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Cancellations:

- Funtastic Fourth
- Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo
- Pops in the Park 2020

By ERICA MORSE

Herald Contributing Writer

Community, respect, and love were the common themes of discussion at Tuesday's City Council meeting, as numerous residents presented their positions on how to better increase communication between all citizens and city officials in the wake of racial tensions nationally.

After more than a week of protests from residents of Big Spring, citizens and council members sorted through their differences for more than three hours, with the objective of making the city better and safer for all.

Members of the Big Spring movement for Black Lives Matter were present to communicate their interpretation of the City's response – or what they felt was a lack of response – to recent events surrounding racial tensions. While protesters did acknowledge that Mayor Shannon Thomason attended the first night's protest, both he and City Manager Todd Darden have come under fire in recent days over the city's recent 'graffiti art' on the Benton Street bridge with the verbiage, 'You Can't Defeat Love'.

More than a dozen citizens spoke out about the recent artwork on the bridge, and how they interpreted it as an insult to the BLM movement.

The painted bridge message, which was donated by a local artist, was unveiled Monday evening as protesters were across town conducting their rally at Heart of the City Park; however, many felt it was done at that time to derail their efforts in the protest.

"I think it was more of a slap in the face to the colored community," Big Spring resident Michael Caviello said.

Desiree 'Rae' Ripple, the artist who painted the message, spoke to those who received the message in an insulting manner, hoping to work through

any misunderstandings about her motivation for creating the piece.

"This is a gift I was trying to give the city because this is what you, the city, has given to me – love," Ripple said. "This message is for everyone who lost their lives to violence. This message is for every walk of life."

Big Spring resident Joanna Lazono has been protesting every night since May 31. She spoke about the backlash and derogatory comments she and other protesters

have received since they took to the streets more than one week ago. Lazono said the very people she meets in the grocery store were driving by the protesters yelling racially charged slurs directed at the black children and adults and threatening to hit them with their vehicles.

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Freedom Parade continues without park activities

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

And the parade will go on ... but this year, the park activities will be canceled.

The Coahoma Lions Club has decided to hold the annual Freedom Parade to celebrate the lives of Veterans and the Patriotism of Coahoma residents.

The decision was made to move forward with the celebration, but the most recent meeting, the group decided it would be best to alter the celebration for the safety of the community.

"We will still be honoring our veterans this year with the parade's patriotic theme and with the recognitions at the end of the parade," Connie Shaw, Coahoma Lions Club Secretary, said. "At our last meeting we decided it would be best, for this year, to not have the park activities and just end with the parade and awards."

The parade is open to the entire community. Participants

will gather at the Coahoma Football Field. While the parade is lining up, J.R. McNutt who was originally scheduled to play in the park after, will be performing during this time. According to Shaw, he will also be playing – as he did last year – on his float during the parade.

"Whatever you want to enter is fine as long as it is Red, White, and Blue," Shaw said. "To participate you must begin lining up at 7:30 a.m. Many decorating categories are available to participate in from strollers, wagons, motorcycles, floats, vehicles, and golf carts."

This year's entries will be judged for cash prizes for Most Patriotic. Judging will begin at 9:30 a.m. The parade begins at 10 a.m. and will travel through downtown Coahoma. The award ceremony will be held at the football field, where this year's veterans will be recognized.

"Our goal is to celebrate Independence day and have a good time with the families of our community," she said.

For more information or to sign up, contact Connie Shaw at 432-394-4000 or Lisa Duggan at 432-394-4287.

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Making Goode memories: Local business keeping community, families connected during a pandemic

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

Small businesses have been hit hard across the nation since the coronavirus pandemic showed up. With the majority of the nation shutting down for the past few months, many small businesses had to learn a new way of life to sustain. However, not all local businesses have seen a negative impact; in fact, some businesses were actually able to increase business as the nation found themselves spending more time at home.

One local, new business owner, Amanda Goode, started working on her party and entertainment business in December 2019, but didn't really launch until the beginning of this year.

"I was not sure what to expect since this pandemic was and has had an impact on everyone," Goode said. "I knew all the rentals I had booked would turn to cancelled and that was okay with me. I would rather my customers be healthy. This whole thing kicked in right before one of the big holidays; an



Courtesy photo

Amanda Goode has been growing her business, in spite of the national pandemic. Goode Party Events and Sign Dreamers have been helping families celebrate all those special moments from the

Easter to remember."

Goode owns Goode Party Events and Sign Dreamers, offering bounce houses and, the most recently added feature,

yard signs for almost any special occasion. The bounce house rentals ceased

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Obituaries

Lynn Thorpe



Lynn Thorpe, 93, of Lampasas, formerly of Big Spring, went to be with her Lord and Savior Monday, June 8, 2020, following a three week illness.

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 with Mark Lindsey, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Lynn was born April 24, 1927, in Manchester, England. She came to Big Spring in 1945. She married Jack Thorpe April 23, 1960, in Big Spring. She worked 17 years as director of food service at Howard College, retiring in 1993. In 1987 - 1988 she was inducted into the Howard College Hall of Fame. Through the years Lynn received numerous awards from civic clubs and other organizations

that met at Howard College. In 1993, Lynn and Jack moved to San Angelo, to Abilene in 1998, and in 2010 to Lampasas. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Lampasas.

Her hobbies were knitting, sewing, reading, cooking, and most of all spoiling her grandchildren.

Lynn is survived by her husband of 60 years: Jack Thorpe of Lampasas; four children: Kenneth Thorpe of Abilene, Gordon Morris and his wife Theresa of Lampasas, Susan Harvey and her husband Larry of Tow, and Carol Speaker and her husband Rory of Van Alstyne; nine grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and four great great grandchildren; and one sister-in-law: Barbara Clark of England.

Lynn was preceded in death by one daughter-in-law: Lucy Thorpe; one brother: Gordon Clark; one sister: Dorothy Binns; and two grandsons.

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

Paid Obituary



Ruth Simmons

Ruth Simmons, 63, of Big Spring died Friday, June 5, 2020.

Private family services will be at a later date.

Ruth was born Nov. 1, 1956, in San Angelo.

Ruth is survived by her husband Larry Simmons of Big Spring; children: Crystal Simmons, Angela Simons-Boggs, and Michelle Simons; siblings: Debra Goodlow,

Billy Thomason, Angie Matthews, Tonja McDonald, Bobbie Hodges-Puls, Tena Nelson, and Hubert Hodges;

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents: Roxie Annetta Wilson, William Currutt and Jackie Thomason.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Leanna Rubio

Leanna Rubio, infant daughter of Chasity Arguijo and Fred Rubio died May 19, 2020.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Leanna is survived by her parents: Chasity and Fred Rubio of Big Spring; and grandparents: Carmelita Arguijo of Big Spring, Emilio Arguijo of Big Spring, and Bertha Rubio of Lubbock.

Leanna was preceded in death by her grandfather: Fred Rubio, Sr.

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

Joan Marie LaFond

Joan Marie LaFond, of McKinney, Texas, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Monday, June 1, 2020, in a McKinney hospital.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m., Friday, June 12, 2020, at Trinity Memorial Park.

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

Howard V. "Sonny" Crocker Jr.

Howard V. "Sonny" Crocker, Jr., of Big Spring, passed away Saturday, June 6, 2020, at his residence. Graveside services will be 11:30 a.m., Friday, June 12, 2020, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

Arrangement are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Online condolences can be made at www.npw.com.

H. Margaret Kalka Gilstrap Barber

H. Margaret Kalka Gilstrap Barber, 75, of Big Spring, passed away Monday, June 8, 2020. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npw.com.

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.

• Maranatha Baptist Academy located at 903 Johnson Street, in Big Spring, Texas, is currently open and taking applications for enrollment for 20-21 School year. We are a faith-based Christian Academy and use the individualized Accelerated Christian Education Curriculum for Kindergarten through 12th grade, out of Hendersonville, Tennessee. July 20, is our startup date and applications will be ac-

cepted year-round. Someone will take your call for information at 432-213-1046. Please leave a message and we will get back with you.

• 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.



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Police blotter

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- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 200 block of S. Salem Road.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **THEFT OF FIREARM** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **THEFT** was reported at 500 block of E. Third Street.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1000 block of NW Second Street.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1000 block of Jonesboro Road.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 79 inmates at the time of this report.

- **VICTOR CLAUDE NOEL**, 57, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of aggravated assault with deadly weapon (x2); terroristic threat against peace officer.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Settles. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of S. Main. No transport was required.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 1600 block of E. 17th Street. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Grafa Ave. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of Lockhart. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 700 block of W I-20. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Wyoming. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 400 block of Dallas. The fire was contained.

Support Groups

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- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 432-517-9207 for more information.

- Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-860

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for about a month while the community -along with the rest of the nation - practiced social distancing. "It has impacted us, but not in the way that most would expect," she said. "While we were in the downtime of no rentals on the bounce houses I went ahead and decided that I wanted to add the yard card signs to the company because this was a great way to make a person feel loved and special on their birthday."

According to Goode, the addition of the yard card signs have brought a positive impact on the business. Since the cards arrived there have been numerous orders for the cards and as the nation has begun to re-open the rentals for the bounce houses

have begun to ramp back up. "The cards have been doing amazing here in the community so far as well," Goode said. "I just love the idea that you can send a message to someone from a distance. It does not have to be their birthday; it can be something as simple as a Thank you." As the summer months approached and rentals began to get booked, Goode decided to increase the variety and inventory to her collection. "I knew that people would still want to celebrate their special day and it's just perfect for the customers to still be home with their families and make memories," she said. As the nation and the state begins to re-open, Goode encourages the community to do their part in supporting local business. "Be there for the small businesses. If you need something and they carry it go and buy from them,"

she said. "Plan and purchase gift cards even. This is the time we need to support our local small businesses." Goode Party Events is continuing to grow their business. With the recent additions of yard cards and additional inflatables doing well, there is more to come in the near future. "We have expectations to continue to grow and expand. We just added a foam machine as well and it's pretty entertaining for all ages," she said. "Our goal is to bring things to the community and have things for all ages! We see some of the surrounding towns with things that we are trying to bring locally."

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VOICE

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"We were afraid out there every single day," she said. "We still are." Big Spring resident Latasha Jackson encouraged everyone to work together through conversation to better understand the plights and frustrations of others. "Speak to people who don't look like you more," Jackson said. "That's how you learn and grow." Jackson also suggested creating a mentorship program for the city's youth, so they can learn to trust law enforcement officers instead of fearing them.

Big Spring Chief of Police Chad Williams said that, while no mentorship program currently exists, he is willing to consider it.

After 90 minutes of public comments, the City Council resumed its portion of the meeting, with Council members beginning to discuss their thoughts and concerns regarding the recent racial tensions and department engagement with persons of color.

District 1 Representative Raul Marquez, Jr., who has attended the events, confirmed witnessing the backlash from certain members of the community, and encouraged all residents to refrain from threatening overtones or acts of violence against protesters.

Marquez presented a resolution to the City Council, reaffirming both the City and police department's commitment to treating all citizens equally. The resolution, which was unanimously approved and signed by all Council members, includes the following:

- The City of Big Spring hereby denounces dangerous methods of restraining a person under arrest
- The City of Big Spring hereby reaffirms the commitment of itself, and all of the City's departments including the Big Spring Police Department, to act with justice for and with all people, including any person who is arrested
- The City of Big Spring hereby reaffirms and redeclares that all people are created equal, and the policy of the City of Big Spring is to officially and actually treat all with equal dignity, equal respect, and equal protection
- The City of Big Spring hereby reaffirms its commitment to sound and unbiased law enforcement policies at all levels that condemn any occurrence of excessive physical force on any person who is arrested.
- Unlawful and dangerous restraint of arrested persons by law enforcement will not stand in the City of Big Spring, and the City Council of Big Spring recognizes the Big Spring Police Department

ment for its commitment and dedication to all of its duties, including the treatment of all persons its officers arrest with all due respect and concern for those persons' health, life, and safety

· The City of Big Spring expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the many persons in the Big Spring community who in peace have given and continue to give voice and action to their values and to their beliefs

During Council input, every member expressed their support for minority citizens who feel neglected or unheard by their representatives or community.

"I was not at the protests and I was ashamed," District 3 Council member Terry McDaniel said.

City Manager Todd Darden also offered his apologies for any hurt caused by the recent graffiti art on the Benton Street Bridge, while Mayor Shannon Thomason apologized for the tensions caused by recent events.

"What happened to George Floyd was reprehensible," Thomason said. "I am human, I am learning and growing. I sincerely apologize to my citizens and the Council if I have offended anyone."

In addition to the resolution, The City Council reviewed the requests from citizens regarding the ordering of body cams and pistol cams to protect the public and members of the police department. BSPD Chief Chad Williams advised that body cams are in the works, and that - due to the fact that officers are required to purchase their own weapons - the Council may have to approve the purchase of specific pistols if they were to be outfitted with cameras.

City Manager Todd Darden utilized the packed meeting to reiterate his recent requests for community members to join various open positions on many boards. "Since we have a full house tonight, we need board members," Darden said.

Volunteer positions are still needed for Engineer or Architect board member for the Board of Adjustments and appeals, an alternate for the Zoning Board of Adjustments, volunteers for the Animal Control & Rescue Committee, Convention and Visitor Board vacancies, and those of the Parks Recreation Board and Citizen Advisory Board.

Darden, along with District 5 Council member Camila Strande, encouraged last night's participants to strongly consider volunteering for the Citizens Advisory Board. The CAB, when seated, will work alongside - and independent of - the Big Spring PD to review complaints made against officers.

In other business, the Council approved:

- Vouchers dated May 29th, 2020, for \$207,839.69, and for June 4th, 2020, totaling \$958,549.23
- The first reading of an ordinance to increase the general fund by accepting a \$343,543 grant from the state of Texas for COVID-19, allowing an 80% offset to purchase breathing apparatus equipment and an

infectious disease ambulance
· A motion reversing a previous Council vote

to require all members of the Cemetery, Parks and Recreation Board to be residents of Big Spring; the previous decision allowed for two members to be from Howard County, as opposed to residing within city limits

· A first reading of a resolution authorizing City Manager Todd Darden to submit an application to the Governor's office to request grants covering personal protective equipment (PPE) for use by the Big Spring Police Department, Howard County Sheriff's Office and Detention Center, along with Emergency Medical Personnel

· A service agreement for a six-month trial program with Texas Communities, Group, LLC, to begin identification, evaluation, and action on dilapidated structures within the city

· Members to the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRM-WD), with an extension for Dr. John Myers to continue serving, and the new appointment of Richard Steele to replace Jim Purcell, whose term expired in May.

The Council did not approve a motion made by Mayor Shannon Thomason directing City Attorney Andrew Hagen to take immediate legal action to seek a court order for an August 2020 special election. The motion failed on the floor after not receiving a second.

The next City Council meeting will be June 23, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at Council Chambers.

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Big Spring Steers hard at work in first week back to summer workouts



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Above left: Athletes go through a series of agility drills. Above right: Head Football Coach Cannon McWilliams walks through the weight room watching his players go through their lifting workout.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

The Big Spring Steers began their 2020 summer workouts this week and everyone involved is thrilled to be back training and improving their athletic skills.

Head Football Coach Cannon McWilliams was visibly fired up to be back in the weight room on Tuesday morning. Athletes from all grade levels were participating and the energy in the building was through the roof.

"We have the freshmen here too," McWilliams said. "Everyone is here and ready to roll."

Some of the student-athletes were picking up on his energy and going as hard as they could through the agility drills inside the Athletic Training Center. Others are still getting back into the swing of things and that is okay too.

Running backs Coach Eric Tuttle was in attendance and his satisfaction to be back with the student athletes was glaring.

"Are you happy to be back, Coach?"

"Oh, yeah. It's been too long," Tuttle replied to this local reporter.

Following three months of overall inactivity, compared to how each team would regularly be training, and there is some expected rust that needs to be knocked off. Knocking off the rust and getting back into shape is the goal for McWilliams through the first few weeks of workouts. So far, each athlete that was present at the workouts appears to be all-

in on that goal.

There were five stations set up on Tuesday morning with a group of about 15 athletes in each group. One group would be doing some speed ladder drills while another would be busy doing "dummy" jumps over a blocking pad. On another side of the room, a group was doing hurdle stretches - where you stretch over and under a track and field hurdle - and the fourth group was doing step-ups onto an exercise platform.

The fifth group would be in the weight room doing four sets of 10 of three workouts: upright rows, dips, and military press.

The girls agility workouts were the exact same but in the weight room their exercises were: upright rows, band pull-downs, and push press.

Each Steers coach seemed to be in charge of their own drill station with McWilliams walking around to each station to keep an eye on all of the athletes.

Even though football is the closest sport to returning, these workouts are for every athlete at Big Spring High School. The turnout through the first two days has been very strong and that is expected to keep going through the summer.

McWilliams and the other coaches will keep the workout plan fresh and will continue to rotate in groups to keep separation between the student-athletes. There was plenty of hand sanitizer throughout the building and each student-athlete had to sign-in at the front door before entering the building.

The workout groups are split up throughout the day to keep the groups down to a smaller and more manageable size. Each day this week, the high school boys workout for an hour-and-a-half beginning at 8:00 a.m. The junior high boys begin their workouts at 10 a.m. and go for the same amount of time.

In between the boys and girls workout groups, there is a one-hour period where Big Spring alumni can workout from 11:30-12:30.

Following that, the high school girls will workout from 1:00-2:30 p.m. and the junior high girls will workout from 3:00-4:30 p.m.

For anyone who may have missed their workout during their time period, there is two-hour make-up period from 6-8:00 p.m.

The Big Spring Steers are finally back to work and the entire group is thrilled to be out of the house and back working out with their friends and teammates. After three months with no sports, the return of workouts gave a sense of normalcy back to the athletes and coaches. While everyone knows that athletes need their coaches, this time off has shown that coaches need their athletes just as much.

Workouts are now well underway and August will be here before anyone knows it.

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♥ 10 4
♦ A J 10 7 6 3
♣ K J 4

WEST
♠ K Q 10 9 4 2
♥ A Q 6
♦ Q 8 2
♣ 6

EAST
♠ J 7 6 3
♥ J 8 7 3 2
♦ K 9
♣ 7 5

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1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ 2 ♠
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Declarer's next step is to formulate a plan that might enable him to avoid losing two heart tricks. There is an excellent chance to set up dummy's diamonds for discards, but East is apt to gain the lead with a diamond while this is being done, and his heart return will then sink the contract.

At about this point in his deliberations, it should occur to South that he might be able to establish the diamonds without allowing East to obtain the lead. Accordingly, he allows West's king of spades to hold the first trick!

This unusual play achieves the desired goal, as it enables declarer to develop the diamond suit without interference from East. And it does so without the loss of an extra trick, since it merely exchanges a diamond loser for a spade loser.

Let's say West leads another spade. South discards a diamond on the ace, cashes the ace of diamonds and ruffs a diamond. A trump lead to dummy and another diamond ruff then establishes three tricks in the suit. The last trump is drawn, ending in dummy, and three hearts are discarded on the good diamonds to make the contract with an overtrick.

West can stop the extra trick by cashing the heart ace at trick two, but cannot defeat the contract after South's inspired duck at trick one.

Tomorrow: A precautionary tale.
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Annie's Mailbox

Three C's for a COVID-19 Relationship

Dear Annie: I am a college student who has been dating a girl for about two months. She's from out of town but lives in the same city as me. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, she has been more isolated than usual. She has a roommate but otherwise feels lonely. I spend as much time with her as I can (respecting social distancing protocols, of course), and we text a lot.

In anticipation of having to stay home, I've taken on several projects that take up a lot of my free time. I am passionate about them. My girlfriend, who has more free time, will often video call me while I'm working, expecting me to immediately answer and talk for a while, even on days where we've spent hours together in person. If I try to politely decline,

she says, "Ouch." How can I explain to her that, while I do love talking to her, I want to do other things, too, and don't appreciate being guilted over needing some personal time outside of my work? -- Girfriend Blues

Dear Girlfriend Blues: The best way to explain is exactly the way you did in your letter. It is very healthy that you have found things to keep you busy during the lockdown, and you should encourage your girlfriend to do the same.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been challenging for everyone. During stressful times, people use different coping mechanisms. Perhaps hers is to be needy while yours is to withdraw and find other things to do. Good relationships have the three c's: communication, compromise and commitment. After you have

communicated what's in your letter, if you are both committed to the relationship, you might have to compromise with her as well.

Best of luck to you both, and stay safe and well!

Dear Annie: Your column "Nurses Offer a Hand to Hold" hit me hard -- and gave me some solace at the same time. In 2003, my mother was living with us and had a heart attack (she'd had a couple before). The EMTs responded quickly and took her to the cardiac ICU, where she got excellent care.

She had expressed a strong wish to not be alone when she passed. As we got close to the end, I left what I thought were explicit directions to call me any time of day or night. I left her at about 10 p.m. one evening to get some rest and got a

call at 7 the next morning that she died at about 3 a.m. I was crushed that I wasn't there! That has stayed with me to this day. My hope, and maybe one day my belief, is that a nurse like nurse Palmer was holding Mom's hand when her time came.

I hope the column comforts others as well. We all need to thank a nurse not only for their professional capabilities but also their personal care. -- Thank a Nurse

Dear Thank a Nurse: I am sorry you lost your mother but grateful that you found comfort from nurse Palmer's letter. Wishing you and your family love and peace.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Aquarius Moon Brings a Thought Tangle

ARIES (March 21-April 19). New scenes invite you. You won't know what to say or how to behave when you get there, but go anyway. There's no way around it; experience is the only teacher here.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's somewhere you see yourself. This vision of you in an improved state is growing increasingly vivid. To change your life, change the patterns of behavior that have helped you from that place.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are good reasons to let go of hard feelings. First of all, they are heavy, and carrying around unnecessary weight gets tiring. You can take the burden and lose the burden. Writing or talking about it helps.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Instead of providing all the answers (exhausting!), you'll encourage others to find the answers. This takes longer and requires you to be OK with their early-stage mistakes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The truly confident aren't thinking about how their performance looks or sounds. They just play the moment. There are two ways to get there. Either do a thing a million times, or cease to care what people think of you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). One stroke of luck will vanquish 10 worries. Magic

like this doesn't come along every day, although you'll have two more waves of this wand before the month is through.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Advice from the top will only help if the person knows your particular kind of journey. What counts more is advice from someone but one or two rungs above you on the ladder.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Everyone is fragile to some degree and indestructible in other ways. It's hard to tell on the surface, though, because each person's shatterproof glass parts are differently distributed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll have a chance to use an underappreciated talent, not only satisfying but also a reminder of how good life can be when you're doing what you love. Appreciation is just a bonus.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Make no assumptions about how to please people. Your idea of a happy outcome is different from

someone else's, and it will be important to get clear on the terms.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What makes special things special is their infrequency. A treat every day isn't a treat; it's a habit. An essential ingredient to special treats: anticipation and delayed gratification.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Among your most beautiful cosmic gifts are compassion and high-level empathy. Sure, these talents sometimes cause you pain. But today, they will bring you nothing but joy.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JUNE 10). Love enfolds you this year! Your cosmic birthday gift is a surge of ambition that is well-matched to your abilities, which makes for a steady climb over the next 10 weeks. Adjust to new ways, and seize opportunity. Your optimism and reliability will earn you a coveted place in an organization, and praise and pay to match. Virgo and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 40, 1,

19 and 33.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Pisces, and I've fallen for an Aries. This person doesn't know my feelings. We are both involved in other relationships. But something happens whenever we work together. It's a powerful click. He seems to know what I'm thinking. He answers questions I didn't even ask out loud but really wanted to know. He does silly things just to make me laugh. He says he loves hearing the sound of my laugh. No one has ever said that to me before, certainly not my current partner. When I know that I am going to see him or be near him, I get a stomach-ache that doesn't go away until he leaves. What does it mean? Were we meant to be together? I do love my current partner -- a Capricorn. But this Aries feels like destiny."

Pisces, as the sign of spirit, you can truly understand how humans can enjoy all kinds of energetic combinations without taking things to an inappropriate place. In other words, celebrate the special friendship, working relationship and synergy you have with this person, and don't try to make it more than it is. Not everything is about running off and starting a life with someone. Sometimes it's just about enjoying a moment of connection appropriately for the circumstance you're in.

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SUDOKU

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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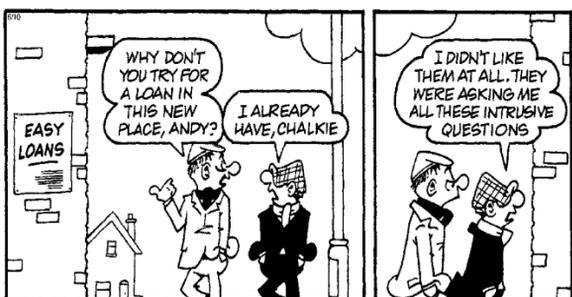
Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear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

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| 30 PM | Wheel | Big Bang | ET | ET | | News | Israel | Truth | Operation Maneater | Andy G. | Andy G. | | | | | | The First 48 | Expedition Unknown |
| 30 PM | Movie: Big Hero 6, T.J. Miller | Ringo | MasterChef | Game On! | Cennet (SS) | Chicago Med | News | Operation Maneater | Andy G. | Andy G. | | | | | | | | |
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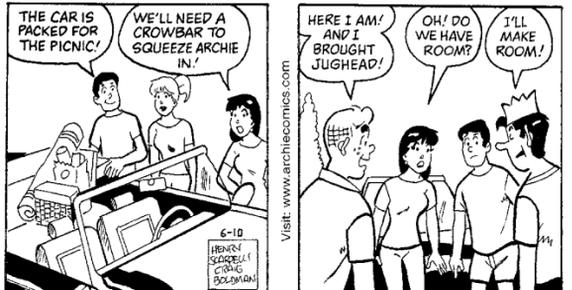
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ONE BIG HAPPY



NEST HEAD



MOMMA



This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, June 10, the 162nd day of 2020. There are 204 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On June 10, 1971, President Richard M. Nixon lifted a two-decades-old trade embargo on China.

On this date: In 1692, the first execution resulting from the Salem witch trials in Massachusetts took place as Bridget Bishop was hanged.

In 1942, during World War II, German forces massacred 173 male residents of Lidice (LIH'-dyht-zeh), Czechoslovakia, in retaliation for the killing of Nazi official Reinhard Heydrich.

In 1944, German forces massacred 642 residents of the French village of Oradour-sur-Glane.

In 1957, in Canadian elections, John Diefenbaker (DEE'-feh-n-BAY'-kur) led the Progressive Conservatives to an upset victory over the Liberal party of Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent (LOO'-ee sant law-RAHNT').

In 1963, President John F. Kennedy signed into law the Equal Pay Act of 1963, aimed at eliminating wage disparities based on gender.

In 1967, six days of war in the Mideast involving Israel, Syria, Egypt, Jordan and Iraq ended as Israel and Syria accepted a United Nations-mediated cease-fire.

In 1977, James Earl Ray, the convicted assassin of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., escaped from Brushy Mountain State Prison in Tennessee with six others; he was recaptured June 13.

In 1978, Affirmed, ridden by Steve Cauthen, won the 110th Belmont Stakes to claim horse racing's 11th Triple Crown. (Alydar was second while Darby Creek Road came in third in a five-horse field.)

In 1990, Alberto Fujimori (foojee-MOHR'-ee) was elected president of Peru by a narrow margin over novelist Mario Vargas Llosa. Two members of the rap group 2 Live Crew were arrested in Hollywood, Florida (they and a third band member were later acquitted of obscenity charges).

In 1991, 11-year-old Jaycee Dugard of South Lake Tahoe, California, was abducted by Phillip and Nancy Garrido; Jaycee was held by the couple for 18 years before she was found by authorities.

In 2002, organized crime figure John Gotti died at a prison hospital in Springfield, Mo., at age 61.

In 2004, singer-musician Ray Charles died in Beverly Hills, California, at age 73.

Ten years ago: Army Secretary John McHugh announced that an investigation found that potentially hundreds of remains at Arlington National Cemetery were misidentified or misplaced. Nelson Mandela's 13-year-old great-granddaughter, Zenani Mandela, was killed in a car accident while on the way home from a concert in Soweto on the eve of the World Cup. The NCAA sanctioned the University of Southern California with a two-year bowl ban, four years' probation, loss of scholarships and forfeits of an entire year's games for improper benefits given to Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama ordered the deployment of up to 450 more American troops to Iraq in an effort to reverse major battlefield losses to the Islamic State. Pope Francis took the biggest step yet in cracking down on bishops who covered up for priests who raped and molested children, creating a new tribunal inside the Vatican to hear cases of bishops accused of failing to protect their flocks.

One year ago: The Golden State Warriors remained alive in the NBA Finals with a Game 5 win over the Toronto Raptors, but lost star Kevin Durant, who ruptured his right Achilles tendon; Durant had returned to action after more than a month out with a strained right calf. (The Raptors would capture the championship by winning Game 6.) Former Red Sox star David Ortiz flew to Boston for medical care; he'd undergone surgery in his native Dominican Republic after an ambush by a gunman at a bar. A helicopter pilot died when the aircraft hit the roof of a New York skyscraper in rain and fog, sparking a fire and forcing office workers to flee; records showed that the pilot was not authorized to fly in limited visibility. The Vatican issued an official document rejecting the idea that people can choose or change their genders; the document was denounced by LGBT Catholics as contributing to bigotry and violence against transgender people.

Today's Birthdays: Britain's Prince Philip is 99. Attorney F. Lee Bailey is 87. Actress Alexandra Stewart is 81. Singer Shirley Alston Reeves (The Shirelles) is 79. Actor Jurgen Prochnow is 79. Media com-

mentator Jeff Greenfield is 77. Actor Frankie Faison is 71. Football Hall of Famer Dan Fouts is 69. Country singer-songwriter Thom Schuyler is 68. Former Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., is 67. Actor Andrew Stevens is 65. Singer Barrington Henderson is 64. Former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer is 61. Rock musician Kim Deal is 59. Singer Maxi Priest is 59. Actress Gina Gershon is 58. Actress

Jeanne Tripplehorn is 57. Rock musician Jimmy Chamberlin is 56. Actor Ben Daniels is 56. Actress Kate Flannery is 56. Model-actress Elizabeth Hurley is 55. Rock musician Joey Santiago is 55. Actor Doug McKean is 54. Rock musician Emma Anderson is 53. Country musician Brian Hofeltd (The Derrailers) is 53. Rapper The D.O.C. is 52. Rock singer Mike Doughty is 50. Rhythm and blues sing-

er JoJo is 49. Former Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal is 49. Rhythm and blues singer Faith Evans is 47. Actor Hugh Dancy is 45. Rhythm and blues singer Lemisha Grinstead (702) is 42. Actor DJ Qualls is 42. Actor Shane West is 42. Country singer Lee Brice is 41. Singer Hoku is 39. Actress Leelee Sobieski is 38. Olympic gold medal figure skater Tara Lipinski is 38. Americana musician Bridget

Kearney (Lake Street Drive) is 35. Actor Titus Makin is 31. Actress Tristin Mays is 30. Sasha Obama is 19. Actress Eden McCoy is 17.

Thought for Today: "Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate version of somebody else." — Judy Garland, American singer-actress (born this date in 1922, died in 1969).

Newsday Crossword

BANKING ON IT by Fred Piscop Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Linguini, for example
 - 6 Fly very high
 - 10 Part played
 - 14 Knighted singer — John
 - 15 "Chunk light" fish
 - 16 Bard of — (Shakespeare)
 - 17 Included with
 - 18 Portions of a play
 - 19 — over backwards (try hard)
 - 20 Word processor's typo-finding function
 - 23 "A mouse!"
 - 24 "Furthermore . . ."
 - 25 Kept from entering
 - 29 Angelic ring
 - 31 Feasted on
 - 34 Neighborhood
 - 35 Kite's back part
 - 37 Crossed a stream on foot
 - 39 Pharmacy's custom work
 - 42 Art studio stand
 - 43 Bid first
 - 44 Prescribed amount
 - 45 Sandwich bread
 - 46 Approximately
 - 48 — along (relayed)
 - 50 George Washington's bill
 - 51 Title for 14 Across
 - 52 Service-station job
 - 59 Gone With the Wind estate
- DOWN**
- 9 Rogue
 - 10 Extremely enthusiastic
 - 11 Pizzeria appliance
 - 12 Overly extended
 - 13 Phase out
 - 21 Paved the way for
 - 22 Not a secret
 - 25 Justice Ruth — Ginsburg
 - 26 Grand grouping
 - 27 Get extra value from
 - 28 Go ballistic
 - 29 Big zoo beast
 - 30 Sunblock additive
 - 31 Spanish "Bye!"
 - 32 Feeling jittery
 - 33 Double- — sword
 - 36 Pop singer Tori
 - 38 Mentions further
 - 40 Genetic duplicate
 - 41 Remove, as a brooch
 - 47 Partial-refund promotion
 - 49 Video game center
 - 50 Red-haired ape
 - 51 Jazz band horns
 - 52 Crunchy Mexican food
 - 53 Clothes presser
 - 54 Not quite shut
 - 55 The Dalai —
 - 56 Notion
 - 57 Clears after taxes
 - 58 Great joy
 - 59 Helpful hint
 - 62 Ambulance destinations: Abbr.

Answer to previous puzzle

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