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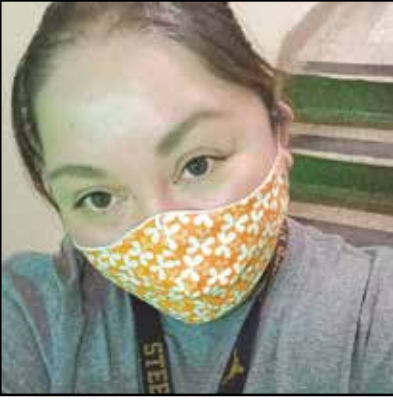
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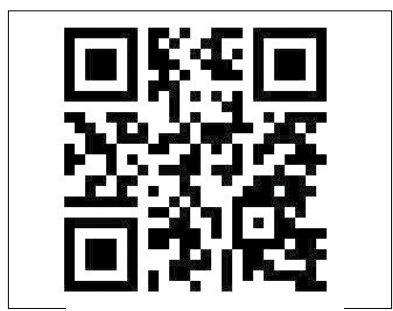


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While at work, Jessica Aguiar is doing her part by also wearing a mask.

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Big Spring State Hospital sets up food pantry to offer support to staff during coronavirus pandemic

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

Planning is key in being prepared when dire situations hit. The Big Spring State Hospital can vouch for that statement, as an idea that had been evolving before the pandemic swept across the nation has been implemented and serving their employees. An internal food pantry has been set up at the BSSH in order to offer a helping hand as staff continues to care for patients and their own families.

“We (BSSH) were considering opening a pantry for staff several months before the virus hit and had actually started planning for it,” Dee Lindsey, BSSH Community Relations, said. “However, with the downturn of the economy it prompted us to do something sooner to offer staff who needed assistance with food and other goods.”



Courtesy photo
Big Spring State Hospital Safety Officer Maranda Moore is pictured helping organize the pantry and restock daily. The hospital staff is able to access the pantry 24/7.

According to Lindsey, employees are able to access the food pantry 24/7 while on campus and take home food for their families. Since the pantry opened a couple of weeks ago there has been a steady flow of those utilizing the service and in return those providing to keep it running. Employees are able to drop off donations to go into the pantry or monetary donations to help support the restocking.

“We feel it is important to offer something like this to our staff to let them know we care for them. In this time, our hospital staff are essential to taking care of the citizens of

Texas,” she said. “It’s hard to make it to the grocery store after

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Big Spring Area Community Foundation opens up relief grant for local, small business owners

Herald Staff Report

The Federal Government has been rolling out different relief programs in order to provide support for small businesses during the economic shutdown. In addition to federal support, there is now a local option for small business owners. Big Spring Area Community Foundation Board of Directors has announced the creation of a one-time relief grant program for small businesses within Howard County impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Businesses throughout Howard County are experiencing lost income due to restrictions placed on them by the Governor of Texas' Executive



HERALD file photo
The Big Spring Area Community Foundation has opened up a one-time relief grant program. To apply for the program, visit www.BSACF.org to print an application.

Order for non-essential business which has limited the business hours and shop-

sued by Big Spring Area Community Foundation, with the Governor's decision to reopen businesses in Texas, this relief grant is to be used by businesses to pay expenses directly related to reopening their business.

“The amount of the grant will be dependent on how many qualifying businesses apply, but we anticipate grants in the \$2,000 to \$3,000 range,” Drew Mouton, BSACF Board President, said.

Business owners can access the eligibility requirements and download a grant application on the Big Spring Area Community

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Keeping little minds learning

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

Children of all ages across Howard County are experiencing a new form of education as distance learning has been implemented for the past month. Bauer Early Head Start and Head Start students 1- ages 6 weeks to 4 years old – are taking part in online efforts, along with area school districts.

“Our teachers have started incorporating numerous online learning tools along with paper packets to ensure our students are able to continue their learning at home, while our building is closed” Connie Lesser, Bauer Head Start/Early Head Start Site Manager said.

Bauer students and families have been able to connect with their teachers through teaching portals such as Teaching Strategies Gold, Class Dojo,

Tadpoles, Frog Street, and American Sign Language teaching curricula. Packets are distributed two weeks at a time and lesson plans are sent out over the chosen platform, depending on the teacher.

“Our teachers have been creating their lesson plans with the parents in mind. We understand that the classroom setting is different than the home setting, and our teachers are doing a great job at creating lesson plans from the parent’s point of view, which is allowing families to get engaged with the lessons,” Lesser said.

Parents and teachers have been able to stay connected and engaged in student learning through the use of Zoom meetings, Facebook Live, for large group time, and Class Dojo. The distance learning that has been put in place will continue through the remainder of the

school year, with the last official date of class slated for May 21st.

“We are currently looking ahead and planning for this summer, depending on the Governor’s directives as to when we can open our doors again,” Hijinio Moreno, Jr., Associate Director/ER-SEA/PFCE, said. “We are wanting to get a four to six week program geared to those students who will be going into Kindergarten in the fall. We want to ensure they don’t lose what they have been taught up until this point.”

The tentative date for the summer program for Early Head Start and Head Start is late May or early June. More details about class dates and times will be posted on the agency’s Facebook page, which is “Greater Opportunities of the Permian Basin, Inc.” This dates and

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Take Note

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

• Pre-registration for CISD Kinder, Pre-K3 & Pre-K4 underway. Due to COVID-19, Coahoma Elementary will be handling Pre-K3, Pre-K4 and Kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 school year a little differently.

For safety precautions, district officials will only take registration by phone at this time. The phone registration does not guarantee your child will be attending CES for the 2020-2021 school year, but it will give the district a starting point until restrictions are lifted.

Pre-registration by phone will continue through Friday, April 17, from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. To register, please call 432-394-5000, ext 2 and speak to Jessica. Pre-registration is only open for children who live in the district. Transfer requests will not be processed until after June 1.

For CISD Kindergarten and Pre-K requirements, please visit the CISD website: www.coahomaisd.com

• Isaiah 58 while not open during normal business hours, will be open on Sundays from Noon until 2 p.m. until further notice, for the safety of their volunteers and those they serve.

• Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Economic Development Corporation and Leading EDG understand the serious challenges our country faces as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. In response to this crisis, the Small Business Administration (“SBA”) has created new programs geared towards financial relief for affected businesses.

The Economic Injury Disaster Loan (“EIDL”), is currently available, but only by applying directly to the SBA via the online portal: <https://www.sba.gov/disaster/apply-for-disaster-loan/index.html>. It only takes a few minutes to fill out.

Another option, The Paycheck Protection Program, (“PPP”), has been approved by Congress. If you want to apply for the “PPP” loan contact your local lender.

Information changes daily so make sure you are checking the SBA website regularly.

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

• Effective immediately, to contact the City of Big Spring Water Office, please call 432-466-3264, 432-466-3568, or 432-466-7248. The Water Office is temporarily located at 305 South Johnson. Be advised, all City of Big Spring offices, including the Water Office, remain closed to the public and open by appointment and electronic means only. Ways to make your payment: 1. Pay online at www.mybig-spring.com. Click ONLINE BILL PAY; Pay via the automated phone system by calling 833-227-1752; Payment can be placed in the Drop Box at the Polly Mays Annex (501 Runnels). Staff checks the box daily; Pay over the phone by calling 432-466-3264, 432-466-3568, or 432-466-7248. Water Office staff are still available to assist customers by appointment and over the phone during normal business hours.

• City of Big Spring offices will remain open by appointment and electronic means only effective Sunday, March 22, at midnight. These offices include: City Hall (432-264-2401); Finance Department (432-264-2513); Public Works Department (432-264-2501); Human Resources Department (432-264-2346); Water Office (432-264-2319); Code Enforcement/Permits (432-264-2505); Community Services Office; Convention and Visitors Bureau (432-263-8235); Facilities (432-264-2322); Cemetery (432-264-2323); Police Department (432-264-2550); Fire Department (432-264-2304); The Big Spring Senior Center will be closed to congregate meals, but those who wish to pick up a to go order can call 432-267-1628, for more information. All City pavilions and playground structures will remain closed until further notice. For any questions or concerns please contact the City Manager's Office at 432-264-2401.

• Permian Basin Multiple Sclerosis Support Group for information, encouragement and support. The group meets monthly on the Second Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 12 PM at the Holiday Inn Express at 5321 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa. If you or someone you know has been touched by MS, or if you are just interested

in more information please feel to contact Gary Tidwell at garylteagle1987@gmail.com.

• Gun and Blade Show for April 4-5 at Horseshoe Pavillion has been cancelled.

• The City of Big Spring will be following CDC guidelines and the executive order by Governor Abbott concerning COVID-19 and will be closing all city park playground structures and park pavilions including: Kidz Zone, Cotton Mize softball field, playground structures at ABC Park, Bert Andries Park, Dr., Morgan Park, and any other city owned playground structure or pavilion until at least April 20th. The date of closure has the possibility to extend. We also ask that you refrain from gathering in groups of 10 or more during this time so we can help stop the spread of COVID-19. For any questions or concerns please contact the City Managers Office at 432-264-2401.

• Big Spring High School will be recognizing the football team, band members and cheerleaders who participated in the first game at Memorial Stadium in the fall of 1956. The recognition will take place Friday, Sept. 4, 2020 at Memorial Stadium. If you are a member of these groups, or know of a member of these groups, and would like to participate, please contact Edward Slate at 432-270-1995, or at 813 Vista Ridge, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

• VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible?

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

• **LIMITED GROUP AT THIS TIME VOLUNTEERING** - Food2Kids will again be providing sack lunches to children in the Big Spring area who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It takes just a couple of hours of your time, and the work is very rewarding. The next sacking event of this 2019-2020 school year will be Monday, March 2 and Tuesday March 3, and they will continue throughout the year on the first Monday and Tuesday of the month. To volunteer, just show up at Lakeview High School located at 1107 N.W. 7th St., at 5:30 p.m. You can follow their Facebook page for additional information <https://www.facebook.com/food2kids/>.

• O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Norman Witcher at 432-413-6663.

• **ON HOLD** - Senior and/or mature adults are invited to come to a dance every first and third Friday each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center, located at 100 Whipkey Drive. Come two-step the evening away, or just mingle with old friends and make new friends. Dances are from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live entertainment. No alcohol or smoking permitted. Cost is \$5 per person.

• 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.

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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 Randolph

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

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

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

Deliveries will depend on number of volunteers available. You can follow the North Side Movement Facebook page for additional information.

Coahoma ISD will provide take-home lunches to all students while the campuses are closed. Students can pick up a lunch at the back door of the cafeteria, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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.

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Texas receives approval for SNAP online grocery purchases

AUSTIN – Texas Health and Human Services recently received federal approval to allow Texans to purchase groceries online using Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits during the COVID-19 pandemic. The pilot program is expected to start by May 18 statewide.

"By allowing SNAP recipients to purchase groceries online throughout the COVID-19 response, we are removing barriers to healthy and nutritious food for many families in Texas," said Governor Greg Abbott. "I am grateful to our federal partners at the USDA for approving this request. As the Lone Star State continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are exhausting all avenues to both protect the health and safety of Texans while ensuring families, including recipients of SNAP, have the ability to provide for their families during this challenging time."

"Because families, including SNAP recipients, have had to adjust to social

distancing and staying home when possible, some homes have encountered challenges when finding certain grocery items," said HHS Access and Eligibility Deputy Executive Commissioner Wayne Salter. "Adding another option for Texans using SNAP to get the healthy and nutritious food their families need helps ease the minds of families and limit their exposure to COVID-19."

With approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, HHSC is implementing a pilot program to allow online grocery purchasing for SNAP clients in Texas. Walmart and Amazon are the first retailers to join the pilot in Texas, scheduled to start by May 18.

This announcement is the latest change Gov. Abbott and HHSC has made to the SNAP program in response to COVID-19, and SNAP clients are now receiving their maximum eligible allotment and have also had renewal requirements temporarily waived.

Data model shows Texas COVID-19 death toll at 2,000 more people than current projection

HOUSTON— COVID-19 could claim the lives of approximately 2,030 more people in Texas than current projections specify if jail populations are not dramatically and immediately reduced, according to a new epidemiological model released today by the ACLU and academic research partners. The total U.S. death toll could be 100,000 more people than current predictions due to failures to reduce jail populations.

Four counties in Texas form part of the 20 largest jail systems in the country and appear in the model as seeing significant death increases. These include Harris County, Dallas County, Bexar County, and Tarrant County. The epidemiology model estimates that if no action is taken, more than 1,100 people will die in Texas jails within the next six months.

"As our local and state leaders get guidance on how best to handle the severity of the disease caused by novel coronavirus, it is critical that they weigh the role that jails and prisons serve as vectors for the spread of COVID-19 in both the communities inside and outside," said Nick Hudson, policy & advocacy strategist for the ACLU of Texas. "The ACLU data model shows even if communities across the United States continue to practice social distancing and good hygiene, we will still experience much higher death rates if substantial action is not taken to reduce jail populations. This is a moment for us to recreate our justice system so it is fair, uses fiscal resources responsibly, and respects the rights of all those who come in contact with it."

The ACLU model used data pulled from more than 1,200 midsize and large jail systems around the country, whose surrounding communities account for 90 percent of the U.S. population. It found that unequivocally, keeping people

out of jail saves lives — both inside the jail and in the surrounding community.

Data from the Texas Commission on Jails Standards found that by April 21st:

- Tarrant County reported 10 jailers or people incarcerated with the virus;
- Bexar County reported 58 positive cases between staff members and incarcerated people;
- Dallas County reported 99 cases;
- Harris County reported 195 positive cases between jailers and those incarcerated.

Between March 1st and April 1st, 2020, jail populations have gone down in the state of Texas by 14.7%. The majority of this decline is credited to reductions in pretrial detentions, but the number of deaths in Texas is expected to increase if jail populations are not reduced according to the ACLU data model.

The original data model was developed by Dr. Nina Fefferman at the University of Tennessee, Dr. Eric Lofgren at Washington State University, and Dr. Kristian Lum from the University of Pennsylvania, in collaboration with Aaron Horowitz and Brooke Madubuonwu of the ACLU's data analytics team, experts from the ACLU and other corrections organizations contributed expertise.

The full report can be found here: <https://www.aclu.org/report/flattening-curve-why-reducing-jail-populations-key-beating-covid-19?redirect=covidinjails>.

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times will be determined on the Governor's directives.

The unique thing about Head Start/Early Head Start is that as the teachers are making sure the students are taken care of as far as them not missing their education time, but as an organization, we are also doing what we can to take care of the family as a whole," Moreno stated.

Through our Facebook page and our agency website (www.gopb.net), numerous informative

articles regarding a variety of topics such as hand sanitation, meals and dietary tips, financial support and more, have been posted. There have also been some educational material regarding protecting mental health as we go through this time of social distancing and encouragement to stay home.

"One of the neat things and some positive feedback that we've heard during all of this is that the parents are able to enjoy the lessons as well," Lesser stated. "The family is getting to be involved in helping with the school work and parents are getting to, in a way, relive their childhood."

Through the provided lesson plans, not only are students gaining the knowledge they would receive

in the classroom, but is giving them an opportunity to take a walk with their family, get outside, get creative and more.

To find out more about Head Start/Early Head Start, follow Greater Opportunities of the Permian Basin, Inc. Facebook page or visit the agency website at www.gopb.net.

This year, enrollment opportunities for the next school year are about to be posted on our Facebook page and website.

Parents will be able to pre-register through a link to be posted on the Facebook page. According to Moreno, the link should be posted within the next few days.

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working a shift and some items aren't available at the grocery store. Staff who also may have family members affected from layoffs also may need the assistance."

While the plan launched earlier than expected, it has been serving a good purpose and making a positive impact on the staff. According to Lindsey, the food pantry is one of the efforts that will continue after the pandemic has

passed and the economy begins to get back to normal.

"We will probably move the location, make a few adjustments, but it will be something that we continue to offer," she said. "It has been a huge help to our staff and we want to keep it going."

She continued, "Big Spring State Hospital loves our community and wishes everyone to stay well. We love our staff and want to do everything we can to help during this difficult time and beyond."

Amanda Duforat is the Managing Editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, e-mail editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

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Foundation website at www.BSACF.org with applications being due by Friday, May 15, 2020 at 5 p.m.

The Big Spring Area Community Foundation was established in 2001 to help individuals and families create personal, permanent and powerful legacies with charitable funds customized to meet their philanthropic goals.

For more information, please contact the Foundation office at 432-714-4316 or by e-mail at greghenry1996@gmail.com.



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Big Spring's Joshua Wood readying himself for future in Air Force

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

It is not an easy decision to decide to join the military following high school graduation. There is the fear of the unknown and the anxiousness that the date to ship out comes. The 2020 Big Spring Steers baseball team now has two players that are ready to join different branches of the military later this summer.

Joshua Wood has known for a while that he would like to have a career as a police officer when he grows up. Last fall, recruiters from all branches of the military visited Big Spring High School and caused Wood's future plans to take a small misdirection.

"I've always wanted to be a cop of some sort and they have something that's called Security Forces in the Air Force," Wood said. "It's basically like being a cop and I felt like going into the Air Force was a better way for me to achieve my goal of being a cop."

Wood played on the baseball team at Big Spring and describes himself as a lead-by-example type of teammate. While he may not be the most vocal member of the Steers, Wood had no problem trying to take the game into his hands to try to get his team the win.

There are several aspects of sports that Wood will be able to take with him into his training. Being part of a team is a huge part of both athletics and the military. The training for the Air Force will also be physically demanding which Wood will be ready for following his successful baseball career as a member of the Steers.

"This year I was much more of a leader than I was last year and I think that will really carry over well into the military and what I do," Wood said.

Wood's coaches and teammates know how much he has been through in his life and want nothing more than to see him succeed in the future. After an early-life where Wood had to overcome some obstacles and navigate his way through the world, he has built up a tough exterior and prepared himself for his future beyond his time in Big Spring.

"I think everyone is excited for him just because he's never had the best dealt cards in life and he's definitely faced some adversity at a young, young age," Wood's baseball coach Daniel Carrillo said. "One of the things that I love about him is that you would never know just by looking at him. You would never know what he's had to deal with just because he's always in a good mood and always smiling. It's tough to find that when you're dealt with the cards that he has dealt with."

Wood was absolutely devastated when he heard the news that the University Interscholastic League (UIL) had cancelled the remainder of the 2020 spring sports season. This ruling meant that Wood would not be able to finish out his baseball career the way he had hoped. After playing the game for as long as he can remember, the years of blood, sweat, and tears put into his baseball mitt came to an abrupt end in the middle of his senior year season.

The infielder/catcher has been a part of the program during his entire four years at Big Spring High School and has seen the development and changes that have been made under the tutelage of Carrillo. Wood was a large part of the improvement of the Steers baseball program and the groundwork he helped build will continue at Steer Field for years to come.



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Joshua Wood makes contact with a big swing during a game against Fort Stockton this past season at Security Bank Ballpark in Midland.

"This group finally built that concrete foundation of this being the standard and the expectation," Carrillo said. "We win baseball games and this is what we do now. They worked so hard and while they might not be the most talented, they showed up to play every day and they were all baseball rats. They loved the game for what it was and I'm just sorry that I couldn't send them off the right way."

Although the ending of his senior year was disappointing, Wood is not letting the current health crisis disrupt his plans for the future. Following his time in the Air Force, Wood will be looking to travel and find an area for him to start his post-military career as a police officer.

What is it about that job that interests Wood so much?

"I've always been into everything related to law enforcement and I really want to help people and I feel like the best way for me to help people is to go into law enforcement," Wood said.

Wood will be leaving for the Air Force in early June and will be trading in his baseball clubhouse for bootcamp barracks. His favorite part of baseball was being able to be close to the team and his teammates both on and off the field. Sports are known for building lifelong friendships just like the military is and Wood will not feel out of place. His life journey has brought him to this point but there will be more of Wood's story to write.

"I'm excited for him. I think it's a great opportunity and I know that he'll succeed in the Air Force."

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Vikings draft LSU WR Jefferson 22nd and TCU CB Gladney 31st

By DAVE CAMPBELL

AP Pro Football Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Justin Jefferson was a late-blooming wide receiver who claimed the last scholarship for LSU's freshman class in 2017 before finishing his college career as a national champion with the school record for receptions.

The Minnesota Vikings will be counting on more of that swift progress.

Filling two significant needs in the first round of the NFL draft, the Vikings chose Jefferson with the 22nd selection on Thursday night and traded down to take TCU cornerback Jeff Gladney at No. 31.

The Jefferson pick came from Buffalo as part of the trade made last month that dealt restless wide receiver Stefon Diggs and netted the Vikings three extra choices. They wasted no time trying to find a replacement with Jefferson, who was the fifth wide receiver to come off the board in an especially deep class at the position.

"I was very small, lightly recruited, the whole thing," Jefferson said, reflecting on his journey from high school in the New Orleans area. "I definitely didn't think that this would be coming at all."

Jefferson, who played primarily in the slot while helping Tigers quarterback Joe Burrow win the Heisman Trophy, led all FBS players as a junior in 2019 with 111 catches. Jefferson, who had 1,540 receiving yards with 18 touchdowns in 15 games last season while rarely dropping a pass, will join Adam Thielen and Tajaé Sharpe as the top down-field options for quarterback Kirk Cousins.

Thielen's most natural spot is also in the slot, but he's a versatile route runner, just as Jefferson proved to be in college. The 6-foot-2, 185-pound Jefferson played mostly on the outside in 2018. He was clocked in the 40-yard dash at the combine in 4.43 seconds.

"You've seen the speed after the catch, but when he went and ran in the 4.4s at the combine that just elevated him more," Vikings general manager Rick Spielman said.

The Vikings sent the 25th selection to San Francisco and moved down six spots to No. 31 for Gladney while gaining additional picks in the fourth and fifth round. They have 12 selections over the final two days of the draft, though more trading is all but certain.

The 5-foot-10, 191-pound Gladney is the type of quick, fierce cornerback that coach Mike Zimmer has long coveted for his defense. Gladney, who led the Big 12 with 14 pass breakers last year, is the second cornerback picked by the Vikings in the first round in three years, along with Mike Hughes (2018). That's the position that Zimmer has long specialized in developing, so he'll have to put his teaching to good use again.

"I can take coaching. It doesn't matter how they deliver it. I just get the message," Gladney said.

Gladney's size makes him more likely to play in the slot. The Vikings just need cornerbacks, period.

"He said, 'I've been waiting for you guys to call,'" Zimmer said. "That's part of the things that you like about him. He's a competitor."

The virus outbreak that shuttered all NFL facilities forced team officials to sequester in their homes for this most unusual draft, with Spielman directing the show from his study in the Twin Cities area and Zimmer logged in from his ranch home in Kentucky. The all-virtual nature of spring practices will likely make the transition process for rookies this year a rockier one, but the reality of the roster will force the Vikings to lean on at least a few of them at key positions.

Five spots in the most common defensive lineup opened through expired contracts and cap-savings cuts, including cornerbacks Xavier Rhodes, Trae Waynes and Mackensie Alexander. Hughes and Gladney will fill two of those voids, with Holton Hill and Kris Boyd also in the mix.

This will be a pivotal draft for Zimmer and Spielman, both of whom have entered the final year of their contract and yet to receive an extension. The Vikings have made the playoffs three of the last five seasons, but the 2017 team that reached the NFC championship game has so far been the pinnacle.

This is the 10th draft for Spielman with full authority over the roster. The last time he used the first round pick to take a wide receiver was 2016, when Laquon Treadwell landed at No. 23 out of Mississippi. He was a major bust, with just 701 yards and two touchdowns over four seasons.

Eagles draft TCU receiver Jalen Reagor with 21st pick

By ROB MAADDI

AP Pro Football Writer

Jalen Reagor's speed, versatility and athleticism stood out for the Philadelphia Eagles.

The Eagles selected the TCU wide receiver with the 21st overall pick in the first round of the NFL draft Thursday night, giving quarterback Carson Wentz a deep threat.

Reagor was the fourth of six receivers selected in the first round. LSU's Justin Jefferson went to Minnesota right after Reagor. Eagles executive vice president and general manager Howie Roseman compared this crop of wideouts to going to a donut shop.

"There were a lot of different flavors," Roseman said. "Everyone had their favorite type. There was a lot of debate and discussion at that position. Jalen fits something we were looking for. He's an explosive guy as a receiver, as a returner. He's explosive with the ball in his hands."

Reagor has plenty of confidence.

"I can do anything. I can play any position," he said. "When I'm on the field, it's more than 11 players on the offense."

The 5-foot-10, 206-pound Reagor averaged 14.2 yards on 43 receptions and had five touchdowns last season. He also returned two punts for scores.

"He can definitely stretch the field, he can elevate, he can catch balls above the rim, he has the flexibility to play outside and inside and has return ability," Eagles coach Doug Pederson said.

The Eagles had major issues at receiver last season when DeSean Jackson, Alshon Jeffery and Nelson Agholor combined to miss 24 games. Second-round pick J.J. Arcega-Whiteside stayed healthy but struggled to produce as a rookie, catching 10 passes. Greg Ward came off the practice squad and ended up the team's most reliable wideout down the stretch as Philadelphia won the NFC East.

Agholor is no longer with the Eagles. Jackson is 33 and coming off surgery for a core muscle injury that limited him to one full game. Jeffery is 30 and is also coming off surgery, his for a Lisfranc fracture suffered in December.

The Eagles haven't had a wide receiver with 1,000 yards receiving since Jeremy Maclin in 2014. They didn't have one with 500 yards last season when Wentz led the team to four straight wins in December to clinch the division title.

Reagor is excited about playing with his new quarterback.

"It's Carson Wentz. His name speaks for itself," Reagor said. "Just the fact I get to be alongside those guys, it's surreal. I watched Carson Wentz. This dude is amazing. Now he's my quarterback."

Reagor is the son of Montae Reagor, a defensive lineman who played nine seasons in the NFL, including seven games with the Eagles in 2007.

"It's a family environment," Jalen Reagor said. "They love their Eagles. I'm so blessed. What a great organization to come to."

Philadelphia has seven remaining picks, including No. 53 in the second round, No. 103 in the third round and three choices in the fourth round.

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Annie's Mailbox

Never 'Coulda, Woulda, Shoulda' Yourself

Dear Annie: I don't think your reader should regret, after 49 years, not going to the private college he wanted to attend.

I applied to two private universities after graduating near the top of my class, with volunteer experience and having participated in the many programs offered by my high school. I specifically applied to one college because my history teacher was an alumna and recommended I do so. We were both surprised when I did not get accepted. She looked into the matter, and it turned out that the vice principal had given me a negative recommendation. I'll never know why. For quite a few years, I felt quite hurt by her action.

Later, with the wisdom of experience, I could see that my life turned out fine with the college I did graduate from. I met my future husband there. Sometimes the paths diverge and we never know which was the "right" one. All the things we do lead us to the place we are now. We

could have made many different choices. It is up to us individually to choose and honor our experiences. "Coulda, woulda, shoulda" is never a fulfilling experience. Thanks for all your good advice. -- Happened for a Reason

Dear Happened for Reason: Your letter shows that you learned a very valuable life lesson through your college experience. Sometimes we might think we know exactly what we want, and then we don't get it. We might be disappointed at the time, but God --

or, for those who prefer, the Universe -- has better plans for us. When disappointment hits, it is important to remember the bigger picture and realize that the reason behind it is greater than we can imagine at the time.

A know-it-all will correct her husband in front of his friends when he makes a misstatement. She will say, "No,

Dear Annie: This is about the husband who dislikes the sister-in-law because she is a know-it-all. A know-it-all has no clue that her personality is offensive.

When disappointment hits, it is important to remember the bigger picture and realize that the reason behind it is greater than we can imagine at the time.

honey, we didn't go to the movie on Monday night. It was Tuesday." What does it matter? Is this any way to treat the most important person in your life?

A know-it-all told our country club manager that she would be happy to proofread the manager's emails because they contain spelling errors and some inaccuracies. Really? None of her business!

A know-it-all is often also a perfectionist, and to a perfectionist, wrong is wrong. The degree doesn't matter.

She views these actions as "helping" when, actually, they are interfering. She has poor social skills because she doesn't know the difference. -- Been There, Seen That

Dear Been There, Seen That: You make a great point. Her social skills -- and other know-it-alls' -- must be poor. You offer compassion and understanding as to why she acts the way she does, which is helpful for all of us.

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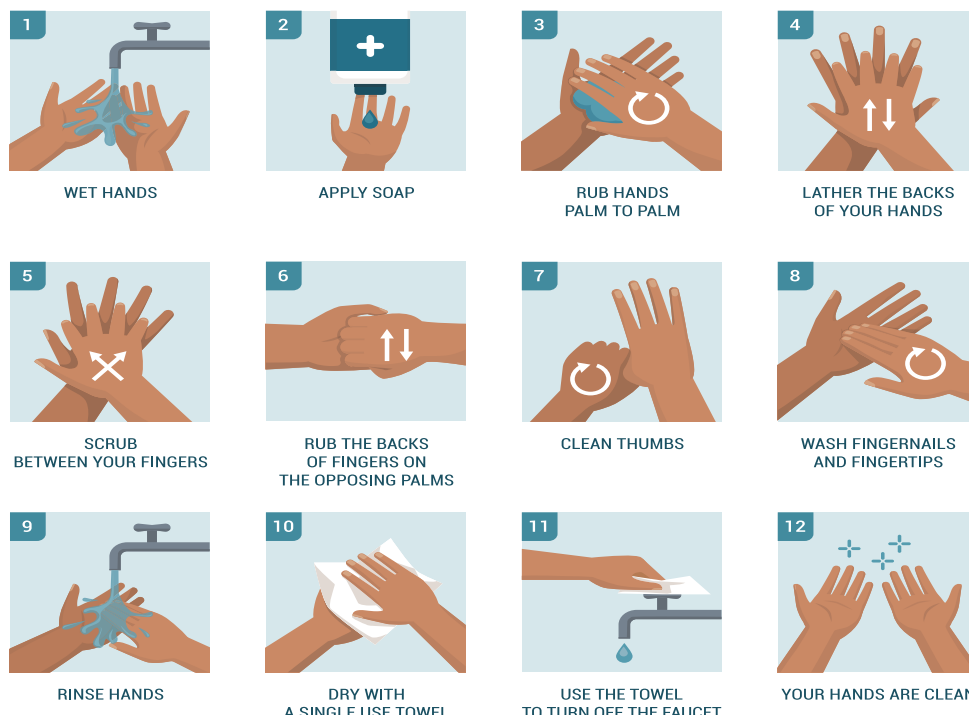
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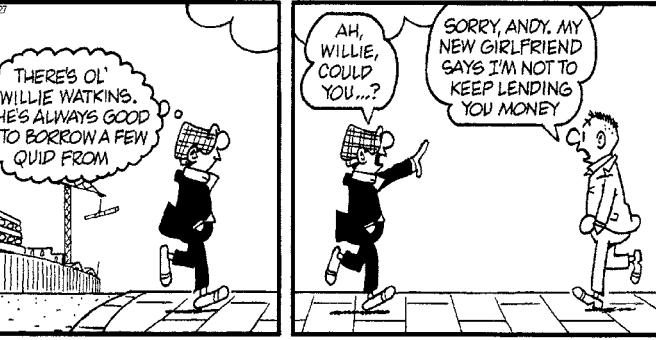
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10:30	J. Kimmel	Noticiero	Mom	Late Show-Colbert	Titulares	Tonight Show	Words of House		Perry Mason	black-ish	Seinfeld		SportsCenter	World of X Games	Fight Sports: Boxing	Mod Fam	Live PD	Street-Memphis	
11:30	J. Kimmel	Contacto Deportivo	Funny	James Corden	La Doña (SS)	Seth Meyers	Dollars	Antiques Roadshow	Twi. Zone	Gold	Conan		SportsCenter	2020 NFL Draft	Red Bull Air Racing	Mod Fam	Fast N' Loud	(:01) Car Kings	
12:30	Extra	Destilando amor	Two Men	Simpsons	Holly	Caso	Late-Lilly	Creation	Independent Lens (DVS)	Mannix		Movie: Save the Last Dance	The Jump	2020 NFL Draft		NCIS: Los Angeles			
1:30	BISSELL	Como dice el dicho	Pawn	Paid Prg.	Programa	Inside Ed.													

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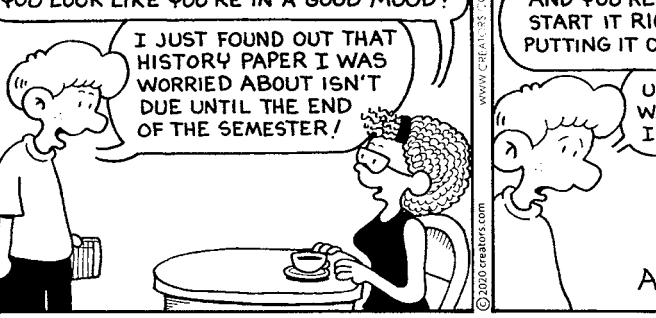
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ONE BIG HAPPY



NEST HEAD



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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Monday, April 27, the 118th day of 2020. There are 248 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 27, 2011, powerful tornadoes raked the South and Midwest; according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, more than 120 twisters resulted in 316 deaths.

On this date:

In 1521, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan was killed by natives in the Philippines.

In 1791, the inventor of the telegraph, Samuel Morse, was born in Charlestown, Massachusetts.

In 1810, Ludwig van Beethoven wrote one of his most famous piano compositions, the Bagatelle in A-minor.

In 1865, the steamer Sultana, carrying freed Union prisoners of war, exploded on the Mississippi River near Memphis, Tennessee; death toll estimates vary from 1,500 to 2,000.

In 1950, Britain formally recognized the state of Israel.

In 1965, broadcast journalist Edward R. Murrow died in Pawling, New York, two days after turning 57.

In 1978, 51 construction workers plunged to their deaths when a scaffold inside a cooling tower at the Pleasants Power Station site in West Virginia fell 168 feet to the ground.

In 1982, the trial of John W. Hinckley Jr., who shot four people, including President Ronald Reagan, began in Washington. (The trial ended with Hinckley's acquittal by reason of insanity.)

In 1992, the new Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was proclaimed in Belgrade by the republic of Serbia and its lone ally, Montenegro. Russia and 12 other former Soviet republics won entry into the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Betty Boothroyd became the first female Speaker of Britain's House of Commons.

In 1994, former President Richard M. Nixon was remembered at an outdoor funeral service attended by all five of his successors at the Nixon presidential library in Yorba Linda, California.

In 2002, South African entrepreneur Mark Shuttleworth arrived at the international space station for an eight-day, seven-night cruise that had cost him \$20 million.

In 2009, a 23-month-old Mexico City toddler died at Texas

Children's Hospital in Houston, becoming the first swine-flu death on U.S. soil.

Ten years ago: Defending his company against blistering criticism, the chief executive of Goldman Sachs, Lloyd Blankfein, told a Senate hearing that clients who'd bought subprime mortgage securities from the Wall Street powerhouse in 2006 and 2007 came looking for risk "and that's what they got." Former Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega was extradited from the United States to France, where he was later convicted of laundering drug money and received a seven-year sentence. Thomas Hagan, the only man to admit shooting Malcolm X, was freed on parole. University of Washington president Mark Emmert was selected as president of the NCAA.

Five years ago: Rioters plunged part of Baltimore into chaos, torching a pharmacy, setting police cars ablaze and throwing bricks at officers hours after thousands attended a funeral for Freddie Gray, who died from a severe spinal injury he'd suffered in police custody; the Baltimore Orioles' home game against the Chicago White Sox was postponed because of safety concerns. Opening statements took place in Centennial, Colorado, at the trial of movie theater shooter James Holmes. Loretta Lynch was sworn in as the 83rd U.S. attorney general, the first African-American woman to serve as the nation's top law enforcement official.

One year ago: A gunman opened fire inside a synagogue near San Diego as worshippers celebrated the last day of Passover, killing a woman and wounding the rabbi and two others. (John Earnest is awaiting trial on charges including hate-crime-related murder and attempted murder; he is also facing charges in a mosque fire that happened weeks earlier.) A construction crane collapsed at the new Google Seattle campus, pinning six cars underneath; two ironworkers and two people in the cars were killed. Oliver North announced that he would not serve a second term as National Rifle Association president; he made it clear that

he'd been forced out after his own failed attempt to remove the group's longtime CEO, Wayne LaPierre.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Anouk Aimee is 88. Rock musician Jim Keltner is 78. Rock singer Kate Pierson (The B-52's) is 72. Rhythm-and-blues singer Herbie Murrell (The Stylistics) is 71. Actor Douglas Sheehan is 71. Rock musician Ace Frehley is 69.

West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice is 69. Pop singer Sheena Easton is 61. Actor James Le Gros (groh) is 58. Rock musician Rob Squires (Big Head Todd and the Monsters) is 55. Singer Mica (MEE'-shah) Paris is 51. Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., is 51. Actor David Lascher is 48. Actress Maura West is 48. Actress Sally Hawkins is 44. Rock singer Jim James (My Morning Jacket) is 42. Rock musician

Patrick Hallahan (My Morning Jacket) is 42. Rock singer-musician Travis Meeks (Days of the New) is 41. Neo-soul musician Joseph Pope III (Nathaniel Rateliff & the Night Sweats) is 41. Country musician John Osborne (Brothers Osborne) is 38. Actor Francis Capra is 37. Actress Ari Graynor is 37. Rock singer-musician Patrick Stump (Fall Out Boy) is 36. Actress Sheila Vand is 35. Ac-

tress Jenna Coleman is 34. Pop singer Nick Noonan (Karmin) is 34. Actor William Moseley is 33. Actress Emily Rios is 31. Singer Allison Iraheta is 28.

Thought for Today: "Fear not those who argue but those who dodge." — Dale Carnegie, American writer-lecturer (1888-1955).

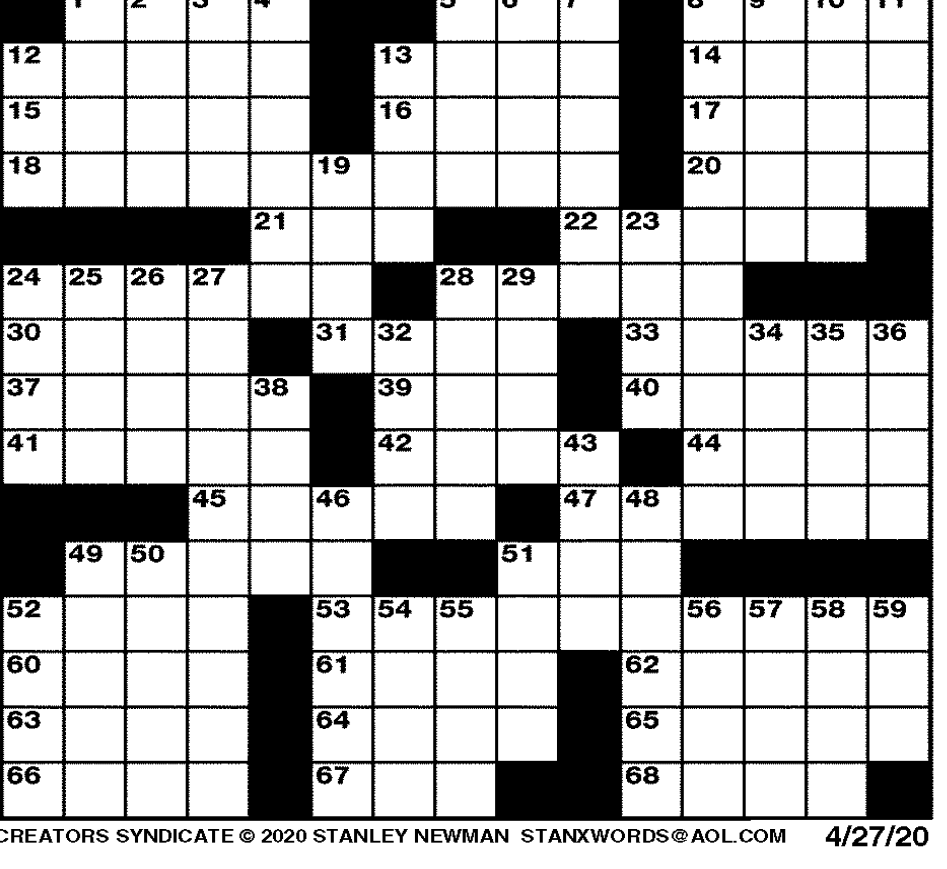
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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Amplifier on a lapel, for short
 - 5 ___ Moines, IA
 - 8 Addition totals
 - 12 Home made of logs
 - 13 Possess
 - 14 "That makes sense now"
 - 15 Modify, as the Constitution
 - 16 Flash of inspiration
 - 17 Entice
 - 18 Yarn-hair redhead female doll
 - 20 "Happy as a" songbird
 - 21 Roadside assistance org.
 - 22 In a sly way
 - 24 Ones walking through water
 - 28 Very inexpensive
 - 30 At any time
 - 31 ___ and hearty (healthy)
 - 33 Ladder steps
 - 37 Makes angry
 - 39 Chili ___ came
 - 40 Shoplifted
 - 41 Royal decree
 - 42 Corrosion of iron
 - 44 Factual
 - 45 Made docile
 - 47 Wrote a limerick, for example
 - 49 Snapshot
 - 51 Brit's hot beverage
 - 52 Fuzzy image
 - 53 Six-sided twistable puzzle
 - 60 Portions of corn
 - 61 Fairy tale monster
 - 62 More angry
 - 63 Initial poker cost
 - 64 Skidded

- 65 Light-colored beer
 - 66 Residence for robins
 - 67 What a contact lens covers
 - 68 Former spouses
- DOWN**
- 1 Baby's female parent
 - 2 "___ your pardon..."
 - 3 Male monarch
 - 4 Make beloved
 - 5 Baby's male parent
 - 6 ___ so (nevertheless)
 - 7 Spirit-summoning event
 - 8 Modeling material stored in an egg
 - 9 Customary
 - 10 Joyous, as Christmas
 - 11 Search for
 - 12 Sedan or coupe
 - 13 "Howdy!"
 - 19 Short footrace
 - 23 Rowboat
 - 24 Used to be
 - 25 Enthusiastic
 - 26 Neighborhood sandwich shop
 - 27 Kid's metal construction kit
 - 28 On ___ nine (very happy)
 - 29 Barnyard cluckers
 - 32 Farmland measure
 - 34 Standard behavior
 - 35 Model airplane adhesive
 - 36 Food for a parakeet
 - 38 Number on a sports page
 - 43 Difficult journey
 - 46 In a gloomy mood
 - 48 Big inconvenience
 - 49 Airline vehicle
 - 50 Offends
 - 51 Laced, as shoes
 - 52 Lima ___ (green legume)
 - 54 The ___ Duckling (fairy tale)
 - 55 Soft French cheese
 - 56 Persuade gently
 - 57 Strong impulse
 - 58 Hive insects
 - 59 Make a mistake



Answer to previous puzzle

ARMTWIST GECKOS
SEESINTO ORANGY
CADENCED TENETS
ACE THRONE IBET
PHASEIN OVEN
URN OVEREASY
WAGE GAVENOTICE
EMOTE CAN SEDAN
DIAPERCLAN EARS
SEDULOUS RAT
DYES FATHEAD
RAID DELISH EGO
ARRIVE INTEGRAL
MEANIE SKINDIVEE
SANGER ESCAPEES

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