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## Open positions, City aesthetics key points for City Council Tuesday

By **ERICA MORSE**  
 Herald Contributing Writer

Board fulfillment(s) and improving the City's aesthetics were the key topics at last night's Big Spring City Council meeting.

City Manager Todd Darden told the Council that several positions on multiple boards need to be filled. Currently, there is an opening for an engineer or architect board member for the Board of Adjustments and Appeals, along with an alternate needed for the Zoning Board of Adjustments.

The Animal Control and Rescue Committee also needs volunteer members, as do the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau Board, Parks Recreation Board, and CRMWD.

The Citizens' Advisory Board – site, which has been dormant for several years – has been taking applications for the past few months but is still in need of additional members to seat the Board. The Citizens Advisory Board needs to fill six seats with residents who will review complaints made against the Big Spring Police Department.

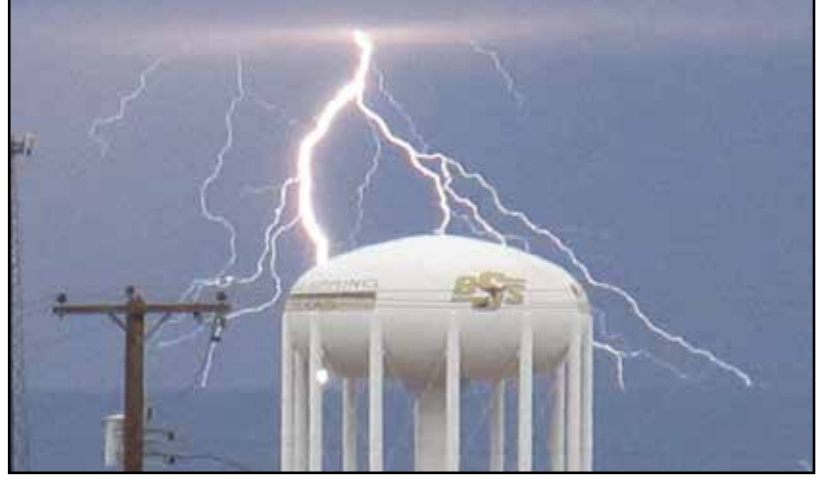
City Manager Todd Darden advised that applications for all open board positions may be found on the City's web-



Darden also discussed the COVID-19 grants available to the City of Big Spring from various sources. One, a grant potentially worth \$1.85 billion through the CARES Act, would be the largest grant ever received for the County, if approved, Darden said. He also advised there are FEMA funds still available that include 75% reimbursement, but those funds are more difficult to achieve.

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## Community Report: Lighting up the Howard County Sky



Photos submitted by Elsa Herrera

Tuesday afternoon as the storm rolled through Big Spring, community resident Elsa Herrera was using her camera to capture the beautiful light show that was going across the sky. As the lightning storm passed north of Big Spring, she captured lightning strikes near the water tower.

## Classical Conversations brings another homeschool option to Howard County families

By **SAMANTHA RANEY**  
 Herald Contributing Writer

Distance learning has put a new twist on education in Howard County these past few months. While homeschooling may not be the choice for everyone, for those who have discovered it is an avenue they want to explore.

Christin Burris has been named the new Director of the Classical Conversations community in Big Spring, a new homeschool option for this area. The mission of Classical Conversations, according to Burris, is To Know God and Make Him Known. Classical Conversations® is a classical education resource used by homeschoolers in all 50 states and more than 30 foreign countries. Classical Conversations has more than 125,000 students enrolled in its tutoring programs, which are provided by more than 2,500 communities.

"Classical Conversations provides resources, guidance and a community for a Christian homeschool curriculum using classical education in three developmental stages: grammar, dialectic and rhetoric. The program is geared for those children in K4 through 12th grade," Burris said. "Classical Conversations includes both Latin and classical literature, but when CC says 'classical,' it is referring to the three stages of classical learning, which guided the great thinkers and leaders of the past, including Aristotle, Plato, Thomas Jefferson and C.S. Lewis."

Currently there are a couple of options for Howard County families to choose from when it comes to homeschooling groups. The difference between those homeschool groups and Classical Conversations, according to information pro-

vided by Burris, this particular program is supported by a corporate staff of employees. Most of the work is done by directors and tutors, who are licensees or independent contractors. The program equips and trains the parents who are willing to become tutors and directors, which allows them to be paid for their time and work each week. With the corporate provided staff in place, there is a fee for each child who attends.

"I love spending more time with my girls and truly being able to watch them grow and flourish before my eyes each day," Burris said.

Being able to learn about her children while they are getting the best education suited for them is one of the great things Burris has found with homeschooling through Classical Conversations. A classical education is ideally suited to children's natural learning style and intellectual growth. The classical model of education divides the learning process into three stages: grammar, dialectic and rhetoric. In the grammar stage, children devour facts. They call this stage Foundations, and it is for ages 4-11. In the dialectic stage, children ask many questions as they sort and evaluate these facts. This is our Essentials program, and it is for children ages 10-13. In the rhetoric stage, teenagers synthesize their knowledge and apply it. This is the Challenge program, which is designed for young adults 13-18.

"What I love about living in the United States of America is that we have so many different freedoms and the right to choose what's best for us and our families," she said. "Homeschool is a great option for families to take into

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## Obituaries

## Cheryl Lee Lepard

Cheryl Lee Lepard, 81, of Granbury, passed away Monday, May 25, 2020. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Adolfo Saldivar

Adolfo Saldivar A.K.A. "A.G." went to be with our Lord on May 24th, 2020 at the age of 86. He passed peacefully in his home surrounded by his extended family. His Rosary Service will be at 7:00 PM Thursday, May 28, 2020 at Myers & Smith Chapel and public viewing will be from 11:00 AM to 9:00PM. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Friday, May 29, 2020 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Adolfo was born on Sept. 19, 1933 in Melvin, Texas. He is preceded in death by his loving wife of 62 years Amelia Perez Saldivar, his parents Porfirio Saldivar and Rufina Garcia Saldivar, and his beloved sisters Eva Alcantar of Big Spring and Maria Rodriguez of Big Spring.

A.G. was a dedicated public servant. He worked 11+ years with the City of Big Spring and 15+ years with the Big Spring ISD in the Facilities & Operations Department.

A.G. is survived by his two loving daughters Irene Ortiz and husband Abel Ortiz of Big Spring and Mary Lou Solis and husband Martin Solis of San Antonio. He is survived by seven grandchildren: Joey Gutierrez of San Antonio, Jeremy Gutierrez of St. Augustine, FL, Laura Salazar and husband Elijah Salazar of Coahoma, Emilio Ortiz of Big Spring, Gabriel Solis of San Antonio, Martin

A. Solis and wife Virginia Solis of Ft. Worth, Sarah Solis of San Antonio and three great-grandchildren: Matthew Gutierrez of Big Spring, Richard Villa Junior of Coahoma, and McGowan W. Solis of Ft. Worth. A.G. is also survived by his beloved siblings Fidel Saldivar of Big Spring, Rosa Rodriguez of Midland, and Suzanna Anzaldua of Houston.

His extended family and countless friends will miss him. Adolfo was a devoted son, loving husband, affectionate father, doting grandfather, and caring great-grandfather.

The family knew him as a dog loving, friendly, generous, caring man and a gifted gardener. All knew him as a model of faith and virtue. He dedicated his life to provide loving care for his family, devotion to his faith, and attending and supporting his church. May he rest in the loving arms of God now and forever.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons and great-grandson.

The family would like to say Thank You to Interim Healthcare Hospice Nurses and Staff, as well as the many coworkers throughout the years.

The family suggests memorials to Interim Healthcare Hospice at 1900 S Gregg St Ste. C, Big Spring, TX 79720 and also Big Spring Animal Shelter at 3605 E 11th Pl, Big Spring, TX 79720.

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

*Paid Obituary*

## Leanna Rubio

Leanna Rubio, infant daughter of Chasity Arguijo and Fred Rubio died May 19, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been set up to help with expenses at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Doloreska "Dot" Cuatt  
Harvey Dinehart

Doloreska "Dot" Cuatt Harvey Dinehart, 74, of Big Spring, passed away Sunday, May 24, 2020. Private family services will be at a later date.

She survived by her sons, John Harvey and wife, Gail, Richard Harvey and wife, Emma, and Robert Harvey and wife, Janis; daughters, Joyce Douglas and husband, Kenny, and Karen Taylor and hus-

band, Mark; grandchildren, Aimee, Micheal, Britany, Amanda, Austin, Robin, Jacob, Samantha, Alexis, Skye, and Kassie.

She was preceded in death by her adopted sisters, Celia, Rosie, and Linda.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Food Pick up info

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

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

From 9 a.m. to 9:55 a.m., you can pick up at:  
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Bus 15: Larry and McDonald  
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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  
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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](mailto:abuske@forsan.esc18.net). All pre-registration packets will need to be completed and returned to Mandy Buske via email or fax. A copy of the following items need to be returned with the packet: certified birth certificate, social security card, immunization record, proof of residency for district students only (utility bill), parent driver's license and proof of income (pre-k only). Age requirements are: Pre-K - must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020; Kindergarten - 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020. New transfer students (Kinder - 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 and speak to Jessica. Pre-registration is only open for children who live in the district. Transfer requests will not be processed until after June 1. For CISD Kindergarten and Pre-K requirements, please visit the CISD website: [www.coahomaisd.com](http://www.coahomaisd.com)

• Isaiah 58 while not open during normal business hours; will be open on Mondays from Noon until 2 p.m. until further notice, for the safety of their volunteers and those they serve. The change will take place June 1.

• Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Economic Development Corporation and Leading EDG understand the serious challenges our country faces as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. In response to this crisis, the Small Business Administration ("SBA") has created new programs geared towards financial relief for affected businesses.

The Economic Injury Disaster Loan ("EIDL"), is currently available, but only by applying directly to the SBA via the online portal: <https://www.sba.gov/disaster/apply-for-disaster-loan/index.html>. It only takes a few minutes to fill out.

Another option, The Paycheck Protection Program, ("PPP"), has been approved by Congress. If you want to apply for the "PPP" loan contact your local lender.

Information changes daily so make sure you are checking the SBA website regularly.

• Effective immediately, to contact the City of Big Spring Water Office, please call 432-466-3264, 432- 466-3568, or 432-466-7248. The Water Office is temporarily located at 305 South Johnson. Be advised, all City of Big Spring offices, including the Water Office, remain closed to the public and open by appointment and electronic means only. Ways to make your payment: 1. Pay online at [www.mybigspring.com](http://www.mybigspring.com).

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# Weather



**Today:** Sunny, with a high near 91. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north in the afternoon.  
**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 87.

**Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 60.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 88.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 63.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 90.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 66.

**Monday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 91.

**Monday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 68.

**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 92.

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

# CITY

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In other business, the Council:

- Approved vouchers for May 14th of \$598,695.74
- Approved vouchers for May 21st for \$1,653,426.89
- Approved the City Council minutes from the May 12th meeting
- Approved the resolution that Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC's application for approval to amend its distribution for rate increase be denied
- Awarded a bid to Rashig USA, a single source vendor, for trickling filter upgrades at the WasteWater Treatment plant

In new business, the Council approved:

- An engineering service agreement with Jacob and Martin for \$110,000 – or one percent of the entire project cost – for testing materials for the Airpark street improvement project
- \$35,000 for lifeguards from the YMCA to be utilized at the Russ McEwen Aquatic Center (down from \$55,000 - \$60,000 in years past due to the late opening in 2020)
- The Big Spring EDC Board Minutes for the April 21st meeting

Additionally, the Council approved action to develop incentives on infill lots in established subdivisions throughout the Big Spring. City Council District 1 representative Raul Marquez

Jr., said that he is grateful to see the development of new subdivisions in the area, but also hopes to offer incentives to homeowners of existing properties to beautify Big Spring.

"We have seen more development in the last eight years than we have in the last 20", Marquez said. "But I also want to offer incentives to those whose homes are under \$150,000. Hopefully, we can continue building Big Spring and creating a bigger tax base – that's the goal – getting Big Spring to look even more beautiful".

City Attorney Andrew Hagen offered clarification on the matter, stating that current laws prohibit the Council from offering incentives to homeowners based upon the value(s) of their homes. "There are many, many different avenues" that can be explored, according to Hagen. "How it you can promote progress for the people who live in the City?"

The Council ultimately approved action by City Manager Todd Darden – and his staff – to create a program of development incentives for infill lots. City Council members Raul Marquez, Jr., (District One), Terry McDaniel (District 3) and Jim DePauw (District 6) will participate in the discussions to create the incentives for those homeowners.

Finally, Mayor Shannon Thomason reported that there are currently no active COVID-19 cases

as of noon yesterday in Howard County/Big Spring. "We have been really lucky in Big Spring, by luck of the grace of God," Thomason said. "I'll take it either way."

Howard County/Big Spring COVID-19 breakdowns are as follows:

- 0 active cases
- 843 tests
- 471 awaiting results
- 367 negative test results
- 6 confirmed cases
- 5 recovered, one death

Furthermore, it was pointed out that the sudden increase in the number of tests conducted in Howard County is a result of recent testing by the National Guard at area nursing homes. Most of those tests are still awaiting results.

State COVID-19 numbers are as follows:

- 943,239 total tests given
- 56,560 cases reported
- 36,375 recovered
- 22,446 active cases
- 1,536 deaths
- 229 out of 254 counties reporting

The state of Texas is now conducting antibody testing as well, with 84,841 antibody tests already conducted.

The next City Council meeting will be held at 5:30 pm on June 10th at the City Council Chambers. Anyone wishing to call in during the public comments portion of the meeting is asked to call (432) 264-2411.

# LEARN

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consideration. Each family is different and each child is unique, so different programs will work better for each scenario."

This particular avenue for homeschooling has allowed the Burris family to learn in their own unique ways and indulge in their true interests. Public schooling curriculums are focused around a set standard and therefore offer a different platform and standard of learning. When it comes to deciding if homeschooling is an avenue your family wants to pursue, Burris said each family should review all the options available and choose the program that works well for your family whether that be public school, private school, or one of the homeschool communities.

"When we moved to Colorado in December 2015, the school gave us my daughter's books. I ordered the teachers books, and we started our homeschool journey," she said. "Though the beginning was rocky, I knew that it would all be worth it in the end."

Growing up Burris attended public school so starting a new journey with her family with Classical Conversations was nerve racking to say the least. Now that the Burris family has fully transitioned to the homeschool lifestyle they have realized how much of an impact it has had on their relationship with each other and the lord.

"I truly look forward to serving our community through this new option for homeschool families," Burris said. "I have truly enjoyed learning about

each of my children's specific gifts, abilities, and learning styles. Homeschooling has allowed me more time to do that with them and be able to help them learn in ways they enjoy as well as helping them improve the areas where they may be weaker."

Burris said homeschooling has helped her unlock more of her learning styles as well and understand how they can make all of these work together. She encourages parents to truly learn about their children, what helps them learn and try to encourage those areas no matter what school path one chooses for their family.

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# Take Note cont.

• Big Spring High School will be recognizing the football team, band members and cheerleaders who participated in the first game at Memorial Stadium in the fall of 1956. The recognition will take place Friday, Sept. 4, 2020 at Memorial Stadium. If you are a member of these groups, or know of a member of these groups, and would like to participate, please contact Edward Slate at 432-270-1995, or at 813 Vista Ridge, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

• VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.



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Tests performed: 843

Pending: 471

Negative tests: 367

Recovered: 5

Deaths: 1

Last week, the National Guard came in and did surge testing on nursing homes and assisted living facilities. The test results have started coming back and all are expected to be in by the end of the week. There are still currently no active cases of COVID-19 in Howard County.

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- In 2018 there were 2,841 people killed and an estimated additional 331,000 injured in crashes involving distracted drivers.(NHTSA)
- The fatal crash rate for teens is 3 times greater than for drivers age 20 and over (IIHS)
- Driver distraction is responsible for more than 58% of teen crashes. (AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety)
- People are as impaired when they drive and talk on a cell phone as they are when they drive intoxicated at the legal blood-alcohol limit of 0.08%. (University of Utah)
- Cell phones users are 5.36 times more likely to get into an accident than undistracted drivers. (University of Utah)
- Text messaging increases the risk of crash or near-crash by 23 times. (Virginia Technical Transportation Institute. (USDOT)
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- We will sanitize bowling balls, rental shoes, chairs, tables, and interactive screens immediately following use.
- High-touch objects will be either single-use or cleaned and sanitized after every use.
- We will adhere to all local and state health standards.

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### Best photos and recaps from Coahoma Bulldogs 2019 football season



HERALD File Photo

Zack Schneider plunges forward for one of his two rushing touchdowns against C-City during his senior year campaign. Schneider helped lead the Bulldogs to a dominating 60-8 win over the Wolves and also finished his night 9-for-11 for 106 yards passing and carried the ball 12 times for an additional 109 yards.



HERALD File Photo

The Bulldogs charge out of the tunnel and onto the field to face district rival Abernathy on the road. This was one of the Bulldogs only losses of the season as the offense struggled to gain any momentum. Coahoma is once again scheduled to play the Antelopes on the road in the upcoming 2020 season.



HERALD File Photo

Sophomore Ky Kemper and Junior Colin Daniels converse on the field during the loss to Abernathy. Kemper finished his second high school season with 68 total tackles, one interception and two tackles for loss. Daniels recorded 91 tackles during his junior year and also tied for the team with six sacks and three interceptions. Both will return to the team in 2020.



HERALD File Photo

The Bulldogs celebrate after their nail-biting 29-21 win over the Idalou Wildcats last October. Coahoma held a slight lead the entire game and was able to hold Idalou scoreless in the third quarter which gave the Bulldogs the edge. Zack Schneider had a huge game on the ground and finished the game with 176 yards and four touchdowns on 28 carries.



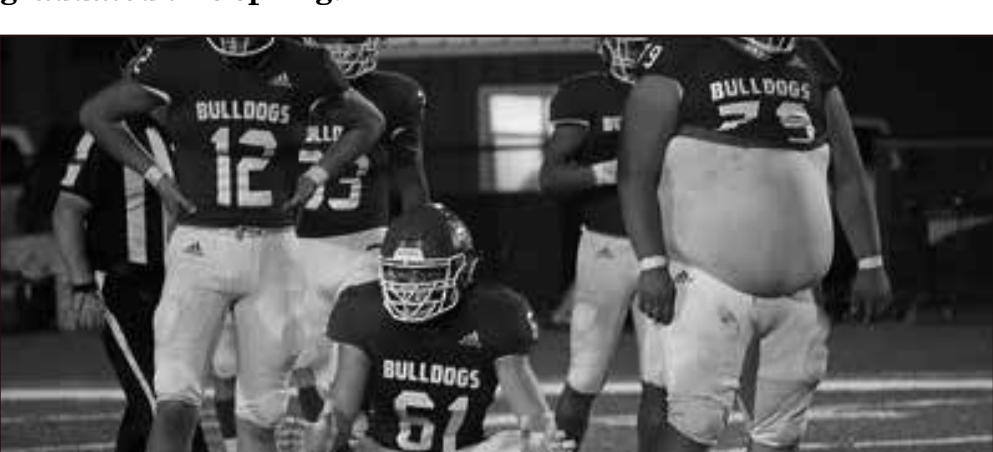
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Brysen Kerby (22) makes his way through the line of scrimmage with one of his nine carries he toted against the Idalou Wildcats. Kerby would finish the game with 24 yards on the ground on an overall quiet night for the sophomore running back. Garrett Anderson (50) will not be returning for the 2020 season as he just graduated this spring.



HERALD File Photo

Tony Hagins muscled his way through two Iraan tacklers in the 48-0 beatdown of the Braves last season. Hagins caught one pass for 13 yards in this game and would finish his junior year season with 286 receiving yards and four touchdowns on 14 catches. Hagins should be a focal point of the Bulldogs 2020 offense as they move to a more balanced attack.



HERALD File Photo

Pictured above: Senior defensive lineman Keegan Dobbs kneels and waits for the playcall to come in from the sideline in an early-season 28-26 heartbreaking loss to Slaton. Pictured below: A handful of Bulldogs led by Senior linebacker Avry Burgans and Junior defensive lineman Issac Ortiz bring down a Slaton ballcarrier.



HERALD File Photo

Pictured above: Wide Receiver Isaiah Martin goes to make a lead block for the dynamic plamaker Braxton Chandler during a big 55-22 win over the visiting Wink Wildcats. Chandler finished the game with three catches for 71 yards and a touchdown. Pictured below: Brysen Kerby (22) leads the way for powerful quarterback Zack Schneider in the big win over Iraan.





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Minor Child.

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# Contract Bridge



By Steve Becker  
**Spotty play**

South dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A 4 2  
♥ Q J 7 6  
♦ A Q 5  
♣ A K 3

**WEST**  
♠ 8 6  
♥ 10 9 5 2  
♦ 9 8 6  
♣ Q 9 7 2

**EAST**  
♠ 7 3  
♥ A K 4 3  
♦ K J 10 4  
♣ J 8 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q J 10 9 5  
♥ 8  
♦ 7 3 2  
♣ 10 6 4

The bidding:  
South West North East  
2♠ Pass 4♠

Opening lead — ten of hearts.

Spot cards can play a key role in the outcome of many deals. The declarer who fails to give full weight to their value can easily bungle a makeable contract.

Consider this deal where West led the ten of hearts against four spades. Dummy's jack was taken by East's king, and East exited with a trump.

Declarer drew trump in two rounds and then played the A-K and another club. He hoped East would be forced to win, in which case any return would aid South's cause.

But West overtook the jack of clubs with the queen and shifted to the nine of diamonds. Declarer tried the queen, but it lost to the king. East returned a diamond, and South eventually lost another diamond for down one.

The final result can be blamed entirely on South's failure to appreciate his heart spots. Ten tricks are his for the taking if he wins East's trump return in dummy at trick two and leads the queen of hearts, forcing East to cover with the ace, ruffed by South.

Declarer then draws trump, crosses to dummy with a club and leads seven of hearts. After East follows, South discards a club or a diamond.

West wins the seven of hearts with the nine, but declarer now has 10 tricks: six spades, the ace of diamonds, the A-K of clubs and the six of hearts, which has become the high heart.

All declarer need do is notice that after the 10-J-K-8 of hearts are played to the first trick, a heart trick can eventually be developed, since the Q-7-6 are left in dummy while only the ace and nine remain in the opponents' hands.

Tomorrow: The art of circumvention.  
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# SUDOKU

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

Level: Intermediate

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

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

ANSWER:

## Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** There are more senses than touch, taste, smell, sight and sound. Senses will come alive in your intellect -- the cerebral tickle of humor, the shiver of distaste and the tingle of an electric idea.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Bad feelings need air, too. There's no one correct way to release them. Some pestiferous feelings are effectively processed through the structure of media, sports, art or religion.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Goodness, faith and sweetness owe a debt to wrongness, faithlessness and bitterness, as they would not exist without their opposites. Recognizing shadows allows you to dance in the light of wisdom.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** All rewards have a cost. You can have what you want, so long as you want the cost of it just as much as you want the rest of it. In figuring that out, experience will teach you more than analysis.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** If the rules are not written down, spoken or communicated otherwise, then the only way to find out what they are is to break them. This is also the fastest way to get to the actual rules as opposed to the ideal ones.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You hate to say no, but it's necessary for honest living. It's easier when no comes quickly, briefly and impersonally. No offer can be right for

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You can succeed alone, but it will take three times longer, and will feel like 10 times longer, as that route is a slog. Bring another person in or, better yet, a team.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You may imagine you know how a scene will play out, but even an Oscar-winning scriptwriter can't predict what people will say and do in real life. You'll never know unless you make your entrance.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** The last thing you want to be perceived as right now is bossy. Even if you are the boss, asserting authority will only go over well if done with genial diplomacy.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You don't need a dance floor. All you need is a floor. Your dance will be spontaneous, if subtle, and expressive of an emotion you know well, just not usually at this level of intensity.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** A true empath, you will read all cues, mostly without even being aware you are doing it. And you'll hear people before they tell you in words what it is they are feeling.

tion. What do you say?"

As it goes with all questions concerning cultural appropriation, the one to ask is the one whose culture may be offended, though even then you will get the answer of only one individual. Many Native American cultures dislike the use of the word "tribe" used to describe a squad of friends or a community group or followers of, say, a social media entity. "Tribe" is an anthropological term. It can be offensive when borrowed to describe other groupings, and can also be degrading when it is used instead of the word "nation" to describe the sovereign nation of Native Americans.

Furthermore, it is easy to imagine how those belonging to native cultures that have rituals and beliefs around spirit animals might be offended by the pop culture and humorous references to "spirit animals." Substitutions you might try: inner avatar, animal icon, kindred beast or Patronus.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Multitalented Chris Colfer will soon release "A Tale of Witchcraft" which is the sequel to his latest fantasy world success, "A Tale of Magic." The best-selling author and Golden Globe-winning actor is an intellectual Gemini born under a soulful Cancer moon and has natal Venus in feisty Aries. Mars in Pisces shows an almost psychic sense when it comes to his work.

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## Annie's Mailbox

**Family Is Family**

Dear Annie: My brother and I own our parents' house, which is the house we grew up in. They put it in our names a while ago with the provision that they be allowed to live there for the rest of their lives. Recently, my brother, his wife and their two children moved in with my parents. They plan to live there for a few years, until their kids are old enough to start going to school, and then move to a town nearby with better schools.

This isn't a situation where they had to move in with my parents. They are financially secure and are planning to rent out their current home. Recently, a friend of ours who is aware of this half-jokingly told me that I should be collecting rent from them. This started me thinking. Should I ask for any type of monthly payment from them? -- Wondering Sister

Dear Wondering

Sister: Family is family. If you are wondering whether you should be collecting rent, I am wondering what you would like the future of your relationship with your brother to look like. If you want it to be peaceful and happy, do not ask him for rent. If anyone should be collecting rent, it is your parents, but that is completely at their discretion.

Two young children not in school can be exhausting for parents. Having your parents around to help out, or to just see their young grandchildren, could be great for all of them. It takes a village to raise a family, and if your brother wants help from his village, let him. The more you focus on your own life and the less you focus on his, the happier you will be.

Dear Annie: I live in an apartment building retirement community in Arizona. The staff has made us feel quite safe by setting guidelines for social distancing.

We have an outstanding activities director who plans events that keep social distancing but break the boredom. She arranged for the department heads to prepare a "circus," and they went through the halls ringing doorbells.

They all dressed in clown costumes, and the marketing director wore her son's tuxedo and was the ringmaster. They hooted and hollered and danced through the halls, swinging Hula-Hoops and dragging a wagon full of stuffed animals.

The event was a big hit and cheered us up! -- Circus Show

Dear Circus Show: Yours is a very uplifting story. Your activities director had a creative idea. Send her a big thank you!

Dear Annie: Sewing is not just for girls. My son learned how to sew in a middle school class. His sewing skill allowed him to make

curtains for his van when he was a wandering college student; to fix his backpack, clothes and tent on camping trips; to make a precise set of window shields for his car; and now, as a research professor, he is working at a major university on a digital fabrication project using common stitch design patterns for possible medical and "smart" fabric applications.

And, he just made a mask for his 2-year-old daughter. So, you never know where a learned skill in childhood will take you. -- Learned a Valuable Skill

Dear Learned a Valuable Skill: Thank you for sharing all of the clever and helpful ways sewing has helped your son -- and our society. During the COVID-19 pandemic, few coping skills are as important as knowing how to sew a mask.

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

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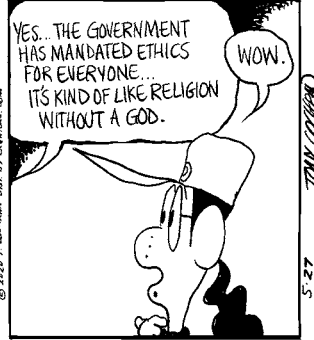


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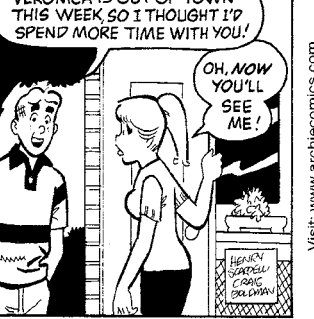
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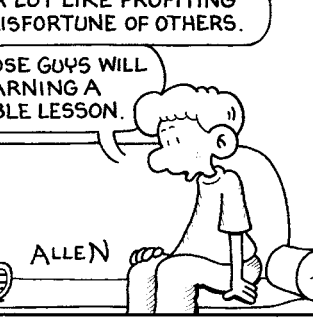
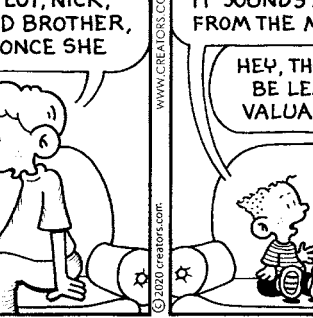
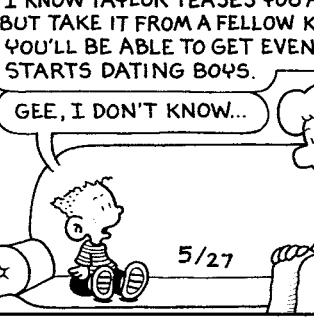
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This Date In History

**Today in History**  
Today is Wednesday, May 27, the 148th day of 2020. There are 218 days left in the year.  
Today's Highlight in History:  
On May 27, 1935, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Schechter Poultry Corp. v. United States*, unanimously struck down the National Industrial Recovery Act, a key component of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "New Deal" legislative program. On this date:  
In 1199, King John of England was crowned in Westminster Abbey nearly two months after the death of his brother, Richard I ("The Lion-Hearted").  
In 1861, Chief Justice Roger Taney, sitting as a federal circuit court judge in Baltimore, ruled that President Abraham Lincoln lacked the authority to suspend the writ of habeas corpus (Lincoln disregarded the ruling).  
In 1896, 255 people were killed when a tornado struck St. Louis, Missouri, and East St. Louis, Illinois.  
In 1912, golf legend Sam Snead was born in Ashwood, Va. Author John Cheever was born in Quincy, Mass.  
In 1933, the Chicago World's Fair, celebrating "A Century of Progress," officially opened. Walt Disney's Academy Award-winning animated short "The Three Little Pigs" was first released.  
In 1941, the British Royal Navy sank the German battleship *Bismarck* off France with a loss of some 2,000 lives, three days after the *Bismarck* sank the HMS *Hood* with the loss of more than 1,400 lives. Amid rising world tensions, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed an "unlimited national emergency" during a radio address from the White House.  
In 1942, Doris "Dorie" Miller, a cook aboard the USS *West Virginia*, became the first African-American to receive the Navy Cross for displaying "extraordinary courage and disregard for his own personal safety" during Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor.  
In 1948, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *United States v. O'Brien*, upheld the conviction of David O'Brien for destroying his draft card outside a Boston courthouse, ruling that the act was not protected by freedom of speech.  
In 1993, five people were killed in a bombing at the Uffizi museum of art in Florence, Italy; some three dozen paintings were ruined or damaged.  
In 1994, Nobel Prize-winning author Alexander Solzhenitsyn returned to Russia to the emotional cheers of thousands after spending two decades in exile.

In 1995, actor Christopher Reeve was left paralyzed when he was thrown from his horse during a jumping event in Charlottesville, Virginia.  
In 1998, Michael Fortier (FOR'-tee-ur), the government's star witness in the Oklahoma City bombing case, was sentenced to 12 years in prison after apologizing for not warning anyone about the deadly plot. (Fortier was freed in January 2006.)  
Ten years ago: On the defensive more than five weeks into the nation's worst-ever oil spill, President Barack Obama insisted his administration, not oil giant BP, was calling the shots in the still-unsuccessful response. The Senate Armed Services Committee and the full House approved measures to repeal the 1993 "don't ask, don't tell" law that allowed gay people to serve in the armed services provided they hid their sexual orientation. Activist Lori Berenson walked out of a prison in Peru after serving three-quarters of a 20-year term for aiding leftist rebels. (Under her parole, Berenson had to remain in Peru until December, 2015; she then returned to New York.)  
Five years ago: The U.S. government launched an attack on what it called deep-seated and brazen corruption in soccer's global governing body, FIFA, indicting 14 influential figures on charges of racketeering and taking bribes. Former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum, an aggressive advocate for conservative family values, launched a 2016 Republican White House bid. Nebraska's Legislature abolished the death penalty over the objections of Gov. Pete Ricketts, a Republican supporter of capital punishment.  
One year ago: Meeting in Japan with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, President Donald Trump said he was "personally not" bothered by North Korea's recent short-range missile tests, which had rattled Japan. Forty inmates were killed in riots at three prisons in Manaus in northern Brazil, a day after 15 inmates died during fighting among prisoners at a fourth prison in the same city. Former baseball All-Star and batting champion Bill Buckner died at the age of 69; he had become best known for allowing a ground ball to roll through his legs in the 1986 World Series, won by the New York Mets over

Buckner's Boston Red Sox.  
**Today's Birthdays:** Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is 97. Former FBI Director William Sessions is 90. Author John Barth is 90. Actress Lee Meriwether is 85. Musician Ramsey Lewis is 85. Actor Louis Gossett Jr. is 84. Rhythm and blues singer Raymond Sanders (The Persuasions) is 81. Actor Bruce Weitz is 77. Former Sen. Christopher Dodd (D-Conn.) is 76.

Singer Bruce Cockburn (KOH'-burn) is 75. South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster is 73. Singer-actress Dee Dee Bridgewater is 70. Actor Richard Schiff is 65. Singer Siouxsie Sioux (The Creatures, Siouxsie and the Banshees) is 63. Rock singer-musician Neil Finn (The Finn Brothers) is 62. Actress Peri Gilpin is 59. Actress Cathy Silvers is 59. Comedian Adam Carolla is 56. Actor Todd Bridges is 55. Rock

musician Sean Kinney (Alice In Chains) is 54. Actor Dondre Whitfield is 51. Actor Paul Bettany is 49. Rock singer-musician Brian Desveaux (Nine Days) is 49. Country singer Jace Everett is 48. Actor Jack McBrayer is 47. Rapper Andre 3000 (Outkast) is 45. Rapper Jadakiss is 45. TV chef Jamie Oliver is 45. Alt-country singer-songwriter Shane Nicholson is 44. Actor Ben Feldman is 40. Actor Mi-

chael Steger is 40. Actor Darin Brooks is 36. Actor-singer Chris Colfer is 30. Actor Ethan Dampf is 26. Actress Desiree Ross (TV: "Greenleaf") is 21.  
**Thought for Today:** "Great wisdom is generous; petty wisdom is contentious. Great speech is impassioned, small speech cantankerous." — Chuang-tzu, Chinese essayist (c.369-c.286 B.C.)

Newsday Crossword

HEAD-TO-TOES by Addison Hayes Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**  
1 Engineering school, for short  
5 Clock face  
9 Beginning meaning "eight"  
13 Farmland measure  
14 Strummed instrument  
15 Complain (about)  
16 It keeps rain out of a flue  
18 Sandpaper surface  
19 More comfy to live in  
20 Vicinity  
22 Masseuse's employer  
23 Devour, with "down"  
25 Baby bird's sound  
27 Ruckus  
29 Train track support  
33 Baseball batters' ploys  
35 Warning sign on a door  
36 Mediocre  
37 "Me too!"  
38 Cast a ballot  
42 Magician's exclamation  
44 Seize control of  
45 20-minute films  
49 Aunt, in Spanish  
50 Kept chilled, as wine  
51 Adolescents  
53 Attentive treatment, for short  
54 Short-lived crazes  
58 Cause to move forward  
61 Comedian Rudner or actress Hayworth  
63 Car parts that slow you down
- DOWN**  
1 Gauge on a car's dash  
2 Rebound of a sound  
3 Deep reds  
4 Prevent from escaping  
5 When the sun is up  
6 Ancient Andes dweller  
7 Slightly open, as a door  
8 Trot easily  
9 Texter's "Holy cow!"  
10 Old-time tummy tightener  
11 Capital of Taiwan  
12 Preserved with a cassette  
14 Baseball great Yogi  
17 Gets closer to  
21 Exotic smoothie berry  
24 Complete a race  
26 Sets with LCD screens  
27 Belly muscles  
28 Musical twosome  
30 State-sponsored game  
31 Clever comeback  
32 Tic-tac-toe nonwinner  
34 Discussion subject  
37 Moines, IA  
39 Defeated in a debate  
40 One less than quadri-  
41 Air quality agcy.  
43 Lagoon's coral barrier  
44 People logging in  
45 Alternative to Aleve  
46 Connected to the Web  
47 Contest winner  
48 Wild West Show structure  
52 "Ain't gonna happen!"  
55 Conspire in crime  
56 Doodled, say  
57 Dress of India  
59 Electrified swimmers  
60 Aspiring lawyer's exam: Abbr.  
62 Sentence extender  
64 Box with bandages and gauze

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FIRSTIN	FIRSTOUT	
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ERE	TABS	NEO
RADIO	COINOP	
	SOMETHING	NEW
FOGS	ARIAS	ACRE
LUAU	RINSE	RUIN
URGE	KNEES	MELT



# Sweet 16: NHL playoffs qualifying round tough to predict

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**

AP Hockey Writer

The NHL's regular season is over and the chase for the Stanley Cup is on if hockey returns this summer.

The league settled on a 24-team postseason format that Calgary Flames captain Mark Giordano supported back in March as the coronavirus was shutting down sports.

"You can't eliminate teams who are out on points percentage or stuff like that," Giordano said. "I think you go 12 and 12. More teams get in this year, maybe a couple of byes at the top and play it out."

The top four teams in the Eastern and Western Conferences get byes into the final 16 except for a handful of round-robin games to determine seeding. That's Boston, Tampa Bay, Washington and Philadelphia in the East and St. Louis, Colorado, Vegas and Dallas in the West.

"It rewards those teams that had a good regular season, and it's going to serve as almost a little bit of a preseason for those top four in each conference," said NBC Sports analyst Patrick Sharp, who won the Cup three times as a player with Chicago. "There's standings on the line and you want to position yourself the best you can, but it's an opportunity for those guys to kind of get the rust off and get ready for a tough opponent because whoever they face in that first round is going to be coming off a pretty intense series."

The top seeds would face the winners of these eight opening-round, best-of-five series:

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

No. 5 Pittsburgh Penguins vs. No. 12 Montreal Canadiens

Penguins captain and three-time champion Sidney Crosby didn't mind going directly into playoffs given the limited timing. His reward is a matchup against elite goaltender Carey Price and the Montreal Canadiens, who had 15 fewer points than Pittsburgh when the season was halted.

Season series: Penguins won two of three.

What Sharp says: "Price could be key in this series. ... Pittsburgh is a team that's going to get healthy, hopefully. They had some key guys injured before the shutdown that were going to miss significant games down the stretch."

No. 6 Carolina Hurricanes vs. No. 11 New York Rangers

Carolina was one of two teams (along with Tampa Bay) that voted against this playoff format. The Hurricanes shouldn't need emergency goaltender David Ayres anymore with Petr Mrazek and James Reimer healthy and Dougie Hamilton ready to return on defense.

Season series: Rangers won all four.

What Sharp says: "I like the way (the Hurricanes) compete, and they can shut games down with the best of them. Now they got their goaltenders healthy, Dougie coming back. I like their chances. ... They were an exciting team to watch, the New York Rangers. (Winger Artemi) Panarin is making everybody better offensively."

No. 7 New York Islanders vs. No. 10 Florida Panthers

This is a rematch of a 2016 series, but basically everything has changed for these teams since. Barry Trotz has put his stamp on the Islanders, and three-time Cup-winning coach Joel Quenneville is in his first season with high-flying Florida.

Season series: Islanders won all three.

What Sharp says: "It's two different styles of play. The Islanders and Barry Trotz and (GM Lou Lamoriello), they're going to be a very disciplined, defense-oriented team ... That neutral zone's going to be clogged. And for a team like the Panthers that showed this season that they would trade a few chances to get a few chances ... it's going to be a tough matchup for them."

No. 8 Toronto Maple Leafs vs. No. 9 Columbus Blue Jackets

If Toronto is to bring the Cup home for the first time since 1967, Auston Matthews and Co. first have to deal with the pesky Blue Jackets who eliminated the top-seeded Lightning in the first round last year.

Season series: Split two games.

What Sharp says: "You know what you're facing with the Blue Jackets. It's going to be an in-your-face game, a hard-nosed matchup. And Toronto, you finally get away from Boston but now you've got to face a team like Columbus that we saw how well they played against Tampa Bay last year, so it doesn't get easier for Toronto."

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

No. 5 Edmonton Oilers vs. No. 12 Chicago Blackhawks

Connor McDavid gets just his second taste of the playoffs in his fifth season. No. 97, who had 97 points in the regular season, gets to ride alongside NHL leading scorer Leon Draisaitl against an aging Blackhawks opponent.

Season series: Blackhawks won two of three.

What Sharp says: "I don't know if you can slow (McDavid) down in a playoff series any easier than you can in the regular season. ... That's a tough matchup for anybody, especially Chicago, a team that gives up more prime scoring chances than anybody that's left in the playoff group."

No. 6 Nashville Predators vs. No. 11 Arizona Coyotes

otes

Nashville and Arizona each made a major in-season move. The Predators replaced coach Peter Laviolette with John Hynes and the Coyotes traded for 2018 MVP Taylor Hall. Only one of them will get into the final 16.

Season series: Split two games.

What Sharp says: "It seems like the coaching change did make a little bit of difference for the Preds. ... Arizona is a team that has trouble scoring goals, but they can clamp things down defensively. They have great goaltending, they keep the puck out of the net at a pretty good clip. Those are teams that are going to be tough to play in these short, best-of-five series."

No. 7 Vancouver Canucks vs. No. 10 Minnesota Wild

The Canucks get goalie Jacob Markstrom back from a knee injury, and he has had the benefit of skating at home in Sweden during the pause. Minnesota interim coach Dean Evason gets a chance to show he deserves the full-time job.

Season series: Wild won two of three.

What Sharp says: "They've got some core pieces there in Vancouver that are going to get a taste of the big stage, the big playoff matchups. It's going to be great for their development. ... (The Wild) have that one last crack to show what they have as a group. This might be the last chance that this core group in Minnesota has to kind of win a few playoff rounds."

No. 8 Calgary Flames vs. No. 9 Winnipeg Jets

The constantly changing Flames face the continuity of the Jets, and the winner of this series could make some real noise in the West. Some big changes are probably coming for the loser.

Season series: Jets won only meeting in overtime.

What Sharp says: "It seemed like (the Flames) were starting to find their groove. But they're facing a team in Winnipeg that right before the shutdown, they were playing some intense hockey. They knew what they were up against. They kind of dug in for the playoffs."

# Pac-12: Voluntary workouts can resume on campus on June 15

By **TIM BOOTH**

AP Sports Writer

The Pac-12 Conference will allow voluntary workouts on campus for all sports beginning June 15, subject to the decision of each individual school and where allowed by local and state guidelines, the conference announced Tuesday.

The decision was made by the presidents and chancellors of the conference schools and followed the announcement last week by the NCAA that schools can reopen for voluntary activities beginning next Monday. The Pac-12's COVID-19 medical

advisory committee created a series of guidelines and protocols for schools to follow once they decide to open for individual workouts.


"As states have either already opened or begin to open up access to parks, gyms and other training facilities, student-athletes should have the option at this time to be in, what for many, will be a much safer environment on campus, where they can have access to the best available health, well-being and training support," Pac-12 Commissioner Larry Scott said.

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