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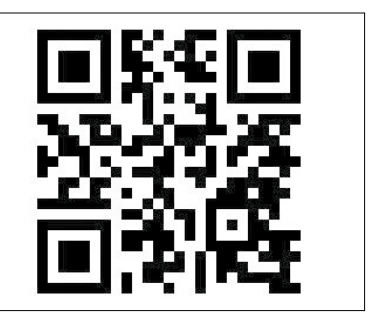
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## City Council to discuss routine agenda via telecommunication

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

The Big Spring City Council will convene by telecommunication Tuesday afternoon at the Big Spring City Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will broadcast live on Channel 17 on Suddenlink or on <http://mybigspring.com/224/Channel-17-Live>.

The meeting will open with public comment before heading into recognition for two Big Spring Fire Department firefighters who will be presented with a Clinical Save Award. The presentation will be followed by Mayor Shannon Thomason reading a proclamation declaring the month of May 2020 as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month.

The City Council will go through the first reading of two ordinances; the first will be amending Chapter 12 entitled "Miscellaneous" Article 1 "General



Provisions" by repealing section 12-11 "Online Payment Convenience Fee" and by amending Chapter 16 entitled "Public Utilities" article 3 "Utility Service Charges" by repealing section 16-71 "Online Payment Convenience Fee" and amending Chapter 7 entitled "Finance" by adding a new article 7 entitled "Payment card fees and service charges" to authorize designated employees to accept payment cards for payments, to remove card reimbursement fees associated with payment card transactions

made via the internet, online IVR (Interactive Voice Response) or a kiosk location and to establish a service charge for dishonored payment; providing for severability providing for publication and providing an effective date. Council will also take the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 8 of the Big Spring Code of Ordinances entitled "Emergency Management of Disasters" Section 8-11 "Violations" in order to increase the maximum fine to \$500 for violation of rules or regulations not governing fire safety, public health, or sanitation and establishing a maximum fine of \$2,000 for violation of rules or regulations governing fire safety, public health, or sanitation; providing for severability; providing for publication and

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## Keeping the lights on: Memorial Stadium lights shine bright for community

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

There is no doubt the nation is walking through a dark time as the pandemic continues to sweep across the nation. With recent announcements from President Donald Trump and Governor Greg Abbott addressing plans to reopen the economy, the light at the end of the tunnel is starting to get brighter. However, one thing is for sure, as businesses begin to open up schools will remain closed for this school year. Big Spring High School is doing their part, not only for their students, but for the community, and providing a light of hope. Each weekday night from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Memorial Stadium lights shine brightly, but this time not for the football players, but all of Big Spring.

"This is a symbol of hope, of assurance, that our students are in our hearts and our minds," Big Spring ISD Superintendent Jay McWilliams said. "Not only are the students on the teacher's minds, but of the entire community."

The idea first came to McWilliams when he noticed Dumas – a school located in the Texas Panhandle – had started turning on their lights. Since then the movement has swept across



*Courtesy photo*

**Sports may not be taking place, classes may not be taking place in the school, but the students aren't far from the hearts of teachers, ISD staff and the community. As a beacon of hope, Memorial Stadium lights are shining bright from 8 p.m. - 9 p.m Monday through Friday.**

Texas and numerous other schools are doing the same for their communities. "This may be a small gesture, but it's just a reminder, a shining light for our community as we go through these

dark times," he said. "This can serve as that light at the end of the tunnel. We will get through this together."

Since Texas Governor Greg Abbott

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## CHS band ends competition season strong

**Special to the Herald**

The Coahoma High School Big Red Band wrapped up another successful competition year recently at UIL Concert and Sight-Reading contest.

The band nailed its sight-reading portion of the contest earning an overall Division I rating and received a Division II for its prepared concert program.

"We earned three Division Is (in sight-reading)," CHS Band Director Michael Cason said. "All the judges told us we did a great job. The judges have a rubric that they go by to tell them what to listen for, what they are looking for, and it helps to keep judging consistent across the state. It's a good feeling to know we did well because it shows the fundamentals and the basics are there for us. We have a lot of good things going on."

Sight-reading contest is a pressure-filled competition. Cason and his students have a limited amount of time to review a new piece of music and no opportunity to practice before the performance.

"It's nerve-racking and hard, but our kids handled it re-

ally well," Cason said.

The contest wraps up months of hard work for the Big Red Band. Cason and his students began work in December on their concert program which consisted of three pieces: a fast march called the "Boom Boom Gally" by Randall D. Standridge, the popular choral selection "Homeward Bound", and "Sparks" by Brian Balmages.

Despite a few hiccups, Cason said the students performed their program well on concert contest day.

"There were things that sounded the best we have done this year and there were things that didn't go as well as we might have practiced, but we were doing a live performance," he explained. "Nerves are a factor when we do something live and sometimes things go a little awry. I think that is what happened a little bit on stage. Overall, they did really well. With the

three judges, the band received a Division 1, 2, and 2."

Currently Cason and his assistant are instructing students through online classes while Texas public school campuses are closed for the rest of the academic year because of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.





## 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](mailto: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 - 5<sup>th</sup>) 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](http://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://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/ag>. For more information email [megan.clayton@ag.tamu.edu](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.

## Food pick up info

### Big Spring ISD

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: 5<sup>th</sup> and Abrams

Bus 28: 3<sup>rd</sup> and Lockhart  
Bus 77: Parkway and Hearn  
Bus 85: Goliad Elementary  
Bus 86: 6<sup>th</sup> 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: 8<sup>th</sup> 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

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

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.

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# Big Spring slowing the spread one mask at a time



*Community Report photos*  
Above: Daphne Glenn shows of the staff at Lamun Lusk Sanchez with their mask and their Wash Your Hands United Way shirts. Melissa Watson, top right, shows off her mask. Pictured at right: Michelle Grace and her son show off their creative masks as they do their part to keep each other safe, as well as the community.



## CITY

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providing an effective date. At the last City Council meeting, the Council passed the first reading of an ordinance pertaining to the Big Spring Code of Conduct and Ethics in order to update and clarify rules related to council conduct and ethics and will conduct the final reading. The final reading will also take place on the ordinance amending Chapter 1 of the Code of Ordinances entitled "Administration" Article 8, Sections 1-170 through 1-177 in order to clarify council parliamentary standards of conduct, agenda preparation and review procedures, meeting and executive session procedures. The Council will also be hearing the final reading of a resolution amending the City of Big Spring personnel policies and procedures by amending Chapter VIII "Vacation", subsection D to remove requirements in selling back of accumulated vaca-

tion leave. Other agenda items include:  
-Vouchers for 04/16/2020 and 04/23/2020  
-Approval of the City Council Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 3, 2020 and regular meeting of April 14, 2020.  
-Approval of Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Board of Director's minutes for the regular meeting of March 17, 2020.  
-Consideration and possible action to accept a gift of property located at 1505 E. 2nd Street, accepting mineral rights and authorizing the City Attorney to modify final documents before execution if needed.  
-Consideration and possible action to permit City Employees expanded access to their retirement savings as authorized by recently passed legislation the CARES ACT and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute any necessary documents including agreements with the variable annuity life insurance company (VALIC) and Nationwide Retirement Solutions.  
-Consideration and possible action regarding

# Big Spring Area Community Foundation opens one-time relief grant for small businesses

**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 Order for non-essential business which has limited the business hours and shopping procedures or temporarily closed them. According to a release issued 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," BSACF Board President Drew Mouton said. Business owners can access the eligibility requirements and download a grant application on the Big Spring Area Community Foundation website at [www.BSACF.org](http://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 [gregg@bsacf.org](mailto:gregg@bsacf.org).

## LIGHT

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issued the announcement closing schools for the remainder of the year, school districts across Texas have been making plans not only to ensure students are able to continue their distance learning, but also to find a way to give students of all ages a way to end the year and have those final goodbyes that have been pulled away. "We will continue distance learning and in the next few days we will be rolling out the end of year grading system," he said. "We are in a tough learning situation. Our job as educators is to educate the kids while they are in the classroom and while our teachers are doing a great job with the situation we have been given, our job is now to do the best we can to educate the students at home. It's not the same environment and we can't hold them to the same standards." With the final six weeks of school underway, Big Spring ISD staff and administrators are continuing to work on new and cre-

ative ways to bring joy to the families and finding ways to stay connected to the kids. More information will be rolled out as planned are finalized. For updates stay tuned into the Big Spring ISD campus Facebook pages and the district website. Amanda Duforat is the Managing Editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, e-mail [editor@big-springherald.com](mailto:editor@big-springherald.com) or call 432-263-7331.

the purchase of public utility easement from Big Spring Lots, Inc. for installation of a new sewer line and authorizing the City Attorney to modify the final document before execution if needed.  
-Consideration and possible action of an amendment to a lease agreement with Tank Safety Gauge, Inc. and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute any necessary documents.  
-Consideration and possible action of an Amendment No. 2 to the temporary operator laborer/operator of record services agreement with PSC Water and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute any necessary documents.  
-Consideration and possible action of an agreement with Bottling Group, LLC (Pepsi Cola) for the Aquatic Center and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute any necessary documents.  
-Update on large item pick up District 4 on April 15, 2020.

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# National Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day

Parkview Skilled Care and Rehabilitation celebrated with activities



*Courtesy photos*  
Staff at Parkview Skilled Care and Rehabilitation Center recognized National Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day recently and had a little fun. The staff and residents were able to enjoy some activities while maintaining social distancing and adhering to guidelines to help slow the spread.

# Texas A&M-Texarkana expert fights ignorance about coronavirus

Dr. Benjamin Neuman answers questions from journalists – and children – from around the

COLLEGE STATION -- The coronavirus behind the current pandemic is scary, but ignorance about it is even scarier.

That's why Dr. Benjamin Neuman, head of the biology department at Texas A&M University-Texarkana, has been so busy lately trying to answer questions from journalists around the world, as well children.

Both like Dr. Neuman's reassuring style of explaining complicated things simply.

"People are just trying to understand a new, unfamiliar kind of scary thing," Dr. Neuman said. "I think context is what really makes a scary thing less scary. When we understand what's going on and why everything is happening, all of the sudden it makes sense."

Journalists seek out Dr. Neuman as one of the world's preeminent coronavirus researchers. Not only has he grown more SARS virus in the lab than anyone alive, his expertise earned him a seat on the international committee that named SARS-CoV-2, the virus behind the COVID-19 pandemic.

In March, Dr. Neuman started taking questions from kids around the world on his "Dr. Ben Neuman's Science Group on Facebook." The group quickly exploded with thousands of followers.

Now, Dr. Neuman answers some questions from John Sharp, Chancellor of the Texas A&M University System, in an exclusive 30-minute interview.

"We need to be prepared, SARS is not going to be a one-time thing," Dr. Neuman tells Chancellor Sharp.

"We can get rid of this virus, but it's going to be whack-a-mole from here on out and so we need a better strategy. We need a little bit of forward planning. I think that's where the A&M System and scientists come in. That's what we do."

The show will air 7 p.m. Thursday on KAMU-TV in College Station and on other Texas public television affiliates. (Check your local listing in Austin, Dallas, Waco and Amarillo.)

The show also will be available on The Texas A&M University System's YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/dzoJtp3Zg2A>

This is the third in a series of television shows hosted by Chancellor Sharp to educate Texans on the implications of COVID-19. He

will be interviewing scientists, researchers and other leading experts from the Texas A&M System who are helping Texas and the nation respond to the pandemic.

*About The Texas A&M University System*  
The Texas A&M University System is one of the largest systems of higher education in the nation with a budget of \$6.3 billion. The System is a state-wide network of 11 universities; a comprehensive health science center; eight state agencies, including the Texas Division of Emergency Management; and the RELIS Campus.

The Texas A&M System educates more than 151,000 students and makes more than 22 million additional educational contacts through service and outreach programs each year. System-wide, research and development expenditures exceeded \$1 billion in FY 2019 and helped drive the state's economy.



# Fiscal Notes: Student Loan Debt in Texas

## Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — As the latest edition of Fiscal Notes went to press, the wave of coronavirus closings and dislocations was just beginning to have an effect on Texas and the nation. This will have obvious impacts on Texas government and the state's economy, but it's too early to definitively say what the effects will be.

In future editions of Fiscal Notes, we'll look at how the pandemic is affecting the Texas economy. We also provide continuous updates from Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on a State of Emergency page on our website. For questions about COVID-19, dial 2-1-1, then choose Option 6 for updates from the Texas Department of State Health Services. You can also e-mail [coronavirus@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:coronavirus@dshs.texas.gov).

In this issue of Fiscal Notes, the Comptroller's office examines the spiraling cost of higher education and the enormous financial strain it places

on young people and their families. The nation's outstanding student loan debt was an astonishing \$1.5 trillion as of Dec. 31, 2019, almost as much as the entire economic output generated by 29 million Texans each year.

Fiscal Notes also completes our two-part series on young Texans by looking at current rates of educational attainment and the skills high school graduates will need to find meaningful work in this fast-growing state.

"The nature of work is changing, with an ever-increasing demand for specific technical skills and some sort of postsecondary credential," Hegar said. "The state's 50 community college districts offer an array of programs, including scholarships and dual-credit arrangements with local high schools, to help as many students as possible find rewarding jobs with a future. That's good for our kids, and good for Texas."

Fiscal Notes is available online and can be received by [subscribing](#) via the Comptroller's website.

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### Howard Lady Hawks hold "Sophomore Day" for players set to leave program



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Pictured above left: Southern Arkansas commit Laela Minnich launches a home run during a game in her sophomore season. Pictured above right: Outfielder Emily Magana makes an acrobatic, diving catch for an out.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

The Howard Lady Hawks softball program was the Howard Lady Hawks Sophomore Day on the field last week to send their second-year players off with a nice presentation to thank them for all of their dedication to the team. With the coronavirus pandemic still rampant throughout the United States, there will be no more sports until later this year at the earliest. This meant that Howard softball held their "Sophomore Day" online this year with multiple posts on Twitter honoring all of those student-athletes set to take on their next challenge.

Howard was on their way to an outstanding season before it was cut short and fans will never know the 2020 Lady Hawks full potential. Head Coach Kelly Raines had a stacked roster that thrived at the plat and putting points on the board.

The Lady Hawks were led by 2019 NFCA Junior College Player of the Year Amanda Gonzalez, who will be taking her talents to the Division I level next year when she joins the Louisiana Tech Lady Bulldogs in the fall. Gonzalez is not the only Lady Hawk to commit to the NCAA level but will go down as one of the best players in Howard history.

Let us take a look-back on the 10 sophomore's who spent their last two years dominating the softball field in Big Spring:

#### Amanda Gonzalez - SS - Los Angeles, CA

Gonzalez put on a show over the past season-and-a-half as a member of the Lady Hawks. During her freshman year she led the nation in runs scored (97), home runs (29), runs batted in (102), and total bases (228). She also ranked near the top of the leaderboards in batting average (.505), on base percentage (.576), and slugging percentage (1.129).

"She had one of the best freshman years a girl can have," Raines said. "She was off to a great start as a sophomore and has already committed to Louisiana Tech for her junior year."

Gonzalez' 2020 season was starting off almost as well as her freshman year. She ranked second in the nation in home runs (11) through 20 games and also ranked near the Top Five in total bases (61) and Top 20 in runs scored (35). The star shortstop would have surely loved to finish out her Howard career but did more than enough in her season-and-a-half to earn a Division I scholarship and will look to thrive as a Lady Bulldog.

#### Annette Cardenas - 1B - Houston, TX

Cardenas transferred to Howard after spending her freshman year at Coastal Bend College. While there, Cardenas played in 50 games and sent 12 home runs into the bleachers. She also accounted for 42 runs batted-in and had 57 hits to give herself a solid first-year batting average (.345).

"She has added a big bat to our lineup as a transfer and we are glad to have her as a Hawk," Raines said.

While suiting up in the red and black, Cardenas played in all 20 games for the Lady Hawks and finished the shortened season with five homers and a .290 batting average. The Houston native also drove home 19 runs and scored 15 runs herself. Cardenas might be returning next spring because

of the NJCAA not taking a year of eligibility away from spring sports players.

#### Brittney Espinosa - 3B - Fresno, CA

Espinosa played in 52 games her freshman season at Howard and was one of the most consistent fielders on the team. At the plate, she had a decent batting average (.379) and was able to knock four balls over the fence. She also contributed some from the mound by pitching 24.0 innings with an ERA of 4.67.

"Brittney had been playing third base for us this year and had really come on strong," Raines said. "We appreciate her hard work to get where she is."

The sophomore from Fresno played in 14 games during the 2020 season and recorded a slightly lower batting average than her freshman year (.357). Espinosa scored seven runs, batted-in an additional nine runs and also smacked two home runs.

#### Bailey Martinez - C - Albuquerque, NM

Martinez had only 74 plate appearances in her freshman year in the red and black as it was a learning year for the backstop from New Mexico. She had a decent batting average (.293) and was able to score 15 runs for the high-powered Lady Hawks. Although from her catcher position, she was able to catch five runners stealing and showed off her potential from behind the plate.

"Bailey is a great kid who has been the backstop of our defense as catcher. She has also been a great leader on and off the field," Raines said.

Martinez improved her batting average during her sophomore campaign (.339) and knocked four other balls out of the park for her first home runs of her collegiate career. She caught both runners who attempted to steal a base against her for the highest average in the country (1.000).

#### Emily Magana - LF - Vista, CA

Magana has played well over the past two years as a Lady Hawk and will be continuing her career at Carson Newman University next year.

In her freshman year, the California native played in only 29 games where she drove home 11 runs, scored 13 herself, and also stole three bases with a mediocre batting average (.250).

"Emily is a feisty left field player for us and she's fun to watch," Raines said.

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By Steve Becker

**Off with his head!**

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A 6 5  
♥ J 5 3  
♦ 9 8 7 2  
♣ 7 5 3

**WEST**  
♠ 10 7 4  
♥ Q 9 8 6 2  
♦ Q J 6  
♣ 9 2

**EAST**  
♠ J 9 8 2  
♥ A 4  
♦ 10 5 4  
♣ K 10 8 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q 3  
♥ K 10 7  
♦ A K 3  
♣ A Q J 6

The bidding:  
East 2♣ South Pass West 2♦ North Pass  
Pass 2NT Pass 3NT  
Opening lead — six of hearts.

Most deals require only routine play for the best result to be achieved. Occasionally, though, declarer must do something unusual to make his contract.

Take this deal where West leads a heart, won by East with ace as dummy and declarer follow low. South plays the ten on East's heart return, West taking the queen and returning a heart to South's king. Declarer has seven winners and

Tomorrow: The battle for trump control.  
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needs two more. So he leads a spade to the ace and tries a club finesse. When the queen wins, he is up to eight tricks.

Unfortunately, South is now out of entries to dummy, and his only remaining chance is to play the ace and another club, hoping East was dealt either the K-x or K-x-x of clubs. But when East turns up with four clubs, South goes down one.

Declarer can actually make the contract, but to do so he has to make a relatively rare play at trick one. When East takes the ace of hearts, South must drop his king on it! If he does this, he gets home safe and sound. The king play allows him to reach dummy twice (once with a spade and once with the jack of hearts) to take two club finesses instead of one.

When East plays the ace of hearts at trick one, South applies the Rule of Eleven, which tells him that East cannot have another heart higher than the six West led. Dropping the king under the ace therefore assures a later entry to dummy that may prove vital.

High cards are sometimes purposely sacrificed when there is a good reason to do so. This hand clearly calls for the king to be gotten out of the way. The hard part is to think of it.

**Annie's Mailbox**

**Dousing Old Flames**

**Dear Annie:** In 1966, "Linda" and I met at church one night. I was "head over heels" in love with her immediately, and I believed then that she was, too. We were in our early 20s. I was in officer candidate school at the time. I gave her an engagement ring after we dated for a few months. But a month or so later, she returned it. I think her mother nixed the wedding plans. I always suspected I wasn't a strong enough Baptist for her family.

Even though the engagement was off, we continued to see each other. I had a permanent change of station to Vietnam. While I was there, she sent me a "Dear John" letter, saying that she'd always love me as a person but she'd met someone else and they were engaged. I was devastated.

When I returned from Vietnam, I ended up meeting my wife. We started a family. Fifteen years later, after my father died, I got a condolence phone call from Linda, and we've kept up a correspon-

dence ever since then, with phone calls and emails. To this day, I answer her emails, even though I sometimes wait a month or two to write back.

My dilemma is that I believe it wrong to be exchanging mail with an old flame. My wife is aware that we keep in touch and that we used to be an item, but she dismisses it as no threat. She thinks it's common enough to catch up now and then with old romantic partners, especially when a few decades have gone by. Still, I erase Linda's emails every

time, as though I've something to hide.

One part of me says: "Wake up! She threw you under the bus. Get over it like millions of others." The other part hangs on to the illusion of love, of being in love -- which is a sweet memory, don't you think? Hardly a day goes by that certain things don't remind me of this past. And she has said the same. Sometimes, it is anger and resentment of being rejected and feeling that I wasn't good enough, and other times it is of that broken-hearted feeling of

how much I loved her.

I get along just fine with my current wife, but the memories of the past passion from 50 years ago are always lingering under the surface. I wish Linda would end it and set me free. Or I wish I could end it. Annie, what would you do? -- Burning Desire

**Dear Burning:** I think you already know what I'm going to say. But if a kick in the pants is what you're looking for, I'm happy to provide it. So here goes. Cut it out. No more

emails, no more phone calls. Exes can be friends when both parties have moved on. That is clearly not the case here. To continue this emotional affair is to risk your 40-year marriage -- and for what? The "illusion of love," as you put it. That is all that Linda ever offered. Redirect your attention to bringing some passion back into your marriage. That is the real deal.

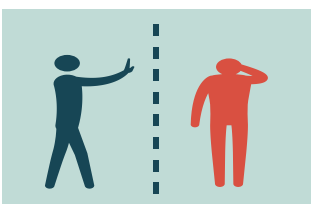
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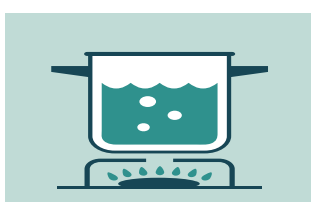
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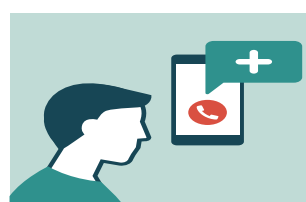
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**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Your close friends have earned their place. For someone new to become dear to you at this very busy time in your life, they will need to fulfill a specific need or want.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Charming people, delicious food, jaw-dropping information -- these are all on offer for you today, though not in the typical ways you would go about experiencing such things.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You will influence others with integrity. The best part is, you won't come off sounding pushy in the least, because you don't have to push at all when you're just right.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** It is said that you can never go back because even if you do, it's just not the same. That's what makes today so incredible. You'll get as close to "back" as possible.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You're open-minded. You don't require perfection or familiarity in order to give something a chance. For this reason, you'll become an early adopter of a novel solution.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** The worse time to think of the best thing to do is when you're already doing it. Good plans make for a good life. You can always choose to follow or not follow your plan, but you can only give yourself that option

if you have a plan.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You think that you're reasoning your way into a decision, but actually you decide based on a feeling before you are even aware that there is a decision to be made. Something has to feel right before it can make sense.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** There are things you can see yourself doing and things that are so far out of character for you that you can't even picture them. Place your imagination well because your life will follow it.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You'll have an impact on your environment. You'll apply yourself in such a way that things will get lighter, brighter, fresher and more fun when you're around.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You will sing the unsung. Being able to see what's unique and interesting about people is a talent that makes life more enjoyable for all. Everyone gets a lift.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Staying on the path of least resistance means that when you do meet re-

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sistance, you just go another direction. The shift can be made without alarm or emotion. Much can happen when things

move easily.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You have many options, and it would be overwhelming indeed to have to account for them all. Narrow it down to three, and then pick the one that's easiest for you right now.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 28).** You brighten people's lives and they let you know, rewarding you with special position, invites and opportunities. Your plans come to fruition a little differently than anticipated, but they're even more satisfying. There's a material purchase that represents years of hard work. A reunion will make you wonder how you ever were apart. Aries and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 21, 6, 39 and 49.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION:** "On my horoscope chart, there is a "PF" symbol located in my 2nd house. What does this mean?"

Lucky you! PF stands for "Part of Fortune." Look at your natal chart and find your moon and your sun. The longitu-

dinal midpoint between these two planets and your rising sign (ascendant) is your Part of Fortune. Or another way of looking at it is add your ascendant's longitude to your moon's longitude, and then subtract your sun's longitude to find your Part of Fortune. (For people born after noon and before midnight, add the ascendant plus the sun, minus the moon.) This point on your chart indicates where you are likely to find great worldly success. A PF in your 2nd house benefits your financial security. You're liable to find wealth through your employment, property and influential friends who protect and promote you. You will also never want for possessions. Do you know what sign your PF is in? This sign would be significant to you, in the same way that your sun sign and rising sign are significant to you. The Part of Fortune is one of the 97 so-called Arabic parts of astrology, which can provide deeper insight into your chart.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Taurus Jessica Alba showed her earth sign spirit when she founded The Honest Company to make safe, innovative products from plant-derived ingredients for a cleaner, safer future for children everywhere, including three of her own. Alba's moon is in Aquarius, the humanitarian sign, indicating that for her, generous and compassionate acts will always start a cycle of good fortune.

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Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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WORDS

- ACIDIC
- AERATE
- ALKALINE
- AMENDMENTS
- BEAUTIFY
- BLADE
- CARBON
- COMPOST
- DEADHEAD
- FERTILIZE
- GREEN
- LANDSCAPE
- LEAVES
- MATTER
- MOW
- MULCH
- ORGANIC
- PEAT
- PLANTINGS
- PRUNE
- SHRUB
- SOIL
- TILL
- WATER

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.



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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, April 28, the 119th day of 2020. There are 247 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 28, 1967, heavy-weight boxing champion Muhammad Ali was stripped of his title after he refused to be inducted into the armed forces.

On this date:

In 1788, Maryland became the seventh state to ratify the Constitution of the United States.

In 1789, there was a mutiny on the HMS Bounty as rebelling crew members of the British ship, led by Fletcher Christian, set the captain, William Bligh, and 18 others adrift in a launch in the South Pacific. (Bligh and most of the men with him reached Timor in 47 days.)

In 1918, Gavrilo Princip, 23, the assassin of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and the archduke's wife, Sophie, died in prison of tuberculosis.

In 1945, Italian dictator Benito Mussolini and his mistress, Clara Petacci, were executed by Italian partisans as they attempted to flee the country.

In 1958, the United States conducted the first of 35 nuclear test explosions in the Pacific Proving Ground as part of Operation Hardtack I. Vice President Richard Nixon and his wife, Pat, began a goodwill tour of Latin America that was marred by hostile mobs in Lima, Peru, and Caracas, Venezuela.

In 1963, at Broadway's Tony Awards, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" was named best play while "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" won best musical.

In 1967, U.S. Army Gen. William C. Westmoreland told Congress that "backed at home by resolve, confidence, patience, determination and continued support, we will prevail in Vietnam over communist aggression."

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter accepted the resignation of Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance, who had opposed the failed rescue mission aimed at freeing American hostages in Iran. (Vance was succeeded by Edmund Muskie.)

In 1986, the Soviet Union informed the world of the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl.

In 1988, a flight attendant was killed and more than 60 persons injured when part of the roof of an Aloha Airlines Boeing 737 tore off during a flight

from Hilo (HEE'-loh) to Honolulu.

In 1994, former CIA official Aldrich Ames, who had passed U.S. secrets to the Soviet Union and then Russia, pleaded guilty to espionage and tax evasion, and was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

In 1998, In a breakthrough for the government's tobacco investigation, cigarette maker Liggett and Myers agreed to tell prosecutors whether the industry had hidden evidence of health damage from smoking.

Ten years ago: Coast Guard Rear Adm. Mary Landry said a massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico was worse than officials had believed, and that the federal government was offering to help industry giant BP contain the slick threatening the U.S. shoreline.

Five years ago: Urging Americans to "do some soul-searching," President Barack Obama expressed deep frustration over recurring black deaths at the hands of police, rioters who responded with senseless violence and a society that would only "feign concern" without addressing the root causes. Nigerian troops rescued nearly 300 girls and women during an offensive against Boko Haram militants in the northeast Sambia forest; those rescued did not include any of the schoolgirls kidnapped a year earlier from Chibok. Jack Ely, the singer known for "Louie Louie," the low-budget recording that became one of the most famous songs of the 20th century, died in Redmond, Oregon, at age 71.

One year ago: Former Republican Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana, a leading voice on foreign policy during his 36 years in the Senate, died at a hospital in Virginia at the age of 87. A shooting in Topeka, Kansas, killed a Washburn University football player, Dwayne Simmons, and wounded a former team member, Corey Ballentine, who had been drafted just hours earlier by the New York Giants; authorities said they were "in the wrong place at the wrong time" when they were

shot outside an off-campus house party. (Francisco Alejandro Mendez has pleaded not guilty to charges including first-degree murder). "Avengers: Endgame" shattered the record for biggest opening weekend with an estimated \$350 million in ticket sales domestically and \$1.2 billion globally, on its way to becoming the highest-grossing film

ever.

Today's Birthdays:

Former Secretary of State James A. Baker III is 90. Actress-singer Ann-Margret is 79. Actor Paul Guilfoyle is 71. Former "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno is 70. Rock musician Chuck Leavell is 68. Actress Mary McDonnell is 68. Rock singer-musician Kim Gordon (Sonic

Youth) is 67. Actress Nancy Lee Grahn is 64. Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan is 60. Rapper Too Short is 54. Actress Bridget Moynahan is 49. Actor Chris Young is 49. Rapper Big Gipp is 48. Actor Jorge Garcia is 47. Actress Elisabeth Rohm is 47. Actress Penelope Cruz is 46. Actor Nate Richert is 42. TV personalities Drew and Jonathan Scott are 42. Ac-

trix Jessica Alba is 39. Actor Harry Shum Jr. is 38. Actress Jenna Ushkowitz is 34. Actress Aleisha Allen is 29.

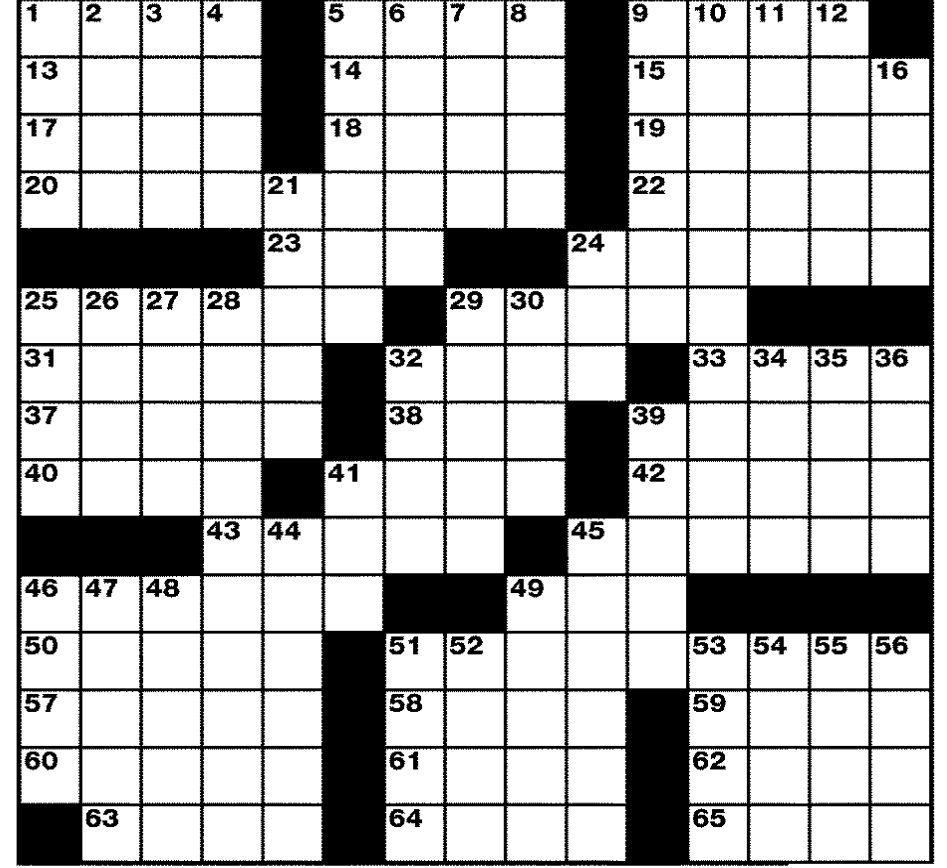
**Thought for Today:** "We have two lives... the one we learn with and the life we live with after that." — Bernard Malamud, American author (1914-1986).

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Change one's residence
  - 5 Tennis great Steffi
  - 9 Approved of
  - 13 Neighborhood
  - 14 Narrow street
  - 15 Vetoed, informally
  - 17 Beverages brewed from bags
  - 18 Penny-\_\_ poker
  - 19 Major malfunction
  - 20 Camelot cup quest
  - 22 Traditional Arctic dome home
  - 23 After-tax
  - 24 Vermont and Virginia
  - 25 Striped African equines
  - 29 Slalom racer
  - 31 One-way sign shape
  - 32 Voicemail tone
  - 33 \_\_ apart (dismantle)
  - 37 Very religious
  - 38 Sunbeam
  - 39 Fine dinnerware
  - 40 Hemmed or damed
  - 41 Pets that meow
  - 42 Bit of gossip
  - 43 Pub target game
  - 45 Pops, as a balloon
  - 46 Dessert such as Danish
  - 49 Observe
  - 50 Church platform
  - 51 Sword of 10 Down
  - 57 Spherical map
- DOWN**
- 8 Have the opinion
  - 9 Done at your office, as tech repairs
  - 10 Camelot monarch
  - 11 Praise highly
  - 12 Daniel who wrote Robinson Crusoe
  - 16 Twosomes
  - 21 Chews like a squirrel
  - 24 Sample of soup
  - 25 Reheats in a microwave
  - 26 A Great Lake
  - 27 Forehead
  - 28 Camelot meeting spot
  - 29 Chairs in theaters
  - 30 Piano's 88
  - 32 Unruly kid
  - 34 Objectives
  - 35 Necktie securer
  - 36 All \_\_ (attentive)
  - 39 Very unkind
  - 41 Shout out
  - 44 Take into custody
  - 45 Ringo Starr, in the '60s
  - 46 Book leaf
  - 47 Edgar \_\_ Poe
  - 48 Tale
  - 49 Yell at for wrongdoing
  - 51 Engrave deeply
  - 52 Dental exam picture
  - 53 Part of the eye
  - 54 Tiresome person
  - 55 "Once \_\_ a time..."
  - 56 Cost for office space





## LADY HAWKS

Continued from Page 5

Minnich launched 16 home runs during her freshman year and followed that up with 10 bombs in 2020.

She scored 41 runs, batted in an additional 36 runs and had a high batting average (.414) her first year in Big Spring. Minnich followed that up by launching 10 homers in 20 games and slightly improved her batting average (.425).

## Marin Musicant - P - San Diego, CA

Musicant started 19 games on the mound during her freshman year and pitched a total of 119 innings. The young Ace had a 3.47 ERA with 53 strikeouts and recorded an outstanding 18-3 record during her first season.

"Marin came on so strong last year and has been our Ace pitcher all season. She is a great student and leader on and off the field," Raines said.

The 2020 season was even more impressive for Musicant. She went 9-1 as a starter and pitched eight complete games with two shutouts. She also improved her ERA to 2.42 and recorded 23 strikeouts while also knocking in one home run in her time at the plate.

## Treyana Timai - C - Kent, WA

Timai is another Lady Hawk who has already committed to playing at the next level at Eastern New Mexico University.

"Treyana is an energetic player who really came on strong in our last few games at home," Raines said.

Timai only appeared in two games as a freshman and did not contribute much at all to the stat sheet. She broke out during the shortened 2020 season in seven games played where she recorded three home runs, 10 runs batted-in,

five runs scored, and a sky-high batting average (.529). Her strong performances in limited playing time were enough to earn her a Division II scholarship.

## Sarah Urrea - OF - Camarillo, CA

Urrea was a productive player in both of her seasons in Big Spring. During her freshman year, she played in 52 games and recorded a batting average of .388. Urrea also drove-in 18 runs and scored an additional 32 herself while also showing off her base-running prowess with 19 stolen bases.

"She is a fast outfielder who has played a lot for us. She is always making some great plays in the outfield and gets everyone excited," Raines

said.

Urrea followed up her freshman year with a lower batting average (.267) but was still a beast in the outfield. She added six stolen bases to her resume but was not nearly as much of a force at the plate that she was in the outfield.

The Lady Hawks will be back next spring as one of the top NJCAA softball programs in the nation. They will most likely be losing all 10 of these outstanding players but the winning culture that these players have continued will still hold. Raines has a group of younger players ready to step up in the 2021 season and they can already not wait to get back on the field.

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