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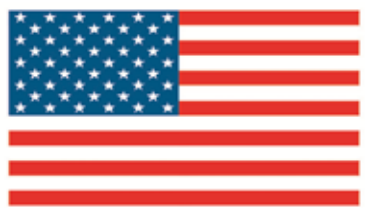
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Aquatic Center has moved to 50% capacity; All businesses reduce capacity to 50% YMCA water slides are now open.

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Howard County is under a burn ban.

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Big Spring ISD Board of Trustees to discuss wage increase tonight

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**

Managing Editor

The Big Spring ISD Board of Trustees will convene this evening at 5:15 p.m. for a regular meeting.

The meeting will begin with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance before heading into a moment for Public Comment.

The Board of Trustees will be providing special recognition for MASBA Scholarship Winners and recipients of the Gexa Energy Scholarship.

One of the main topics for Thursday's meeting discussion, is discussion sur-

rounding a possible wage increase.

As the board heads into the consent agenda they will conduct routine business and look to approve minutes from the June 11, 2020 Board Meeting and receive the financial reports.

As part of the action items agenda, the Board will consider approving Emergency Operations Plan and Anderson Turn-around Plan.

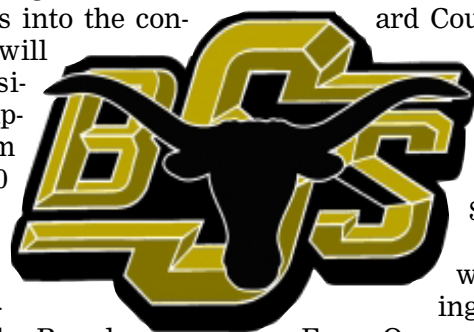
The Board of Trustees will also look

to consider and approve the How-

ard County Appraisal District Budget. There will also be possible consideration and approval of a Budget Amendment and expenditures over \$150,000.

The Board of Trustees will also be possibly taking action on a Standard Form Owner/Contractor Agreement relating to the HVAC system upgrades at Moss, Marcy, Washington, and

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Bringing a community together one brush stroke at a time; speaking through art

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**

Managing Editor

Four ladies, four different backgrounds, one common goal – do something for Big Spring that will bring unity. Naomi Villa, lifelong resident, hairstylist and self-defense instructor; Monica Gutierrez, lifelong resident, accounting clerk; Renee Thomas, RN, 10-year resident, mom, artist and tattoo artist; and Morgan Lee, a leather artisan, have been making their mark on Big Spring.

"I'm not from here, but we (my husband and I) have been here for five years, and I wanted to do something for this town," Morgan Lee, artist, said. "It's time I make this place my home. I want to contribute."

One simple conversation and a series of connections led to a group of determined, creative, invested ladies turning their vision into a reality.

"I joined these ladies because I had been part of the peaceful protest that were taking place in town, and while we received some love, we received a lot of hate, misunderstanding, and judgement," Naomi Villa said. "It was a dark time



Courtesy photo

The Texans Helping Texans Initiative is a group of four ladies who have joined together to paint Big Spring and unite the community through art. A new project will be kicking off this weekend and the community is invited to help. The group will be painting the wall at the Health Food Store.

and this project gave me something to look forward to, lifted my spirits and brought positivity."

Within less than 48 hours, a group that hadn't met before,

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The end of an extraordinary life

By **TARA HUFF**

Eagle Press

Ryan Kennedy was an extraordinary young man. That is what his dad would say. It is what the rest of his family and coworkers would say. The people he helped as he worked for Apollo MediFlight would probably remember him with gratitude as well.

Those who knew Ryan remember that from an early age, he could take challenges head-on and succeed. Friday night lights were bright at Coahoma Bulldog field, where he was a linebacker until he asked to be moved. As a 180-pound nose tackle, it did not seem like he was any threat, but his quickness and ability to push through to his target earned him a reputation. Schools soon began not just to double, but triple guard him.

The one thing that his dad asked him



Courtesy photo

Pictured above is Ryan Kennedy and his dog on a trip.

to do was to not work in the oil field; it was too dangerous. However, after graduation, he did work in the oil patch, earning money for his education.

February 18, 2008, a morning blast from the refinery shook their home-

town of Big Spring, sending a massive mushroom-shaped cloud into the sky. His father's memories of the sight of that ominous cloud brings memories of frustration and pride. "I picked up the phone as soon as I saw that cloud and called Ryan. I told him not to go; he said he had to." Ryan earned a gold medal for his bravery that day.

He attended firefighter training in Midland, Tx. and had a job with the Big Spring Fire Department three months before he graduated. After three years at BSFD, he beat out 200 other applicants and joined the Odessa Fire Department. Recruited, he began working on an air ambulance on his days off. Not long after that, he began to work as a fulltime flight paramedic, eventually making his way to Apollo MediFlight, stationed in Borger.

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Obituaries

Patsy Sonjia Aycock



Patsy Sonjia Aycock, 73, of Big Spring, passed away Tuesday, July 7, 2020.

Patsy was born Jan. 25, 1947, in Big Spring, Texas to Willard "Dick" Denton and Bernice Denton. She married Tommy Aycock in Midland, Texas. Sonjia lived her life as a homemaker, always taking care of her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Sonjia is survived by her kids, Wyvonne Fryar of Big Spring, Rocshell Garcia and husband Jerry of Greenwood, Dixie Har-

ris and "Karl" of Odessa, Tommy G. Aycock, Jr. and wife LeAnn of Robert Lee, 12 grandchildren, Kaleena, Jerry "Bubba", Chelsea, Jansen, Lacie, Michael, Kayla, Frankie, Maggie, Nana, Tino and Israel, 16 great grandchildren, one sister Sherry Hernandez and numerous nieces and nephews.

Sonjia was preceded in death by her husband, Tommy G. Aycock and her parents, a grandson, three brothers, Dickie Denton, Quin Denton and Rexie Denton and one sister Angel Grantham.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donation to www.alz.org or American Heart Association.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Mount Olive Memorial Park Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Paid Obituary

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, 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.

Police reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **KASHELLE LYNN MARIE RAYMOND**, 27, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 66, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **BLANCA CECILIA VARGAS**, 43, of 108 N. Johnson St., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 100 block of NE 2nd St.; and 1400 block of S. Nolan St.

- **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported in the 600 block of W I 20.

- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 200 block of N. Benton St.

- **CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported on the corner of 2nd and Nolan.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2700 block of N. FM 820.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80; and 100 block of E. FM 700.

- **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Rd.

Sheriff/Fire/EMS

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity and a total jail count of 91.

- **BRODY DALE FORD**, 34, was arrested by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

- **DONALD WAYNE GLOVER**, 48, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of sexual assault of a child.

- **KASHELL LYNN MARIE RAYMOND**, 27, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **BLANCA CECILIA VARGAS**, 43, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of NE 2nd Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of E. 3rd Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of E. 24th Street. 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 1400 block of S. Nolan Street. 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 reported in the 1900 block of E. 25th Street. No transport was required.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Dixie. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Take Note

- NazFamily Church is gearing up for 2020 Vacation Bible School. VBS is set for July 6-10 from 5:30 p.m. Until 8:30 p.m. NazFamily is located at 1400 Lancaster. For more information, call 432-267-7015.

- The Life Center in Big Spring is helping moms and dads with a Diaper Day Giveaway! Call for a five minute phone appointment and a pickup time for free diapers, wipes and formula. 432-606-5041.

- The National AARP Tax-Aide officials have notified us that they will not allow many of the local sites to reopen for tax preparation this year. They made the decision using a map that shows the growth of positive COVID-19 cases at this time. Since the numbers in Howard County have recently increased, our Big Spring site will not be allowed to reopen for 2020. There is a free government site that you may use to complete your own taxes. The website is: irs.gov/freefile. The deadline for filing is July 15, 2020. We appreciate the cooperation of the City of Big Spring for trying to help us get safe procedures in place to meet the national guidelines, and we are very disappointed that we are not allowed to help our citizens with this importance service. You may contact Ray Alexander at 432-212-

3533 if you have any questions.

- American Legion Post 506 will be holding a fish fry Saturday, June 26 from 11 a.m. Until 1 p.m. For delivery orders and until 2 p.m. for those wanting to pick up a plate. Plates are \$10 each and everyone is encouraged to come out and attend. American Legion is located at 3203 W. Hwy 80.

- St. Vincent de Paul will be open the following dates beginning May 2020. Food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

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

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created a vision of unity, gathered community members, and brought their vision to life for all those driving through Comanche Trail Park to see.

"Since I had my child, a few years ago, I have been wanting to make Big Spring more interesting. It's a flat, blank, grey and blue canvas," Renee Thomas, local tattoo artist, RN, and artist, said. "My driving force was that after tackling this on my own for the past three years, I finally found a group that had the same drive, determination and initiative."

After going through several drafts, the group decided on the current mural which is comprised of love – spelled out in sign language – surrounding by unique features of Big Spring, from flowers, cactus and more. The background is a blend of skin tones that represent Howard County as a whole.

"We can tell you what this mural means to us, but the thing about art is that it is open to interpretation," Thomas said.

Lee added, "For us it represents unity, diversity, equality, along with those things that represent Big Spring, Texas. This mural means something to us and represents one thing to us, but everyone that looks at it could take a different meaning from it."

During the paint of the mural, there were about 40 different volunteers that poured a piece of themselves into this creation. The process took about three days, but in that time, the impact it was making was already being felt.

"We had a lot of people stop while we were painting it and let us know they supported us. One person even commented on the sign language portion and how she appreciated it," Lee said. "It's phenomenal to see so many people pour love out onto

this and what we are trying to do."

Thomas added, "While we were working out there, it was a great cultivation of respect between those helping. People who didn't know each other, but yet respected each other and the materials that were out there being used."

While the group has the first mural completed, the vision does not stop there. The group has decided that Big Spring, Texas is a canvas that is perfect for a series of murals representing the core moral beliefs – integrity, strength, courage and more – and an opportunity to show unity across the county.

As their vision expands, their need for walls – in good condition – across the city are being sought, along with volunteers.

"This is art based, but we don't want those who don't have any artistic ability to think they can't help out," Thomas said. "If you have arms, legs, and the desire to help, we can use you."

Donations are always appreciated, as this is meant to be a community project. According to Lee, equipment, paints, volunteers and time is always welcomed and much appreciated.

"We are only four women. Four very determined, driven women, but we are only four women and we have a big vision," Lee said.

This Saturday, the ladies will be at the Big Spring Health Food Store on Saturday morning at 9:30. Volunteers are encouraged to come out and help. The wall is located at 1305 Scurry Street.

To find out more about this project, started by these four local ladies, or to find out how to get involved, visit the Facebook page Texans Helping Texans Initiative.

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COVID-19 update regarding large jump in cases

Special to the Herald

Over the past few days, several residents have raised questions regarding the sudden uptick in COVID-19 cases in Howard County. On Wednesday afternoon, the Emergency Management Team along with Howard County and City of Big Spring issued a statement regarding the sudden climb of cases announced in Howard County. The release read as follows:

On Wednesday July 8, 2020, the City of Big Spring and Howard County officials have received inquiries about a large jump in COVID-19 cases being reported on the DSHS website.

According to DSHS, Howard County has 55 cases. Emergency management has been unable to verify this number with a representative from Texas DSHS.

On the DSHS dashboard, they show the number of active cases as being 20 and the number of recovered as being 22 with 1 death. This is in line with what local officials are tracking. At this time, we are working to confirm the number to ensure that all COVID-19 cases in Howard County/Big Spring are accounted for.

Today we are reporting the number of cases we can confirm and want to make sure the public has the best information available.

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Goliad Elementary; Big Spring Intermediate, Big Spring Junior High, and Big Spring High School and other action related to this approval.

As part of the Superintendent's Report the Board of Trustees will hear information pertaining to employment, resignations and retirements. In the past couple of weeks, the school district recently recognized a group of teachers who have stepped into retirement after serving the school districts for many years.

The Board members will also be discussing District Convocation and the August Board Meeting date before adjourning for the evening.

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LIFE

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Outdoor life was in his heritage. Ryan went fishing with his grandpa from an early age, weeklong fishing trips made its way to hunting trips, rock climbing, mountain climbing. Many things concerning the outdoors came to him second nature. It was who he was.

However, even though he was a young, physically fit, seasoned outdoorsman, trained for emergencies, he still lost his life at Lake Meredith.

With time off, it was no surprise that he went hunting that December weekend. He traveled from his home in Canyon, Tx. to Lake Meredith, setting out his small boat from Harbor Bay. He spent time in two general areas; one was Morton's Canyon, directly across from where he launched his boat. A call from him in the early hours of Sunday relayed that he had shot a buck mule deer and would be coming home that morning.

He would have to get across soon. He would need the time to process the deer and get ready for work, which would begin early Tuesday morning, so that did not leave much time. And, snow was in the forecast.

Ryan went missing December 15, 2019. It would be a torturing 143 days before his body was found halfway between the canyon and Harbor Bay.

A lot happened in those 143 days. Christmas came and went, New Year's Day passed. The world went into lockdown due to a pandemic. Winter faded into Spring. All of this passed, as Ryan's family and friends waited to find their son, their brother, their friend.

Ryan touched many people's lives while he was alive. There is hope that his death can help change people's lives as well. His family wants no other family to go through what they have had to endure.

Three things stand out in the tragedy that happened. Two could have helped prevent it from occurring, and one could have helped the authorities find Ryan sooner.

Ryan was in a hurry. He enjoyed the hunt, but the real world was calling. Choosing not to field dress the deer, added weight to an already heavily

weighted boat. The water was calm while Ryan was in the canyon; however, when he exited the canyon, high winds had made the frigid waters white cap, and Ryan had to fight against the wind and waves as he made his way across the lake to Harbor Bay.

He was in a hurry. He did not turn around and wait it out. He pushed on. If he had waited, it might have been an uncomfortable night in the canyon, and it would shorten his already limited time he had before work. Ryan chose to push on.

He always had his floatation device but did not wear it. It was bulky and uncomfortable. The life vest was safely tucked under the seat of the boat. It was close but not close enough if thrown into the water, and there would be no time or opportunity to put it on in a treacherous situation in which Ryan found himself. He chose not to wear the floatation device.

Now there are floatation devices that are built into coats. These coats bring warmth and safety without being anymore bulky than the jacket a winter hunter would wear. The cost of a float coat is also less than a funeral.

143 days is a horrible amount of time to look for the remains of a loved one. Parked at the point at Harbor Bay in the morning and then moving to Fritch Fortress in the afternoon, his dad waited and watched.

Every 143 of those days, the Lake Meredith National Park Service personnel tirelessly searched. The Superintendent, Park Rangers, and Park Maintenance workers searched the shores, the water's surface, and every time available, utilized side sonar. The issue was that they had no starting point. They had over 1,500-acre area to search.

If Ryan had been wearing a waterproof per-

sonal GPS device, they would have had a point to begin the search, locating him sooner and letting the tragedy not multiply for the family.

Ryan was an extraordinary person. What makes him an extraordinary person is not his knowledge of the outdoors, nor the people that he helped. It is how he loved and who loved him. We all have extraordinary people we love.

Knowledge and the practice of these three things could keep the extraordinary people we know safe, and alive, turning our potential 143 days of horror into consecutive days of laughter at Christmas, and the promise of a New Year.

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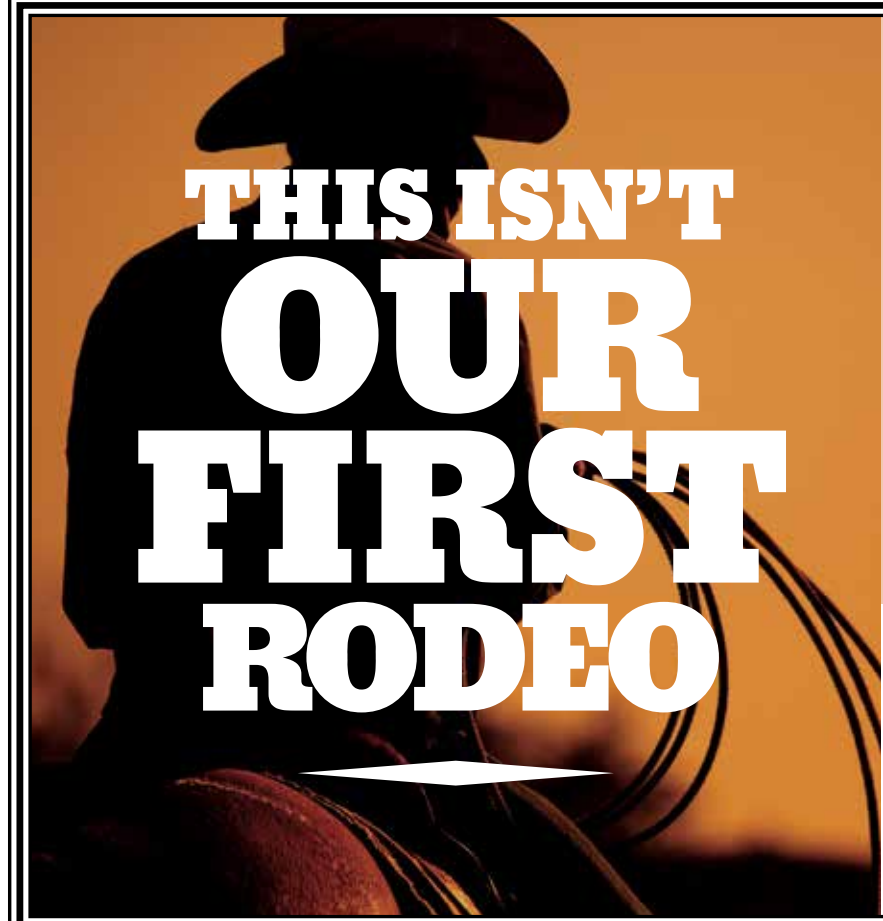


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Texas resumes executions after 5-month delay due to pandemic

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A Texas inmate received lethal injection Wednesday evening for fatally shooting an 82-year-old man nearly three decades ago, ending a five-month delay of executions in the nation's busiest death penalty state because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Billy Joe Wardlow was put to death at the state penitentiary in Huntsville for the June 1993 killing of Carl Cole at his home in Cason, about 130 miles (209 kilometers) east of Dallas in the East Texas piney woods, near the Louisiana and Arkansas borders.

The U.S. Supreme Court declined to stop the 45-year-old man's execution.

Wardlow was the first inmate in Texas to receive a lethal injection since Feb. 6 and the second in the U.S. since the nation began reopening following pandemic-related shutdowns.

A judge had moved Wardlow's execution date from April 29 to Wednesday after Morris County District Attorney Steve Cowan requested the change citing the statewide disaster declaration due to the virus.

In Texas, the number of confirmed COVID-19 virus cases and hospitalizations have risen in recent weeks. But state prison officials say safety measures they've put in place will help executions to go forward.

Six executions scheduled in Texas for earlier this year were postponed by the courts because of the outbreak. Two others were delayed over different issues.

Wardlow was 18 at the time of the slaying, and his attorneys have argued that one of the issues Texas jurors have to determine before imposing a death sentence — whether a defendant will be a future danger — can't be reliably made for people younger than 21 because scientific research has shown their brains are still developing. Wardlow's attorneys have asked the U.S. Supreme Court to stop his execution, saying he committed a "poorly-thought-out and naively-motivated robbery" to steal a truck so he could run away with his girlfriend.

"The science really supports precluding the death penalty for anyone under 21 because brain development is still happening," said Richard Burr, one of Wardlow's attorneys.

Prosecutors argued there was no constitutional error when the jury considered the issue of future dangerousness and society has long used the age of 18 as the point where it draws the line for many distinctions between childhood and adulthood.

"Wardlow senselessly executed elderly Carl Cole to steal his truck, something that could have been taken without violence because the keys were in it," the Texas attorney general's office said in a petition filed with the Supreme Court.

The court also denied petitions from Wardlow over claims of ineffective assistance of counsel and related to the dismissal of a previous appeal in state and federal court. On Monday, the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles turned down his clemency petition.

Wardlow's petition on brain development had

its roots in a 2005 decision in which the Supreme Court banned the execution of offenders younger than 18 when they commit crimes. The Supreme Court pointed to research showing that character and personality traits of juveniles are not fully formed like adults.

Since that ruling, scientific research has established that the brains of those between the ages of 18 and 20 are functionally indistinguishable from someone who is 17, making their executions a violation of the constitutional protection from cruel and unusual punishment, Burr said.

In a clemency petition to the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, Burr argued that as Wardlow grew older on death row, "kindness and compassion have been his defining characteristics." Two jurors who condemned Wardlow had asked the board to commute his sentence to life without parole.

A group of academics and professionals in neuroscience and brain imaging had also asked the Supreme Court to stop the execution, saying the prediction of Wardlow's future dangerousness "was scientifically unfounded when made and refuted by his character today."

But the attorney general's office pointed out that Wardlow had previously threatened to shoot an officer and threatened jail staff and other inmates after his arrest. They also noted that in his written confession, Wardlow said Cole "was shot like an executioner would have done it."

Wardlow was the third inmate put to death this year in Texas and the seventh in the U.S.

Texas hits record with 98 new COVID-19 deaths reported

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas reported its deadliest day of the pandemic with nearly 100 new deaths on Wednesday as newly confirmed cases continued soaring and Austin began preparations to turn the downtown convention center into a field hospital.

The 98 reported deaths in Texas set a record one-day high, surpassing the record 60 deaths reported a day earlier. Texas is now reporting a total of 2,813 deaths.

The state also reported 9,979 new coronavirus cases Wednesday after hitting a record-high 10,028 new cases the day before. The number of infections is thought to be far higher because many people have not been tested, and studies suggest people can be infected with the virus without feeling sick.

Republican Gov. Greg Abbott aggressively began one of America's fastest reopenings in May but has begun reversing course in recent weeks, ordering bars closed and mandating face coverings.

Hospitalizations of people with coronavirus virus continued to climb Wednesday, with 9,610 patients in hospitals across the state.

On Wednesday officials in Houston canceled the Texas Republican Party's in-person convention, saying the spread of the coronavirus made it impossible to hold the event as scheduled. The move by Houston officials came after Republican activists had resolved to press forward with the indoor three-day convention this month.

Houston has emerged as one of the nation's hot zones in the pandemic.

In Austin, local officials say they're preparing the Austin Convention Center as a field hospital for 1,500 coronavirus patients. If needed, it could open by July 20, said Sarah Eckhardt, who is working on Travis County's COVID-19 response.

She told the Austin American-Statesman that if needed, the site would be used for hospitalized coronavirus patients in need of light care.

Also Wednesday, state health officials ordered a nursing home near Fort Worth evacuated of its 63 residents after about 25 of them tested positive for COVID-19, officials said. The residents of the Lake Worth Village nursing home were sent to other nursing homes in the region, said Kelli Weldon, a

spokeswoman for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

"Within an hour of being notified about this facility's status, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) had a surveyor team on-site to actively investigate this facility's compliance with all relevant health and safety rules. Our team remains on-site and is working with local long-term care ombudsman staff to monitor the transfer of residents to other facilities that can fully meet their needs," Weldon said in a statement.

For most people, the new coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia and death. The vast majority of people recover.

Among the many uncertainties created by the virus for Texans is what will happen with high school sports — especially football. The University Interscholastic League, which governs extracurricular sports, said Wednesday that it will require visitors, staff, and students to wear face-covering much of the time at workouts.

The group's guidelines state that schools may allow students who are actively exercising to remove their masks "as long as they maintain at least six feet of distance from other students and staff who are not wearing face coverings."

As the virus surges in Texas cities, it has also continued to spread and claim lives within state prisons. Nearly 9,600 people being held in Texas prisons have tested positive for COVID-19, and 88 prisoners with the disease have died, according to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Among prison staff, more than 1,780 have been diagnosed with the disease and nine have died.

In Texas' youth prisons, which largely avoided infection during the early months of the pandemic, 98 young people and 84 staff members have tested positive for COVID-19, according to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department. The agency has reported one staff member died, but no youth fatalities linked to the virus.

Feds seek to keep guns seized after West Texas mass shooting

DALLAS (AP) — Prosecutors are seeking to keep dozens of guns and firearm accessories seized from a man whose home was searched last year following a mass shooting in West Texas that left more than 20 people injured and seven dead.

Lawyers for the Justice Department have asked a federal court to grant the government permanent possession of 29 guns and accessories taken from the Lubbock home of Marcus Anthony Braziel.

The search of Braziel's home last September came days after another man drove through Odessa and Midland, neighboring cities 140 miles (225 kilometers) south of Lubbock, shooting people before being shot dead by police.

At the time, a federal law enforcement official did not identify Braziel by

name but said the home searched was that of a man who agents believed sold a semi-automatic rifle to the alleged gunman, 36-year-old Seth Aaron Ator.

The civil forfeiture complaint filed last week states Braziel spent years buying and selling firearms and gun parts without a license, and in 2016 sold an AM-15 rifle to an Odessa resident with the initials "S.A."

The case is against the seized firearms, not Braziel, and there is no record of a criminal case against him. It was first reported by KLBK-TV.

A persons who answered a phone number associated with Braziel hung when asked about the case and did not respond to a subsequent voicemail seeking comment. A lawyer for Braziel could not be immediately identified.

"The criminal investigation involving Mr. Braziel is ongoing," said Erin Dooley, a spokesperson for the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Northern District of Texas.

Ator obtained the gun he used in the shooting in a private sale, allowing him to evade the type of background check that blocked him from getting a gun in 2014 due to a "mental health issue," a federal official told The Associated Press

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Seth Johnson takes over as new Forsan Girls' Head Basketball Coach

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

Lloyd Vedder has been the coach of the Forsan girls' basketball team for the coach and led them to many great seasons. He was a very likable coach with a big personality and an unrelenting drive to win.

Now, after a move to Oklahoma for Vedder, the Forsan Lady Buffs will have a new coach to lead them on the hardwood for this upcoming season and beyond.

That new head coach will be Seth Johnson. "I guess that (the hiring staff) thought I fit what we needed and I feel like it's going to be good," Johnson said. "I know the girls and they know me and so I think we're going to be able to get back into it and hit the ground running."

Johnson has been an assistant coach on Vedder's staff for the past few years and has learned a lot working alongside him. In addition to the girls' basketball team, Johnson is the head coach of the tennis team and an assistant on the football coaching staff. Now that he is the head coach for the basketball team as well, Johnson undoubtedly has an extremely busy schedule to look forward to this next school year.

However, Johnson is fully prepared and ready to take on this next challenge. After coaching alongside Vedder, Johnson knows that his coaching style is different and there are a few things that he could see changing under his leadership.

"I think my coaching style is a lot different than Coach Vedder's but it won't be a wholesale change," Johnson said. "I'll keep some things that he did that were really good but I'm also excited about putting some stuff in that I think could benefit our team. One of those things would be a bigger emphasis on the defensive side of the ball."

This summer has been a strange one for high school strength and conditioning workouts. After a couple of weeks of training hard and trying to get back into shape, Forsan and every other school around the state were told to shut those workouts down until July 13.

Because of the lack of consistent training caused by the coronavirus, Johnson has only been able to



Courtesy Photo

Johnson (left) poses with former Forsan athlete Kobe Richardson during his time coaching him on the tennis courts.

hold one sport-specific workout with his basketball team this summer. This means he cannot yet install his new defensive system or the other new wrinkles he planned to implement. Even though there may be some minor tweaks that Johnson may like to install before the next season begins, there might not be as much team practice time that each player and coach has become accustomed to.

Therefore, it may be difficult for him to change too much in Year One about the system that has been built up by Vedder over the years.

"I only saw them one time for basketball-specific stuff. At that time, I just told them if you're not working on your game on your own, then you're putting in some work outside of the team workouts."

Even though their time training together has been limited this summer, Johnson is still encour-

aging his players to get out and shoot, work on ball-handling or any other skill they can work on improving while stuck at home.

Johnson will be taking over a very talented roster that has plenty of experience and is led by senior sharpshooter Rylee Evans. Following a season where the Lady Buffs only had one senior, the younger players should be able to take their games to the next level after all of the valuable on-court experience they gained over the course of last season.

"Experience is going to go a long way for us this year," Johnson said. "We know we'll need Rylee to be a leader again this year but we're going to have to have some other players step up and relieve some of those duties."

On the other hand, Vedder has already moved to his new hometown of Woodward, Oklahoma, and is thrilled to be able to focus all of his coaching ability on his new girls' basketball team.

"It was a really good situation and we made the jump," Vedder said. "I was offered the head coaching position at a 4A traditional girls basketball power and not having to coach a second and third sport played a huge part in the decision. After 30 years, it's going to feel nice to be able to concentrate on only one sport and have time to pursue other interests. It was a tough decision and doubly tough telling my Forsan girls. Forsan was very nice and welcoming to my wife, Christy, and I. We have nothing but fond memories from our time there."

Vedder has now passed the reigns onto Johnson, who will now look to build upon the winning culture that is already in place and take the Forsan Lady Buffs to the next level.

When the next basketball season starts, all eyes will be on the Lady Buffs to see just how much has changed with a new coach. No one is expecting Johnson to turn Forsan into an overnight perennial powerhouse but the potential is there and the intrigue is sky-high.

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Trayce Rodriguez continues hot streak on NTPGA Junior Tour

By SHAWN MORAN

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Trayce Rodriguez has done it again. And again. And again.

The local young golf phenom has been tearing apart the NTPGA Junior Tour competition this summer and has yet to finish lower than third in any event played.

What could be even more impressive?

Rodriguez has won a staggering 10 events since the beginning of June and his only finish not at the top of the leaderboard was that single third-place finish. He has been able to show that week-in and week-out he is the best young golfer in his age group and it might not be that close.

"He just goes with the flow," his mother Brandi Rodriguez said. "He's out there beating the other kids by at least 10 strokes and his game just keeps improving."

On the NTPGA Junior Tour, they keep rankings just like they would on the professional tour. As of now, Rodriguez is in first place by a large margin. He is currently top of the leaderboard with 2,925.00 points for the summer season. The closest competitor to him is 1,175.00 points away.

Since each win on the Tour counts as 250.00 points, that means that the current second-place golfer would need to win at least five events to catch up to Rodriguez. The extra part of that hypothetical situation is that Trayce would



Courtesy Photo

Rodriguez sets up for a practice swing at the course before the start of the tournament in Lubbock last week.

seemingly need to sit out the next handful of competitions for the golfer in second-place to *maybe* catch him.

What has been his favorite shot over this summer season?

"He hit a 7-iron from about 95 yards out and almost dunk it right in on what would've been a 2 on a Par 5," Trayce's father Tony said. "That's the one that's probably been the most memorable for him."

Rodriguez added another first-place finish to his trophy case yesterday when he finished Even on the day. The closest competitor finished a measly 19 strokes behind and further solidified Rodriguez as the most talented golfer in the region.

The future star is sure to keep his pedal to the metal throughout the rest of the Summer Tour and will look to keep up the top-level play when he moves up an age group later this year.

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As usual, the young golfer keeps it cool, calm, and collected.

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NFL's stay-at-home order means no travel for training camp

By SCHUYLER DIXON

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Tim Flynn was looking forward to one final year as the mayoral host of training camp for the Dallas Cowboys in Oxnard, California.

So much for that.

The pandemic forced the NFL to abandon, at least for this year, the fading but still time-honored tradition of teams traveling to training camp.

The league's version of a stay-at-home order will end the latest California run for the Cowboys, stop the 54-year streak for the Pittsburgh Steelers in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, and keep the Carolina Panthers away from the only campsite the 25-year-old franchise has known.

And Flynn won't get that final, formal goodbye with Cowboys owner Jerry Jones. Camps are scheduled to start July 28.

"It's a little bit of a disappointment for me individually because I'm moving on," said Flynn, who is running for another office in Ventura County after 14 years on the Oxnard City Council, the last eight as mayor.

"But you know what? I'll still be able to see the practices. I just won't be mayor doing it. That's kind of like my own special relationship there."

Flynn is confident the Cowboys will be back after one year in Texas. Dallas will hold the entirety of camp in its home market for the first time. It will be in the sparkling facility that opened four years ago and can handle the logistics because of an indoor

field that can keep players out of the Texas heat.

But even before the opening of the sprawling complex 30 minutes north of Dallas, Flynn said he never worried about whether Jones would quit bringing the Cowboys to California.

Likewise, Flynn isn't concerned that Jones & Co. will suddenly realize they have everything they need in the suburb of Frisco and don't have to make the NFL's longest trip for training camp: about 1,500 miles.

Among the biggest assets about 60 miles north of Los Angeles are mild weather and two side-by-side outdoor grass fields next to a hotel that houses all players, coaches and staff members.

"There's just nothing that can replace it," Flynn said. "The lure of California will always be there. And if not just for the Cowboys, it is for many other teams. But we have a very special relationship with the Cowboys and we want that to continue."

Officials with Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina, are preparing for the permanent departure of the Panthers. The club is building a practice facility in Rock Hill, still in South Carolina but about 40 miles closer to downtown Charlotte.

When the new building opens, training camp and everything else will be held there — as it is with the majority of NFL teams. For decades, most or all teams trained elsewhere in the summer. That number has dwindled to single digits.

Wofford, the alma mater of former owner Jerry Richardson, built locker rooms and facilities spe-

cifically for the expansion Panthers, who debuted in 1995.

"We've enjoyed hosting them, made a lot of friendships and learned a lot," said athletic director Richard Johnson, who was Wofford's men's basketball coach when the Panthers showed up.

"I think the ancillary benefit to hosting camps is you get kind of the side benefit, the expertise of that organization. We're going to miss that. It's always good to have visitors on campus. So we're gonna miss that as well."

Saint Vincent College in Latrobe hasn't seen a summer without the Steelers since 1965, when they trained in Kingston, Rhode Island, before splitting the 1966 camp between the University of Rhode Island and Saint Vincent.

In a brief statement after the NFL announced that teams would stay home, Steelers President Art Rooney II said the club planned to return to Latrobe next year.

The Cowboys had a 27-year streak in Thousand Oaks, not far from Oxnard, that ended in 1990, a year after Jones bought the team and fired long-time coach Tom Landry. The club has bounced between Texas and California since. The latest streak in Oxnard lasted eight years.

The Buffalo Bills have trained about a 90-minute drive from home at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, New York, since 2000, and their current deal covers next season.

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By Steve Becker

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The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♠	Pass

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

Over the years, the word "coup" in bridge has come to refer to a wide variety of plays. There are, for example, the Deschappelles Coup, the Vienna Coup, the Bath Coup and even the Coup Without a Name, which bear no resemblance to one another. Some of these are difficult to execute, while others are fairly simple.

Among the easiest to recognize and execute is the trump coup. Today's hand provides a typical example.

West leads the queen of spades, dummy following low. West continues the suit, and East wins the third club with the ace. East then returns the heart jack to South's king.

Declarer cashes the A-Q of spades, disclosing the 4-1 trump division. This is unfortunate, South might say to himself (among other things). But when he regains his composure, he realizes that all may not yet be lost, because it might be possible to overcome the apparent trump loser by means of a coup.

A basic requirement of the trump coup is that declarer must reduce himself to the same number of trumps as his opponent. Accordingly, South next plays the ace of hearts and ruffs a heart. He then leads a diamond to the queen and ruffs another heart, as East discards a diamond.

Declarer now leads the king of diamonds and overtakes it with the ace, placing the lead in dummy at trick 12. When one of dummy's diamonds is next led, East is coupé — regardless of which trump he plays, South scores the last two tricks with the king and ten.

Note that in addition to shortening his trump length, declarer must also arrange the play so that the lead is in the right hand at the right time. In this deal, as in most trump coups, the proper place for declarer to be is in dummy at trick 12.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



Soul Communication and the Moon

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your heart will be light and playful. New things will interest you; old things call on you differently. It's your adaptability that makes this all possible.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Maybe life is not a competitive match, and yet games tend to sharpen people. A worthy adversary brings out the best in you. If you don't have one, then this is your day to seek one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). To listen to what a person is saying and really try to take the world on from that person's perspective is the single act you can perform today to make the world a better place.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People love you just how you are, but that is not the reason you don't have to try too hard today. You'll be doing what

matters to you in the style that feels comfortable to you and good things will just naturally happen.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You prefer to know what people want, though it's very interesting not to know. It causes you to make guesses and it's fun to get them right and even more fun to get them wrong.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Nostalgia is its own kind of pleasure. Like most pleasure, it's best taken in moderation. You'll relish the sweetness of looking but you have no desire to dwell there.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Working under pressure isn't entirely pleasant, but today it's how you'll get the right things done in the timeline that works for the world at the price that works for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When people go out of their

way for you, as they will today, just take it. Accept the gesture with a smile. You would do the same for others, and you have. Your motives were pure, and theirs are, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll go out of your way to keep even the simplest agreement. This is why you avoid making promises. Sacred pacts are too heavy a deal and overkill for today's situation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your brain is in top condition. Yet, you keep training it anyway. It's like you know there are things

you need to be ready for in the future, and you'll stay sharp in anticipation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are trying not to psychologically lean on anyone and yet there are things -- intangible things, mostly -- that you legitimately need. You will not know what they are until you catch yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't have to know what's going on inside of you to know that it matters, not only to you but also to the people around you. If you can relax into the mood of the day instead of

trying to create and control it, you've already won.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 9). This solar journey is marked by a delicious levity. Your life will fill with novelty and interest. As you play and explore, you'll be a source of accidental creations and useful inventions. Stay organized and use your resources well. The turn of the year brings reunions. Social success leads to financial success. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 50, 11, 27 and 45.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "My husband and I were born on the very same day in the same year: June 16, 1951. And our son was born (naturally) on June 16, 1978. We do have a daughter with her own birthday, Sept. 15, 1973. What do you make of that?"

Twins, twins and more twins! Your Virgo probably loves the constant challenge of the

mischief and madness the rest of the family brings into her ordered life. Virgo and Gemini are both ruled by Mercury, the trickster of the zodiac. Your shared birthday sounds like just the kind of zany fun Mercury delights in. The numerology of June 16 is 13, a number of transformation. As a family, the four of you make your own rules and can be quite spontaneous and fun. The unit operates best in total chaos, and is able to make sense of situations that others would get lost inside. You're one smart crew, delighting in intellectual banter and games. Because the four of you vibrate on such an up tone, you're very attractive to others and often the activities revolve around your house and your plan -- if you can call your collective whims a "plan!"

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Annie's Mailbox

Broken Heart During COVID

Dear Annie: The COVID-19 pandemic broke my relationship. I was with my guy for 14 years, and we live in different towns. When all this stuff started, we both agreed that we couldn't see each other because his elderly mother lives with him. That was all fine. But then I asked him to please stay in contact, by phone or text or email. I waited one month before hearing from him. He proceeded to tell me his opinions on our fragile couple situation, criticized me, and then stopped contact altogether.

After that, I sent a few neutral, easy-going

texts, and I got zero replies. I'm beyond hurt by his lack of contact and the fact that a stupid virus has led him to leave me. Yes, I realize we may have been on shaky ground before, but with all the media telling us to stay in contact, he has failed miserably. My summer is ruined. -- Isolation Blues

Dear Isolation Blues: The pandemic didn't break your relationship. It just laid bare some preexisting cracks. Ultimately, this is a good thing. Now it's time to repair together or move on apart.

Good communication is foundational to any healthy relationship. You spent the month

waiting for him to contact you: Are you aware that phones can make outgoing calls? Don't be too proud to be the one to reach out. Perhaps he's going through a lot of stress at home worrying about his mother's health, which led to his inconsiderate behavior. It's worth trying to have that conversation once more before calling it quits.

And if it's beyond repair, you're better off now you know. Sure, you might have a crummy summer. But I bet you'll have your best autumn in years.

Dear Annie: I am a psychologist with considerable experience in working with ADHD

clients. In reference to "Jane's Father," who wrote to you about the 45-year-old dependent daughter: I would like to suggest to the parents that, before they abandon their daughter, they should see to it that she receives an examination by an appropriate health care professional if she has not previously received an evaluation for attention-deficit disorder. She appears to be manifesting classical symptoms of an untreated adult with the disorder, i.e., marital problems, frequent job changes, disorganized, etc. Research has shown that the ADHD brain constantly searches for novelty and such patients have limited control of their

impulses. Treatment often improves lives significantly, for both patient and parents. -- Psychologist's Input

Dear Psychologist: I sincerely appreciate your expertise and am glad to share your letter, though I have to quibble with the word "abandon": the letter writer wasn't considering abandoning her daughter, only setting boundaries. Thank you for writing.

Dear Annie: This is just a warning to "Jane's Father": Our adult daughter bankrupted us and ruined our credit. Because of her, we had to pay \$100,000 to the IRS. We finally said no. Right now, she is strug-

gling because of the pandemic, but we have to stick to our guns or we will be homeless.

Please, let your adult children figure out their own lives. You'll be doing them a big favor -- and doing yourself one, too. -- Been There

Dear Been There: Yikes. I'm glad you were able to finally draw the line but sorry to hear how much damage was wrought before that point. Thanks for writing.

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

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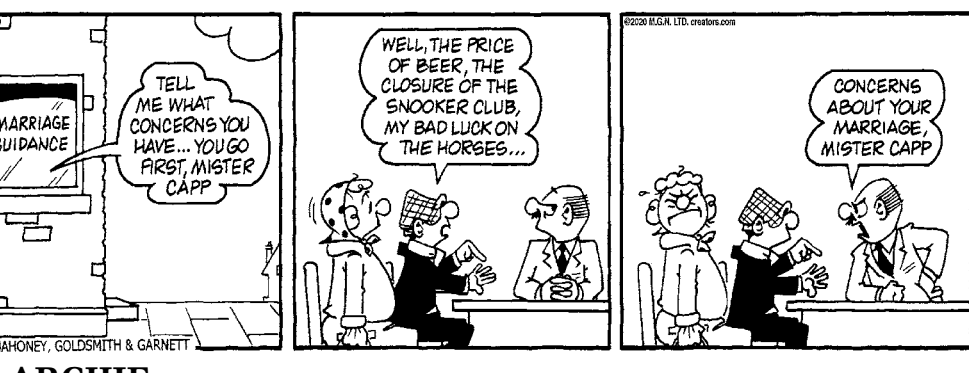
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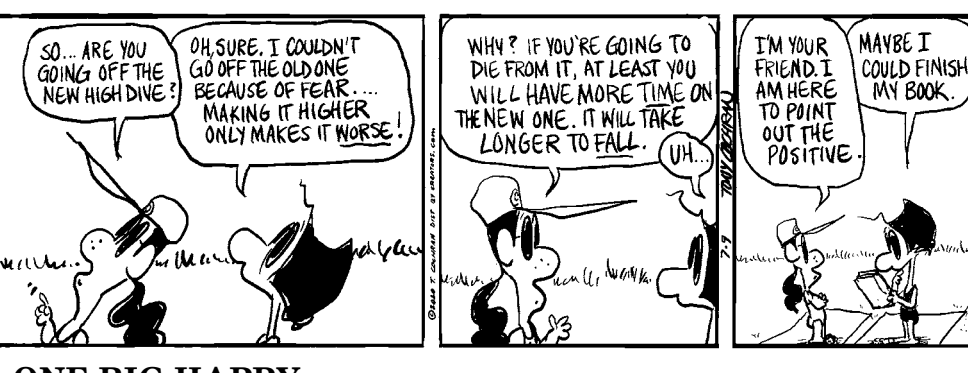
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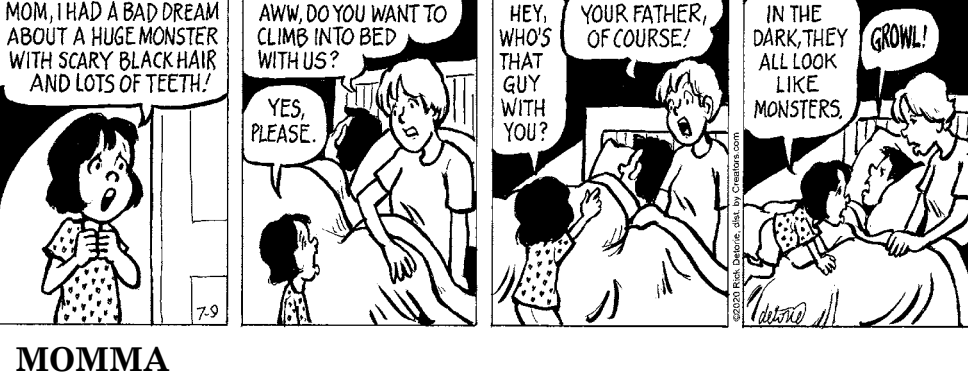
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Thursday, July 9, the 191st day of 2020. There are 175 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On July 9, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was read aloud to Gen. George Washington's troops in New York. On this date: In 1755, British General Edward Braddock was mortally wounded as his troops suffered a massive defeat during the French and Indian War (he died four days later). In 1816, Argentina declared independence from Spain. In 1850, the 12th president of the United States, Zachary Taylor, died after serving only 16 months of his term. (He was succeeded by Millard Fillmore.) In 1918, 101 people were killed in a train collision in Nashville, Tennessee. The Distinguished Service Cross was established by an Act of Congress. In 1937, a fire at 20th Century Fox's film storage facility in Little Ferry, New Jersey, destroyed most of the studio's silent films. In 1943, during World War II, the Allies launched Operation Husky, the invasion of Sicily. In 1947, the engagement of Britain's Princess Elizabeth to Lt. Philip Mountbatten was announced. In 1965, the Sonny & Cher single "I Got You Babe" was released by ATCO Records. In 1974, former U.S. Chief Justice Earl Warren died in Washington at age 83. In 1982, Pan Am Flight 759, a Boeing 727, crashed in Kenner, Louisiana, shortly after takeoff from New Orleans International Airport, killing all 145 people aboard and eight people on the ground. In 1992, Democrat Bill Clinton tapped Tennessee Sen. Al Gore to be his running mate. Former CBS News commentator Eric Sevareid died in Washington at age 79. In 2004, a Senate Intelligence Committee report concluded the CIA had provided unfounded assessments of the threat posed by Iraq that the Bush administration had relied on to justify going to war.

Ten years ago: The largest U.S.-Russia spy swap since the Cold War took place on a remote stretch of Vienna airport tarmac as planes from New York and Moscow arrived within minutes of each other with 10 Russian sleeper agents and four prisoners accused by Russia of spying for the West. Five years ago: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley relegated the Confederate flag to the state's "relic room" after the legislature passed a measure removing the flag from the grounds of the Statehouse in the wake of the slaughter of nine African-Americans at a church Bible study. The Obama administration said hackers had stolen Social Security numbers, health histories and other highly sensitive data from more than 21 million people, acknowledging that the breach of U.S. government computer systems was far more severe than previously disclosed. Saudi Arabia's Prince Saud al-Faisal, who had been the world's longest-serving foreign minister with 40 years in the post until his retirement earlier in the year, died at age 75. One year ago: Billionaire H. Ross Perot, who ran for president as a third-party candidate in 1992, died at his home in Dallas; he was 89. A federal appeals court said President Donald Trump was violating the First Amendment any time he blocked a critic on Twitter to silence a viewpoint; the court warned that any elected official who uses social media for "all manner of official purposes" can't then exclude critics without violating free-speech protections. Actor Rip Torn, an Emmy winner for "The Larry Sanders Show," died at 88. The American League won its seventh straight baseball All-Star Game, 4-3 over the National League, as American League pitchers combined to strike out 16 batters.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-

singer Ed Ames is 93. Former Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld is 88. Actor James Hampton is 84. Actor Richard Roundtree is 78. Singer Dee Dee Kenniebrew (The Crystals) is 75. Author Dean Koontz is 75. Football Hall of Famer O.J. Simpson is 73. Actor Chris Cooper is 69. TV personality John Tesh is 68. Country singer David Ball

is 67. Business executive/TV personality Kevin O'Leary (TV: "Shark Tank") is 66. Rhythm-and-blues singer Debbie Sledge (Sister Sledge) is 66. Actor Jimmy Smits is 65. Actress Lisa Banes is 65. Actor Tom Hanks is 64. Singer Marc Almond is 63. Actress Kelly McGillis is 63. Rock singer Jim Kerr (Simple Minds) is 61. Actress-rock

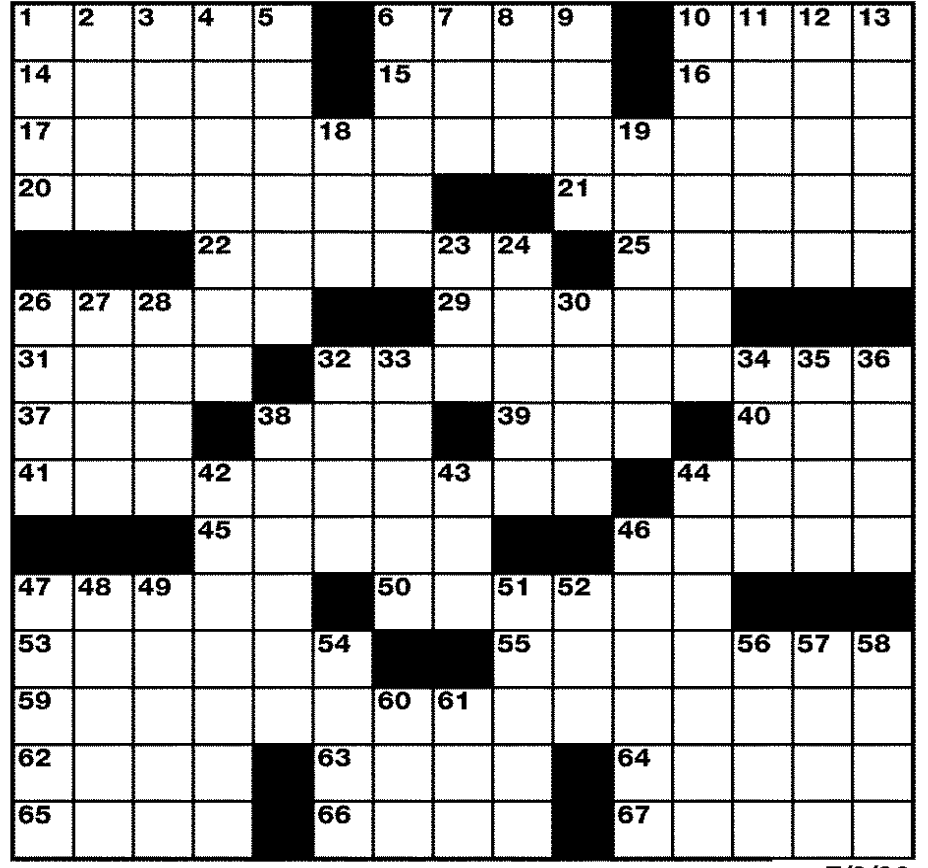
singer Courtney Love is 56. Rock musician Frank Bello (Anthrax) is 55. Actor David O'Hara is 55. Actress Pamela Adlon is 54. Rock musician Xavier Muriel is 52. Actor Scott Grimes is 49. Actor Enrique Murciano is 47. Rock singer-musician Isaac Brock (Modest Mouse) is 45. Musician/producer Jack White is 45. Rock musician Dan

Estrin (Hoobastank) is 44. Actor-director Fred Savage is 44. Country musician Pat Allingham is 42. Actress Linda Park is 42. Actress Megan Parlen is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kiely Williams (31w) is 34. Actor Mitchell Musso is 29. Actress Georgie Henley is 25.

Newsday Crossword

ELEMENTARY by Steve Faiella Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Basketball, so to speak
- 6 Beyoncé's rapper husband
- 10 Combatant of 1899
- 14 What Germans call Merkel
- 15 Indigenous Canadian
- 16 First queen of Great Britain
- 17 Air ___
- 20 Common sci-fi con attendee
- 21 Attempt to date
- 22 Declaration of hostilities
- 25 Introduction opener
- 26 Court recorder
- 29 Prove to be false
- 31 Big bike, informally
- 32 Water ___
- 37 Highly skilled
- 38 Cut (off)
- 39 Garden St. setting today
- 40 Kind of margin
- 41 Fire ___
- 44 Mani- analogue
- 45 Collars for oxen
- 46 Easy-to-make Halloween costume
- 47 Brain sections
- 50 Poseidon's realm
- 53 Bible book after James
- 55 In theaters now
- 59 Earth ___
- 62 Four-legged squealers
- 63 Starter for drama
- 64 Yellowstone grazer
- 18 ___ for Outlaw (Grafton book)
- 19 Exercise apparel
- 23 Defensive rocket: Abbr.
- 24 Push away
- 26 Persian word for "king"
- 27 Crunchy cantina fare
- 28 Some sheep
- 30 Valuable deposit
- 32 Pepperoni, in part
- 33 Unexpected triumph
- 34 Black bits in some sundaes
- 35 Doggie bag toppers
- 36 Exclude
- 38 Slack off
- 42 Pilot's hurdle
- 43 Fireplace remnants
- 44 Apparition
- 46 Set of chromosomes
- 47 Speaks like Daffy Duck
- 48 Footnote abbr.
- 49 Neutral shade
- 51 Something done wrong
- 52 Aggregate
- 54 Enforcement grp. with a French motto
- 56 Denny's rival
- 57 Owl's abode
- 58 Big name in Western fiction
- 60 Shoebox spec
- 61 Exclamación of joy



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DEAR NEONS SLED

Top Seeds Tumble at 99th Women's Texas Amateur

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN – Wednesday morning's Round of 32 in the Championship Match Play Bracket of the 99th Women's Texas Amateur brought a host of major upsets. Half of the top-10 seeded competitors made early exits from the University of Texas Golf Club after the first round of match play.

It started right off the bat, too, as St. Mary's University sophomore Estelle Beck, the No. 32 seed, knocked off the No. 1 seed and Qualifying Round Medalist, Baylor senior Gurleen Kaur, 4 and 2. Beck and Kaur traded 1-up leads during the first nine holes. On the par-3 12th, Beck squared the match when Kaur made a bogey.

From there, Beck's putter caught on fire. She rolled in a 20-footer for birdie on No. 13 to go 1 up. She eased in a two-putt par on the 14th hole to go 2 up. Beck then drained a 25-foot birdie on the long par-4 15th to go 3 up.

"I just went into today thinking I had nothing to lose," said Beck, who had to survive a four-person playoff on Tuesday to sneak into the Championship Match Play Bracket. "I just wanted to do my best, and I really did. I've never really done this well under pressure before. It's a major point in my life where I'm feeling very comfortable and confident now."

That was more than evident on the next hole. After her tee shot, 55 feet stood between Beck's ball and the flagstick. It was an uphill putt for birdie that broke severely from right to left. She visualized her ball tracking to the hole and made her stroke. A few seconds later, her ball dove into the hole, a birdie bomb that ended the match and took down the No. 1-seeded Kaur.

"I didn't think I was going to make it," Beck said. "I just hit the putt and stood there with my hand over my mouth, thinking, 'Holy...' Then I heard my aunt and my mom scream. It was really awesome."

Normally, the 32nd-seeded player taking down the overall No. 1 seed is a huge story. Wednesday at UT Golf Club, it was just the beginning. Julia Gregg, the Arkansas sophomore who was the runner-up at the 97th Women's Texas Amateur in 2018, earned the No. 31 seed on Tuesday in Qualifying. Like Beck, Gregg had to fight her way into the Championship Match Play Bracket through a playoff.

Gregg then dispatched the second-seeded Faith Delagarza, 2 and 1. Gregg and Delagarza, a Dallas Baptist University sophomore, took turns leading their match for most of the day. Gregg took a 1-up lead with a birdie on the

par-4 13th and ended the match with another birdie on the par-4 17th.

Continuing the morning's trend, Fourth-seeded Hailee Cooper, a Texas junior playing on her team's home course, lost a heartbreaker in 20 holes to 29th-seeded Hunter Nugent, a University of Indianapolis sophomore.

Also going down in the Round of 32 were eighth-seeded Hannah Holzmann and No. 9 seed Jennie Park. Holzmann, a junior at the University of Texas-San Antonio, fell 2 and 1 to 25th-seeded Hailey Jones, the Oklahoma State sophomore and three-time Legends Junior Tour Player of Year. Park, a Texas Christian University sophomore, suffered a 3-and-2 loss to University of Alabama senior Kenzie Wright to cap off the morning session of higher-seeded players prevailing.

In the afternoon, Gregg backed up her early victory with another upset in the Round of 16. The former Prestonwood Christian Academy standout defeated No. 15 seed and University of Tennessee junior Mikayla Bardwell, 1 up.

Beck said the day's results underscores the strength of the field and fickle nature of match play golf.

"It shows that everyone has their days, and this course is extremely challenging," said Beck, who suffered a 4-and-3 defeat in the Round of 16 to University of Kentucky sophomore Kelsey Wylie. "Everyone in this tournament is a great player. There is a very high skill level here."

After the topsy-turvy morning Round of 32, form mostly held in the afternoon's Round of 16. No. 3 seed Stanford freshman Sadie Englemann needed 21 holes to defeat Texas A&M senior Ava Schwientek, the No. 14 seed. Englemann is the highest-seeded player remaining in the championship.

No. 5 seed Makenzie Niblett, an incoming freshman at Texas A&M, also advanced to the Quarterfinals, as did sixth-seeded Bentley Cotton, an incoming Texas freshman and No. 7 seed Kennedy Pedigo, a senior at Southern Methodist University.

Jones, the former LJT standout, joins Gregg as the two highest-seeded players to make it into the Quarterfinals. The 25th-seeded Jones outlasted Wright, the Alabama senior, in 20 holes to advance.

Thursday morning bring the Quarterfinals, which starts at 7:30 a.m. Also on Thursday morning, the four additional flights will play their Semifinals matches. In the afternoon, the Championship Bracket will play their Semifinals matches.

Ivy League suspends fall sports due to coronavirus pandemic

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The Ivy League on Wednesday became the first Division I conference to suspend all fall sports, including football, leaving open the possibility of moving some seasons to the spring if the coronavirus pandemic is better controlled by then.

"We simply do not believe we can create and maintain an environment for intercollegiate athletic competition that meets our requirements for safety and acceptable levels of risk," the Ivy League Council of Presidents said in a statement.

"We are entrusted to create and maintain an educational environment that is guided by health and safety considerations. There can be no greater responsibility — and that is the basis for this difficult decision."

Though the coalition of eight academically elite schools does not grant athletic scholarships or compete for an NCAA football championship, the move could have ripple effects throughout the big business of college sports.

It was the Ivy League's March 10 decision to scuttle its postseason basketball tournament that preceded a cascade of cancellations. All major college and professional sports were halted within days.

Football players in the Power Five conferences have already begun workouts for a season that starts on Aug. 29, even as their schools weigh whether to open their campuses to students or continue classes remotely. More than a dozen prominent programs from Clemson to LSU to Oklahoma have reported positive tests among their athletes in the few weeks since voluntary workouts began. Some have temporarily shut down the workouts, including Ohio State and North Carolina on Wednesday alone.

Dr. Chris Kratochvil, the chair of the Big Ten's infectious disease task force, said there is no "hard

deadline" for a decision on sports.

"Of course, we watch everything that's going on," said Big 12 commissioner Bob Bowlsby, whose league has schools in five states from West Virginia to Iowa and Texas. "But we're going to go forward and do our own evaluation, and so far our scientists and medical people are telling us that we should stay the course, and learn as we go and move slowly and evaluate as we go."

The Ivy League announcement affects not just football but soccer, field hockey, volleyball and cross country, as well as the fall portion of winter sports like basketball. Wednesday's decision means Harvard and Yale will not play football in 2020, interrupting a rivalry known as The Game for the first time since the two World Wars.

"This news is disappointing for all of us," Harvard athletic director Erin McDermott said. "While the Fall 2020 experience will be unlike any other, I am confident that we will find positive opportunities in this challenging time. We will keep moving forward through this painful but temporary experience, together."

The league said it has not yet determined whether some seasons can be moved to the spring. But the conference noted that its schools already are limiting gatherings, visitors and travel for students and staff.

"As athletics is expected to operate consistent with campus policies, it will not be possible for Ivy League teams to participate in intercollegiate athletics competition prior to the end of the fall semester," the league said.

Ivy League schools are spread across seven Northeastern states that, as of mid-July, have seen some success at mitigating the spread of COVID-19. But most of those states still ban large gatherings; under the Massachusetts reopening plan, Harvard would not be allowed to have fans in the stands un-

til a vaccine is developed.

Harvard has already announced that all classes for both semesters will be held virtually; dorms will be open only to freshmen and seniors. Yale said it would limit its dorms to 60% capacity and said most classes would be conducted remotely. Princeton will also do most of its teaching online, with dorms at half capacity.

But while Ivy League football remains a quaint extracurricular activity, the sport drives millions in revenues for Power Five schools. According to USA Today, the Longhorns football program brought Texas more than \$144 million in 2018.

Losing football would be a heavy blow for most schools. As Stanford announced it was cutting 11 varsity sports, its athletic director warned that a \$25 million deficit forecast for 2021 would likely double if the football season is canceled.

At a White House summit on reopening schools earlier Wednesday, President Donald Trump asked University of Alabama chancellor Finis St. John if the Crimson Tide will play football this year.

"I can promise you. We are planning to play the season at the University of Alabama," St. John said. "Understand that creates great difficulties and complexities, and we are hoping for that. It's important to a lot of people. But we're doing our best on that one."

Michigan football coach Jim Harbaugh said on Wednesday he and his team want to play — even if it means moving the season to the spring, or playing in front of more than 100,000 empty seats at Michigan Stadium, known as "The Big House."

"It (the pandemic) is part of our society and we're going to have to deal with it," he said. "These kids have to do the same thing. They've got to go to school. They've been training their whole lives for the opportunity to play their sport."

Texas Game Wardens Wrap up Busy July 4th Weekend Boating Safety Effort

AUSTIN – Thousands of Texans headed out to lakes, rivers and coastal bays to celebrate July 4th weekend, and Texas Game Wardens were out in force to ensure everyone stayed safe on the water. Game wardens conducted safety checks on more than 11,000 vessels across the state between Friday and Sunday.

In addition to issuing 1,061 citations and 1,348 warnings for various boating safety law violations, wardens arrested 42 individuals for Boating While Intoxicated and filed one other charge for Driving While Intoxicated. Additionally, another 34 people were

arrested for various other charges.

Texas Game Wardens conducted multiple search and rescues over the weekend according to game warden Cody Jones, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Assistant Commander for Marine Enforcement.

On San Jose Island in Aransas County, game wardens rescued three individuals whose vessel became inoperable and washed ashore. All three of the individuals were returned safely to the Port Aransas Marina.

In Austin, four wardens responded to a capsized vessel on Lake Travis. Two occupants were hanging on to a

floating kneeboard in the water when wardens arrived. Four other occupants were already removed from the water and onboard another vessel. Game wardens were able to bring the two occupants safely aboard the patrol vessel.

Wardens also rescued a swamped kayaker and located a missing juvenile on Lake Alan Henry.

Additionally, game wardens investigated 21 boating accidents across the state and three boating related fatalities that occurred on Lake J.B.

Thomas, Clear Fork of the Brazos River and Lake Bastrop. There were also seven open water drownings that occurred over the holiday weekend.

"The dedicated efforts of the game wardens while working these tragic events is second to none and we keep the families in our thoughts and prayers," said Cody Jones.

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Sean McDermott has preferred shorter stints away from home, and there's been speculation the fourth-year coach wants to spend the entire time at the Bills' facility. McDermott takes issue with such talk.

"I think there was some myth, for some reason, mixed messaging early," said McDermott, who has led the Bills to the playoffs twice in three seasons after Buffalo missed the postseason 17 straight years. "I just believe in that for a lot of reasons, one of which is getting away I think builds fellowship and camaraderie."

Super Bowl champion Kansas City has trained about a north in St. Joseph's, Missouri, for the past decade, and coach Andy Reid prefers going away. Like the Cowboys, the Chiefs have two outdoor fields and one indoor field, so being at home won't be a huge issue.

It's not much of a blip for Indianapolis either. The Colts have trained not far from home at a massive youth sports complex the past two years and are likely to return next year.

Washington has trained in Richmond, Virginia, since 2013, but was at team headquarters before that. The move to Richmond was mostly for fans, so it might be in play next year.

Flynn is sure the fans will be waiting if — he leans toward when — the Cowboys return to Southern California.

"The Cowboys being a national sports team, it broadens their fan base by coming to California," Flynn said. "I just always thought they'd be back."

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