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## Big Spring High School Student Council receives Top Honor

By **NATALIE PERMENTER**

Herald Contributing Writer

The Big Spring High School student council program has risen to excellence once again and received state recognition as a Texas Association of Student Councils (TASC) Sweepstakes Council. TASC reports as of April 19, 2020, only 263 student councils have received this recognition for the 2019-2020 school year, making the BSHS Student Council an elite group.

"BSHS's student council has been perennially State recognized for many years," Mike Ritchey, BSHS Principal, said. "To be recognized as a Texas Student Council Sweepstakes School is unprecedented and deserving of state and local recognition. We are so proud of Mrs. Porsha Bryant, Student Council officers, and all our Student Council members for the many hours they sacrifice serving our community and school. They are tops in our state and deserve this distinguished recognition."

According to TASC, Sweepstakes councils have several requirements to qualify for this honor. Councils must first earn recognition as an Outstand-



Courtesy photo

The Big Spring High School Student Council held a dog food drive as one of their many projects during the school year. Their projects are part of what gained them state recognition.

ing Student Council based on documentation of student council organization, specific project areas, participation in

TASC programs, and an evaluation by their administrator.

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**COVID-19 Update:**

- Confirmed: 6
- Tests performed: 249
- Pending: 7
- Negative tests: 235
- Recovered: 4

**Just a Note:**

Aquatic Center to open June 15 at 25% capacity

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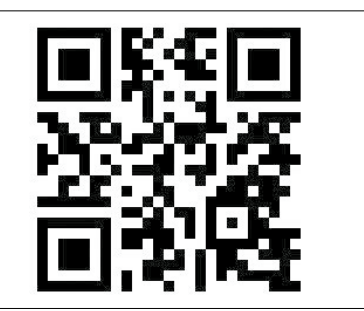
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## Big Spring EDC to convene Tuesday

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**

Managing Editor

The Big Spring Economic Development Corporation will be conducting a regular meeting Tuesday, May 19 at 5:15 p.m. in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce meeting room.

The meeting will begin with a call to order followed by the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. There will be a segment allowed for public comment. Once public comment has concluded or if there is none, the Board will move into agenda items.

In routine business the board will be considering and possibly approving minutes from the April 21, 2020 regular meeting and the April financials and investment report.

There will also be consideration for the approval of the amended 2019-2020 investment policy before heading into consideration for approval of the 2019-2020 Investment Policy.

The board will take into consideration and possibly take action on an Engagement Letter from Bollinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss, LLP for the 2019-2020 annual audit.

The Board will move into Executive Session, in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.087 (1) to discuss

or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic negotiations: or (2) to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Subdivision (1). And, Sec. 551.074. Personnel Matters; closed meeting. (1) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

Discussion will take place on prospect activity and personnel-Executive Director search.

The Board will reconvene at the end of the Executive Session and take any action if any is necessary from the discussion in Executive Session.

To wrap up the meeting, each board member will be allowed a moment for Board Comment.

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## Toasty Tuesday to focus on FM 700 this week



Courtesy photos

Toasty Tuesday has returned. Keep Big Spring Beautiful is back to beautifying Big Spring and encourages the community to join in the efforts. Last week seven volunteers picked up eight bags of trash around the Locals area on Wasson Road. This week the group will meet on FM 700 in front of Walmart at 6:30 p.m. and pick up for an hour. Volunteers are welcomed.



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## Obituaries

### Jimmie Charles Shoults

Jimmie Charles Shoults Sr. 86, of Forsan passed away Saturday May 16, 2020, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Jimmie was more fondly known as "Goober" by friends and family. Jimmie was born to Tilman and Anita Shoults on August 30, 1933 in Forsan. Jimmie was the last known resident of Forsan that had been born there. He attended Forsan Schools as well as Hardin Simmons University.

In 1955 he married Vesta J. Harrison. They were blessed to have been married for 64 ½ years and have two children. Jimmie owned and operated Shoults Oilfield Construction for many years. He loved playing golf and attending his grandkids sporting events. He was also an avid University of Texas football fan.

He will be remembered and loved by his wife Vesta of Forsan; his daughter, Rhonda Gibbs and her husband Paul, of Midland; his son, Jimmie Shoults

### Ruth Barron Manuel

Ruth Barron Manuel, 94, of Big Spring, passed away Friday, May 15, 2020, in a local nursing home.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Brad Daniels and Rev. Scott Kirkland officiating. Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Dawson County Cemetery in Lamesa, Texas.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. To 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, 2020, at the funeral home.

She was born June 29, 1925, in Lamesa, Texas to H. F. and Effie Barron. She married Kenneth Manuel Feb. 19, 1972, in Big Spring and he preceded her in death Feb. 12, 1994.

Ruth worked for Energas Company for 27 years. She was a member of the American Business Women's Association. She held all of the offices and was named Women of the Year in 1978. Ruth was active as a Scenic Mountain Medical Center Volunteer and was Voted Best Hospital Volunteer in 2005. She enjoyed traveling and was devoted to her family.

Jr. and his wife Tammy, of San Angelo. "Dad Dad" will also be remembered by his grandchildren, Ransom Gibbs, and his wife Jessica of Big Spring, Cadry Gibbs and his wife Erika, of Midland as well as Jaden Shoults, Jordan Shoults and Jantzen Shoults of San Angelo.

Jimmie also is survived by his Sister Patsy Girdner of Longview, Judy Grigg and Husband Buster of Corrigan Texas, Joyce Alexander and husband Mack, of Houston and Jackie Shoults and wife, Cindy, of Snyder as well as many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be ongoing Monday at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held Tuesday May 19, at 2 p.m. at Trinity Memorial Park

The pallbearers will be the grandchildren: Ransom Gibbs, Cadry Gibbs, Jaden Shoults, Jo Shoults, and Jantzen Shoults.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

*Paid Obituary*

Ruth was a member of Trinity Baptist Church, was a devoted Christian and taught Sunday school.

Survivors include three daughters, Sandra McElreath and husband, H. D., Sherry Mitchell and husband, Jerry, all of Arlington; and Sara Mott of Melissa; six grandchildren, Jana Shahidi, Jay Mitchell, Jada Richardson, Brad Mott, Holly Wierzbza and Dr. Andy Mott; 21 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Robert Barron and wife, Jo of Odessa; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, E. L. "Buddy" Barron and Hugh Barron; and a sister, Irene Malett.

The family would like to give a heartfelt thanks to Interim Hospice, and the staff and nurses at Parkview Nursing and Rehab for their excellent care.

The family suggests memorials to the Wounded Warrior Project, <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate> or to Trinity Baptist Church Missions, 1701 E. FM 700, Big Spring, Texas 79720

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

*Paid Obituary*

## Food pick up info

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

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

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

Bus 13-Navajo and Choctaw

Bus 14-Bauer

Bus 15: Larry and McDonald

Bus 27: 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: Albroom 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 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. May 21 will be the last day for meal services.

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. until May 21.

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**BSHS**

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In addition, Sweepstakes Councils must earn recognition in the areas of Pride and Patriotism, Energy and Environment, and Drugs, Alcohol, Safety and Health. Finally, they must submit their accomplishments in school and community service.

“These amazing student council officers and all of the student council representatives keep me going,” Porsha Bryant, Head Student Council Sponsor, said. “This is a student led organization and they are always looking for ways to help their school and communities. I am so blessed by these students; their hearts never stop giving.”

She continued, “All projects we complete helped us achieve this recognition. However, some of my favorite projects are custodial appreciation week and teacher breakfasts that we generally do at the beginning and end of the year. We also thoroughly

enjoy anytime we can give back to the community with projects such as Trick or Treat for the Happy Day Humane Society (where we collect dog food donations) and Salvation Army canned food drive (CANcel your classes!). The students especially enjoy any project in which we can partner and work with elementary schools with their field days, celebrations, and reading events.”

Kynleigh Joy, Student Council President said, “Being in student council here at BSHS has been one of the best experiences of my life. Getting to work along side great officers and of course our great sponsors and Mrs. Bryant has been the highlight of my high school career. Being in student council has truly let me be the leader God has called me to be.”

Joy continued, “Through this organization we get to help so many people in our school and community. One event that I started was the blanket and food drive for the humane society. This was such

a cool thing to do because everyone in our school was rallying behind us in helping collect dog food and blankets so that all the animals at the shelter got what they deserved. This is one of many events that we do and getting to see how it helps bring everyone closer is so awesome. Student Council is like a family to me. When I’m not home, I’m always doing something with my team of officers and Mrs. Bryant. I couldn’t be more thankful to be apart of such a great organization. Being recognized as one of the top student councils in the state is such a honoring award. This is something we work hard at every year to make sure that everyone knows who Big Spring student council is and mainly that they see what an impact we make on our community, so that they feel encouraged to do the same. I’ll forever be grateful to be apart of such an amazing organization. Big Spring Student Council will forever have my heart!”

**Weather**



**Today:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 101. South wind 5 to 15 mph.

**Tonight:** Clear, with a low around 72. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Tuesday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 106. Southwest wind around 10 mph.

**Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Wednesday:** Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 98. South wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 10%.

**Wednesday Night:** Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. Chance of precipitation is 10%.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 97.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 67.

**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 95.

**Friday Night:** Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68.

**Saturday:** Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Sunny, with a high near 96.

**Saturday Night:** Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66.

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

**Take Note**

• St. Vincent de Paul will be open the following dates beginning May 2020. Food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

• 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.edu](http://www.coahomaisd.edu).

**Fire/EMS**

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity from May 14:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4000 block of Chaparral. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical
- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 3 block of Coachmans Circle. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of E 25th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 3 block of Coachmans Circle. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1area of 15th and Benton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of E 6th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2400 block of E FM 700. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of Mountain Park Drive. No transport was required.
- **GRASS FIRE** was reported in the 100 block of Wasson. The fire was contained.
- **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal. The fire was contained.

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• 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.

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Dalton Lewis, 65, died Tuesday. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Jimmie Charles Shoults, Sr. 86, died Saturday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 2:00 PM at Trinity Memorial Park.

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## Coahoma baseball players earn spot in Top 100 of different statistical categories

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

High school sports were halted throughout Texas, and the entire country, a little over two months ago because of the coronavirus pandemic. Since that time, several lists such as All-Academic and All-District have been released.

The latest list to be released to the public was Texas High School Baseball's (THSB) Top 100 Players in each statistical category for the 2020 high school baseball season.

After jumping out to a great start to the season, the Coahoma Bulldogs had a handful of players make the list. Five players recorded a batting average high enough to rank in the Top 30 in the state for the 3A conference.

Zack Schneider (.650, 2nd), Gaige Hill (.571, 13th), Avry Burgans (.550, 15th), Kobe Cervantes (.533, 21st), and Ky Kemper (.520, 28th) all recorded batting averages well enough to place them in the Top 30 in Texas. Three of those players were seniors this spring and will not be returning to the Coahoma baseball diamond next year.

The other two, Cervantes and Kemper, will have to pick up the slack and become the leaders of the Bulldogs heading into their junior year at Coahoma High.

"It's going to be hard but we have a couple of guys that are ready to step up and fill some big shoes," Arista said. "Both of those guys are hard workers and they're going to do what you ask them to do to try to meet your expectations."

Kemper was one of the best and most consistent players on the field for the Bulldogs this past spring and will look to build on and continue that success next season. The sophomore also ranked in the Top 100 for runs scored (13, 73rd), runs batted-in (14, 39th) and home runs (2, 18th).

With some of the most productive Bulldogs set to graduate and head-off to college, Kemper will be relied upon heavily by Arista to lead the team and continue to set the culture created by the new head coach.

"Ky got moved up (to varsity) at the end of the year last year and he was doing some good things. He looked like the bad elevated his game this past season as a sophomore and hopefully he can continue to elevate it from here



**Gaige Hill (4) and Zack Schneider (11) pose together after a win during their junior year. The duo combined for five triples during the shortened 2020 season and finished as the top two in batting average for the Bulldogs.**

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on out," Arista said.

Another name on the list, Zack Schneider, was one of the best players in the state through the first month or so of the season. Schneider finished his Coahoma athletic career as one of the most consistent and hard-working Bulldogs in recent memory. Not only did he excel on the diamond in the spring but also when playing quarterback in the fall and lining up on the hardwood in the winter.

In addition to his sky-high batting average, the future Hardin-Simmons defensive lineman was in the Top 100 in runs scored (13, 75th) and triples (3, 9th). The big man had a big bat and was so close to finishing with the top batting average in the state. Now, he will be leaving the Coahoma program and the team he has captained behind for the next step in his athletic journey.

"Zack was off to a good start to the season especially as far as hitting," Arista said. "He was laser-focused coming off of basketball and coming right into baseball. He was really focused and bought-in to what we're trying to do as a team."

In addition to batting average, Hill finished tied with a group of players to just squeeze into the Top 100 for runs batted-in (11, 107th) and also was able to record two triples (34th) during the 2020 season.

Burgans was the only other Bulldog, outside of Kemper, to blast a moonshot this past season and that was good enough to place him in the Top 100 (1, 70th).

The 2020 Coahoma Bulldogs were loaded with talent and offensive production. After a shortened season where Arista was not given a chance to get an extended look at some of his younger varsity players, the Bulldogs will have their work cut out for them when practices begin next spring.

Good news for Arista is that he will still have two heavy-handed batters in Cervantes and Kemper that he will look to lead his squad for the next two years.

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: "Coach forcing kids to practice during pandemic"

By ELI CRANOR

Special to the Herald

Dear Athletic Support: My family and I live in a state that has had the top 5 highest COVID cases

from the start. My daughter's travel-league softball coach is adamant that we will play even if it means going against our governor's orders and crossing state lines to do it. There have been multiple practices going on in various locations even though that's not allowed right now, either. Coach has told us if we aren't comfortable bringing our kid to practice, he won't hold it against us. But he

is really pushing this idea that COVID-19 is nothing more than the flu and refuses to wear a mask even though it's also mandated in our state. I am extremely hesitant to travel to other states for tournaments. Some of them have 20-40 teams participating. But what concerns me most is this coach's total disregard for the health and safety of our kids. Is the coach truly just trying to "let the kids play ball" or is it about him? Seems selfish to me to push this hard for families to go against the local, state, and federal guidelines over softball. But I am one of only two parents who are saying no. I love watching my kid play ball, we truly do enjoy these tournaments, but I'm not sure the benefits outweigh the risks. Because I stand alone, I have to keep myself in check and make sure I'm not the one taking it too far. Your thoughts on this would be greatly appreciated.



ELI CRANOR

— That One Mom

Dear One Mom: You're not taking it too far. Honestly, you might not be taking it far enough. The whole country is up against something we've never seen before. A virus that no one really understands. Not even the nation's top doctors and scientists.

A travel-league softball coach definitely doesn't know what's best. The fact that he's pushing so hard for the kids to return to play seems awful fishy to me, especially considering you're from a highly infected state.

A coach should have the best interest of his or her players in mind. Back when I wore a whistle, I used the phrase, "in loco parentis" (Latin for "in place of the parent) to help define my role as a coach.

I did my best to treat the kids as my own. I watched their grades closely. I monitored their behavior in class and on the field. And when it came to player safety, I always deferred to governing bodies such as the state's athletic association to help make my decisions.

Since this coach is unwilling to adhere to the mandates passed down from the federal government, I'd be willing to bet he's unaware of "in loco parentis." Or maybe he is aware of it — heck, maybe his kid is on the team — but he's just too ignorant to fully comprehend the gravity of the current situation.

The truth of the matter is this: A coach can act "in place of the parent," but he'll never be able to parent for you. That's your job.

So if you feel like he's putting your kid at risk, take action. Remove your daughter from the team. It won't be easy. You'll probably have to burn some bridges with the coach and some of the other soft-

ball moms, but that might be for the best.

If nothing else, the way people are reacting to this global pandemic — their attitudes toward the health and safety of others — is making it easier and easier to stay socially distant.

When all of this is finally over, there will be other softball teams your child can join. Until then, rest easy and know you're doing the right thing.

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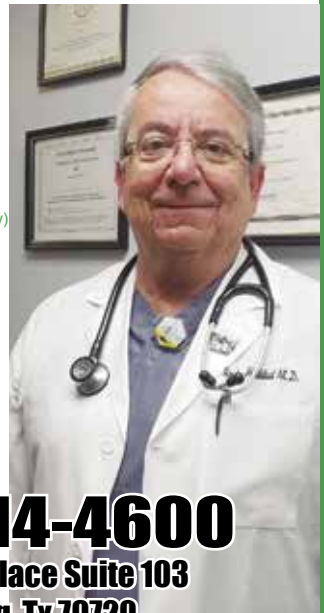
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Bids will be presented and awarded in the Commissioner's Court meeting held Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 3:30 P.M.

The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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**Annie's Mailbox**

**Your Last Resort Might Be Someone's Only Resort**

**Dear Annie:** Because of the pandemic, people have cleared the shelves of many food items, including flour and prepared foods. After those were wiped out, they started buying up gluten-free foods, leaving those with food allergies with limited products to buy.

They don't need that gluten-free flour, but they buy it anyway. My daughter has several food allergies, such as gluten, dairy, egg, tomatoes, bananas, garlic and pineapple, among others. Needless to say, her options for prepared foods are very limited.

When people without food allergies buy up the food she needs, she goes without.

They don't need that gluten-, dairy- and egg-free macaroni and cheese, but she does. She usually does most of her cooking from scratch, but it is nice once in a while to have something easy to make. Many food pantries and restaurants are giving away food right now, but she can't

eat them, while other allergy-free people can.

Please, if you don't have food allergies, leave those products for people who do. -- Save the Gluten-Free

**Dear Save the Gluten-Free:** This is a great reminder for everyone to just take what they need when shopping. Hopefully, your message will make people think twice before they take specialty food that your daughter and others need. Also, you might try finding some products online.

**Dear Annie:** I have been a widow for 35 years. I'd like to share a fond memory of my loving husband. We had two small daughters who kept me on the run all day. He would arrive home and take them for a short drive around the neighborhood. This was a special treat for the girls.

For me, it was time for an uninterrupted bathroom break, or a quick cup of coffee, or to wash my face and put on a clean blouse. Such a small effort on his part, but our daughters benefited from "Daddy Time," and so did I.

I offer this as a suggestion to young husbands, that it's the little things you do that make a happy home and leave lasting memories. Or, just consider it a happy break from the monotony of being quarantined. -- Fond Memory

**Dear Fond Memory:** What a lovely memory. One-on-one time is so beneficial for both the parent and the child. The parent can really focus on the child and ultimately grow closer. It makes the child feel special and gives the other parent some alone time.

Some large families have a Day with Dad or Day with Mom during which a parent spends time with one of the children, providing individual attention that otherwise might not be possible.

**Dear Annie:** Here is another perspective on the hyperaccurate person who corrects everyone who mis-speaks.

If the know-it-all is not a bully, it may be Asperger's syndrome at work. This person is so focused on the

accuracy of details that he or she misses the social fallout and hurt feelings. Someone with Asperger's isn't interested in being right but in being accurate. They are not the same.

Individuals with Asperger's are usually extremely knowledgeable (Einstein, Isaac Asimov and Marie Curie are believed to have had it) but socially clueless.

They need coaching and support to acquire the social skills to be relatable.

A specialist in communication disorders can translate the outer world so that "accuracy" becomes a gift to others and not a burden.

**Dear Reader:** Thank you for your suggestion to seek help from a specialist. It can certainly help those with Asperger's navigate the social world, and those on the receiving end of their comments to be generous.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com).

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**Famous Hand**

South dealer. East-West vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ Q 9 2  
♥ Q 10 4  
♦ K Q J 7 2  
♣ 10 7

**WEST**  
♠ 8 7 5  
♥ J 9 5 3 2  
♦ 8  
♣ K J 8 4

**EAST**  
♠ J 6 4 3  
♥ K 6  
♦ 9 6 5 4 3  
♣ 5 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K 10  
♥ A 8 7  
♦ A 10  
♣ A Q 9 6 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 NT	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♣	Dble	Pass	Pass
Redble	Pass	5 NT	Pass
6 ♦			

Opening lead — three of hearts.

There are times when a player can make a frivolous bid and get away with it because whatever happens afterward does not cost very much. But if the hand comes up in the semi-final of the U.S. Bridge Championship, and your indiscretion allows the opponents to make a slam that otherwise might have failed, it can prove very costly indeed.

this deal in the U.S. trials to select a team for the 2008 World Mind Sports Games held in Beijing. The bidding shown took place when Larry Cohen and David Berkowitz held the North-South cards. After Berkowitz's two-notrump opening, North's three-spade bid followed by four clubs indicated interest in a diamond slam. When Berkowitz later cuebid five clubs, West doubled to indicate good clubs, and South eventually became declarer in six diamonds.

West led a heart, and Berkowitz guessed correctly to play the ten, capturing East's king with the ace. Next came the diamond ace and ten — West showing out — followed by a spade to the queen. The K-Q-J of diamonds left no one with any trumps, and the A-K of spades were then cashed.

South had won all the tricks to this point, and four remained to be played. Thanks to the opening lead and the double by West, it was not difficult to figure out what to do next. So Berkowitz cashed the queen of hearts and exited with a heart, forcing West to win and lead from the K-J of clubs into South's A-Q at the end.

Berkowitz might, of course, have found the winning play without West's helpful double, but it sure didn't hurt to have that information available when the critical decision had to be made.

Tomorrow: Score one for the defense.

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Taurus Sun Wraps Up Production

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**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Smart people gather information everywhere they look. This is you. You don't have to be presented with the lesson. You figure it out on your own and apply it immediately.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** It takes time to grow into relationships. Even if things click right away, you still need at least 10 good hours with a person (not in a row!) to get a sense of what it will be like.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Vocabulary is fashion. Behavior is fashion. People make a statement with these things often unwittingly. Not you. You'll consider your style

choices and what they mean.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** This isn't a zero-sum game where your wins and losses are precisely balanced by the wins and losses of others. This is the sort of game you all can succeed in together. Today brings a collective big win.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Building your team means sharing a worldview that intrigues people. When you see the world as a beautiful place filled with magical potential, there will be many who will want to be a part of your world.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** There's nothing worth rushing for today. Let go of any frustration tied to a timeline. Indeed, the timing of what's happening is pristine. You only need to trust it.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Fear is just an idea crying out to be acknowledged. You can calm fear by listening to it, giving it a good face-to-face look and telling it: "I hear you. You make good points that I will take under advise-

ment."

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** This activity, which is so emotionally rewarding, fun and which doesn't feel at all like work, will net you a pretty penny. How fantastic for everyone involved.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** At the root of the word "sorcery" is "sors," the Latin word for fate. As you apply your determined will to affect fate today, you'll be accused of having a magic touch. If only they knew how hard you've worked!

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** There's always room for more, but with social-distancing practices in place, you'll have to get creative about how you

make room, be it with methods digital, spiritual or physical.



**PI-SCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** They'll want to know if you can make money doing a thing, and you'll want to know why that should be a primary concern. Assure them of this; values will be reciprocated.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 18).** This year, you'll strategically grow your mind, skills and relationships. Your ability to elicit expert feedback and apply it will be nothing short of brilliant. The love you direct toward yourself will radiate outward, and the love you soak up from another will

give your inside a warm glow. This is what makes the year wondrous. Scorpio and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 30, 21, 17 and 11

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I was born on June 4, 1966. I seem to always be attracted to men that are not emotionally healthy. And the ones that are, I'm not attracted to. Is this pattern ever going to end, and will I ever meet the man of my dreams? I don't want to be a "party of one" forever."

You come off as so competent, with your Virgo rising and Capricorn moon, that you naturally attract those who are looking for a maternal figure. Cue your lineup of bad boys. You also have an open door policy that you should consider changing immediately to "members only." You're very vulnerable to the type of man who is an addict at worst and a reality escapist at best. He is not emotionally sober, and you either haven't developed a successful breathalyzer test or you

aren't using it. To sober up in love, you need to develop a way of qualifying your dream man. Here's your list: He keeps his word; he shows up on time; he is attentive to your wants; he is self-disciplined; and he is very responsible. Sound boring? Try it before you judge. Until you understand this is the "man of your dreams," what will really get boring is continuing the same abusive patterns.

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7	4	3	9	5	8	2	6	1
9	8	5	2	1	6	4	7	3
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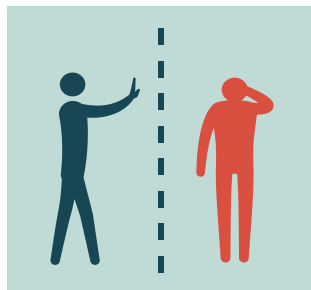
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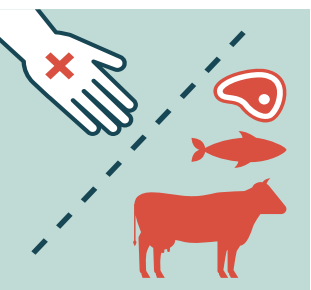
DON'T TOUCH EYES, NOSE OR MOUTH WITH UNWASHED HANDS



WEAR A MASK



AVOID CROWDED PLACES



AVOID CONTACT WITH ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS



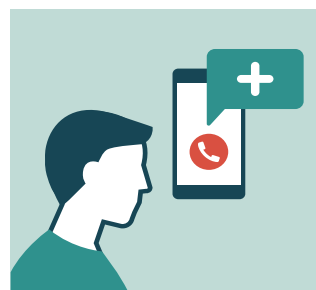
DO NOT SHARE EATING UTENSILS AND FOOD



DON'T EAT RAW FOOD, THOROUGHLY COOK MEAT AND EGGS



AVOID TRAVELLING TO AFFECTED AREAS UNLESS NECESSARY



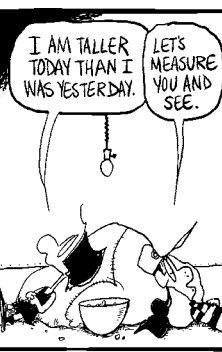
IF YOU BECOME SICK SEEK MEDICAL CARE IMMEDIATELY

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5:30	ABC News	Noticiero Rosa de Guadalupe	Mom Big Bang	CBS 7 ET	Noticias Minuto para ganar	News News	Cost Families	PBS News-Hour	Flintstone M*A*S*H	Burgers Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	(LVS)	Question	Sports				Memphis
6:30	Wheel		The Masked Singer	Neighbor Bob Heart	Cennet (SS)	The Voice	Jesus IS	Antiques Roadshow	Andy G. Penn & Teller	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Movie: Ant-Man, Evangeline Lilly (DVS)	The Last Dance	Texas Stars In.		Chicago P.D.		Street-Memphis
7:30	The Bachelor: Listen-Heart	Ringo	The Masked Singer	All Rise	100 dias para enam	Light of Southwest	Created Equal: Clarence Thomas	Heroes	Seinfeld	American			The Last Dance	Dallas Stars Classics	WWE Monday Night RAW			Street-Memphis
8:30	Baker-Beauty	Sin miedo a la	FOX 24 News at 9	Bull	La reina del sur 2	(-01) Song-land	Light of Southwest	Heroes	Seinfeld	American	Snowpiercer		The Last Dance	Dallas Stars Classics				Fast N' Loud
9:30	Big 2	Noticiero	TMZ	CBS 7	Telemundo 20	News	News	Amanpour-Co	C. Burnett	black-ish	Conan		NFL Live			Mod Fam		Car Kings
10:30	J. Kimmel	Noticiero	Mom	Late Show-Colbert	Titulares	Tonight Show	Words of House	Antiques Roadshow	Gold	Seinfeld	Allied, Jared Harris (DVS)	(-36) Movie: The Jump	World of X Games	Cowboys Deep Blue				Street-Memphis
11:30	J. Kimmel	Contacto Deportivo	Funny	James Corden	100 dias para enam	Seth Meyers	Dollars	Created Equal: Clarence Thomas	Hitchcock	Live PD	Jokers		NFL Live	Red Bull Air Racing				Fast N' Loud
12:30	Extra	Destilando amor	Two Men	Simpsons	Holly	Late-Lilly	Creation	Light of Southwest	Mannix	Sherriffs	Jokers		The Jump	Korean Baseball	Red Bull X Fighters			Car Kings
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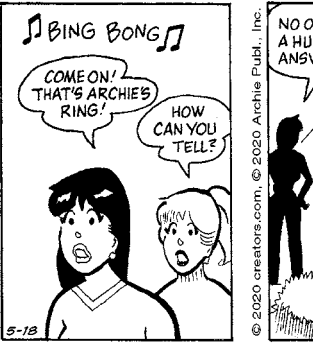
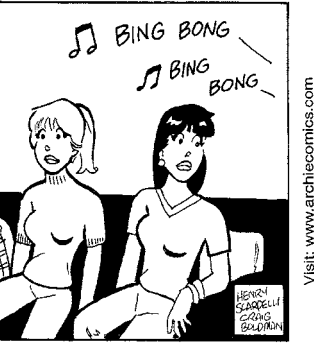
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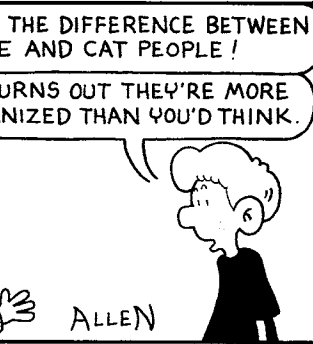
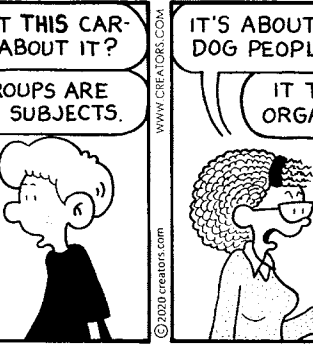
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ONE BIG HAPPY



NEST HEAD



MOMMA



This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Monday, May 18, the 139th day of 2020. There are 227 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On May 18, 1980, the Mount St. Helens volcano in Washington state exploded, leaving 57 people dead or missing.

On this date:

In 1863, the Siege of Vicksburg began during the Civil War, ending July 4 with a Union victory.

In 1896, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Plessy v. Ferguson, endorsed "separate but equal" racial segregation, a concept renounced 58 years later by Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka.

In 1910, Halley's Comet passed by earth, brushing it with its tail.

In 1911, composer-conductor Gustav Mahler died in Vienna, Austria, at age 50.

In 1920, Pope John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyla (voy-TEE'-wah) in Wadowice (vah-duh-VEET'-seh), Poland.

In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure creating the Tennessee Valley Authority.

In 1934, Congress approved, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed, the so-called "Lindbergh Act," providing for the death penalty in cases of interstate kidnapping.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces occupied Monte Cassino in Italy after a four-month struggle with Axis troops.

In 1953, Jacqueline Cochran, 47, became the first woman to break the sound barrier as she piloted a Canadair F-86 Sabre jet over Rogers Dry Lake, California.

In 1967, Tennessee Gov. Buford Ellington signed a measure repealing the law against teaching evolution that was used to prosecute John T. Scopes in 1925.

In 1973, Harvard law professor Archibald Cox was appointed Watergate special prosecutor by U.S. Attorney General Elliot Richardson.

In 1981, the New York Native, a gay newspaper, carried a story concerning rumors of "an exotic new disease" among homosexuals; it was the first published report about what came to be known as AIDS.

Ten years ago: Grilled by skeptical lawmakers, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar acknowledged his agency had been lax in overseeing offshore drilling activities, and that might have contributed to the disastrous oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. A suicide bomber detonated his vehicle near a U.S. convoy in Afghanistan, killing 18 people, including six troops — five from the U.S., one from Canada. Following a 2009 party switch, Sen. Arlen Specter was defeated in Pennsylvania's Democratic primary, ending his re-election bid.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama ended long-running federal transfers of some combat-style gear to local law enforcement in an attempt to ease tensions between police and minority communities, saying equipment made for the battlefield should not be a tool of American criminal justice. An 11-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco said a three-member panel of the same court should not have forced YouTube to take down an anti-Muslim film that sparked violence in the Middle East and death threats to actors.

One year ago: American diplomats warned that commercial airliners flying over the Persian Gulf risked being targeted by "miscalculation or misidentification" from the Iranian military amid heightened tensions between the Islamic Republic and the U.S. (A Ukrainian jetliner would be accidentally shot down by Iran's Revolutionary Guard eight months later, killing 176 people) After being bumped and interfered with in the Kentucky Derby, which led to the disqualification of first-place Derby finisher Maximum Security, War of Will bounced back to win the Preakness Stakes in Baltimore.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Priscilla Pointer is 96. Actor Robert Morse is 89. Actor

Dwayne Hickman is 86. Baseball Hall of Famer Brooks Robinson is 82. Actress Candice Azzara is 79. Bluegrass singer-musician Rodney Dillard (The Dillards) is 78. Baseball Hall of Famer Reggie Jackson is 74. Sen. Tom Udall, D-N.M., is 72. Country singer Joe Bonsall (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 72. Rock musician Rick Wakeman

(Yes) is 71. Rock singer Mark Mothersbaugh (Devo) is 70. Actor James Stephens is 69. Country singer George Strait is 68. Actor Chow Yun-Fat is 65. International Tennis Hall of Famer Yannick Noah is 60. Rock singer-musician Page Hamilton is 60. Contemporary Christian musician Barry Graul (MercyMe) is 59. Contemporary Chris-

tian singer Michael Tait is 54. Singer-actress Martika is 51. Comedian-writer Tina Fey is 50. Rock singer Jack Johnson is 45. Country singer David Nail is 41. Rhythm-and-blues singer Darryl Allen (Mista) is 40. Actor Matt Long is 40. Actor Allen Leech is 39. Christian-rock musician Kevin Huguley (Rush of Fools) is 38. Christian singer Francesca

Battistelli is 35. Actor Spencer Breslin is 28. Actress Violet Beane is 24. Actress Hala Finley is 11.

Thought for Today: "Never do anything you wouldn't want to explain to the paramedics." — Author unknown.

Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Oxygen and carbon dioxide
  - 6 "So long!"
  - 10 Pop's spouse
  - 13 Relative by marriage
  - 14 Pub servings
  - 15 Take a snooze
  - 16 Catch in a trap
  - 17 Dip a donut into coffee
  - 18 Revered figure
  - 19 Nightstand reading aids
  - 21 Dropped in the mail
  - 22 Letters after R
  - 23 Biceps and triceps
  - 25 Show \_\_\_ (entertainment industry)
  - 28 Traditional bagpipe player
  - 31 Round, green veggie
  - 32 \_\_\_-day (common vitamin dose)
  - 34 Press clothing
  - 36 Wipe off a chalkboard
  - 40 They're blown out at a party
  - 43 Took without permission
  - 44 \_\_\_ year (2020, for one)
  - 45 Open-handed hit
  - 46 Historical period
  - 48 Not illuminated
  - 50 Rural hotel
  - 51 Cuisine with chow mein
  - 55 Once \_\_\_ blue moon
  - 57 Foot-\_\_\_ hot dog
  - 58 Red traffic signals
  - 64 Aid in a crime
  - 65 Make simpler
- DOWN**
- 1 Heart of the matter
  - 2 Tennis pro Kournikova
  - 3 Thick slice of meat loaf
  - 4 British nobles below dukes
  - 5 Candies and cakes
  - 6 "Look what I did!"
  - 7 Grad
  - 8 Prime time news hr.
  - 9 Invites to one's loft, say
  - 10 Fashion show poser
  - 11 Endangered atmospheric layer
  - 12 Changes from ice to water
  - 15 Tosses into the trash
  - 20 Clear-thinking
  - 24 (Had) noticed
  - 25 Short hairstyles
  - 26 "What's \_\_\_ for me?"
  - 27 Zilch
  - 29 Word-of-mouth
  - 30 Trifled (with)
  - 33 In great detail
  - 35 Campus sports org.
  - 37 "That's \_\_\_ want to know"
  - 38 Actor Connery or Penn
  - 39 Cable channel covering sports
  - 41 In this spot
  - 42 Rainy month
  - 47 Things of value
  - 49 Horse-shaped chess piece
  - 51 Necklace fastener
  - 52 "King of the road" vagabonds
  - 53 Without any skill
  - 54 Online commerce
  - 56 See eye to eye
  - 59 Norway's capital
  - 60 Hit with hailstones
  - 61 Chicken coop dwellers
  - 62 Campsite shelter
  - 63 Hang around

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Answer to previous puzzle

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