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#### **BOIL WATER NOTICE** LIFTED

The "Boil Water" notice issued May 2 for the **City of Big Spring has** been rescinded. Big Spring water should now be safe to use without boiling.

Upcoming Events

<u>Thursday</u> Final day to register to vote in the June 8 City of Big Spring mayoral and City Council District 4 runoff election

<u>Saturday</u> Master the Mountain Registration open 9 a.m.

Relay For Life 4 p.m. - 10 p.m. Comanche Trail Park

National Nursing Week/ National Teacher Appreciation Week May 6 - 12

National Police Week May 12-17

National Hospital Week May 12-18

Relay For Life is looking for cancer survivors. To register, go online at www.relayforlife.org/ bigspringtx

Submit your recommendations for We Salute by email to editor@bigpsringherald. com.

# **Sheriff confirms arrest imminent** for owner of neglected dog

#### By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

In a press release issued Tuesday, Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker says he does plan to arrest the owner of a dog reportedly discovered "malnourished and neglected" in a fenced enclosure in the 5100 block of Sterling in Howard County.

The release says Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the area on Monday in reference to a report of animal cruelty.

"Upon arrival deputies located one dog in a fenced-in enclosure that appeared to have been neglected and malnourished," Parker says in the release. "Contact was made with the owner of the dog and the dog was voluntarily released to the Howard County Sheriff's office. The dog was then turned over to Big Spring Animal Control so it could be taken to a veteri-

narian for proper care."

In the press release, Parker addresses "speculation circulating on social media."



"Currently there is speculation circulating on social media that, because we did not arrest the dog's owner at the time the dog was discovered, we are not going to pursue charges," Parker says in the release. "This is not true. As with all cases of this nature, we must have our suspicion of malnourishment and neglect confirmed by a licensed veterinarian before a charge can be filed. The dog was taken to a licensed veterinarian on May 6, 2019, and the veterinarian did confirm that the dog was malnourished and neglected."

A case of animal cruelty is being built by HCSO investigators, the release confirms.

"The case will be completed and filed with the prosecutor, and a warrant for the dog's owner will be issued soon, followed by an arrest," Parker says in the release. "The dog is currently being cared for at the Big

Spring Animal Shelter. At this time, no further information is available."

A representative with the Sheriff's Office declined further comment on the matter when contacted Tuesday.

# Aquatic center closed for repairs this summer

#### **By ROGER CLINE** Staff Writer

Sorry kiddos...no swimming at the Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center this summer.

An accident at the center has caused extensive damage to the building which houses pumps and other vital equipment that operates the pool.

tion company to lift a pump from under the slides - the water slide pump. Because of the rain, they had to shut everything down and take cover," said Big Spring Community Services Director Hayley Herrera. "When that happened, they left, and so did our city staff. Our city

the crane had gone into the building.'

Herrera said the damage was too great to repair in time for swimming season, this summer.

"It went into the side of the building that houses the mechanical room, the pump room, the chemical room...

"We had hired a construc- When everyone came back run," she said. "That's where the bulk of the damage was done."

The city plans to fix the pool over the summer, Herrera said.

"We are planning on doing repairs, and hopefully we'll be have it running for the regular schedule next year," she said.

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staff was not operating the so basically the heart of the crane, the contractors were. building that makes the pool

# Changes afoot in Big Spring



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

This photo, taken Saturday morning, shows the former Leonard's Pharmacy, 701 S. Scurry St, in the midst of changing hands to national pharmacy chain CVS, as indicated by the CVS sign on the building. Now, both the building and standalone sign sport the CVS red logo. No comment on the transaction has yet been forthcoming from Leonard's former owner, Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan, nor representatives of CVS.

# What do I need to know about the city of Big **Spring runoff** election?

#### **BV ROGER CLINE**

#### Staff Writer

Howard County cities and schools recently held an election to replace 13 members of the governing bodies in Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan. That election resulted in 11 new board members, but two races – the mayor of Big Spring and the seat for District 4 on the Big Spring City Council - resulted in runoff elections. Howard County Elections Administrator Jodi Duck recently provided some details you need to know about those runoffs:

• Who is running in the runoff election?

There are two races holding a runoff: Big Spring mayor and Big Spring City Council District 4.

Candidates running in the mayor runoff election are Shannon Thomason and Debbie Wegman; candidates running in the District 4 City Council runoff election are

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Vernon is survived by his sons, Vernon Law-

rence Cox of Martin County, and Billy Don Cox and

wife, Stephanie Cox of Stanton; 11 grandchildren;

and numerous great-grandchildren. He is also sur-

vived by a brother, Roy Cox and wife, Carolyn of

Midland, and Nina Faye Thompson of Palestine;

Vernon was preceded in death by his loving wife,

Aneta Overby Cox; his only daughter, Vickie Ann

Klein: a brother. Norman Cox: his mother. Pearl

Cox; his father, Troy Cox; and two great-grandchil-

The family would like to express their gratitude

Arrangements are under the direction of Gil-

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husband, Cecil Drake; her parents; and her sisters,

Survivors include her daughter, Lucretia Ashley

and husband, Shelton of Austin, Texas; her sons,

Ricky Drake and wife, Kathrine of Porter, Texas,

and Roy Drake and wife, Toni of Midland, Texas;

and her daughter, Cecilia Wright and husband,

Jim of San Angelo, Texas. Mona had eight grand-

children, 16 great-grandchildren, and two great-

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pick-

le & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online

condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Janel Robertson, Lora Clark, and Mary Kennon.

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to family, friends, and hospice for all their help and

understanding over the last couple of years.

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great-grandchildren.

and many nieces and nephews, as well.

wanted family to be near and spend it with him.

## Obituaries all the grandbabies. Whenever asked what he want-

dren.

Vernon Lee Cox



Vernon Lee Cox, 87, of Stanton, passed away Monday, May 6, 2019. Graveside services will be held 2 p.m., Thursday, May 9, 2019, at Evergreen Cemetery with Corky Blocker and Kendal Tomlinson officiating.

The family will receive friends 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Vernon was born May 6, 1932, in Martin County to Pearl and Trov

Cox. He married Willie "Aneta" Cox on June 29. 1957. Vernon Cox worked for White Motor Company as a mechanic for many years, where he later retired. He loved to be outdoors especially on his front porch in the swing. He loved to spend time with his family. He loved to barbecue and watch the grandbabies play. He enjoyed singing "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer" at Christmas with

## Mona Marie Drake



Mona Marie Drake, 85, of Big Spring, passed away on May 6, 2019. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday, May 10, 2019, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Raul Garcia officiating. Interment to follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, May 9, 2019, at the funeral home.

She is preceded in death by her

#### Sixto De Jesus Lara



Sixto De Jesus Lara, 86, of Big Spring died Saturday, May 4, 2019. Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 9, 2019, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Carlos Payen officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Sixto was born April 6, 1933, in Cieneguillas, Mexico to Leonicia

Atilana Lara Mota and Catarino De Jesus. He was a resident of Big Spring for over 60 years. He married Petra De La Rosa on June 6, 1981, in Big Spring. He was a member of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. He was a retired farmer but had also worked at cotton gins.

Sixto is survived by his wife, Petra Lara of Big Spring; seven daughters, Marina Rebecca Hernandez and husband, David of Big Spring, Marina De Jesus Alvarez (Juan), Lorena De Jesus Velazquez, Silvia Peregrino De Jesus, Elisa De Jesus Velazquez, Julia Sepeda De Jesus and Rosa Maria De Jesus Velazquez; three sons, Sixto De Jesus Velazquez, Ricardo De Jesus, and Javier De Jesus-Margarita De Jesus; 37 grandchildren; 70 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Irma Peregrino De Jesus; three sisters and two brothers.

Pallbearers will be Christopher Ornelas, Orlando Montanez, Albert Franco and Joshua Basurto.

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

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# Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

SHANNON LEE BOU-DREAUX, 48, of 111 E. 13th St., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication..

of 1907 S. Main St., was arrested on warrants for failing to identify or intentionally giving false information, and another outstanding warrant from another agency.

• EMILIA ALVAREZ, 32, of

a charge of hindering apprehension or prosecution of a known felon.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

• DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1200 block of Frazier St.

• MEDICAL CALL was report-

ed in the 200 block of W. 17th St.

One person was transported to

Scenic Mountain Medical Cen-

• MEDICAL CALL was report-

ed in the 500 block of Birdwell

Lane. No transport was required.

#### Joe M. Ramos

Joe M. Ramos, 57, of Big Spring, died Sunday, May 4, 2019, at his residence. He will lie in state Friday, May 10, 2019, from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. His Vigil service will begin at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel.

# Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 89 inmates at the time of this report.

 JONATHAN MATA, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• MARCUS EMORY STURGILL, 30, was arrested by BPSD on a charge of assault against the elderly or disabled.

 EUSEBIO RAYMUNDO GONZALES, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for issuance of bad check.

• ROY LOYA SANDOVAL, 22, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault against a child, elderly or disabled.

• CHANCE RAY LANG, 32, was arrested by BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated, evading arrest or detention with vehicle or watercraft, and unauthorized use of a vehicle.

 CHRISTIAN ANTHONY TORRENCE, 23, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750), and disregarding stop sign.

 WENDELL DEAN HELMS, 37, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• KEITHA ARNETT, 27, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

 EDGAR IVAN FLORES MARTINEZ, 25, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated with open alcoholic container.

 JASON DOYLE DAMRON, 37, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for a parole violation.

 EMILIA ALVAREZ, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for driving with invalid license.

 CHARLES KEITH FREEMAN JOHNSON, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal tres-

 FRANKLIN KYLE CASEY, 57, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• CHANCELLA PARRISH, 34, was arrested by BSPD on charges of public intoxication and possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram).

 BOBBY ANAYA MENDOZA, 63, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

 CHRISTIAN NOEL OCHOA, 18, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).

• EDUARDO MONTALVO, 24, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

 DAVID GARZA JR., 33, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

 MIGUEL ROLANDO SANTANA JR., 19, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces).

• UNIQUE CHRYSTELLE FULTZ, 28, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

 TORY LYNN MCKENDREE, 27, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).

• EMILIA ALVAREZ, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of hindering apprehension or prosecution of a known felon. • SHANNON BOUDREAUX, 48, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. • KASEY NOEL FOSTER, 24, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for illegal dumping. CHARLES B. GILLEY, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (four grams to 200 grams). • DILLON KAYDE HOLMES, 19, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for theft of property (\$100-\$750) LANA DOWER MARTINEZ, 46, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for forgery of a financial instrument. • ISAAC JAMES TARIN, 26, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for failing to identify or intentionally giving false information and adjudication of guilt-aggravated assault.

ISAAC JAMES TARIN, 26, 411 N.E. 10th St., was arrested on

# **Fire/EMS**

Big Spring Fire Department/ EMS reported the following activity:

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 4400 block of Elder St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• MEDICAL CALL was report-

ed in the 3700 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 5900 block of N. Service Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

# Support Groups

#### WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at

432-517-9207 for more information.

 Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-8600.

#### THURSDAY

Alcoholics Anony-



mous, 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.

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off election? If so, how?

- Coahoma Community Center,

• Can I vote by mail for the run-

Those that have already applied

for a ballot will automatically re-

ceive one for the runoff. Those

that need to sign up may contact

the Howard County Elections Office for an application. Deadline

to receive ballot by mail applica-

for the runoff election? If so, how

• Will there be curbside voting

Curbside is always available for

the elderly and disabled during

early voting and on Election Day.

Voters can call the Howard Coun-

ty Elections Office to alert clerks

they need assistance, or have an

For more information or to ar-

range for curbside service, call

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tions is Tuesday, May 28.

do I take advantage of it?

306 N. Avenue in Coahoma.



**Today:** Sunny, with a high near 84. West wind around 15 mph. **Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 55. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 71. North wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 45. Northeast wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Friday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 62. Northeast wind around 15 mph.

**Friday Night:** A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a low around 50.

**Saturday:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 66.

**Saturday Night:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 51.

Sunday: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms.
Mostly sunny, with a high near 76.
Sunday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms.
Partly cloudy, with a low around 56.

# RUNOFF

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Gloria McDonald and Shonda Folsom.

• Why is there going to be a runoff election?

A majority vote is needed to be elected; the law defines majority as receiving 50.1 percent of the vote.

• Why aren't Coahoma or Forsan having runoff elections?

Because those entities engage in plurality races, not majority races. Where Big Spring is a "Home Rule" style government, Coahoma and Forsan's smaller size classifies them as "General Law" cities.

• Who can vote in the runoff election for each race?

Any voter registered in City of Big Spring City Council Districts 1 through 6 will be eligible to vote in the mayoral race. Some voters in Precinct 304 will be able to vote the mayoral race. Only those in Precincts 14, 24, and 34 can vote on City of Big Spring District 4.

• If I didn't vote in the election, can I still vote in the runoff?

Yes. And, if you did vote in the May 4 election, you must cast another ballot to be counted in the runoff election.

• If I wasn't registered for the election, can I still register in time for the runoff? If so, what is the deadline?

Yes, if you hurry. Deadline is Thursday, May 9 at 5:00 p.m. Register in the office is in the Howard County Courthouse on the first floor.

• When is early voting for the runoff election?

Early voting begins May 28. Early voting May 28 through 31 is 8 to 5. Early voting on June 3 & 4 is 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

• Where is early voting for the runoff election?

Early voting is always at the Howard County Courthouse, 300 S. Main St.

• When is Election Day for the runoff election?

Saturday, June 8. Election Day voting is always from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

• Where can I vote on Election Day for the runoff election?

Voters may vote at any of Howard County's new Voting Centers:

- Ryan Hall/St. Thomas Church, 605 N. Main Street;

- First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700;

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum,

# Take Note

Lighthouse Restoration Center will be having a bake sale fundraiser on Saturday, May 11, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m., or until sold out. The bake sale will take place in front of Walmart. All proceeds will be used for their annual vacation bible school that is hosted by the church for children in the area. For more information, you can contact Yolanda Mendoza at 432-816-2097.
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• Shana Sullivan Robbins Lopez Medical Account: Shana was in a diabetic coma and is now in hospice care. Shana is one of our own and graduated from Coahoma High School. She is the granddaughter of Pearl Shifflett, daughter of Sammie and Bobby Sullivan, and mother to Jacob, Garrett and Rachel Robbins. Her family is in dire need of assistance for her medical/burial expenses. If you are able and would like to donate, and account has been set up at Western Bank, Account number 8039141 (locations in Big Spring, Coahoma, Lubbock, Abilene, Brownwood, and Lorraine). We would like to extend the deepest gratitude for any and all donations and prayers. Thank you and God Bless.

• Maranatha Baptist Academy, at 903 Johnson, is now taking applications for ongoing enrollment for our Fall Session, August 1, 2019-2020 School term. Call 432-213-1046 for an appointment, Dr. Lillian Bohannan, Administrator. Please have shot records and birth certificate available at the time of registration. We use Accelerated Christian Education curriculum for grades Kindergarten through twelfth grade graduation. We provide information so you can home school or use our facilities for full time in our school. We also provided tutoring for all grades. If interested in a quality Christian Education at a price you can afford, please come by or give us a call. • Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-0713.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school. The next sacking event will be May 6 and 7 at the old Lakeview High School, 1107 NW 7th St., at 5:30 p.m.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.



Christina "Chrissy" Grace, 37, died Friday. She will lie in state

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**Tuesday:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 80.

(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via forecast.weather.gov) • Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18 +) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month. We meet at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

• The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

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LOCAL

Tacos, classic cars, and jam

Big Spring comes out in numbers for the first ever West Texas Taco Championship





Above, courtesy photo; left, HERALD photo/Roger Cline This past weekend, the first ever West Texas Taco Championship brought savory tacos and rocking entertainment to Downtown Big Spring.

Above, Big Spring band The Loco Motives rock out on the stage Saturday during the Taco Championship. Other bands that performed at the event included The Brittany Ovideo Band, The Tejas Brothers, Eddie Austin, The Band **Big Spring, and Los Lonely Boys.** 

Left, classic cars lined Second Street Friday as part of the Taco Championship events. The cars and their owners went for a cruise down Scurry Street on Saturday during the Championship. Other events included judging of the taco competition, an habanero eating contest, and a performance by Big Spring school students' School of Rock.

There was also an after party following the Taco Championship at the Train Car Cigar Bar.

# **Public Safety Commission names Ayala new DPS inspector general**

AUSTIN - The Texas Public Safety ven Mach. "Phillip brings a wealth moted to sergeant and moved to the sion #271 in 2018. Commission (PSC) this week voted unanimously to appoint Phillip G.

South Austin duty station. In September 2005, Ayala promoted to lieutenant within the Administration Division at DPS Headquarters in Austin, where he remained until he promoted to captain in the Administration Division in January 2009. In November 2011, he transferred as a captain to the DPS Office of Inspector General, and in September 2015, he promoted to major in the Texas Highway Patrol Division at DPS Headquarters in Austin. Ayala earned a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences degree from Lamar University in 2015 after beginning his studies at Del Mar College and Texas A&M - Kingsville. He also graduated from the FBI National Academy Ses-

In 2011, the DPS Office of Inspec tor General (OIG) was created by the 82nd Legislature as an independen division that reports directly to the PSC. OIG fulfills its statutory responsibilities by thoroughly and im partially investigating misconduc allegations against DPS employees which serves to enhance public and employee confidence in the integrity of the department.

Ayala to the position of Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Inspector General. Effective June 30, 2019, Ayala will replace Rhonda Fleming who is retiring after 35 years of honorable and dedicated service to the department.

"We are thankful for Rhonda's service to our state for the last three and a half decades, including in her most recent role as inspec-

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tor general, and we wish her well in Patrol Trooper stationed at the Capiretirement," said PSC Chairman Ste-

of knowledge and experience that's crucial to carrying out the mission

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of the Office of Inspector General, and the commission looks forward to working with him in his new role.'

Last year, Ayala was promoted to Regional Director of the DPS Central Texas Region (stationed in Antonio), San which consists of 43 counties. Ayala began his career with

DPS in 1996 as a Highway tol in Austin. In April 2003, he pro-



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## UT Permian Basin and Midland College create fast-track engineering pathway

#### Special to the Herald

UT Permian and Midland College continue to strengthen a partnership that creates clear pathways for students to earn their degrees.

Midland College and UT Permian Basin have created an innovative and dynamic partnership to make a seamless transition for engineering students. While enrolled at Midland College, students can begin coursework at UT Permian Basin. Students who wish transfer from MC to UT Permian Basin would get

guaranteed admission to the University and can receive up to \$2,500 in scholarships. They would also have the opportunity to take one engineering course per year at UT Permian Basin.

"This partnership comes at the per-

others, supports the next generation of professionals in this region and beyond," said UT Permian Basin president Dr. Sandra Woodley.

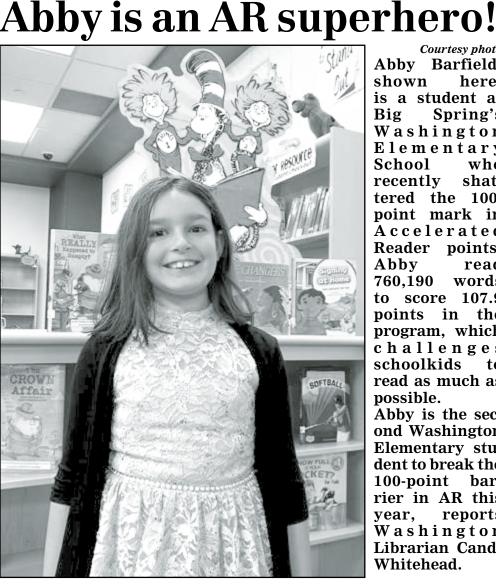
"Engineering is a critically important program to the community of Midland and to the mission of Midland College," said Dr. Steve Thomas, president of Midland College. "The collaboration between Midland College and UTPB will empower students interested in pursuing an engineering degree to develop the knowledge and skills to thrive in an evolving energy field. At a time when many families in our community worry about the cost of college, this new partnership will provide students a high quality, cost effective educational op-

fect time. Because engineers are in such high demand in our thriving economy, we must provide opportunities to earn a bachelor's degree quickly and fill critical workforce gaps. Working closely with Midland College on this pathway, and many

portunity."

The partnership was announced inside the new UT Permian Basin Engineering Building that is set to open to

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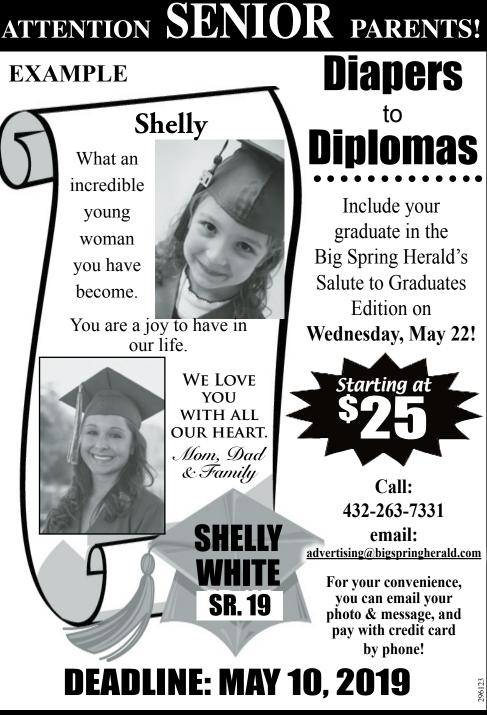
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Courtesy photo Abby Barfield, shown here, is a student at Big Spring's Washington Elementary School who recently shattered the 100point mark in Accelerated Reader points. Abby read 760,190 words to score 107.9 points in the program, which challenges schoolkids to read as much as possible. Abby is the second Washington **Elementary stu**dent to break the 100-point barrier in AR this year, reports Washington Librarian Candi Whitehead.

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# **Texas State Briefs**

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#### Texas bill would let voters decide on Confederate monuments

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - Removal of Confederate and other historical markers would need approval from voters or state lawmakers under a bill that won initial approval by the state Senate on Tuesday.

The bill would take removal powers away from local governments and other public entities who have grappled with calls to remove Confederate markers that are now facing protests over the era's racist history.

The Dallas City Council voted last year to remove a statue of Robert E. Lee from a park and the University of Texas in 2017 removed several statues of Lee and other Confederate figures.

Earlier this year, Gov. Greg Abbott and other top state Republicans agreed to remove a Capitol plaque that said slavery was not the underlying cause of the Civil War.

#### Mental health probed in Texas boy accused of slaying sibling

CONROE, Texas (AP) - Prosecutors say a 12-year-old Texas boy accused of fatally shooting his 10-year-old brother will undergo a mental health evaluation.

The boy, who has been charged with murder, appeared in court Monday. He can't be tried as an adult because of his age.

Authorities have said the 10-year-old was fatally shot in the chest Saturday afternoon at a home in Conroe, located north of Houston.

Marc Brumberger of the Montgomery County Attorney's Office tells the Houston Chronicle that preliminary findings indicate the shooting was intentional because the 12-year-old was mad at his brother.

Brumberger says they're looking at the 12-yearold's background and family situation, adding developmental issues may also be a factor. He says the focus presumably will "be more on getting this child mental health treatment in a secure facility."

#### Missing Houston girl was earlier removed from home by state

HOUSTON (AP) – A 4-year-old Houston girl who has been missing since her stepfather reported she was abducted had previously been removed from her home by state workers concerned about allegations of physical abuse.

Officials with state Child Protective Services in Houston say Maleah Davis was removed from her

home in August after she suffered a head injury

and was then returned to the home in February. Her two brothers also were removed over that period. All three were placed with relatives.

CPS caseworkers have been monitoring the home since the children were returned.

Searchers are looking for the girl after her stepfather reported he stopped their vehicle Friday night to check a tire when the men pulled up behind them.

Darion Vence told authorities he was knocked unconscious and when he awoke the next day, Maleah was gone.

## San Jacinto site near Houston to

# Horseman's Club hosting playday Activities are starting at 9:30 a.m.





**Courtesy photos** 

**Pictured** above Lainey Townsend and Allie Autrey roll a barrel to get ready for a playday activity. Pictured at left: Hazee Townsend is leading a horse, during one of the activities. Howard County Youth Horseman Club will be having a playday this Saturday at 6174 Longshore Dr. For more information, visit the Howard County Youth Horseman Facebook page.

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#### Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

Property owners have the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

· the appraised (market) value of your property

- the unequal value of your property compared with other properties
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- · any exemptions that may apply to you
- · the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxing units taxing your property

your evidence, facts and argument. If you decide to participate by telephone conference call, you must provide your evidence to the ARB with a written affidavit before the ARB hearing begins. You may use Comptroller Form 50-283, Property Owner's Affidavit of Evidence to the Appraisal Review Board, to submit evidence for your telephone conference call hearing or for hearing by affidavit.

You and the CAD representative have the opportunity to present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented by both parties. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

#### reopen after plant fire

LA PORTE, Texas (AP) – A Texas historic site that has been closed for nearly two months since a fire at a Houston-area chemical plant will reopen this week.

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department says the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site in La Porte (luh-PORT') reopens Wednesday. The complex includes the Battleship Texas, the San Jacinto Monument and the San Jacinto Battleground.

The nearby Intercontinental Terminals Company tank farm exploded and burned on March 17, leading to weeks of cleanup amid efforts to restore terminal operations.

Organizers say the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site attracts tens of thousands of visitors annually. The fiery accident led to cancellation of some events, including last month's marking of the 1836 Battle of San Jacinto and re-enactment of the fight for Texas independence.

#### Anadarko now favors Occidental offer over Chevron deal

HOUSTON (AP) - Anadarko says it plans to end its \$33 billion takeover deal with Chevron in favor of a revised bid by Occidental.

Occidental's offer is worth about \$57 billion in cash and stock, including debt and book value of non-controlling interest. Chevron's offer would be worth about \$50 billion by the same metric. Last month Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway said it would put up \$10 billion in financing for Occidental.

Anadarko said its board determined Occidental Petroleum Corp.'s offer was superior. Under its deal, Chevron has until Friday to make a revised proposal or a new offer.

Anadarko Petroleum Corp. will have to pay a \$1 billion fee if it ends the deal with Chevron Corp.

Shares of Anadarko edged higher before the market open on Tuesday. Chevron's stock declined slightly.

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students in the fall 2019. "It's a new chapter for us in more than one way," Dr. Woodley said. "We are thrilled to have Midland College as a partner to take higher education in West Texas to the next level."



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#### Informal Review

(Insert description of CAD's informal review process, if any, then give name and telephone number of person taxpayer should contact.)

For an informal review, please contact the Glasscock County Appraisal District at 432/354-2580.

#### Review by the ARB

If you cannot resolve your problem informally with the CAD, you file a notice of protest requesting to have your case heard by the ARB.

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that hears and determines protests regarding property appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes based on evidence heard during the ARB hearing.

If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing and send you written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday, You may use Comptroller Form 50-132, Property Appraisal Notice of Protest, to file your written request for an ARB hearing.

Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. Before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD are required to provide each other with a copy of any materials (evidence) intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. Evidence may be submitted for any hearing type either in paper or on a small portable electronic device (such as a CD, USB flash drive or thumb drive) which will be kept by the ARB. Do NOT bring evidence on a smart phone. The ARB's hearing procedures regarding all the requirements to properly submit evidence on a small portable electronic device must be reviewed.

To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person or you may by telephone conference call or submission of written affidavit to present

In certain protests, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You should review ARB hearing procedures to learn more about evidence and related matters.

You should not try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. ARB members are required to sign an affidavit saying that they have not talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

#### Review by the District Court, an Arbitrator or SOAH

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you are not satisfied with the ARB's decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. As an alternative to district court, you may appeal through binding arbitration or the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) if you meet the qualifying criteria.

If you choose to go to district court, you must start the process by filing a petition with the district court within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. If you chose to appeal through binding arbitration, you must file a request for binding arbitration with the CAD not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order. If you chose to appeal to the SOAH, you must file an appeal with the CAD not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order. Appeals to district court, binding arbitration or SOAH all require payment of certain fees or deposits.

#### Tax Payment

You must pay the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute, the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken or the amount of taxes due in the previous year.

#### More Information

You can get more information by contacting your CAD at (insert CAD name, address, telephone number).

Glasscock County Appraisal District PO Box 155 or 124 N. Main Street Garden City, TX 79739

You can get Comptroller forms and additional information on how to prepare a protest from the Comptroller's website at comptroller. texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/.

#### Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB\*

#### Usual Deadline

Not later than May 15 (or within 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed for good cause if you miss the usual deadline. The ARB decides whether you have good cause. Late protests are not allowed after the ARB approves the appraisal records for the year.

#### Special Deadlines

For change of use (the CAD informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was delivered to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change did not result from a

\* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or legal, state or national holiday.

protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the change was delivered to you.

If you believe the CAD or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually Feb. 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

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# Sports

Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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# **Coahoma's Vance Ott qualifies for junior** nationals, state in track and field

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#### Special to the Herald

In his first year of competition, Coahoma High School freshman Vance Ott has qualified for both junior national competition and UIL state competition in track and field.

Ott qualified at a meet held in San Antonio this past weekend in the 100 dash, 200 dash, 400 dash, shot put, and powerlifting to attend the Adaptive Sports US Junior Nationals which will be held in Minnesota on July 17-19.

Last week, the Coahoma High School freshman learned he is heading to state in three UIL track and field events.

lete must place in the top nine performances from around the state based off of submitted results from local, area, and regional competitions.

Ott, a paralympic athletic, is currently third in the state for the 100 dash, fourth in the 400 dash event and ninth in the shot put event.

"This is an extremely impressive accomplishment for a freshman who has never competed in track until this year," said CHS Head Track Coach John-Michael Leggett.

At UIL 3A Region track contest held recently, Ott, Zack Schneider and Sean Streighler had an outstanding day on the Abilene Christian Univer-

To qualify for UIL adaptive sports events, an ath- sity field. Ott earned gold in all three of his events. He finished the 100 dash in 18.39 seconds, the 400 dash in 1:09 seconds and threw 16 ft, 3 in the shot put competition.

Schneider, a junior, finished third in his shot put competition. His performance placed him in a wildcard position for state, but he just missed by one inch. Schneider threw 47 ft, 5 inches. Rounding out the team, sophomore Streighler placed ninth in the semi-finals for the long jump. His distance was 20 feet, 2 inches.

The UIL State Track and Field meet will be held on Friday and Saturday at Mike A. Myers Stadium on the University of Texas campus in Austin.



**Courtesy photos** 

Left: Vance Ott wears the medals he earned at an Adaptive Sports US meet held in San Antonio this weekend where he qualified to go to junior nationals in the 100 dash, 200 dash, 400 dash, shot put, and powerlifting. Right: Pictured from front are CHS track members Sean Streighler, Vance Ott, and Zack Schneider, and back, student trainer Tanner Atkins, Coach John-Michael Leggett, Coach Chris Arista, student trainer Dylan Thompson, and Coach Steven Arista.

## Millsap, Jokic spark Nuggets' 124-98 blowout of Blazers **By ARNIE STAPLETON**

#### AP Sports Writer

DENVER — Paul Millsap is showing the young'uns how it's done.

Millsap scored 19 of his 24 points in the first half Tuesday night, sparking Denver's 124-98 blowout of the Portland Trail Blazers that put the Nuggets on the verge of their first trip to the Western Conference finals in a decade

scoring 25 points and pulling down 19 rebounds, tying a team NBA playoff high. Murray added 18 points to go with nine assists and zero turnovers.

Damian Lillard, who led Portland with 22 points, said it's exhausting facing the waves of young sharpshooters the Nuggets send at you, starting with the fulcrum of Jokic and Murray running the pick-androll.

"And then when all else fails, you've got to guard Millsap," Lillard lamented. "He's a handful for guys to guard because he's in the paint, he's making face-up jumpers, he's making 3s. In transition, you've got to find him, and then he's a monster on the glass.' Leaning on Millsap's experience and well-rounded game, he said, "is just something they can always go to, something they can always count on. So, it's tough to deal with." Millsap helped the Nuggets turn in the first lopsided game of a series that was so evenly matched coming in that Denver held a cumulative scoring advantage of 464-462 and both teams had made the same number of free throws and 3-pointers. The Nuggets never trailed and stretched a six-point lead after one quarter to 18 at the half and 28 heading into the fourth quarter. They led by as many as 31 before a parade of backups gave the starters some much-needed breathers.

# Durant-Harden duel may go distance; Bucks can finish Celtics

#### **By JANIE McCAULEY**

#### AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — Kevin Durant vs. James Harden. This duel may just go the distance, and the two stars know it.

Everyone figured the Western Conference semifinal between Golden State and Houston had a chance to be more like the NBA Finals in terms of talent on each side, and now it's tied at 2-all. The NBA's best are dazzling on defense and trading big shots on offense.

"These kinds of situations show a lot about people," Celtics coach Brad Stevens said. "It doesn't always mean you're going to have success. But competing at the level you need to compete and making sure you're as urgent as you've ever been on every possession is of ultimate importance."

Back in the Bay Area, Splash Brothers Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson will try to find their shooting touch. They combined to shoot 9 of 35 on 3-pointers and 30 of 79 overall the past two games. Curry and Durant each missed good looks from long range with a chance to tie Game 4 in the waning seconds.

The 34-year-old forward with nearly 100 games of playoff experience has injected some savvy into a series dominated by youth and emerging stars.

"It's not his first time, you know? He's been here before," Jamal Murray said. "He's showing everybody the ropes. ... He does all the little things that can help us win games and sets the tone for us."

Millsap is averaging 19 points and 9.6 boards in the best-of-seven series that the Nuggets lead 3-2 with Game 6 coming up Thursday night in Portland.

Gary Harris called Millsap "that calming factor" for a team making its first playoff appearance in six seasons. "He's been huge for us this series. He's been bringing it offensively, defensively and he helped us get off to a great start today."

After Millsap got the Nuggets going with a dozen first-quarter points, Nikola Jokic took over from there,

"The way both teams are playing with such intensity and aggression, it's fun to be out there," Durant said. "We're looking forward to Game 5."

The series resumes Wednesday night at Oracle Arena, which could host its final game if Golden State doesn't handle business at home. The Warriors will move to new Chase Center in San Francisco next season.

"The mood's good. Playoffs, this is what it's about," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said Tuesday afternoon once his team touched down in Oakland. "Our team has been here many times. We've been in much worse situations, being down in a series, being on the road for Game 7s. We've pretty much seen it all. This is just another chapter in the book.'

Also Wednesday, Boston will try to stave off elimination playing at Milwaukee. The Bucks are up 3-1.

Chris Paul and Harden, meanwhile, know they might have swung momentum after evening the series with Monday night's 112-108 victory.

"I hope so. I hope we have it," Harden said. "We're not going to let up. We're going to keep coming at you until the end of the game."

A look at Wednesday's games:

ROCKETS AT WARRIORS

Series tied at 2. Game 5, 10:30 p.m. EDT, TNT

NEED TO KNOW: The Warriors have acknowledged their lack of focus at times this season, losing badly at home on a handful of occasions and struggling with the basics such as taking care of the ball.

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AP photo Denver Nuggets forward Paul Millsap, right, looks to shoot the ball as Portland Trail Blazers forward Maurice Harkless defends in the first half of Game 5 of an NBA basketball second-round playoff series, Tuesday, May 7 in Denver.



AP photo

Houston Rockets guard James Harden (13) passes the ball as Golden State Warriors center Kevon Looney (5) watches during the second half of Game 4 of a second-round NBA basketball playoff series, Monday, May 6, in Houston.

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For more information call the superintendent's office at 432-354-2230 or write to P O Box 9, Garden City, Texas 79739. For technical information on the proposals call Scott Bicknell, Superintendent, or Tony Gomez, Maintenance Director, or ReeAnn McKinnon, Cafeteria Director at 432-354-2230. Proposals must be received by 12:00 p.m. on June 3, 2019. Glasscock County ISD reserves the right to accept, reject, or postpone any or all proposals. The district will consider each proposal's advantages to the district and will act in a manner that the board considers most advantageous to the district. All applicable laws, rules, and regulations take precedence.

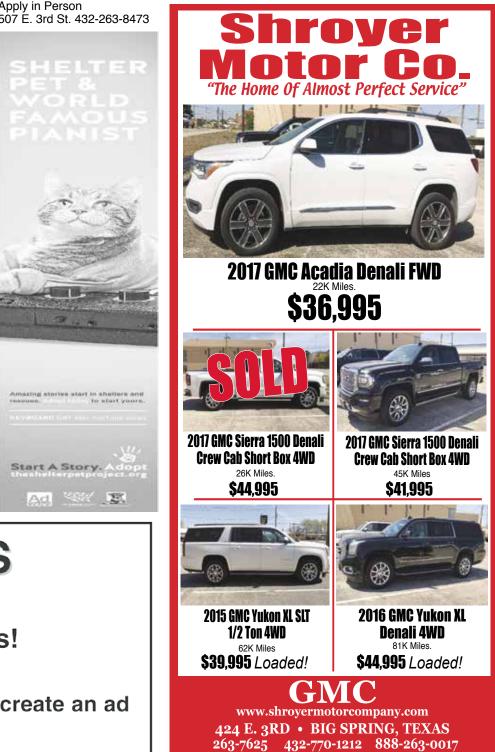
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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

#### **Cosmic Flow State**

**ARIES (March** 21-April 19). Successful move of the day: Give your energy to those who give back. And even though it's not always possible or advisable to love only those who love you, etc., today it's your ticket to heart-happiness.

#### **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Even though you may feel clueless as to what is your next move, your intention to avoid trouble and steer yourself in a healthful and supportive direction will lead you into becoming who you want to be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be put in a position today. Make it easy for present-you by saying yes. Make it easy for future-you by saying no. The second way is better, causing you less stress overall, but of course, it's harder.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you're doing something for the first time, it seems to take a lot longer. The novelty changes your perception of time and makes moments stretch. Break the routine. Variety is a must for a memorable life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are a lot of things that mistakenly pass for gratitude. Manners, humility, deference -- they're all fine and well, but they are not gratitude. Gratitude is a type of joy. If it doesn't feel joyful, then it's not really gratitude.



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the contract without utilizing the dia-

mond suit, where a straightforward

finesse was available. But instead of

crossing to dummy to attempt the

finesse, South played the ace of dia-

monds at trick four, caught West's king and wound up making five

notrump! Had he tried the finesse, he

The question that naturally arises

is how could South possibly have

known that the king would fall on the

ace? The answer is that he didn't

know the king was singleton, but he

did know that taking a diamond

Declarer reasoned that if West had

the guarded king, the contract could

not be made, since West would cash

his two remaining spades for down

one. South therefore had to assume

that either East had the king of dia-

monds or West had the singleton

The ace-of-diamonds play catered

to both possibilities. Had East held the guarded king of diamonds, all

that South's safety play would have

cost him was the extra 30 points he

could have scored by taking a finesse.

ing a finesse to the singleton king

could cost declarer a vulnerable

game, 30 points was a very small

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finesse was the wrong play.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have a problem. Other people have the same problem. If you can solve it for you, you can solve it for the others, too. Knowing it's bigger than you will give you motivation to dig in and try harder for the answer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Everyone judges. "No judgment but..." is one way judgy sentences can start. If you find yourself judging, even if it's only mentally, then add an "or not" to the end of what you were thinking. Because the opposite idea may be just as true.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). An unhelpful idea that's been engrained in you since you were small will be tricky to free yourself from, but

## Annie's Mailbox 💩

#### **PTSD and Forgiveness**

Dear Annie: Your recent column signed by "Blamed for Bedlam" struck a chord with me and I'd like

he had had a trauma at a young age, followed by other traumas, and, being the sensitive soul he is, this triggered PTSD, or, in my brother's case borderline

## lighter mode of being. CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The different kinds of inspiration will compound. Intellectual inspiration will ignite physical exuberance; social inspiration will effervesce into spiritual joy.

AQUARIUS (Jan.

20-Feb. 18). For a conflict to resolve, one person has to soften in the name of resolution. That person is automatically the bigger person, as it takes a great spirit to be humble.

**PISCES** (Feb.

19-March 20). Your learning process can be very mysterious. Maybe it feels like nothing is clicking in, but keep exposing yourself to the material you want to absorb. When it does click in, it will be sudden and magical.

#### **TODAY'S BIRTHDAY**

(May 8). Though you don't make finding love, joy and fun your priority, these qualities will be abundantly present this trip around the sun. It's like a new part of your being is activated. You'll find yourself interested in things you wouldn't have suspected you would be. Different teachers show up in the form of friends and a boss. Scorpio and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 20, 14, 44 and 32.

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Pass Opening lead — six of spades.

You sometimes hear it said that the best players seem to see through the backs of the cards. They don't, of course, but in a very high percentage of deals they do play as though they were looking at the opponents' hands. For example, take this deal where West led a spade against three notrump. East's queen won the first trick, his spade return was ducked to West's jack, and a third spade was taken by the ace as East discarded a low club.

Declarer had no chance to make

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to share my story.

For 60 years, my brother and I were the closest of friends. He is godfather to my children, and you could even say he was a "soul father" to them as well. With my mom, we were a very close-knit family unit. I am in my mid-60s now. My mom lived with my husband and me, and our children, until she reached the age of 93. Our home was the hub of parties and family reunions. It was always packed with people and love, and my brother, single at the time, was a daily visitor. You should know that we both had suffered a trauma when we were young, when we lost a sibling when we were in our early 20s.

But later in life, my brother changed. Something triggered resentment toward me -- and everyone we knew. He wrote a book about the family, in which I was figured as the mean, manipulative, abusive sister. He cut links with my children. He removed us from his Facebook "friends," and he refused to answer my phone calls or to call back. I was at a loss, just like those parents are at a loss with their son. I know he panics when he sees me; I know he says that "he needs space." However, if anyone needed space, it was me when he was dropping in daily, and I never thought of even asking for that. I had started blaming myself for things I did not do. I just did not understand. At a loss, I went to a group here in Montreal that helps people cope with family members who have emotional and mental illness. They saved my life. They explained that

personality issues. I was told to take care of myself. I was told not to blame myself. I was also told to protect myself and refuse to be emotionally manipulated. In short, please have mercy on his parents who must be at such a loss and in so much pain. Please direct them to see a family therapist to help them cope with this sudden, uncalled for, radical metamorphosis of their son. Let them not blame themselves, and let them know that by following the advice of this group, I came out strong. My brother and I are on much better terms. He still forgets and hurts me. But he is in touch with my children, my husband, my friends and our cousins. I have even become his friend on Facebook! And at the end, love wins. We love, forgive and, with time, forget. -- Forgiving and Forgetting

#### **Dear Forgiving:**

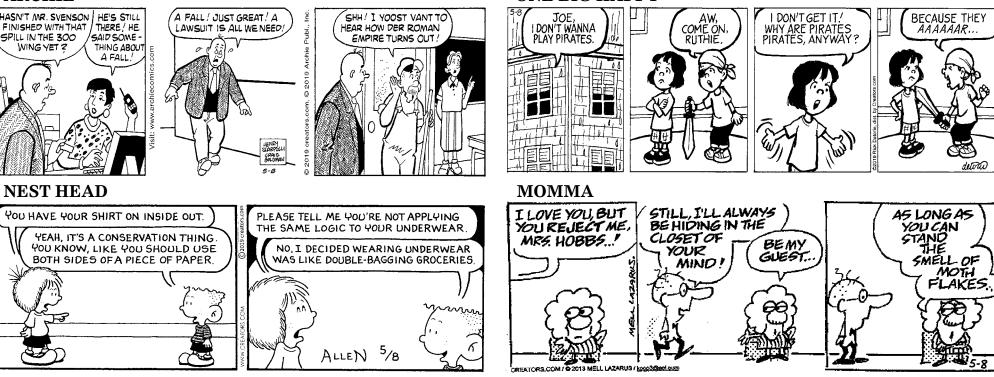
Congratulations on repairing your relationship with your brother. Healthy and strong family relationships are a gift and can serve to strengthen our own self-esteem and sense of love and support in the world. I am printing your letter to show others who are going through similar situations that they are not alone, that there is hope and that being patient can be a gift. Your group therapy sounds wonderful. Thanks for sharing your experience.

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

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## This Date In History

#### Today in History

Today is Wednesday, May 8, the 128th day of 2019. There are 237 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On May 8, 1996, South Africa took another step from apartheid to democracy by adopting a constitution that guaranteed equal rights for blacks and whites.

On this date: In 1429, the Siege of Orleans (ohr-lav-AHN') during the In 2003, the Senate unanimously endorsed adding to NATO seven former communist nations: Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

Ten years ago: White House aide Louis Caldera resigned for his role in a \$328,835 photo-op flyover by an Air Force One jet above New York City that sparked panic and flashbacks to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Dominic DiMaggio, the Boston Red Sox center fielder and brother of Joe, died in Marion, Massachusetts, at age 92.

Five years ago: Syrian rebels

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Today's Birthdays: Naturalist Sir David Attenborough is 93. Singer Toni Tennille is 79. Actor James Mitchum is 78. Country singer Jack Blanchard is 77. Jazz musician Keith Jarrett is 74. Actor Mark Blankfield is 71. Singer Philip Bailey (Earth, Wind and Fire) is 68. Rock musician Chris Frantz (Talk-

ing Heads) is 68. Rockabilly singer Billy Burnette is 66. Rock musician Alex Van Halen is 66. Actor David Keith is 65. Actor Raoul Max Trujillo is 64. New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio is 58. Actress Melissa Gilbert is 55. Rock musician Dave Rowntree (Blur) is 55. Country musician Del Gray is 51. Rock singer Darren Hayes is

#### 47. Singer Enrique Iglesias is 44. Blues singer-musician Joe Bonamassa is 42. Actor Matt Davis is 41. Singer Ana Maria Lombo (Eden's Crush) is 41. Actor Elyes Gabel is 36. Actor Domhnall Gleeson is 36. Neo-soul drummer Patrick Meese (Nathaniel Rateliff & the Night Sweats) is 36. Actress Julia Whelan (WAY'-lan) is 35. Actress

Nora Anezeder is 30.

Thought for Today: "A man who works with his hands is a laborer; a man who works with his hands and his brain is a craftsman; but a man who works with his hands and his brain and his heart is an artist." - Louis Nizer, American lawyer (1902-1994).

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Hundred Years' War ended as English troops withdrew after being defeated by French forces under Joan of Arc.

In 1541, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto reached the Mississippi River.

In 1794, Antoine Lavoisier (lah-vwahz-YAY'), the father of modern chemistry, was executed on the guillotine during France's Reign of Terror.

In 1921, Sweden's Parliament voted to abolish the death penalty.

In 1945, President Harry S. Truman announced on radio that Nazi Germany's forces had surrendered, and that "the flags of freedom fly all over Europe."

In 1958, Vice President Richard Nixon was shoved, stoned, booed and spat upon by anti-American protesters in Lima, Peru.

In 1970, anti-war protests took place across the United States and around the world; in New York, construction workers broke up a demonstration on Wall Street.

In 1973, militant American Indians who had held the South Dakota hamlet of Wounded Knee for 10 weeks surrendered.

In 1978, David R. Berkowitz pleaded guilty in a Brooklyn courtroom to murder, attempted murder and assault in connection with the "Son of Sam" shootings that claimed six lives and terrified New Yorkers. (Berkowitz was sentenced to six consecutive life prison terms.)

In 1984, the Soviet Union announced it would boycott the upcoming Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

In 1987, Gary Hart, dogged by questions about his personal life, including his relationship with Miami model Donna Rice, withdrew from the race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

leveled a historic hotel being used as an army base in the northern city of Aleppo by detonating bomb-packed tunnels beneath it, killing a still-undetermined number of soldiers. House Republicans jumped into a new election-season investigation of the deadly Benghazi assault, naming majority members of a special House committee.

One year ago: President Donald Trump withdrew the U.S. from the nuclear accord with Iran and restored harsh sanctions; Trump had been a severe critic of the deal negotiated by the Obama administration in which Iran agreed to restrictions on its nuclear program. Gina Haspel, nominated to be CIA director, said that if confirmed, she would not undertake a detention and harsh interrogation program like the controversial one used after 9/11. (Haspel would be confirmed by a Senate vote of 54-45.) James Paxton of the Seattle Mariners pitched a no-hitter against the Blue Jays in Toronto, becoming the first Canadian to achieve that feat in his home country. Former coal executive Don Blankenship, who had served a year in prison for his role in a mine explosion that killed 29 men, lost a Republican U.S. Senate primary in West Virginia, finishing a distant third to state Attorney General Patrick

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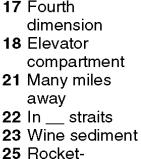
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Now, they will try to channel positive energy into another performance like their 115-109 Game 2 victory at Oracle in which Golden State showed intensity on both ends.

"We love it. Obviously, we would love to be up 3-1 or have the series over, but there's no panic," Curry said. "We're together and we understand what the task at hand is. It's very similar to the last series where you just roll with the punches and get the job done any way you can. We can take control of the series at home and take it from there."

INJURY WATCH: Golden State flew later in the day Tuesday so players could receive treatment and get some recovery time, Kerr said.

Starting forward Andre Iguodala is probable after hyperextending his left knee late in Monday's loss. Meanwhile, Harden's left eye is still red from an

injury in Game 2. "It just looks crazy but it's getting better," he said.

"The doctor said it might be a couple of days or it might be a week before it clears up."

Durant grabbed his right elbow repeatedly during Game 4. The two-time reigning finals MVP was hurt when he trailed Harden on an early fast break and bumped the Houston star in the head while attempting to block the shot from behind.

In addition, guard Shaun Livingston is "a little banged up," Kerr said.

KEEP AN EYE ON: Rebounding. The Rockets outrebounded the Warriors 55-35 in their Game 3 win then 50-43 on Monday — getting 20 from Clint Capela in the two victories.

Golden State held an edge on the boards in Games 1 and 2.

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It starts with defense to generate rebounding opportunities like the Warriors had in their two wins at home.

PRESSURE IS ON: The Warriors' 3-point shooting.

Golden State shot 8 for 33 from deep in Game 4 while the Rockets finished 17 of 50.

"I thought we took a lot of quick, hasty shots where we didn't have the rhythm, where we let them off the hook," Kerr said. "It's not anything elaborate." CELTICS AT BUCKS

Bucks lead 3-1. Game 5, 8 p.m. EDT, TNT

NEED TO KNOW: After heading to the bench with his fourth foul early in the third quarter, Milwaukee's Giannis Antetokounmpo had 17 points and seven rebounds in the fourth to help the Bucks pull away in Game 5. He has averaged 33 points per game in Milwaukee's three straight wins after struggling in Game 1.

INJURY WATCH: Stevens said Marcus Smart came through injury-free in his first game since suffering an abdominal injury on April 7, the second-to-last game of the regular season. Yet Stevens acknowledged there was some rust. "When you haven't played full-speed, 5-on-5, especially when you're coming back for a playoff game, I think that's difficult," Stevens said. "But we kind of knew that going in. I thought he did give us some good stuff, too, when he was in there."

Smart played 15 minutes in Game 4, limited to three points while shooting 1 of 7 on 3-pointers.

KEEP AN EYE ON: Bench scoring. Boston's

bench was outscored 32-7 in Game 4 after being outscored 42-16 in Game 3. With the Celtics' starters struggling in the third quarter in this series, they will need their reserves to step up in Game 5.

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