown with his student's it becomes even more evident that life takes us where we are meant to be.

"One of the many things I love about teaching is that you get to teach all these life skills beyond band. Band is just the vehicle that helps me get there. To have a passion for music, whether they become professionals or not, that's not the point. I want them to have an appreciation for it," Martinez said. "Band teaches so much about life, people's lives and working hard as a group, together to accomplish one goal and that carries on."

Martinez, like many other teachers – and families – are learning the ins and outs of technology through the distance learning scenario that is taking place across Howard County. Through technology students and teachers are able to stay connected, continue the lessons and expand on those lessons each day. Many teachers, including Martinez have taken to the use of Google classroom, Zoom meetings and other online avenues to ensure they are able to stay connected to their students and provide face to face instruction without having to be in the classroom. In addition to the online instruction, teachers have been sending out homework packets to those who may not have access to the internet during this time. As Martinez goes to grade the packets a harsh reality sits in and the impact that the coronavirus has had on the entire nation become a reality.

"It's heartbreaking to think that we are in a time where we have to put on gloves to go through our homework packets, to think that students or some-

one who touched these packets might be sick," he said.

As social distancing becomes even more of a reality with each passing day and the ever growing numbers of cases in the United States, the way of life that Martinez – and so many others – have tried to instill in our youth is being shaken. The respect factor and the importance of saying "Yes Sir", "No sir" and shaking hands is a lesson that in a sense has been put on hold in order to practice safety and help slow the spread.

"I'm a handshaker. If there is anything you learn from me as a teacher its 'Yes sir, No sir' and you shake a hand, and you look someone in the eye," Martinez said. "I tell my students all the time, if you want to get a job, first impressions are everything. I truly believe that."

One of the hardest things for teachers across Howard County, including Martinez, isn't necessarily the adapting to the new way of learning, but adapting to the new way of being there for their students. The extension of Spring Break and closures of schools not only took away the classroom learning opportunity, but it took away the connection, the special moments between teachers and students.

"One of the hardest things has been not being able to shake their hands, hug them," he said. "You see the hesitation now... where a kid would normally run and hug your neck or shake your hand and now there's that hesitation because of what we've been told. While yes we need to take it serious it is hard, one of the hardest parts actually."

As teachers and students get through this new reality – for the time being – one thing is becoming evident, the impact the teachers have had on these kids is showing in their determination, the ability

to get things done and their continued pursuit of their education.

"These kids are out there making life happen no matter the circumstances," Martinez said. "So many kids figure it out; they figure out, kid's are able to move mountains, but we can't let them know that. They have figured out whatever it takes, whether it's getting on their parent's phone, searching on Google or whatever, they find a way to get what they need or to reach out. There is nothing that will stop them if they really want it and it's super inspiring."

Not only are students taking the initiative to find a way to ensure they get the help they need when it comes to course work they may not understand, but they are ensuring that the connectivity remains despite not being in the classroom.

"It's not even just about them needing help or instruction on an assignment. It's inspirational to get the 'How are you doing Mr. Martinez?'" he said. "Just checking up on people and that is life speaking strong."

While it's not the typical classroom setting, the lessons haven't stopped and according to Mr. Martinez won't be stopping. Together teachers, students and families will get through this together.

Mr. Martinez reminds his students, don't forget while they may not be in the band hall – or the classroom – it doesn't mean they shouldn't be practicing.

"The show must go on, and there will be a chair test as soon as we get back," he giggled. "Seriously though, there will be a test."

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as soon as details have been finalized information will be pushed out through local media sources. While there isn't a direct correlation between the supply and demand of blood products to treat COVID-19, it is an idea for community to support those who might need care after COVID-19 due to illnesses, accidents or other instances that could drain the blood supply. The ability and time to stock the blood bank before it is needed is a positive step in ensuring there isn't a need that can't be met.

The demand for masks has increased with one of the more recent announcements by the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) recommending all who need to go in public to wear a mask in order to slow the spread.

There are places around the world where it is expected and mandated by governments anyone outside will be wearing a mask or have the potential to be fined. At this time it is a recommendation from the CDC to wear a mask for the protection of oneself and those around them, but is not punishable by law in Howard County at this time.

The definition of a mask versus a respirator is a mask protects the environment and those in the environment from the person wearing the mask, which is a protective measure. A respirator protects the person wearing it from the environment and is used as a treatment measure.

While not all community members are looking to be the driving force behind a massive movement or put together a grand gesture, there are plenty of opportunities to lend a hand, offering an encouraging word or provide support for one of these or any of the other efforts that are taking place throughout the community.

Donating blood is an effort that can be taken part in, during any of the blood

drives taking place in town. For those who have sewing ability, the Big Spring Mask Maker Facebook group can be contacted. If you do not have crafting ability, there is an opportunity to donate cotton cloth, elastic bands, and stitches-in-time. The 3D printed projects can also use elastic bands as well as clear plastic cover sheets that are used on school reports. One binder can be cut in half and two face shields can be assembled from the 3D printed parts. Another thing that the community can do is lend confidence to a child.

The 3D printer is one of the newest technology pieces being used to aid in the current situation. In 1983, Chuck Hull was feeling a bit isolated at work and he began to think about how he could manipulate some polymers that went from a liquid stage to a solid stage when exposed to UV light. This is sort of how an egg turns to a solid when heat is added. Chuck "printed" the first 3D part nearly 40 years ago and it looks like a large golf tee.

Many other good things have come from enforced and voluntary isolation. Albert Einstein had a job that allowed him to think and think he did. Isaac Newton was sent home from school to slow the spread of the plague. There he ate apples and while not much more than a teenager, he wrote what many claim to be one of the best books on science ever written. He also designed from scratch what would turn into the Hubble Space Telescope. Nelson Mandela spent 27 years in enforced solitude, and he wrote many great and positive things. William Sydney Porter who took his pen name from his jailer, O.Henry. after trumped up charges and a sham conviction, O.Henry gave to us his "Gift of the Magi" and "The Last Leaf," which is a story about being isolated and giving to another person hope. O.Henry is the man who gave to us the fictitious daughter of Texas Governor Hogg.

Many positive impacts have been made at a time of isolation and Big Spring residents are just as capable of making great change as any of the above listed. "We exist to support teachers helping students learn. It is exciting to know that we are also helping teachers support our community," Conaway said.

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it was probably the correct decision to postpone."

While there are now new deadlines to adhere to regarding the election, the ballots that would have been seen in May will now be transferred and added to the November ballots, but the candidates will remain the same.

"Since the election day has been moved those who are currently sitting on these governing boards will remain in place until the election takes place and the canvassing of the November ballots is complete," she said. "Incoming candidates will have shortened terms and will end at the original limits set. However, as far as the ballot is concerned, more people will vote during a presidential election than any other time."

With the COVID-19 situation being as fluid as it has proven to be the exact numbers of other Texas Counties entities who have postponed their elections is an ever evolving number. While the numbers of those who are still holding elections are low, each entity has the right to make their own decision on what is best for their community.

"We strive to provide the best customer service to our entities and voters while maintaining election integrity," Duck said. "By postponing the election sooner than later allows us to stop all election processes before we got to a point of no return. No ballots have been issued and no machines have been programmed so we will be able to pick back up where we left off come September."

She continued, "At this time even though the election has been postponed our office is still open, but we are following the directives by the officials. We are able to do most of our business by e-mail, phone, fax or mail."

Duck encourages voters to stay home, stay well because the next election is actually July 14 for the Democratic Primary Runoff. Early voting for this election will begin July

6 and run through July 10. The only voters that will be casting ballots in this election will be those who chose the Democratic Ballot in the primary or didn't vote at all, will be allowed to vote in the runoff. Moving forward those who are wanting to vote in the July election will need to make sure they are registered to vote no later than Monday, June 15, 2020 and the last day to apply by mail – received not postmarked - is Thursday, July 2, 2020.

To keep up with election information follow the Howard County Election's Facebook page.

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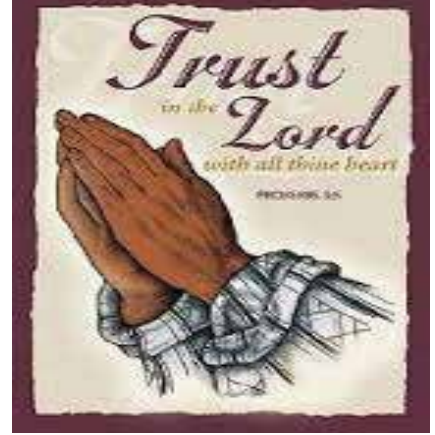
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Church News

College Baptist Church

Pray that Big Spring and Howard County Christians will follow God's pattern for Revival. All activities for our church have gone to virtual on our Facebook page or YouTube at regularly scheduled times. Watch and be informed concerning our ongoing ministries and how we are reconstructing our attempts in ministering to the community. At 11th and Birdwell Lane, we are "on mission" seeking ways to serve in this time.

You are invited to join us on Facebook and YouTube for daily prayer and information as we prepare for each Sunday and Wednesday services. Our youth Pastor also prepares for the activities for our young people to stay connected.

Our services are Sundays for: all ages, Worshiping God at 10:45 a.m. and Bible study at 6 p.m., then on Wednesday: Prayer and Bible study at 7:00 p.m. all on Facebook and YouTube.

We are trying to comply with the complications the COVID-19 has caused on our Community. Please pray for our nation and your families. Do a prayer walk around your church this week. Pray for your youth pastor as he does youth happenings on social media. The video team and worship teams need your prayers. Prayer text your pastor and youth pastor and families and church workers this week, and let them know you are praying for them. Pray with your elderly. Ask them for advice when you can't find necessities. Keep a journal of how God is speaking to you during this time of lock-in with Him.

Worship together with us as we celebrate the God of all seasons. No matter the program, we enjoy the worship time where our pastor, Bro. Ken McMeans, helps us as we delve into God's Word, which inspires us to live as Jesus lives through us. Keep your spiritual 2020 Vision on and be a part in these joyful activities with us in exciting worship as we praise the Mighty God we serve. Please call: 432-267-7429, for more information concerning our links to get on line for Bible study with Zoom, YouTube, and Facebook in this exciting, loving Church.

Life Church

We are thankful for all those that attended our Easter Sunday Drive In Service.

This week we are going back to having our service online. Tune into our Life Church Facebook page on Sunday morning at 10:30am. You can also listen to the service on the Kbest 95.7 FM.

Our Wednesday night service will continue to be online. You can find our Wednesday night service at 7pm on our Facebook page.

Our One Sisterhood ladies are meeting via Zoom on Wednesday's at noon for our Seek Prayer Group. Visit Life Church's One Sisterhood Big Spring Facebook page for more information about Seek and other future events. <https://www.facebook.com/onesisterhoodbigspringtx/>

Our One Brotherhood men will be meeting via Zoom for their Men's Breakfast on Saturday, May 2, 2020 at 8am. Visit Life Church's One Brotherhood Facebook page for more information about the Men's Breakfast and future events. <https://www.facebook.com/ONEBrotherhoodLifeChurch-BigSpring/>

For more information about Life Church please visit www.golifechurch.net or follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/bigspringlife/>

NazFamily Church

Drive-In Church will be held; load up your vehicles and invite your friends to our NazFamily Church drive-in service this Sunday at 10 a.m.

Our ministry staff gathers each Tuesday at 12 p.m. for a time of Word, worship, and prayer together. We will also continue to have a Wednesday evening service at 6:30 p.m. You can join us through Facebook Live for all of our services. Stay connected!

On Saturday we will have an all church work day starting at 9 a.m. We have several projects. There will be something for everyone. Come out and help us keep the NazFamily property looking beautiful!

Spring Creek Fellowship

All services and other activities have been cancelled until further notice due to the Corona Virus Situation. Check our Facebook page, our website and the App for daily videos of inspiration.

We will have live feed Worship Services on our Spring Creek Fellowship Facebook page on Sunday mornings at 10:45 am. Pastor Lloyd will also be doing daily videos to lift up our spirits, keep in contact and keep everyone updated on information as needed.

Know we are all praying for a quick resolution to the current state of our world, our leaders, medical personnel and everyone effected. Please follow our leader's advice and take care of yourselves and be considerate of others. Check on your neighbor, stay a safe distance away and please leave some toilet paper at the store for someone who has none.

We cannot wait to see you in person again when this is all over. There will be great celebration and lots of hugs to go around!

If you are in need or have a way to help those in need at this time, please contact the church office.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, please contact the church office or visit our website at springcreekfellowship.org

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Spring Creek Fellowship is located at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring, Texas. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

"Every Member a Minister"-1 Peter 4:10 NKJV

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Blessed Hands Deaf Church is currently joining with the First Baptist Church family in the main sanctuary with interpreters provided. Due to the current corona virus health crisis, BHDC and FBC leadership are conducting worship services online at 10 a.m. Sunday morning. Please go to fbcbigspring.org or First Baptist Church Big Spring Facebook or contact Blessed Hands Pastor, Jim Walterhouse at: jwalterhouse@gmail.com for additional information. First Baptist Church is located at 705 W FM 700. We serve a risen Savior!

First Baptist Church

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead," 1 Peter 1:3 Become part of the family of First Baptist Church Sunday morning at 10 a.m. by joining hearts and minds in praising God for His never-ending love and faithfulness. The worship service will be live-streamed through the church website and Facebook-live; go to fbcbigspring.org or First Baptist Church Big Spring on Facebook. Wednesday evening Bible teachings led by Pastor Mark Lindsey are available, also. Call 432 267-8223 for additional information. Pastor Mark also welcomes you to contact him at: 432-254-0176 if you would like to talk about what it means to accept Jesus as your personal Savior and Lord. FBC invites all believers to join them in prayer:

Almighty God: We come before You praising Your Holy Name. You, and You alone, Jehovah-Yahweh, are the one true God, The Great 'I Am', The Alpha and The Omega, Creator, Redeemer, Comforter, Counselor, and Sovereign LORD of all. May everything that has breath praise You forever! All creation testifies of Your majesty! We thank You, Father God, for the recent rains, and acknowledge Your Divine Hand as the seasons change. As we see green leaves sprout from dormant tree limbs, and flowers emerge from seemingly empty soil, we marvel at their beauty and remember Your promise to make all things new; thank You LORD. You bring light out of darkness, strength from weakness, and hope from despair; You specialize in giving life to that which is dead, and Your Living Water fills to overflowing wells that are empty and dry. Jesus, You are the answer to every question! We thank You for loving us, and for Your indescribable compassion. Forgive us, Father, for our selfishness and pride; forgive us, also, all the times we have taken Your precious love for granted, and sought Your Hand rather than Your presence. We know, LORD, that no situation escapes Your notice, and You are sovereign over all. The times we live in may be uncertain....but You, LORD, never change. In awe-struck humility, we bow before You in grateful adoration that You have placed our feet upon The Rock of Jesus Christ. While we may be physically distanced from each other...You are always near. Please Father, unite our hearts in closer unity to Yours, and to each other's as never before. Help us, to fix our minds on You, LORD. We ask in faith for wisdom, thankfully receiving it as You grant it to us as promised in Your Word. Great is Your faithfulness! We thank you LORD, that as we navigate this corona virus situation, our path through it grows brighter and brighter. We ask for Your continued guidance each day, and for health amid hidden dangers. LORD, our hope is in You alone! Throughout these circumstances, there is much we cannot understand...but we trust You. We may feel overwhelmed...but we trust You. We may feel discouraged...but we trust You. We may feel afraid...but we trust You. O LORD, You are our strength, our hope, our courage, our compassion, our wisdom, our source of health, and our righteousness. Please keep us close to You, Father, that we might walk daily in integrity with tender concern for everyone. In Your name, Jesus, we take authority over fear and panic in this world wide health crisis, knowing that Your Word has declared that You have forgiven all our sins and healed all our diseases. Thank You for Your merciful loving kindness. You are The Great Physician, and we thank You, Father, that no weapon formed against us will prosper, and we ask that You would restore health to all infected with the corona virus that they might declare Your praise before every nation on earth, and give You glory. We ask that through this health crisis, all who do not know You... will turn to You, and accept Christ as their Lord and Savior, and that hell would be plundered as The Gospel overtakes this virus, and souls are saved. LORD, there is no disease beyond Your healing ability. Your Word tells us that the enemy, Satan, seeks to kill, steal, and destroy. Chaos is his home, and fear is his invitation into any situation, but he is bound by Your authority, and this corona virus situation is under Your feet! We ask that You quickly stop the spread of this virus! We acknowledge that You are the source of all healing. We pray for Your protection and encouragement for our leaders, doctors, nurses, researchers, and all healthcare workers. We ask You, Father, to multiply Your comforting presence in the echoes of isolation, especially those in nursing homes and care facilities. We ask that You restore double

all lost income and revenue to those whose jobs and businesses have been negatively impacted. We thank You for Your provision, friendship, and love. We thank You for the finished work of The Cross! We cry to You LORD, believing You hear us and are bringing streams of Living Water to the desert of corona virus. Jesus, we know You are The Good Shepherd who tenderly cares for us. We thank You, LORD, for bringing beauty from the ashes of this health crisis situation. We love You, and await with confident expectation Your answer to our prayer. In the Name Above All Names: Jesus Christ. Amen. FBC is located at 705 W FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church. "...May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,... guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7

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Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 a.m. but due to the COVID-19 virus we are not having class. Our Sunday Service begins at 10:30 a.m. You can catch us on Facebook Live on our Facebook page. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday.

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study has stopped due to the COVID-19 virus. Please join us for our Easter Services on our Facebook page for a Facebook Live the service begins at 10:30am. Please come and join us.

Dolline Budke will present the scripture readings this week.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts". Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church welcomes all to participate in our services. We are located North of the High School on Goliad Street (1001 S. Goliad), and would love to have you visit. Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by brunch in the Parish Hall. On Wednesday's we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m. and evening we have Evening prayer, dinner, and book study starting at 5:30 p.m. What a great opportunity to have meaningful fellowship and develop relationships with people who have a common interest, following the steps of Christ. Please come and join us for a time of worship and fellowship in a place that welcomes all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Facebook - Live Streaming: Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m., St. Mary's will be Live Streaming their service on Facebook, website - www.facebook.com/StMarysBigSpring. What a great way to listen OR participate in the service at the comforts of your home or wherever you may be at that time of day.

Eucharist to Go: Every Sunday after the church service we will have what is called "Eucharist to Go." From 11:45 am to 12:00 p.m. we will distribute a wafer (the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ) while you are in your car.

Here is how the process will work: You will drive your car to the southside parking lot of the church, (the parking lot facing the High School). Open your window and put your hands out and a wafer will be given to you. The Priest will use a Tong and have a mask on to deliver the wafer to your hands. All our Welcome.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. Worship services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11 a.m. on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM. You can also find the service live streamed on our Facebook page at First United Methodist Church Big Spring. You can watch previous worship service videos on that Facebook page including recordings of our Christmas program, "Our Savior".

Only one Sunday morning worship service will be held from April 19 to April 26 through Facebook Live and will be broadcast as normal over KXCS-105.5 FM at 11 a.m. On April 19 the title of Pastor Derrell's sermon is "Let Love Redesign Me" from Matthew 5:43-48. Youth Group also meets online using Zoom on Wednesday evenings You may mail prayer requests and offerings to the church at 400 Scurry Street, Big Spring, TX 79720, or give offerings online through our "Tithely" app, also available through our church website. Please check our Facebook page to find ministry and activity updates.

Because of the national emergency caused by the Covid 19 virus most of the activities of the church are postponed at least for the month of April. For more information on any activity, please visit the website at www.fumcbs.com or phone the church office at 432-267-6394.

Spice of Life by Lillian Bohannon

When my older sister was quite a young housewife, she attempted to use Mon's recipe for cookies. She read all the ingredients, sifted everything together, and baked them the proper amount of time. She gave her husband the first cookie and could tell by the look on his face something was indeed wrong. After eating one herself and realizing how awful they tasted, she called Mom to make sure she had the recipe right. Instead of sugar in the stated amount she had used the same amount of salt!

When we use the right amount of

spices in the right combination the end result is usually very delicious to our taste. The spice of life has the same results.

When Jesus had been in the tomb for three days and nights, women came with spices very early in the morning to anoint His dead body. But they found the spices were not needed. He had risen and was not where they expected to find Him. They found two men there instead. They found the grave clothes instead. The napkin that had been about His face was folded in a place by itself. That is

significant.

So two questions: What did the women do with the spices? And, Why did He leave the napkin folded and in a place by itself? Jesus was a carpenter growing up in Nazareth. When a job wasn't completed the sweat cloth was folded, and laid in a place beside the work as an indication that he was coming back again.

Since the spices weren't needed because Jesus was alive, and the napkin was a sign Jesus would return, I personally think Heaven will be sweeter with Heavenly spices clinging to His

Heavenly robes when He returns in all His glory.

Are we ready? He said in Jeremiah 33:3 "Call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not." Call on Him and let Him show you the spice of Heaven. His telephone number 333 is never busy, He uses Face Time. He even texts us. His Text is the Bible, His Holy Word. Let the sweet aroma of His Holy Spirit make Himself reality for your life. He's waiting for your call.

Howard's Klay Brown handling recruitment with ease



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Klay Brown shows off his athleticism and toughness near the basket through a series of plays made during his one season as a member of the Howard Hawks.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

The Howard Hawks' 2019-20 basketball season was an up-and-down roller coaster of a year. For one of the best players from that squad, Klay Brown, the same thing could be said about the season that he had. After starting only a couple of games over the first half of the season, Brown burst onto the scene after winter break and showed flashes of his dominance on both sides of the floor.

"I would say it changed when we came back from winter break," Brown said. "I changed my attitude from the first semester. The first semester I thought that I should be rewarded certain things and in the second semester I just humbled myself and continued to work and keep a level head."

Brown started 13 games over the course of the season and averaged 11.8 points per game. He was ranked as one of the top five shooters in the entire Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) when he knocked down 43.0 percent of his shots from beyond the arc in those starts. Over the course of the entire season, Brown ranked second on the team by converting on 40.4 percent of his deep shots.

The high soaring 6-foot-4 combo guard also frustrated his opponents with his defensive prowess. Whenever the Hawks would record an emphatic block that would send momentum in the direction of the red and black, it was most likely Brown who just swatted away the potential basket. He averaged just under two blocks per game (1.9) in his starts and also got his hands into enough passing lanes to average a high total of steals (1.5) as well.

How would Brown describe his style of play?

"I like to shoot a lot of three's and I like to get my teammates involved," Brown said.

After scoring in double digits only twice before the middle of January, things looked bleak for Brown as he appeared to be nothing more than a rotational player. He would finish the year by recording double digit points scored in seven out of the last 11 games of the season.

In the last game of the season, a 79-70 road win over New Mexico Military, Brown exploded for a season-high 28 points. He knocked down 10-of-16 shots overall and made six shots from downtown.

Brown has now played college basketball at the Division I and junior college level. After playing one year at St. Peter's, Brown brought his talent to Big Spring and greatly boosted the talent level of the Hawks squad. Near the end of the last season, if there was a crucial moment in the game and the Hawks needed three points, chances are that Head Coach Scott Raines was sending Brown as the player to launch the deep-range shot.

"If you're a hard worker, then things are going to be rewarded to you," Brown said.

The standout shooting guard's recruitment has been slow but productive. There are several programs that have offered Brown a scholarship to play at the next level but he is taking his time in

making his decision.

Western Oregon, St. Mary's (TX), and Pace University (NY) are some of the options but Brown is in no rush to commit anywhere during the current coronavirus pandemic. Players are currently unable to take visits to the schools that have offered them so it is not the simplest decision to make.

"Things are slow right now," Brown said. "I'm speaking to a lot of Division II schools and a few D-I's."

Brown is still currently living in Big Spring and finishing out his school year where he knows that he can stay focused and keep training. The Jamaica Queens, New York native has spent the past two years on two opposite ends of the spectrum and is ready to get back to NCAA basketball.

After arriving on campus last year at Howard, Brown had set goals in his mind and knew what he needed to do to make sure he could get back to the Division I or Division II level.

"It was my main objective to get back to the Division I level," Brown said. "I figured if I could get back to that level, I could show the entire country that I can ball. But I'm taking my time and I'm not in any rush right now."

Now, Brown will bring his winning attitude to his next city whose fans are sure to embrace him. The high-flying two-guard will surely make plays on both ends of the court and work hard to earn every minute of playing time he gets on the floor.

One thing for certain is that Brown's basketball journey does not end in Big Spring. In his case, it shows that it is not always how you start, but how you finish.

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ESPN National Top 50 Basketball Recruit Rankings & Commitments

Rank	Player	Hometown	Position	College
1	Jalen Green	Fresno, CA	SG	NBA G League
2	Evan Mobley	Temecula, CA	C	USC
3	Cade Cunningham	Arlington, TX	PG	Oklahoma State
4	Scottie Barnes	West Palm Beach, FL	PF	Florida State
5	Jalen Suggs	Minneapolis, MN	PG	Gonzaga
6	B.J. Boston	Chatsworth, CA	SF	Kentucky
7	Ziaire Williams	Chatsworth, CA	SF	Stanford
8	Terrence Clarke	Wolfeboro, NH	SF	Kentucky
9	Greg Brown	Austin, TX	PF	
10	Josh Christopher	Lakewood, CA	SG	Arizona State
11	May'Ron Sharpe	Winterville, NC	C	North Carolina
12	Makur Maker	Phoenix, AZ	C	
13	Isaiah Todd	Richmond, VA	PF	Michigan
14	Walker Kessler	Fairburn, GA	C	North Carolina
15	Jalen Johnson	Glendale, WI	SF	Duke
16	Jaden Springer	Charlotte, NC	SG	Tennessee
17	Caleb Love	St. Louis, MO	PG	North Carolina
18	Jeremy Roach	Leesburg, VA	PG	Duke
19	Sharife Cooper	Powder Springs, GA	PG	Auburn
20	Daishen Nix	Las Vegas, NV	PG	UCLA
21	Nimari Burnett	Chicago, IL	SG	Texas Tech
22	Cam Thomas	Chesapeake, VA	SG	LSU
23	D.J. Steward	Chicago, IL	SG	Duke
24	Jaemyn Brakefield	Jackson, MS	PF	Duke
25	Devin Askew	Santa Ana, CA	PG	Kentucky
26	Keon Johnson	Bell Buckle, TN	SF	Tennessee
27	Bryce Thompson	Washington, OK	SG	Kansas
28	Mark Williams	Norfolk, VA	C	Duke
29	Adam Miller	Chicago, IL	SG	Illinois
30	Isaiah Jackson	Pontiac, MI	PF	Kentucky
31	Micah Peavy	Houston, TX	SF	Texas Tech
32	Earl Timberlake	Hyattsville, MD	SF	Miami
33	Jabri Abdur-Rahim	Short Hills, NJ	SF	Virginia
34	Marcus Bagley	Sacramento, CA	SF	Arizona State
35	Hady Sissoko	Mt. Pleasant, UT	C	Michigan State
36	Hunter Dickinson	Hyattsville, MD	C	Michigan
37	Matthew Murrell	Memphis, TN	SG	Ole Miss
38	Moses Moody	Little Rock, AR	SG	Arkansas
39	R.J. Davis	White Plains, NY	PG	North Carolina
40	Lance Ware	Camden, NJ	PF	Kentucky
41	MarJon Beauchamp	Seattle, WA	SF	
42	P.J. Hall	Roebuck, SC	C	Clemson
43	Dawson Garcia	Prior Lake, MN	PF	Marquette
44	Josh Hall	Hickory, NC	SF	NC State
45	J.T. Thor	Norcross, GA	PF	Auburn
46	Reece Beekman	Baton Rouge, LA	PG	Virginia
47	Dain Dainja	Brooklyn Park, MN	PF	Baylor
48	Andre Curbelo	Brookville, NY	PG	Illinois
49	Cliff Omoruyi	Montclair, NJ	C	Rutgers

Video chats to home workouts, draft prospects get it done

By ROB MAADDI

AP Pro Football Writer

UCLA running back Joshua Kelley was looking forward to visiting various NFL teams, checking out their facilities and meeting coaches before the COVID-19 pandemic changed the pre-draft process.

"I think that would've been really dope because I've been a fan of the NFL for so long and to get a chance to actually be in a facility and see what goes on would've been really cool," Kelley said.

Instead, because the NFL on March 13 barred all in-person pre-draft visits, Kelley and other prospects had to do "virtual" visits with teams. Their conversations with coaching staffs took place on video conferencing technology like Skype, Zoom and FaceTime.

On the positive side, the ab-

sence of visits gave players more time to work out.

"You take calls from coaches and then you have the rest of the day to train," Kelley said. "You're not flying on a plane. You're not in hotels. It's an extremely different process right now."

Of course, training schedules had to be drastically altered because players can't go to gyms or use their school's facilities. Kelley's agent, Molly McManimie, said she had to scramble to find 50-pound dumbbells for her client to use at home.

"You get super creative," McManimie said. "That's where your grit and determination comes in. Bottom line is, this is a good example of how you're going to face adversity."

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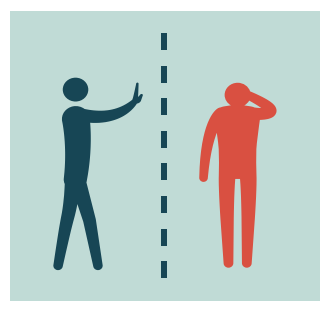
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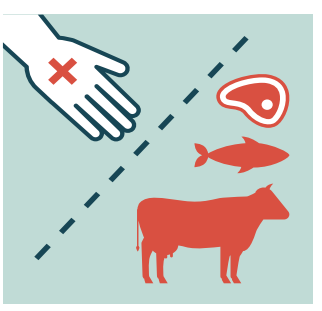
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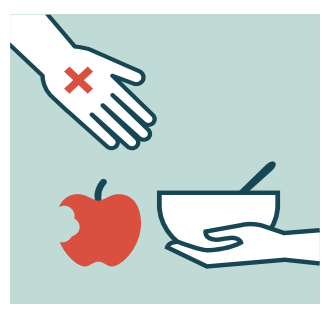
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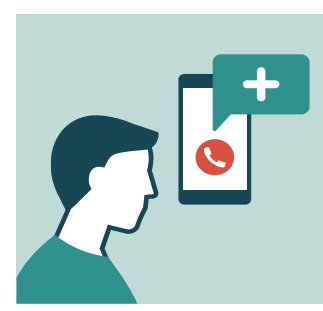
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lucky numbers are: 9, 7, 39, 20 and 18.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES:

Seize the chance to reconnect with friends. You'll be surprised where this leads. TAURUS: You're likely to change your mind a lot over the weekend. You can prevent awkwardness and confusion by keeping your opinions to yourself, committing to nothing and processing life quietly. GEMINI: You'll be attracted to those who live at a pace that's different from yours. You're willing to change it up a bit to be with them. CANCER: Some people find it really hard to say "sorry" and others say it so easily that it's meaningless. Know who you're dealing with. LEO: People who try to treat you the way you want to be treated but fail make better partners than people who get it right accidentally. VIRGO: You can replace the missing pieces in your life. Say aloud what they are and get to work. LIBRA: You live with intensity, and you want someone who feels the same way about this precious life. SCORPIO: Do not

be afraid. No matter how high love soars, it's not too high, as it got there on its own wings. SAGITTARIUS: You may not have been properly loved in the past, but that pattern has been magnificently interrupted. CAPRICORN: You'd rather hear people speak how they feel than hear the particular words of love you prefer without sans feeling. AQUARIUS: Memory comes in disjointed fragments and this is why poetry captures love better than a narrative. PISCES: Your imagination helps to make love great.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:

Pisces is the old soul and Aries is the firstborn child. One would think these zodiac neighbors would have little in common because of this, but they need one another and learn from one another so the relationship itself becomes the common ground. They may not always understand one another or get along perfectly, but the karmic bond infuses the tie with tenacity.

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Last Aries Days

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've been thinking about how to get what you want, and it's clear you'll need to make a special request. Timing is everything. It will be better to ask after nightfall or tomorrow.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are mysterious and all the more attractive for your secrets. You'll be nudged, and downright bothered, to reveal them. Resist. There's more power in keeping them to yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll have a heightened awareness of what arises from your subconscious, whether it be in the form of dreams, creativity or the assimilation of subtle clues you've picked up along the way.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Life has its own set of navigational rules. To understand it, you have to look backward; to live it, you can only go forward. Also, you can only feel what it's like to be inside it when you're standing

still.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There was a time you didn't believe that you could actually change your circumstances by merely observing them differently. Now you believe it, and you do it on a daily basis. Today brings proof.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The messiness of life is the best part. Maybe it won't make the edit for social media, and that's why the insider's view is always the best. Intimacy is about knowing another person's mess.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's like you're trying to move a couch into a room with a small door. Once inside, everything will work out nicely. But getting through this tight squeeze will take some doing. What needs to be released in order to move forward?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Visualizing alone can't make things true, but it can motivate action that feels natural and familiar instead of labored and difficult. As you visualize the future, you lay its groundwork.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The ancients believed that the soul resides in the area

between the heart and the solar plexus. The soulfire in you radiates a sense of warmth and anticipation from this space today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've been generous and that generosity boomerangs back to you today in the form of unexpected help that allows you to accomplish more than you thought possible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Why return to projects that were not enormously successful the first time around? You'd rather move on, and move on you will, after a brief bit of business is handled.

19-March 20). Just because something goes unspoken doesn't mean it's unspeakable. Words will be like the keys to a cage. You'll communicate and free yourself.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 17). It's a year of fun twists and unexpected encounters. Colleagues will become like family, and family will support your work in some way. You'll invest in yourself, which will pay huge dividends six months from now. At the end of 2020, you'll be the recipient of an award, bonus or gift of gratitude. Sagittarius and Gemini adore you. Your

Annie's Mailbox

Be Safe; Get Tested

Dear Annie: In a future column, please stress that when someone is cheating (or being cheated on), they should be tested, along with everyone else involved -- and the sooner the better. -- JP

Dear JP: Great advice. I hope this isn't a lesson that you had to learn the hard way. Being cheated on is bad enough.

Readers can visit get-tested.cdc.gov to find nearby facilities that will conduct testing free of charge.

Dear Annie: Your referral of the International OCD Foundation to "Outside the Bubble" for treatment options regarding OCD that manifests itself as religious scrupulosity was well directed. I highly recommend them, as someone who has attended their annual conferences and whose family member has used their references, materials and member services. OCD manifests itself in many forms to prevent "normal living" activities.

Religious scrupulosity as OCD goes further in preventing the victim from experiencing the truth, beauty and peace offered by their faith and can affect people of all faith traditions.

Your letter writer was Catholic, and therefore I would recommend further an organization called Scrupulous Anonymous. They are run by a Catholic priest, Father Thomas Santa, CSSR, and offer comforting and good advice through newsletters, retreats and workshops. He does not hesitate to advise victims to seek professional therapy when it is called for. They can be reached at ScrupulousAnonymous.org.

There is hope and healing available, and I encourage anyone serious about their Faith to seek it out. -- Family of an OCD Survivor

Dear Family: Thanks for sharing your experience and these additional resources. I heard from others who thought I was too hasty to take on the letter writer's point of view, and I'd like to share some of that feedback

in the interest of examining the whole picture.

Dear Annie: I was surprised and disappointed at your response to "Outside the Bubble." The writer of the question appears to me to be looking for reasons for excusing his/her attitude toward the Catholic Church, into which he/she was raised, by finding fault with siblings who take their faith seriously.

What is wrong with religion becoming an all-important part of one's daily life? I believe that is what our faith is supposed to be. Catholics have an obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and on certain Holy Days, among other obligations. This might make it necessary, if one is traveling, to find a nearby Catholic Church to attend. This may be inconvenient, but I do not see that as "compulsive behavior."

If these siblings are intolerant of people of other faiths, that is not an attitude consistent with Church teachings, as certainly our Pope Francis has made clear. But as for our

Church a "filling a void" in our lives or giving us "a spiritual high," isn't that what our faith is supposed to do? Especially, in the times we currently live in, with all our health uncertainties, we need more than ever for our faith to fill those voids.

If the writer feels that relatives are intolerant of her attitudes, she could try to find it in her heart to realize that her siblings may be acting out of love and concern for her. Perhaps she should find it in her heart to be a more loving and tolerant person herself. -- Person of Faith

Dear Person of Faith: There are two sides to every story, and yours sheds some light on the flip side of "Outside the Bubble's" situation. Faith is indeed an essential part of life for many of us, and I'd never intentionally discount that. I appreciate your writing.

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

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By Steve Becker
Bidding quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

- ♠ KJ94 ♥ KJ9652 ♦ AQ ♣ 10
- ♠ 873 ♥ AKQ983 ♦ Q6 ♣ J7
- ♠ 62 ♥ A109643 ♦ AK ♣ QJ4
- ♠ AJ ♥ KJ8754 ♦ 95 ♣ K63

1. Four spades. The value of a hand almost always rises or falls as the bidding progresses. Here, for example, when you open the bidding with one heart, your hand is clearly above a minimum opening bid. True, you have only 14 high-card points, but the 4-6-2-1 distribution increases the value of the hand by at least another two points.

When partner responds two clubs, however, the hand shrinks somewhat in value. You had hoped he would respond one spade or raise your hearts, but he did neither. His two-club bid didn't help your hand one whit and, in fact, hurt it a bit. You therefore proceed cautiously at your second turn by rebidding two hearts, since the combined hands might turn out to be a total misfit.

But when partner next bids two spades, the situation changes dramatically. Your original evaluation is not only restored but increased, and you show this by jumping to four spades. In effect, you blow cold when partner bids clubs, but hot when he bids spades.

2. Three hearts. Here you simply stick to your story -- namely, that you opened on minimum values and neither of partner's responses has helped you at all. Partner is thus alerted to go easy the rest of the way, since your bids of one, two and three hearts are clearly intended to put a damper on the proceedings.

3. Three notrump. Your earlier two-heart bid limited you to minimum opening strength, and you should now let partner know that you are on the high side for your previous bids by leaping to three notrump. Two notrump at this point would make it sound as though you were dying on your feet and might result in missing your side's best contract.

4. Three clubs. All you can do under the circumstances is to show partner a preference for his first suit. You started with a weak opening bid and should continue to bid your hand weakly in order to slow partner down. If partner now goes off the deep end, the responsibility is entirely his own.

Tomorrow: The price is right.
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5	2	8	7	3	9	4	6	1
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1	8	9	6	5	4	3	7	2
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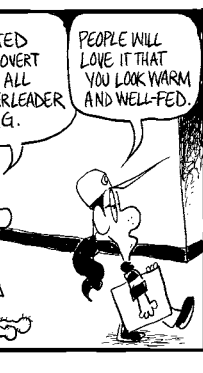
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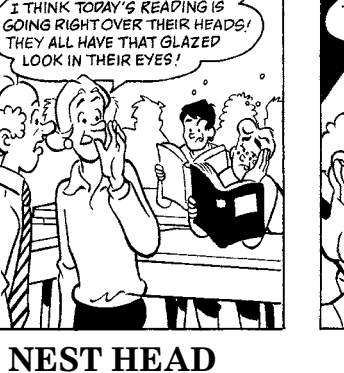
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This Date In History

Today in History
Today is Friday, April 17, the 108th day of 2020. There are 258 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On April 17, 1961, some 1,500 CIA-trained Cuban exiles launched the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in an attempt to topple Fidel Castro, whose forces crushed the incursion by the third day.
On this date:
In 1492, a contract was signed by Christopher Columbus and a representative of Spain's King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, giving Columbus a commission to seek a westward ocean passage to Asia.
In 1521, Martin Luther went before the Diet of Worms (vohrms) to face charges stemming from his religious writings. (Luther was later declared an outlaw by Holy Roman Emperor Charles V.)
In 1524, Giovanni da Verrazano reached present-day New York Harbor.
In 1969, a jury in Los Angeles convicted Sirhan Sirhan of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.
In 1970, Apollo 13 astronauts James A. Lovell, Fred W. Haise and Jack Swigert splashed down safely in the Pacific, four days after a ruptured oxygen tank crippled their spacecraft while en route to the moon.
In 1972, the Boston Marathon allowed women to compete for the first time; Nina Kuscsik was the first officially recognized women's champion, with a time of 3:10:26.
In 1973, Federal Express (later FedEx) began operations as 14 planes carrying 186 packages took off from Memphis International Airport, bound for 25 U.S. cities.
In 1975, Cambodia's five-year war ended as the capital Phnom Penh fell to the Khmer Rouge, which instituted brutal, radical policies that claimed an estimated 1.7 million lives until the regime was overthrown in 1979.
In 1986, at London's Heathrow Airport, a bomb was discovered in the bag of Anne-Marie Murphy, a pregnant Irishwoman about to board an El Al jetliner to Israel; she'd been tricked into carrying the bomb by her Jordanian fiance, Nezar Hindawi. The bodies of kidnapped American Peter Kilburn and Britons Philip Padfield and Leigh Douglas were found near Beirut; they had been slain in apparent retaliation for the U.S. raid on Libya.
In 1991, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 3,000 for the first time, ending the day at 3,004.46, up 17.58.
In 1993, a federal jury in Los

Angeles convicted two former police officers of violating the civil rights of beaten motorist Rodney King; two other officers were acquitted. Turkish President Turgut Ozal died at age 66.
In 2007, a day after the Virginia Tech massacre, President George W. Bush visited the campus, where he told students and teachers at a somber convocation that the nation was praying for them and "there's a power in these prayers."
Ten years ago: Some 100,000 Poles filled Warsaw's biggest public square, joining together for a memorial and funeral Mass for the 96 people killed in a plane crash a week earlier. (A thickening cloud of volcanic ash over Europe caused some world leaders — including President Barack Obama — to cancel plans to attend a state funeral the next day.) Pope Benedict XVI began a pilgrimage in Malta, a Catholic nation buffeted by the worldwide clerical sex abuse scandal.
Five years ago: President Barack Obama left open the door to "creative negotiations" in response to Iran's demand that punishing sanctions be immediately lifted as part of a nuclear deal (the president spoke at a White House news conference with Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi). Financial officials from the world's major economies, meeting in Washington, issued a communique welcoming modest improvements in the global economy while side-stepping fears rattling global financial markets that Greece would default on its bailout loans. Cardinal Francis George, the retired archbishop of Chicago, died at age 78.
One year ago: Just days after Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris was ravaged by a fire, police in New York said they had arrested a college philosophy teacher who they said had entered St. Patrick's Cathedral carrying two cans of gasoline, lighter fluid and butane lighters; they said he had also booked a flight to Rome the following day. (A judge later decided to commit the man to a mental health facility.) The Trump administration intensified its crackdown on Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela, rolling back Obama administration policy and

announcing new restrictions and sanctions against the three countries. A Florida 18-year-old who authorities said was obsessed with the Columbine school shooting and may have been planning her own attack in Colorado ahead of the 20th anniversary of that shooting was found dead in the mountains outside Denver after a nearly 24-hour manhunt; authorities said Sol Pais had apparently taken her

own life.
Today's Birthdays: Actor David Bradley is 78. Composer-musician Jan Hammer (yahn HAH'-mur) is 72. Actress Olivia Hussey is 69. Actor Rapper Afrika Bambaataa is 63. Actor Sean Bean is 61. Former NFL quarterback Boomer Esiason (eh-SY'-uh-suhn) is 59. Actor Joel Murray is 58. Rock singer Maynard James Keenan is 56. Actress Lela Rochon (LEE'-

lah rohn-SHAHN') is 56. Actor William Mapother is 55. Actress Leslie Bega is 53. Actor Henry Ian Cusick is 53. Actress Kimberly Elise is 53. Singer Liz Phair is 53. Director/producer Adam McKay is 52. Rapper-actor Redman is 50. Actress Jennifer Garner is 48. Country musician Craig Anderson is 47. Singer Victoria Adams Beckham is 46. Actress-singer Lindsay Korman is 42. Actor Tate Ellington is 41. Actor

Nicholas D'Agosto is 40. Actor Charlie Hofheimer is 39. Actress Rooney Mara is 35. Actress Jacqueline MacInnes Wood is 33. Actor Paulie Litt is 25. Actress Dee Dee Davis is 24.
Thought for Today: "A cynic is not merely one who reads bitter lessons from the past; he is one who is prematurely disappointed in the future."
— Sydney J. Harris, American

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
1 Purviews
6 Country music guitar brand
11 "Photo" sessions
14 Memphis blues street
15 George W. alma mater
16 Obsessive fan
17 Shindigs
18 Work shift
19 Encouraging word
20 Shows flexibility
22 Millennial's mom, maybe
23 Unwanted enchantment
24 Start of a quote
28 LDL reducer
29 Long-ago storyteller
32 Arabian Nights name
35 Managed
36 Journalist, informally
37 End of quote
41 Shelley and Keats
42 Long-term profit percentage: Abbr.
43 GPS reading
44 Cultural capital of Japan
45 Lao Tzu follower
48 Source of quote
53 Pool with jets
55 Sixth-century center
56 Least forthright
57 Positioned
58 Holiday seasons
61 Decline slowly
62 Israeli military export

- 63 Onassis' initial
64 Curbside coin collector
65 Seven Dwarfs leader
66 Elevated hair
67 City near Oberhausen
DOWN
1 BBC sitcom
2 Reminiscent of oboes
3 Irritate
4 Hebrew letters
5 Stanza of some sonnets
6 Starter like mal-
7 Fodder tidbit
8 Streep, in *Out of Africa*
9 Modernize
10 Community service program
11 Served separately
12 Flaw-free
13 River of Hades
21 Throws the first pitch
25 Tweety's *vidi*
26 Ore, for instance
27 Name that means "truth"
30 *The Mikado* accessories
31 Oil company, in Wall Street slang
32 Out of control
33 *Downton Abbey* title
34 Peculiar to a dialect
36 Alphabet adomments
38 *noche* (tonight: Sp.)

- 39 Gloating comment
40 Racing engine sound
45 Worked like Cinderella
46 "Not funny"
47 Ancestral aggregates
49 Cluster of bushes
50 Regular routes
51 Name on Advanced Night Repair bottles
52 Unyielding
53 Source of carbs
54 Creator of the Corleones
59 Teamwork inhibitor
60 Stockholm-based flier

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There's going to be things in your career that aren't perfect. But if you want it bad enough, you'll make it work."

Some players have more access to equipment. Some have less. Space at home can be an issue, depending on where they're living.

"What we've been able to do is create a couple of different programs and send them directly," said Brent Callaway, pro sports director at Exos in Dallas.

Going outside has been the biggest challenge for players.

"Athletes who are trying to go to local high school field are being told that they can't go out in that field or have someone come up and run them off that field," Callaway said. "If there's a place nearby, they've tried it, whether it's a local park where they've shown up and found it locked up. We've heard of guys literally working out in fields. Some of them are working out in their homes or in their yards or in the street, running in the street."

Boston College running back A.J. Dillon said he misses the weight room and working with trainers in person. He's doing sit-ups and push-ups at home and running.

"This is my only draft, so this is my normal," Dillon said. "I'm making the most of it, everybody is. Obviously the biggest difference is the visits, the team meetings. I've done a bunch on Zoom."

Tulane wide receiver Darnell Mooney said he runs four miles a day with his dog and works out at home. He goes outside to do positional drills.

"It's not a big thing for me because I'm always in the house," said Mooney, who ran a 4.38-second, 40-yard dash at the combine.

While this crop of prospects doesn't know what a typical pre-draft process looks like, teams have had to make many adjustments from their normal routine. New York Giants general manager Dave Gettleman said the ability to chat with players on video is

"pretty beneficial" because "you can see the guys."

"I'm a city kid and a big believer in body language and all this and that," Gettleman said. "It's not great, it's not perfect, it's OK. For me, what we miss is watching them interact, watching them in your facility. By not having pro days, you also miss that personal contact. Watching guys among their peers and how they operate, how they're received. That tells a lot when you just watch a kid in those circumstances."

"Obviously, when we would go to workouts, a lot of times the night before, our coach and scout that would be at the pro day would take one, two or three of the players out to dinner and have some conversation that way. We have the visual touchpoint, but we're really missing out on the personal touchpoint, when you can smell or feel a guy."

Baltimore Ravens GM Eric DeCosta said one of the biggest challenges with lack of visits is assessing injured players.

"We've had to really work with our training

staff and with the college training staffs to get as much updated information as possible," DeCosta said.

Agents are helping players post videos on social media because they missed out on pro days. It's especially important for prospects who weren't invited to the combine.

Isiah Perkins, a cornerback from University of New Hampshire, posted a "virtual" pro day. He ran a 4.47 40 and had impressive numbers overall.

"I wish I could have ran those times in front of the scouts," he said.

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