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County Commissioners proposed 2 cent sales tax for November ballot

COVID-19 Update:
 Active Cases: 5
 Confirmed: 13
 Tests performed: 1577
 Pending: 589
 Negative tests: 975
 Recovered: 7
 Deaths: 1

By **ERICA MORSE**
 Herald Contributing Writer

A possible county sales tax in unincorporated areas was the key discussion at yesterday's Howard County Commissioners Court June meeting. The Commissioners continued to broadcast the meeting live on the Howard County Info Tech page.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Jimmie Long presented possible action on a two percent county sales tax to those businesses in the unincorporated region just outside city limits, to offset road repairs and other county maintenance-related expenses.

"This tax would be coming from oil industries anyway," Long said. "They can help us pay for some of these repairs. Other counties have done it and it has helped them tremendously."

The Commissioners Court approved a motion to host question and answer

sessions to offer residents and business owners the opportunity to learn more about the tax. Date and time of those events are yet to be determined. As soon as dates are determined they would be distributed to the public.

Moving down the agenda, Commissioner John Cline also presented possible action on a power at right-way at the old Howard County Airport property.

The Court approved Cline's request for a 300-foot easement at the southwest

corner of Airport Road. In other business, the Commissioners Court approved:

- The Treasurer's monthly report, monthly payroll, and the annual investment policy
- Invoices, purchase requests and budget amendments from County Auditor Jackie Olson

The Howard County Commissioner's Court will hold a special meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 16th. Anyone wishing to follow the meeting online may do so through the Howard County Info Tech page on Facebook.



Just a Note:

- Summer Meal Program will run through June 30. Text **FOODTX** to 877-877 to find a site close to you.
- Aquatic Center to open June 15 at 25% capacity
- Big Spring HS Prom 2020 June 13

Phase III: Re-opening Howard College focus of Trustee meeting

By **ERICA MORSE**
 Herald Contributing Writer

Phase Three of the 'Open Howard College' plan will soon go into effect across all campuses as administrators work to move each center into its appropriate re-opening strategy.

Yesterday's meeting of the Howard County Junior College District Board of Trustees centered around the current aspects of the re-opening plan and what is yet to come.

There are currently four phases of the plan, which coincides with Governor Abbott's mandate to re-open Texas. Currently, Howard College is on Phase Two, with plans to shift into Phase Three on June 15.

"The demand is there to re-open," Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said. "Our whole plan is built on CDC guidelines, the Opening America Plan, Open Texas plan, and with the Board coordinating those documents. In addition, the American College and Health Association has a very structured document that we're using."

Dr. Sparks continued, "There is a lot of information on there that we are building from."

Efforts to curb the potential spread of COVID-19 include a combination of virtual and limited face-to-face learning during the Summer II and Fall semesters.

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Howard County announces four new COVID-19 cases Monday

Special to the Herald

On June 8, 2020, the City of Big Spring and Howard County officials were notified of four (4) new positive test results for COVID-19 which are a 51 year old female, a 35 year old female, 10 year old male and a 6 year old female. The patients are all isolated at home and are asymptomatic currently. All four new cases have been determined to be community spread.

Local officials continue to ask all members of the community to remain cautious and continue to take proper precautions against the spread of respiratory illness. COVID-19 remains a major concern in our community and we urge citizens to wash their hands, wear a mask, social distance and avoid travel when possible.

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Big Spring Class of 2020 Graduation: A night of memories not to be forgotten



By **NATALIE PERMENTER**
 Herald Contributing Writer

The stadium lights shone bright this past Friday night, complimented by God with a beautiful full moon and perfect weather, as the Big Spring High School Class of 2020 stepped on the stage to receive that much deserved diploma in a time and setting that no one saw coming. The COVID-19 pandemic has stolen many precious moments from the 2020 Senior Class, literally all over the world, but it did not ruin the Big Spring High School Graduation. This "Miracle at Memorial Stadium" was brought to more than 220 graduates by the tireless and creative efforts of BSHS Principal Mike Ritchey, BSISD Superintendent Jay McWilliams and their incredible staff. It was a night that our community will not soon forget. The list of names of those that helped pull this off and helped sponsor it is too long to list, but these individuals know who they are and can rest in a job well done. KBEST Media was a key part of the coordination by assisting in the car lineup at the park and carrying the broadcast live in its entirety for all to enjoy. The broadcast is still up on

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HERALD photo/Natalie Permenter

The Big Spring Class of 2020 was able to take part in a graduation ceremony that won't soon be forgotten. This class was the first in over 20 years to graduate at Memorial Stadium. The seniors entered the stadium after taking part in a parade from Comanche Trail Park through Big Spring. This was their night to shine and shine they did.

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Obituaries

Howard V. "Sonny" Crocker Jr.

Howard V. "Sonny" Crocker, Jr., of Big Spring, passed away Saturday, June 6, 2020, at his residence. Services are pending.

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

Ruth Simmons

Ruth Simmons, 63, of Big Spring died Friday, June 5, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lynn Thorpe

Lynn Thorpe, 93, of Lampasas, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, June 8, 2020, at her home in Lampasas. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Manmouth. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3400 block of W. FM 818. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Jeffery Road. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was re-

ported in the 600 block of George Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of E. 16th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Johnson. No transport was required.

- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 1400 block of Oil Mill Road. No transport was required.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 1600 block of E. 17th Street. No transport was required.

- **BUILDING/STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 400 block of Dallas. The fire was contained.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of

Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

- Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

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:

- Bus 13-Navajo and Choctaw (9 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.)
- Bus 14-Bauer (9 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.)
- Bus 15: Larry and McDonald (9 a.m. -10:25 a.m.)
- Bus 27: 5th and Abrams (9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)
- Bus 28: 3rd and Lockhart (9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.)
- Bus 28: Limestone Ridge Apt. (9:40 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.)
- Bus 77: Parkway and Hearn (9 a.m. -10 a.m.)
- Bus 85: Goliad Elementary (9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.)
- Bus 86: 6th and Circle (9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)
- Bus 90: Southridge RV Park (9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)
- Bus 96: Albroom and Randolph (9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)

From 10 a.m. to 10:55 a.m., you can pick up at:

- Bus 13-Barcelona Apartments (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)
 - Bus 14-Lakeview (10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.)
 - Bus 14 - Knollwood Apartments (10:35 a.m. - 11 a.m.)
 - Bus 15: Colby and Drew (10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.)
 - Bus 27: 8th and Lorilla (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)
 - Bus 28: Roy Anderson Complex (9:50 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.)
 - Bus 28: 14th and Main Church of Christ (10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.)
 - Bus 77: Airport and Mobile (10:05 - 10:55 a.m.)
 - Bus 85: Scott and Macauslan (10:35 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)
 - Bus 86: Washington Elementary (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)
 - Bus 90: Oasis and Neill (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)
 - Bus 96: Anderson School (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)
- Student meals will also be available for pickup on the Moss, Marcy and Junior High campuses, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until Noon. Please call, 432-264-3635 if you have any questions or concerns.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JONATHAN MATTHEW MATA**, 35, of 51313 Virginia Avenue, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JESSIELEE ALOHALANI HUDSON**, 26, of 1402 Tucson Road, was arrested on warrant from other agency.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the area of 4th and Main; 200 block of S. Gregg Street; area of 13th and Austin.
- **BURLGARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 100 block of W. 24th Street.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 700 block of Ohio; 200 block of W FM 700; 2000 block of S. Gregg; 500 block of Westover Road.
- **FORGERY** was reported at 500 block of N. Lamesa Hwy.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 100 block of N. FM 700; 2800 block of Collins Road; 900 block of E I-20.
- **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported in the 700 block of E I-20.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 78 inmates at the time of this report.

- **BRANDY RENEE GREGORY**, 40, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JESSIELEE ALOHALANI HUDSON**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of revocation of probation - child neglect.
- **JONATHAN MATTHEW MATA**, 35, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **FRANCISCO RESENDIZ-RAMIREZ**, 17, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

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the KBEST Media Facebook page along with a tagged list of special sponsors.

"I can't begin to express my excitement about Big Spring High School holding a graduation ceremony," Mark Richardson, KBEST Operations Manager, said prior to the event. "We need a good case of 'normal' in our lives right now and this is a good step toward normalcy. I am a very proud graduate of Big Spring High School, so having a role in the Graduation Ceremony is a huge honor. Although everyone would rather have not gone through the adaptations that were made this year, BSISD has developed a plan that will make this the most memorable graduation ever. Proud to be SteerStrong."

What started as a "Senior Processional Parade" with the main purpose of getting the graduate and special guest in order for the ceremony turned into a fanfare of celebration and became, arguably, the most unique parade our city has ever had. Since each graduate was only allowed two significant other guests in the parade car and five additional guests at the stadium, many family and friends unable to attend gathered on the parade route and held up signs and cheered these graduates on as they traveled toward the stadium. Many of the cars were elaborately decorated for the car decorating contest that was won by Allison Flores. She won a \$100 bill that was donated by Allen Morris, BSHS Journalism Director.

By the time the graduates and their special guests arrived at Memorial Stadium, the crowd containing their other guests had arrived. As "Pomp and Circumstance" played, the seniors proceeded to their seats on the north end of the stadium from both sides, first embraced by their two special guests that were then seated on the South end of the stadium behind them.

"Seniors, slow steady walk," Mike Ritchey, BSHS Principal said. "No hurry! Enjoy the moment!"

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Kynleigh Joy followed the National Anthem, which was sang by Christian Garrett and Alexies Knox.

"The class of 1978's claim to fame is that they were the last class to graduate here on Memorial Stadium grass," Ritchey said during a portion of the ceremony. "We're back under the lights with a full moon. We are going to enjoy this one. We will remember it as well."

The ceremony continued with the class president address by Kynleigh Joy and the Salutatory address by Corey Rogers.

"Our journey as a class has been a crazy one, but if anything is true, it is that we are the class that has overcome many obstacles in life; and, we are still here today, proving that in the midst of devastation and sadness, there is a reason to celebrate and be happy," Joy said in part of her speech.

Mike Ritchey took the stage again to give more special recognition. He recognized the BSHS 2020 graduates enlisting in the military, which has been

a tradition for the past 11 years, that was sparked by a 2009 student body address by Kevin McLaughlin - a two Star General in the Air Force and 1979 BSHS graduate. He went on to recognize the Top 10 Percent of the 2020 Class followed by the Valedictory Address provided by Anthony Sarmiento. Both Rogers and Sarmiento commended Jay McWilliams and Mike Ritchey for not settling for a virtual graduation or giving up on graduation period like many school districts have done.

The ceremony went on with Principal Ritchey's official certification of the Senior Class by stating that all their graduation requirements had been fulfilled and the acceptance of the class by Superintendent Jay McWilliams. Then, the Graduates were officially introduced and presented their diplomas. With the assistance of BSHS staff, the graduates' special guests were led up to join them as they exited the stage for a special photo.

Ritchey took the stage one last time to give the graduates some last words of encouragement and then instructed them to look under the chairs for six-foot gold ropes to help them form the Senior Circle one last time while following the social distancing guidelines.

"COVID-19 is not going to stop the Senior Class of 2020," he said.

Then the graduates sang the BSHS Alma Mater "Dear Old Big Spring High" led by the BSHS Senior Cheerleaders, creating a very special moment that no one will soon forget.

PHASE III

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As part of Phase Three, administrators and educators will be on-campus for limited meetings using a rotating schedule to limit the number of personnel on-campus at one time. Teachers and financial aid staff will be available to meet with students who are unable to complete their needs on a virtual level.

"It is a very fluid situation," Dr. Sparks said. "We can begin to allow individuals on campus but continue to stress the importance of self-screenings."

Hand sanitation stations and thermal screening stations are expected to be installed across the college district in time for the fall semester plan. However, self-screening is still the most important factor to minimize or eliminate the spread altogether, according to Dr. Sparks.

"There's an expectation that customers and clients under the 'Open Texas' checklist are self-monitoring," Dr. Sparks said. "If you feel sick, stay at home."

Drive-thru checkpoints are also on the list for employees and some student situations. Those locations will also include screenings for contractors, cafeteria workers, workforce solutions, and others who work or study on campus.

Additionally, Dr. Sparks advised their plan is in place for students who reside on-campus who may contract the virus.

"If a student has COVID-19, we're working on quarantine rooms, and how to transport those patients to the hospital," she said.

Face coverings are also encouraged - but not currently required - especially in instances where social distancing guidelines may not be achieved.

"The COVID-19 penetration in this area has been low," Dr. Sparks said. "If we begin to see things change, we will change our approach."

The Big Spring and Lamesa campuses, while enacting the same preventative measures for COVID-19, have not experienced as much as a drop in summer enrollment as the San Angelo campus. Big Spring's summer enrollment is up by one while Lamesa increased by six students. Enrollment for the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCD) remains flat, while the San Angelo campus took a dramatic hit of 121 students.

The Summer II enrollment is still too early to tell, although Dr. Sparks indicated that San Angelo is expected to continue seeing decreases, as COVID-19 has impacted that area more aggressively.

Across the board, Howard College is expected to see decreases, fiscal losses and hiring freezes as a result of COVID-19.

"West Texas took a dive with COVID-19 and the 'oil tumble'," Dr. Sparks said. "We (and the State) are very concerned about what is happening in the west Texas area, and how that will impact our region and the rest of the state."

State agencies have already received notifications of budget reductions as much as five percent; community colleges, however, have thus far been exempt from that decrease.

"(Texas) Comptroller (Glenn) Hager is projecting 2019 to be as bad as 2011, if not worse," Dr. Sparks said.

In other business, as the May elections were postponed to November due to COVID-19, Dr. Sparks advised the new election calendar received is due on Aug. 17, and new notice is due Sept. 4. Early voting will run at the Howard County Courthouse for one month, beginning on Monday, Oct. 5, running through Thursday, Oct. 29.

The Board also approved a resolution to accept a \$7,500 donation from the Permian Basin Association of Pipeliners, as well as a proposal to allow the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities to advocate for SWCD.

The Committee is assisting in preparation of a GEAR Fund Grant totaling \$319,800. Once submitted at the June 11 meeting, it will be forwarded to the Governor's office for review.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Monday, June 22, at 1:30 p.m.

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Ruth Simmons, 63, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Weather

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 59. Northwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming east after midnight.



Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 94. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast in the afternoon.



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Reflections: The eyes have it

We have entered a new era unfamiliar to us all. We are greeted by family, friends and strangers wearing masks everywhere we go. Some masks are like my own, a dull and unremarkable: black, white or gray. Others, like my wife's, are bright and cheerful. Her mask is decorated with little birds. The designs and decorations are unlimited. But all of them have one thing in common. They hide our faces. We cannot determine if someone is smiling, frowning, sneering or simply dead-pan. We cannot read lips. A significant percentage of our normal public face-to-face communication has been stolen.



Bill
Tinsley

My wife and I were watching an old black-and-white Gary Cooper movie the other night. When the villain suddenly pulled up his bandana to mask his face we were struck with how familiar he looked. Once upon a time, meeting a masked stranger on the street might create shivers of sus-

picion and fear. But, today, it is normal, expected, even required.

But one facial feature remains: the eyes. Even with masks, the eyes communicate. They seldom, if ever, lie. They portray innocence, beauty and wonder; the sparkle of imagination, compassion and love. They can also convey anger, fear, suspicion, even deceit. Our music recognizes this fact: The Eagles' 'Lyn' Eyes, Willie Nelson's 'Blue Eyes Cryin' in the Rain, Van Morrison's 'Brown Eyed Girl', and the Beatles' 'Close Your Eyes and I'll Kiss You', to name a few.

Our eyes are the window of the soul. Whatever we choose to see, to read, to watch on TV or the internet floods our soul with images that enlighten, inspire, encourage or corrupt. Perhaps that is what Jesus meant when He said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eye is healthy your whole body is full of light." The eyes not only fill the soul, they also reflect the soul. Our secret thoughts, the things within our heart are often reflected in our eyes.

One of the great treasures of the human experience is to find favor in the eyes of another, as when a groom lifts the veil and looks on the face of his bride. Or when a mother beholds the face of her newborn child. The eyes can bestow unimaginable

and unforgettable blessings. With the eyes we can bless, and we can be blessed by another.

Most important of all is how we are seen by God. The Bible says, "Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be" (Psalm 139:16). "The Lord looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God" (Psalm 14:2). And again, "The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7).

The Bible tells of a young man who came to Jesus wanting to go to heaven. In response "Jesus looked on him and loved him" (Mark 10). Unfortunately, the young man turned away and missed his opportunity because he loved wealth more than he loved God. I have always loved the old song, "Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in his wonderful face, and things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of his glory and grace." What are we choosing to see with our eyes? Whose eyes do we seek?

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. His books are available at www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.

Are you available?

"...Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine." Isaiah 43:1

I was not a very good seminary student. However, I did manage to learn something there that has stuck with me for over thirty years. My seminary professors taught me that availability is the greatest ability.

The greatest ability is to be able to say - yes Lord.

Do you have the ability to say "yes" when God comes knocking at your door with His love, mercy and grace?

Would you be able to set aside your old tattered religious garments for Christ's perfect robe of pure righteousness? Would you trade your good works for His all-sufficient work on the cross?

Are you available?

You may not have all of your ducks in a row. You may not even have any ducks at all. If you are like me, there are probably times when you can't even stand to live with yourself because you are so fake. If this is the case, then, you and I have something in common - availability. That would be the availability to be loved unconditionally by our Creator. And we know that it must be unconditional because this is the only way He could ever possibly love us.

But we did not make ourselves available, God did. He gave us the availability ability when He called us by our name and said - you are mine. And this ability was intensified the moment we understood that we love Him because He first loved us. This availability to be loved by Him is not something we conjured up or invented in our own minds. This ability to be available was His idea; we didn't call Him, He called us. We could not go to where He was, so He came to where we are and made us available.

Are you available? If so, then, His love for you is unconditional because His grace knows no limits, His blessings no boundaries and His light, no darkness. You are no stranger to God because He has called you by your name and He says that you are His.

This is about remedies for worry.

As it so happened one morning early in the week, I was out turning my water off in the garden, and as I went to the back where the cut off was, I saw bunches of beautiful blue wild flowers.

Tears started in my eyes as I realized my Father in Heaven sent them to me.

I told Him thanks, and picked a few of His bouquet for my table.

On my way back to my house, I also picked one white rose (all that was left of that bush) and one red rose (the last one on that bush). It was Memorial Day, and I thought

Walking through the garden



Lillian
Bohannon

how unique of God to give me a red, a white, and a blue flower for my table.

My husband was a WWII Navy veteran; my son, a Desert Storm veteran, and a close friend, a Navy Vietnam veteran.

Memorial Day is a big deal to some of us who did not have the awesome duty to protect our country. I got to thinking, as I picked the flowers, that God was

reminding me who sacrificed so much for me so I could live in a free country.

Then my mind went back to Calvary's Cross, where the ultimate sacrifice was made for our world.

Jesus had only thorns to deal with, no flowers.

He had whips and scorn, no accolades of commendation. He dealt with pain and agony as He died for me.

What did my husband, son, and friend sacrifice for - My freedom to live in a free country these 75 plus years!

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And, that was the ultimate Memorial Day that I get to thank Him for when we get up to our Home in Heaven.

I wonder what it will be like to walk through the gardens of Heaven and what the flowers will be like up there?

I can only imagine!

Floyd's casket arrives at Houston church for public viewing

HOUSTON (AP) — The body of George Floyd arrived at a church Monday in Houston for a final public memorial for the man whose death at the hands of police in Minneapolis sparked protests around the world and calls to reform policing in America.

His body arrived in a gold-colored casket that was escorted to The Fountain of Praise church by Houston police. A six-hour viewing that is open to the public was scheduled to begin in the afternoon.

Before the casket arrived, workers outside the church assembled a large floral arrangement with white roses on one side in the shape of a heart and with the initials "BLM" for Black Lives Matter created from blue roses and placed on top of the heart. The other side of the floral arrangement was made up of red roses and appeared to be in the shape of a raised fist.

Mourners will be required to wear a mask and gloves to comply with coronavirus-related guidelines.

Floyd's funeral will be Tuesday, followed by burial at the Houston Memorial Gardens cemetery in suburban Pearland, where he will be laid to rest next to his mother, Larcenia Floyd.

George Floyd died May 25 after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee into his neck for several minutes even after he stopped responding. His death has inspired international protests and drawn new attention to the treatment of African Americans by police and the criminal justice system.

Former Vice President Joe Biden plans to travel to Houston

to meet with Floyd's family and will provide a video message for Floyd's funeral service. A Biden aide on Sunday described the plans of the Democratic presidential candidate. They did not include attending the service.

Biden expects to give the family his condolences, said the aide, who discussed Biden's plans on condition of anonymity.

Previous memorials have taken place in Minneapolis and Raeford, North Carolina, near where Floyd was born. At the Minneapolis tribute Thursday, those in attendance stood in silence for 8 minutes, 46 seconds.

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Howard Lady Hawks add fifth commit to 2020 class with Cedar Hill's Angel Jones

By SHAWN MORAN
Herald Sportswriter

Even with the coronavirus pandemic still surging in some areas and the current state of our nation, recruiting season is still in full swing and the Howard Hawks have been adding athletes to their future rosters left and right. This is a good sign for Howard because the group of coaches currently at the helm are having no trouble persuading young athletes to make the next stop of their athletic lives the city of Big Spring and Howard College.

Yesterday, the Howard Lady Hawks basketball program added one more recruit to their 2020-21 roster. With only two returning players from last season's team, the Lady Hawks have added a handful of fresh legs and mindsets to the program.

Angel Jones is a forward/center from Cedar Hill, Texas that her senior year at Cedar Hill High School Lady Longhorns. She will now be making the almost five-hour trip from the Dallas area to her new home in Big Spring. The versatile 5-foot-11 baller has plenty of talent and size and should find herself in the consistent player rotation each game.

What stood out to Lady Hawks' coach Earl Diddle and his assistant Meesha Wade?

"Her size and her ability to pick and pop," Wade said. "She'll fit in just fine. She's a bigger kid than what we had last season and will make our team more versatile."

Wade has said that she sees Jones lining up at the center position for the Lady Hawks next season. Last year, Howard was forced to play the majority of their games with a small-ball lineup and the addition of Jones will finally give them so size in the front court.

Jones announced her decision through her social media platforms and seems prepared to take the junior college route and ready the next step in her basketball journey.

"First and foremost, I want to thank God for allowing me to continue to play the game that I love so much," Jones said in her commitment post. "I would love to thank all the coaches that have coached me and helped me develop as a player and a young lady. I would love to thank my parents, siblings for always supporting, motivating, and guiding me to play the game of basketball. Thank you to all the coaches that saw potential in me and recruited me as well. Last but not least, I'd love to thank my real friends, teammates and family that have also supported me and never gave me the chance to give up. I truly appreciate it. With that being said, I am excited and proud to announce that I will be committing to Howard College to continue my athletic and academic career."

Posts like these have become commonplace in today's world and it has started to help paint a picture of what the Lady Hawks roster will look like next year.

This reporter chatted with Jones and found out more about her basketball journey and what brought her to Howard:

1) What made you decide to choose Howard?



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"I chose to go to Howard because I felt like it was a good choice for my family and I. I also chose Howard because it's a small environment and I can get the chance to establish close relationships with my teammates, other students and my teachers."

2) How would you describe your game/style of play?

"I feel as though I play very aggressive and fast. I more so like to shoot my mid-range jumper. I love to set good hard screens for my teammates because I love making it easy for my team to score."

3) How do you feel like playing for a top level high school program such as Cedar Hill prepared you for the next level?

"It has prepared me a lot with the coaches that I had and the teammates that I had our coaches were very determined to help us in anyway shape or form to get the job done in the right way."

4) What are you most excited about for when you get to Howard? And, have you been in contact with any of your teammates?

"I am most excited to meet my coaches and my teammates. Also to see the campus and what type of environment I will be in. Yes, I have actually met one of my teammates, her name is Dani and she's very cool and nice."

5) Have you set any goals for yourself for the upcoming season?

"I have set goals for myself for this upcoming year. I want to become faster, stronger, and more confident with my shot because I believe I have a great shot and form so I want to become a threat as a great shooter."

The 2020-21 Howard Lady Hawks roster is starting to take shape and the amount of versatility that Diddle is adding has been impressive. The Lady Hawks now have five official commits for next year's squad and the Howard coaching staff is ready to get all of those new student-athletes on campus and on the court together.

After last year's disappointing season, Diddle and Wade are trying to put it in the rear view as quickly as possible. They are also building their team around players from Texas and have, so far, not gained any commits from out-of-state. That is not a negative thing but compared to the past, and with the coronavirus causing recruiting visits to be canceled or made virtual, it is out of character for the Lady Hawks program to not recruit out-of-state.

The Lady Hawks roster now sits at seven players and more are sure to be coming. Diddle has been hard at work on the recruiting trail and that will not stop until he is satisfied with the group he has assembled.

At the end of the day, Howard athletics added another strong recruit and are continuing to show how the virus has not slowed down the recruiting prowess of each of their talented coaches and recruiters.

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Cowboys Corner: Updates from America's Team

By SHAWN MORAN
Herald Sports Writer

No training camp in Oxnard for Cowboys

It was announced last week that all NFL teams must hold training camp at their home facility this year due to the coronavirus. That means that the Cowboys will not be taking their usual training camp trip to California this year. The league has still not announced when training camp will be able to kickoff this season but with restrictions continuing to be loosened, the expectation is that training camp will be starting on time.

Travis Frederick to reserve/retired list

If you are reading this, you might be wondering why Frederick has remained on the active roster this long after he announced his retirement in March. The reason is because since they waited to make that roster move until June, they saved millions on their salary cap. The move freed up around \$7 million in cap space and will give Dallas some extra spending money to add more pieces to their roster, or they could use it to finally get that Dak Prescott extension done.

Frederick was set to count \$11.975 mil-

lion against the cap this year but that number has been reduced and now he will only count \$6.065 million against the cap in 2021.

McCarthy believes veteran experience helped during COVID-19

"I think it's obvious to think if we started April 6, like we normally would as a first-year program, we would be in a different spot than we are here today," McCarthy said to ESPN's Todd Archer. "I think it leans toward the veteran experience of our football team that we are able to get this much work done."

Prescott pledges \$1 million for police training & reform

"I have the utmost respect for those of you with a passion for protecting and serving your communities," Prescott wrote on his Instagram page. "When you chose to wear the badge of a police officer, you pledged to PROTECT life and property through the enforcement of our laws and regulations. How can you claim to uphold the law when those within your ranks don't abide by it? You need to hold your own accountable. Each of you are as guilty as the men who stood beside Derek Chauvin if you do not stand up against the systemic racism plaguing our police forces nationwide. TAKE ACTION!"

Spurs' Aldridge out for season after shoulder surgery

By TIM REYNOLDS

AP Basketball Writer

Seven-time All-Star LaMarcus Aldridge will miss the remainder of San Antonio's season while he recovers from surgery on his right shoulder, a major blow to the Spurs' postseason chances, assuming the season continues as planned.

The Spurs announced Monday that Aldridge had the surgery on April 24, stemming from an injury he suffered in a game at Utah on Feb. 21.

San Antonio is one of the 22 teams

will that report to the ESPN Wide World of Sports complex at the Disney campus near Orlando, Florida, starting next month, when the NBA plans to resume this season. The Spurs have been to the playoffs in 22 consecutive seasons, matching the longest streak in NBA history.

When play resumes, the Spurs will be among four teams — the others being Portland, New Orleans and Sacramento — that are all separated by a half-game in the race for ninth place in the Western Conference and potentially a berth in a play-in series.

2020 NBA Teams Remaining & Standings			
*All teams will play eight games for playoff seeding (Orlando, FL)			
Eastern Conference			
Standing	Team	Record	Games Back
1	Milwaukee Bucks	53-12	0
2	Toronto Raptors	46-18	6.5
3	Boston Celtics	43-21	9.5
4	Miami Heat	41-24	12
5	Indiana Pacers	39-26	14
6	Philadelphia 76ers	39-26	14
7	Brooklyn Nets	30-34	22.5
8	Orlando Magic	30-35	23
9	Wash. Wizards	24-40	28.5
Western Conference			
Standing	Team	Record	Games Back
1	L.A. Lakers	49-14	0
2	L.A. Clippers	44-20	5.5
3	Denver Nuggets	43-22	7
4	Utah Jazz	41-23	8.5
5	OKC Thunder	40-24	9.5
6	Houston Rockets	40-24	9.5
7	Dallas Mavericks	40-27	11
8	Memphis Grizzlies	32-33	18
9	Portland T. Blazers	29-37	21.5
10	N. Orleans Pelicans	28-36	21.5
11	Sacramento Kings	28-36	21.5
12	San Antonio Spurs	27-36	22
13	Phoenix Suns	26-39	24

2020 NHL Playoff Format			
Eastern Conference Round Robin Participants			
Seed	Team	Record	Last Title
1	Boston Bruins	44-26-12	2011
2	Tampa Bay Lightning	43-27-6	2004
3	Washington Capitals	41-28-8	2018
4	Philadelphia Flyers	41-28-7	1975
Eastern Conference Qualifying Round Matchups			
Seed	Team	Seed	Team
5	Pittsburgh Penguins vs.	12	Montreal Canadiens
6	Carolina Hurricanes vs.	11	New York Rangers
7	New York Islanders vs.	10	Florida Panthers
8	Toronto Maple Leafs vs.	9	Columbus B. Jackets
Western Conference Round Robin Participants			
Seed	Team	Record	Last Title
1	St. Louis Blues	42-29-10	2019
2	Colorado Avalanche	42-28-8	2001
3	Vegas Golden Knights	39-32-8	Never
4	Dallas Stars	37-32-8	1999
Western Conference Qualifying Round Matchups			
Seed	Team	Seed	Team
5	Edmonton Oilers vs.	12	Chicago Blackhawks
6	Nashville Predators vs.	11	Arizona Coyotes
7	Vancouver Canucks vs.	10	Minnesota Wild
8	Calgary Flames vs.	9	Winnipeg Jets

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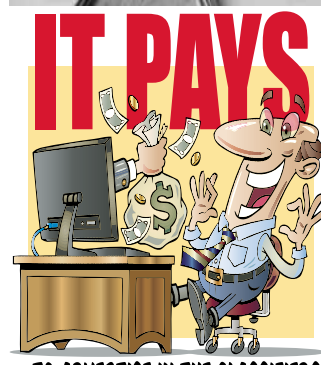
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Pre-Kindergarten Notice

Big Spring ISD offers free Pre-Kindergarten classes for students at least four years of age by September 1, 2020, if the following criteria are met:

1. Child is unable to speak or comprehend the English language and/or;

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3. Child is homeless.

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If you know a child whom you feel meets these qualifications, please call (432) 2644130. A minimum of 15 qualified students is required before the class will be offered.

Pre-Kindergarten Registration is July 27th – July 31st, and August 5th - August 7th, 8:00 am-4:00 pm. at Kentwood Early Childhood Center, 2500 Merrily Drive.

Big Spring ISD ofrece clases gratis de Pre-Kindergarten para estudiantes que cumplen los cuatro años de la edad antes del primero de septiembre de 2020:

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Eliminating the luck element

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ A Q 10	♥ 7 5	♠ K J 6	♥ 7 5
♦ 8 6 4 3	♣ 9 8 4	♦ A Q 6	♣ 7 5 3
♠ J 10 6	♣ K Q 9 8 5	♠ A 7 4 3 2	♥ —
SOUTH			
♠ 8 7 5 3	♥ A K Q 10 9	♦ K J 10 2	♣ —

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass
4♥

Opening lead — king of clubs.

One way to improve your game is to ask yourself, after you've gone down in a contract, whether you could — and possibly should — have made the hand. This type of self-analysis can help to prevent the repetition of an equivalent error.

Take this case where South made a mistake in the play and lost the contract as a result. After ruffing the club lead, South drew trump in two rounds, then played a spade to the ten, losing to the jack.

East returned a diamond, and West took the jack with the queen. Back came a spade, dummy's queen losing to the king. West then scored

the ace of diamonds for down one.

Of course, South was unlucky. He took three finesses and lost them all. He would have succeeded if West had had the king or jack of spades, or if East had held the queen of diamonds. The odds against losing all three finesses were about 7 to 1.

It was only later that South realized he should have made four hearts despite the bad luck he ran into. He had missed a sure thing that did not depend on the lie of the cards.

After drawing trump, he should have attacked diamonds, not spades. This would have guaranteed the contract against any adverse distribution.

The reason for playing diamonds first is to force out the ace and queen in order to eventually discard a spade from dummy on South's last diamond. At worst, only one spade can be lost with this line of play.

In the actual deal, West takes the first diamond and shifts to a spade. East wins the queen with the king but cannot safely continue spades. Declarer ruffs East's club return and leads a second diamond. West can take his remaining honor and continue with a spade, but South puts up dummy's ace and later discards dummy's remaining spade on his established diamond.

Once the opposing trumps are drawn, South is assured of 10 tricks regardless of where the missing diamond honors are located, provided he goes after that suit immediately.

Tomorrow: Avoiding the danger hand.

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SUDOKU

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

ANSWER:

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Moon of Moving On

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you get overwhelmed, take a step back and remind yourself that all these tasks represent agreements you made -- agreements you can change, too. You're in control here.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your role is more convincingly executed when you've dressed the part. Why stop there? Do the movie version. And while you're at it, add a soundtrack. Details like this make work fun.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You don't know the answers, and you're not in a rush to find out. So why are you so confident? Because confidence doesn't come from knowing; it comes from being fine with wherever you are in the process.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Chaos, like organization, isn't inherently ugly, beautiful, wonderful or tyrannical. Accept whatever state that's happening without too much judgment and subsequent decision-making will be easier.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're going for a certain outcome. This is one is important enough to devote yourself to completely. Whether you get there in five minutes or five hours is irrelevant. What matters is that you get there.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Knowledge is only power if it is applied in a powerful way. Don't worry about obtaining more information today. Keep track of what you know and figure out how to put that to good use.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Most arguments aren't worth having, but a few are essential enough to dig your heels in and take a

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



DAY (June 9). Your cosmic birthday gift will be financial. The money provides a temporary fix to buy you time to really solve a problem completely. The next three months show you at your most creative. Legal and technical matters go in your favor. Your social status surges as you devote yourself to mastering a skill. Cancer and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 48, 21, 5 and 8.

stand. You'll know them when you seem. Let the rest go.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your passion is palpable. After all, if you don't make time to reach your goals, who else will? You care the most, and that sets a tone that the rest of the world will follow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're not overly impressionable. Listening to other perspectives will only make you better. You don't have to agree with opinions to be enriched by them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's a time to spoil your loved ones silly and it's not today. Pace your sweetness. As Euripides of ancient Greece said, "When love is in excess it brings a man no honor nor worthiness."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). This day will unfold like a good story, and you'll have to follow along from beginning to end and everything in between to get the point. There's a prize that goes to the best listener.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Act on your impulse to make a move. It's the brave thing to do. If you wait, it will seem like you're not interested. Hesitation is bad for morale and diminishes excitement.

GEMINIS IN HISTORY: June 9 is the birthday of two men who changed popular music forever. Cole Porter who was born in 1891, wrote hit Broadway musicals and pop songs that became standards of the 20th century. This intellectual Gemini wrote both the music and the lyrics and was heralded for his cleverness and skill on both sides of the moon, revealing a tenderness and depth that defy the happy-to-lucky Gemini influences in his chart. His complexity and versatility no doubt helped him create the songs that are still covered by artists today.

The musician Les-ter William Polfus was born June 9, 1915, and became better known by the name Les Paul. This guitar legend, songwriter and inventor changed the way music is heard and recorded. As the pioneer of the electric guitar and inventor of multitrack recording, one could argue that he is the godfather of rock and roll. Les Paul was born under the intellectual Gemini sun and with rebellious Uranus in the sign of invention and the future -- Aquarius. His moon, Venus and Mars in Taurus are indicative of longevity and a tenacious work ethic. Indeed, in his 90s Les Paul was still playing gigs.

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Annie's Mailbox

Give What You Want to Give

Dear Annie: I have a question on how to handle gift giving among extended family.

We are over age 60, and my husband feels very strongly that adults can buy whatever they want, and there is no need to send a gift. This is our second marriage. We both lost our spouses to cancer.

I like to remember family on special occasions. I often send a monetary gift less than \$60. My husband points out that they never remember us on special occasions.

My husband is generous with his family, either

by offering to fix something mechanical or by sending money. His family does reciprocate.

I use my own money to gift my family, and he does the same. But he gets angry with me.

Just wanting a second opinion. What do you think? -- Double Standard?

Dear Double Standard?: Tell your husband to cut it out! If you want to give your family members a gift, then give them a gift. It is not about whether they are adults and can buy themselves things. It's that you take the time and think about them on special occasions.

In addition, it is not tit

for tat. You don't give gifts so you get gifts. You give gifts because you love your family and want them to know you are thinking about them.

Dear Annie: I am an elderly person, and I purchased an AT&T phone that blocks all calls coming in except for the phone numbers you have listed in your phone. It tells the caller that if they leave their name, it will announce it, and if the person being called wants to answer it, they can.

This has saved me from a great many robocalls or calls from scammers. I chose to get the phone after my "grandson" called to tell me he was in jail. I told him to enjoy every minute there, hung

up and got this phone. All elderly should have a phone like this. -- This Phone Works

Dear This Phone Works: Thank you for your tip. It is wonderful that a phone itself can protect you from scammers so you don't have to deal with them.

Dear Annie: I truly love the answer you gave to Ticked Off. I was so surprised with how you responded to negativity with a positive answer! Your response will help to raise children in a more responsible and positive manner because it is true that children emulate what they see their parents do while growing up!

We, too, cannot enjoy

the extra perks that the more affluent families can enjoy at amusement parks. So we make the best of it by filling our time while in the long lines. We play games! Our favorite is an app called "Heads Up!" When we play this with the kids, the time passes quickly, and before we know it, it's time to get on the ride.

So, thank you for your response to raise kids to be better people! Love it! -- Heads Up

Dear Heads Up: What a fun game to engage the whole family! Thank you for your letter.

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

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5:30	ABC	Noticiero	Mom	CBS	Noticias	News	Shofar	Peg & Cat	Hap.Days	Burgers	Fam. Guy							
6:PM	News	Rosa de Guadalupe	Big Bang	CBS 7	Minuto para	News	Truth for Life	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Boxing: Shakur Stevenson vs. Felix Caraballo.	NBA2K League: Week 6, Day 1.	Texas Rangers Classics	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48		
6:30	Wheel		Big Bang	ET		News												
7:PM	Conners	Ringo	Hell's Kitchen	NCIS (DVS)	Cennet (SS)	America's Got Talent	Our Mess	Secrets of the Dead	Andy G.	DC's Stargirl	Big Bang	Movie: The Legend of Tarzan (DVS)						
7:30	Conners						Eye on		Andy G.		Big Bang							
8:PM	Mod Fam	Amor eterno	24 Hours-Hell	FBI	100 dias para enam		Light of Southwest	American Experience	G. Pyle	Jim Gaffigan	Big Bang							
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9:30	ABC	Noticiero	TMZ	CBS 7	Tele	News	Being	Amanpour-Co	C. Burnett	black-ish	Conan							
10:PM	J. Kimmel	Noticiero	Mom	Late Show-Colbert	Noticias	Tonight Show	Words of Jesus IS	Secrets of the Dead	Perry Mason	black-ish	Last O.G.							
10:30	J. Kimmel																	
11:PM	Nightline	Contacto deportivo	Funny	James Cordan	100 dias para enam	Seth Meyers	Creation	On the American Experience	Alfred Hitchcock Hr.	Live PD	Brooklyn	Movie: Focus, Adrian Martinez (DVS)	SportsCenter	The Last Dance				
11:30	J. Kimmel																	
12:AM	Extra	Destilando amor	Two Men	Simpsons	Holly	Caso	Late-Lilly	For the	Mannix	Live PD	Brooklyn							
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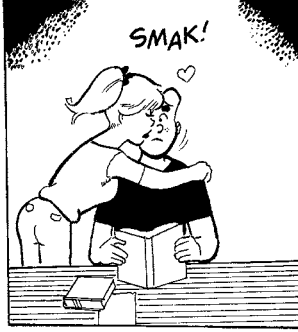
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Today in History
Today is Tuesday, June 9, the 161st day of 2020. There are 205 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History: On June 9, 2004, the body of Ronald Reagan arrived in Washington to lie in state in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda before the 40th president's funeral.
On this date:
In A.D. 68, Roman Emperor Nero committed suicide, ending a 13-year reign.
In 1860, what's considered the first dime novel, "Ma-laeska: The Indian Wife of the White Hunter" by Ann S. Stephens, was published.
In 1940, during World War II, Norway decided to surrender to the Nazis, effective at midnight.
In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Current Tax Payment Act of 1943, which reintroduced federal income tax withholding from paychecks.
In 1954, during the Senate Army-McCarthy hearings, Army special counsel Joseph N. Welch berated Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., asking: "Have you no sense of decency, sir? At long last, have you left no sense of decency?"
In 1969, the Senate confirmed Warren Burger to be the new chief justice of the United States, succeeding Earl Warren.
In 1972, heavy rains triggered record flooding in the Black Hills of South Dakota; the resulting disaster left at least 238 people dead and \$164 million in damage.
In 1973, Secretariat won the Belmont Stakes, becoming horse racing's first Triple Crown winner in 25 years.
In 1978, leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints struck down a 148-year-old policy of excluding black men from the Mormon priesthood.
In 1980, comedian Richard Pryor suffered almost fatal burns at his San Fernando Valley, Calif., home while freebasing cocaine.
In 1986, the Rogers Commission released its report on the Challenger disaster, criticizing NASA and rocket-builder Morton Thiokol for management problems leading to

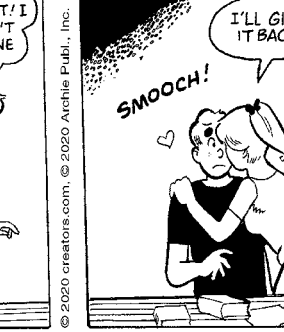
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the explosion that claimed the lives of seven astronauts. In 2008, retail gas prices rose above \$4 per gallon. Ten years ago: The U.S. and its allies scored a long-sought victory by pushing through new U.N. sanctions over Iran's nuclear program, punishments Tehran dismissed as "annoying flies." The Chicago Blackhawks won their first Stanley Cup in 49 years, as Patrick Kane's overtime goal delivered a 4-3 win over the Philadelphia Flyers in Game 6. Five years ago: Former U.S. House Speaker Dennis Hastert pleaded not guilty in Chicago to charges that he had violated banking rules and lied to the FBI about promising to pay \$3.5 million in hush money to conceal misconduct from his days as a high school teacher. (Hastert later pleaded guilty to violating banking law in a case that revealed accusations of sexual abuse, and was sentenced to 15 months in prison.) President Barack Obama, addressing the annual Catholic Health Association Conference in Washington, declared his health care law a firmly established "reality" of American life. One year ago: Former Boston Red Sox slugger David Ortiz was shot in the back in his native Dominican Republic by a man police said was a hired gunman whose intended target was supposed to be another man; Ortiz recovered after surgery in the Dominican Republic and later in Boston. Raytheon and United Technologies announced that they would merge to create a massive aerospace and defense company. "Hadestown," a brooding musical about the underworld, won eight trophies at Broadway's Tony Awards, including one for best new musical. Rafael Nadal beat Dominic Thiem (teem) in the men's final for his record-extending 12th French Open

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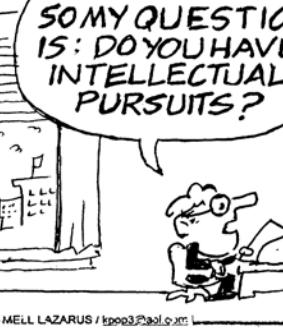
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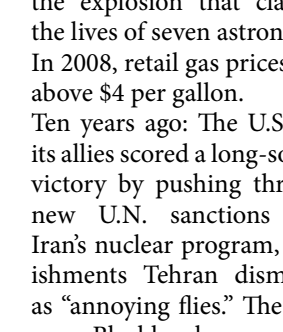
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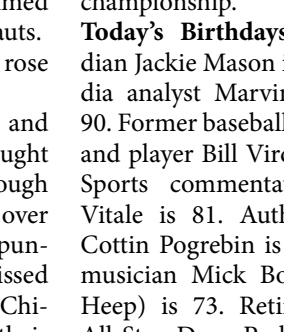
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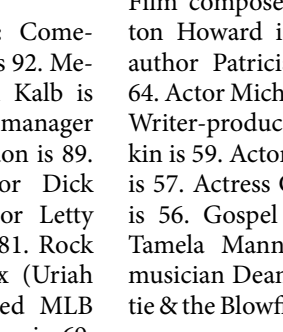
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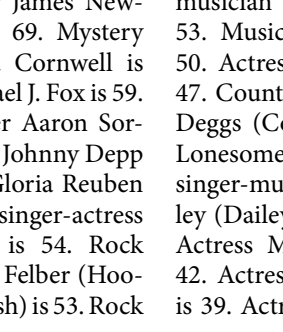
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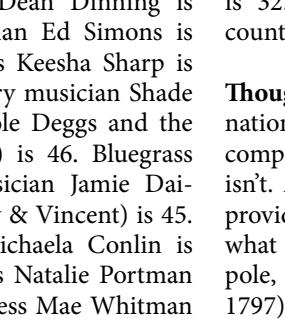
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Thought for Today: "Imagination was given to man to compensate him for what he isn't. A sense of humor was provided to console him for what he is." — Horace Walpole, English author (1717-1797).

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Compress, informally
 - 6 Political policy expert
 - 10 Whitish gemstone
 - 14 Ziti or spaghetti
 - 15 Horse-stopping shout
 - 16 Scent detector
 - 17 Apply, as pressure
 - 18 Barge ___ (disturb)
 - 19 Worker's end-of-week shout
 - 20 Details for a driver to follow
 - 22 Party thrower
 - 23 "Quiet!"
 - 24 "Oh, for Pete's ___!"
 - 26 S&L cash dispensers
 - 29 Race, as an engine
 - 32 Northern California peak
 - 36 Contest for spellers
 - 37 "I pass"
 - 39 Felt unwell
 - 40 What Dorothy follows to Oz
 - 43 Take the wheel
 - 44 Japanese raw fish
 - 45 U-turn from NNW
 - 46 Case for a sword
 - 48 Slide on snow
 - 49 Have fur fall out
 - 50 Front of the lower leg
 - 52 Teachers' org.
 - 54 Twelfth of a foot
 - 57 What to follow from a counselor
 - 63 Lunch or dinner
 - 64 Midnight to 1 a.m., for instance
- DOWN**
- 1 Drove fast
 - 2 Long skirt
 - 3 ___-friendly software
 - 4 Emphasize
 - 5 Emerge from an egg
 - 6 1940s conflict, for short
 - 7 "This is terrible!"
 - 8 Middays
 - 9 Where *The Wizard of Oz* begins
 - 10 Being broadcast now
 - 11 ___ stick (bouncing toy)
 - 12 "No warranty" condition
 - 13 Westward, on a map
 - 21 Dice toss
 - 25 Military uniform color
 - 26 Bottomless chasm
 - 27 Mangas and fangs
 - 28 Chaotic brawl
 - 30 Recedes, as the tide
 - 31 Computer infection
 - 33 Walk through puddles
 - 34 Poke fun at
 - 35 Tacked on
 - 37 Toward the Arctic
 - 38 Pancake shape
 - 41 "Control your dog" regulation
 - 42 Great Wall's country
 - 47 More lofty
 - 49 Call for help in old movies
 - 51 Lasso loop
 - 53 Sharp parts of knives
 - 54 Little troublemakers
 - 55 Tidy
 - 56 ___ Canaveral, FL
 - 58 Inning-ending plays
 - 59 "Dam it!"
 - 60 "How tough could ___?"
 - 61 For men and women, as college sports
 - 62 Finales

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Amanda Nunes dominates Spencer, defends belt at UFC 250

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Amanda Nunes' impressive reign atop two UFC divisions is showing no signs of decline.

In fact, her dominance is making history.

Nunes became the first UFC fighter to defend two championship belts while actively holding the titles in both weight classes Saturday night, earning a dominant unanimous decision over featherweight contender Felicia Spencer at UFC 250.

Former bantamweight champion Cody Garbrandt also knocked out Raphael Assunção an instant before the second-round bell in the co-main event at a fan-free gym on the UFC's corporate campus in Las Vegas.

UFC 250 was the second event held at the UFC Apex gym in the promotion's hometown since its resumption in competition amid the coronavirus pandemic. The Apex octagon is 25 feet in diameter instead of the typical 30 feet, and those close quarters resulted in several entertaining finishes, including spectacular knockouts by Garbrandt and fellow bantamweight star "Suga" Sean O'Malley.

Nunes (20-4), widely considered the greatest female fighter in mixed martial arts history, is the UFC's champion of the bantamweight and featherweight divisions. The list of two-division UFC champions is short, and no one else has defended both belts.

"Guys, no one else ever did that before!" Nunes said. "It's amazing. I knew something big was going to happen in my life. Sometimes you're surprised by how big it is."

While Nunes' dominance was tested in her last bout against bantamweight Germaine De Randamie in December, the relatively inexperienced Spencer (8-2) provided little danger to the champ, other than the remote possibility of breaking her hands in repeated collisions with Spencer's face.

Nunes battered the slower Spencer with her fearsome striking power from the start, cutting the challenger's face and later sending her mouthpiece flying away during the third round. Spencer had a nasty hematoma growing on her forehead after the fourth round.

"I want to go to five rounds with the toughest girls, and tonight I proved it," Nunes said. "I knew Felicia was the toughest girl in this division, and I know she's going to handle it exactly how she did tonight. I wanted to prove it. I could go to six rounds. Everything we worked on, I wanted to put in there."

Nunes comfortably defended her featherweight belt for the first time since taking it from Cris "Cyborg" Justino in December 2018. She has defended the bantamweight belt five times since 2016.

Nunes limped into her post-fight news conference with help from her coaching staff. Her shins are often sore after fights because her kicks are so effective.

The injury likely isn't serious, but Nunes said she could be out for the rest of the year for happier reasons: She and her partner, Nina Ansaroff, are expecting a child in three months.

Garbrandt (12-3) had lost three straight fights before this impressive performance ended with a right cross that knocked out Assunção in the final second of the second round. Garbrandt retreated to the fence, dodged Assunção's right hand and landed a perfect shot to the face, sending Assunção tumbling backward and face-first to the canvas.

The win was Garbrandt's first since December 2016, when he beat Dominick Cruz for the 135-pound title.

"I'll never break in this life," Garbrandt said. "It's a great learning experience for me, these last three years, and I think it's going to be the best (in the) later part of my career."

O'Malley (12-0) opened the pay-per-view portion of UFC 250 with a vicious one-punch knockout of veteran Eddie Wineland just 1:54 into their bout.

O'Malley's right hand to the jaw deposited Wineland flat on his back with his hands still raised. O'Malley imperiously walked away from his single punch before the senseless Wineland or the referee knew what happened.

"When you're as fast and accurate as I am, I'm gonna land first and I'm going to land early," O'Malley said. "And I landed on the button."

Later, Aljamain Sterling rendered Cory Sandhagen unconscious with a rear naked choke just 88 seconds into a fight to determine the next contender for the bantamweight title. Sterling (19-3), who has five straight victories, swiftly locked in a full body triangle and a deep choke to finish Sandhagen, who tapped out right before going to sleep.

Light heavyweight Devin Clark took a knee with his fist raised in the air during his pre-fight introduction from Bruce Buffer. Clark then earned a unanimous-decision victory over previously unbeaten prospect Alonzo Menifield, persevering through a left eye closed by punches.

Clark and teammate Jon Jones spent time on the streets of Albuquerque last weekend, speaking to protesters and helping in the cleanup effort for property damage.

Clark didn't speak to the media after his fight, instead heading to a hospital for immediate care.

But Sterling spoke out in support of the widespread protests following the death of George Floyd in his post-fight interview.

"The world is in shambles right now, especially America," Sterling said. "We've got a lot going on in this country. It's a great country, but there's a lot of things that need to be changed, especially the injustices happening to minorities all across America. This one is for everybody back home fighting the good fight, protesting. I support you guys. I'm with you guys all the way."

Featherweight Cody Stamann earned a dominant decision over Brian Kelleher just 10 days after the death of Stamann's 18-year-old brother, Jacob.

"It's been real hard," said Stamann, who was visibly emotional in the cage. "I've been fighting tears all day. I had to buckle up and be a man and get this done for my family, for myself."

Dixon wins again at Texas in IndyCar's delayed season opener

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

IndyCar packed every bit of its delayed season-opening event into one long, hot day in Texas without any fans in the stands. Scott Dixon was the fastest for most of it at a place he knows well.

Dixon, a five-time IndyCar champion, took the checkered flag at dusk Saturday for his fourth win at the 1 1/2-mile, high-banked oval, where drivers also practiced and qualified earlier in the day. The 39-year-old New Zealander raced to his 47th career victory and matched A.J. Foyt's record of 18 seasons with a win.

"It was such a team effort," said Dixon, third on the career wins list behind Foyt's 67 and Mario Andretti's 52. "It's just so fast. Any situation we were in, we could just go for it."

After a restart with three laps left following a caution when young teammate Felix Rosenqvist crashed while running second, Dixon sped away in the No. 9 Chip Ganassi Honda for a 4.4-second victory over Simon Pagenaud.

Defending IndyCar champion and polesitter Josef Newgarden was third behind Pagenaud, his teammate at Team Penske.

Nearly three months after the start of the season was put on hold because of the coronavirus pandemic, IndyCar finally got on the track for what would usually be the midpoint race of its season.

The massive grandstands that can seat well more than 100,000 people were empty, and not because of extreme heat — temperatures in the mid-90s with a heat index around 100 degrees Fahrenheit throughout practice, qualifying and even much of the race. No spectators were allowed, as will also be the case for the next race on the road course at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on July 4.

"It's rotten that the fans aren't here. I wish everybody was here to celebrate," said Dixon, who extended his own record to 16 seasons in a row with a victory.

Gov. Greg Abbott rode in the pace car for the first professional sporting event in Texas since sports

shut down nationwide because of the coronavirus. The only at-track spectators were people watching from condos in the building overlooking Turn 2.

Dixon had the top speed during the two-hour practice session, and qualified second. He went on to win the IndyCar title each of the three previous times he won the Texas race.

Rosenqvist had been second behind Dixon for several laps when he crashed trying to move through traffic. He got high going onto the backstretch with nine laps remaining, bringing out the final caution, and finished 20th out of 23 cars that started the race.

"It was really my breakthrough on ovals, I think. I really had a good shot there and threw it away," said Rosenqvist, who slammed the steering wheel with both hands after the car came to a stop. "Just one silly thing screwed everything up."

Dixon led 157 of the 200 laps, and had an earlier six-second lead over Newgarden wiped out by a caution for debris. Newgarden led twice for 41 laps and fourth-place finisher Zach Veach led the remaining two laps. Ed Carpenter, the series' only driver-owner, rounded out the top five.

"I feel like we won the race with how bad we were," Newgarden said. "My team fought. If there's anything, we have an incredible fighting spirit. ... We were just struggling. I was really struggling with vibrations on the tires."

Because of the extended opening day, the race shortened to 200 laps from its usual 248 at Texas. It took only one hour and 38 minutes.

When Newgarden won the pole after being the last to take a qualifying run, there was a quick warning over the radio to the Team Penske crew to avoid celebratory high-fives.

All of the teams were already in St. Petersburg, Florida, for the scheduled season opener March 15. But they never ran on the streets of St. Pete, making the fast track at Texas the debut for the protective windscreens now over the open cockpits of the cars.

Texas became the season opener while keeping

its originally scheduled date, which was supposed to be the ninth of 17 races. That would have been two weeks after the Indianapolis 500, which has been rescheduled for Aug. 23.

Drivers and team members went through health screenings when they got to the track. Many of them had already gone through similar screenings to get on chartered planes they boarded at dawn Saturday in Indianapolis — they were returning home after the race.

Crew members were required to wear face masks, and there was plenty of room for social distancing in the two 64-bay garages.

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