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## 5 new COVID-19 cases in Howard Co.

On July 1, 2020, the City of Big Spring and Howard County officials were notified of five (5) new positive test results for COVID-19. The individuals are isolating at home and are currently exhibiting mild symptoms. These new cases have been determined to be community spread.

The affected individuals are a 24-year-old male, a 23-month-old female, a 26-year-old female, a 71-year-old male, and a 68-year-old male.

These are the 35th through 39th cases of COVID-19 in Big Spring/Howard County. To date, we have had thirty-nine (39) confirmed positive COVID-19 cases in Big Spring and Howard County. We currently have sixteen (16) active cases. Big Spring and Howard County have had twenty-two (22) people recover as of today.

Officials take this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of continuing to take proper precautions to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. COVID-19 remains a major concern in our community and we urge citizens to wash their hands, wear a mask, social distance and avoid travel when possible.

**Highland Parade July 4**  
 9:30 a.m. lineup begins at Highland Drive and Robb

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## Fourth of July holiday closings City offices, banks, postal services, local businesses

### Herald Staff Report

This weekend is the Fourth of July and residents across Big Spring will be celebrating with cookouts, fireworks and family gatherings. Since the Fourth of July falls on a Saturday, local businesses and government offices will be observing the holiday on Friday.

All City of Big Spring offices, including Sanitation, will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2020, for Independence Day. There will be no sanitation pick-up on Friday, July 3, 2020. The Sanitation pick-up schedule for the week of June

29, 2020, will be as follows:

Trash collection for Monday and Tuesday this week proceeded as usual. Trash normally picked up on Thursday was picked up on Wednesday; trash normally picked up on Friday will be collected on Thursday.

The City Landfill will be open on Friday, July 3, 2020, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The Landfill will be closed on Saturday, July 4.

All City offices will re-open Monday, July 6, 2020, at 8 a.m. Emergency services (Police, Fire, and EMS) will continue normal operations. The Emergency Utilities Department will also be available and can be reached at 432-264-2392.

and EMS) will continue normal operations. The Emergency Utilities Department will also be available and can be reached at 432-264-2392.

“We wish our citizens a Happy Independence Day and encourage everyone to act responsibly by celebrating the Fourth of July patriotically and safely,” a City of Big Spring press release stated.

The Big Spring Herald office will also be closed in recognition of the Fourth of July, on Friday. The Friday and Weekend edition will still be delivered on schedule. The office will be back open on Monday at 8 a.m.

Howard County offices will also be observing the Fourth of July holiday on Friday. Howard County will close all offices Friday, July 3, 2020 in observance of Independence Day. County

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## Howard College modifies Fall start date Online registration closes Aug. 10; walk in Aug. 14

### Special to the Herald

**BIG SPRING** – Howard College has made some recent changes to their Fall 2020 semester academic calendar which includes a change in the start and end date for fall classes. The change comes amid the continued presence of the COVID-19 pandemic and how higher education institutions are looking at moving forward in the fall.

With the update, classes will now begin on August 17, 2020 and will conclude with final exams November 20-24. This will modify the course from the traditional 16-week course to a 15-week course and allow students to complete at the traditional Thanksgiving break.

“The health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff is our number one priority and has been the driving force in our decision-making process,” said Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Howard College President. “We have been watching what other colleges and universities are doing and we have followed state and federal guidelines as we deliberate. We feel this is the prudent step to take at this time.”

Traditionally students travel during the Thanksgiving break and spend time with family and friends. With the change in the academic calendar, students will complete the semester prior to the break and will not be required to re-

turn to campus until the following semester.

With the modification in start date, the flexible semesters such as the 8-week courses and December mini session will also have modified start and end dates. The college is in the process of updating the course schedule to reflect the recent adjustment and should be reflective of the change soon.

Administrators are working with school districts across the service area to resolve any issues with dual credit schedules and the college’s health professions programs will be communicating directly with students regarding any additional changes to their schedules.

“This situation we find ourselves in changes daily with the state and federal responses to COVID-19, and we are doing our very best to respond thoughtfully, with the best interest of our students at the forefront,” Sparks added. “We will continue to evaluate the situation daily and make preparations for students that address their educational needs as well as their safety and security.”

As the college moves toward the fall semester, a wide range of instruction modalities will be available to students including online and hybrid (mixture of online and face-to-face) as

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## Highland Fourth of July Parade continues long standing tradition

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

A long standing tradition will continue this weekend as the Highland Parade is set to begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, July 4. The parade is set to begin at the corner of Highland Drive and Robb. The community is invited to attend and to take part in the parade.

“This parade emphasizes the creativity of the residents of Big Spring,” Shonda Folsom, Parade organizer, said. “This is something where all residents, from babies in strollers, to kids on bikes and families in golf carts can participate and show



HERALD file photo

The community is invited to attend the Highland Fourth of July Parade on Saturday morning. There will be 15 categories judged, including mailboxes and house decor.

their patriotic spirit.”

There will once again be 15 categories

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## N. Midway Road to close July 2 - July 3



The Howard County Road and Bridge issued the following release on Tuesday afternoon advising of a road closure in Howard County.

The release read as follows:

Be advised that Union Pacific Will be closing North Midway Road at the railroad tracks from 7 AM Thursday, July 2nd until 7 PM Friday, July 3rd. The closing will allow repair of the tracks at the crossing. The traveling public is advised to use North Moss Lake Road as a detour.

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## Obituaries

### Janet Darlene "Allred" Lujan

Janet Darlene (Allred) Lujan, 62, of Big Spring passed away Thursday, June 25, 2020 at Odessa Regional Hospital. The family will receive friends on Friday, July 3, 2020, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. No other services are planned at this time.

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

### Ned Randal Hildebrand



Ned Randal Hildebrand, 46, passed from this life 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 Axl, brother, Tommy Hildebrand, Jr and sisters Barbara Averette and Pamela Hildebrand.

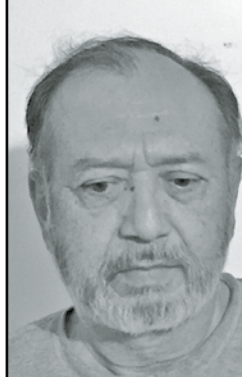
He is preceded in death by his parents Tommy and Darlene Hildebrand.

Ned graduated from Coahoma High School in 1991. He enjoyed playing basketball, football, and running track. He was a hard worker and gifted tradesman who worked many years in the oilfield. He loved cooking and grilling. He enjoyed Air Wolf, The Incredible Hulk, and tinkering with model cars. He loved music and artists like ACDC, George Strait, and ZZ Top to name a few. He will forever be remembered as a good guy who was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

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)

*Paid Obituary*

### Humberto "HL" Le Dezma



Humberto "HL" Le Dezma, passed away June 24, 2020, at his home in Rowlett, Texas.

Born Jan. 23, 1947, in San Juan, Texas, he had lived most of his life in Big Spring prior to moving to Rowlett in December 2019.

HL never met a stranger and loved helping others when possible. He enjoyed westerns, his animals, "Oldies but Goodies" and fishing.

He was known for making

others laugh and the joy he shared will be dearly missed.

HL is survived by his wife: Margaret Le Dezma; sons: Humberto Jr., Daniel, Tommy and Jonathan; daughters: Eva, Tamika and Ester. 20 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; sisters: Mary, Sandy, Elda and Janie; brothers: Roy, Fernando, Jessie, Louis and Lupe. He was preceded in death by his parents Alfredo and Maria Le Dezma, a sister and two brothers.

A private Celebration of Life service will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, July 2, 2020, at Rest Haven Funeral Home - Rowlett Location.

*Paid Obituary*

## Police report

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **PATRICK TERRALL KESLER**, 41, of 1404 E. Pacific Avenue, Coahoma, was arrested on a charge of warrant from other agency.

• **JEFFREY COLIN RAINES**, 42, of 1400 S. Johnson Street, was arrested on a charge of theft of aluminum, bronze, copper or brass SJF.

• **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the area of 22nd and Gregg; 4300 block of Connally; 2900 block of E I-20

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1600 block of Sunset Avenue.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 400 block of Westover.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILD-**

**ING** was reported in the 1100 block of E. 4th Street.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 3400 block of E. I-20; 500 block of Westover Road; 700 block of W. IH 20.

• **CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE** was reported in the 700 block of E. 15th Street.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 4200 block of Hamilton Street.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 84 inmates at the time of this report.

• **PATRICK TERRALL KESLER**, 41, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of parole violation.

• **KELLI ANN MCADAMS**, 38, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of order of modified conditions.

• **DICKEY WAYNE MILTON**, 53, was arrested by

HCSO on a charge of order of modified conditions.

• **JEFFREY COLIN RAINES**, 42, was arrested by HCSO, on a charge of theft of material alum/bronze/copper.

• **JOSHUA MATTHEW SALAZAR**, 17, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of interfere with emergency request for assistance; criminal mischief between \$100 and \$750.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Princeton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical

• **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 4100 block of Muir Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical.

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

• **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 2500 block of March Circle. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2100 block of Alabama. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was report-

ed in the 8200 block of N. Service Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 6100 block of N. Service Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

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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.

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**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 74. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Friday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 101. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 73.

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

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

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

**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 75.

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

**Monday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 75.

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

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

## TSTC Business Management Technology instructor brings experience into the classroom

BROWNWOOD - You might say that Texas State Technical College Business Management Technology instructor Duston Brooks brings some practical experience of a bovine nature into the classroom.

Prior to becoming an instructor at TSTC, Brooks worked on the financial side of his family's dairy farm. He now brings that knowledge to his students as they work toward an Associate of Applied Science degree or certificate in Business Management Technology.

"I learned the financial side of things and how to use the software," said Brooks, who has taught at TSTC since 2000.

When Brooks first started teaching, TSTC offered a degree in Computer Information Technology. It is now the five-semester Business Management Technology degree program.

Students learn three areas of business management. Brooks said the first part of the program focuses on accounting, followed by management and then software.

"Anybody who works at a com-

puter desk at any business will benefit from this program," he said.

Students learn a variety of skills, including word processing, presentation graphics, accounting, and business ethics, principles of accounting and management, small business operations, and payroll accounting.

"You will benefit from a well-rounded education," Brooks said, adding that some graduates continue their education by earning a bachelor's degree in business administration.

In addition to on-campus classes, TSTC's Business Management Technology program is available online, which helps some students, Brooks said.

"We know that people are working and have kids. This gives them the feasibility to complete the program online and at their own pace," he said.

Brooks said one student completed the course while being employed as a full-time truck driver.

"He could not attend a class on campus, so he took his laptop with him," he said. "Whenever he had time off the road, he would

work on his online classes."

During his tenure at TSTC, Brooks has seen students of all ages complete the program.

"We have had students just out of high school to adults in their 50s and 60s. Some people want to come back and relearn skills or even learn brand-new skills in order to update their resume," he said.

Completing the program, according to Brooks, allows graduates to interview for office management positions. He said through hard work, some graduates have worked their way up to higher positions.

Brooks has also had students who wanted to start their own business.

"There are people from our program working in small towns and bigger cities," he said. "Students who want to move up from a physically challenging job can take our program to get them in a better office or management position."

Business Management Technology is available at the Abilene, Breckenridge, Brownwood, Harlingen, and Marshall campuses.

## CLOSE

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Offices will open again for business on Monday, July 6, 2020.

Sheriff's Administrative Offices will be closed but Law Enforcement Services will operate as normal.

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will also be closed on Friday. Regular business hours will resume on Monday, July 6.

Community banks will also be observing the Fourth of July holiday, but several have online

banking options for those needing to access services.

As a reminder, as the Fourth of July celebrations begin this weekend, no fireworks are allowed inside city limits and fireworks are also restricted at Moss Creek Lake this year. Since Howard County is under a burn ban, there are restrictions on fireworks with sticks and missiles with fins. Coahoma has also banned fireworks this year.

For those who will be celebrating with fireworks, extra caution is advised and it is best to have water or fire extinguisher near the area fireworks are being set off in.

## CLASSES

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well as face-to-face classes.

"We want to offer a wide variety of instructional settings to accommodate all of our students," said Sparks. "We know they each have unique needs and we are ready to be their college of choice, in whatever learning environment suits them best."

Guidelines are currently being developed for students in the face-to-face classes as well as residence halls on the Big Spring and SWCD campuses. Future updates will be provided as more policies and procedures are finalized.

For more information about Howard College visit [www.howardcollege.edu](http://www.howardcollege.edu) or contact Cindy Smith at 432-517-0073 or [csmith@howardcollege.edu](mailto:csmith@howardcollege.edu). COVID-19 updates can be located at [www.howardcollege.edu/special-notice](http://www.howardcollege.edu/special-notice).

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Ned Hildebrand, 46, died Monday. Visitation will be from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## PARADE

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that will be judged. The line up will begin at 9:30 a.m. and judging will take place before the parade begins. The winners will be announced at the end of the parade. In addition to parade participants, judges will be judging decorations on mailboxes and houses.

"There is a lot of tradition that we aren't able to take part in due to the coronavirus concerns, but we are able to continue this tradition (Highland Parade) through the altering of a few routines and traditions to adhere to social distancing, and celebrate patriotism."

The parade will travel down High-

land Drive to Goliad and is expected to conclude between 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. At the end of the parade, the winners will be announced and those attending will be treated to individually wrapped treats and drinks.

"We want to encourage the community to come out, and we also encourage them to space out along the parade route to adhere to social distancing guidelines," she said.

Those wanting to watch the parade are encouraged to line up along the parade route between 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. This year the parade emcee will be Malinda Flenniken.

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# Astronauts perform spacewalk to swap station batteries

By **MARCIA DUNN**

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Astronauts performed their second spacewalk in under a week Wednesday to replace old batteries outside the International Space Station.

Commander Chris Cassidy and Bob Behnken quickly tackled the big, boxy batteries. For every two outdated batteries coming out, a new and improved one goes in to supply power to the station on the night side of Earth.

Within a couple hours, the astronauts had installed another new battery, the third one in this latest series of spacewalks. NASA plans to send the pair out twice more in July to complete the battery swap-outs that began in 2017. The new lithium-ion batteries should last the rest of the space station's life, according to officials.

With their main chore completed, Cassidy and Behnken jumped ahead to loosen the bolts on the remaining outdated batteries. Some of the bolts re-

quired extra muscle.

"Boy, it put up a good fight," Cassidy radioed. "These batteries, they like their home."

Before floating out, Cassidy attached a spare mirror to his sleeve to replace one that came off and floated away during Friday's spacewalk. Astronauts use the wrist mirrors to see the displays on their chest control panel.

NASA wants the battery work completed before Behnken returns to Earth in August aboard a SpaceX capsule. He's one of two test pilots who launched on SpaceX's first astronaut flight in May.

Cassidy and Behnken now have eight spacewalks apiece on their resumes.

A space tourist might get a chance to join the prestigious spacewalking ranks — for the right price.

Virginia-based Space Adventures Inc. is seeking a paying customer to not only fly to the space station, but do a spacewalk with an experienced Russian cosmonaut. Before launching from Kazakhstan, the space tourist would need to undergo extra

training in Star City, Russia.

Space Adventures is not divulging the cost of the two-week mission. The flight would take up two tourists in 2023, one of whom would step outside. The Russian rocket company Energia has teamed up with Space Adventures for the expedition.

Plenty of specialized training would be needed before someone ventures out on a spacewalk, Behnken told The Associated Press earlier this week.

NASA considers spacewalks one of the riskiest parts of any mission, and astronauts spend hours practicing underwater — the closest simulation to spacewalking on Earth.

"I think it could be really challenging for a tourist to go on a spacewalk," Behnken said. Any tourist would want multiple practice sessions in order to be "prepared for the space environment."

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# Stocks rise as Wall Street heads for a 3rd straight gain

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks are drifting higher in morning trading on Wall Street Wednesday, putting the market on track for its third gain in a row.

The S&P 500 was up 0.5%, coming off the heels of a whiplash start to the year where its worst quarterly performance since 2008 gave way to its best quarter since 1998. Treasury yields and the price of oil also ticked higher following encouraging reports on the U.S. economy. But stocks in Europe and Asia were mixed after a series of reports underscored how fragile the recovery is.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 72 points, or 0.3%, at 25,885, as of 10:37 a.m. Eastern time, and the Nasdaq composite was up 0.6%.

FedEx jumped 14.8% for the biggest gain in the S&P 500 after it reported better results for the latest quarter than Wall Street expected. A boom in online shopping helped drive revenue for FedEx's ground-delivery business.

United Airlines leaped 5.8% after it said it's adding nearly 25,000 flights to its August schedule, compared with July. The airline said that some fliers are starting to return to the skies for leisure trips, though its August schedule will still be about 60% below year-ago levels.

Other travel-related stocks were also strong, with Royal Caribbean Cruises up 5.9% and Marriott International up 4.2%.

Pfizer rose 4.2% after it and German biotech company BioNTech announced encouraging, preliminary data on their COVID-19 vaccine candidate.

Markets around the world roared back last quarter on hopes that economies are beginning to pull out of the severe, sudden recession that struck after governments shut down businesses in hopes of slowing the spread of the coronavirus. But a recent resurgence of COVID-19 cases, particularly in the U.S. South and West, has raised doubts about whether those hopes were premature or overdone. In the United States, a report said that the manufacturing sector

returned to growth last month, a much better reading than the slight contraction that economists were expecting.

Earlier, a separate report that suggested private employers hired more workers than they cut in June. Payroll processor ADP also revised its previously reported numbers for May, saying that private employers actually added nearly 3.1 million jobs that month instead of cutting 2.8 million.

But the June growth in ADP's payroll report wasn't as strong as economists expected. The U.S. government's more comprehensive monthly jobs report will arrive Thursday.

In the world's third-largest economy, a quarterly Bank of Japan survey showed manufacturers' sentiment plunged to its lowest level in more than a decade, as the pandemic crushes exports and tourism.

But in the world's second-largest economy, a separate survey showed China's manufacturing activity improved in June, adding to signs of a gradual recovery. A similar survey for the 19-country eurozone showed an improvement in manufacturing in June, with the industry almost growing again after widespread shutdowns.

Analysts said that while the data pointed in the right direction, it shows that an economic recovery from the pandemic will be slow.

In Asia, Japan's Nikkei 225 slipped 0.7%, South Korea's Kospi dipped 0.1% and stocks in Shanghai rose 1.4%. In Europe, France's CAC 40 was up 0.3% and Germany's DAX was virtually flat. The FTSE 100 in London was up 0.3%.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury rose to 0.69% from 0.65% late Tuesday. It tends to move with investors' expectations for the economy and inflation.

A barrel of U.S. crude oil rose 0.4% to \$39.44. Brent crude, the international standard, rose 1.2% to \$41.78.

# 'You broke my wrist!' Police sued for taking down wrong man

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — Body camera video shows Antonio Arnelo Smith handing his driver's license to a Black police officer and answering questions cooperatively before a white officer walks up behind him, wraps him in a bear hug and slams him face-first to the ground.

"Oh my God, you broke my wrist!" the 46-year-old Black man screams as two more white Valdosta officers arrive, holding him down and handcuffing him following the takedown. One eventually tells Smith he's being arrested on an outstanding warrant, and is immediately corrected by the first officer: They've got the wrong man.

Clutching his wrist and whimpering, Smith was let go without charges after the violent encounter on Feb. 8 in Valdosta, Georgia, near the Florida state line.

Now he's suing all four officers, as well as Valdosta's police chief, mayor and others, saying police used excessive force and violated his civil rights.

"When you see that video, you can't help but say this is a travesty," said Nathaniel Haugabrook, one of Smith's attorneys. "Nobody should be done that way."

The federal lawsuit comes during a national outcry over police brutality against people of color, sparked by the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis. Haugabrook said police stopped Smith for questioning after a drug store employee reported

him for panhandling outside.

"Obviously it has some racial tones to it," Haugabrook said Thursday.

Smith's encounter with police went largely unnoticed for more than four months, until he filed suit June 19. The city of Valdosta issued a statement three days after that, saying police are conducting an internal investigation and that Smith never filed a complaint.

City officials also released one of the four body camera recordings — that of the officer who grabbed Smith, which doesn't show the takedown because the camera is pressed to Smith's back. Valdosta officials didn't release body camera videos with a clearer view until after the Valdosta Daily Times published one received from Smith's attorneys.

The city's statement said police responding to a report that a man was harassing customers and asking for money outside the drug store simultaneously found two suspects nearby who fit the description. Officers questioning one of them learned he had an outstanding arrest warrant. The other was Smith.

The city's statement says that an officer, identified in the lawsuit as Sgt. Billy Wheeler, approached Smith mistakenly believing he was the wanted man, and "advised him to place his hands behind his back." Smith "began to resist by pulling his arms forward and tensing his body," prompting Wheeler to take him to the ground.

# Human remains found in search for missing Texas soldier

KILLEEN, Texas (AP) — Investigators in Central Texas have found partial human remains in the search for a soldier who has been missing since April, according to the U.S. Army.

The as-yet-unidentified remains were found Tuesday near the Leon River in Bell County east of Killeen, according to a statement from the Army's Criminal Investigation Command.

Investigators had been searching the area for missing Pfc. Vanessa Guillen. The 20-year-old soldier was last seen April 22 in a parking lot at Fort Hood where she was based. Her car keys, barracks room key, ID card and wallet were found in the room where she was working the day she disappeared.

Killeen is just east of Fort Hood, where Guillen was based.

"Due to extensive investigative work conducted by Special Agents from the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, agents have returned to an area of interest close to the Leon River, Bell County, Texas for more investigative work in the search," according to the statement.

An Army CID representative did not immediately return a phone call for comment Wednesday.

U.S. Rep. Sylvia Garcia has said investigators suspect foul play in Guillen's disappearance.

The Army CID and the League of United Latin American Citizens have combined to offer a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the soldier's whereabouts.

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# UIL suspends all high school Watkins Glen open again, optimistic for NASCAR

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

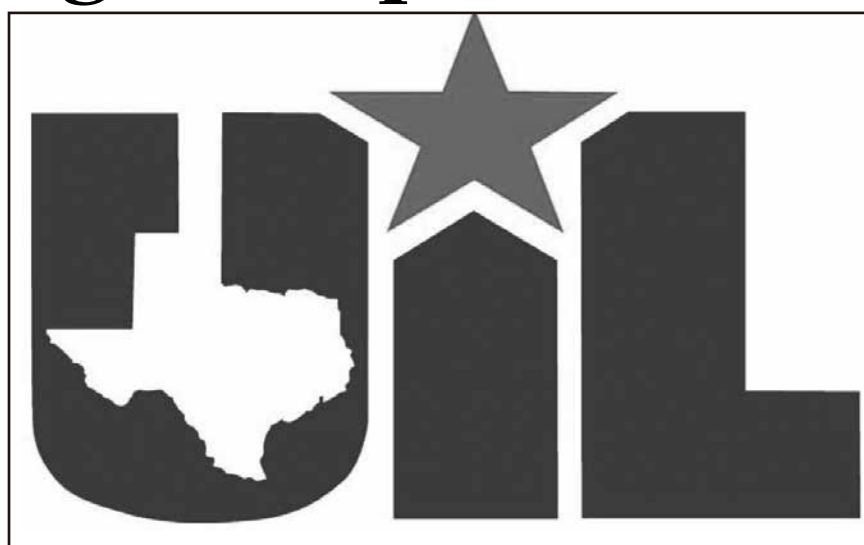
Many schools around Texas have been shutting down their summer strength and conditioning workouts recently because of the surge of coronavirus cases sweeping across the state.

After a couple of weeks of letting school districts make their own decisions on whether to continue or halt workouts until further notice, the University Interscholastic League (UIL) has decided to postpone all summer strength and conditioning workouts until July 13.

"In anticipation of the July 4 holiday and the potential for increased social interactions that could spread COVID-19, UIL is recommending that schools consider closing summer workouts, rehearsals, practices and instruction between July 3-July 12, resuming Monday, July 13," the UIL said in a press release on Wednesday.

"For schools in areas experiencing community spread of COVID-19, this temporary suspension will reduce risk of exposure and provide an opportunity to review current plans and re-evaluate local context in order to make informed decisions moving forward.

"UIL will continue to work with state officials and monitor CDC and other federal guidance to determine any potential modifications to UIL summer guidelines."



This is disappointing news for many around the state and causes even more doubt that there will be able to be high school sports this fall. Texas has been one of the leaders in coronavirus cases throughout the country and that fact alone could force the UIL and other top decision-makers to question what the safest and most logical decision is.

Coaches are trying their hardest to follow the guidelines to the best of their ability and luckily none of the local high schools have had any positive cases.

"Coaches, we are inspired by the effort, passion & dedication shown this past month. Thank you for all following protocol put forth by the UIL & THSCA," the Texas High School Coaches Association said in a

statement. "We can't wait to see you back in action at SAC on July 13th as you lead us into the opening of school & Fall Athletics!"

All coaches and schools seem to understand that it is in the best interest of everyone right now to try to spread as much as possible. If the state is able to get those virus numbers down and people follow the health guidelines, we should all look forward to a fun and exciting Fall filled with athletics.

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## Texans Urged to Be Safe on the Water Over July 4th Weekend

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN – With the July 4th holiday weekend on the horizon, Texans around the state are making plans to take advantage of the sunshine on the state's waterways. Compared to this time last year, drownings are up more than 30 percent, so the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is reminding everyone to be safe this holiday weekend by following basic boating safety precautions and public health guidelines while on the water.

"Texas Game Wardens will be out in full force this weekend to ensure the public enjoys their time on the water responsibly, but we need everyone to make sure they are taking safety seriously, too," said Cody Jones, TPWD Assistant Commander for Marine Enforcement. "Most of the tragic deaths and serious injuries that occurred in Texas waters last year could have been prevented by following a few simple and important steps."

Before heading to the water, Texans should remember these simple recommendations- wear a life jacket, learn how to swim, closely supervise children, use a kill switch, never drive a boat while under the influence of alcohol and take a boater education class.

Safety precautions do not end at the shoreline. It is important that the public stay current with the

latest COVID-19 safety precautions from state and local officials before heading to the water. Texans are encouraged to check with the managing authority of the waterbody they intend to visit for any local ordinances in place. Current recommendations include minimizing in-person contact by maintaining six feet of separation and avoiding groups larger than 10 people. Boaters should also continue to maintain a safe social distance and avoid crowds while out on the water or at docks and ramps.

Game wardens and thousands of law enforcement officers will also be on heightened alert looking for those violating boating under the influence laws. The effort is in conjunction with Operation Dry Water, a nationally coordinated enforcement campaign focused on deterring boaters from boating under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

"Boating under the influence is just as deadly as drinking and driving," said Jones. "Every year we see dozens of boating accidents and tragedies on Texas waters that could have been avoided if the operator had refrained from drinking. We are calling on all Texans to keep our lakes safe and fun this holiday weekend and throughout the year by limiting alcohol consumption and having a designated driver at all times when boating on Texas waterways."

Operating a boat with a blood alcohol concentration above 0.08 percent is an offense that can lead to fines, confinement in jail, and the loss of a driver's license. In 2019, game wardens made 193 criminal arrests for boating while intoxicated across the state.

According to Texas state law, a life jacket must be available for each occupant of a boat or paddle craft. Children who are under the age of 13 are required to wear one while the boat or paddle craft is underway or drifting. Last year in Texas, game wardens issued 583 citations for children not wearing a life jacket and 1,483 for insufficient life jackets on the vessel. Some good news is the overall number of citations were down 5.4 percent compared to the previous year.

Additionally, Texans can check out the Life Jacket Association website for a guide to proper cleaning and storing of their Personal Flotation Devices in relation to the virus.

Other important safety precautions include checking the weather before heading to the water, learning to swim and knowing the rules of the waterway before launching on the lake. For more information about boating safety, laws and requirements, visit TPWD's boating safety website.

## Watkins Glen open again, optimistic for NASCAR weekend

By JOHN KEKIS

AP Sports Writer

The roar is back at New York's Thunder Road.

Three months after its opening day was canceled by the coronavirus pandemic, Watkins Glen International is hosting car clubs again as NASCAR weekend events in mid-August.

"Everybody is excited about getting back in the saddle. I know we are," track president Michael Printup said. "We had some people on furlough and we were able to bring back almost every single person, so that's good. It's good to get the activity going, get the track hot."

Car clubs returned to The Glen two weeks ago and Printup expects the car club schedule will quickly be booked through Nov. 1.

And that would be a very good thing. "It's been pretty quiet," Printup said. "When you think about car clubs, we turn those track rentals three times a week. You're changing 150 to 400 drivers a week that are driving the economy and this community. It's sorely missed."

WGI is a major economic driver in the Finger Lakes region of upstate

New York. NASCAR weekend has sold out five straight times. Attendance figures are not released by the stock car organization, but local officials peg it at over 90,000 annually since 2015. Judy McKinney Cherry, executive director of the local Partnership for Economic Development, figures the track's economic impact is at least \$275 million annually, based on the most recent study.

Printup figures that number might be down as much as 75% this year. "It's a pretty big number," he said.

Downtown Watkins Glen businesses have been hit hard.

"It's been a challenge, there's no question about it," said Scott Bell, general manager of the Harbor Hotel, which has remained open during the pandemic. "We're seeing occupancy levels that can't even be explained. We don't create the demand, we support the demand, so to have the track open and car clubs coming in, there's a pulse back in the region, which is wonderful to see."

"It drives the economy, no question about it. We need all cylinders churning in order to capture whatever we can the rest of the summer."

Most of the schedule at Watkins

Glen has been shuffled. IMSA's annual sports car endurance race, the Sahlen's Six Hours of The Glen, was moved from late June to the first weekend in October and now has been switched to Labor Day weekend. The Sports Car Club of America's Majors Super Tour, originally slated for June, and the Finger Lakes Wine Festival in July have been postponed until 2021.

Untouched so far is NASCAR. Its Cup and Xfinity series are slated to race Aug. 15-16, perhaps before thousands of fans.

Printup said WGI's proposal to New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo will be to allow only people from the state and within 150 miles of the track to attend.

"We think we have a pretty good plan on being able to allow a limited number of fans," Printup said. "We know that to ask him to bring fans from outside the state was probably going to be a big stretch."

"It's all about social distancing, temperature takes of every fan," Printup added. "We can social distance them in the grandstands. We have plenty of those."

And surely plenty of space to spread out. WGI covers more than 1,800

acres, one of the largest of the 12 tracks NASCAR owns.

"We could probably get 30% to 50% (capacity), but I think to be reasonable we're going to have to probably bring that number down just to make the governor and his team comfortable," Printup said. "If they get 30,000 at Bristol (in mid-July), that's probably the outside of what we could do."

So far, the coronavirus has barely touched the Schuyler County, surrounding track. Only 14 cases among its 17,800 residents had been documented by late June, with no hospitalizations and no deaths.

The county is one of the most vulnerable economically in the region because it relies heavily on tourism, McKinney Cherry said.

"Because the season doesn't really get rolling until late May, we were in a better position than other communities because many of our businesses were still in hibernating when the mandatory closures occurred," she said. "This community is one that can probably handle visitors coming in because they are taking safety very seriously. ... Any small snuffle that they (WGI) have creates a cold for the rest of us in the community."

## AP Source: NFL cutting preseason in half, pushing back start

By ARNIE STAPLETON

AP Pro Football Writer

The NFL will cut its preseason in half and push back the start of exhibition play so teams have more time to train following a virtual offseason made necessary by the coronavirus pandemic, a person with knowledge of the decision told The Associated Press.

The person spoke Wednesday on condition of anonymity because the league hasn't announced that the preseason will be cut from four games to two.

Players are still discussing with their union whether to ask for cancellation of all preseason games, according to two people familiar with their thinking. Both people spoke on condition of anonymity because a decision hasn't been made.

The pandemic forced teams to conduct their entire offseason programs via videoconference. So, teams will be gathering together for the first time when training camps open July 28.

Minus the usual minicamps, on-field practices and in-person weight training from April to June, players' conditioning won't be what it normally is. So, eliminating the first week of preseason games Aug. 13-16 will give them more time to ratchet up their football fitness.

Teams will now play exhibitions Aug. 20-24 and Aug. 27-31 during what were originally the second and third weeks of exhibition play, with all 32 teams playing one home and one road game.

Most of those games will remain the same as originally scheduled, although some matchups in that second slate will have to be changed so every team gets a game at home.

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**ARIES (March  
21-April 19).** Many  
daily decisions seem  
rather insignificant. But  
for those few shining  
choices you make that  
seem to practically  
define you as a person,  
you're not willing to  
compromise right now,  
and for good reason.

**TAURUS (April  
20-May 20).** No one  
knows exactly where  
the state line is until  
they look at a sign or a  
map. Boundaries are  
theories until someone  
puts up a sign or a gate  
or a wall. A boundary  
isn't really a boundary  
unless enforced.

**GEMINI (May 21-  
June 21).** As it goes  
with poetry and other  
expressions, you don't  
have to know what  
a thing means to be  
moved by it, or healed  
by it, even. You're open  
to mysterious creative  
forces in whatever form  
they come to you.

**CANCER (June  
22-July 22).** With your  
attention pulled by  
recent developments,

it may be hard for you  
to concentrate on work.  
Devote yourself to the  
repetitive, tedious and  
necessary parts. You'll  
be most productive  
while mentally process-  
ing life.

**LEO (July 23-Aug.  
22).** For most people  
you know, the term  
"friendly competition"  
is a descriptor, not an  
oxymoron. But there  
are those who cannot  
be sporting. It's against  
their nature -- every  
game is war. Recogn-  
ize and avoid them  
today.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-  
Sept. 22).** Don't worry  
about starting things off  
on the right foot. Just  
lean forward and see  
which foot sticks out to  
prevent your fall. That's  
what progress is -- a  
precarious tilt; catch  
yourself; right yourself;  
repeat.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-  
Oct. 23).** Why do you  
like the hard challeng-  
es? They practically  
demand you grow  
stronger. You want to  
be a force of nature,  
not a victim, acted  
upon by other forces of

nature.

SCOR-  
PIO  
(Oct.  
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Picking  
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sation  
is not  
just a  
key to  
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cessful visits or dates;  
it's a signal of health  
and well-being. It is  
easier to thrive when  
you are focused on  
subjects that are uplift-  
ing and energizing.

**SAGITTARIUS  
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21).**  
You have your choice  
of routes today. As a  
rule, the bendy roads  
are more exciting and  
more dangerous. It's all  
about sightlines. None  
can see around the  
curve. How comfortable  
are you with uncertain-  
ty?

**CAPRICORN (Dec.  
22-Jan. 19).** You've a

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goals.  
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it right  
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first  
time,  
even  
if it takes a little longer,  
than to have to do it  
over later.

**AQUARIUS (Jan.  
20-Feb. 18).** There's  
someone who gives  
you undivided attention  
and places the focus  
exactly where it matters  
most to you. A solid  
case could be made for  
the premise that this  
is the very definition of  
love.

**PISCES (Feb.  
19-March 20).** The day  
is marked by a resilient  
spirit of independence  
that has you preferring  
your own company,  
keeping your own

council, deciding for  
yourself without worry  
or need of any outside  
reassurance.

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having things under  
control, and people are  
drawn to the casual  
grace of your leader-  
ship. You'll give deep  
thought into the sub-  
jects you care about  
and come up with plans  
and fixes that comfort  
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and Libra adore you.  
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emotional core of opti-  
mism that reduces their  
fear of risk in general  
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ences. While it's natural  
to fear the unknown,

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tives are filled with  
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the sea goat's lunar  
persuasion. The Cap-  
ricorn lunar influence  
lends a thirst for power  
that cannot fully be  
quenched. The ideal  
scenario is in turning  
that need for control  
inward. To command  
oneself is to accept  
the most difficult post.  
The level to which one  
can command oneself  
is the true level of a  
person's power.

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Annie's Mailbox

Reducing Spam Mail

**Dear Annie:** With this pandemic and people out of work, this might be a good way to get a few people back to work AND to save a ton of money. Both small and large businesses need to purge their mailing lists. I get mail from places I may have sent for a catalog years ago but haven't done business with them for many years. I have even cut off mailing labels and returned them at my expense to companies asking to be removed from their mailing list, but I continue to receive their mailings. And yes, I am registered with www.catalogchoice.org and https://www.dmchoice.org.

Think of all the trees that are killed. Think of all the extra trash in the landfills. Purging the list could be as simple as reviewing their records and deleting all addresses of people who have not done business with them in some number of years. Or, perhaps send a postcard asking if the person wants to continue receiving the mailing. If so, they call the company. If they do not hear from the customer after a period of time, then they should delete the name. Let's stop the waste. Purge! -- Carol Lynn, The Villages, Florida

**Dear Carol:** This is a smart idea. And it would be fantastic if your plea reached the eyes and changed the

minds of the bigwigs in a position to do something about this from the top on down. As it is, your letter includes two great tips -- Catalog Choice and DMChoice. One more resource to add to that list is Opt Out, which prevents companies from sending you unsolicited credit card and insurance offers. To use this handy service, visit www.optoutprescreen.com or call 1-888-567-8688. The company notes that deaf and hard of hearing consumers can opt-out by calling 7-1-1 and referring the relay operator to 1-800-821-9631.

**Dear Annie:** When I read the letter from "My Mom's Death Is Causing My Friend

Grief," I just had to write. I experienced a similar incident with my brother's mother-in-law, "Carol." My father died several years ago, and after the funeral, Carol took me aside to ask for my thoughts on why her youngest daughter was angry with her. I was an emotional wreck that day, having just buried my father, so I didn't have the wherewithal to walk away. So, I endured Carol's lamentations for well over an hour in total disbelief.

I told my therapist about this incident a few days later, and he said it sounded as though Carol suffered from a classic case of narcissistic personality disorder. NPD is a mental condition in

which people have an inflated sense of their own importance. They are usually oblivious to the feelings, wishes and needs of other people. When I heard this, it was as if a lightbulb went off in my head: It explained so much about Carol's behavior throughout the years!

I have found that knowing (or suspecting) that someone who has hurt you may have NPD can help lessen the negative impacts of their behavior. -- Dale

**Dear Dale:** Thank you for this insightful letter. Knowledge really is power, and I agree that sometimes simply having such a context for someone's behavior can help you to not

take it personally. I am so sorry for the loss of your father.

**Dear Annie:** There is an old saying by veterinarians: If you own one dog, you own a whole dog. If you own two dogs, you own half a dog. If you own three dogs or more, you don't own any dogs. -- Veterinarian

**Dear Veterinarian:** Your letter made me laugh. It is true that dogs know how to entertain each other. Thanks for your input.

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

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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Little strokes fell great oaks

West dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 9 3  
♥ 10 6  
♦ A K Q 7 2  
♣ A K 8 5

**WEST**  
♠ Q 2  
♥ 5 3  
♦ J 9 6 4 3  
♣ J 10 7 4

**EAST**  
♠ K 7 4  
♥ A K Q 7 4 2  
♦ 10 5  
♣ 9 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A J 10 8 6 5  
♥ J 9 8  
♦ 8  
♣ Q 6 3

The bidding:  
West North East South  
Pass 1♦ 1♥ 1♠  
Pass 2♣ 2♥ 2♠  
Pass 3♣ Pass 4♠

Opening lead — five of hearts.

Let's say you're West in this deal and lead a heart against four spades. Your partner wins with the queen, continues with the ace and then plays the king. South follows to all three rounds of hearts, and the question is whether you should win the third trick by ruffing with your queen of trump.

Let's see what happens if you ruff. Declarer discards a club or a diamond from dummy and wins the rest of the tricks. He takes your diamond or club return in dummy, leads the nine of spades, which wins, and then repeats the trump finesse to land the contract.

But if you discard a club or a diamond at trick three, you defeat the contract. Declarer must ruff the heart king in dummy and is then sure to lose two trump tricks regardless of how he continues.

How would you know that you should discard rather than ruff at trick three? That's a fair question, and it's entitled to a fair answer.

You should reason that there's very little chance of beating the contract unless your partner has a trump holding as good as the K-x-x or J-8-x-x, and you should shape your defense to cater to that possibility. Refusing to ruff enables you to defeat the contract in these cases, while ruffing allows declarer to get home safely.

As a general rule, if you're a defender and have the opportunity to win a trick for your side, you win it. However, there are times when — for tactical reasons — it is better to refuse to take a trick that you can win.

There is no magic rule that tells you when to do one or the other. It all depends on the circumstances, and these vary so much from one deal to the next that your decision basically becomes a matter of exercising good judgment.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.  
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ANSWER: FIREWORKS

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BURST          FIREWORKS          SKY  
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B A E R A S K J M I A Q  
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C B H L X D T I O W H C  
P H A Y S G A I Q R B O  
B Y N D C T F U F B M L  
H N E R R K I U O U I O  
F I R E W O R K S D L R  
M N T N O I S E N E S F  
T N H C S K R A P S K U  
E U F I V K H R L W Y L

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

G H L I T P U H T E K S Y

ANSWER: Light up the sky.

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# How they SAY that in...

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**SPANISH:** Noche  
**ITALIAN:** Notte  
**FRENCH:** Nuit  
**GERMAN:** Nacht

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ANSWER: FIREWORKS

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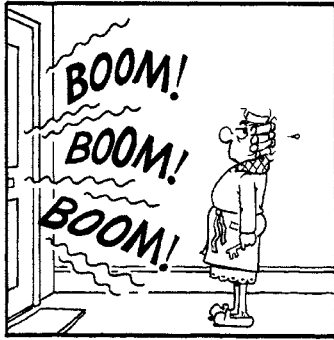
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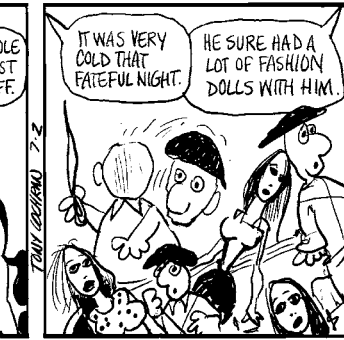
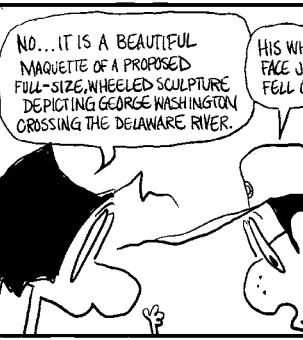
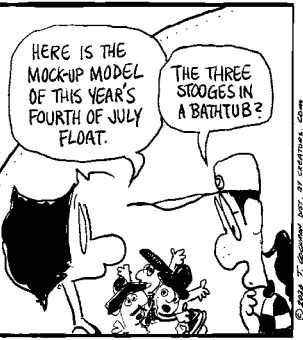


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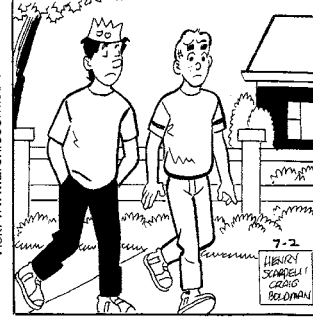
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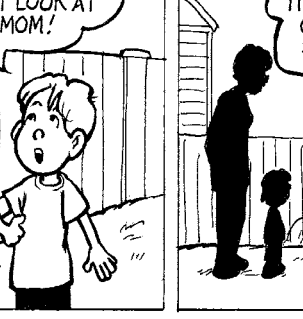
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This Date In History

**Today in History**  
Today is Thursday, July 2, the 184th day of 2020. There are 182 days left in the year.  
Today's Highlight in History: On July 2, 1881, President James A. Garfield was shot by Charles J. Guiteau (gee-TOH') at the Washington railroad station; Garfield died the following September. (Guiteau was hanged in June 1882.)  
On this date:  
In 1566, French astrologer, physician and professed prophesier Nostradamus died in Salon (sah-LOHN').  
In 1776, the Continental Congress passed a resolution saying that "these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States."  
In 1917, rioting erupted in East St. Louis, Illinois, as white mobs attacked Black residents; nearly 50 people, mostly Blacks, are believed to have died in the violence.  
In 1937, aviator Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan disappeared over the Pacific Ocean while attempting to make the first round-the-world flight along the equator.  
In 1961, author Ernest Hemingway shot himself to death at his home in Ketchum, Idaho.  
In 1963, President John F. Kennedy met Pope Paul VI at the Vatican, the first meeting between a Catholic U.S. chief executive and the head of the Roman Catholic Church.  
In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law a sweeping civil rights bill passed by Congress.  
In 1976, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Gregg v. Georgia, ruled 7-2 the death penalty was not inherently cruel or unusual.  
In 1986, ruling in a pair of cases, the Supreme Court upheld affirmative action as a remedy for past job discrimination.  
In 1987, 18 Mexican immigrants were found dead inside a locked boxcar near Sierra Blanca, Texas, in what authorities called a botched smuggling attempt; a 19th man survived.  
In 2009, federal marshals took possession of disgraced financier Bernard Madoff's \$7 million Manhattan pent-

house, forcing Madoff's wife, Ruth, to move elsewhere.  
In 2018, rescue divers in Thailand found 12 boys and their soccer coach, who had been trapped by flooding as they explored a cave more than a week earlier.  
Ten years ago: Gen. David Petraeus arrived in Afghanistan to assume command of U.S. and NATO forces after his predecessor, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, was fired for intemperate remarks he'd made about Obama administration figures in Rolling Stone magazine. The United States defeated Japan 7-2 to win its seventh consecutive world softball championships. British novelist Beryl Bainbridge, 77, died in London.  
Five years ago: Trying to close the books on the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history, BP agreed to provide billions of dollars in new money to five Gulf Coast states in a deal the company said would bring its full obligations to an estimated \$53.8 billion. A Philippine ferry, the Kim Nirvana, capsized after leaving port in Ormoc City, killing about 60 people.  
One year ago: Lee Iacocca, the automobile executive who helped launch some of Detroit's best-selling vehicles at Ford and then Chrysler, died in California at the age of 94. Fire erupted at a Jim Beam warehouse in Kentucky that was filled with about 45,000 barrels of aging bourbon; the warehouse and bourbon were a total loss and the bourbon leaked into nearby creeks and rivers. A decorated Navy SEAL, Edward Gallagher, was acquitted of murder in the killing of a wounded Islamic State captive in Iraq but was convicted of posing with the corpse. (Gallagher would be sentenced to four months' confinement, but was set free since he had spent more time in custody awaiting trial; the case led to a conflict between President Donald Trump and armed services leaders

over military discipline and forced the ouster of Navy Secretary Richard Spencer.)  
Today's Birthdays: Former Philippine first lady Imelda Marcos is 91. Jazz musician Ahmad Jamal is 90. Actor Robert Ito is 89. Actress Polly Holliday is 83. Racing Hall of Famer Richard Petty is 83. Former White House chief of staff John H. Sununu is 81.

Former Mexican President Vicente Fox is 78. Writer-director-comedian Larry David is 73. Luci Baines Johnson, daughter of President Lyndon B. Johnson, is 73. Actor Saul Rubinek is 72. Rock musician Roy Bittan (Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band) is 71. Rock musician Gene Taylor is 68. Actress Wendy Schaal is 66. Ac-

trix-model Jerry Hall is 64. Actor Jimmy McNichol is 59. Country singer Guy Penrod is 57. Rock musician Dave Parsons (Bush) is 55. Actress Yancy Butler is 50. Contemporary Christian musician Melodee DeVevo (Casting Crowns) is 44. Actor Owain (OH'-wyn) Yeoman is 42. Race car driver Sam Hornish Jr. is 41. NHL center Joe

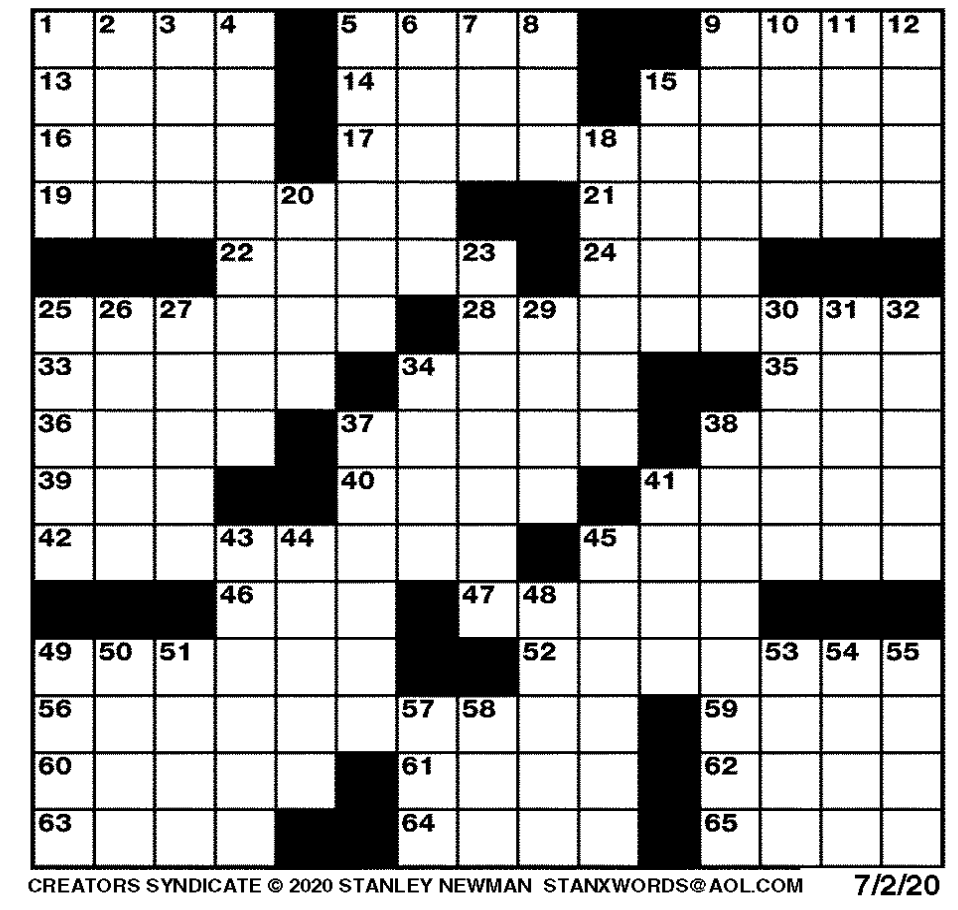
Thornton is 41. Singer Michelle Branch is 37. Actress Vanessa Lee Chester is 36. Figure skater Johnny Weir is 36. Actor Nelson Franklin is 35. Actress-singer Ashley Tisdale is 35. Actress Lindsay Lohan (LOH'-uhn) is 34. Actress Margot Robbie is 30.

Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**  
1 Cashless deal  
5 Needing cheering  
9 Bit of trouble  
13 Biker's challenge  
14 Prime  
15 City near pyramids  
16 Major seller of sofas  
17 Fall + spring semesters  
19 Small and mischievous  
21 Cuddle up  
22 Purchase for a prom  
24 Hawaiian pizza topping  
25 "Prime" entrées  
28 Record of calls  
33 Isn't fully vertical  
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# MLB stars say it's time to pull Landis name off MVP plaques

By **BEN WALKER**

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NEW YORK (AP) — Something still bothers Barry Larkin about his Most Valuable Player award.

The other name engraved on the trophy: Kenesaw Mountain Landis.

"Why is it on there?" said Larkin, the Black shortstop voted National League MVP in 1995 with the Cincinnati Reds.

"I was always aware of his name and what that meant to slowing the color line in Major League Baseball, of the racial injustice and inequality that Black players had to go through," the Hall of Famer said this week.

Hired in 1920 as the sport's first commissioner to help clean up rampant gambling, Landis and his legacy are "always a complicated story" that includes "documented racism," official MLB historian John Thorn said.

This much is true, in black and white: No Blacks played in the majors during his quarter-century tenure. Jackie Robinson broke the barrier in April 1947, about 2 1/2 years after Landis died.

"Landis is a part of history, even though it was a dark history," Houston Astros manager Dusty Baker said.

Fact is, few fans realize Landis' name is plastered all over the Most Valuable Player trophies. Most people just call it the MVP.

But there it is, prominently displayed on every American League and NL MVP plaque since 1944 — Kenesaw Mountain Landis Memorial Baseball Award, in shiny, gold letters literally twice as big as those of the winner.

With a sizable imprint of Landis' face, too.

To some MVPs, it's time for that 75-year run to end.

"If you're looking to expose individuals in baseball's history who promoted racism by continuing to close baseball's doors to men of color, Kenesaw Landis would be a candidate," three-time NL MVP Mike Schmidt of Philadelphia said.

"Looking back to baseball in the early 1900s, this was the norm. It doesn't make it right, though," said the Hall of Famer, who is white. "Removing his name from the MVP trophy would expose the injustice of that era. I'd gladly replace the engraving on my trophies."

Added 1991 NL MVP Terry Pendleton of Atlanta, who is Black: "This is 2020 now and things have changed all around the world. It can change for the better."

"Statues are coming down, people are looking at monuments and memorials," he said. "We need to get to the bottom of things, to do what's right. Yes, maybe it is time to change the name."

"I've always thought about that, why is that still on there?" Pendleton said. "No doubt, MVP stands on its own. It doesn't need a name."

Many hallowed baseball trophies are graced by the names of the greats: Robinson, Hank Aaron, Roberto Clemente, Cy Young, Willie Mays, Ted Williams and more.

How Landis got etched into the list is easy to trace.

A federal judge in Chicago, Landis quickly established his powerful author-

ity as commissioner, banning Shoeless Joe Jackson and the Black Sox for throwing the 1919 World Series.

In 1931, Landis decided members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America would pick and present the MVP awards. Before that, the leagues had their own mishmash system.

Then during the 1944 World Series, the BBWAA voted to add Landis' name to the plaque as "an acknowledgement of his relationship with the writers," longtime BBWAA secretary-treasurer Jack O'Connell said.

A month later, Landis died at 78. He soon was elected to the Hall of Fame.

"Landis is who he is. He was who he was," Thorn said. "I absolutely support the movement to remove Confederate monuments, and Landis was pretty damn near Confederate."

Landis' father, however, was a Union Army surgeon wounded in the Civil War at the battle of Kennesaw Mountain in Georgia, which became the inspiration for the commissioner's unique name. Born two years later in Ohio — with a slight tweak on the spelling of the mountain — Landis spent time in Indiana and rose to prominence in Chicago.

His precise role in racial issues has been debated for decades.

Landis broke up exhibitions between Black and white All-Star teams. He invited a group of Black newspaper publishers to address owners in what became a cordial but totally fruitless presentation.

Toward the end of his tenure, he told owners they were free to sign Black players. But there is no evidence he pushed for baseball integration, either, as the status quo of segregation remained.

"If you have the Jackie Robinson Award and the Kenesaw Mountain Landis Award, you are at diametrically opposed poles," Thorn said. "And it does represent a conundrum."

O'Connell said no MVP had voiced a complaint to him about Landis since taking his post in 1994. He said Landis' name on the plaque wasn't pledged or part of the BBWAA constitution.

Any BBWAA member could raise an objection to Landis' presence. Normally, that would be discussed at the organization's next gathering, currently scheduled for December at the winter meetings in Dallas. The coronavirus pandemic has put most everything-baseball related in peril — a 60-game season is set to begin in late July, and MVPs are usually announced in November.

O'Connell said if someone raised the issue now, it could be brought up to the board and opened to discussion and a vote. To pull Landis' name "would be a simple matter of redesigning the plaque," he said.

To Larkin, that would remove the tarnish from the trophy.

Larkin recalled that shortly after he was voted MVP, he got a call from two-time NL MVP Joe Morgan. The star Black second baseman of the Big Red Machine talked about Landis' legacy and "he said it never sat well with him, having that name on there," Larkin recalled.

Larkin agrees.

"His name should not be represented on a plaque or award of honor, especially at this day and time," he said. "If his name was taken off, I would not be opposed to it at all."

# MLB players begin reporting for tests as first workouts near

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Yoán Moncada has spent the past couple of months working out in what he called a "controlled and limited environment" in Florida, where the White Sox slugger could continue to get at-bats while protecting himself from the coronavirus.

"That's a good description of the environment that greeted him upon his return to Chicago."

Players began reporting to their teams and home ballparks Wednesday in the most significant step yet as Major League Baseball presses ahead with its plan for a 60-game sprint of a season. Most players underwent a battery of health checks, not only for COVID-19 but also for any other lingering ailments from spring training, ahead of planned workouts beginning Friday and Saturday.

"We were doing workouts by time, you know? You have to reserve a time. I wasn't interacting with a lot of people there," Moncada said of his sessions in Florida. "The last couple of weeks I started lifting a little bit. I was hitting with limitations that we had during this situation. But I feel good. I'm ready to go."

Much like other clubs, the White Sox intend to split their 60-man roster into two groups, one working out in the morning and the other in the afternoon. All players will have their temperatures checked multiple times each day, observe increased social distancing and get accustomed to stringent safeguards that MLB has put into place

for the season.

"That's going to be different to see and feel as a team," Moncada said. "We'll have to wait and see Friday how it goes."

The Yankees won't hold their first full-team workout until Saturday, even though manager Aaron Boone said players began intake testing Wednesday. That's when he plans to address the team for the first time — also in waves.

"We'll have to get creative with how we communicate," said Boone, who plans to make the same speech three or four times.

Faced with the prospect of playing 60 games in 66 days, time-consuming safety protocols, the responsibility to remain diligent health-wise off the field and the general anxiety of working amid a pandemic, Boone believes focus and toughness can be as important to a team this season as baserunning or bullpen management.

"How do you deal with that mentally and emotionally?" Boone asked. "How you're able to separate that out when you take the field each and every night? There's an advantage to be had there."

After gauging workloads for pitchers during the shutdown, Boone expects his starters will be ready to face live hitters on the first day of summer camp. He plans to stay flexible on usage and may consider using a six-man rotation or openers, but nothing has been determined yet as all teams adjust to a new norm.

"An injury can wipe out a season in a hurry,"

Boone said, adding that he's likely to be cautious with players early after New York placed a major league record 30 players on the injured list a total of 39 times last season.

Orioles general manager Mike Elias said there had been no positive tests for COVID-19 among players and staff who were examined Wednesday, but he acknowledged that "it's going to be an ongoing process."

Elias has thus far named only 44 players of the 60 available to participate in the preseason workout. He will decide later which prospects will fill out the preseason roster in advance of a projected season-opener July 23 or July 24.

And despite rising numbers of COVID-19 across the country, and a few players opting out, most players and executives have been bullish on the season taking place. They believe in protocols hammered out during lengthy negotiations between MLB and its players' association and are eager to provide fans with some much-needed diversion.

"We've got to make sure we understand best practices in social distancing, make sure we know we are keeping ourselves not only apart from one another but also behaving in a way that's consistent to what's going to keep us all healthy," Mets general manager Brodie Van Wagenen said. "Provided we can all work together to comply with these protocols and respect — as I said earlier — respect each other and respect the rules, I'm optimistic that we can make this happen."

# Lakers add veteran J.R. Smith for Orlando championship push

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — J.R. Smith has joined LeBron James and the Los Angeles Lakers for their championship push.

The Lakers announced their long-anticipated signing of Smith as a substitute player Wednesday, the first day allowed under the rules of the NBA's summer restart.

Smith is the Lakers' roster replacement for Avery Bradley, who cited family reasons last week for his decision not to finish the season with his team in Orlando amid the coronavirus pandemic.

"We're not going to ask him to come in and be Avery Bradley," Lakers coach Frank Vogel said. "He's going to come in and be J.R. Smith. He's going to just fill that position more than fill that role. Avery's loss is obviously a huge loss for us, but we're a next-man-up team. J.R. is going to come in and help fill that need, but we have a lot of guys in that position that can do the same."

The 34-year-old Smith hasn't played in the NBA since November 2018, but the 2013 Sixth Man of the Year is a longtime trusted teammate of James. During their four years together with the Cleveland Cavaliers, they won a title in 2016 and reached four consecutive NBA Finals.

"That was a factor, his familiarity with LeBron," Vogel said. "The way we've built our team around LeBron, there's a lot of similarities to the way they built their team in Cleveland. That definitely is a factor in what we feel like J.R. can bring to the table in what is going to be a very short time to get acclimated."

Vogel also said the Lakers remain "hopeful and optimistic" that center Dwight Howard will be with the team in Orlando. Howard hasn't made a final decision while contemplating the welfare of his 6-year-old son, whose mother died earlier this year.

"We don't know what the level of participation is going to be yet," Vogel said. "He wants to play. ... We don't have any intention of replacing Dwight's roster spot. When we leave (for Orlando next week), he'll hopefully be able to join us."

Bradley was a starter and a key role player in his first season with the Lakers, averaging 8.6 points per game with a dependable 3-point shot while playing solid wing defense. But the Western Conference-leading Lakers also excelled while Bradley missed 13 games due to injury, with Kentavious Caldwell-Pope and Alex Caruso capably absorbing the extra minutes.

"We've got to fill his role, and it might not be with one person," Caruso said. "This team has done a great

job all year when guys have been out with stepping up and filling in. I'm not sure if I'm going to be the sole provider of everything that Avery did, but I'm definitely going to be ready to fill part of that gap."

Smith is a 15-year NBA veteran, but he has been out of the league since the Cavaliers dropped him early in their first season after James' move to Los Angeles.

Smith worked out for the Lakers in February before the club instead signed Dion Waiters, who didn't get to suit up for his new team before the pandemic suspended the season.

"In terms of what (Smith) brings to the table, just the experience factor," Vogel said. "This guy is a big-time player. He's proven it over the course of his career. We know he can help us. We almost added him earlier in the year when we added Dion Waiters, and now we have the luxury of having both."

Smith's perimeter defense and 3-point shoot-

ing fit well into the Lakers' scheme, even if he is likely to play only a supporting role in Orlando while the Lakers pursue their franchise's 17th championship.

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