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## VA announces new Director for West Texas VA Medical Center

Special to the Herald

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Jason N. Cave as the new Medical Center Director of the West Texas VA Health Care System. "We are excited to bring Mr. Jason Cave on board as the new Medical Center Director of the West Texas VA Health Care System," said Mr. Jeffery L. Milligan, Network Director, Heart of Texas Health Care Network. "His sound leadership qualities and proven experience will be valuable assets for the health care system, the employees, volunteers and most importantly, for the Veterans we are honored to serve." Since reporting as the Interim Director in July 2019, Cave has overseen the opening of the new San Angelo, TX Community Based Outpatient Clinic, the opening of the first of four Small House - Community Living Centers, the reduction of vacant positions by nearly 50%, and has established an aggressive Veteran Outreach campaign

designed to take VA health care to where Veterans live, work and play. "We anticipate he will assume his new duties within the next 45 - 60 days as the medical center Director," said Milligan. Cave joined VA six years ago as a Presidential Management Fellow and has served in VA Medical Centers as an Assistant Director, Health Systems Specialist, Financial Manager and has served in other assignments including General Attorney, Public Affairs Officer, and Emergency Manager. Cave is a graduate of the University of New Mexico with an undergraduate degree in Accounting, and the University of Akron School of Law with a Juris Doctor in trial advocacy and dispute resolution, and he continues to maintain an active legal license.

Additionally, Cave is a graduate of VA's Leadership Development Institute and the VA's Leadership VA Class of 2016. West Texas VA Health Care System is a Joint Commission accredited, complexity level 3 facility serving Veterans across two states. The George H. O'Brien, Jr. VA Medical Center is located in Big Spring, TX, with Community Based Outpatient Clinics in; Abilene, TX; San Angelo, TX; Midland/Odessa, TX; and Hobbs, NM. An Outreach Clinic is located in Fort Stockton, TX. Health care is provided for nearly 40,000 Veterans through primary care, cardiology, audiology, physical medicine and rehabilitation, ophthalmology, See VA, Page 3



Jason Cave

**COVID-19 Update:**  
 Confirmed: 6  
 Tests performed: 253  
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**Just a Note:**  
 Coahoma Graduation  
 May 21 at 4 p.m.  
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## Coahoma ISD announces Graduation 2020 plans

Outdoor ceremonies planned for May 21 at Bill Easterling Memorial Stadium

By LYNDEL MOODY

Special to the Herald  
 COAHOMA — Coahoma High School will hold graduation ceremonies at 4 p.m., Thursday, May 21, 2020, at the Bill Easterling Memorial Stadium, if weather permits. Alternate plans have been made in case of changes in weather or COVID-19 restrictions. "Graduation is an important milestone in a person's life, and we want our students to have their moment in the spotlight," CHS Principal John-Michael Leggett said. "We believe this plan is a good balance that will allow students to create a special memory while still following the recommended safety measures for the pandemic." Seating will be limited. Graduates and their invited guests, who must present a ticket and a completed COVID-19 form to attend the ceremony, will sit together by a cluster of five people per designated seating area. District officials request families follow CDC guidelines, wear a facemask, and continue to practice social distancing. "Our parents and students have been very understanding,

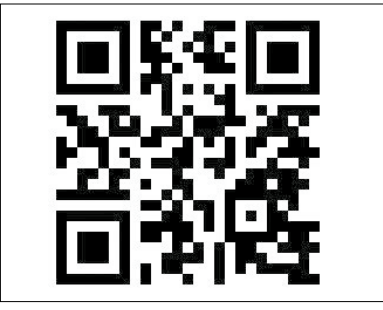
and we ask everyone who attends the ceremony to continue to take precautions," Leggett said. "If you feel unwell, please stay home. KBST is broadcasting the ceremony live, and we will also have a live broadcast via our Facebook page. "Please wear a facemask, and remember to keep six feet apart from other households. Graduation is an exciting, special time, but let us all do our best to continue to put safety first," Leggett continued. Seating will begin at 3:15 p.m. and families are strongly encouraged to come early. The COVID-19 screening form must be completed and a ticket present in order to gain admittance. Spectators will park on the home side. Gates will close at 3:55 p.m. and no one will be let in after this time. Seniors will need to be at the stadium 45 minutes before the ceremony begins on Thursday, and they need to park in front of the high school. "Once we begin conferring of degrees, each student will be escorted onto the stage, receive their diploma and then escorted off stage," Leggett explained. See CISD, Page 3



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## Scenic Mountain Medical Center receiving new signage around facility, entrances

By AMANDA DUFORAT  
 Managing Editor

Scenic Mountain Medical Center joined the Steward Healthcare System family in April 2019 and since then there has been an increase in updates, upgrades and noticeable renovations. One of the most noticeable so far is the new signage that has been going up around the facility and on hospital grounds. The signage project that began last month is set to be completed in the next month or so. This is a project, according to Scenic Mountain Medical Center Marketing Coordinator Daniel Moreno that will impact the outside signage as well as interior signage. The exterior signage over the Emergency Room and the front entrance has been replaced with the new Steward logo and the Scenic Mountain name in Steward Blue. Those entering the hospital from FM 700 or Martin Luther King will now be greeted by LED signs. In the parking lot there are new directional signs, as well as safety markings including stop signs. "The stop signs are meant to ensure the safety of patients, visitors, staff, and those coming to the hospital or clinic and encourage awareness for those who may be walking through the



Courtesy photo  
 Scenic Mountain Medical Center is receiving new signage around the facility - inside and outside - along with new entrance signs from Martin Luther King Blvd. and FM 700.

parking lot or on the hospital grounds," Moreno said. "We want to encourage those on hospital grounds to comply with the traffic laws and appreciate the support in providing a safe environment for all those on SMMC grounds." Inside the facility visitors will be welcomed by new directional signage that will allow for branding awareness and hopes of providing easier travel to each See SMMC, Page 3

## Obituaries

## Dona Elizebeth Rogers

Dona Elizebeth Rogers, 72, of Godley, Texas, formerly of Big Spring, passed away gently on Friday, May 15, 2020. Dona was born May 2, 1948, in Big Spring to Dois Monroe Ray and Mary Wilma Riddle Ray.

She was born in the middle of the bunch with an older brother and sister before her, and two brothers following. Her father was a cotton farmer, and moved the family to Knott when she was a child. While attending Big Spring High School, she met the love of her life, Duane Carter Rogers, at Prairie View Baptist Church.

She and Duane were sweethearts, and wanted to get married. Dona's father, Dois Ray, said the couple had to wait until she graduated high school. They followed his wishes and on January 28, 1966 she graduated, and the two were married the very same day. The couple immediately moved to Denton, where Duane attended North Texas State University (now University of North Texas) to become a teacher, and Dona worked to help support the family as a telephone operator.

In 1968, the couple moved to Southlake where Dona started a career as office manager with pioneering Doctors, Ed and Minnie Lee Lancaster and Carlton Pittard at the renowned Lancaster-Pittard Professional Association. In September of 1968, they welcomed their first child, Kerri, with son Brandon coming into the world in 1977. When the Rogers family settled in Euless, they enjoyed many friendships and watched their family grow. Their house was full of love, and their kids' friends regarded it as "the place to be". The Rogers house was always full of life, and a safe place to land. They made life fun, and everyone loved to be around them.

Duane and Dona became grandparents in 1989, and great-grandparents in 2014. Duane and Dona decided to retire in style, bought an RV and traveled the country. They made their way all around the continental US, making lots of friends and enjoying life together. For several years they spent their sum-

mers in Ruidoso, New Mexico, and winters in Texas. After many years of back and forth, they decided to return to Texas for good and settled in Godley, near Kerri and her family.

Dona loved sewing, painting, cross stitching, quilting, baking and anything crafty. The family loved games, and played dominos, spades and skipbo in an effort to establish lifelong friendships and family ties. They even played softball in an adult league together, as well as competing in a bowling league with daughter Kerri. She was a loving wife, wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was fiercely loved by her friends and family, and will be dearly missed.

Survivors include her husband, Duane Rogers of Godley; her daughter, Kerri Brown and husband, Ron of Godley; son, W. Brandon Rogers and wife, Amanda of Magnolia; grandchildren, Mary "Kaitlyn" Street, husband Colby and great grandson Connor of Bryan, Trenton Dale "Trent" Brown and great grandson Bowen Dale "BoBo" of Godley, Elizebeth "Jeanette" Juanez Brown and great grandson Grayson of Godley, Landon Dylan and Blake Parker Rogers of Magnolia.

She was preceded in death by her parents Dois Monroe and Mary Wilma Ray, brother Gary Alton Ray, and great grandson Brody Dale Brown.

Pallbearers will be Trent Brown, Colby Street, Brent Nichols, Hud Haas, Chris Knudsen and Dois Alan Haggard. Honorary Pallbearers will be Bruce Broughton and Steve Johnson.

The family will receive friends and loved ones from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 21, 2020, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Pat Ray and Colby Street officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Please make any donations to the Parkinson's Foundation at [www.parkinson.org](http://www.parkinson.org).

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)  
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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity for Thursday May 14 through May 17:

- **MICHAEL SCOTT JACKMAN**, 33, of 1703 Jennings Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication, criminal mischief between \$750 and \$2,500.
- **FREDRICK RUBIO JR JR**, 31, of 2208 Lynn Drive, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass - property/building/aircraft/vehicle.
- **CHASITY ANN ARGUIJO**, 20, transient, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass - property/building/aircraft/vehicle.
- **JOSE DANNY MORENO JR.**, 35, 3221 E. 11th Place, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication, resist arrest search or transport, unlawfully carrying a weapon, assault by contact.
- **ROLANDO ORTIZ**, 20, of 205 Kenneth Road, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana between four ounces and five pounds.
- **AMBER NICOLE ALBERTS**, 31, of 601 Saint Boni Face Street, Stanton, Texas, was arrested on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than one gram.
- **NICOLE ROSE FROST**, 28, of 2714 Oasis Road, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JUAN GONZALES**, 49, of 702 N. Gary Ave, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated - open container.
- **JIMMY JOE SANCHEZ**, 43, of 1005 E. 16th St, was arrested on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than one gram, resist arrest search or transport, criminal mischief impair/interrupt/divert/public water.
- **MARCOS DANIEL GURRERO**, 29, of 300 SW 3rd Street, Andrews, Texas, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct exposing genital/anus in public, public intoxication, resist arrest search or transport, and evading arrest/detention.
- **ERNEST SARMIENTO**, 49, of 5109 Longshore Road, was arrested on a charge of deadly conduct

discharge firearm hab/building/vehicle, abandon/ endanger child imminent danger bodily injury, and unlawful possession by felon.

- **SYLVIA GARCIA FIERRO**, 39, of 107 N.W. 8th Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication and resist arrest/search/transport.
- **DALTON BRADBURY**, 24, of 1401 Sycamore Street, was arrested on warrant from other agency (x2).
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 600 block of Caylort; 2000 block of S. Johnson Street; 1000 N. Main Street; ValVerde Road; 100 block of NW 8th Street; 200 block Center Point Road.
- **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- **THEFT** was reported at 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2400 block of S. Gregg Street.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 800 block of S. Nolan Street.
- **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported in the 1100 block of Settles Street.
- **THEFT OF FIREARM** was reported in the 1200 block of E. Sixth Street; 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported in the 1500 block of S. Johnson Street.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 3600 block of Dixon Street.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 600 block Caylor Drive; 1000 block of E. 16th Street.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 900 block of E Third Street.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2000 block of S. Johnson Street; 1000 block S. Moss Lake Road.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80; 1200 block of Lloyd.
- **HIT AND RUN** was reported in the 1200 block of Ridgeroad Drive.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 600 block of W. 18th Street; 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in

the 1100 block of E. 11th Place.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2700 block of Holland Grace.
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street.

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The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity for Thursday, May 14:  
 Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 78 inmates at the time of this report.

- **AMBER NICOLE ALBERTS**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CHASITY ANN ARGUIJO**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **NICOLE ROSE FROST**, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid (DWLI), failure to appear, fail to maintain financial responsibility and forgery government/national/inst/money.
- **MICHAEL SCOTT JACKMAN**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication and criminal mischief between \$750 and \$2,500.
- **JOSE DANNY MORENO JR.**, 35, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication, resist arrest search or transport, unlawful carrying weapon and assault by contract.
- **ROLANDO ORTIZ**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on possession of marijuana between four ounces and five pounds and unlawful carrying weapon.
- **FRED RUBIO JR**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **AMBER NICOLE ALBERTS**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than one gram and possession of dangerous drug.
- **KARL GENE ALEXANDER**, 60, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **NICOLE ROSE FROST**, 28, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MICHAEL SCOTT JACKMAN**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication and criminal mischief between \$750 and \$2,500.
- **DALTON RAY BRADBURY**, 24, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of FTA/Possession of controlled substance less than 28 grams.
- **SYLVIA GARCIA FIERRO**, 39, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication and resist arrest search or transport.
- **JUAN GONZALES**, 49, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **MARCOS DANIEL GUERRERO**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct, public intoxication, resist arrest/search/transport, evading arrest detention.
- **SAM JESSIE CHARLES JOHNSON**, 33, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of theft of property between \$100 and \$750.
- **RUDY ORTEGA III**, 21, was arrested by HCSO, on a charge of MTA/Burglary of Building.
- **JIMMY JOE SANCHEZ**, 43, was arrested by BSPD, on a charge of criminal mischief impair/interrupt, possession of controlled substance less than one gram, and resist arrest search or transport.
- **ERNEST SARMIENTO**, 49, was arrested by HCSO, on a charge of abandon endanger child, and unlawful possession of firearm by felon.

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"Then they will head directly to their cars to prepare for the senior parade."  
 After the last senior receives their diploma and walks off the football field, family members should exit the stadium and return to their cars for the senior parade, which will begin shortly after the end of the ceremony.  
 Once the parade begins, seniors will drive

## SMMC

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department.  
 "The new signage is adding an illumination accent to our hospital that will not only be seen inside the facility, but also to those approaching the facility," Moreno said. "We want to ensure those coming to our hospital or able to do so with ease and clear direction. While this new signage is aimed at aiding our visitors in getting to the right departments for testing and appointments, we will also have our helpful staff to direct them and accompany them to the correct department."  
 According to Moreno, this will be the first complete revamp of signage in over 20 years. As Scenic Mountain Medical Center joined a new healthcare system and introduced the community to a new level of healthcare, it

was also time for an update to the facility.

"We are a place that our community can come and receive quality, compassionate, affordable healthcare. Our providers, staff and administration are here to serve their community," Moreno said.

"We appreciate the support that has been provided to our staff as we all travel an unprecedented and uncertain time. Scenic Mountain Medical Center is here for the community and is a hospital that the community can be proud of."

While the outpouring of support and generosity has already been overwhelming and is much appreciated, for those still wanting to show their appreciation and provide support, medical supply donations are accepted and a drop off can be set up by calling Daniel Moreno at 432-553-1271 or April Arms at 432-213-

0740.

"Before COVID-19 swept across the nation, there were ideas to get the local high school students involved in some mural painting and design ideas, and while those plans have been put on hold for the moment, we are looking to revisit those once we get through this pandemic," he said.

Moreno continued, "We appreciate all the support that has been shown to us. We thank you all for standing with us and we encourage all to continue doing your part by washing your hands, adhering to social distancing guidelines and together we will get through this."

To find out more information about SMMC, visit the Facebook page.

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## Sheriff

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity for Thursday, May 14:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Wyoming. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1100 block of Settles. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 Sycamore. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Fairchild. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **BUILDING FIRE** was reported in the 1500 block of Fairchild. The fire was contained.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 3100

block of S. Anderson Road. No transport was required.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of FM 1785 and CR 19. No transport was required.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 3100 block of Anderson. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Anna Street. No transport was required.

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• St. Vincent de Paul will be open the following dates beginning May 2020.  
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# Hospitals, health care sector reel from COVID-19 damage

By TOM MURPHY

AP Health Writer

The global coronavirus pandemic has created a huge need for health care in the U.S., but it also is delivering a devastating financial blow to that sector.

COVID-19 worries have kept patients away from doctors' offices and forced the postponement and cancellation of non-urgent surgeries. The pandemic also has shut down large portions of the American economy, leaving many would-be patients without insurance or in a financial pinch that makes them curb spending.

All of this has forced hospitals, health systems and doctors to lay off staff, cut costs and hope a return to normal arrives soon.

"You couldn't ask for a worse situation, really," said Joe Antos, an economist with the American Enterprise Institute.

Health care provided the biggest drag on the U.S. economy in the first quarter. Spending on care fell at an annual rate of 18%, the largest drop for that sector among records going back to 1959.

Economists point to hospital systems, a key driver of the sector's performance, as a big reason behind the drag from COVID-19, which initially hit some parts of the sector more intensely than others.

The nation's largest hospital chain, HCA Healthcare, said its hospital-based outpatient surgery totals for last month were down about 70% through late April.

In many cases, hospitals that lose those profitable surgeries are gaining COVID-19 patients — and losing money on them. Those patients may require hospitals to expand intensive care units, spend more on infection control and stock up on gowns and masks, among other items.

The American Hospital Association estimated in a recent report that the nation's hospitals and

health systems will collectively lose more than \$36 billion from March to June treating hospitalized COVID-19 patients.

When adding factors like lost revenue from postponed surgeries, the total balloons to more than \$200 billion, said the association. Congress has set aside about \$175 billion so far to help hospitals and other care providers, but the hospital association says more assistance is needed.

"We're facing perhaps the biggest financial crisis in our history," association CEO and president Rick Pollack said.

From the doctor's office, the view also is bleak.

Dr. Seemal Desai said patient visits for his Dallas-area dermatology practice plunged about 85% after COVID-19 hit.

He started seeing patients over the internet with help from smartphone or tablet cameras. But that created fresh problems. Desai said some patients don't have the technology to do online visits. Others hesitate because they aren't sure their insurance will cover them.

Only about half the patients who were offered a telemedicine visit actually did one.

"You would think my volume would be shooting through the roof and people would be clamoring for it, but it's completely the opposite," Desai said.

The dermatologist cut expenses, including marketing, and he's reduced some employee hours.

Nationally, the health care sector shed nearly 1.5 million jobs from February to April, or about 9% of its total, according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

A big chunk of that came from dentist offices. Preliminary data shows that employee totals for that slice of the sector sank by more than 500,000, or 53%.

Overall economic growth, as measured by the gross domestic product, fell at an annual rate of 4.8% in the January-March quarter even though

the severe impact of the virus was only felt in the last couple of weeks of March.

The current quarter is expected to be much worse. The Congressional Budget Office forecasts that the GDP will plunge 40%. That would be four times the largest drop on quarterly GDP records that go back to 1947.

Even so, health care researchers expect hospitals, doctor's offices and surgery centers to rebound gradually. But they're not sure yet how much patient volume will return.

People who have lost jobs and insurance coverage may not make doctor visits unless they absolutely have to.

The Kaiser Family Foundation recently estimated that nearly 27 million people — or about 8 percent of the U.S. population — could have become uninsured at least temporarily between March and early May due to the loss of employer-sponsored insurance.

It also may take a while for some patients to become confident that a hospital or doctor's office is safe enough to visit without catching COVID-19.

"People are just afraid to go to any medical setting right now," Antos said, noting that the economy also could face another setback if infection rates spike again.

In Texas, Dr. Desai has pulled chairs out of his waiting rooms to increase social distancing for patients and staff. He's also asking other patients to wait in their cars until the exam room has been sanitized.

The dermatologist got some government assistance in the first round of payroll protection loans, and that will help him for a few more weeks.

But he's not expecting a quick rebound. It's hard to rebuild patient volume when only two people can be in the waiting room at the same time.

"After another month I honestly have no clue whether we will be able to remain open," he said.

## State News Briefs

### JC Penney plans to close more than 240 stores

NEW YORK (AP) — J.C. Penney will close almost 30% of its 846 stores as part of a restructuring under bankruptcy protection.

The Plano, Texas, retailer said Monday that it plans to close about 192 stores by February 2021, and then 50 additional stores in the year after that.

That would leave the company with just over 600 stores.

Penney filed for bankruptcy reorganization on Friday, making it the biggest retailer to do since the coronavirus pandemic forced them to shut down all stores.

The pandemic has begun to fell some of the weakest companies as retail sales plunge. J.Crew and Neiman Marcus sought bankruptcy protection days before J.C. Penney. All three were already laden with debt and having trouble connecting with consumers.

### Woman, boy, 5, drown in Houston home of ex-Dodger Crawford

HOUSTON (AP) — A 5-year-old boy and a woman drowned in the backyard pool of former Los Angeles Dodgers player Carl Crawford's Houston home, according to reports.

Houston police were called about 2:40 p.m. Saturday for a reported drowning at a north Houston home that property and business records list as belonging to Crawford, The Houston Chronicle reports.

Police spokeswoman Jodi Silva told the paper that the boy was swimming in the pool when he began to have trouble breathing, and the woman jumped in to save him. Both were unresponsive when police arrived and later declared dead at a hospital, Silva said.

No further details were immediately available.

The police department did not immediately respond Sunday to a request for comment from The Associated Press. Contact information for Crawford could not be immediately found.

Crawford, 38, is a Houston native and was a four-time All-Star outfielder

who last played in the major leagues in 2016 with the Dodgers.

He was a high school star set to attend Nebraska for football. He instead chose baseball and played for Tampa Bay, Boston and the Dodgers.

Known for his speed, Crawford was a Gold Glove outfielder who led the American League four times in stolen bases and four times in triples.

### Texas reports 785 new COVID-19 cases, 31 deaths

DALLAS (AP) — Another 785 Texas residents have tested positive for COVID-19 and there have been 31 more deaths linked to the novel coronavirus, according to the state's health agency.

On Sunday, the Texas Department of State Health Services reported a total of 47,784 confirmed cases of the virus and 1,336 deaths associated with it. The true numbers are likely higher because many people have not been tested and studies suggest people can be infected and not feel sick.

For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks.



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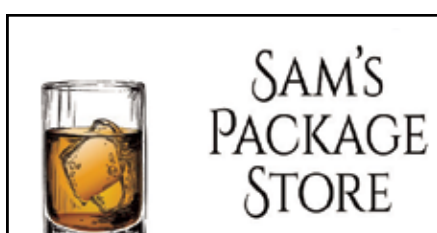
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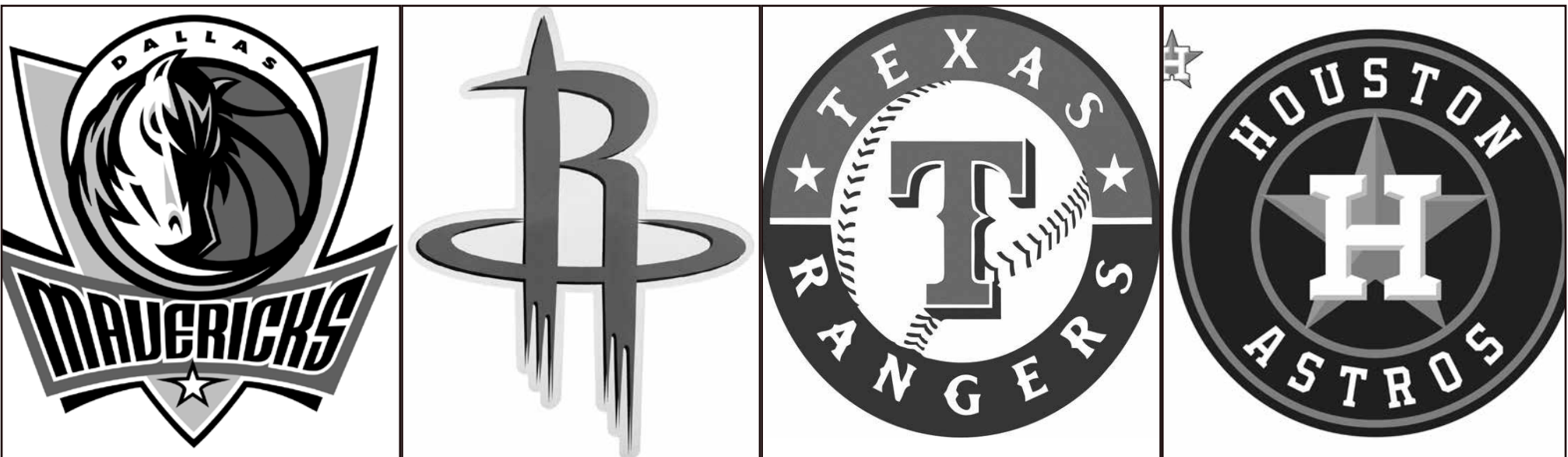
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# Professional and youth sports to begin play starting on May 31 throughout state



Texas Sports Logos

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

Governor Greg Abbott announced on Monday afternoon that professional sports such as basketball, baseball, car racing, football, golf, softball and tennis can apply to the Department of Health Services for their approval to hold events in Texas beginning on May 31.

Even though the country is slowly starting to open back up and restrictions are being eased, there will still be no fans allowed at these professional games until further notice. Fans will be able to cheer their team on from home and the return of the games in general is a good start for sports fans all across the state.

In addition to professional sports, youth leagues can also return on the last day of this month. In contrast to the professional leagues, parents will be able to watch the little-league games as long as they are following social distancing guidelines. Even though little league will be returning, it is still unsure whether more or less parents will be registering their child to play because of COVID-19.

The world of sports has recently started turning again elsewhere with the return of the Bundesliga in Europe and NASCAR this past Sunday in Darlington. There had not been any sports played since the middle of March and all of the local high school seniors have already missed out on their last varsity season. Soon, all of the student-athletes who usually participate in sports year-round and still have eligibility will be able to get back to training and begin to ease back into their sense of normal.

With there still being concerns about the virus, Abbott wanted everyone to know that he is making this decision based on what the doctors close to him have been advising him to do.

"Texas is prepared to move into Phase Two for further opening up for business," Abbott said. "Every decision I have made, as well as every decision that I will announce today is unanimously supported by our team of medical experts."

In addition to their application to the Health Department, each professional sports league that plans to resume play on May 31 in Texas must also "submit a plan that incorporates applicable minimum standard health protocols recommended by the Department of State Health Services and such additional measures as are needed to ensure a safe plan for conducting the events."

So, even though professional sports will be allowed to start back at the end of this month, each league will still need to develop a plan that is acceptable and consistent with the health department.

Now that youth and professional leagues will be coming back next week, it is only a matter of time before the University Interscholastic League (UIL) will also decide to resume activities and let summer workouts begin for football and other fall sports.

The decision could be coming as soon as today with Pat Doney from NBC Fort Worth tweeting last night that a source has told him that "potentially huge news for Texas high school sports is coming."

After over two months of not being able to practice as a team or workout together, all of the local Howard County high schools are itching to get back in the weight room and back on the field.

They may not need to wait much longer. It will soon be time to rejoice in Big Spring, because sports are almost back.

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## Kern & Sainz tied after Round One of the 2020 STPGA TPX Communications Championship

Special to the Herald

KINGWOOD, TEXAS (MAY 18, 2020)—Ben Kern, PGA Head Professional at Georgetown Country Club and Carlos Sainz, Teaching Professional at GolfTEC – Upper Kirby, are tied for the lead after Round One of the 2020 TPX Communications Championship. Kern and Sainz fired an impressive opening round of 63 (-9) leading the field by 5 strokes heading into tomorrow's final round.

"I played great today," said Kern. "The highlight of the round was that I had two eagles. It feels great to be back out playing with my peers."

5 shots behind Kern and Sainz at 68 (-4) sit Carl Cooper, PGA Teaching Professional at Stonebridge at Newport, Shaun Donnelly, Assistant Professional at Northgate Country Club, Darrell Fuston, PGA

Director of Golf at The Woodlands Country Club, and Tye Grissom, Assistant Professional at The Hills Country Club.

"Today was a good day," said Sainz who shot 30 on the back nine. "I got it going on the back side. The par fives are really gettable and if you're putting your tee shot where you need to, you can get a nice run going."

The Championship also includes a Senior Division comprised of 17 professionals ages 50 and older competing for a separate purse and playing from modified yardage. Omar Uresti, PGA Life Member, currently leads the Senior Division with a score of 65 (-7).

Originally planned as a match play tournament, the TPX Communications Championship pre-

sented by US Foods, Perry Weather, and the PGA TOUR is being contested as a 36-hole Stroke Play Championship. This tournament is the first Major Championship for the Southern Texas PGA Section in 2020, and the first Section tournament following the COVID-19 pandemic.

"While we were excited to resume tournaments, our priority was to ensure we were doing so in the safest way possible," said Thomas Hutton, PGA Executive Director of the Southern Texas PGA. "The decision to change to a 36-hole Stroke Play Championship allowed us the opportunity to safely hold a major in May that our Members could be proud of."

The TPX Communications Championship is being contested on the 7,058-yard Forest Course at The Clubs of Kingwood.

## Harvick wins at Darlington as NASCAR returns to racing

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

DARLINGTON, S.C. (AP) — This was a 400-mile drive unlike any other in modern day NASCAR.

The grandstands were completely empty. There wasn't a single tailgate inside the track. Everyone wore face coverings — some with the team logos, others opting for plain disposable medical masks. It was nothing close to the corporate sponsorship, pomp and patriotic traveling circus that symbolizes NASCAR.

But when the engines fired at Darlington Raceway following a 10-week layoff during the coronavirus pandemic, it turned into a regular old race.

Kevin Harvick beat Alex Bowman to win NASCAR's first race back, a spectacle closely watched to see if the largest motorsports series in the United States could successfully return to the track.

"I just want to thank everybody from NASCAR and all the teams for letting us do what we do," Harvick said. "I didn't think it was going to be that different, then we won and it's dead silent out here. We miss the fans."

It was a crucial gamble for NASCAR, which had to get back to the track to stave off financial ruin. With races on hold, no money was coming into the sport whatsoever and the NASCAR business model can not sustain the lack of revenue.

NASCAR developed a health plan approved by officials in both South Carolina and North Carolina and scheduled seven races over the next 11 days at two tracks. As other states began to open, the series tacked more races to fill the calendar with 20 events across seven Southern states between now and June 21. There will be no spectators at least through that date.

This first event was called the "The Real Heroes 400" and dedicated to health care workers fighting the coronavirus pandemic. The names of health care workers across the country were substituted for the drivers' name above the door on each of the 40 cars.

Harvick's car honored Dr. Joshua Hughes, an emergency medicine physician in the Charlotte area.

"Josh is one of my really good friends, I spend a lot of time talking to him through this pandemic and really have heard how those doctors are affected with everything they have going on with their personal life and whether they're sick, not sick, how they should treat people," Harvick said. "I'm just really honored and really thankful for all of our front line workers, not only

our doctors, but grocery stores, truck drivers, fire fighters, police departments — you name it.

"All of you front line workers are the reason that we're here today and our country is actually still running."

The health care workers then virtually gave the command to start the engines.

"Our drivers, race teams and officials have been eagerly awaiting the opportunity to get back to the race track and we want to assure you that we have taken the return to racing very seriously," NASCAR President Steve Phelps wrote in a letter to fans released Sunday morning.

The industry had to be extremely careful because to even get to the Coca-Cola 600 next week at Charlotte Motor Speedway, NASCAR had to get it right at Darlington.

Steve O'Donnell, executive vice president of NASCAR, was pleased with the collective effort from the industry.

"We didn't have to tell anyone or remind anyone to wear a mask," O'Donnell said. "It felt a little odd with the garage area because it was scaled down in terms of personnel, but all in all I think it went really well."

Teams were required to submit rosters in advance with only 16 members allotted per car. Names were on a list at a checkpoint at the end of a gravel road just off Harry Byrd Highway and everyone who passed through had their temperature checked and logged before they could enter.

NASCAR did not have to turn anyone away, and all 40 drivers were cleared to race. NASCAR has declined to do COVID-19 testing to ensure those tests go to those in need, but competitors are supposed to log who they come into contact with, not return to the race shop after being at the track and continue to follow CDC guidelines on social distancing.

Among those to make it inside were Ryan Newman, back for the first time since he suffered a head injury exactly three months ago in a wreck on the final lap of the Daytona 500. Newman missed only three races because of NASCAR's shutdown and finished 15th in his return.

Also in the field was Matt Kenseth, who at 48 was the oldest driver at Darlington and he raced for the first time since the 2018 season finale. Kenseth was brought out of retirement by Chip Ganassi when Kyle Larson was fired for using a racial slur during an iRacing event that kept NASCAR occupied when racing was on hold. Kenseth finished 10th.

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my life is the epitome of success. However, aside from work, I have little joy. In the end, my wealth is only a fact of life that I am accustomed to. At this moment, lying on my bed and recalling my life, I realize that all the recognition and wealth that I took so much pride in have paled and become meaningless in the face of my death.

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Use this time of quarantine to fall in love with yourself again. Journal, garden, pick up a new hobby, run, walk, hike, sing, dance, laugh, eat healthy foods and keep in touch with your friends and family on a daily basis. Whatever brings you joy each day, do it.

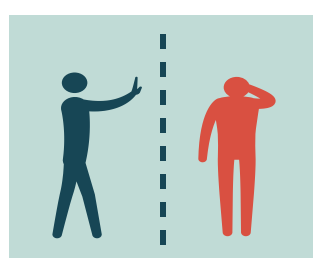
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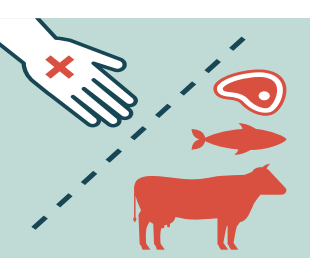
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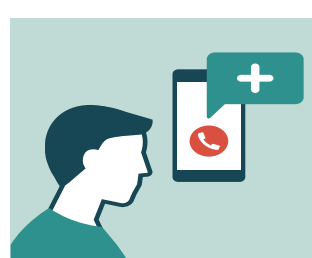
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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Score one for the defense

North dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ J 9 8 4  
♥ K J 6  
♦ K Q  
♣ K J 6 5

**WEST**  
♠ A Q  
♥ 8 7 4  
♦ J 8 6 2  
♣ 10 7 4 3

**EAST**  
♠ 7 6 5 2  
♥ 10 9 3 2  
♦ A 9 5  
♣ 8 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ K 10 3  
♥ A Q 5  
♦ 10 7 4 3  
♣ A Q 9

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♣ Pass 2NT Pass  
3NT

Opening lead — two of diamonds.

mond, East taking the queen with the ace and returning the nine to the king. South had eight cashable tricks at this point, and to gain a ninth he led a low spade to the ten.

West took the queen but had no satisfactory return. When he led a heart, declarer won in dummy and played a spade to the king. West took the ace and cashed the jack of diamonds, which he would otherwise have lost, so South made exactly three notrump.

At the second table, the defense was far more effective. A diamond was led here also, but instead of winning the ace, East signaled with the nine.

Declarer could not prevail against this play. He also led a spade and finessed the ten, but West took the queen and returned a diamond.

East won the king with the ace and returned the five, West's J-8 gobbling up South's 10-7, so here the defense scored three diamonds and two spades to put declarer down one.

At the second table, East recognized that it would be better to take the ace of diamonds later in the play, when he could more effectively lead through whatever values South might have in the suit.

At the first table, West led a dia-

Tomorrow: A commonsense solution.

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# SUDOKU

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				7		6	3	
				9	7			
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2	6	4	8	9	5	7	3	1
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8	5	4	7	2	1	9	3	6
7	9	1	5	3	6	8	4	2
6	8	2	1	3	9	4	7	5
4	9	5	2	1	6	3	8	7
3	6	1	7	8	4	2	9	5
5	4	3	8	6	9	7	2	1
2	1	8	4	7	5	6	3	9
9	7	6	1	3	2	5	8	4

ANSWER:

# Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



## Goodbye Taurus Sun

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Whatever emotion you're experiencing, assume that it is valid. You don't have to know why it's showing up. Sometimes, it's enough to let a feeling run its course.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Reflect on recent visits and settle on a way of seeing things that helps you understand the benefit of the interaction. Solitude gives meaning to your time with others.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You're not sure exactly what led you to this place. Maybe you didn't come here on purpose, but you're here nonetheless. Assume you belong and take advantage of the opportunities around you.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Production swings into high gear. You'll have checked a dozen items off of your list by lunchtime. It's not too early to feel proud and accomplished.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** What's worth fighting for? Playfulness itself. You'll enjoy people who bring out your feistiness and have a stellar time sparring with a well-matched opponent.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You may not be ready to make changes just yet, but think about your options. This is the fun part. It's like you're shopping for your future. Don't be too quick to invest. Try it on first.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-**

**Oct. 23).** Don't get roped into thinking about the time periods over which you have no control, e.g., "back then" or "someday." When you concentrate on the here and now, your timing is sublime.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You speculate about experiences you want and don't want but stay open-minded. The reality is that you never know how a thing will feel or how you'll react until you are actually in the situation.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Because of your wonderfully ambitious mind and elastic imagination, it's easy to get carried away with your own expectations. Say what you're going to do, and then cut that in half. Small goals are more motivating.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Your sense of humor has you examining certain past decisions with an element of self-mockery. Luckily, this won't prevent you from flinging yourself fully into a present extravagance.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Feelings are signals. They're like the teapot whistle that tells you the water

is boiling. The signal itself isn't bad or good; it's your reaction to it that defines the feeling one way or the other.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** It is said that Brazil got its name from the nut and not the other way around. Similarly, you will relate a big event of your life after something small, thus mentally keeping it at level of significance that feels manageable.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 19).** When your choices were few, it was easier to make them. This year, the cosmic array widens delightfully, making it both harder and more fun to choose! You'll grow in confidence. Your purposefulness will lead to lucrative alliances. For weeks at a time, you'll have control over your mind and will obey your highest wishes. Libra and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 30, 11, 2 and 17.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION:** "I used to think I was the smartest person in the room. Now that I'm almost 40, I'm starting to doubt a lot of what I thought was true, including my own correctness. Is it natural for a Gemini to have a complete change of values before officially being

on the planet for four decades?"

Nobody likes a know-it-all, partly because people sense the inherent lie in such a stance. There is too much to know in this world for one person to have it all together. What the know-it-all possesses in abundance is not knowledge or wisdom but arrogance and stagnation. The old saying applies. "If you're the smartest person in the room, you're in the wrong room."

The sun wouldn't be caught dead coming to a birthday party without a present. That is why every solar return brings a cosmic gift. Believe it or not, doubt is about as excellent a gift as you could get. It keeps you from being delusional and tilts you toward a spirit of openness that renders a person young and relevant.

Congratulations on receiving your cosmic birthday gift a little early this year. The pleasure of learning stretches before you!

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** "There is no better than adversity," said Malcolm X. The inspiring human rights activist and Muslim minister was a Taurus born under the fiery Aries moon, an emboldened natal indicator of warrior spirit. "Every defeat, every heartbreak, every loss contains its own seed, its own lesson on how to improve your performance the next time."

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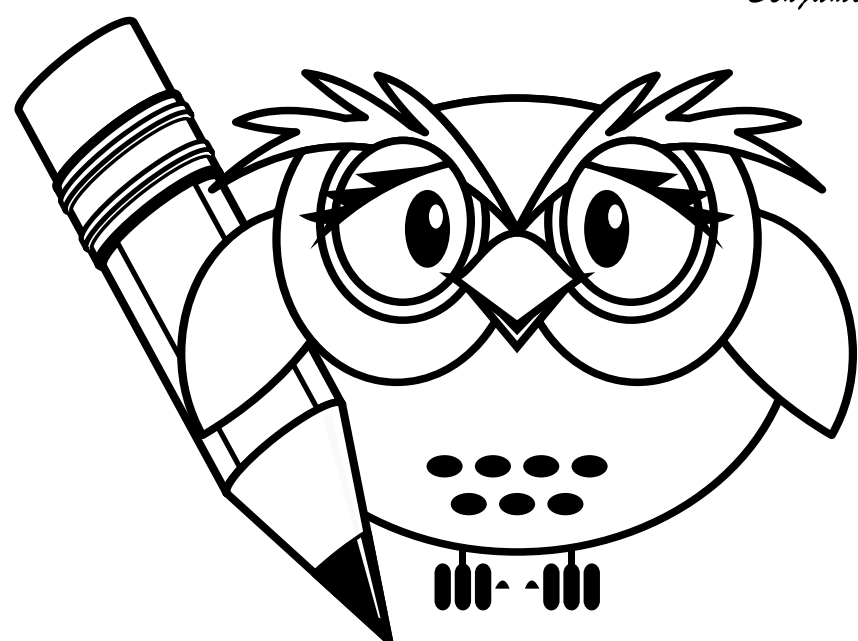
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# SCRAMBLED TILES

Rearrange the tiles to write a phrase.

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- Benjamin Franklin

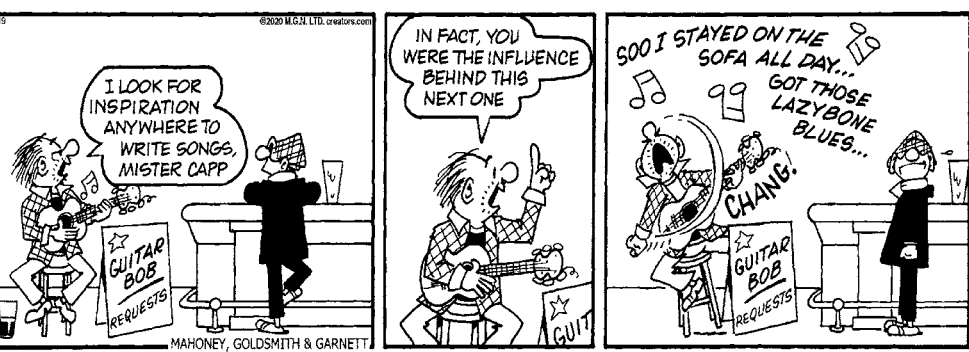


Answer: Involve me and I learn.



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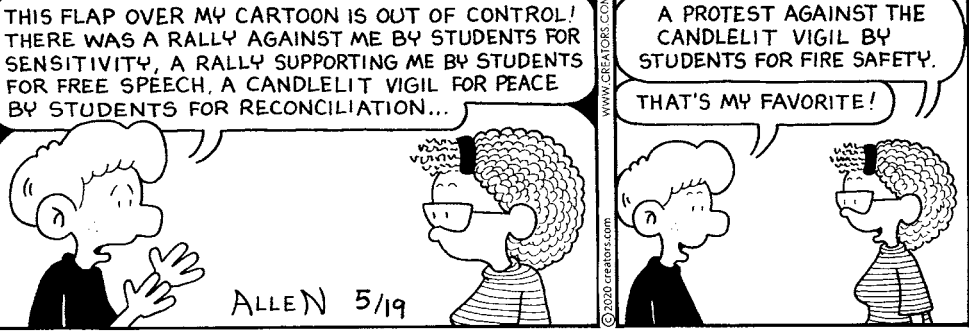
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, May 19, the 140th day of 2020. There are 226 days left in the year.  
 Today's Highlight in History:  
 On May 19, 1943, in his second wartime address to the U.S. Congress, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill pledged his country's full support in the fight against Japan; that evening, Churchill met with President Franklin D. Roosevelt at the White House, where the two leaders agreed on May 1, 1944 as the date for the D-Day invasion of France (the operation ended up being launched more than a month later).  
 On this date:  
 In 1536, Anne Boleyn, the second wife of England's King Henry VIII, was beheaded after being convicted of adultery. In 1649, England was declared a republic by Parliament following the execution of King Charles I. (The monarchy was restored in 1660.)  
 In 1913, California Gov. Hiram Johnson signed the Webb-Hartley Law prohibiting "aliens ineligible to citizenship" from owning farm land, a measure targeting Asian immigrants, particularly Japanese.  
 In 1921, Congress passed, and President Warren G. Harding signed, the Emergency Quota Act, which established national quotas for immigrants.  
 In 1924, the Marx Brothers made their Broadway debut in the revue "I'll Say She Is."  
 In 1935, T.E. Lawrence, also known as "Lawrence of Arabia," died in Dorset, England, six days after being injured in a motorcycle crash.  
 In 1967, the Soviet Union ratified a treaty with the United States and Britain, banning nuclear and other weapons from outer space as well as celestial bodies such as the moon. (The treaty entered into force in October 1967.)  
 In 1981, five British soldiers were killed by an Irish Republican Army land mine in County Armagh (AR'-mah), Northern Ireland.  
 In 1992, in a case that drew much notoriety, Mary Jo Buttafuoco of Massapequa, New York, was shot and seriously wounded by her husband Joey's teenage lover, Amy Fisher. In 1993, the Clinton White House set off a political storm by abruptly firing the entire staff of its travel office; five of the seven staffers were later reinstated and assigned to other

duties.  
 In 1994, former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis died in New York at age 64.  
 In 2003, WorldCom Inc. agreed to pay investors \$500 million to settle civil fraud charges.  
 Ten years ago: President Barack Obama condemned Arizona's crackdown on illegal immigration and pushed instead for a federal fix he said the nation could embrace, showing solidarity with his guest of honor, Mexican President Felipe Calderon, who called Arizona's law discriminatory. Rioters in Bangkok torched the stock exchange and other landmark buildings after a deadly army assault on an anti-government encampment ended a two-month siege.  
 Five years ago: On a visit to Ireland, Prince Charles shook hands with Sinn Fein (shin fayn) party president Gerry Adams in a significant moment for Anglo-Irish relations. NFL owners meeting in San Francisco agreed to move back extra-point kicks and allow defenses to score on conversion turnovers. Margaretta "Happy" Rockefeller, 88, the widow of former U.S. Vice President and New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, died in Tarrytown, New York.  
 One year ago: Billionaire technology investor Robert F. Smith stunned the graduating class at Morehouse College, an all-male, historically-black college in Atlanta, when he announced in his commencement speech that he would pay off the student loans of the entire class, estimated at \$40 million. "Game of Thrones" aired its 73rd and final episode on HBO, with a record-setting number of viewers. After giving up nearly all of his seven-shot lead in the final round, Brooks Koepka won his second straight PGA Championship, joining Tiger Woods as the only back-to-back winners since the tournament went to stroke play in 1958.  
 Today's Birthdays: TV personality David Hartman is 85. Actor James Fox is 81. Actress Nancy Kwan is 81. Rock singer-composer Pete Townshend

(The Who) is 75. Concert pianist David Helfgott is 73. Rock singer-musician Dusty Hill (ZZ Top) is 71. College Football Hall of Famer and former NFL player Archie Manning is 71. Singer-actress Grace Jones is 69. Rock musician Phil Rudd is 66. Actor Steven Ford is 64. Actress Toni Lewis is 60. Rock musician Iain Harvie (Del Amitri) is 58.

Actress Polly Walker is 54. Actor Jason Gray-Stanford is 50. Gospel singer Israel Houghton is 49. Rock singer Jenny Berggren (Ace of Base) is 48. Former race car driver Dario Franchitti is 47. TV personality Kim Zolciak Biermann (TV: "Real Housewives of Atlanta") is 42. Country/rock singer Shooter Jennings is 41. Actor Drew Fuller is 40. Actor-

comedian Michael Che (chay) (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is 37. Christian rock musician Tim McTague (Underoath) is 37. Rock musician James Richardson (MGMT) is 37. Actor Eric Lloyd is 34. Pop singer Sam Smith is 28. Actor Nolan Lyons is 19.

from the other. The good, the bad, hardship, the joy, the tragedy, love, and happiness are all interwoven into one single, indescribable whole that is called life. You cannot separate the good from the bad. And perhaps there is no need to do so, either." — Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis (1929-1994).

Thought for Today: "Every moment one lives is different"

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Lab maze runners
  - 5 Zeus and Athena
  - 9 Very hard to find
  - 13 Door out of a theater
  - 14 Operatic solo
  - 15 Makes corrections to
  - 17 \_\_\_ mater
  - 18 Connery who played Bond
  - 19 Lone Ranger's pal
  - 20 Stag or doe
  - 21 How to quit a habit quickly
  - 23 "\_\_\_ the night before Christmas . . ."
  - 25 Metal-laden rock
  - 26 Submit, as a test paper
  - 29 Channel for NBA and NFL games
  - 31 Pet that meows
  - 34 Criminal's fake name
  - 35 Prefix meaning "against"
  - 36 "Tall" story
  - 37 Bart Simpson's "Chill out!"
  - 40 "My country, 'tis of \_\_\_"
  - 41 Leg or arm
  - 42 Places where ships dock
  - 43 Tool for rowing
  - 44 Physique
  - 45 "I hope you'll phone"
  - 46 Ship's distress signal
  - 47 Artist Salvador
  - 48 "One, two, three" way to fall asleep
  - 53 Grass-eating "billy" beast
- DOWN**
- 1 Sit down with a book
  - 2 Wheel-connecting rod
  - 3 Daylight saving \_\_\_
  - 4 When a new job begins
  - 5 Container for unleaded
  - 6 Triple-decker cookies
  - 7 Clock face
  - 8 Hourglass contents
  - 9 Make a second visit
  - 10 Like very much
  - 11 Ice skating surface
  - 12 Suffix meaning "small"
  - 16 \_\_\_ sauce (Japanese condiment)
  - 22 Subject being discussed
  - 24 Gift from a genie
  - 26 Was compelled
  - 27 Hawaiian greeting
  - 28 Forty-\_\_\_ (gold rush prospector)
  - 29 Adversary
  - 30 Wild guess
  - 31 Desert caravan beast
  - 32 Car security device
  - 33 Feeling jittery
  - 35 Enthusiastic, as a fan
  - 36 Brief periods after sunsets
  - 38 At \_\_\_ for words
  - 39 White gemstone
  - 44 Holder for hot sauce
  - 45 Oval-shaped pill
  - 46 Creep about
  - 47 Hands out the cards
  - 48 Holder for hot tea
  - 49 Oil cartel
  - 50 Beef inspection agcy.
  - 51 Trumpet or bugle
  - 52 A Great Lake
  - 54 Island near Maui
  - 55 Getting very little rain
  - 56 Change for a \$20 bill

Answer to previous puzzle

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# NASCAR

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The odd and empty setting was the backdrop for some typical NASCAR mishaps. Seven-time champion Jimmie Johnson crashed while leading on the final lap of the first stage, a better result than poor Ricky Stenhouse Jr., who barely made it out of the second turn before he crashed. Stenhouse never finished a single lap and finished last. And even without fans allowed on the property, a small grass fire still broke out behind a section of the track. Gray smoke billowed during a caution, which isn't that odd a sight at a NASCAR race. Bowman, who signed a one-year contract extension with Hendrick Motorsports on Saturday, was second. Kurt Busch, winner of the closest finish in Darlington history, was third for Ganassi. Chase Elliott gave Hendrick two cars in the top-four. Denny Hamlin was the highest-finishing Toyota driver at fifth for Joe Gibbs Racing, one spot ahead of

teammate Martin Truex Jr. Tyler Reddick, a rookie with Richard Childres Racing, was seventh at "The Track Too Tough To Tame." Erik Jones, winner of the Southern 500 here last September, was eighth and John Hunter Nemechek was the second rookie inside the top-10 at one of the most technical tracks on the circuit. It was the first top-10 for Front Row Motorsports on a track other than a superspeedway in three years. It was the 50th career victory for Harvick, in a Ford for Stewart-Haas Racing. A previous winner at Darlington, Harvick led 159 of the 293 laps. Harvick tied Hall of Famers Junior Johnson and Ned Jarrett for 12th on NASCAR's all-time wins list. NASCAR's elite Cup Series next races Wednesday night at Darlington, which is hosting three events in four days before the sport shifts to Charlotte.

## California gov.: Pro sports without fans possible in June

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California Gov. Gavin Newsom thinks pro sports could be back playing in his state — without fans — in early June.

The Democratic governor said during a news conference Monday that the state is making good progress against the coronavirus, posting a 7.5% decline in hospitalizations over the last two weeks.

If the progress continues, he said pro sports could return in the "first week or so of June without spectators and modifications and very prescriptive conditions."

That is extremely welcome news for California teams that have wondered if they would have to make contingency plans to play elsewhere.

Los Angeles County has become the epicenter for the outbreak in California and Public Health Director Dr. Barbara Ferrer said she needs to hear details from Newsom about how sports can be safely played.

"I know for all of us we'd be very excited to be able to see our teams starting to get ready to play again," she said. "I look forward to hearing from the state what the protocols are going to

be and the directives to make sure that the activity is able to happen in a way that keeps everybody as safe as possible."

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