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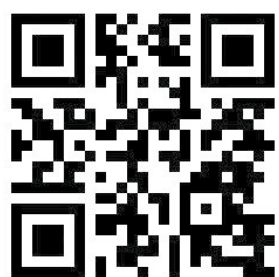


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## Memorial Day not cancelled, still about remembering our veterans

By **ERICA MORSE**  
 Herald Contributing Writer

With Memorial Day upon us, area organizations are not celebrating the way they usually do, thanks to COVID-19.

Ordinarily, Big Spring has several events going on to honor those who died while serving their country, but this year those activities will be different and limited.

The Memorial Day Parade originally schedule for today - May 25 - at Lamun Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans' Home has been postponed indefinitely, due to Coronavirus. According to the Howard County Motorcycle Events Facebook page, it was determined the event could not continue due to COVID-19 testing requirements for all state nursing homes.

In addition, the Veterans' Administration Center of Big



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**In previous years, the Cross Roads Young Marines and the Boy Scouts would visit the cemeteries and hold Memorial Day Ceremonies and place flags at veterans headstones. This year, all Big Spring residents are asked to take a moment of silence and remember our veterans.**

Spring has also cancelled activities that usually include the community. However, the VA will hold an internal remembrance that will include doctors, nurses, and patients.

"West Texas VA Health Care System asks that our communities join us in pausing this Memorial Day to reflect and remember what Memorial Day stands for," Jason Cave, West Texas VA Health Care Director, said. "Memorial Day began as Decoration Day on May 30, 1868, when the first remembrance took place at Arlington National Cemetery - and our Nation paused to remember those who've borne the battle and gave the last full measure in support of our Nation, our freedoms and our security"

The VA is asking the community to join with them to honor all those who have died during the National Moment of

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## Good finds at the Howard County Library this week

By **SANDRA VERDIN**  
 Special to the Herald

The library is closed in recognition of Memorial Day today, but will re-open Tuesday. Congratulations to all Howard County students, 2020 graduates, and to the teachers, school administrators, parents, families and caregivers for their hard work and dedication under these challenging times. With summer right around the corner we are getting ready for Summer Reading Program, this year's theme is "Imagine Your Story." This summer we will be having a virtual summer reading program. Registration will open up this week on Wednesday, May 27, check out our webpage and Facebook page for more information about registering your child online and with paper forms. The library continues to be

open by appointment only, give us a call if you need help or more information about curbside pickup and our appointment services.

This week's reviews include fiction titles.

The only child of a single mother, Nina has her life just as she wants it in the "The Bookish Life of Nina Hill" (F WAX A) By Abbi Waxman. Nina has a job in a bookstore, a kick-butt trivia team, and a cat named Phil. If she sometimes suspects there might be more to life than reading, she just shrugs and picks up a new book. When the father Nina never knew existed suddenly dies, leaving behind innumerable sisters, brothers, nieces, and nephews, Nina is horrified. They all live close by! They're all, or mostly all, excited to meet her! Nina is daunted at

the thought that she will have to speak to strangers. If that was not enough, Tom, her trivia nemesis, has turned out to be cute, funny, and deeply interested in getting to know her. It's time for Nina to come out of her comfortable shell, but she is not convinced real life could ever live up to fiction. It is going to take a brand-new family, a persistent suitor, and the combined effects of ice cream and trivia to make her turn her own fresh page.

There's a village an hour from London in "Lanny" (F POR M) By Max Porter. It's no different from many others today: one pub, one church, redbrick cottages, some public housing, and a few larger houses dotted about. Voices rise up, as they might anywhere,

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## Coahoma ISD Board of Trustees meet Tuesday

Herald Staff Report

Coahoma ISD Board of Trustees will hold a regular school board meeting on Tuesday, May 26 at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Elementary Board Room.

The meeting will open with roll call to ensure there is a quorum before the Call to Order takes place. An open forum will kick off the list of agenda items.

As part of the consent agenda, routine items such as minutes from previous meetings and budget amendments will be acted upon. The elected board members will take the oath of office before discussion heads into the letter of engagement for audit services.

A budget workshop is also scheduled to take place, during the meeting. As part of the information items, the Board of Trustees will receive information pertaining to the enrollment/ADA/ WADA report, financial reports and board meeting dates.

As part of the Superintendent Report, the board will hear the COVID-19 update, insurance and bond updates and information regarding the Summer Leadership Institute 2020.

The Board of Trustees will enter into Executive Session to

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## Toasty Tuesday KBSB focusing on I-20 & Hwy 87 this week



Courtesy photos

**Keep Big Spring Beautiful** had four volunteers pick up four bags of trash last Tuesday, during the hour clean up. The group focused on FM 700 in front of WalMart. Pictured above are before and after pictures. This week the community is invited to help clean up around I-20 and Hwy 87 near Kent Kwik. Kent Kwik is located at 1100 Lamesa Hwy.

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## Take Note

• The Life Center in Big Spring is helping moms and dads with a Diaper Day Giveaway! Call for a five minute phone appointment and a pickup time for free diapers, wipes and formula. 432-606-5041

• 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. 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 securi-

ty card, immunization record, proof of residency for district students only (utility bill), parent driver's license and proof of income (pre-k only). Age requirements are: Pre-K – must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020; Kindergarten – 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020. New transfer students (Kinder - 5th) may apply at this time.

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

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

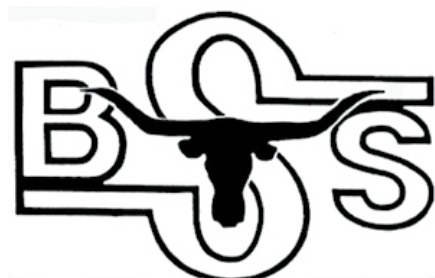
Pre-registration by phone will continue through Friday, April 17, from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. To register, please call 432-394-5000, ext 2.

## Food Pick Up Info

### Big Spring ISD

Summer Food Program will run through June 30:

Big Spring ISD will be providing sacked meals for students while the campuses are closed. Meals will be available at three schools from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. Meals can be picked up at any of the three campuses where they are being handed out, which will be Moss, Marcy and Big Spring Junior High School. At



both March and Moss, pick up will be in the bus lane behind the campus. At BSJH, pick up can be made at Door #5 on the east side of campus.

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

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

Bus 13-Navajo and Choctaw  
Bus 14-Bauer  
Bus 15: Larry and McDonald  
Bus 27: 5<sup>th</sup> and Abrams  
Bus 28: 3<sup>rd</sup> and Lockhart  
Bus 77: Parkway and Hearn  
Bus 85: Goliad Elementary  
Bus 86: 6<sup>th</sup> and Circle  
Bus 90: Southridge RV Park  
Bus 96: Albrook and Randolf

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

Reminder: Any child 18 years of age and under in Howard County is eligible to receive a meal at any of these locations. Even if a child is visiting in Howard County, the meal option is available to them. This is a free service to help ensure the youth in Howard County are receiving meals, even during the summer.

## Driver License Offices to reopen by appointment only, limited services, additional safety measures

AUSTIN – On Tuesday, May 26, at the direction of Governor Greg Abbott, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will begin reopening driver license (DL) offices by appointment only and with limited services. The reopening of DL offices will happen in a phased approach, in order to allow DPS to keep customers and our staff as safe as possible, while also adhering to new safety guidelines and social distancing practices in place due to COVID-19. Appointment availability will be rolled out in phases, with the first phase of appointments becoming available on Friday, May 22, at 1 p.m.

### Services available by appointment only

A new appointment solution, which has been in the works for several months, will take effect in DL offices as they reopen. The appointment solution allows customers to book appointments for a specific day and time up to six months in advance. DPS is moving to appointments only as part of our efforts to provide additional convenience and reduce the time Texans spend waiting in line at DL offices.

Within the new online appointment system, customers can walk through the available appointment options, schedule appointments on a specific date and time, receive appointment confirmations, set up a reminder, and reschedule or cancel an existing appointment. Once customers schedule their appointment, they'll receive a confirmation email to bring with them to their appointment.

Upon arrival at the DL office, customers can check-in with their smart device or by using the kiosk inside the office. Due to social distancing requirements related to COVID-19, we are asking that customers wait in their car after checking in. Customers will receive a text message when it's time to come inside to complete their transaction.

### Limited service offerings, phased reopening

As DL offices begin their phased reopening, services will

be limited to customers with appointments only who are seeking a first-time Texas DL, commercial driver license (CDL), learner license or identification (ID) card, as well as those who need to take a driving test. These will be the ONLY services available at DL offices during these initial phases of reopening.

Phase 1: Offices in DPS' Northwest and West Texas regions will reopen with limited services beginning May 26, 2020. Customers can begin scheduling appointments in these two regions on May 22 at 1 p.m.

Phase 2: Offices in DPS' South and Central Texas regions will reopen with limited services beginning May 29, 2020. Customers can begin scheduling appointments in these two regions on May 26 at 1 p.m.

Phase 3: Offices in DPS' North and Southeast Texas regions will reopen with limited services beginning June 3, 2020. Customers can begin scheduling appointments in these two regions on May 29 at 1 p.m.

Phase 4 will allow customers to schedule an appointment for all DL office transactions anywhere in the state and is expected to begin midsummer. DPS will announce details on this phase at a later date.

As appointments become available throughout the phased reopening plan, customers will be able to book appointments through DPS' website at [www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/](http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/).

### Safety measures for reopening

DPS is taking extensive measures to limit the spread of COVID-19 and ensure customers and staff are as safe as possible during DL transactions. The following safety measures will be in place as DL offices reopen:

All staff members and customers who are taking a driving

test will be required to wear face masks or facial coverings.

Every person (staff members and customers) will be screened for symptoms prior to coming into a DL office; this includes having their temperature checked.

Customers may be asked to reschedule their appointment if they do not pass the safety screening.

Only actual customers will be allowed into DL offices. This will help limit capacity and ensure everyone can maintain a safe social distance. Exceptions include: persons needing ADA accommodations; elderly persons; parents with small children; and parents and legal guardians needed to complete a transaction.

DPS staff will sanitize workstations and equipment between each customer transaction.

Eye examinations will no longer require physical contact with an eye testing machine.

Customers must pay with a credit card, check or money order. NO CASH PAYMENTS.

### Extension remains in place for expired cards

As a reminder, the extension of the expiration of Texas DL/CDL/ID/Election Identification Certificate (EIC) cards remains in effect. This means that all Texas DL/CDL/ID/EIC cards that expired on or after March 13, 2020, fall under the period that encompasses the State of Disaster Declaration related to COVID-19 and will remain valid for 60 days after which time DPS issues public notice that the extension period has been lifted and all normal operations have resumed. As of this release, that 60-day period has not begun. Due to the extension still being active, appointments for renewals will not be available until further notice.



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Remembrance.

“West Texas VA Health Care System has events planned for our Community Living Center and Domiciliary Veterans and will pause at 3 p.m. for the National Moment of Remembrance,” Cave said. “We ask that our community pause with us in spirit and thank them for their support for our Veterans. As soon as conditions allow, and we can safely do so, we certainly will welcome our community partners to join us in person as we continue to serve our West Texas Veterans.”

The VA will now turn its attention towards Veterans’ Day in November.

Area cemeteries, while not hosting specific events, will be open according to Mayor Shannon Thomason. Both Mt. Olive and Trinity Memorial will be accessible to the public.

Currently, 20 people at one time may gather at a cemetery in Texas, as long as they remain six feet apart, do not hug or shake hands. Masks continue to be encouraged both inside and outside in any group setting.

“The Governor’s order allows for cemeteries to be open, as long as visitors continue to practice social distancing guidelines,” Thomason said. “Therefore, I encourage people to get out and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our Country.”

City and County offices, as well as the Big Spring Herald office are closed in observance of Memorial Day. Business will re-open on Tuesday.

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discuss personnel issues. Upon reconvening the open meeting, the board will take into consideration and possibly take action on an offer of employment contracts as recommended for the 2020-2021 school year. There will also be discussion on resignations, as the school year has concluded.

There will also be an opportunity to consider and possibly accept resignation from the Board of Trustees. The new election of board officers, President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary will also take place before the meeting adjourns.

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speaking of loving and needing and working and dying and walking the dogs. This village belongs to the people who live in it, to the land and to the land’s past. It also belongs to Dead Papa Toothwort, a mythical figure local school-children used to draw as green and leafy, choked by tendrils growing out of his mouth, who awakens after a glorious nap. He is listening to this twenty-first-century village, to its symphony of talk: drunken confessions, gossip traded on the street corner, fretful conversations in living rooms. He is also listening, intently, for a mischievous, ethereal boy whose parents have recently made the village their home, Lanny. Lanny will draw in readers with its anarchic energy, its bewitching tapestry of fabulism and domestic drama.

At the height of the Cold War, two secretaries are pulled out of the typing pool at the CIA and were given the assignment of a lifetime in “The Secrets We Kept” (F PRE L) By Lara Prescott. Their mission: to smuggle Doctor Zhivago out of the USSR, where no one dare publish it, and help Pasternak’s magnum opus make its way into print around the world. Glamorous and sophisticated Sally Forrester is a

seasoned spy who has honed her gift for deceit all over the world, using her magnetism and charm to pry secrets out of powerful men. Irina is a complete novice, and under Sally’s tutelage quickly learns how to blend in, make drops, and invisibly ferry classified documents. The Secrets We Kept combines a legendary literary love story--the decades-long affair between Pasternak and his mistress and muse, Olga Ivinskaya, who was sent to the Gulag and inspired Zhivago’s heroine, Lara--with a narrative about two women empowered to lead lives of extraordinary intrigue and risk.

Kin Stewart is an everyday family man: working in IT, trying to keep the spark in his marriage, struggling to connect with his teenage daughter, Miranda in “Here And Now And Then” (SF CHE M) By Mike Chen. But his current life is a far cry from his previous career as a time-traveling secret agent from 2142. Stranded in suburban San Francisco since the 1990s after a botched mission, Kin has kept his past hidden from everyone around him, despite the increasing

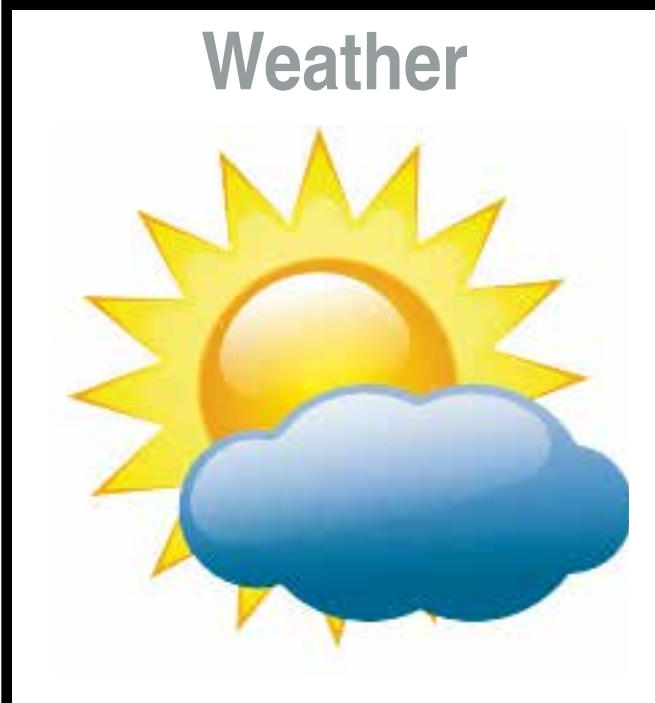
blackouts and memory loss affecting his time-traveler’s brain. Until one afternoon, his “rescue” team arrives, eighteen years too late. Their mission: return Kin to 2142, where he’s only been gone weeks, not years, and where another family is waiting for him. A family Kin can’t remember. Torn between two lives, Kin is desperate for a way to stay connected to both. But when his best efforts threaten to destroy the agency and even history itself, his daughter’s very existence is at risk. It’ll take one final trip across time to save Miranda, even if it means breaking all the rules of time travel in the process.

Howard County Library is open by appointment only between 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you need any help accessing online content, have questions about your library account, need services by appointment or a have a reference question, call 432-264-2260 from the hours of 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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# Forsan Basketball beginning "30 Days of Toughness" to combat no team workouts

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

A few days ago, the Forsan basketball Twitter account - @BuffaloBallers - tweeted out something new. With the coronavirus still keeping a stranglehold on the world of sports, as it has done for the past two-and-a-half months, high school coaches have had to get creative with workout ideas and how to stay engaged with their players.

It has recently been reported that Big Spring's Eric Tuttle uses his social media platform to spread positivity to people throughout the city through videos and pictures. Steers Head Football Coach Cannon McWilliams uses his Twitter account to post daily workouts every morning for his student-athletes to do so that they can stay in shape and will not be too out of sorts when the team gets back together next month.

Forsan coach Cory Richardson had a different idea. After participating in the annual Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) Coaches Clinic last week, Richardson came up with an idea to keep his players sharp and active during this time they cannot be on the hardwood.

That idea was called "30 Days of Toughness" and was accompanied with the message that "toughness is a skill that you can practice and improve on." Richardson has now posted the first two days tasks and, while they may seem menial, they both contribute strongly to a student-athlete's toughness and are well-thought out by Richardson.

"I made a list of a few things that we needed to instill in our program and goals for next year," Richardson said. "I was thinking of things we could do with the kids not here. You can do a lot of things in practice to build toughness but when you're sitting at home, it becomes more mental and an accountability type of thing. I'm just taking things I've learned and factor that into what we're doing right now without being able to meet with the players."



Forsan Buffalo Logo

Day One's task was to make your bed every day. Even though it seems like a task that does not take much effort or time, a recent study by the National Sleep Foundation found that only 7-of-10 Americans regularly make their bed everyday.

"If you can't do the little things right, you'll never be able to do the big things right. And if by chance you have a miserable day, you will come home to a bed that is made, that you made. And a made bed gives you encouragement that tomorrow will be better," former U.S. Navy Admiral William H. McRaven once said.

To follow-up on the first day's challenge, Richardson picked "embrace the suck" as the challenge for Day Two.

"Find something you don't love doing, that's good for you or your family and choose to do it. Mine will be clean the bathroom - what's yours?" Richardson asked his players.

Richardson also announced that each day you must complete that day's task along with all of the previous days tasks. The team and Richardson are working by an honor system and he is encouraging his players to share pictures of their completed tasks with teammates.

There will be 28 more tasks to come for the Buffalo Ballers and Richardson will be expecting each and every one of his players to participate. If the players are able to improve their day-to-day habits while stuck at home with no opportunity to practice, the thought is that when they get back on the court each student-athlete will be a new-and-improved version of themselves.

"Toughness is following through and being accountable," Richardson said. The Forsan players are ready to show just how tough they are.

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

# Lace them up: Boxing set for June 9 return in Las Vegas

By TIM DAHLBERG

AP Boxing Writer

Add boxing to the list of sports on the comeback trail.

Promoter Bob Arum said Thursday he plans to stage a card of five fights on June 9 at the MGM

Grand, the first of a series of fights over the next two months at the Las Vegas hotel. A second fight card will be held two nights later, with ESPN televising both cards, kicking off twice weekly shows at the hotel in June and July.

No fans will be allowed, and Arum said fighters and everyone else will be tested at least twice during fight week for the new coronavirus. The fights are pending approval of the Nevada Athletic Commission, which meets next week to consider the events, along with two cards that the UFC plans to stage at its facility in Las Vegas.

They are also pending the reopening of the MGM and other Las Vegas hotels, something that is widely expected to happen the first week of June, though no dates

for a second phase of easing virus restrictions have been announced by Nevada Gov. Steve Sisolak.

"Once we get those fights in and UFC gets its initial fights in, both of us will ask for additional dates," Arum told The Associated Press. "The key was getting enough testing, and we've got plenty of

testing in Nevada to hold our events."

In addition to Arum's fights, British promoter Eddie Hearn said this week he plans to hold fights beginning sometime in July from the backyard garden of the family mansion outside London where he was raised.



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♥ 10  
♦ 8 7 5 2  
♣ J 10 4 2

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♦ A J 4  
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♥ 8 7 6 2  
♦ K Q 10  
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2♥ Pass 2NT Pass  
4♥

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Tomorrow: A very valuable convention.

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East took the ace, cashed the ace of spades (on which West played low) and returned the jack of diamonds.

South, Sam Lev, took the jack with the king and led a low trump to the king, on which West produced the ten. Had declarer next continued with the ace, he would have gone down. But Lev felt there was a strong possibility that East had started with the Q-J-x-x of trump.

Accordingly, he embarked on a line of play designed to limit East to one trump winner instead of two. At trick five, he cashed the queen of diamonds, then continued with the king of spades and ruffed a spade in dummy. Next came the Q-K-A of clubs, reducing dummy to the A-9 of hearts and seven of clubs. East to the Q-J-5 of hearts and South to the 8-7-6 of hearts.

Gauging the situation perfectly, Lev now led the seven of clubs from dummy, whereupon poor East saw one of his two "certain" trump tricks go up in smoke. It didn't matter whether East ruffed high or low; either way, South was sure to win two of the last three tricks.

The Swedish North-South pair at the other table also got to four hearts, but went down when declarer, playing for a normal 3-2 trump division, lost two heart tricks instead of one.

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4	1	2	9		
		6			5
9	6	4			1
8	7	5	2	1	9
		9	3		2
				8	6
2	3				
1	5		7	3	4
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5	2	9	7	1	4	8	6	3
6	1	4	9	3	7	8	5	2
8	3	7	5	6	2	1	9	4
6	8	6	4	5	3	7	1	2
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Annie's Mailbox

Stuck in a Cycle

**Dear Annie:** My mom had a stroke a few months ago. My husband and I are building a house, so my brother suggested it would be easier if we stayed with her to help with her rehabilitation. But the biggest problem is that I'm out of my work right now for medical reasons and am not really able to help her. What I have done so far has only made my condition worse. How do I break this cycle? -- Feeling Hopeless

**Dear Hopeless:** You might feel like the situation is hopeless

because both you and your mother are dealing with medical issues. However, I see a lot of hope on the horizon. Once you recover, you will be able to help your mother physically with her rehabilitation. In the meantime, you can support her emotionally and mentally by sharing stories and or perhaps by sharing your own struggles. She gets to see that she's not in this alone.

Also, you are correct that you have to focus on getting better yourself before you can help her out. There is a reason that during the airplane video they tell parents to put their masks on first before

they put their child's mask on.

Let those around you support as well. Can your husband help with his mother-in-law? Of course, he might have his hands full taking care of you right now, but rather than you trying to take care of your mother, see if he can help on that front. And then there is your brother, who suggested that you live with Mom. Can he help?

**Dear Annie:** Thank you for printing Jim Aitken's great "Letter from Grandma," which brought tears to my eyes. It was the best letter ever. Being a grandma myself, and

the same age, too, what a great thing for a grandson to do. Remembering their many conversations, he wrote the letter as if it came from his own grandma, and it was all true.

He understood her observations about aging, and how much he loved her. He truly was a great friend to his grandmother. That's really the way it should be between grandma and grandchildren -- a real friendship. We can learn a lot from each other, especially in finding beauty in the ugly part of aging. -- Just Another Grandma

**Dear Grandma:** Thank you for writing in. That truly was a beautiful letter about the relationship between a grandson and his grandmother. Often, the very young and the very old can teach middle-aged adults valuable lessons about the real meaning of a life well-lived; namely, loving each other.

**Dear Annie:** As a faithful reader, I want to thank you for the turn your column has taken in recent weeks. Like many of your readers, my husband, cat and I are sheltered carefully at home during this time of crisis.

It gives me such

comfort and joy to read your column in the paper every morning. Thank you so much for assembling such a heartening collection of imaginative and loving kindness! You and your readers have given me many good ideas for brightening the corner where I am. -- Your Grateful Reader

**Dear Grateful:** Such a sweet note. Thank you so much! Readers, please keep sharing the bright spots of your days; it makes a difference.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Cancer Moon Makes Memories

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Create or find a sense of place that feels at once like nowhere, anywhere and everywhere. That will be a worthy quest, as your environment, mood and pursuits are intrinsically linked.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** It's time to let go, sell, give or toss away. The quest for less brings gorgeous, peaceful moments. The best you own and experience will have the characteristics of being compact, quiet and inward-oriented.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You really want the wholesome thing that's best for you. This is a rarified dynamic, as so much of what's good for us is not enormously appealing, but your wise heart is brilliantly navigating now.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** There's no sizzle on the steak. The relationship has become predictable. The job has evolved as a means to a paycheck.

What now? Either willfully reinvigorate or exit.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You have met some heavy emotional demands, and it's now time to rest. Only you know what recharges you. It's different for each person. Do what you need to do so you'll be ready to reboot tomorrow.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** If it's wrong, odd, misshapen, awkward, worn and overlooked, you'll grab it up, subtly highlight its loveliness and frame it in just the way that makes people envious. There's money in this!

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** When you want something badly, you want the struggle just as much. You're willing to get uncomfortable, be out of your element, feel rejected and more. This willingness is your success key.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You don't hard sell, force the issue or use pressure to get your way. You're creative. So, you build the funnel that naturally

leads to the end you desire. Better to seduce than to convince.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Variety may be the spice of life, but with life and spices choice is everything. Choosing everything at once brings a bad taste. Figure out what goes together and what you like. Less is more.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** The day will bring an array of sensations, attitudes, feelings, hopes, pangs and more. You'll be vividly aware that living is perceiving, and you won't have to go deep to get benefits.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You'll be championing the underdog and if you can manage not to

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



insult the over-dog at the same time, you'll essentially be the anomaly -- an uneaten agent in a dog-eat-dog world.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Knowing you have options is all well and good, but when it comes down to it, you don't want the feeling of freedom, you want the actual freedom.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 25).** You'll be generous with your heart, as well as your time, money and talents. You'll get to know a new area and become very specialized, developing to an elite level of expertise. On the financial front, a business venture will pay off, little by little, and a daring invest-

ment will quadruple in three years. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 2, 37, 1 and 17.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION:** "I called off my wedding due to the health crisis and decided to elope instead. I'm superstitious and would still like to incorporate traditional wedding rituals. Any advice for a Pisces and Cancer?"

Congratulations! Two water signs blend auspiciously, as you know, and your respect of ritual will only add to the magic of your bond. Definitely go with these:

Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue. Bonus points for the sixpence in your shoe. (A dime will do!) The old item symbolizes protection of the relationship and all its fruits. The "new" is because... of course! Every bride wants that. What's borrowed should come from someone who is in a happy relationship, as you are borrowing

some of that good fortune along with the item. Blue is the color of fidelity. The sixpence is prosperity. Wear your coin in the left shoe.

Additionally, garlands and wreaths are a tradition that dates back to the Roman Empire -- if not further. The belief is that evil spirits cannot harm anyone inside of a circle, thus wearing a crown or necklace of flowers, and/or encircling an area with a garland for the ceremony, is both gorgeous and protective.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Mike Meyers's name is synonymous with box-office success having helmed such megahits as "Wayne's World," "Austin Powers" and "Shrek." Meyers, who often shows up as more than one character in a movie, embodies the Gemini talent for impersonating your own evil twin. The quick-witted, intellectual Gemini was born under an intuitive Cancer moon and has Mars in entertaining Leo.

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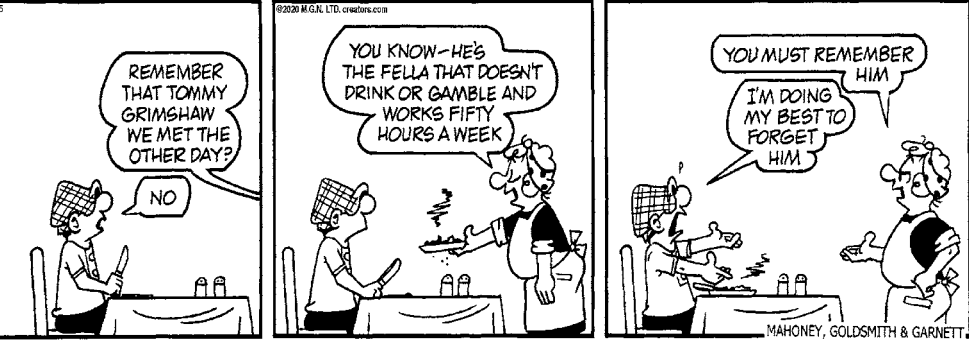
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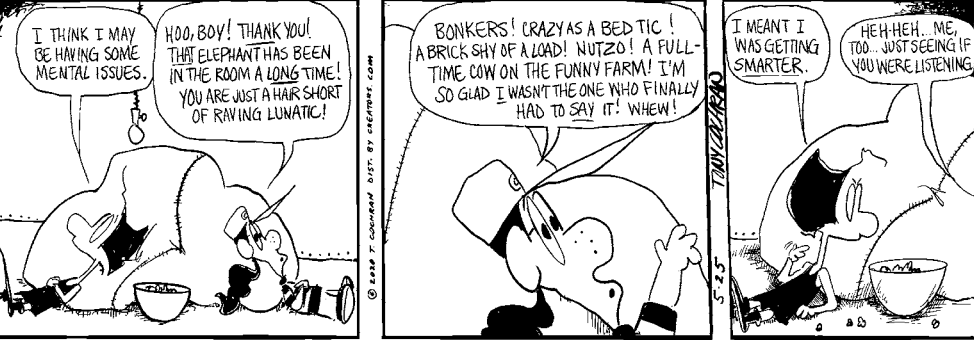
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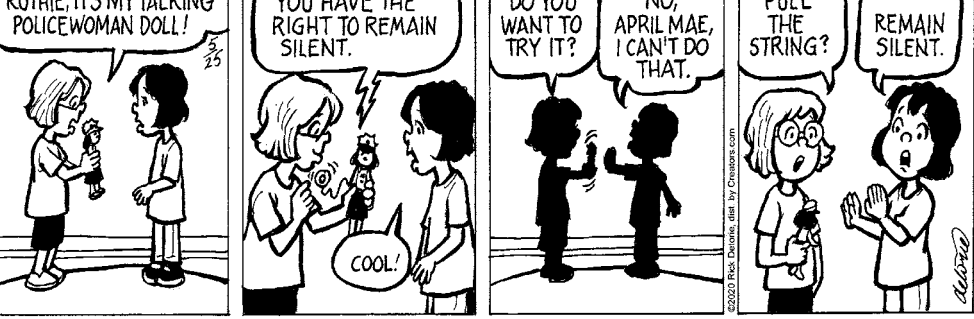
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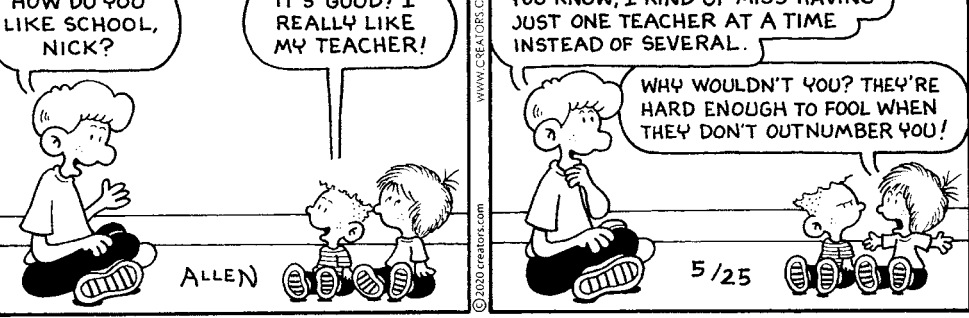
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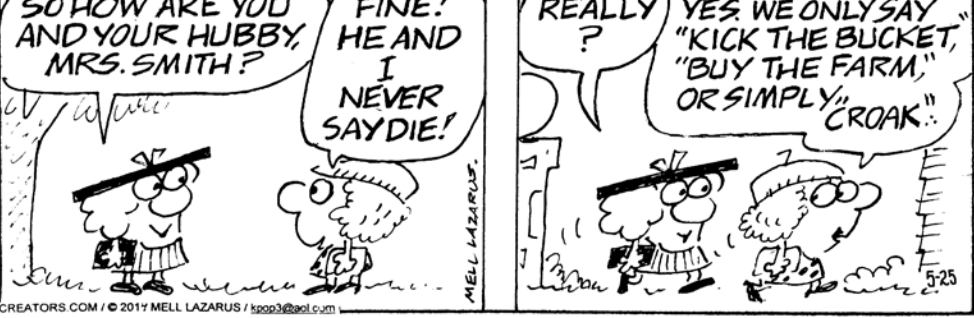
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Monday, May 25, the 146th day of 2020. There are 220 days left in the year. This is Memorial Day. Today's Highlight in History: On May 25, 1961, President John F. Kennedy told Congress: "I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to the earth."

and fraud for the company's downfall. (Lay died in July 2006 from heart disease and his convictions were vacated; Skilling was sentenced to 14 years in prison after his original 24-year sentence was overturned.) In 2008, NASA's Phoenix Mars Lander arrived on the Red Planet to begin searching for evidence of water; the spacecraft confirmed the presence of water ice at its landing site. In 2018, Harvey Weinstein was charged in New York with rape and another sex felony in the first prosecution to result from the wave of allegations against him; the once-powerful movie producer turned himself in to face the charges and was released on \$1 million bail after a court appearance. (Weinstein was convicted of rape and sexual assault; he is serving a 23-year prison sentence.) Ten years ago: President Barack Obama ordered 1,200 National Guard troops to boost security along the U.S.-Mexico border. NFL owners voted to hold the 2014 Super Bowl at Meadowlands Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey. Nicole Scherzinger of The Pussycat Dolls and her professional dance partner, Derek Hough, won the 10th season of ABC's "Dancing with the Stars." Five years ago: On Memorial Day, President Barack Obama saluted Americans who had died in battle, telling listeners at Arlington National Cemetery the country must "never stop trying to fully repay them" for their sacrifices. Former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert was sentenced to eight months in prison for unlawfully accepting money from a U.S. supporter. One year ago: President Donald Trump opened a state visit to Japan by needling the American ally over its trade imbalance with the United States. The Toronto Raptors reached the NBA finals for the first time in the team's history after beating the Milwaukee Bucks 100-94 in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals. The raucous social satire "Parasite," a South Korean film about a poor family of hustlers who find jobs with a wealthy family, won the top award at the Cannes Film Festival. Danish-born socialite Claus von

Bulow, who was convicted but later acquitted of trying to kill his wealthy wife in two closely-watched trials, died in London; he was 92. Today's Birthdays: Actress Ann Robinson is 91. Former White House news secretary Ron Nessen is 86. Country singer-songwriter Tom T. Hall is 84. Actor Sir Ian McKellen is 81. Country singer Jessi Colter is 77. Actress-singer Leslie Uggams is 77. Movie direc-

tor and puppeteer Frank Oz is 76. Actress Karen Valentine is 73. Actress Jacki Weaver is 73. Rock singer Klaus Meine (The Scorpions) is 72. Actress Patti D'Arbanville is 69. Playwright Eve Ensler is 67. Musician Cindy Cashdollar is 65. Actress Connie Sellecca is 65. Rock singer-musician Paul Weller is 62. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., is 60. Actor-comedian Mike Myers is 57. Actor Matt Borlenghi is 53. Actor

Joseph Reitman is 52. Rock musician Glen Drover is 51. Actress Anne Heche (haych) is 51. Actresses Lindsay and Sidney Greenbush (TV: "Little House on the Prairie") are 50. Actor-comedian Jamie Kennedy is 50. Actress Octavia Spencer is 50. Actor Justin Henry is 49. Rapper Daz Dillinger is 47. Actress Molly Sims is 47. Actress Erinn Hayes is 44. Actor Cillian Murphy is 44. Actor Ethan Suplee (soo-PLÉE) is

44. Rock musician Todd Whitener is 42. Actor Corbin Allred is 41. Actress-singer Lauren Frost is 35. Actress Ebonee (cq) Noel is 30. Musician Guy Lawrence (Disclosure) is 29. Olympic gold medal gymnast Aly Raisman is 26. Thought for Today: "History is something that never happened, written by someone who wasn't there." — Author

Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS 1 Bratty backtalk 5 Attire 9 Pointy missiles thrown in pubs 14 Hawaiian dance 15 Wicked 16 "Famous Potatoes" state 17 By-mouth 18 Prefix meaning "one" 19 Short memos 20 Container used for moistening seeds 23 Wicked deed 24 Vehicles coasting on snow 27 By way of, on an itinerary 30 Minor lies 33 Ultimatum ending 36 Info obtained by a 62 Down, for short 38 Lake bird 40 Twist-off bottle tops 41 Hand protectors while planting 44 Was obligated 45 Whitish gemstone 46 Boxing match locale 47 Fight against, as temptation 49 Auto's \_\_\_ view mirror 51 Pigger 52 Instruct a class 54 Award for a top team athlete: Abbr. 56 Cart for transporting topsoil 62 Futuristic story genre 66 Words like this: Abbr. 67 Sulk 68 Nut in Southern pies

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