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Big Spring Junior High student wins Patriot Pen District contest





District representatives from the VFW were on hand to present Jace Richards, the District winner of the Patriot Pen Contest, with his award and prize money during a short ceremony at the Big Spring Junior High.

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

What Patriotism means to me?

That was the theme for this year's Patriot Pen Contest, which is hosted by VFW Post 2013 in Big Spring. Last month, the Post awarded the First and Second Place winners to Big Spring Junior High students for the local level. The 2020 Second Place winner was Jace Richards and the First Place winner was Kaitlyn Morales. Both essays were submitted to the District 25 competition where Jace Richards - Seventh Grader at Big Spring Junior High - placed First and had his essay submitted to the State competition.

"We were very proud and fortunate to have someone locally garner first place in District," David Leonard with Post 2013, said. A short recognition ceremony took

place at the Big Spring Junior High

last week, with the District Commander Mel Parker was on hand to present Richards with his award and his prize money. The presentation took place in front of Richards classmates.

"The teachers who support this program do an outstanding job... I am proud of all of you ... you are our future and I am proud you all participated. It's an honor to have someone from this

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Winter weather, state-wide power outages sweep across Howard County for Valentine's Day Weekend

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

Valentine's Weekend was another weather episode for the history books.

While weather reports were predicted below average temperatures to roll in during the weekend, the artic blast came blowing in a couple days early. Temperatures had dropped drastically by mid-week and schools in the area ended up cancelling classes on Thursday. Area schools had Friday marked as a teacher in-service day or bad/weather day, and for those who did not, cancellations were issued as temperatures dropped and road conditions worsened.

As the Artic Blast continued to impact the 254 counties in Texas, Governor Abbot issued a Disaster Declaration in response to the severe weather

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HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat Winter weather caused numerous power outages across Howard County. Residents went without power hours, with some

even going days.

Victim Services of Big Spring promotes Teen Violence Awareness Month....

By IRIS RANGEL

Herald Staff Writer

February is Teen Violence Awareness month and Victim Services of Big Spring is looking to make the community aware of this issue that impacts everyone – not just teens – but their parents, teachers, friends, and communities as well. Victim Services is hoping to raise the community's awareness about teen dating violence and promote healthy and safe relationships. "Every February, advocates, young peo-

ple and their loved ones join together across the country to raise awareness against teen dating violence," Director of Victim Services of Big Spring Linda Calvio said. "This annual, month-long push focuses on advocacy and education to stop dating abuse be-There are detectable signs of dating vio-

fore it starts." lence that include unexplained injuries, frequent phone calls, texts demanding to know their whereabouts all the time, withdrawal from family and friends, being ner-

vous or fearful around their partner. Other effects also include a sudden change in the style of their appearance, grades begin to drop in school, and crying or overacting to minor problems. "As a community we need to talk to our

children more about healthy relationships

versus unhealthy relationships, we need to

pay attention to changes or people in their lives," Calvio said. "Talk to other parents if you notice something or hear from your children that there may be a problem with their friend."

Data from the CDC indicated that nearly 1 in 11 females and 1 in 15 male high school students report having experienced physical dating violence in the last year. Also with that data, 26% of women and 15% of men who were victims of contact sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an inmate partner in their lifetime first experienced these or other forms of violence by that partner before the age of 18. "Speaking up is the key to ending dating

violence amongst teens and adults," she Local enforcement individuals can reach

out to to address these issues include the Big Spring Police Department at (432-264-2244) or the Howard County Sheriff's Office at (432-263-3312). Victims can also reach out to their teachers, coaches, counselors, parents or other trusted adult figures, pastors or

ministers and youth groups. "Teen Violence Awareness Month is very important because it brings the problem to

the forefront," Calvio said. "It is imperative that the topic is discussed with our youth

Updates

SMMC does not currently have any vaccine. When we get another allotment from DSHS or a re-allocation from our regional partners, we will let the community know through media outlets, newspaper and through our website. https://www.scenic-

> Scenic Mountain Medical Center has reported 2/12/2021: • 2 Covid-19 positive

patients • 0 in ICU & 0 vent

SMMG & SMMC Testing through Feb. 12: • 3349 tests

• 797 positives for 243.8% positivity rate • 1 pending

From Dec. 2020 - Feb. 12, 1396 patients have tested of which 287 were positive for a rate of 20.3% positivity. 1 test is pending.

> Howard County has reported as of 01/29: • 2868 positive cases

• 85 Covid-19 fatalities 204 Active cases

• 4053 recovered • 1474 probable cases

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Take Note

- The Big Spring Symphony Association has kicked off the 39th season. The concerts will take place at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door, but patrons are strongly encouraged to purchase tickets in advance online at www.bigspringsymphony.org or local ticket vendors: H-E-B, Heritage Museum, The Karat Patch or the CVB office. Students are admitted free. Perforamance adjustments have been made due to Covid-19 to assure the health and safety of everyone. Patrons are asked to arrive early and ushers will seat them in six foot social distance format. Everyone needs to wear a mask upon entering the facility. There are still two performances left: March 20 will be the Music of Queen 'Bohemian Rhapsody' featuring Jeans n' Classics and April 24 will be Pops Extravaganza The Texas Tenors
- The City of Big Spring has reopened all indoor rentable facilities as of Monday, February 1, 2021 for normal operations. We still request that individuals holding events and persons attending events adhere to the following: Please wear a mask when not eating or drinking anything; Make sure to wash and/or sanitize your hands regularly; If you are not feeling well, running a fever, or have been exposed please do not attend events.
- All City of Big Spring offices have reopened to the public effective January 19, 2021. We ask citizens to act responsibly and follow all health precautions and sanitizing guidelines. We strongly recommend that citizens continue to practice social distancing, wash your hands frequently, stay home if you're sick, and wear a mask when in public areas.
- West Texas Centers will be hosting the 2021 Mental Health First Aid training classes in February. Adult mental health virtual class will take place Feb. 17 from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.; in-person adult mental health first aid class will take place Feb. 23, at 3205 Hwy 87 from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.; and the final class in the series will take place Feb. 25 from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. virtually.
- A GoFund me page for Ed Flores, who recently tested positive for coronavirus and was recently transferred to Lubbock. Donations are requested to help with medical bills and travel expenses so his wife can be close with him. Ed worked with Shroyer for about 25 years and 87 Auto Sale as a mechanic; he has always been willing to help out people even when they didn't have enough money to pay him. Donations can be made at GoFundMe by Monica Medina. For more information on how to help, e-mail jessemonica1234@gmail.com or call 432-517-7675.
- 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.
- 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.
- Howard County Republican Club meets the second Monday of each month in the Cactus Room at Howard College. The next meeting is Jan. 20 and will be held in the newly renovated Cactus Room. Everyone is welcome. The meeting takes place at Noon. For more information call 432-213-7628.
- A new group named Taking Care of Business has started in Howard County. It is made up of people of all ages and genders who want to be better than they are. The focus of the fledgling organization is to engage in meaningful discussions that promote personal growth. Additionally, the organization will plan and execute worthwhile activities within the community. There is no membership fee and attendance is not taken. The only requirements are that you be positive or want to be more positive than you are, consider yourself to be a good person but want to be better than you are, and that you have

a desire to help others be better too. Childcare is available during the discussion time if you let us know. Topics to be avoid-

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Taking Care of Business is being sponsored by the local Masons and it meets in the Masonic Lodge on the court square. It is not necessary that you have any masonic affiliation to participate in this Growth Group. All Covid-19 safety protocols will be followed as defined by local, state, and federal authorities. At this time refreshments will not be served but you are welcome to bring your own and not share. The meetings take place at 219 South Main Big Spring, Texas. For more information write to Colonel.Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com or just come to the meeting.

- The Life Center in Big Spring is helping moms and dads with a Diaper Day Giveaway! Call for a five minute phone appointment and a pickup time for free diapers, wipes and formula. 432-606-5041.
- The Howard County Library meeting rooms will be opening up – at limited capacity – on Feb. 1. There will only be five people allowed in the small room and 15 in the large room and can only be used by appointment only by community organizations. No parties or social gatherings will be allowed at this time. For more information, call the Howard County Library.
- The Senior Supper Club has come out of hibernation to resume its normal Tuesday evening dinners. The Come-One-Come-All group will be meeting on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and orders will be placed around 5:30 p.m. after much socializing from a distance. The group will be meeting at Cowboys this week; Feb. 16 at Hunans and Feb. 23 at Spanish Inn. The Senior Supper Club is an informal group of folks from Howard County who meet at least weekly and sometimes more for Dutch-Treat food at different area restaurants. Sometimes the group also meets for cards, dominoes, or desserts and fellowship. For more information, contact Colonel. Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com.
- St. Vincent de Paul will be open the following dates beginning November 2020. Food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and other assistance will be suspended at this time, but will resume on Dec. 17. Distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building. In December 2020, the food distribution will continue the 2nd Thursday as scheduled. SVDP will be closed from December 18 through January 7, 2021.
- Permian Basin Multiple Sclerosis Support Group for information, encouragement and support. The group meets monthly on the Second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express at 5321 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa. If you or someone you know has been touched by MS, or if you are just interested in more information please feel to contact Gary Tidwell at garylteagle1987@gmail.com.
- VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.
- · DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible?

There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

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Sammy Ortega Sammy Ortega, 61, of Big Spring died Sunday, Feb. 14, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

John Roberts

John Roberts, 79, of Garden City died Sunday, Feb. 14, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.
- Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.
- Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615
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WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

- 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 information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org

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City of Big Spring informs community about rise in Covid-19 scam phone calls

Special to the Herald

City of Big Spring

City of Big Spring officials have been made aware of a phone scam in Big Spring and Howard County. If you receive a phone call from someone claiming to be with the department of health and asking for personal information you should just hang up.

DO NOT give out any information over the phone. The type of information these scammers are asking for is your name, date of birth, address, social security number. When they call, they say they are with the State of Texas doing a follow up call for COVID-19. They then ask for your personal information to verify who you are; Texas DSHS representatives will not ask for this information.

Protect Yourself

• Offers to purchase COVID-19 vaccination cards are scams. Valid proof of COVID-19 vaccination can only be provided to individuals by legitimate

- Photos of COVID-19 vaccination cards should not be shared on social media. Posting content that includes your date of birth, health care details or other personally identifiable information can be used to steal your identity.
- Be vigilant and protect yourself from potential fraud concerning COVID-19 vaccines. You will not be asked for money to enhance your ranking for vaccine eligibility. Government and State officials will not call you to obtain personal information in order to receive the vaccine. · Beneficiaries should be cautious of unsolicited
- requests for their personal, medical, and financial information. Medicare will not call beneficiaries to offer COVID-19 related products, services, or ben-• Be suspicious of any unexpected calls or visi-
- tors offering COVID-19 tests or supplies. If you re-

ceive a suspicious call, hang up immediately

- Do not respond to, or open hyperlinks in, text messages about COVID-19 from unknown individ-
- Ignore offers or advertisements for COVID-19 testing or treatments on social media sites. If you make an appointment for a COVID-19 test online, make sure the location is an official testing site.
- Do not give your personal or financial information to anyone claiming to offer HHS grants related to COVID-19.
- Be aware of scammers pretending to be COV-ID-19 contact tracers. Legitimate contact tracers will never ask for your Medicare number, financial information, or attempt to set up a COVID-19 test for you and collect payment information for the

Be aware of scammers pretending to be Covid-19 contact tracers.

The applications were distributed to the area youth last August with this year's theme announced. According to Leonard, Big Spring Junior High is the only school who had submissions to the contest. The Seventh Grade students at the junior high took part in the contest as part of their history classes. More than 250 students submitted an

The VFW Post 2013 will be reaching out to Howard County schools once again in August 2021 with the new essay theme and application process.

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school the past three or four years earn First or Second Place locally and some have even garnered first place at District," Leonard said.

The Patriot Pen competition is a patriot themed based youth competition. The theme is selected each year a the National level in Kansas City, Missouri by the incoming National Commander in Chief. The incoming Commander will announce the theme for Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy contests in March. The theme coincides with the theme for his time in command.

projected to last for the next several days. Through the Declaration State resources were made readily available to help local officials respond. In a press conference, Gov. Abbott reached out to Texans and asked that households would do their part to conserve energy as they began to brace for impact of the impending storm. In conjunction with the Governor's Declaration, a local Declaration of Local Disaster was issued by the City of Big Spring. The local Declaration read as follows: "....Whereas Governor Abbott's order specifical-

ly authorizes "the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster" in accordance with Texas Government Code Now therefore, I, Shannon D. Thomason, Mayor

of the City of Big Spring, do declare and order that: A. in accordance with Texas Government Code 418.108, a state of Disaster does exist in the City of Big Spring due to extreme winter weather B. The resources of the City of Big Spring, Texas

shall be directed as needed to protect life and property within the corporate limits of the City of Big Spring for the duration of this Declaration. Throughout the weekend, Howard County resi-

dents dealt with dwindling temperatures, snow accumulations and hazardous roadways. Once again, the community of Big Spring and

Howard County began to rally together and provide support for those who were lacking shelter or dealing with frozen pipes and loss of heat. Local hotels and motels began to offer reduced rates

"Essays are judged not on grammar or punctuation, but on content of the theme," Commander Before Commander Parker presented Richards

with his award from the District competition, he presented the teacher with an apple. In front of his peers and fellow classmates, Richards was honored for his accomplishment. His essay was judged among 24 other submissions from the VFW area which covers the entire state of Texas. "We continue to have our students take part in

these contests because we want them to know how important it is, and instill appreciation for what they have done for us," Becky Otto, Big Spring Junior High Principal, said.

and waved fees for those who were needing shelter in the weather. In addition, local families took it upon themselves to extend a helping hand in whatever way possible. There were those who took it upon themselves to pay for nights in motels until the winter weather passed; others delivered food to shut ins or those who were unable to get out. Then there were those who braved the weather to make sure that area shut ins didn't go forgotten this Valentine's Day weekend. "The weather wasn't so bad that we felt it would

keep Valentine's Day from coming so we pushed forward knowing that our efforts would warm the hearts of so many," Col. Allen Morris, member and leader of Taking Care of Business, said. "Besides, it was just a fun thing to do."

Valentine's Day brought even lower temperatures as the high for the day sat at 7 degrees. ER-COT ended up issuing a notice that rolling blackouts could be a possibility if the residents across the State didn't begin to conserve energy and help to reduce the load on the grid. The City of Big Spring and Emergency Management, partnered with local law enforcement began to advise residents on how to help conserve energy and avoid rolling blackouts.

Tips to help conserve energy included: lowering thermostats to 68 degrees, turn off and unplug non-essential lights and appliances, and close shades and blinds to reduce the amount of heat lost through windows. The rolling outages began around 2 a.m. with

many residents already without power. As the outages began, many homes were not able to be brought back online and

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to be without power for the majority of the day while others had to wait for power to be restored School cancellations were once again issued for

area schools who weren't already scheduled off for President's Day holiday. Howard College and other area businesses also announced closures as a way to help reduce and conserve energy as tempera ture lows continued, on Monday. Forsan ISD an nounced cancellations for Tuesday as Big Spring and Coahoma went virtual for Tuesday.

As residents began to regain power, Governor Abbott deployed the National Guard and numer ous other resources to aide in getting back to full restoration. The City of Big Spring also issued a Shelter in Place order to help maintain the safety

of the community as temperatures remained beyond record lows.

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to bring about awareness, education, and solutions for ending the violence that has the potential of carrying forward well into adulthood and being passed onto the next genera-If you or someone your know is a

victim of dating violence, Victim Services can be reached at 432-263-3312 or on their website www.vsob.org. Help is available to all victims of major crimes.

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DPS issues official 60-Day notification that DL expiration waiver ends in April

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has officially issued the 60-day notice that the COVID-related waiver on expiration dates for driver licenses (DLs) and identification cards (IDs) ends on April 14, 2021. Therefore, DPS continues to urge customers to make an appointment or renew online today. The department first advised the public that the waiver would end two months ago.

To assist customers with expired licenses who are unable to schedule an appointment prior to the April 14 deadline, DPS has implemented a new procedure. If a customer has a renewal appointment that falls after the deadline, they will be able to request a temporary driving permit that will be valid until their appointment date. For additional details on the new procedure, please visit the DPS website.

The expiration waiver, originally granted by Governor Greg Abbott in March 2020 due to the CO-VID-19 pandemic, applied to DLs, commercial DLs, commercial learner permits, ID cards and election identification certificates that expired on or after March 13, 2020.

Renewing online remains a convenient option Many Texans are eligible to skip the trip to the

office entirely by renewing their DL/ID card or changing their address online at Texas.gov. Customers can also renew by phone at 1-866-DL-RE-NEW (1-866-357-3639). The requirements and cost for online and phone renewal are the same as inperson transactions. (If you schedule an appointment, you will also be notified if you are eligible to renew online.)

Expanded office hours

To assist customers needing in-office DL services, designated high-volume offices are offering expanded hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday.

Scheduling an appointment

Services at driver license offices are now conducted by appointment only. To schedule an appointment or check availability, visit the online appointment scheduler. If you are unable to find an appointment at the office of your choice, check back for availability at that office or other locations nearby. Please check often as availability does

If you are unable to make your scheduled appointment, please reschedule or cancel it ahead of time. While the department is working to serve as many customers as possible, people not showing up for their appointments continues to be a major obstacle. In December 2020, for example, approximately 31% of people (or more than 167,000 customers) were no-shows for their appointments.

The appointment system, which debuted in May 2020, is designed to provide additional convenience, reducing the time Texans wait in line. Customers can book appointments for a specific day and time, up to six months in advance, and show up 30 minutes or less before their scheduled time. Customers can check-in using the kiosk inside the office or from their mobile device.

All offices offer a limited number of same-day appointments. These appointments are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Customers who book these appointments can leave the DL office until their designated time.

Additionally, most offices also offer customers without an appointment a spot on a "standby" list. These customers are required to wait in the office and are assisted in the event of a cancelation or noshow. The number of standby appointments available is limited to ensure all customers who are placed on the list will be served by the end of the

To ensure a safe environment, COVID-19 protocols have been implemented at DL offices.

Millions without power in Texas as snow storm slams US

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A frigid blast of winter weather across the U.S. plunged Texas into an unusually icy emergency Monday that knocked out power for more than 2 million people, shut down grocery stores and air travel and sent cars skidding on dangerously snowy and slick roads.

The worsening conditions halted the delivery of new COVID-19 vaccine shipments. Massive power outages across Houston included a facility storing 8,000 doses of Moderna vaccine, and health officials scrambled to find takers at the same time authorities were pleading for people to stay home.

Temperatures nosedived into the single-digits as far south as San Antonio, and homes that had already been without electricity for hours had no certainty about when the lights and heat would come back on, as the state's overwhelmed power grid throttled into rotating blackouts that are typically only seen in 100-degree Fahrenheit (38-degree Celsius) summers. The storm was part of a massive system that brought snow, sleet and freez-

ing rain to the southern Plains and was spreading across the Ohio Valley and to the Northeast. The Southwest Power Pool, a group of utilities across 14 states, called for rolling outages because the supply of reserve energy had been exhausted. Some utilities said they were starting blackouts, while others urged customers to reduce power usage.

"We're living through a really historic event going on right now," said Jason Furtado, a professor of meteorology at the University of Oklahoma, pointing to all of Texas under a winter storm warning and the extent of the freezing temperatures.

In Houston, where county leaders had warned that the freeze could create problems on the scale of massive hurricanes that slam the Gulf Coast, one electric provider said power may not be restored to some homes until Tuesday. More than 500 people were hunkering down at one shelter, but Mayor Sylvester Turner said other warming centers had to be shut down because those locations, too, lost power.

State officials said soaring demand and cold weather knocking some power stations offline had pushed Texas' system beyond the limits.

"This weather event, it's really unprecedented. We all living here know

that," said Dan Woodfin, senior director of system operations at the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. He defended preparations made by grid operators and described the demand on the system as record-setting. "This event was well beyond the design parameters for a typical

extreme, Texas winter that you would normally plan for. And so that is really the result that we're seeing," Woodfin said. The largest grocery store chain in Texas, H-E-B, closed locations around

Austin and San Antonio, cities that are unaccustomed to snow and have little resources to clear roads. The slow thaw and more frigid lows ahead was also taking a toll on Texas' distribution of COVID-19 vaccines. State health officials said Texas, which was due to receive more than 400,000

additional vaccine doses this week, now does not expect deliveries to occur until at least Wednesday. The weather also put existing vaccine supply in jeopardy. Rice University on Monday abruptly began offering vaccines on its closed Houston campus af-

ter Harris Health System told the school it had about 1,000 vaccines that "were going to go to waste," said Doug Miller, a university spokesman. "The window was just a couple hours. They have to take care of it quickly," Miller said. A Harris County Public Health facility storing the vaccines lost power be-

tween 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. on Monday and its backup generator also failed, said Rafael Lemaitre, a spokesman for Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo. Caught without enough groceries on hand, Lauren Schneider, a 24-year-old

lab technician, walked to a Dallas grocery store near her home Monday morning dressed in a coat, hat and face mask. Schneider said she didn't feel comfortable driving with the roads covered in snow and ice. She said she hadn't seen a serious snowfall in Dallas since her childhood.

"I really didn't think it's would be this serious," said Schneider.

Teresa and Luke Fassetta, trundling through the snow carrying grocery bags, said the store lost power while they were shopping. The couple said they lost power overnight, then got it back around 9 a.m., and they were hoping it would still be on when they arrived home. If not, Teresa said, "we just have a bunch of blankets and candles and two cats to keep us warm."

Several cities in the U.S. saw record lows as Arctic air remained over the central part of the country. In Minnesota, the Hibbing/Chisholm weather station registered minus 38 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 39 degrees Celsius), while Sioux Falls, South Dakota, dropped to minus 26 Fahrenheit (minus 26 degrees Celsius).

In Kansas, where wind chills dropped to as low as minus 30 degrees Fahr-

enheit (minus 34 degrees Celsius) in some areas, Gov. Laura Kelly declared a state of disaster.

Most government offices and schools were closed for Presidents Day, and authorities pleaded with residents to stay home. Louisiana State Police reported that it had investigated nearly 75 weather-related crashes caused by a mixture of snow, sleet and freezing rain in the past 24 hours.

"We already have some accidents on our roadways," Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear said during a morning news conference. "It is slick and it is dangerous."

Air travel was also affected. By midmorning, 3,000 flights had been canceled across the country, about 1.600 of them at Dallas/Fort Worth International and Intercontinental airports in Texas. At DFW, the temperature was 4 degrees Fahrenheit (-15 degrees Celsius) - 3 degrees (-16 degrees) colder than Moscow.



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AL West teams breakdown at the start of spring training as season looks to start

By The Associated Press

A team-by-team look at the American League West entering spring training, including key players each club acquired and lost, and dates of the first workout for pitchers and catchers, and the full squad:

Oakland Athletics

Manager: Bob Melvin (11th season).

2020: 36-24, first place, lost to Houston in Division

Training Town: Mesa, Arizona.

Park: Hohokam Stadium. First Workout: Feb. 17/22.

He's Here: SS Elvis Andrus, C Aramis Garcia, LHP Cole Irvin, LHP Nik Turley, INF Jed Lowrie.

He's Outta Here: SS Marcus Semien, RHP Liam Hendriks, OF Khris Davis, 2B Tommy La Stella, OF Robbie Grossman, RHP Yusmeiro Petit, RHP Joakim Soria, LHP T.J. McFarland, 3B Jake Lamb, LHP Mike Minor.

Going campin': After winning their first division title in seven years, the A's took some serious hits this offseason with Semien leaving to sign a oneyear deal in Toronto after not getting a qualifying offer from Oakland and star closer Hendriks signing with the White Sox. The A's acquired Andrus to replace Semien at shortstop but the 32-year-old batted just .194 in limited time last season. There are still plenty of key pieces in Oakland led by 3B Matt Chapman and 1B Matt Olson, along with a young rotation anchored by Frankie Montas, Sean Manaea and Jesús Luzardo. A.J. Puk is coming off shoulder surgery but also could contribute. The A's have not yet determined whether they will allow fans at their spring training games.

Houston Astros

Manager: Dusty Baker (second season).

2020: 29-31, second place, lost to Rays in AL Championship Series.

Training Town: West Palm Beach, Florida. Park: The Ballpark of the Palm Beaches

First Workout: Feb. 18/22. He's Here: C Jason Castro, RHP Pedro Báez, RHP

He's Outta Here: CF George Springer, OF Josh Reddick, RHP Roberto Osuna, RHP Chris Deven-

Ryne Stanek, RHP Steve Cishek, OF Steven Souza

ski, RHP Brad Peacock, LHP Cionel Perez, RHP Cy Going campin': The Astros finished the pandemic-shortened regular season with a losing record but heated up in October and came within a win of reaching the World Series for the third time in four years. They relied on a bevy of talented young pitchers to carry them in a season when ace Justin Verlander made just one start. Those young starters, led by Lance McCullers Jr., Jose Urquidy

and Cristian Javier, will have to take another step forward this season with Verlander out all year after undergoing Tommy John surgery. They'll also have a huge hole in their lineup after leadoff hitter and center fielder Springer signed a six-year, \$150 million contract with the Blue Jays after spending his first seven major league seasons in Houston. The Astros brought back veteran outfielder Michael Brantley, who signed a two-year deal to stay

with the return of designated hitter Yordan Alvarez. The 2019 AL Rookie of the Year is expected to be healthy after missing all but two games last season after being diagnosed with COVID-19 before having knee surgery. His return should help make up for the loss of Springer's production in a lineup that also features 3B Alex Bregman, 2B Jose Altuve and SS Carlos Correa, who powered the offense in the playoffs with six homers and 17 RBIs. The Astros will welcome a limited number of fans to spring training games but have not released details on how many will be allowed in the ballpark.

Seattle Mariners

Manager: Scott Servais (sixth season).

2020: 27-33, third place.

Training Town: Peoria, Arizona.

Park: Peoria Sports Complex. First Workout: Feb. 18/23.

He's Here: RHP Rafael Montero, RHP Keynan Middleton, RHP Chris Flexen, OF Mitch Haniger, OF Jarred Kelenic, RHP Logan Gilbert.

He's Outta Here: INF/OF Tim Lopes, INF/OF Dee Strange-Gordon, OF Mallex Smith, RHP Yoshihisa Hirano, RHP Carl Edwards Jr.

Going campin': The next phase of the rebuild begins this season and it could be the most important. After a shortened 2020 season, the Mariners need a full year to take account of whether their young prospects are on the cusp of becoming regular starters in the majors or if the timeline of hoping to contend in 2022 needs to be adjusted. Kyle Lewis seems on the verge of stardom after winning the AL Rookie of the Year award. He highlights a talented group of outfielders that should be bolstered by the return of Mitch Haniger. J.P. Crawford and Evan White won Gold Gloves on the infield, but 3B Kyle Seager should be watched as he enters the final year of his contract. Seattle's most pressing questions entering spring training are at 2B and in the back of the rotation. Two bigger questions long term are top prospects Kelenic and Gilbert and whether either one will start the season in the majors, or if Seattle will play the service-time game and delay their arrivals until closer to midseason.

Los Angeles Angels

Manager: Joe Maddon (second season). 2020: 26-34, fourth place.

Training Town: Tempe, Arizona.

Park: Tempe Diablo Stadium. First Workout: Feb. 17/22.

He's Here: GM Perry Minasian, OF Dexter Fowler, SS José Iglesias, RHP Raisel Iglesias, LHP José Quintana, RHP Alex Cobb, C Kurt Suzuki, LHP Alex Claudio, RHP Aaron Slegers, OF Juan Lagares, INF-OF Phil Gosselin.

He's Outta Here: GM Billy Eppler, SS Andrelton Simmons, RHP Hansel Robles, RHP Julio Teherán, RHP Keynan Middleton, RHP Cam Bedrosian, RHP Noé Ramirez, RHP Matt Andriese.

Going campin': The big-budget Angels believe they've got the talent and stability to end their streaks of five straight losing seasons — the franchise's longest skid since the 1970s — and six consecutive non-playoff campaigns. With much of the AL West rebuilding or rebooting, the timing could

with the team, and their offense should get a boost be right for the Halos to get Mike Trout's first playoff victory. Coming off a bumpy year by his peerless standards, Trout is back along with 3B Anthony Rendon for their first full season together. Rendon picked up steam after a rocky start in LA, as did the rest of the irrepressible Maddon's first team in Anaheim. Starting pitching was the Angels' big gest problem, but new GM Minasian addressed it only by acquiring Quintana and Cobb instead of bigger-name targets. Starting with new closer Iglesias, Minasian is also overhauling the awful bullpen in a project that's likely to continue into the season. While they're talented enough to win now, this also is a transition year for the Angels, with only four players under contract past 2021 including Shohei Ohtani, who will be a two-way player again after a rough 2020. This is also a probable farewell season for 41-year-old Albert Pujols, the oldest player in the majors as he hits the final summer of his 10-year contract with a fraction of his prime effectiveness. Fifth in major league history with 662 homers, Pujols needs 34 to catch Alex Rodriguez for fourth, but he hasn't reached that mark since 2015.

Texas Rangers

Manager: Chris Woodward (third season).

2020: 22-38, fifth place.

Training Town: Surprise, Arizona.

Park: Surprise Stadium.

First Workout: Feb. 17/22.

He's Here: RHP Kohei Arihara, LF David Dahl DH/OF Khris Davis, CF Delino DeShields, RHP Dane Dunning, 1B Nate Lowe, RHP Mike Foltynewicz, C Jonah Heim, INF Charlie Culberson.

He's Outta Here: SS Elvis Andrus, RHP Jesse Chavez, LF Shin-Soo Choo, INF Derek Dietrich, RHP Corey Kluber, RHP Lance Lynn, C Jeff Mathis, RHP Rafael Montero, INF/OF Danny Santana.

Going campin': The rebuilding Rangers traded the lone player left from their only two World Series appearances a decade ago, sending the 32-yearold Andrus to division rival Oakland this month Texas had already made it clear that Isiah Kiner Falefa would go to spring training as its top shortstop over Andrus, whose 12 seasons as the starter included the 2010 and 2011 AL championship teams. Kiner-Falefa won a Gold Glove at 3B last season, but the 25-year-old Hawaiian is a natural shortstop. There could also be a change at second base. Nick Solak will compete with long-struggling Rougned Odor (.167 last season), who is no longer guaranteed a starting job even while owed \$24 mil lion over two more seasons. Joey Gallo, an All-Star in his injury-shortened 2019 season, won a Gold Glove in right field last year, but hit only .181 with 79 strikeouts and 10 homers in 57 games. Dahl was an NL All-Star with Colorado in 2019, and slugger Davis came over from the A's in the Andrus deal. Veteran RHPs Kyle Gibson and Jordan Lyles, who were a combined 3-12 last season, are the top starters remaining after the offseason departures of Lynn (trade) and Kluber (free agency). Innings-eating Arihara, a former rookie of the year in Japan, signed for two years, and Foltynewicz one year. Dunning, obtained from the White Sox for Lynn, is among several youngsters competing for a rotation

Big 12 releases 2021 conference football schedule

IRVING, Texas (AP) - The Big 12 released its 2021 conference football schedule Thursday, less than two months after Oklahoma won its sixth consecutive league championship.

Iowa State, which lost 27-21 in the Big 12 title game last Dec. 19, won't play the Sooners again until going to Norman, Oklahoma, on Nov. 20, two weeks before the next championship game.

The Cyclones last year beat Oklahoma and Texas in the same season for the first time, putting together a Big 12-best conference record of 8-1 during the regular season and going to their first championship game in any league. Iowa State recently gave coach Matt Campbell a new eightyear contract through 2028.

This will be the 11th season in a row with the 10 Big 12 teams playing round-robin league schedules with nine conference games. All also have

three non-conference games, starting Sept. 4.

The first conference game is Sept. 18, when Baylor plays at Kansas. Every other team, except TCU, will open league play on Sept. 25. The Horned

Frogs are the only team that will play their nine conference games in consecutive weeks, starting Oct. 2 at home against Texas and finishing Nov. 27 at Iowa State.

Over the last five weeks of the regular season, starting Oct. 30, every team will play conference games each weekend, except open dates for Oklahoma and Texas Tech on Nov. 6.



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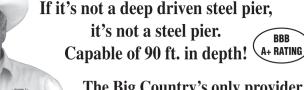
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ARIES (March **21-April 19).** Take whatever effort you planned to put in and times it by 10. That's about what you deliver on the regular, because when it comes to the things you care about, going overboard seems like the most natural thing to do in the world.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). At the lower levels, there are penalties for going against the rules. It's confusing to you, though, because it does seem that at the higher levels, the rules change entirely, if there are any at all.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What to do with one another is not a logistical problem but a relational one. However, the right timing and atmosphere will be conducive to an easy feeling and good communication, both of which will contribute greatly to success.

CANCER (June **22-July 22).** Commitments aren't made out of laziness, but bad

habits are. Pleasure and inaction are easily repeated until the pattern becomes a rut. You'll decide to repeat the more difficult thing, and it's a commitment that will stick.

LEO (July 23-Aug. **22).** The amount of time and energy that go into asserting your control over an uncertain area of life is silly. There's no guarantee that if you succeed, you'll be secure. You can add hours to your life by simply accepting the uncertainty.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The problem can be solved quite simply, by cutting out that which is unnecessary. The simplicity and lightness of working without all the bells and whistles is not only effective; it's so pleasurable it may become the new standard.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The pursuit of knowledge is beneficial in that you'll learn a ton of information, but it can also be an avoidance tactic because it's less scary to read than it is to actually get

Tomorrow's Horoscope

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transaction start well and end well. This means prep work, showing up early, staying late, a wrap-up, and a reflection to understand what worked and what didn't and plan the next approach.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You do the correct thing, do the fun thing, add the extra charm, put your spin on it... because you never do know when you're doing something that the other person will remember far into the future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. **22-Jan. 19).** Talk to

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do astounding amounts of good because you stop chasing good's enemy: "perfect." This single change will be responsible for increasing your income by thousands and doubling up on your productivity levels, too. A simple mutual goal begins an exciting relationship journey. Virgo and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 12, 5, 18, 33 and

COSMIC QUES-

TION: "Would you shed a light on my lost soul in love? I have an ex (born May 17, 1977) who is married. I am still in touch with him and have such feelings for him that I can't sleep. I fell in love with another Taurus (May 15, 1976), who is so cool that he's cold sometimes. Since he denies me, I broke up with him to find somebody who wouldn't take me for granted. But my

ex-husband, with his unhappy marriage and kid, is still there... what should I do?"

Fascinating that you

include both of your love interests' birthdays and forget to include your own. My first intuition is that it's obviously time to try dating someone who is not a Taurus. These men are so sensual and grounded that it's easy to project all of your need for security onto them. You feel as though if they would only love you, everything would be OK. Though Taurus men can be very loving they need space -- lots of space. On second thought, my advice is to stop dating (and hoping and pining and wishing) and to instead explore other interests you have control over, curiosities that will grow on you in a way that will eventually fill in the heart void causing you to seek so much security outside yourself. What interest would you pursue if there were no other choice

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It is unlikely that the bidding shown would ever be approved by the FBI (Faultless Bidding Institute). But believe it or not, that's exactly how it went when the hand was played!

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Opening lead — king of hearts.

The deal was reported by a Texan named Travis White in a book he wrote back in 1934 called "Odd Tricks" (republished in 1978). It featured a collection of interesting hands, and White chose this particular illustration for his closing chapter - partly because he was a participant in the deal (he was East), and partly because he was the victim of one of the oddest occurrences ever recorded in a rubber-bridge game.

Apparently, South was by his gorgeous club suit that instead of opening with four clubs, which he intended to do, he inadvertently bid four diamonds.

It is hard to blame North for raising to five diamonds - he was only doing what came naturally. South now tried to correct his miscue by running to six clubs, but the intended meaning of this bid sailed right over North's head. Instead, he retreated to six diamonds, as probably most other Norths would have done.

This contract still didn't appeal to South, who tried seven clubs, hoping his partner would finally catch on. However, North blithely bid seven diamonds, which became the final contract.

West could have led a spade, a diamond or a club and defeated the grand slam, but he quite naturally led the king of hearts. After that, there was nothing much to the rest of the play. Declarer ruffed, cashed the Q-K-A-5 of trump, discarding his 10-6 of spades, and then took eight club tricks to score 2,140 points for bidding and making the grand slam!

Ironically, seven clubs could not have been made against any lead, but after the heart lead, seven diamonds turned out to be cold!

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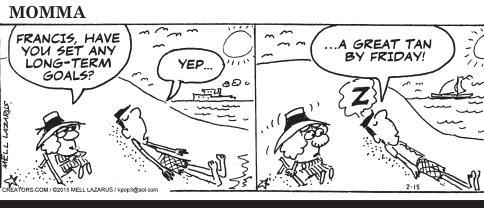


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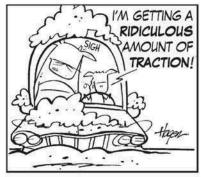


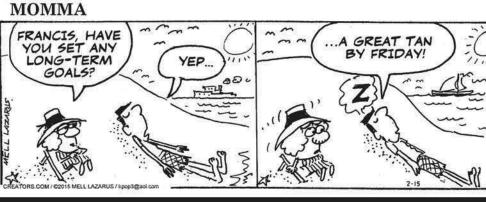


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No. 7 Baylor women overwhelm Texas 60-35, extend Big 12 lead

WACO, Texas (AP) — Moon Ursin and Queen Egbo had double-doubles for No. 7 Baylor as the Big 12-leading Lady Bears beat Texas 60-35 on Sunday while holding the Longhorns second-fewest points ever in a game.

NaLyssa Smith had 14 points for the Lady Bears (16-2, 11-1 Big 12), including the first basket of the game that put them ahead for good, when off opening tip she leaped to get a lob pass from DiDi Richards and competed the layup before coming out of the air. Richards had 10 assists.

Ursin and Egbo both had 11 points and 12 rebounds. DiJonia Carrington had 13 points, her fifth consecutive double-figure game off the bench, and seven rebounds before fouling out for the Lady Bears.

the first three quarters, after only two such quarters previous this season. Charli Collier, the potential No. 1 overall WNBA pick who entered the game

Texas (14-6, 8-5) was held to single-digit scoring in

averaging 22.3 points and 12.8 rebounds, was held to two points on 1-of-3 shooting and five rebounds before fouling out. She didn't take a shot after half-time.

Celeste Taylor had 11 points for Texas, which was held to 35 points for the first time since a 64-35 loss at Baylor two years ago.

The only time the Longhorns ever scored fewer points was in a 67-31 loss to Abilene Christian on March 5, 1976.

Baylor missed their last eight shots of the first quarter and led just 11-8 after the first 10 minutes. But Ursin and Smith hit on Baylor's first two shots in the second quarter, and the Lady Bears stretched their lead to 25-11 after Carrington had consecutive 3s on assists from RIchards.

IT'S COLD OUTSIDE

With a rare winter storm warning in effect in Central Texas, attendance was limited to people on the pass lists for each team, and even those people were encouraged to stay home and watch the game on TV. There were only about 30 people in the Ferrell Center who weren't on the team benches or part of gameday operations. It was 19 degrees with a wind chill of 7 degrees outside when the game started, with snow in the forecast.

BIG PICTURE

Texas: Collier was held to single digits in scoring for the third game in a row against Baylor She was also held to three points on 1-of-10 shooting in January 2020, but did have 16 rebounds in s that game. but did have 16 rebounds in that game. She

Baylor: The Lady Bears have won their last eight games overall. They have won nine in a row against the Longhorns, and 24 of the last 25 meetings.

UP NEXT

Texas is home against Oklahoma State on Wednesday night.

Baylor hosts No. 19 West Virginia on Wednesday night.

New bloods Gonzaga, Villanova still thriving amid pandemic

By JOHN MARSHALL

AP Basketball Writer

College basketball's bluebloods earned elite status through multiple championships, sustained traditions of winning and revolving doors of star players through their programs.

A new group of teams has inched closer to basketball royalty and has remained relatively steady even as the coronavirus pandemic has wreaked havoc on the sport.

Top-ranked Gonzaga, No. 5 Villanova and a handful of other programs may not have the historical resumes to compare to the bluebloods, but consistent success over the past decade — in some cases, more — puts them in a new category of dom-

inating teams.
"What's happened is,

you have emerging new bloods," ESPN college basketball analyst and former coach Seth Greenberg said. "It's kind of semantics, kind of word play, but what they are is model programs for winning in the culture of college basketball today."

Any list of college basketball bluebloods starts with Kentucky, Duke, North Carolina and Kansas. UCLA, the all-time leader with 11 national championships, and Indiana usually get the nod, too, though deep

March runs have evaded them in recent years.

Michigan State has pushed toward blueblood status under coach Tom Izzo, winning a national championship in 2000 and reaching the Final Four eight times.

The new bloods have the recent consistency, just not over the long haul like the bluebloods.

Virginia won the 2019 national championship, has reached the NCAA Tournament seven of the past eight seasons and has six combined ACC regular-season and tournament titles since 2014.

Baylor is undefeated this season and has reached the Sweet 16 four times under coach Scott Drew.

UConn won two national titles in a decade but has not been to the NCAA Tournament since 2016. Louisville appears to be on the rise after a couple of down years.

Villanova and Gonzaga have been the new blood flag bearers.

The Wildcats have won three na-

tional championships, including two in a three-year span under coach Jay Wright. Villanova reached the NCAA Tournament in 14 of the past 15 years — excluding the pandemic-halted 2020 season — and in 2019 became the first team to win three consecutive Big East titles.



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