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Mayor uses veto on BSEDC \$6 Million

loan for Airpark Road Project

Editor's Note: The Big Spring Herald received a press release Sunday afternoon regarding Mayor Shannon Thomason's veto regarding the \$6 Million loan to the Big Spring EDC for financing of the road construction at the Big Spring McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. This is an issue that was discussed at the past few City Council meetings. Last Thursday, the Big Spring City Council held a special meeting regarding this issue - after Mayor Thomason removed the final reading of the resolution from the regular meeting on Tuesday. During the special meeting, the Council passed the resolution with a 5-2 vote, with Mayor Thomason and Doug Hartman voting against. The following is the press release related to the Mayor's veto along with the letter Mayor Thomason sent to City Secretary Don Moore stating his reasoning behind the veto.

Special to the Herald

On March 29, 2020, City of Big Spring Mayor Shannon Thomason notified City Secretary Don Moore of his veto of Resolution 006-2020, which approves a loan of up to \$6 million to the Big Spring EDC to Finance road construction at the Big Spring McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Mayor Thomason's veto of the resolution cites financial uncertainty during the current COVID-19 pandemic as well as issues with the project itself.

Mayor Thomason states.

"At this time, no one can reliably predict the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the City of Big Spring and it's component units, which includes the Big Spring EDC. In times like these, I believe that it makes

more sense to have money in the bank instead of borrowing money to build roads. I take my duty to be a good steward of the public trust very seriously and believe that the veto of the project financing is the right decision at this time. I have been and continue to be in favor of this project, but only when the timing and the project itself is right."

Article IV, Section 7 of the Big Spring City Charter authorizes the Mayor to



Mayor Shannon Thomason

veto any resolution or ordinance passed by the Big Spring City Council.

The following is the letter from Mayor Thomason to City Secretary Moore: Mr. Moore: In accordance with Ar-

ticle IV, Sec. 7 of the Big Spring City Charter, please record my veto of the following resolution:

Big Spring City Council Resolution 006-2020

My reasons for veto are as follows:

1. Financial instability/ insecurity - Given the drastic changes to both US and world financial markets as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as a drastic drop in oil prices, I do not believe it is prudent to borrow funds to finance a project at this time. In addition, it is irresponsible for the City of

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Robbery suspect in custody

Editor's Note: The Big Spring Police Dept. issued the following media release in regards to a robbery that took place in the early morning hours Friday, March 27.

Special to the Herald

On March 27, 2020, at approximately 1:40 a.m., Big Spring Police Department officers were dispatched to 300 S. Owens "Quick Track" in reference to a robbery.

While en-route dispatch informed officers that the Hispanic, Male actor had stolen items from within the store and when confronted by the clerk outside the store the actor exhibited what had been believed to be a pistol.

Officers searched the area and located the suspect on foot in the 400 block of E. 3rd wearing a pink bandana over his face and carrying what was believed to be a pistol. The suspect (Robert

was ordered to the ground and taken into custody. The suspected pistol was found to be a BB gun. Officers recovered merchandise that had been stolen from the Quick Track. All items were

Lyles Hispanic/Male 18 years of age)

returned to Quick Track. Lyles was booked into the Howard County Jail for the offense of Aggravated Robbery a Felony 1 offense and is awaiting arraignment by a magistrate.

The Aggravated Robbery charge is due to Lyles exhibiting what appeared to be a deadly weapon during the commission

SMMC welcoming donations

By AMANDA DUFORAT Managing Editor

As local health authorities are doing their part to keep the community and staff healthy, they are also looking ahead and planning for an extended impact of COVID-19.

Community members have gun to rally together to ensure the needs of healthcare professionals are met, in order to support them as they serve on the front lines. Scenic Mountain Medical Center issued a statement Friday showing their appreciation and their acceptance process for those who want to donate.

"We are accepting donations of medical supplies at SMMC! Thank

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Wound Healing Center continues to deliver services at Scenic Mountain Medical Center

Special to the Herald

Patients and healthcare providers are experiencing an unprecedented situation with the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak.

At the Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Medicine Center action steps and protocols have been instituted to help continue treatments and services during this crisis. Wound care has been determined to

be essential for the community. Care and services provided include treatand advanced wound care.

ment for diabetic foot ulcers, PAD associated with sores, wounds and ulcers Our data has shown that patients suffering from untreated wounds are 20 times more likely to end up in an emergency room or admitted to the hospital.

To help patients with wounds avoid

emergency care The Wound Healing

and Hyperbaric Medicine Center has cians - we are continuing to commuimplemented measures to continue to provide the support needed to care for patients who need advanced wound care treatments and services during this crisis.

A few of these measures include:

• Proactive Patient Communications our clinical teams are reaching out to patients regarding treatment adherence and working with them to help with flexible appointment scheduling options and to balance patient volumes throughout the day, eliminating crowded waiting rooms. Our dedicated staff has also placed temporary entrances into the Wound Healing Center for patient only access. These processes allow limited entry and strict screening to continue providing a safe environment for our patient population.

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nicate with our referring providers in light of limited access due to COVID-19 related office visit restrictions. The center team understands the importance of remaining vigilant and safe, and to that end, has taken steps to provide a safe place for our patients to receive care.

"The health of all our patients within our community as well as surrounding communities is priority here at the Wound Healing Center. We encourage all of our patients to continue on a strong path of healing. I am honored to have such a strong community to come together in a time of need and support each other through difficult times in a safe and effective manner. Together we will get through this stronger" Dr. Nguyen, Medical Director of the Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Medicine Cen-

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Obituaries

Liam Morelion

Liam Morelion, infant son of Cynthia and Nick Morelion, died Thursday, March 26, 2020. Graveside services will be Tuesday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

In addition to his parents, Liam is survived by

one brother: Nickolas Morelion, Jr; grandparents: Lacy Morelion, Abel Morelion, Susan Morgan and Ricky Ramirez, all of Big Spring; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

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



Retha Southwood

Retha Southwood, 80, of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring died Sunday, March 22, 2020. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Retha was born March 21, 1940, in Win-

ters, to Lilly McAdams Combs and Barney

Retha is survived by three daughters: Di-

ane Dow, Zabrina Freeman, and Shawna Freeman; one sister: Verba Dewett; and several grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sons: Ronnie Freeman and Tommie Freeman; and one daughter: Dorinda Freeman.

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

Nettie Louise Fullen Jackson Mayes Smith



Nettie Louise Fullen Jackson Mayes Smith of Big Spring, Texas, was born Sept. 13, 1921, on her maternal grandparents, Cicero and Nettie Boyd's farm in Navarro County, East Texas, moving to Big Spring at six years old. She graduated from Big Spring High School in 1938. received her personheavalized invitation to en on March 25 at 2:07 a.m.

at The Big Spring Center for Skilled Care. Grannie Lou, as she was affectionately known, is survived by her brother, Jerry Fullen, daughter, Cathy Mayes Griffin, son Jimmy Mayes, grandchildren Ricky Carstensen, Kelli Carstensen, Cheri Ames, Casey Ames Dickerson, Julia Grantom, Wendy Mayes, Amy Mayes, Amber Mayes, six great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren along with several nieces and nephews. Grannie Lou was predeceased by her parents, Richard Allen and Mattie Fullen, husband Palmer Smith, and as she said, her favorite sister, aka her

partner in crime, Maxine Fullen Johnson, brother Terry Fullen, daughter, Wanda Carstensen, son, LD "Sonny" Jackson, grandson Paul Jackson and many lifelong friends from the area, Flower Grove, Ackerly, Lamesa and Big Spring. Grannie Lou fulfilled her life's calling as a caregiver, although many of us felt it should have been a Marine Corp Drill Sergeant. She cared for Maw Maw Mayes for several years prior to her receiving her invitation to heaven. She lovingly cared for husband Palmer and was tirelessly devoted to the care of both of her parents until each of their invitations arrived. Her career span included a farmer's wife in the Flower Grove community, nurse's aide and certified dietician at the Big Spring Nursing home for many years. This job greatly improved the patient's and staff's eating enjoyment as she was a great cook.

Her Thanksgiving dressing was known far and wide, at least as far as Big Spring is wide. She also worked with MHMR for many years housing disabled women where her natural born Marine Corp drill sergeant skills came in mighty handy. Grannie Lou would give you the shirt off her back or one from the three closets filled to the brim that she "collected" and then instruct you as to how to "launder" it. She blamed her collection on being born in the depression, but we knew the truth that she was a closet shopaholic. We won't mention the purses or her personal shoe store. We could talk for days on that and you would be reading this for an hour! She denied the fact that she was bossy, preferring the word "cautioning!"

She was never at a loss for her opinion and wouldn't hesitate to give or offer it in any situation because as she and State Farm says, "I've been around and seen a thing or two." We attributed this to her being a natural born leader and as such she was very good at follow through. Grannie Lou was a professed Christian who is now continuing her life in heaven!!

Her wit, humor and advice will be sorely missed. We love to Grannie Lou!! Because Grannie Lou loved to help others in need, the family asks that in lieu of sending flowers, please send donations to: **Buckner Family Place**

ATTN: Myndi Easter 425 Pecan Midland, TX 79795 A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid Obituary

Weather

Today: Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 80. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming southwest 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 35

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 49. Windy, with a west wind 20 to 30 mph decreasing to 10 to 20 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 75. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast in the afternoon.

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



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Food Pick Up Info

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

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

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

Bus 13-Navajo and Choctaw

Bus 14-Bauer

Bus 15: Larry and McDonald Bus 27: 5th and Abrams

Bus 28: 3rd and Lockhart

Bus 77: Parkway and Hearn

Bus 85: Goliad Elementary

Bus 86: 6th and Circle

Bus 90: Southridge RV Park Bus 96: Albrook and Randolf

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

Bus 13-Barcelona Apartments

Bus 14-Lakeview

Bus 15: Colby and Drew Bus 27: 8th and Lorilla

Bus 28: Roy Anderson Complex Bus 77: Airport and Mobile

Bus 85: Scott and Macausian

Bus 86: Washington Elementary

Bus 90: Oasis and Neill Bus 96: Anderson School

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

Coahoma ISD will provide take-home lunches to all students while the campuses are closed. Students can pick up a lunch at the back door of the cafeteria, Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

If your restaurant or organization is helping feed students during this time, please e-mail us information and we will be sure to include it in our listing and let the community know. On behalf of the Big Spring Herald and all those who are able to receive support during this time, we say Thank You for all that you are doing and continue to do. The support is much appreciated and does not go unnoticed.

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Big Spring to institute a purely elective project when it's citizens are facing hardship and restrictions as a result of the pandemic. In short, I believe it is more important for the City of Big Spring to have money in the bank to maintain our existing infrastructure than it is to borrow money we don't have to build infrastructure we don't critically need. While the airpark roads project will provide added convenience for businesses located at our air park, they are already adequately served by exist-

2. Big Spring EDC is in breech of the Performance Agreement with the City of Big Spring. Specifically, Big Spring EDC has been required to obtain numerous approvals of the City Manager with regards to the project. Big Spring EDC has failed

3. TGB Group is in breech of the Agreement For Engineering Services. Specifically TGB has instituted changes to the project without the express permission and authorization of the City Manager. When confronted with said change, TGB reversed the change and charged the City over \$18,000 for a change order when no authorization for the original change had been given.

4. City of Big Spring Staff has identified more than eighteen (18) inconsistencies, issues, or problems with the project as a whole. Neither the Big Spring EDC or TGB Group (engineer) has yet to fully address those concerns.

5. Big Spring EDC does not appear to have com-

plied with the statutory requirements regarding the project. Specifically, EDC does not appear to have complied with Texas Local Government Code Sec. 501.159(a) which is a requirement for a project such as this.

I would also like to reiterate the following: I have been in favor of the airpark roads project since it's inception and will continue to be once the City of Big Spring returns to some semblance of normalcy. Unfortunately, given the current health crisis and financial crisis, both of which are deepening, pursuing this project at the time being is, in my opinion, a decision of questionable business sense.

We, as public officials and stewards of the public trust, can not afford to make questionable decisions during times like these.

Mayor Shannon Thomason

ya'll," a press release stated. "At Scenic Mountain Medical Center, we are humbled by the generosity of all who have inquired about donating medical supplies to support our staff and patients during the COVID-19 outbreak. We are gratefully accepting donations of medical supplies for our 'Rainy Day

In order to keep in compliance, all donations must be in unopened, original packaging and in accordance with approved hospital standards. According to information provided by SMMC, requested donation categories include:

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- Disposable Head Covers/Caps
- Disposable Gowns

- Disposable Gloves N-95 Respirator Face Masks
- Powered Air Purifying Respirators (PAPRs) Disposable Face Masks
- Face-shields/Goggles/Safety Glasses
- Coveralls/Scrubs
- Shoe-covers

For those wishing to donate, donations can be delivered to the following:

1. By Mail to: SMMC (Attention to Materials), 1601 W. 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or delivered through a scheduled delivery time at the hospital. The hospital staff is asking that donations are not just dropped up, but an appointment is scheduled.

To schedule a drop off time/location, contact Daniel Moreno at 432-553-1271 or April Arms at 432-213-0740 or by e-mailing Martin.Morenoii@steward. org or April.Arms@Steward.Org

Trump extends virus guidelines, braces US for big death toll

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bracing the nation for a grim death toll, President Donald Trump on Sunday extended the voluntary national shutdown for a month, bowing to public-health experts who told him the coronavirus pandemic could claim over 100,000 lives in the U.S., perhaps significantly more, if not enough is done to fight it.

It was a stark shift in tone by the president, who only days ago mused about the country reopening in a few weeks. From the Rose Garden, he said his Easter revival hopes had only been "aspirational."

The initial 15-day period of social distancing urged by the federal government expires Monday and Trump had expressed interest in relaxing the national guidelines at least in parts of the country less afflicted by the pandemic. But instead he decided to extend them through April 30, a tacit acknowledgment he'd been too optimistic. Many states and local governments have stiffer controls in place on mobility and gatherings.

Trump's impulse to restore normalcy met a sober reality check Sunday from Dr. Anthony Fauci, the government's top infectious disease expert, who said the U.S. could experience more than 100,000 deaths and millions of infections from the pandemic. Trump's decision to extend the guidelines reflected a recognition that the struggle will take place over the longer haul and the risk of deaths spiraling into the hundreds of thousands is real. "I want our life back again," the president told re-

porters in the Rose Garden.

Trump, who has largely avoided talk of potential death and infection rates, cited projection models that said potentially 2.2 million people or more could have died had the country not put social distancing measures in place. And he said the country would be doing well if it "can hold" the number of deaths "down to 100,000."

"It's a horrible number," Trump said, but added: 'We all together have done a very good job."

Brought forward by Trump at the outdoor briefing, Fauci said his projection of a potential 100,000 to 200,000 deaths is "entirely conceivable" if not enough is done to mitigate the crisis. He said that helped shape the extension of the guidelines, "a wise and prudent decision." The federal guidelines recommend against large

group gatherings and urge older people and anyone with existing health problems to stay home. People are urged to work at home when possible and avoid restaurants, bars, non-essential travel and shop-

The extension would leave the federal recommendations in place beyond Easter, April 12, by which time Trump had hoped the country and its economy could start to rev up again. Alarmed publichealth officials said Easter was sure to be too soon.

The U.S. had more than 139,000 COVID-19 cases reported by Sunday evening, with more than 2,400 deaths. During the course of the Rose Garden briefing, reported deaths grew by several dozen and the number of cases by several thousand.

As some of his allies had predicted, Trump was clearly rattled by the haunting images coming out of New York, some from Elmhurst Hospital in his native Queens.

"I've been watching that for the last week on television," he said. "Body bags all over, in hallways. I've been watching them bring in trailer trucks – freezer trucks, they're freezer trucks, because they can't handle the bodies, there are so many of them. This is essentially in my community, in Queens, Queens, New York," he continued. "I've seen things

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that I've never seen before."

One in 3 Americans remain under state or local government orders to stay at home to slow the spread of the virus, with schools and businesses closed and public life upended.

Dr. Deborah Birx, head of the White House coronavirus task force, said parts of the country with few cases so far must prepare for what's to come. "No state, no metro area, will be spared," she said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Most people who contract COVID-19 have mild or moderate symptoms, which can include fever and cough but also milder cases of pneumonia, sometimes requiring hospitalization. The risk of death is greater for older adults and people with other health problems. Hospitals in the most afflicted areas are straining to handle patients and some are short of critical sup-

plies. Fauci's prediction would take the death toll well past that of the

average seasonal flu. Trump repeatedly cited the flu's comparatively much higher cost in lives in playing down the severity of this pan-

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Retha Southwood, 80. died Sunday. Graveside services will be at 2:30 PM Tuesday at Mt. Olive

Memorial Park.

Louise Smith, 98, died Wednesday Celebration of life will be at a later date.

Liam Morelion, infant. died Thursday. Graveside services will Tuesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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Howard's Fragala receives scholarship offer from Delaware State

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

After one season on the Howard Hawks basketball team, sharpshooting point guard Dominik Fragala was offered a scholarship to extend his playing career at Delaware State University.

Fragala performed well on the offensive end during his time on the court this past season. He was limited to 14 games and five games started because of a litany of injuries but was always able to display his impressive shooting from beyond the arc when on the court.

The former Niagara Purple Eagle shot 45.0 percent from the field and and an excellent 41.4 percent from the three-point line. He averaged 10.5 points per game which was good enough for third on the roster behind future NCAA commit Eric Reed Jr. and freshman Tucson Redding.

The Chantilly, Virginia, native has a while to make his commitment decision and may be waiting for more offers to come in. If Fragala decides to attend Delaware State, he will be making a return to the east coast where he grew up and spent one season at Niagara University (NY). While he was there, Fragala shot 26-of-67 (.388)

from the field and 15-of-46 (.326) from three. He averaged 2.9 points as a redshirt freshman there and until he got more time on the court at Howard.

Hawks coach Scott Raines and the rest of the



was not really able to show his offensive prowess Dominik Fragala puts up an open layup during a game in his one season as a Howard Hawk.

Howard coaching staff knew what they had in the three-point specialist and he was often in the game when a bucket was needed.

Delaware State was in the midst of a disappointing 6-26 season before the Coronavirus pandemic cut short the NCAA season. The Hornets play at the NCAA Division I level in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) and have not won the conference tournament since 2005. Fragala would add a solid ball-handling guard

to the Hornets with the potential to score doubledigits on every night if given the minutes. While Fragala might have been a tad too reliant on the long-range shot during his one season at Howard, he also has the ability to develop into a guard that can drive the lane and get creative with his layup package close to the basket.

Fragala will have some time to make his decision and could end up the second Hawk from the 2019 roster to continue his basketball career at the NCAA level next season.

Since Fragala was offered a scholarship in the past few days, it is still possible more Hawks will receive offers as well. In this uncertain time of sports, stay tuned for Fragala's decision in the coming weeks.

Shawn Moran is the sportswriter at the Big Spring Herald. To contact him, e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

Tokyo Olympics rescheduled for July 23-Aug. 8 in 2021

By STEPHEN WADE

TOKYO (AP) — The Tokyo Olympics will open next year in the same time slot scheduled for this

Tokyo organizers said Monday the opening ceremony will take place on July 23, 2021 — almost exactly one year after the games were due to start

"The schedule for the games is key to preparing for the games," Tokyo organizing committee president Yoshiro Mori said. "This will only accelerate our progress."

Last week, the IOC and Japanese organizers postponed the Olympics until 2021 because of the coronavirus pandemic.

This year's games were scheduled to open on July 24 and close on Aug. 9. But the near exact one-year delay will see the rescheduled closing ceremony on

There had been talk of switching the Olympics to spring, a move that would coincide with the blooming of Japan's famous cherry blossoms. But it would also clash with European soccer and North American sports leagues.

Mori said a spring Olympics was considered but holding the games later gives more space to complete the many qualifying events that have been postponed by the virus outbreak.

"We wanted to have more room for the athletes to

qualify," Mori said.

After holding out for weeks, local organizers and the IOC last week postponed the Tokyo Games under pressure from athletes, national Olympic bodies and sports federations. It's the first postponement in Olympic history, though there were several cancellations during wartime.

The Paralympics were rescheduled to Aug. 24-Sept. 5.

The new Olympic dates would conflict with the scheduled world championships in track and swimming, but those events are now expected to also be pushed back.

"The IOC has had close discussions with the rel-

evant international federations," organizing committee CEO Toshiro Muto said. "I believe the IFs have accepted the games being held in the summer."

Muto said the decision was made Monday and the

IOC said it was supported by all the international sports federations and was based on three main considerations: to protect the health of athletes, to safeguard the interests of the athletes and Olympic sport, and the international sports calendar.

"These new dates give the health authorities and all involved in the organisation of the Games the maximum time to deal with the constantly changing landscape and the disruption caused by the CO-VID-19 pandemic," the IOC said. "The new dates ... also have the added benefit that any disruption that the postponement will cause to the international sports calendar can be kept to a minimum, in the interests of the athletes and the IFs."

Both Mori and Muto have said the cost of rescheduling the Olympics will be "massive" — local reports estimate billions of dollars — with most of the expenses borne by Japanese taxpayers.

Muto promised transparency in calculating the costs, and testing times deciding how they are divided up.

"Since it (the Olympics) were scheduled for this summer, all the venues had given up hosting any other events during this time, so how do we approach that?" Muto asked. "In addition, there will need to be guarantees when we book the new dates, and there is a possibility this will incur rent payments. So there will be costs incurred and we will need to consider them one by one. I think that will be the tougher process."

Katsuhiro Miyamoto, an emeritus professor of sports economics at Kansai University, puts the costs as high as \$4 billion. That would cover the price of maintaining stadiums, refitting them, paying rentals, penalties and other expenses.

officially Japan is

spending \$12.6 billion to organize the Olympics. However, an audit bureau of the Japanese government says the costs are twice that much. All of the spending is public money except \$5.6 billion from a privately funded operating budget. The Switzerland-based International Olympic

Committee is contributing \$1.3 billion, according to organizing committee documents. The IOC's contribution goes into the operating budget. IOC President Thomas Bach has repeatedly called

the Tokyo Olympics the best prepared in history. However, Deputy Prime Minister Taro Aso also termed them "cursed." Aso competed in shooting in the 1976 Olympics, and was born in 1940.

The Olympics planned for 1940 in Tokyo were canceled because of World War II.

The run-up to the Olympics also saw IOC member Tsunekazu Takeda, who also headed the Japanese Olympic Committee, forced to resign last year amid a bribery scandal.

Dallas Cowboys Corner

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

Back to the negotiating table

After a couple weeks away from each other, the Dallas Cowboys and their quarterback Dak Prescott returned to the negotiating table last week. Prescott is currently set to play under the exclusive rights franchise tag this season but ooth sides would prefer to get a long-term deal done.

The issue with the deal right now appears to be a disagreement on length of the deal. Dallas would like to lock up Prescott for the next five seasons, while the Mississippi State product and his agent are seeking a four-year deal.

Frederick retires after decade as one of the game's top centers

Early last week, Travis Frederick announced his retirement from the NFL. He is another young player to leave the game in the midst of his prime. The Wisconsin product is 29 years old and has recently been battling an autoim-

"I made my return to the field, played well overall, and was selected to the Pro Bowl, but it was a difficult year for me," Frederick said in his announcement. "Each day I faced a struggle: I could no longer perform at my highest level. Playing 'well' is not what I expect of myself and is not what my teammates deserve. Because of this, I know my days as a football player are done. I am proud of what I have accomplished in my career, and I walk away with my head held high."

Dallas will need to fill the starting center spot and the most likely replacement right now looks like veteran Joe Looney.

Dallas signs Dontari

The Cowboys signed veteran defensive tackle Dontari Poe to line up next to Gerald McCoy along the new-look Dallas defensive line.

Poe is an eight-year vet who has played for the Kansas City Chiefs, Atlanta Falcons, and Carolina Panthers. He has started 118 games out of a possible 121 games played and has made the Pro Bowl two times.

The Memphis product has collected a total of 278 combined tackles, 31 tackes for loss, 20.5 sacks, and 14 passes batted down.

He will add a new dimension to the Cowboys defense as they usually prefer their defensive tackles to be quick-penetrating gap shooters. Instead, Dallas will head into 2020 with the big bodies of Poe and McCoy at defensive tackle.

Cowboys get a new kicker

Greg Zuerlein has been lighting it up as a kicker for the Los Angeles/St. Louis Rams for eight years. After signing a three-year, \$7.5 million deal with the Cowboys last week, Dallas hopes that Zuerlein can be their kicker for the

Greg the Leg has converted on 201-of-245 career field goals (82.0%) and 264-of-270 career extra points. The kicker out of Missouri Western also has a careerlong of 61 yards and always seems to be on target in an indoor stadium.

20% base salary reductions for top NBA executives

By BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Top NBA executives are having their base salaries reduced by 20% for the foreseeable future, a person with knowledge of the details said Thursday.

The reductions affect the roughly 100 highest-earning executives, as the NBA joins the NHL and NASCAR in cutting salaries while competitions are on hold because of the coronavi-

The cuts are effective immediately and affect NBA employees both inside the league headquarters in New York, and in global offices, the person told The Associated Press. The person was granted anonymity because the reductions were not announced pub-

The reductions were first reported

Health benefits remain unaffected and there are no changes for the rest of the organization, including support and administrative staff.

The NBA suspended its season on March 11 when Rudy Gobert of the Utah Jazz became the first player to test positive. The league is still discussing scenarios for resuming play once allowed.

It had already been a challenging season for the NBA financially, with a loss of revenue from China following Houston Rockets general manager Daryl Morey's tweet in support of Hong Kong anti-government protest-

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Being Comfortable Is Vital

Dear Annie: Please help me with a problem I'm having at home. I'm a 15-year-old girl still living at home, and my mother is insisting that I go to her OB-GYN doctor, who is a man. She has already made an appointment for a few months from now.

I am a very modest person and have never had an intimate exam by a male doctor, and the thought of it is causing me tremendous anxiety and turmoil. I am losing sleep over it.

She keeps telling me that I am being silly, but, Annie, all I've been seeing in the news lately are stories of how male doctors, who were thought of as "pillars of the community," are being arrested for sexual abuse. The latest story of Andrew Yang's wife coming forward with her story is just eating away at me. And there are all of these sports doctors at universities being suspended.

Annie, all men are naturally turned on visually, so how are we to believe that a doctor is able to "turn it off" once they've put their white coats on? In Googling the subject, you will find hundreds of cases where these doctors have been "caught," which begs the question, are all of them like that and are only the "unlucky" ones caught? We just had a local male nurse at the hospital

here charged for sexual

abuse on a female patient.

My mother reads your col-

umn. Please give me some help on this! -- Scared to Death

Dear Scared to Death:

Discounting your feelings is not fair to you. If you are uncomfortable with a male doctor, then you should not have to see a male doctor. Tell your mom your concerns in no uncertain terms.

Tell your mom your concerns in no uncertain terms. You are entitled to your own feelings. And there have been some very alarming cases.

However, these cases

are extremely rare. Though media attention focuses on the few rotten apples, people become doctors to help others. The vast majority of doctors are complete professionals, and it is grossly unfair to accuse all male doctors of being sexually aroused by their patients. Finally, be cautious about what you read on the internet. Instead, share your concerns with your medical professional as well. She will have more information and resources.

Dear Annie: As a therapist, I have found that helping patients focus on thoughts during therapy isn't as helpful as looking at their feelings.

Feelings do not occur in your thoughts. They happen in your body. Please try to focus on feelings instead of focusing on thoughts.

ocusing on thoughts.

One way you can do this

is to notice how your body feels when you think about something. If someone says something hurtful to you, try not to think about it in your head, but notice what sensations it evokes in your body. Does it make your stomach churn? Does it

make your chest feel tight?
Noticing sensations in
your body will give you
clues as to how things are
really affecting you on a
subconscious level, even
though you might not be
able to tell on an intellectual
level. -- Experienced Therapy Client

Dear Experienced:

Your letter highlights a very important life skill; namely, the ability to listen to one's body. The phrase, "trust your gut," is popular for a reason.

It is asking you to pay attention to how you feel before making a big decision. Our unconscious minds have processed many thoughts and feelings long before we are able to untangle them with our conscious minds. But our bodies tell us instantly how we are feeling. The body carries wisdom in it and usually knows what is best for us. Thank you for your insights.

Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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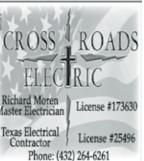
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's no flaw, obstacle or reason holding you back. You just need to learn a few little tricks to get yourself into the habits that will pull you unthinkingly forward.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The first step to winning in an environment is to choose environments you're genuinely interested in. Get excited about going, or go where you won't have to fake your enthusiasm.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Athletes aren't expected to play every position, and you shouldn't expect this of yourself either. Play to your strengths. You don't have to make every point in the game. Just help make a few.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you have to





the right track. It's the ones who don't question themselves who are most likely to miss masses." -- Plato

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People you can laugh with are the treasures of your day. And if you happen to be the one who's making this laughter happen, you'll feel mightily accomplished.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Sometimes you feel like you have no control over your emotions, and sometimes your emotions feel like they have no control over you. But today, you and your feelings will be on the same page.

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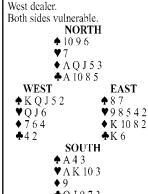
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By Steve Becker Famous Hand



The bidding: North West East South Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass Dble Pass Opening lead king of spades. This deal was played by many-

time national and world champion Bob Hamman in the 1986 Grand National Teams championship, won by his Texas team. He and his partner, Bobby Wolff, reached six clubs, against which West made the most effective lead, the king of spades.

Hamman took the ace and could have banked everything on a club finesse. This would have resulted in losing the slam as the cards lie.

But Hamman didn't become one of the world's greatest players by relying on a finesse when a reason-

Next came the diamond queen, covered by the king and ruffed by declarer. A heart ruff felled West's queen, establishing the ten, and Hamman was now at the crossroads.

able alternative was available. So,

after taking the first spade, he cashed

the A-K of hearts, discarding a spade

One possibility was to trump a low a club finesse, planning to discard two spades on the J-5 of diamonds after trumps were drawn. But Hamman had good reason to suspect the club finesse would fail. West had thus far shown up with the O-J-x of hearts and apparently had a good spade suit.

If he also had the king of clubs, he

probably would have opened the bid-

So, after ruffing the heart, Hamman next cashed the ace of clubs, then played the jack of diamonds, discarding a spade, and ruffed a diamond. The ten of hearts was then led, West ruffing with the four and dummy overruffing. When dummy's good diamond was now led, East ruffed with the king as Hamman discarded his last spade, and the slam

was home At the other table, North-South bid and made exactly five clubs, so Hamman's team gained 13 IMPs on the deal. Every one of those points proved absolutely vital, because the Texans won the match by just 1 IMP.

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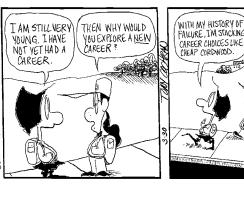








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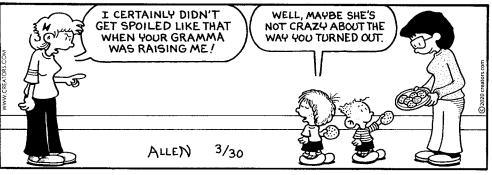








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In 1909, the Queensboro Bridge, linking the New York City boroughs of Manhattan and

Queens, opened. In 1923, the Cunard liner RMS

Laconia became the first passenger ship to circle the globe as it arrived in New York. In 1964, John Glenn withdrew

from the Ohio race for the U.S. Senate because of injuries suffered in a fall. The original version of the TV game show "Jeopardy!," hosted by Art Fleming, premiered on NBC.

In 1975, as the Vietnam War neared its end, Communist forces occupied the city of Da Nang. In 1986, actor James Cagney died at his farm in Stanfordville, New York, at age 86.

In 1991, Patricia Bowman of Jupiter, Florida, told authorities she'd been raped hours earlier by William Kennedy Smith, the nephew of Sen. Edward Kennedy, at the family's Palm Beach estate. (Smith was acquitted at

In 1999, Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic (sloh-BOH'-dahn mee-LOH'-shuh-vich) insisted that NATO attacks stop before he moved toward peace, declaring his forces ready to fight "to the very end." NATO answered with new resolve to wreck his military with a relentless air assault.

In 2004, in a reversal, President George W. Bush agreed to let National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice testify publicly and under oath before an independent panel investigating the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

In 2006, American reporter Jill

Carroll, a freelancer for The Christian Science Monitor, was released after 82 days as a hostage in Iraq.

In 2009, President Barack Obama asserted unprecedented government control over the auto industry, rejecting turnaround plans from General Motors and Chrysler and raising the prospect of controlled bankruptcy for either ailing auto

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama signed a single measure sealing his health care overhaul and making the government the primary lender to students by cutting banks out of the process. The world's largest atom smasher, the Large Hadron Collider in Geneva, threw together minuscule particles racing at unheard of speeds in conditions simulating those just after the Big Bang. Math teacher Jaime Escalante, who inspired the movie "Stand and Deliver," died in Roseville, California, at age 79. Morris Jeppson, a weapons test officer aboard the Enola Gay who helped arm the atomic bomb dropped over Hiroshima, died in a Las Vegas hospital at age 87. Five years ago: German officials confirmed that Germanwings co-pilot Andreas Lubitz was once diagnosed with suicidal tendencies and received lengthy psychotherapy before receiving his pilot's license; they believed Lubitz deliberately smashed his Airbus A320 into the French Alps, killing 150 people. Former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert was convicted of unlawfully accepting money from a U.S. supporter in his retrial on corruption charges. Two men dressed as women and driving a stolen SUV ignored officers' orders at the gate to the National Security Agency in Fort Meade, Maryland; police fired on the SUV, which then rammed into a police vehicle. One man was killed. Comedy Central announced that Trevor Noah, a 31-year-old comedian from South Africa, would succeed Jon Stewart as host of "The One year ago: The Rolling Stones

announced that they would be

Answer to previous puzzle

postponing their latest tour so that Mick Jagger could receive medical treatment. Texas Tech reached the Final Four of the NCAA college basketball tournament for the first time in the school's history, defeating Gonzaga 75-69 in the West Regional final; Virginia advanced to the Final Four for the first time since 1984 by beating Purdue 80-75 in overtime.

Today's Birthdays: Game show host Peter Marshall is 94. Actor John Astin is 90. Actor-director Warren Beatty is 83. Rock musician Graeme Edge (The Moody Blues) is 79. Rock musician Eric Clapton is 75. Actor Justin Deas is 72. Actor Paul Reiser is 64. Rap artist MC Hammer is 58. Singer Tracy Chapman is 56. Actor Ian Ziering (EYE'-an ZEER'-ing) is 56. TV personality Piers Morgan is 55. Rock musician Joey Castillo is 54. Actress Donna D'Errico is 52. Singer Celine Dion is 52. TV personality/producer Richard Rawlings is 51. Actor Mark Consuelos is 49. Actress Bahar Soomekh is 45. Actress Jessica Cauffiel is 44. Singer Norah Jones is 41. Actress Fiona Gubelmann is 40. Actress Katy Mixon is 39. Actor Jason Dohring is 38. Country

singer Justin Moore is 36. Actress Tessa Ferrer is 34. Country singer Thomas Rhett is 30. Rapper NF is 29.

Thought for Today: "We lie loudest when we lie to ourselves." — Eric Hoffer, American philosopher (1898-1983).

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Hesorts With hot springs
- 5 Field goals or RBIs
- _ Piper of Hamelin
- 13 Large antlered animal
- 14 Crunchy
- Mexican food **15** Beef inspection
- agcy. 16 Very near
- 17 Shade trees
- __ and square (honestly)
- 19 Cereal made from kernels
- 21 Front of a clock _ sorry, my
- mistake'
- 23 Builds, as a building 25 Jury venues
- 29 Headquartered
- **31** Cajun vegetable
- 32 Grain storage structure 34 Wipe a
- blackboard clean _ good time"
- ("Be patient") **40** Jogged or
- sprinted **41** Mr. ___ (handy
- guy)
- **42** Rodeo rope 43 Neighborhood
- **45** Copper-coated coin
- 46 Operating, as a
- **48** Heavy hammer **50** Tall construction
- machines **53** By way of, on itineraries
- **54** Young sheep 55 Cereal prepared on a stove

62 Aroma

CEREAL AISLE by Sally R. Stein Edited by Stanley Newman

- 64 "Bald" bird cereal
 - colada (rum cocktail)
- 66 Roller coaster or carousel

manuscript

- **67** Got to one's feet **13** 1200, in Roman
- **68** STOP or ONE
 - WAY
- 69 Food for a
- canary 70 Final or midterm

63 Modify a

DOWN

- 1 One-person
- 2 Of low quality 3 Part of PTA:
- Abbr.
- clothes iron

- 5 Output from a
- 6 Speak up
- performance
- **4** Believe it proper
- 7 Apex

8 Soft throws

- **9** Expanded-grain
- 10 Sir ___ Newton
- 11 Monarch's decree
- 12 Takes a risk
- numerals
- **20** Young girl
- **24** Sea's coral
- structure
- 25 Fuel for old furnaces
- 26 Tulsa's state:
- Abbr. 27 Internet addresses,
- for short

- relatives: Abbr.
- 28 High-fiber cereal with dried fruit
- 29 Harsh sound
- 30 Top-rated
- 33 Keogh plan

35 Chopped down

36 Perform in a choir

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- 37 "Little" suffix for kitchen 39 of the
- above ("other" category)
- 44 India's continent **47** Theater
- greeters **49** Most recent
- 50 Sounds of hoofbeats
- **51** Center-to-edge circle lines
- 52 Included with 53 Chose
- candidates
- 56 Garfield dog 57 Ocean's rise and fall
- 58 Husband or wife **59** Swelled heads
- **60** Frequently 61 Was first on the

trail

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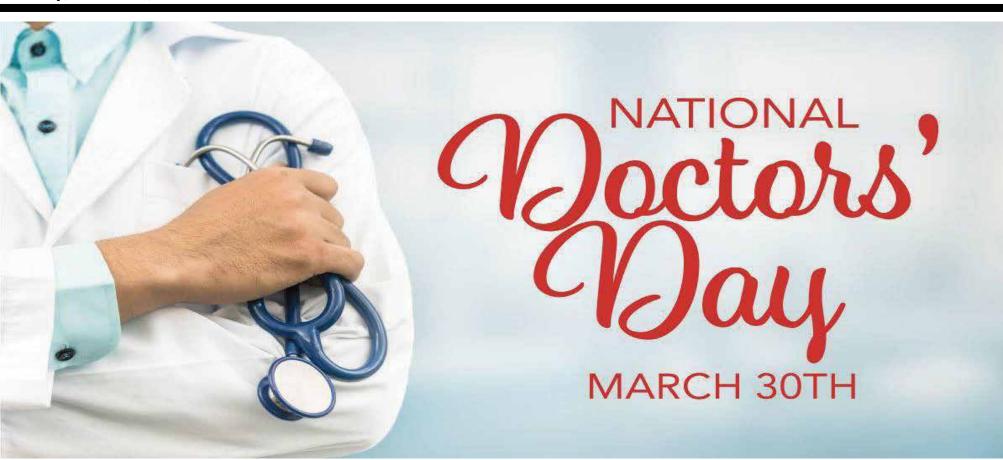
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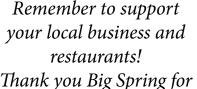


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