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in Howard Co.

Special to the Herald On May 4, 2020, at approxi-

mately 3:30 p.m., the City of Big Spring and Howard County officials were notified of a positive test result for COVID-19.

The patient is 27-year-old female. This patient is currently quarantined at home and is expected to recover.

This is the fifth positive result that Howard County and Big Spring have recorded. Local officials continue to ask all members of the community to remain cautious and continue to take the necessary precaution to protect yourself and your family.

COVID-19 Update:

Confirmed: 5

Tests performed: 193 Pending: 75 Negative tests: 113 Recovered: 1

Upcoming

Events:

United Way of Big Spring and Howard County will be hosting Wash Your Hands & Fill Your Trunk on May 9 at 10 a.m. at Blankenship Field.

Prayer at SMMC *May 9 at 7 p.m.* in front of the hospital. Those attending are asked to stay in their vehicles.

Heritage Museum announced that 2020 Legends and Legacies will not be taking place in June.

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Understanding the COVID-19 testing method and a new antibody testing

By ROHITH SARAVANAN, M.D. Steward Chief Medical Officer

The COVID-19 pandemic is far from over. The facts are simple. our region has not

seen the surge yet, and the rest of the country seems to be on the downtrend as a whole. We have been preparing, tweaking the plans, and conserving our PPE, in anticipation of this influx. We have taken precautions to prevent spread and conserve PPE, while also keeping our doors open. Hard decisions about visitor policies, universal

masks, closed departments, furloughed employees, reduction in salaries, etc. have been made. It has all worked, and we are safer for it as a community. The struggle is not over, and the

precautions cannot be loosened. We must hold steadfast in our conviction to fight this pandemic with safety measures we have in

very appropriate in our community. CDC guidelines have been followed right from the start. They have changed periodi-

place. Testing for COVID has been

cally as the pandemic has progressed through the country, and we have kept up with the newest changes. Initially, the testing was very restricted and was only open to symptomatic individuals with an exposure history to the virus. Then, it was expanded to symptomatic individuals with prioritization, especially the

hospitalized patients, essential workers and high-risk individuals. Now it is even more lax, and there is provision for testing even asymptomatic persons if they are done as part of a community effort to better understand the prevalence of the disease in our region. Needless to say, the testing conducted in our area has been very appropriate and has helped us identify and isolate the high-risk cases in reasonable time, which is one of the reasons we have done as well as we have.

Scientists and researchers are constantly tracking infections and recoveries, but they have data only on confirmed cases so they can't count people who don't get COVID-19 tests. Experts also don't have information about the outcome of every infection. However, early estimates predict the overall COVID-19 recovery rate is between 97% and 99.75%.

Not everyone who catches SARS-CoV-2 will notice symptoms. They may show up two to 14 days after the exposure. And those symptoms can vary from one person to the next. About 8 in 10 people who get COVID-19, will have only mild illness which may take two weeks for the body to get over the illness, according to the World Health Organization. For those with severe or critical cases, recovery can

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Howard College Board of Trustees discuss handbook changes, staff and student recognitions

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor Howard College Board of

Trustees gathered for the May meeting over telephonic communication on Monday as they discussed a routine agenda.

There was no communication to the board comments which allowed the Board of Trustees to move directly into the approval of routine agenda items. The Board decided to approve minutes from Feb. 24 regular meeting, and March 27 and April 6 special meetings minutes; financials for February and March; monthly reports of auxiliary services, personnel matters and the internal audit report.

With no unfinished business on the agenda, Dr. Cheryl Sparks began the new business section of the agenda with the COVID-19 Status Report #2. The sta-month of March 30 - April place, which was approved by the Board of Trustees at the March 27 meeting. Dr. Sparks updated the

Rohith

Saravanan, M.D.

board on case numbers for all counties in the district, with Howard County still sitting at less than five cases with one recovered. Dr. Sparks and staff continue to participate, keep engaged and involved in local, regional, and state level updates.

"We find ourselves participating in routine conference calls and webinars in an effort to make sure we have the best and latest information to allow us to make good decisions," Dr. Sparks said. As part of the Status Re-

port, the Board was updated on the events and decisions that took place during the

tus reports will take place 30. According to Dr. Sparks proved by the Board of as long as the altered delega- the college is finishing up Trustees, in a show of appretion of authority status is in the Spring semester on time ciation for Keep Big Spring for the most part and is cur rently in finals this week.

"I can't say enough of what our faculty has accomplished," Dr. Sparks said. "They have been tremendous and done amazing, fantastic work. Our student services staff has been doing fantastic work as well. It's amazing to see the innovative ways people are working to ensure students have what they need and keeping communication going. The number one goal since returning from spring break has been to enable the students and work with students to complete the spring semester. That is happening because of the efforts of all these individuals working so hard together."

A resolution was also ap-Beautiful and Delek for the recent donation and planting of trees at the Big Spring Howard College Campus. The donation included 10 trees that were planted at various locations around campus and helped replace some of the trees that had been taken over by disease and had to be cut down.

While there was no update provided for the Lamesa and San Angelo campuses, the SWCD report included information on the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities Presentation.

After the presentation, the board moved on to approve the quarterly investment report and the faculty See **MEET**, Page 3

the fight against coronavirus, encour-

agement is given to postpone trips and

"There will be a time when we can hit

the roads, fly the skies, float on the wa-

move events to another date.

National Travel and Tourism Week kicked off Sunday By AMANDA DUFORAT try's strength, for the communities and to support

Managing Editor

Travel may be discour-

aged, but it's the perfect time to start planning for that first adventure when restrictions are lifted. National Travel and Tourism Week is May 3-9, 2020. COVID-19 public

health crisis is having an unprecedented impact on the travel industry and the entire economy," Manny Negron, Tourism Coordinator, the travel and tourism community must come together, support each other and remind our country that even through the most difficult times, the Spirit of Travel

cannot be broken." National Travel and Tourism Week, according to Negron, honors the spirit of travel in recognition of the indus-



about Courtesy image said." Now more than ever, Visit Big Spring has created to the health a new frame in support of crisis many National Travel and Tourism events were

The cancellation of trips and events is

discouraged, but in doing what is best

Week. This frame is now avail- cancelled and able on the Visit Big Spring many family's cancelled Facebook page. their Spring Break trips.

selflessness and resiliency. The Big Spring Convention Visitor's Bureau wants encourage you to dream your destination, plan for it and go when it is safe for you and your family. Due

ters and ride in a train, but until then: Dream, Plan and Go when it is safe!" Negron said. The Big Spring CVB has a week filled

with fun ways for people to interact with on the Visit Big Spring Facebook page. This past Sunday was the start of a coloring contest, everyone of every age is invited to participate. The Visit Big Spring logo is the coloring page for kids. The "Travel and Tourism Week" page is for adults. Once the coloring sheet is completed, e-mail the entry to mnegron@mybigspring.com. All entries submitted will be posted on the Visit Big Spring Facebook page on Friday and the entry with the most likes

will win a prize. Entries must be

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Betty Sue Houston-Rose

Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

away May 1, 2020.

following activity:

ed.

Scenic Mountain Medical

Betty Sue Houston-Rose, 74, of Midland passed

The family will receive guests from 7 p.m. to 9

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m., Thurs-

day, May 7, 2020, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funer-

al Home Chapel, with interment following at Res-

thaven Memorial Park. The funeral service will

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p.m., Wednesday, May 6, 2020, at Nalley-Pickle &

Obituaries

Charlene "Mimi" Brasher



Charlene "Mimi" Brasher passed away on May 3, 2020, and there is no doubt she will make heaven a happier, more colorful place. She lived a fun-filled life full of love and creativity. She was born Aug. 8, 1937, to J.C. and Ellen Eudy in Big Spring, Texas. She married Dan Brasher on Feb. 2, 1957, and together they had two beautiful daughters. Over the years she worked as a designer and florist.

She enjoyed anything where she could let her personality shine. She was inducted into the Big Spring High School Hall of Fame as an artist, and she was Rookie Actress of the Year at the Lamesa Community Players.

Known as Mimi to many she was always full of creativity, especially when she was at the flower shop or making the prettiest prom corsages and homecoming mums. Mimi was always ready to cheer on the Dallas Cowboys or watch any sport.

his life at a later date.

Some of her favorite memories were the summer trips she took with her grandchildren where she taught them to love the water as much as she did. Mimi would have lived on the beach with Jimmy Buffet if she could. Her zest for life was truly con-

Charlene was proceeded in death by her husband and parents. She is survived by her daughters Suzie Wilde and husband Daniel of San Angelo, and Cindy Cave and husband Kevin of Ackerly. Her grandchildren Bill Dan Langley, wife Gigi and son Cotton of San Angelo; Justin Cave, wife Maddie and children Jackson and Reese of Ackerly; and Jayci Cave and future husband Anthony Bishop of Lubbock. She is also survived by her sister Freeda Billingsley and husband Robert of San Angelo. A celebration of her life will be held at a later

date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Concho Valley Home for Girls Children's Emergency Shelter at conchokids.org.

Family and friends may share condolences at www.harper-funeralhome.com

Paid Obituary

P.W. "Sonny" Adair, Jr. P. W. "Sonny" Adair, Jr., 65, of Big Spring, passed away Saturday, May 2, 2020 at his residence. Family and friends will gather to celebrate

> He was born September 18, 1954 in Andrews, Texas to Paul Winslow Adair, Sr. and Laurel Ballew Adair. Sonny married Lynn Bradle Toman October 22, 2011 in Big Spring.

Sonny attended Andrews High School and served in the United States Army. He worked in the oil field as a roughneck. Sonny received his Associates Degree from

day, May 3, 2020, in a Lubbock hos-

pital. Graveside services will be

2:00 PM Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at

the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memo-

rial Park with Rev. Derrell Patter-

son, pastor of First United Method-

The family will receive friends

from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May

5, 2020, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch

He was born April 10, 1960, in An-

Howard College in 2014. He loved to fish and spend time with his grandchildren. Sonny never met a stranger and was the spiritual leader of his fam-

Scott Hughes, 60, of Big Spring, passed away Sun-

ist Church, officiating.

Funeral Home.

niston, Alabama to Jerry and Marie Hughes. Scott

married Carla Jo Shaw June 20, 1997, in Big Spring.

ily. He had a love for veterans and enjoyed helping with alcohol and drug abuse.

Survivors include his wife, Lynnie Toman Adair; six children. Adam Adair and wife, Heather, John Adair and wife Mandy, Kim Hill, Betsy Toman and partner Chris, Steve Pratt and wife, Jen, and Jerry Pratt and wife, Megan; one brother, Terry Adair; one sister. Laurette Kennedy and husband. Randolf; 25 grandchildren; and a nephew, Jarod Goforth and wife. Lisa.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Paul "Scooter" Adair III; and a brother, Bob Adair.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.

Paid Obituary

worked for Don-Nan Pump and Supply. He loved playing golf and was an avid Dallas Cowboy fan.

Survivors include his wife, Carla Hughes of Big Spring; one son, Jonathon Hughes and wife, Maria of Denton; two daughters, Teri Gonzales and husband, Frank, and Toni Shaw all of Kersey, Colorado; five grandchildren, Jonathon Hughes, Jr., Ashlee Shaw, Demi Gonzales, Ali Shaw and Carter Jack Shaw; one sister, Jenny Acebedo; and one brother, Larry Morrow.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sis-

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Scott was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and

ter, Paula Hughes.

Paid Obituary

Tim Crawford

Scott Hughes

Tim Crawford, 38, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 3, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Fu-

Celdonio Salazar, 90, of Big Spring, died Sunday, May 3, 2020. Private Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Private graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Celdonio Salazar

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail re-

ported having 74 inmates at the time of this report. • ALVIN PHILLIP ALLEN, 56, was arrested by

BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• RAUL R. BISCAINO II, 24, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated, driving while license invalid with previous conviction/

suspension and possession of marijuana less than

two ounces.

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• ALAN DEXTER OWEN, JR, 33, was arrested by HCSO for a charge of theft of property between \$750

CALEB EDWIN

- JOYCE MARIE DUNLAP, 66, was arrested by
- and \$2,500.
- PADDIE, 27, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

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take up to six weeks.

CDC guidelines say if you've been sick, you should isolate yourself at home until all of these things are true: (1) You haven't had a fever for 72 hours (3 days) without using a fever-reducing medicine. (2) Your symptoms are better, though they might not be totally gone. (3) It's been at least seven days since your symptoms started or you've had two negative COVID-19 tests conducted 24 hours

Scientists are still looking at how a person's immune system responds to COVID-19 and whether you can catch the virus again after you recover. As our state starts to see positive signs that the mitigation efforts, like stay-at-home orders and social distancing, are working in our fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, the question of when we can return to work and resume our normal activities is one of the most critical issues facing our nation.

Antibody tests – also known as serological tests - may have the potential to play a role in this complex calculation. Results from these tests can help identify who has been infected and developed antibodies that may protect from future infection as well as identify those still at risk. A serology or antibody test looks for antibodies present in the blood when the body is responding to a specific infection, like COVID-19. The test detects the body's immune response to the infection caused by the virus rather than detecting the virus itself.

In the early days of an infection when the body's immune response is still building, antibodies may not be detected. In response to an infection, such as COVID-19, the body develops an overall immune response to fight the infection. One component of the immune system's response is development of antibodies that attach to the virus and help eliminate it. The body's initial immune reaction produces general antibodies that attack many infections, called "IgM" antibodies. IgM antibodies indicate an active or recent infection. Because it takes time for the body to make IgM antibodies in response to SARS-CoV-2, their absence does not mean that someone is not infected. A test for IgM antibodies may give a false negative result in a patient with SARS-CoV-2, particularly early in infection. A patient may have a negative result early in infection even when they are symptomatic or asymptomatic but actively shedding the virus. Since IgM antibodies may not develop early or at all in infected patients, this type of antibody test is not used to rule out SARS-CoV-2 in an individual.

Over time, the body develops a second type of antibody in response to the infection that is more specific to the virus, called "IgG" antibodies. Most antibody tests detect IgG antibodies. On average, IgG antibodies take about four weeks to develop, but the time to development may vary substantially, and there is still a lot we do not know about SARS-COV-2. Since IgG antibodies generally do not

develop until several weeks after infection, this type of antibody test, even though it is more specific to SARS-CoV-2, is not used to rule-out SARS-CoV-2 infection in an individual. We do not know how long IgM or IgG antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 will remain present in the body after the infection has been cleared. A quantitative serological test would give a titer ratio result.

A neutralizing antibody titer (IgG) of at least 1:160 is what the FDA recommends for convalescent plasma donor eligibility. So, it is probably safe to assume that is also an immune titer. These quantitative tests are currently not available to us. Multiple qualitative tests are now coming to market. These are just yes/no tests. This result basically tells us if a person has already been exposed or not. Nothing more, nothing less. It doesn't tell you immunity status, or timeline of infection. This kind of info is not very useful to the individual, but the aggregate data is very useful from a public health standpoint and may help guide our decisions for

For those who previously tested positive for SARS-CoV-2, this antibody test could potentially be used as a ticket back to the workplace. Not that they are safe from the disease, rather that they are safe to be around because they have indeed been exposed and recovered from it.

Perhaps this is the next step for our community. We will continue to explore this as a medical community in conjunction with public health.

Stay home. Stay safe. Be well.

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retirement resolutions. There were two Professor Emeritus up for recognition with one being from the Howard College campus. The late Gayla Williams was one of two who was up for this recognition.

The Board of Trustees also discussed handbook and catalog changes. Handbook changes included an update to the President's job description updated to fit what has been done with altered operation status; concealed carry section which has to be reviewed every two years, which took place this past spring; updates on vacation and personal hours related to academic calendar and changes to work at home policy and altered operations.

There were also a few catalog changes that offered furthering education after certifications have been completed. Tuition costs were also discussed at this

"We typically try to keep in alignment on tuition in the area and the state average," Dr. Sparks said. "We had found that we were actually lower than area average and we had discussed increasing tuition, but with the current situations we found it best to not raise tuition at this time for the summer or fall semesters." As part of the Recognitions the Nursing Program and the Theatre Depart-

ment were recognized for recent achievements.

"We must recognize our students and programs who had the spotlight on them over the past few weeks," Dr. Sparks said. "The RN nursing program ranked seven out of 50 in the state. We are excited for them."

She continued, "There were also several students who did a fantastic job at the recent Theatre Festival. There was only one award for overall technical design at the festival and Howard College received it, as well as a Superior rating for the production. Individual students were also recognized for their on stage and behind the scenes efforts."

The Board of Trustees also approved the following:

- · Awarded bid for Dora Roberts Student Union Building Cafeteria vent-a-
- Cabinet Recommendations and Faculty Contracts
- Transfer of funds from College to Howard College Foundation
- Accountability Measures including small class report, financial indicators bond rating report and student success indicators – quick facts.

"Quick facts are gathered from data acquired from the Fall semester used for those who visit the campus and also during the legislative session," Dr. Sparks said.

• The next meeting of the Howard College Board of Trustees will take place in June.

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submitted by 3 p.m. Thursday.

The week activities continue with Tuesday Tours. Negron will be sharing virtual tours of Big Spring's attractions. On Wednesday, there will be poll questions for the community to answer as a way to help plan your Wednes-

"We will have some fun on Thursday afternoon with a fun virtual Thurs day Trivia game. Join us on our Facebook page from 3 p.m.-4 p.m.; be the first to answer the trivia question correctly and your name will be entered into a drawing for a prize. The more questions you answer correctly first the more chances you have to win a prize."

The coloring sheets will be voted on and a winner announced at the end of the day Friday. On Saturday, May 9, from 11 a.m. until Noon will be Scav

enger Hunt Saturday. Over a live video and revealing the list of items you need to find in your home. The first person to post a picture of the item in the comment section will be entered for a chance to win a prize. There will be at least eight items to look for. 'Communities benefit from the spirit of trav-

el, which permeates through small businesses, unique landmarks, and all those who welcome residents and visitors alike with a smile and hospitality. It's hard to imagine Big Spring without the Historic Spring, Hangar 25, the Big Spring State Park, the Heritage Museum of Big Spring,

and the Hotel Settles, Negron said. "We can't forget the restaurants in our town, Lumbre, Pizza Inn, Carlos Restaurant, the Big Spring Steers, the Howard College Hawks many other businesses and groups that make Big Spring the destination to visit."

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Something to think about...

By RICHARD SCHNEBERGER

Do you have locks on your doors? course, you do. We all do. We have locks on our front doors, our back doors, our side doors, our car doors and, of course, that all important one, our bathroom doors. There are simply some places where we need a little privacy. With four young children at home, those bathroom locks have become increasingly important. Our children have yet to develop an understanding of personal space, so we lock the door.

Locks also represent safety and security. We live in a fallen and dangerous world. That's what locks are all about. They offer us a little peace of mind, and create a safe space. When we come home at night and hear the click of that heavy lock on the door, we let out a sigh of relief. We've locked out all that is dangerous and difficult to deal with. We're safe. We're home.

Locks are not a new invention. They have been around for a while. In fact, that first Easter Sunday the Gospel of John tells us that the disciples were huddled behind locked doors "for fear of the Jewish leaders." Their Lord and leader was arrested. They watched as he was beaten mercilessly and nailed to a cross. Now he was gone. They didn't know what happened to His body. What were they going

But these howls were coming from the

wrong direction. They were echoing from

What we were hearing was a phenom-

enon sweeping across our nation. People

are emerging from their "stay at home"

shelters at 8 p.m. in the evening and howl-

ing! For some it is perhaps a protest, a

way to "let off steam" from being cooped

up and shut in. But for most it is a way

of connecting with strangers and shout-

ing support for those who continue on the

The next day this message appeared in

our neighborhood blog: "I work in the

Emergency Department for UC Health.

... Some days you feel like you have made

a difference and other day are, like last

night when I came home exhausted and

praying that individuals we put on venti-

lators that day would still be alive. When

wearing protective gear for 12-15 hours it

is uncomfortably hot, and it is a challenge

to remember to drink enough water be-

cause of being masked up all day. At the

end of our shifts we shower and put on

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"front lines" of the coronavirus crisis.

the streets of our neighborhood.

to do? Where would they go? If that is what the world did to Jesus, then the same thing might happen to them. They were afraid. So they hid and locked the doors up tight.

"Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the

Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." John 20:19b – 21 NIV

Fear is like a cold, dark prison. It has a way of petrifying and immobilizing us. If we are operating out of fear, then we will have a difficult time fully participating in God's mission for the world. Jesus comes and stands in the places and spaces where we are locked in by fear and speaks peace. The One who calmed the raging sea, calmed the storm

How is fear controlling you? Jesus frees His followers from fear so that they can go into the world as His witnesses. May you encounter the presence of the risen Lord in your life setting you free from the prison of fear so that you can live full and fully for Him!

"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear... " \sim 1 John 4:18a

It's Not God!

By TOM SLOAN

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." 1 John 4:10 It's not God, its us. He didn't place all these restrictions and rules on His love, we did. It is not God, it's us who are offended at the sight of sin. It's not God, but us who have placed Him so far away. Religion was not God's idea, it was ours.

So, who are we kidding? Who are we deceiving when we say that His love is not unconditional? Are we not the ones who are deceiving ourselves? God is not offended at the idea of unconditional love – He is the one who commanded His Son to shed every drop of His blood for vile, wretched, undeserving sinners. We, not God, are the ones who make His love unacceptable

and unbelievable. We are the ones who add the fine print on the

bottom of the page. We, not God, are the ones who make sinners jump through fiery hoops in hopes of attaining a single crumb of God's favor, love and blessings. We, not God, are the ones who think that we are so godly in our religious quests to please His wrath, even though it was quenched, once and for all on the cross. After all, it was God

the Law for righteousness to all who believe. God has no sleepless nights wondering if His love for us is

who sent His own beloved, only begotten Son to be the end of

We, not God, doubt if we will make it home safely. We are the ones who have not been unbridled in our relationship with

He pulled out all stakes, He removed all conditions, He suffered the horrors of death and the grave.

God's love for us was His idea, not ours.

Reflections: Howling

Last night as I parked in our garage, By BILL TINSLEY I heard a riot of howls from around our A few nights ago, on a beautiful evening in Colorado, we opened our windows to a neighborhood ... I want each of you howlrefreshing breeze of mountain air. We lisers to know that your support helped lift the tired heart and soul of someone who tened to the stillness, interrupted by the some days wonders if what I did was distinct sounds of howling. We stepped enough. Last night it brought a tear to my outside. It is not entirely unusual for coyotes to howl in the open spaces of the eyes and a big lump in my throat. Front Range that sweep up to the foothills I is a pleasure to be your neighbor, and an honor to help support our and the towering snow-capped mountains.

> This morning I spoke to my neighbor across the street as he left for his job as a firefighter. I wished him well and told him I would be praying for him. The day before we pulled into a space at our local grocery, popped our trunk and waited while one of the workers cheerfully loaded our car with our order for the week. We gave her a small tip and thanked her. She had been working since midnight, stocking the store and filling orders.

community."

We may not be able to do much in the current crisis. But the one thing we all can do is encourage each other, whether by personal greetings, well-wishes and prayers or by howling in the street at 8 p.m.

More than ever we need to heed the instruction of Scripture: "Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you are doing" (1 Thess. 5:11). "Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus" (Romans 15:5).

Bill Tinsley reflects on current

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Howard softball's Marin Musicant moving on to East Texas Baptist University

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

After two years of excellent play as a member of the Howard Lady Hawks softball team, pitcher Marin Musicant has recently committed to playing the final two years of her college athletic career at East Texas Baptist University (ETBU).

ETBU is one of the top Division III softball programs in the nation. The Lady Tigers were off to an outstanding 15-0 start to the season before it was cut short because of the coronavirus and are consistently near the top of the polls.

"It's a smaller school, so that means smaller class sizes," Musicant said. "They have a good biology program and their softball program is very for me. They have super nice facili- a Howard Lady Hawk. ties and they offered me everything I wanted in a school and a softball program."

Howard coach Kelly Raines added, "I think her going to East Texas Baptist is a great fit. They're a really good D-III program and I think she'll go in right away and play and help them."

To be a strong pitcher, it is important to have the ability of leadership. Every day that a pitcher must take the mound, almost all of the pressure is on them to not give up any runs and make sure that they do enough to bring home the win. Not every player can handle that pressure but Musicant has excelled with all eyes on her for the past two sea-

In fact, the San Diego native would go as far as to say her best skill on the softball diamond is her ability to be a leader for her team.

"Leading by example is a big thing for me," Musicant said. "Actions speak louder than words, especially when you're on a team and you're trying to be a leader on that team. I want people to see me and it make them want to be competitive, try their hardest and have a good attitude."

Musicant stepped in as an instant contributor when she arrived at Howard and was a star pitcher for the Lady Hawks for the past two seasons. She was off to a 9-1 record during the first month of the



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competitive and that's a big thing Musicant slides into home during one of her many great games as

season and recorded an ERA of 2.42. Musicant also recorded 23 strikeouts with her drop ball style of pitching and was able to play nine complete games in just her shortened sophomore season.

Raines was very reliant on her Ace on the mound and it had turned out well for the Lady Hawks. Howard was off to a 17-3 start through the first 20 games and looked poised at making a run for the national title while being ranked as one of the Top 10 junior college teams in the country.

After being such a key part of the Lady Hawks winning culture over the past two years, the expectation from Raines is that Musicant will be able to contribute for ETBU right away.

"I think she'll be either the No. 1 or No. 2 pitcher there and I think it's a perfect fit for her," Raines

Musicant will be at a different school, on a different team, wearing new colors and living on the other side of Texas when she starts school in the fall. There are several things the strong-armed pitcher are looking forward to about her new school including the chance to go watch football games this fall.

Being in a state where football is so beloved, Musicant felt as though she had been missing out over the past two years with no Howard football pro-

gram to go and support. Now, she will be able to go and support the Tigers football team every weekend.

Another thing Musicant is looking forward to is the chance to live in an off-campus apartment. For the past two years, she has lived in the Howard College dorms but will now be able to rent her own place.

Even though Musicant did not have an apartment in Big Spring, there were still many things that the flamethrowing pitcher appreciated about her time as a Lady Hawk.

"I really enjoyed my time at Howard and I was upset when they cut the season short," Musicant said. "I feel like I met some of my best friends on that team and the coaches were very supportive. Coach Raines had a lot of faith in me when it came to having a leadership role on the team. I think the decision to go to Howard, and to go the juco route, were probably the

best decision I ever made." Musicant originally committed to Howard and

moved from San Diego because the red and black team in Big Spring are known around the country as one of the most prestigious softball programs. She will now move on to another consistently

dominant program and attempt to bring what she learned under the tutelage of Raines to her performance at the next level. "It taught me that you have to bring your best every single time," Musicant said. "You're competing against people on your team and you're competing

against people on the other team so you really have to have that competitive edge and that want to do better and be better." She will bring that competitive edge with her this fall when she arrives on her new campus. The first time she steps out onto the field with her new teammates, she will be trying to show everyone what

Marin Musicant is all about.

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

Athletic Support: What happens to the team if a player gets **COVID-19?**

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By ELI CRANOR

Special to the Herald

reading last week's column about the questions surrounding next football season, my mind started to wander. You hit on teams having trouble squeezing practices in and who might be allowed (or not allowed) to attend the games, but you left out what I consider to be the most important question — what happens if a player comes down with COVID-19? This could go for any sport, not just football. What would happen to that team? Would every player be quarantined for 14 days? I know you won't be the one making this call, but I'd love to hear your thoughts. — Prone to Wonder Dear Wonder: I honestly can't

imagine what would happen, or



how a season could go on, if a player were to come down with CO-VID-19 next fall. This problem probes much deeper than sports, though. It's an issue we'll all have to consider as the country begins to

reopen, and we start coming out of the house again. What will happen if a student contracts the disease next fall? Will the whole school district shut down? Only time will tell. In terms of sports, though, I can say this: athletics has taken

a backseat during these unprecedented times, and rightfully so. Yes, I write a sports column. Yes, athletics have comprised the greater part of my life, but...

There is a time and place for everything. And sadly, this is not the time for recreational activities, espe-

cially ones that involve large gatherings of people. Hopefully, we'll all be in a different boat come September. Hopefully, things will start to feel "normal" again, but there's just no way to know. As a former coach, I can tell you there is nothing more impor-

tant than the safety of our country's student athletes. The COV-ID-19 pandemic poses a threat unlike we've ever seen before. So if sports ramp up again in the fall of 2020, there is a good chance they'll come to a grinding halt midway through the season. Now, I do not think this will be the case everywhere. As of this

writing, there has only been 37 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Pope County, Arkansas. The numbers are similar for many other rural areas across the country. I'd be willing to bet places like my hometown will be able to move forward with high school athletic next fall. This won't be the case everywhere, though, and even the rural

areas will have to be on high alert. All it will take is a scenario like you mentioned — one confirmed case on a team or in a school and the whole thing could go kaput.

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	Brian George	Belle Glade, I
	Jordan Davis	Memphis, TN
	Danny Gray	Dallas, TX
	Malik Heath	Jackson, MS
	Art Green	Chesterfield,
	Omar Manning	Lancaster, T
	Justin Harrington	Raleigh, NC
	Kilian Zierer	Munich, Ger
	Marco Domio	Brenham, TX
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	Bennett Williams	Mountain Vi
	Brenden Coffey	Paradise, CA
	Tray Bishop	Dawson, GA
	Javontavius Mosley	Tyler, TX
	Gabe Douglas	Denton, TX
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Opening lead — king of diamonds. to describe the creation of a defensive trump trick that does not exist naturally. The play would be equally effective by any other name, and it often leaves declarer with the feeling that the rug has been pulled out from under him.

In today's deal, for example, it might seem that South should make four hearts. His only apparent losers are two diamonds and the ace of trump. Nevertheless, the contract is sure to fail against best defense.

West starts with the K-Q of diamonds, then plays a low diamond that East ruffs with the eight. Declarer overruffs with the ten and continues with the jack. This presents West with a problem of sorts. He might conceivably duck in the hope his partner can win the trick. But if West is a practical player, he should conclude that South's leap to four hearts was most likely based on a suit headed by the K-Q-J-10, as well as the ace of spades.

So West takes the heart jack with the ace and leads another low diamond, hoping East has the nine of hearts and will ruff with it.

East does not let him down. When he ruffs with the nine, it forces South to overruff with the queen, leaving him with the K-3-2 of hearts and **Uppercut is a colorful term** used West with the 6-4. West thus scores a second trump trick, and South's apparently solid trumps prove to be an optical illusion.

> Note that West's defensive campaign, though it takes a long time to come to fruition, is very sound. He has a far greater chance of finding East with two trumps higher than dummy's seven than he has of finding East with a high-card trick.

West plans the double uppercut from the very start, aiming to establish his lowly six as the setting trick. **Tomorrow:** An arithmetical process.

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Tell Us Something Good

Dear Annie: You asked us to send you positive stories in the midst of the pandemic.

I work at a newspaper in Findlay, Ohio. Over the past four weeks, I have been writing "positive" stories about how people are responding.

I wrote about a man who owns a local coffee shop. He wanted to do something for children who would not be getting a meal at school, so he began providing Lunches of Love for anyone who might need it.

I wrote about a woman who celebrated her 100th birthday. Her family couldn't have a narty for her Instead

they organized a driveby birthday parade. She was delighted!

There was also a story about a 9-year-old girl who decided to take her at-home art class to the front window of her house, where she painted a "happy Easter" message for all of the neighbors to see, complete with a bunny, cross and Easter egg.

And then there was the story about the man who was furloughed from his job at a distribution center. He and his girlfriend, who are also musicians, decided to livestream concerts on Saturday nights, sending tips to area food banks.

There have been so many stories about the good things that I am having trouble keeping

up with them all! I just

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wanted everyone to know that every cloud does have a silver lining. -- Reporter From Findlay

Dear Reporter From Findlay: Thank

you for these wonderful stories of love and warmth. We may be quarantined, but the human spirit of giving and kindness cannot be detained. Great reporting!

Dear Annie: My

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Dear Silver Linings: How wonderful that strangers of the same church are now becoming friends. It is

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Also remember that we can get on the phone or email with family and friends a lot more than we do in virusless times. -- Photos Tell a Story

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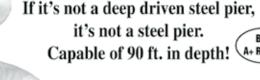
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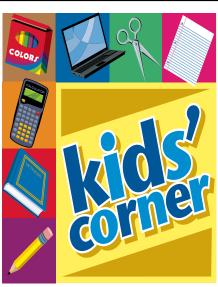


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Cinco de Mayo Under a Libra Moon

The Mexican army was outnumbered and yet prevailed with the victory in the Battle of Puebla of 1862. In the United States, May 5 is an opportunity to celebrate Mexican culture and heritage. Cinco de Mayo will be guided by the Libra moon of justice and an acknowledgment of the inevitability that balance will prevail.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Science proves that memory is unreliable, but in the digital age, we don't have to depend on it nearly as much. You'll find that emotional communication is more important than remembered details anyway.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Once upon a time, you couldn't get motivated. But you forced yourself, and it turned out to be the right move. Now you can use your experience to help someone

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you're living your story, fully immersed in its reality, it is easy to lose track of where you are in it. It seems like what's going

on is all that is, but it's just a chapter, not the whole book.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There is a lack of generosity and compassion in the world, and you'll help make up for some of this today. You'll make kindness the rule, and what happens next is full of grace and felicity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. **22).** In the moment that you're stuck, does it really matter what got you there? Don't look back. Instead, move on to what's next -- wiggling out, probably by changing your outlook.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Big things are not as big as you think. Or at least they're not as relevant to your life right now. You'll live in appreciation of normalcy, as the small things are actually a pretty sizeable gift.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are judgment calls to be made in the realm of communication, and they have to do with tact, manners and honesty. Be strategic. Not everyone needs to know all there is to

know.

By Holiday Mathis

Tomorrow's Horoscope



bounty. But the rewards only come after a fair amount of work over an extension of time. Endurance is the quality you'll call on.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

Your mindset is as important as the mind that's setting it. Regardless of your particular talents and gifts, it's the effective and consistent focus of your mind that will ultimately determine success. CAPRICORN (Dec.

22-Jan. 19). You're starting to think of your current position as not just a job but a calling. You love it enough to stick with it even when

things get rocky. When

you get knocked down,

vou aet riaht back up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be asked to do things you cannot yet do. But just because the demand exceeds your current skill doesn't mean you should turn down the challenge. This is an excellent opportunity to find out just how quick-

19-March 20). You're in a sort of race. The winners will be the ones who refuse to quit. Many very lucky and talented people will drop out or lose interest before they cross the finish line.

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ly you can grow.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (May 5). The details you tend to will elevate your efforts to

the level of excellence.

New connections and romantic events will fill the months to come. You'll be noticed for your grace under pressure and your leadership in unusual circumstances. You'll get the inside scoop on a project, which plays to your advantage. Gemini and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 49, 1, 4, 16 and 5.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: A Cancer writes: "I'm not even allowed to have feelings. If I act upset, it makes everyone mad at me. One time, when I was upset, I couldn't tell my dad why because I knew he would have just advised me not to be upset over something so stupid. If I state how something has hurt me, I get my head bitten off. How DARE I be upset! If I rant, they don't want to hear it. It's not fair!"

I get it! You're a sensitive Cancer. Know that your feelings are not wrong or right, and no matter what anyone says, you are allowed to have them. But how to express them... that's the thing. The more mature you become, the better you are able to manage your emotional expres-

sion instead of reacting

to every feeling that flickers through. The first step is being aware of your choices. The feeling comes up and you can choose to take a breath and pause to process the information. You can work on developing tools for expressing your emotions. Find ways to channel them through exercise, art, a journal, conversation, etc. With some exploration, you will learn the great gift that lies in your emotions. I challenge you to take it on as a study, as there is great power to be tapped here.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: As soulful Adele moves gracefully

through motherhood and changes in her family life, the strength of a natal Taurus sun and Jupiter in Taurus suggest an even and steadfast approach. The Grammy Award-winning star was born under a Capricorn moon, indicating an excellent head for business and a love of challenge. Mars in Aquarius indicates the important role of philanthropy in her life.

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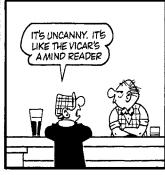


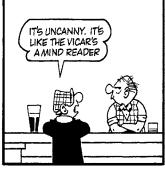
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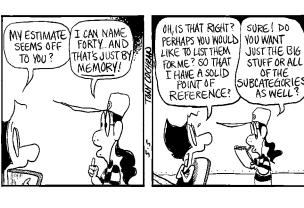










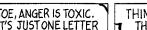








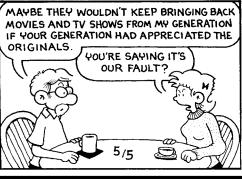


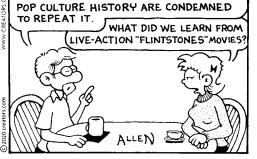






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This Date In History

Today in History Today is Tuesday, May 5, the

126th day of 2020. There are 240 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On May 5, 1961, astronaut Alan B. Shepard Jr. became America's first space traveler as he made a 15-minute suborbital flight aboard Mercury capsule Freedom 7. On this date:

In 1494, during his second voyage to the Western Hemisphere, Christopher Columbus landed in Jamaica. In 1818, political philoso-

pher Karl Marx, co-author of "The Communist Manifesto" and author of "Das Kapital," was born in Prussia.

In 1862, Mexican troops defeated French occupying forces in the Battle of Puebla. In 1865, what's believed to be America's first train robbery took place as a band of criminals derailed a St. Louis-bound train near North Bend, Ohio; they proceeded to rob the passengers and loot safes on board before getting away.

In 1925, schoolteacher John T. Scopes was charged in Tennessee with violating a state law that prohibited teaching the theory of evolution. (Scopes was found guilty, but his conviction was later set aside.)

In 1942, wartime sugar rationing began in the United

In 1945, in the only fatal attack of its kind during World War II, a Japanese balloon bomb exploded on Gearhart Mountain in Oregon, killing the pregnant wife of a minister and five children. Denmark and the Netherlands were liberated as a German surrender went into effect.

In 1981, Irish Republican Army hunger-striker Bobby Sands died at the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland on his 66th day without food. In 1985, President Ronald

Reagan kept a controversial promise to West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl by leading a wreath-laying ceremony at the military cemetery in Bitburg.

In 1987, the congressional Iran-Contra hearings opened with former Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard V. Secord (SEE'-kohrd) the

lead-off witness. In 1994, Singapore caned American teenager Michael Fay for vandalism, a day after the sentence was reduced from six lashes to four in response to an appeal by President Bill Clinton.

In 2009, Texas health officials

confirmed the first death of a U.S. resident with swine flu. Ten years ago: Preliminary plans for a mosque and cultural center near ground zero in New York were unveiled, setting off a national debate over whether the project was disrespectful to 9/11 victims and whether opposition to it exposed anti-Muslim biases. Three people, trapped in an Athens bank torched by rioters, died during a nation-

wide strike against the cash-

strapped Greek government's

harsh austerity measures Five years ago: Secretary of State John Kerry made an unannounced trip to Somalia in a show of solidarity with a government trying to defeat al-Qaida-allied militants and end decades of war in the African country; Kerry was the first top U.S. diplomat ever to visit Somalia. President Barack Obama tapped Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford Jr., a highly respected combat commander, to be his next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee declared his candidacy for the Republican presiden-

tial nomination. One year ago: White House national security adviser John Bolton said the Pentagon was deploying an aircraft carrier and other military resources to the Middle East; a defense official later said there had been "clear indications" that Iran and its proxy forces were preparing to possibly attack U.S. forces in the region. A Russian airliner burst into flames while making an emergency landing in Moscow, killing 41 people; 33 others survived. "Avengers: Endgame" continued its global domination at the box office, crossing the \$2 billion mark in record time on its way to becoming the highest-grossing film ever worldwide. Eagle-eyed viewers of "Game of Thrones" on HBO spotted a takeout coffee cup on the table during a scene in which the characters drank from goblets and horns.

Answer to previous puzzle

Today's Birthdays: Actress Pat Carroll is 93. Former AFL-CIO president John J. Sweeney is 86. Country singer-musician Roni Stoneman is 82. Actor Michael Murphy is 82. Actor Lance Henriksen is 80. Comedianactor Michael Palin is 77. Actor John Rhys-Davies is 76. Rock correspondent Kurt Loder is 75. Rock musician Bill Ward (Black Sabbath) is

72. Actress Melinda Culea is 65. Actress Lisa Eilbacher is 63. Actor Richard E. Grant 63. Former broadcast journalist John Miller is 62. Rock singer Ian McCulloch (Echo and the Bunnymen) is 61. NBC newsman Brian Williams is 61. Rock musician Shawn Drover (Megadeth) is 54. TV personality Kyan (KY'-ihn) Douglas is 50. Actress Tina Yothers is

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47. Rhythm and blues singer Raheem DeVaughn is 45. Actor Santiago Cabrera is 42. Actor Vincent Kartheiser is 41. Singer Craig David is 39. Actress Danielle Fishel is 39. Actor Henry Cavill is 37. Rock musician Josh Smith is 37. Actor Clark Duke is 35. Soul singer Adele is 32. Rock singer Skye Sweetnam is 32. Rhythm-and-blues Chris Brown is 31. Figure

skater Nathan Chen is 21.

Thought for Today: "Great minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, small minds discuss people." Admiral Hyman G. Rickover, "father" of America's nuclear navy (1900-1986).

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46 "Humble"

Newsday Crossword

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- 1 Addition totals
- 5 Grain storage towers
- 10 Stiffly proper **14** India's continent
- 15 Difficult, as a challenge
- **16** Slight amount 17 Home for a
- hatchling
- 18 Mom's brother
- **19** React to a shock 20 One mowing an outfield
- 23 Singer Orbison
- 24 Person paid to play sports
- 25 Academy Award
- 28 Sound system booster
- 31 Not applicable
- **35** "Be __ as it may . . .'
- 36 Decorates with ornaments
- 38 Animal hair
- 39 Person calling balls and strikes
- **42** The first woman
- **43** Very nearly 44 Neighborhood
- 45 Race with
- batons 47 Last year's jrs.
- **48** Beagle or basset hound
- **49** Airport vehicle larger than a van
- **51** Golfer's peg
- 52 Stadium seller of kernel snacks
- 59 Cleaner of hotel rooms
- 61 Opera solos **62** Fork prong
- 63 Not doing anything

BALLPARK FIGURES by Billie Truitt Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

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- 66 "What difference 21 Neither's partner **22** Light-bending
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 - 28 President John
 - Quincy ___
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 - iron
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Which leads me to my final point: take time to really love up the kids who've been hardest hit by all this. Spring sports like baseball, softball, track and field — those kids already lost an entire season. The 2020 graduating class didn't get to walk at graduation. They didn't even get a prom.

So, please, when you see these young people around town, stop and let them know you're thinking about them. Let them know you're just as worried as they are about what the future holds. But most importantly, let them know we're all in this thing together.

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NFL moving London, Mexico City games back to US stadium

sBy BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

The NFL is moving its five games scheduled for London and Mexico City this season back to U.S. stadiums because of the coronavirus pandemic. All five regular-season games will be played at the stadiums of the host teams.

Scheduled were two home games for the Jacksonville Jaguars at Wembley Stadium in London and two at Tottenham's new facility, with the Atlanta Falcons and Miami Dolphins as hosts. The Arizona Cardinals were to be the home team for the game at Azteca Stadium in Mexico City.

Opponents had not been announced.

The NFL said in a statement Monday that "in order for the entire season to be played in NFL teams' stadia under consistent protocols focused on the well-being of players, personnel and fans ... Commissioner Roger Goodell made this decision after consultation with our clubs, national and local governments, the NFL Players Association, medical authorities and international stadium partners."

The NFL has staged regular-season games in London every year since 2007. Since 2013, the Jaguars have hosted one game there each season.

"While the NFL's many fans in London, the U.K. and Europe will obviously be disappointed by this news, it is absolutely the right decision to ensure the safety of everyone involved in the sport," London Mayor Sadiq Khan said. "I know that the NFL remains fully committed to London and I look forward to welcoming NFL teams back to the capital in 2021."

Mexico City has had a regular-season game in 2016, 2017 and 2019.

"After considerable analysis, we believe the decision to play all our games domestically this season is the right one for our players, our clubs, and all our fans in the U.S., Mexico and U.K.," said Christopher Halpin, an NFL executive vice president.

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