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## Seales officially sworn in as Howard County JP Precinct 2



By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

The third floor courtroom at the Howard County Courthouse filled – with social distancing practiced – as family, friends, and colleagues gathered together for the swearing in of the new Howard County Justice of the Peace for Precinct 2, Kelly Seales. Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman conducted the swearing in ceremony on Tuesday afternoon.

“This means so much to me and I’m honored to be entrusted with such an important role in our community.”

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*HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat*  
**Kelly Seales was sworn in Tuesday afternoon, in the third floor courtroom at the Howard County Courthouse, as the new JP Precinct 2.**

**COVID-19 Update:**

- Active Cases: 15
- Confirmed: 34
- Tests performed: 1811
- Pending: 67
- Negative tests: 1710
- Recovered: 18
- Deaths: 1

*Governor Abbott has issued bars to close; 50% capacity at restaurants and businesses; outdoor gatherings limited to 100 or less before needing approval; river rafting trips have been shut down.*

*Aquatic Center has moved to 50% capacity; All businesses reduce capacity to 50%*

## Slide into summer fun: YMCA opens waterslides

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

Summer temperatures have arrived and with triple digits being a routine forecast, ways to cool down and enjoy summer break are being sought by the youth. While Howard County and the nation continues to battle the coronavirus pandemic, the youth in the community still have avenues to enjoy the summer months. The Russ McEwen Aquatic Center opened a few weeks ago on June 16 and on June 30 the YMCA officially opened the waterslides.

“Last year we opened the waterslides as a way to help the Aquatic Center and the community get through the repair process without taking away some summer fun for the kids in Big Spring,” Dathan Jones, Big Spring YMCA CEO, said. “This year, we have opened them up again and are ready to welcome the kids back to the YMCA for the summer.”

According to Jones, there have been added precautions and increased cleaning schedules added to

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*HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat*  
**The YMCA has officially opened up the waterslides for the summer season. The slides will be open Tuesday through Sundays and will be cleaned in 30 minute rotating cycles throughout the day.**

## A Moment Back in Time

### Powell/Grice Home

*Editor’s Note: Sharing Big Spring history is one of the ways to ensure the roots of Big Spring and family legacies that are planted in our community are not forgotten. The Heritage Museum has spent decades preserving local history. Through history obtained by the Heritage Museum, the Big Spring Herald is able to share stories from Big Spring history with our readers.*



*Heritage Museum photo*

By **TAMMY SCHRECENGOST**  
 Heritage Museum Director

A few months ago, this old house went up in flames. It had stood proudly at 409 East 2nd Street for over 100 years.

**A piece of history recently was burned in a structure fire. The home which stood at 409 E. Second Street was the home of Big Spring’s Thomas Buchanan Powell.**

The owner and builder of the home was Thomas Buchanan (Can) Powell who had arrived in Big Spring in 1892 along with his wife and children. Can was born on March 6, 1846 in Pennsylvania. Just before his 15th birthday, the Civil War broke, so Cam enlisted in the Union Army carting supplies over

for that rainy day-for it will come. Can and his wife, Eva, operated the newly built T&P Home, not to be confused with the T&P Hotel ran by John

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## Obituaries

### Johnny W. Gaskins

Johnny W. Gaskins passed away at his home in Boyee, LA.

Johnny was born in Ajo, Arizona in 1942. He served in the US Army in Germany and worked at Webb Air Force Base. He moved to Fort Polk where he worked as Fire Chief.

He was preceded in death by his parents, JD Gaskins, Esther Gaskins; brother Darrel Gaskins; wife

Kay Gaskins; three children Robbie Edmundson, Johnny Lee Gaskins and Wynona Gaskins; one grandchild Esther Gaskins.

Survivors include: one sister Mary Beth Yeager and A.H. Yeager; three grandchildren Wes Edmondson, Hanna Gagnard, Alicia Gaskins and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are pending at Rush Funeral Home in Pineville, LA at 2 p.m. Thursday.

*Paid Obituary*



### Ned Randal Hildebrand

Ned Randal Hildebrand, 46, passed away on Monday morning, June 29, 2020 at his residence in Big Spring. He was born in Fort Stockton, Texas on Aug. 4, 1973 to Darlene and Tommy Hildebrand Sr. Ned is survived by his high school sweetheart Lodie Gutierrez, daughter Shea Hildebrand, sons Ned Hildebrand, Jr and Nathan Hildebrand, grandson, brother Tommy Hildebrand, Jr. and sisters Barbara Averette and Pamela Hildebrand.

He is preceded in death by his parents Tommy and Darlene Hildebrand. Visitation services are from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Friday, July 3, 2020, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

### Betty Jeanette Wallace

Betty Jeanette Wallace, 85, died Tuesday, June 23, 2020.



Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 1, 2020, at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Betty was born Feb. 19, 1935, in Stephenville to Elna and Marshall Miniard.

She married Elton Wallace on July 22, 1950, in Stephenville. He preceded her in death on June 24, 1998.

She was a homemaker and attended the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Betty is survived by three sons: Dewayne Wallace

and his wife Elaine of Elkhart, Davis Wallace and his wife Sue of Bethelhem, Georgia, and Douglas Wallace of Salt Lake City, Utah; two daughters: Lisa Bernet and her husband Rick of San Antonio and Marsha Garcia and her husband Vince of Lake Whitney; one sister: Marilyn Larimore of Abilene; 26 grandchildren; and 54 great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Betty was preceded in death by two daughters: Emily Edith Wallace and Amiee Aragon; and one grandson: Captain Ellery "Ray" Wallace.

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

*Paid Obituary*

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity for June 25-29, 2020:

- **LUCINDA RAMIREZ FLORES**, 35, of 1216 Wright Street, was arrested on a charge of theft of property less than \$2,500 two ore more convictions all other.
- **RAYNA MARLENE RODRIGUEZ**, 22, of 1413 Wood, was arrested on a charge of resist arrest search or transport.
- **RAYNE MARLENE RODRIGUEZ**, 22, of 109 E. 16th Street, was arrested on a warrant for credit card or debit card abuse.
- **APRIL FERN SMITH**, 39, of 1300 Virginia Avenue, was arrested on a warrant from other agency.
- **KEVIN LAMONT WILLIAMS**, 48, of 229 NW J Ave, Hamlin, Texas, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated MB.
- **EUSEBIO RAYMOND GONZALEZ**, 31, of 534 Westmoreland, Abilene, Texas, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **SACKIE ROBERT BRITO JR**, 40, of 634 Caylor Drive, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **TORI LYNN MCKENDREE**,

28, of 1409 Virginia Ave., was arrested on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than one gram; warrant from other agency (x2), and possession of marijuana less than or equal to two ounces.

- **JUAN JUAREZ JR**, 53, of 1215 Ridgeroad Drive, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 900 block of S. Runnels Street; 900 block of S. Runnels Street; 1400 block of Wood Street.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 3200 block of Cornell; 2300 block of Wasson Road; 200 block of E. Third Street; 900 block of E. FM 700; 2500 block of Chanute Drive; 2300 block of Wasson Road; area of Moore/Gillem.
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 3500 block of N. Gail Hwy; 600 block S. Nolan Street; 2300 block of Hwy 176 Highway; 900 block E. 14th Street.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1000 block of N. San Antonio Street; 3600 block of W. Hwy 80; 500 block of S. Bell Street; 700 block of S. Gregg Street; 200 block of W. FM 700; 3600 block of W. Hwy 80; 100 block N. Fifth Street

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- **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported in the 3200 block of Cornell Avenue.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1600 block of Sunset Avenue; 3600 block of W. Hwy 80; 1600 block Sunset Avenue.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 500 block of Edwards Blvd.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the area of Lancaster and Fifth; area of MLK and the hospital.
- **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.
- **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the area of SSR and 194.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 3400 block of E. I-20.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 3700 block of Dixon; 2700 block of Larry Drive; 1600 block of Martin Luther King.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the area of 11th and Goliad; 17th and Johnson.
- **CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE** was reported in the 200 block of W. 7th Forsan.
- **HIT AND RUN** was reported in the area of 15th and Lexington.

## Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity from June 25-29:

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this report.
- **LUCINDA RAMIREZ FLORES**, 35, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property less than \$2,500 two or more previous convictions.
  - **RAYNA MARLENE RODRIGUEZ**, 22 was arrested by BSPD on a charge of credit card or debit card abuse and resist arrest search or transport.
  - **APRIL SMITH**, 39, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of MTRP/fail to identify giving false information.
  - **SACKIE ROBERT BRITO JR**, 40, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
  - **CLINTON JAY EPKE**, 41, was arrested by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
  - **EUSEBIO RAYMOND GONZALEZ**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **JUAN JUAREZ JR**, 53, was arrested by BSPD, on a charge of public intoxication.
- **TORI LYNN MCKENDREE**, 28, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces; bail jumping and fail to appear (x2) and possession of controlled substance less than one gram.
- **ZACHARY AARON ISSA OVERTON**, 27, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of parole violation.
- **JENNIFER DEANN PITTMAN**, 27, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of MTRP/driving while intoxicated.
- **KEVIN LAMONT WILLIAMS**, 48, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

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## Support Groups

### THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email [francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org](mailto:francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org), or call 432-268-3003.

• GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death.

Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6 to 8 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

### FRIDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

### SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### MONDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees It, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### 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.

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# SLIDE

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ensure the safety of the staff and those utilizing the YMCA. Since the onset of the pandemic, following the guidance handed down by the Governor, the YMCA has been focusing heavily on an increased and heightened cleaning process.

“We have been striving to ensure a clean atmosphere and welcoming environment at the YMCA here in Big Spring, but as we move forward in this pandemic we are focusing extra hard on cleaning to ensure that we are able to stay open as long as we can for our community, and do so in a safe manner,” he said.

In addition to the facility cleaning, the waterslides will be cleaned on a 30-minute rotating schedule throughout the day. Every 30 minutes one of the slides will be closed for cleaning and the rotation cycle will begin and last throughout the day.

# HISTORY

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Birdwell. The T&P Home was located close to the tracks on what is presently Auto Zone. It was built for the railroad employees by T&P however, they welcomed traveler’s business as well. Can did not waste time or take the chance that potential customers would go to the T&P Hotel or perhaps the Cole. He would greet the incoming trains and try to persuade the customer to stay at the T&P Home. This was not an easy task considering the Birdwell Hotel was the first place that greeted the deboarding passengers. Can offered a rate of \$1 per night as compared to the \$2 per night at the Birdwell Hotel.

In 1918, Can admitted to exaggerating his age “downward in numbers” and enlisted in World War I along with his sons. Can said, “A man does not reach his prime until the age of 68. By that time, he has learned what friends to trust and what friends to shun; what ideals to uphold and what flimsy traditions to shatter.”

Can’s wife Eva died in 1935, he lived another five years, dying in the house that he had built and loved at the age of 93.

The house was later sold to the Walter Grice family. Walter served Howard County as J.P for over 40 years. The house on 2nd street was a wedding venue for hundreds of brides and grooms during the 40’s all the way thru the 80’s.

A house that held more happy memories than sad, a house that withstood storms, high winds, flooding, wars, a depression, booming economy to a sluggish economy. The house was built during Teddy Roosevelt’s administration and lasted through 20 Presidents of the United States.

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I look forward to serving the citizens of Howard County,” newly appointed Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2, Kelly Seales said. Seales official duties began this morning, as the previous Justice of the Peace Connie Shaw’s duties officially ended.

According to Howard County Judge Wiseman, during the ceremony, this is the first time that a public ceremony has taken place with media atten-

dance for the swearing in of a public office on the County side.

“I understand the magnitude of the importance of this office and have been working diligently to learn all of the processes involved and feel confident that I will be able to fulfill the requirements of this position with the honesty, integrity, and respect that the position demands,” Seales said.

Amanda Duforat is the Managing Editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, e-mail editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

# Take Note

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.

• 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

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# Weather



**Today:** Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 104. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 75. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Thursday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 100. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 74.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 99.

**Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 73.

**Independence Day:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 101.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 74.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 100.

**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 74.

**Monday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 98.

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

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity through June 25-29:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of E. 17th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of Abrams. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 6200 block of N. Service Road. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2900 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of W. I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of S. Main. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to Scenic Moun-

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tain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of W. Robinson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4200 block of W. Hwy 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of NE 8th Street. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of W. Third Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of E. 15th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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# DPS arrests suspects in Austin for felony and misdemeanor crimes related to the Capitol protests



Courtesy images/ DPS

**Above left: Darian Deshawn Berkley is pictured taking part in one of the protests at the Texas State Capitol. He was arrested by DPS. Above right: Gerald Govan Brown is pictured taking part in protests and vandalism in Austin.**

AUSTIN – On Saturday, June 27, 2020, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) executed arrest warrants for two suspects: Darius Deshawn Berkley, 22, of Austin, Texas, who was arrested for rioting on the Texas State Capitol grounds; and Gerald Govan Brown, 18, of Pflugerville, Texas, who was arrested in connection with the vandalism of the Texas State Capitol and the assault of a Texas State Trooper.

DPS Special Agents obtained an arrest warrant for rioting on Berkley, following an incident that

occurred on June 22, 2020, at the Texas State Capitol. DPS Special Agents discovered Berkley was incarcerated in the Travis County Jail on unrelated charges. The aforementioned warrant was served on Berkley at the Travis County Jail.

Brown was also arrested on Saturday, June 27, in connection with incidents that occurred during the protests at the Texas State Capitol on May 30. Multiple arrest warrants were obtained for Brown, including felony criminal mischief-destruction of public monument, as well as misdemeanor crimi-

nal mischief, attempt to take a weapon from a peace officer, resisting arrest, interference with public duties and participating in a riot.

Both arrests come as the result of ongoing investigations by DPS Special Agents who reviewed hundreds of hours of videos from various media platforms, surveillance camera footage, law enforcement databases and open source information over the last several weeks, and the investigation continues.

## Confederate flag losing prominence 155 years after Civil War

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Long a symbol of pride to some and hatred to others, the Confederate battle flag is losing its place of official prominence 155 years after rebellious Southern states lost a war to perpetuate slavery.

Mississippi's Republican-controlled Legislature voted Sunday to remove the Civil War emblem from the state flag, a move that was both years in the making and notable for its swiftness amid a national debate over racial inequality following the police killing of George Floyd in Minnesota. Mississippi's was the last state flag to include the design.

NASCAR, born in the South and still popular in the region, banned the rebel banner from races earlier this month, and some Southern localities have removed memorials and statues dedicated to the Confederate cause. A similar round of Confederate flag and memorial removals was prompted five years ago by the slaying of nine Black people at a church in Charleston, South Carolina. A white supremacist was convicted of the shooting.

Make no mistake: The Confederate flag isn't anywhere close to being gone from the South. Just drive along highways where Sons of Confederate Veterans members have erected gigantic battle flags or stop by Dixie General Store, where Bob Castello makes a living selling hundreds of

rebel-themed shirts, hats, car accessories and more in an east Alabama county named for a Confederate officer, Gen. Patrick Cleburne.

"Business is very good right now," Castello said Monday.

But even Castello is surprised by how demonstrations over police brutality became a wave that seems to be washing over generations of adoration for the Confederate battle flag by some. He wonders what might happen next.

"This could go on and on," he said. "There's just no limit to where they could go with it."

The Confederacy was founded in Montgomery in 1861 with a Constitution that prohibited laws "denying or impairing the right of property in negro slaves." The South lost, slavery ended, and Confederate sympathizers almost ever since have argued the war wasn't just about slavery, instead advocating the "lost cause" version centered around state's rights, Southern nobility and honor.

To some, the Confederate battle flag — with its red background, blue X and white stars — is a down-home symbol of Southern heritage and pride. The band Alabama, one of the top-selling country music groups ever, included the banner on five album covers in the 1980s and '90s while at the height of its popularity.

Patty Howard, who was visiting

a huge carving of Confederate Civil War generals at Georgia's Stone Mountain Park with her husband, Toby, on Monday, said they aren't offended by the flag, but they also don't fly it at their home in Hendersonville, North Carolina.

"I don't see it as related to slavery," said Howard, 71. "To us, it just represents being from the South."

But the flag has a dark side. It has been waved for decades by the Ku Klux Klan, neo-Nazis and other white supremacists who oppose equal rights. The banner's use by such groups, combined with a widening sense that it is time to retire the symbol of a defeated nation once and for all, has led to change.

"The argument over the 1894 flag has become as divisive as the flag itself and it's time to end it," Mississippi Gov. Tate Reeves said of the state's current flag, which was adopted by lawmakers at a time when white supremacists were actively squelching political power that African Americans had gained after the Civil War.

Georgia — which added the battle emblem to its state flag in 1956 in response to U.S. Supreme Court decisions to desegregate public schools — adopted a flag without a rebel banner in 2003.

Alabama flew the battle flag atop its state Capitol until 1993, when it was

removed following protests by Black legislators. Additional Confederate flags were removed from around a massive Confederate memorial just outside the building in 2015, when South Carolina also removed its battle flag from the state Capitol grounds after the shooting.

It has taken longer in Mississippi. Not long after the Charleston shooting, House Speaker Philip Gunn became the state's first prominent Republican to say the Confederate symbol on the state flag was morally offensive and must be changed. People posted signs with the slogan, "Keep the Flag. Change the speaker," but Gunn was easily reelected twice.

During the past month, Gunn and Mississippi's first-year lieutenant governor, Republican Delbert Hosemann, persuaded a diverse, bipartisan coalition of legislators that changing the flag was inevitable and they should be part of it.

Hosemann is the great-grandson of a Confederate soldier, Lt. Rhett Miles, who was captured at Vicksburg and requested a pardon after the war ended in 1865.

"After he had fought a war for four years, he admitted his transgressions and asked for full citizenship," Hosemann said during the debate. "If he were here today, he'd be proud of us."

## Astronaut says losing mirror on spacewalk was 'real bummer'

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The commander of the International Space Station said Monday that losing a mirror during last week's otherwise successful spacewalk was "a real bummer."

NASA astronaut Chris Cassidy said he has no idea how the small mirror on his left sleeve came off. The band for the mirror is on pretty tight, he noted, and it may have caught on a metal tether attachment as he exited the airlock Friday.

"I just happened to glance down and I saw this reflecting thing disappearing into the darkness, and that was the last I saw of it," Cassidy said in an interview with The Associated Press. "That was a real bummer for me."

He'll use a spare for Wednesday's spacewalk, the second of four he and NASA astronaut Bob Behnken will do to replace old station batteries.

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# Joe Bright purchases local land for new location of J.B. Sports Academy



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**Above left: Bright coaches up some of his younger students during a training session. Above right: The lot where the new J.B. Sports Academy will be located off of E. Sixth Street.**

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

Joe Bright has played basketball mostly his entire life. After years of playing the sport and practicing all the way to the NCAA Division I level, he has brought all of the skills and lessons he has learned from the game to his new occupation: Trainer at his own Basketball Academy.

Bright has been training the youth around Big Spring for the last couple of years inside any gym that he could. Now, there will be a new home for the Joe Bright Basketball Academy within a mile of the school.

Following months of working with a realtor to find the perfect spot for his permanent home for his athletic training facility at 1317 E. Sixth Street.

“As soon as I saw it, I just thought to myself, ‘Man, this is it,’” Bright said.

With that new location comes a new company name and the Basketball Academy will soon become J.B. Sports Academy.

“With J.B. Sports Academy is just like any academy where you would send your child,” Bright said. “Yes, they’re going there to work on their craft but at the same time it’s going to be dealing with life lessons. I have a business plan in place where we’ll be doing things other than just training. We want to be a place where they have an opportunity to get out of school and come here and do their homework. I’m working with some great organizations where we will have some critical thinking skills challenges on Wednesday’s and on the weekends we try to do different programs.”

The first two students to be trained by Bright were current Big Spring basketball players Kaegen Mitchell and Kyler Seymore. Both of those players still train with Bright and he recruited some of the Steers’ varsity team and is always there to give advice whether it is in-game or during practice.

The old Howard Hawk has taught players such as Mitchell and Seymore a lot about the game and continues to challenge them and not let them grow complacent with their game.

“He’s a great coach,” Seymore said. “One of the things I love about him is that he holds you accountable and he doesn’t take anything for granted. He wants you to be there at every practice, he wants you to work your butt off and if you’re not giving it your all, then he’ll set you straight. He makes it feel like a team. No one is favored and he makes all five guys out on the court really feel like a team.”

Bright also knows the nuances of the game and has experience playing every position on the court from his time on the hardwood. This allows him to detail and construct his workouts to fit the particular player that he is training. Those personalized workouts are unique and not something that you would

get from every trainer.

Mitchell has recently made the position switch to point guard and that is where he will be starting when the Big Spring basketball season tips-off later this year. Bright knew about the switch and has now been helping Mitchell adapt to his new position running the floor.

“I changed my position so me and him have been working on reading the court better and getting my coordination down,” Mitchell said. “He always motivates us and gets us where we need to be.”

Since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic and the subsequent shut-down of mostly every small business, Bright had been forced to stop training his students. This was tough not only on the players, but on Bright as well because of the change in schedule to someone who seems to be very routine-oriented and focused on doing the job to the best of his ability.

Bright has been back in the gym training his students since June 18 after being forced to take a hiatus. He has been training and teaching smaller class sizes but says his business has picked up even more after the virus hit.

The new location will welcome in even more new students and will surely catch the attention of any local parents that are thinking about signing their child up for sports. Even though Bright does train high school players, most of his time training is spent on the younger kids who are just getting into the game.

After playing for Howard College and now being a teacher and coach at Big Spring, Bright’s preferred location for his business was inside of Big Spring’s city limits.

“That was like my No. 1 thing,” Bright said. “I definitely wanted it in Big Spring. If I couldn’t have it in Big Spring, that was fine but at the same time that was basically my No. 1 goal.”

While the headquarters will be in Big Spring, young athletes from Coahoma and Forsan routinely travel into Steer Country to be trained by the great Joe Bright.

Bright has been a hardworking and determined member of this community for years now and he is asking for some help with raising funds so that he can complete his building as soon as possible.

“I was just hoping that I can get some fundraisers or some donations and possibly even some grants so that I can have some help building the facility,” Bright said.

If you are looking to donate, find out more about classes, or have some questions about the J.B. Sports Academy, contact Joe Bright at 763-237-4800.

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# Six Texas Fisheries Named Top 100 Lakes Of Decade

Special to the Herald

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Since 2012, Bassmaster Magazine has released annual rankings of the country’s best bass fisheries. While tournament data could not be gathered because of the COVID-19 pandemic, crunching numbers gathered over the past eight years revealed a surprising Best Bass Lake of the Decade — California’s Clear Lake.

While Toledo Bend at No. 6 was Texas’s highest placing lake, overall the state had six fisheries on the Top 100 list — Toledo Bend, Sam Rayburn, Falcon, Fork, Ray Roberts and Caddo — creating a three-way tie for second place with California and Florida.

“Typically, creating the rankings takes more than two months as we dig through current tournament data as well as state fishery information on stocking efforts, catch rates and angler access,” explained Bassmaster Magazine Editor-in-Chief James Hall. “Instead, we used all of this research and rankings from the past eight years to create an incredible — and somewhat surprising — ranking of bucket-list destinations for anglers.”

While long-considered a West Coast powerhouse, Clear Lake has never topped the Best Bass Lakes list until this year. However, in the past decade, California’s largest natural lake has also never ranked below 10th in the country and has been the top-ranked Western fishery for the past three years. Anglers can expect to consistently catch big bass in a fishery where an average bass weighs in at over 5 pounds. In fact, a bass over 16 pounds was landed at Clear Lake last year. Combine that production with a pristine setting in California’s wine country, and you have the definition of a bucket-list fishing destination.

Alabama’s Lake Guntersville, home of the 2020 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Huk, took the No. 2 spot, matching its 2019 rank. Like Clear Lake, the Big G has never been named the Best Bass Lake in the nation, but it is rarely out of contention. Guntersville is known for its breathtaking scenery and easy access, but big fish swim there as well. Most big-bass prizes

are awarded to fish topping the 8-pound mark, with 10-plus-pounders taking center stage on occasion.

True giants call our third-place fishery, Lake Erie, home. While most of the tournament data comes out of Buffalo, N.Y., anglers can expect smallies in the 6-pound range anywhere along the shoreline, which includes New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Michigan. Michigan’s Lake St. Clair, where you can catch the smallmouth of a lifetime surrounded by Instagram-worthy scenery, is in the fourth spot.

Rounding out the remainder of the Top 10 lakes are California’s Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta at fifth; Toledo Bend, on the Louisiana/Texas border, at sixth; Sam Rayburn Reservoir at seventh; Falcon Lake at eighth; Idaho’s Lake Coeur d’Alene at ninth; and Florida’s Lake Okeechobee at tenth.

The rankings identify the Top 25 lakes in the nation based on head-to-head comparisons, as well as the top lakes in four geographical regions — Central, Western, Southeastern and Northeastern.

“We divide the nation into four regions and rank the lakes in each region to give anglers perspective on the fisheries they can most likely reach,” Hall explained.

As for bragging rights on which state has the most fisheries in the all-decade rankings, that title goes to Michigan with seven lakes.

Bassmaster Magazine’s 100 Best Bass Lakes of the Decade:

### Top 25

1. Clear Lake, California
2. Lake Guntersville, Alabama
3. Lake Erie, New York/Ohio/Pennsylvania/Michigan
4. Lake St. Clair, Michigan
5. Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta, California
6. Toledo Bend, Louisiana/Texas
7. Sam Rayburn Reservoir, Texas
8. Falcon Lake, Texas
9. Lake Coeur d’Alene, Idaho
10. Lake Okeechobee, Florida
11. Lake Champlain, New York/Vermont
12. St. Lawrence River (Thousand Islands), New

York

13. Pickwick Lake, Alabama/Mississippi/Tennessee
14. Grand Lake O’ The Cherokees, Oklahoma
15. Chickamauga Lake, Tennessee
16. Lake Fork, Texas
17. Lake Havasu, Arizona/California
18. Oneida Lake, New York
19. Candlewood Lake, Connecticut
20. Columbia River, Oregon/Washington
21. Mille Lacs Lake, Minnesota
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24. Lake Charlevoix, Michigan
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Annie's Mailbox

Choosing Words Wisely

Dear Annie: I was reading "Don't Call Me 'Dear'" and wanted to give you my two cents' worth. I am a woman, 72 years old. If someone calls you "dear," "sweetie," "sweetheart" or something like this, you should take it as a compliment. This applies whether the person doing the calling is a woman or a man, and it doesn't matter if the person is a friend, relative or stranger; it would be a very nice comment. Life is too short to get upset with "little" things in the world. Just deal with it! -- Gloria in Texas

Dear Gloria: Thank you for your perspective, which is shared by many readers. But still others, such as the nurse who wrote the next letter, feel that those greetings by strangers are inappropriate.

Dear Annie: I agree with "Don't Call Me 'Dear.'" I worked in a nursing home for 20 years, and one of the things that the state inspectors would get you on is calling a resident "dear," "honey," "sweetie" or something similar because it is disrespectful. The only way it was OK was if the resident wanted to be called that, and it was clearly documented in their care plan.

I hate it when someone waiting on me at a store or restaurant calls me "dear" or any of the above-mentioned names. To me, it is disrespectful, even if that is not the intent. And in most cases, I'm sure it is not. But it is still wrong. -- Don't Call Anyone Dear

Dear Don't Call Anyone Dear: You make a good point, and I thank you for expressing it. This is one issue where all readers will have to make their own decisions.

I do believe that the more we live with love in our hearts and don't sweat the small stuff, the happier we will be.

Dear Annie: My husband passed away unexpectedly last year. During our 13-year marriage, unbeknownst to me, he had showered his adult children with gifts of all kinds, including vacations.

However, he was very frugal when it came to our wants and needs. I had no idea of the extent of the expenses until finding out in probate that his adult children got everything left to them: a cash amount over a million dollars, an undisclosed property, an undisclosed house and numerous other undisclosed gifts.

Well, there is a law

regarding fiduciary duties, in that a spouse, by law, must inform the other spouse of these gifts and also get, in writing, that the other spouse knows and agrees to the gifts, whether it be money or items. In case of a divorce, the spouse, not having given the other spouse notice, nor obtaining, in writing, an agreement, will be responsible for restitution to the unknowing spouse. -- Upset About the Way Things Happened

Dear Upset: I am very sorry that you had to deal with this all of these surprises after the unexpected death of your husband. Shock and grief compound

each other, and I'd be cautious of them clouding your judgment, particularly in your relationship with your husband's children. Your husband deceived you, and sadly, he is not here to work through this with you. However, there are resources to help you come out of this a stronger person without resentment. A therapist or counselor can give you some emotional and mental support, and legal counsel can give you financial guidance. It might not be easy, but, slowly, that upset will diminish.

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SUDOKU puzzle with a 9x9 grid and instructions. Includes 'Fun By The Numbers' section and an answer key at the bottom.

Message of the Saturn Transit

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll spend a few hours in what is essentially training for your taste and intellect, although it feels more like simply following an interest. You'll get to the good stuff when you go about three levels deeper than typical.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Everyone has something to recommend these days, but the best tips aren't handed over in advertisements. Instead of doing what people tell you to do, you follow and adopt the preferences and habits of those you admire.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The sage has abilities of which none know the extent. The guesses and doubts arouse veneration. You'll be powerful as you exercise restraint and, like the sage, cloak yourself in mystery.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). For optimum health, you need exercise, fresh air, fine sleep and sound nutrition. And one more thing... self-expression. The voice of your soul is longing to be heard.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You keep ramping up your expectation of yourself. It's what keeps you sharp, awake and ever improving. But when is this too much pressure? When do you get to relax? Your body, not your mind, will tell you, so listen up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Pick an

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS message.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Distinguished abilities are as rare as mediocrities are common. While it is only natural to question your gifts, you cannot afford to indulge these doubts. Someone needs your greatness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Jump into action and you will quickly be reminded of how invigorating it is to juggle many projects simultaneously, and how satisfying it is to finish them off one by one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The inspiration you need is outside of the normal places you'd look. Ask people you don't usually talk to. Walk toward what's new and different.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Solid communication is only possible when you know what's really being said. You're excellent at reading between the lines, listening between the words and getting the message inside the

ASTROLOGICAL TOPIC: YOUR MOON SIGN (part four)

To find your moon sign, consult an astrology book, or key "moon sign" into a search engine.

Virgo moon people are happiest when productive. This moon is a symbol of growth and harvest, so these people like to see the fruits of their labor ripen. They are typically generous with help and advice but won't enable others to be lazy. Virgo moon people love to solve problems in a way that keeps them solved. Quick fixes, shortcuts and cheating are not allowed in their rulebook. Those born under a Libra moon are emotionally fulfilled when they operate in an equal partnership. Libra moon folks gravitate toward situations where they can collaborate and contribute to a common good. To see their team succeed or be a part of a winning project is one of life's great joys to the Libra moon native. Naturally selfless, they are often surprised when others recognize and celebrate their individual merits. Desire runs deep within Scorpio moon people, and they often act impulsively on their strong feelings, making compelling and interesting choices. This is a sultry and vivacious moon placement that comes with strong currents of passion and charisma, making Scorpio moon natives often overwhelmingly attractive.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There are many who will benefit from your organized, direct and efficient manner. There will also be those who are intimidated by this unless it is served up with great warmth and gentleness.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 1). The connection of hearts is a theme that plays in many colors in the months to come as your life fills with a variety of relationships. Education broadens your horizons and brings reward both immediate and delayed.

There's a return on investment in September and a meaningful celebration in January. Libra and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 40, 4, 38 and 20.

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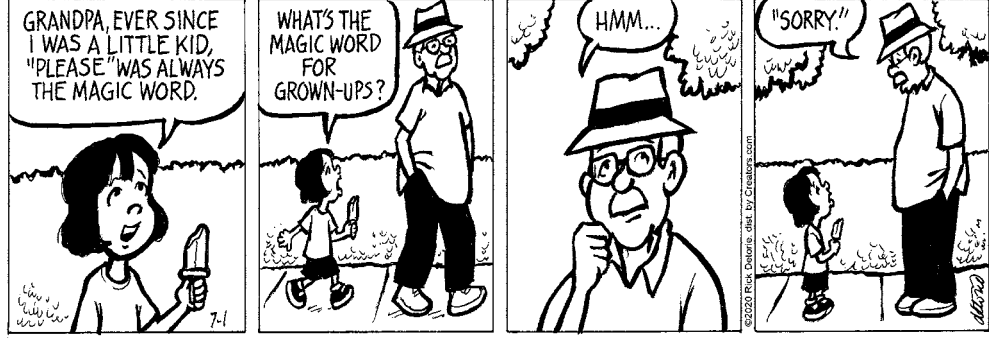
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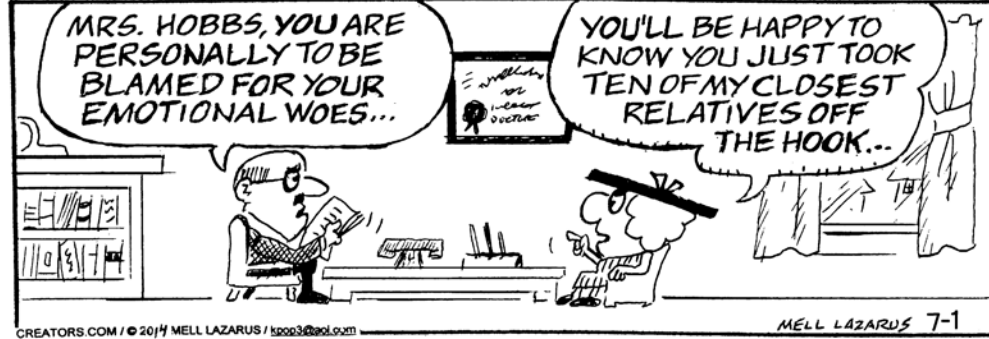
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, July 1, the 183rd day of 2020. There are 183 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 1, 1863, the pivotal, three-day Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, resulting in a Union victory, began in Pennsylvania. On this date: In 1867, Canada became a self-governing dominion of Great Britain as the British North America Act took effect. In 1912, aviator Harriet Quimby, 37, was killed along with her passenger, William Willard, when they were thrown out of Quimby's monoplane at the Third Annual Boston Aviation Meet. In 1944, delegates from 44 countries began meeting at Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, where they agreed to establish the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. In 1946, the United States exploded a 20-kiloton atomic bomb near Bikini Atoll in the Pacific. In 1961, Diana, the princess of Wales, was born in Sandringham, England. (She died in a 1997 car crash in Paris at age 36.) In 1963, the U.S. Post Office inaugurated its five-digit ZIP codes. In 1966, the Medicare federal insurance program went into effect. In 1991, President George H.W. Bush nominated federal appeals court judge Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court, beginning an ultimately successful confirmation process marked by allegations of sexual harassment. In 1997, Hong Kong reverted to Chinese rule after 156 years as a British colony. Actor Robert Mitchum died in Santa Barbara, California, at age 79. In 2002, the world's first permanent war crimes tribunal, the International Criminal Court, came into existence. A Russian passenger jet collided with a cargo plane over southern Germany, killing all 69 people, including 45 schoolchildren, on the Russian plane and the cargo jet pilots. In 2004, actor Marlon Brando died in Los Angeles at age 80. In 2009, Academy Award-winning actor Karl Malden, 97, died in Brentwood, California. Ten years ago: California lawmakers approved a \$20 million settlement with the family of

Jaycee Dugard, who was kidnapped as a girl and held captive in a secret backyard for 18 years by a paroled sex offender. At least two suicide bombers attacked a popular Muslim shrine in Pakistan's second largest city, Lahore, killing some three dozen people. Five years ago: After more than a half-century of hostility, the United States and Cuba declared they would reopen embassies in each other's capitals, marking a historic full restoration of diplomatic relations between the Cold War foes. Episcopalians voted overwhelmingly at their General Convention in Salt Lake City to allow religious weddings for same-sex couples. San Francisco resident Kate Steinle, 32, was fatally shot in the back while walking along the city's popular waterfront. (Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez, a Mexican national who was in the U.S. illegally, acknowledged holding the gun that killed Steinle but said it fired accidentally after he found it. He was found not guilty of killing Steinle; a state appeals court threw out his conviction on a gun charge.) One year ago: Fifteen-year-old Coco Gauff, the youngest player to qualify at Wimbledon in the professional era, defeated 39-year-old Venus Williams in the first round, 6-4, 6-4. Los Angeles Angels pitcher Tyler Skaggs, 27, was found dead in his room at the Texas hotel where the team was staying; the medical examiner found that Skaggs had a toxic mix of alcohol and the painkillers fentanyl and oxycodone in his body. Hundreds of protesters swarmed into Hong Kong's legislature, defacing portraits of lawmakers and spray-painting pro-democracy slogans in the chamber before vacating it as riot police cleared surrounding streets with tear gas; the three-hour occupation came on the 22nd anniversary of the former British colony's return to China. Today's Birthdays: Actress Olivia de Havilland is 104. Actress-dancer Leslie Caron is 89. Actress Jean Marsh is 86. Actor Jamie Farr is 86. Actor David Prowse is 85. Cookiemaker

Wally Amos is 84. Dancer-choreographer Twyla Tharp is 79. Actress Genevieve Bujold is 78. Rock singer-actress Deborah Harry is 75. Movie-TV producer-director Michael Pressman is 70. Actor Daryl Anderson is 69. Actor Trevor Eve is 69. Actor Terrence Mann is 69. Rock singer Fred Schneider (B-52's) is 69. Pop singer Victor Willis (Village People) is 69. Actor-

comedian Dan Aykroyd is 68. Actress Lorna Patterson is 64. Actor Alan Ruck is 64. Rhythm and blues singer Evelyn "Champagne" King is 60. Olympic gold medal track star Carl Lewis is 59. Country singer Michelle Wright is 59. Actor Andre Braugher is 58. Actor Dominic Keating is 58. Actress Pamela Anderson is 53. Rock musician Mark Pirro is 50. Rock musician Franny Griffiths

(Space) is 50. Actor Henry Simmons is 50. Hip-hop artist Missy Elliott is 49. Actress Julianne Nicholson is 49. Actress Melissa Peterman is 49. Actress/writer Jill Kargman is 46. Rock musician Bryan Devendorf (The National) is 45. Singer/songwriter Sufjan Stevens is 45. Actor Thomas Sadoski is 44. Actress Liv Tyler is 43. Bluegrass musician Adam Haynes

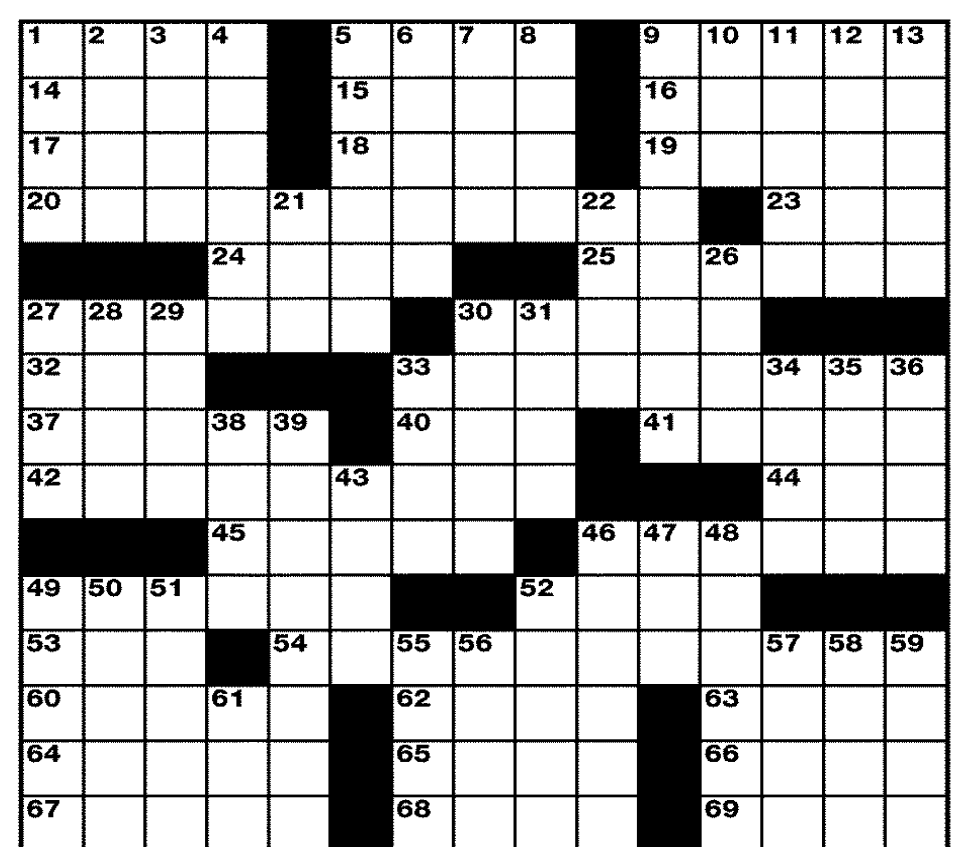
(formerly w/Dailey & Vincent) is 41. Actress Hilarie Burton is 38. Actress Lynsey Bartilson is 37. Actress Lea Seydoux (LEE'uh say-DOO') is 35. Actor Evan Ellingson is 32. Actors Andrew and Steven Cavarno are 28. Actress/singer Chloe Bailey is 22. Actress Storm Reid is 17.

Newsday Crossword

DON'T YOU SIGH by Clive Probert Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Partners of carrots
  - 5 British chap
  - 9 G.I. Joes, for instance
  - 14 "\_\_\_ and away!"
  - 15 Crisp, sweet sandwich
  - 16 Constellation with a belt
  - 17 \_\_\_ one's time (wait)
  - 18 High school math
  - 19 Aladdin's powerful pal
  - 20 Religion founded by Hubbard
  - 23 Before, in poems
  - 24 Stag or buck
  - 25 Golf tourney front runner
  - 27 Sound recording pioneer
  - 30 Mascara mishap
  - 32 Baby boomer's kid
  - 33 Web access establishment
  - 37 Texter's icon
  - 40 S&L nest egg
  - 41 Button-down apparel
  - 42 Cause of nasal congestion
  - 44 Meadow
  - 45 2000s presidential nickname
  - 46 Pot or yacht
  - 49 Longtime name on *The View*
  - 52 Singer \_\_\_ Amos
  - 53 Battle of Britain grp.
  - 54 Of Freud's specialty
  - 60 Even if, for short
  - 62 Guinness who played Obi-Wan
  - 63 Cola Wars combatant

- 64 Entreaties
  - 65 Unconvincing, as an excuse
  - 66 Fully accessible
  - 67 Sight or taste
  - 68 Drain-cleaning solutions
  - 69 Venison or veal
- DOWN**
- 1 Ale servers
  - 2 Grand-scale story
  - 3 German auto
  - 4 Goes in a hurry
  - 5 Figured out
  - 6 Misjudgment
  - 7 Playwright Simon
  - 8 How takeout orders are placed
  - 9 Canine chronology
  - 10 Rock from a mine
  - 11 Reinforced, as parkas
  - 12 Long French river
  - 13 Scornful look
  - 21 Prefix meaning "recent"
  - 22 Elation
  - 26 St. Louis landmark
  - 27 Former couple
  - 28 Actress Moore
  - 29 Element found in meteors
  - 30 Meteor of Jordan
  - 31 Degrees for some CEOs
  - 33 Tacoma or Tampa
  - 34 Feels unwell
  - 35 Available for lunch, say
  - 36 List-ending abbr.
  - 38 Self-defense sport
  - 39 "Guess so"
  - 43 Wading bird
  - 46 Choir members
  - 47 Memorable timespan
  - 48 Primetime fare
  - 49 Under \_\_\_ (secret)
  - 50 Oscar actress Berry
  - 51 More than sometimes
  - 52 48 Down's intro music
  - 55 Musical plural pronoun
  - 56 Brickmaking material
  - 57 Something to skip for exercise
  - 58 Scandinavian furniture chain
  - 59 Copper-coated coin
  - 61 Doesn't lack



Answer to previous puzzle  
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# Baseball's minor leagues cancel 2020 seasons

By RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball's minor leagues canceled their seasons Tuesday because of the coronavirus pandemic, and the head of their governing body said more than half of the 160 teams were in danger of failing without government assistance or private equity injections.

The National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, the minor league governing body founded in September 1901, made the long-expected announcement. The minors had never missed a season.

"We are a fans-in-the-stands business. We don't have national TV revenues," National Association president Pat O'Conner said during a digital news conference. "There was a conversation at one point: Well, can we play without fans? And that was one of the shortest conversations in the last six months. It just doesn't make any sense."

O'Conner estimated 85-90% of revenue was related to ticket money, concessions, parking and ballpark advertising. The minors drew 41.5 million fans last year for 176 teams in 15 leagues, averaging 4,044 fans per game.

MLB teams are planning for a 60-game regular season and most of their revenue will derive from broadcast money.

"I had a conversation with the commissioner, and we weren't able to find a path that allowed us to play games," O'Conner said. "It wasn't an acrimonious decision on our part."

O'Conner said many minor league teams had received money through the federal Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act.

"That was a Band-Aid on a hemorrhaging industry," he said. "Many of our clubs have gone through one, two, maybe three rounds of furloughs. In our office here, we've had varying levels of pay cuts between senior management, staff, and we've furloughed some individuals, as well, and are just about to

enter in a second round of furloughs."

He hopes for passage of H.R. 7023, which would provide \$1 billion in 15-year federal loans from the Federal Reserve to businesses that had 2019 revenue of \$35 million or less and "have contractual obligations for making lease, rent, or bond payments for publicly owned sports facilities, museums, and community theaters."

In addition, the Professional Baseball Agreement between the majors and minors expires Sept. 30, and MLB has proposed reducing the minimum affiliates from 160 to 120.

"There's no question that what the pandemic has done is made us somewhat weaker economically," O'Conner said. "I don't think it's challenged our resolve. I don't think it's impacted our desire to stick together and get a good deal."

There have not been substantive talks for about six weeks.

"There are very many teams that are not liquid, not solvent, not able to proceed under normal circumstances, and these are anything but normal circumstances given the PBA and the uncertainty of the future for some of these ballclubs," O'Conner said. "So I think the coronavirus has really cut into many clubs' ability to make it. And I think that we're looking at without some government intervention, without doing something to take on equity partners, you might be looking at half of the 160 who are going to have serious problems."

MLB already has told clubs to retain expanded 60-player pools, of which 30 players can be active during the first two weeks of the season starting in late July.

Conner said the financial impact of the pathogen might extend until 2023.

"As serious as the threat from Major League Baseball was," O'Conner said, "this threat from the coronavirus, it transcends any list that anybody wants to make with respect to the possibility of teams not being around in the future."

# Teams not able to disclose who goes on IL due to virus

By JOE REEDY

AP Sports Writer

Trying to find out the status of a baseball player coming back from an ankle injury definitely will be easier than learning whether someone tested positive for the coronavirus.

Major League Baseball said Tuesday that a team will not specifically announce a COVID-19 injured list placement for a player who is removed from the club after testing positive, just an IL trip.

MLB's operations manual says a positive test, exhibiting symptoms that require isolation for additional assessment or exposure to someone who has had the virus are cause for placement on the new COVID-19 IL.

"It would be a speculating circumstance," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman told media during a conference call.

Baseball's collective bargaining agreement states that for any medical condition not related to employment "a club may disclose only the fact that a medical condition is preventing the player from rendering services to the club and the anticipated length of the

player's absence from the club."

Cashman noted the situation continues to evolve as MLB and the players' union continue discussions. Testing of players and staff will begin Wednesday as they report to their teams to resume workouts. They will be tested once every two days.

Last week, Charlie Blackmon of the Colorado Rockies became the first MLB player known to have tested positive. According to reports, the All-Star outfielder was one of three Colorado players to have a positive test.

Numerous other teams have said they have players who have tested positive for the virus without identifying any of them. The Philadelphia Phillies announced seven, while the Detroit Tigers said one player who was living in Florida but not working out at the team's spring training facilities in Lakeland also tested positive.

Seattle Mariners general manager Jerry Dipoto said a few players have tested positive but declined to specify how many. Several Toronto Blue Jays players and staff members also have tested positive.

Mets general manager Brodie Van

Wagenen said remaining educated about best practices is going to be crucial for everyone.

"Leadership really is going to be the difference-maker for the teams that are able to best handle this and best cope with the challenges that we face," he said. "And that really is the accountability that needs to be shared by all of us — not just baseball, but our whole society."

Baltimore general manager Mike Elias said the Orioles have had no reported cases and that no one on the team has decided against playing in the shortened season.

He's hoping for a smooth start to the camp that's scheduled to begin Friday at Camden Yards.

"We recognize that this will be fluid and everyone is having to make personal decisions and circumstances might not be fully understood until the season starts, but so far we are expecting full participation," Elias said. "You see in the news around the league that's not the case everywhere and I wouldn't be shocked if that ends up happening, but that's going to be part of this."

"We're not pressuring anyone or

shaming anyone that feels they shouldn't be here. We're making that known, and I think it's well-received," Elias added. "Our players have been itching to play for a while. I think the whole delay was frustrating for them, for us, and everyone just wants to go play."

Marlins CEO Derek Jeter is hoping the return of baseball can provide some solace, much like the Yankees did when they returned after 9-11.

"We were thinking as players, 'Do we even play? What does it mean? We're playing a game.' Talking to family members who had lost family members and them thanking us — 'What are you thanking us for?' They said, 'We're thanking you because you're giving us something to cheer for. There haven't been too many happy days around here,'" Jeter said. "Baseball played a big role, at least in New York, in the healing process. It's not saying you're ever going to forget what happened. But at least for three hours a day we have the opportunity to give them something to cheer for. We hope that's the case here when we get going in a couple of weeks."

# Ertz, Short say soul-searching led to vulnerability on field

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Chicago Red Stars teammates Julie Ertz and Casey Short say hard conversations over the past several weeks led to their vulnerability in the moment they shared an emotional embrace while they knelt during the national anthem as the NWSL opened its season.

Short sobbed as she was held by Ertz before Chicago's match against the Washington Spirit on Saturday night, the second game of the National Women's Soccer League tournament in Utah.

"Currently, every time the national anthem is played, our country continues to become more and more divided on what the visual symbol of unity looks like," Short and Ertz said in a joint statement they released Tuesday. "Through our continuous conversations we wanted to make sure that whatever we decided to do, it would not be an empty gesture. It would be a gesture that portrayed that we have heard those who needed to be heard, validated and loved."

"That moment during the anthem was difficult, very difficult. We are still searching but we are humbled by the outpouring of support."

Short was not made available for comment after the match, so the context of the moment wasn't known. Teammate Rachel Hill, who stood during the anthem and put a hand on Short's shoulder, also was not made available for comment following the game.

"The two of us have always set out to be our honest and true selves, but have struggled to find the "right" thing to do in order to show our truth. We understand people are entitled to their opinions. Often these opinions are presented through the individual's lens and do not accurately portray how the two of us truly feel," Short and Ertz said.

Hill posted a statement to Instagram on Tuesday night, saying the decision did not come easily.

"Before the game, I was completely torn on what to do. I spoke with friends, family and teammates — of all races, religions and backgrounds — with

the hope of guidance," Hill wrote. "I chose to stand because of what the flag inherently means to my military family members and me, but I 100 percent support my peers. Symbolically, I tried to show this with the placement of my hand on Casey's shoulder and bowing my head. I struggled, but felt that these actions showed my truth, and in the end I wanted to remain true to myself."

Players for the Portland Thorns and the North Carolina Courage collectively knelt during the national anthem Saturday as they opened the Challenge Cup tournament. A few players, including Hill, chose to stand as the anthem was played before the late game between the Red Stars and Spirit.

While it is customary that only starters are on the field during the anthem, the entire squads for the four teams that played Tuesday took the field before their games. Most, but not all, knelt.

Players and coaches have also worn Black Lives Matter T-shirts in warmups before games, and players have also knelt during a moment of silence before kickoffs.

The NWSL players association released a statement in support of all players, no matter their decision.

"The Players Association supports both making a clear statement that Black Lives Matter and each player making a personal decision around whether to stand or kneel during the national anthem," the union said. "We ask that our supporters and media respect each player's right to handle these moments in the way that they choose and know that our players are united against racism and in support of one another."

After some players were criticized, the league announced Monday that it would allow players to remain in the locker room during the anthem.

"The NWSL stands behind every player, official and staff member. Kneel on the field. Stand with your hand over your heart. Honor your feelings in the privacy of the locker room or at midfield," NWSL Commissioner Lisa Baird said in a statement announcing the policy change. "The NWSL

is a league that was built on diversity and courage and those principles will continue to drive us forward."

The NWSL is the first professional team sports league in the United States to return amid the coronavirus pandemic. The teams had gathered for training camps in March when the league was shut down.

The tournament opener between the Thorns and the Courage was broadcast nationally on CBS and the network announced Tuesday that the game averaged 572,000 viewers, a record for the NWSL.

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