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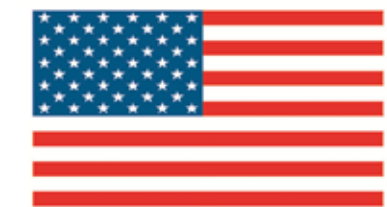
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Explosion in Martin County Tuesday



Community Report/ Deanna and Jimmy Foresyth

Tuesday afternoon an explosion occurred in Martin County. The smoke could be seen from Howard County. Howard County residents, Deanna and Jimmy Foresyth, happened to be driving by while the fire was still going and captured a picture of the scene.

Update:

Howard County Fair has been cancelled for 2020

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Heated discussion ensues at Big Spring City Council Tuesday

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

As Tuesday evening's meeting progressed, tensions elevated as City Council worked through agenda items. While the first half of the agenda was approved and moved quickly, the second half of the agenda garnered extensive discussion leading to a heated delivery of remarks by Councilwoman Camilla Strande.

The City Secretary brought the certification of signatures on recall petition for District 6 Councilman Jim DePauw. According to City Secretary Don Moore there were 100 signatures needed on the recall. According to the official count there were 135 signatures received and of those 111 were valid registered voters. After presenting information, City Secretary certified the

signatures for the recall. The certification was then brought to the Council with Councilman from District 2 Doug Hartman making the motion to certify the signatures. With the Council not bringing a second to the table, Mayor Shannon Thomason reminded the Council of their duties.

"I want to remind Council this is administrative duty of Council according to the Charter," Mayor Thomason said.

The City Attorney Andrew Hagan advised the Council on procedural process, which does not require the Council to certify the signatures. The signatures must be certified which the City Secretary did. As the motion by Councilman Hartman stood silent, there was not a second from the Council causing the motion to be withdrawn and the Council to move on to the next agenda item.

As part of the certification of signatures, the City Secretary has five days – which began immediately from the time the certification took place – to notify the effected Council-member. In keeping with procedure that had been previously outlined, Mayor Thomason advised that the Emergency Reading of an ordinance calling for a Special Election to be held not less than 10 nor more than 20 days from today's date for the purpose of voting for or against the recall of City District 6 Council-member Jim DePauw would be revisited in five days.

As the Council worked their way to the first reading of a resolution amending Chapter IX of the Big Spring Personnel Policy entitled "Conduct" to add a new section 7 entitled "Relations

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BSHS Graduate Recognized as a Law 360 Rising Star

By **NATALIE PERMENTER**
 Herald Contributing Writer

Law 360 recently honored 2020 Big Spring High School graduate, April L. Farris, as one of five Rising Stars nationwide under the age of 40 for her incredible success in a huge appellate law case involving a major technology company. In 2019, she saved IBM an extra \$26 million in damages in a breach of contract case with Jewelry TV, by convincing two of the three Sixth Circuit judges to side with her on a confusing set of jury notes. The split appeals court went on to rule that the jury intended to only award Jewelry TV \$13 million in damages, rather than triple that, which saved IBM a large amount

of money.

Law360 is a legal news service that is widely regarded as the best legal-news outlet in the industry. Every year, Law360 issues a nationwide list of Rising Stars under 40 years old.



Courtesy image
April Farris

This year, Law 360 reviewed over 1,300 submissions for the Rising Star distinction. From those submissions, Law360 chose 176 attorneys representing 38 practice areas. Farris -former Big Spring resident - was one of five selected for appellate law.

"Being selected as a Rising Star is a huge honor," Ferris said. "I am very grateful to my clients, my family, and my teachers for making this award possible."

Farris's road to success started with dual credit courses at Howard College,

while enrolled at BSHS. While in high school, she spent a summer working for the Big Spring Herald. She was also editor-in-chief of the school newspaper. According to Farris, this led to a love of telling people's stories that has stuck with her even after going on to choose a diverging career path.

"I fell in love with writing when I was a high school student in Big Spring, and I knew that I wanted to become a lawyer someday," she said. "My first job was writing for the Big Spring Herald as a summer intern. I'm thankful that I had people who believed in me early on, and who encouraged me to follow my dreams."

In 2006, she graduated from Abilene Christian University with a degree in Integrated Marketing Communications and went on to receive a Harvard Law degree in 2009. She is currently a partner with Yetter Coleman LLP in Houston, Texas.

When asked about the next goal she

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Howard College modifies Big Spring Class delivery modes

Special to the Herald

With the health and safety of students as the main priority for the upcoming academic year, Howard College has made some changes to their Fall 2020 semester regarding face to face classes on the Big Spring campus.

All classes will still begin on August 17, 2020 and will conclude with final exams November 20-24. With few exceptions, the face to face courses on the schedule will begin in a virtual/remote mode, mostly through Zoom. Online courses will continue as scheduled with no changes. All courses on the college's San Angelo and Lamesa campuses will continue as currently scheduled with no changes to face to face courses.

Exceptions to the virtual course status are some health profession courses, some career technical education courses, and the first-year experience LEADS courses. Information regarding instruction mode for each class will be shared with students through Blackboard, the college's learning management system.

"We are so ready to have students on campus and are putting many preventative measures into place to keep them as healthy and safe as possible," said Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Howard College President. "But with the upturn in COVID-19 cases all across our state and having students living on this campus, we felt like we should start the semester in a virtual mode rather than face to face to give us time to make sure our protocols are effective and we can help keep students in socially distant environments."

Additionally, campus leaders have modified the dorm check-in process to stagger groups of students over several weeks to allow for student education regarding COVID-19 policies and procedures and to monitor the effectiveness of

the plan as more students come to campus.

Students will be checking into the dorms beginning August 14th and the staggered move-in will continue through September 13th. Students who plan to live on campus must schedule a check-in date/time according to pre-designated groups. All students who have been accepted into the dorms are receiving separate communication regarding their group dates and how to schedule a check-in time.

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.

"With state and federal responses to COVID-19 changing daily, we are working diligently to make sure our processes are following guidelines established for higher education institutions," Sparks added. "We know the semester may look a little different than we originally planned for the Big Spring campus, but we are looking forward to seeing students and tackling the semester with excitement."

For students in face to face settings in any building on campus, face masks will be required, and students will regularly be reminded about maintaining social distances whenever possible.

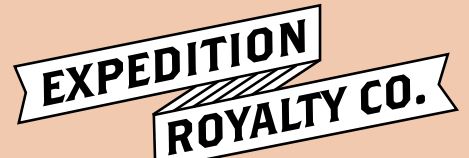
All student support services, such as the library, tutoring center, advising, etc. will be available in a multitude of formats, including virtual, online and face to face.

"We want to assure our students and families that we are doing everything possible to keep students safe and healthy," said Sparks. "Even in these times of uncertainty, our faculty and staff are ready to help our students focus on turning their dreams into reality."

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Obituaries

James "Jim" H. Nelson Jr.

James "Jim" H. Nelson Jr., 62, passed from this world on Wednesday, July 22, 2020.



A long-time resident of Howard County, Jim was a beloved son, cherished by his children, grandchildren, and a host of friends.

An avid outdoorsman, "Pop" delighted in passing his skills along to his family members. He had a unique connection with animals, including his surviving friend of many years "Red Dog."

Jim worked over the years in various locations throughout the country as a instrumentation/elec-

trical expert. He retired to become the owner of an RV Park, "Dove Landing," in the Lomax community.

The son of the late James H. Nelson, Sr. and Janice Reeves of San Angelo, Texas, brothers Brent Nelson of Odessa, Texas, and Matthew Kirk Nelson of San Diego, CA, children Jamie Nelson of Los Angeles, CA; Elijah Zane Nelson of Ft. Worth, Texas; and Courtney Daye Nelson of Greenville, Texas, and grandchildren Preston Ernest Edward Nelson, Colt Cash Nelson and Conway Clay Nelson, and his loyal "Forever" Linda Ray.

Memorial services will be decided at a later date.

Paid Obituary

Elfriede Palacios

Elfriede Palacios, 89, of Big Spring, passed away July 25, 2020. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, July 30, 2020, at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



Elfriede was born April 23, 1931, in Sulzdorf, Germany to Margarete and Wilhelm Schon. Later they moved to Vellberg to work a farm.

Elfriede went to school in Heselental and after graduating from high school she moved to Stuttgart, where she worked as a clerk typist. In Stuttgart she met Juan Palacios, the man of her dreams, an American Air Force sergeant who became the love of her life. They married June 9, 1956, in Goepingen, Germany. They were married 64 years and had three children, a son, Ulrich and two daughters, Eva and Juanita (Janie). After coming to the United States, Elfriede received her citizenship, and later pursued a degree as a Licensed Vocational Nurse. She worked for various Physi-

cians and worked for ten years for the Health Department.

Elfriede retired in 1995, giving her more time enjoying her family, gardening and helping her husband establish a pecan orchard and visiting family and friends in Germany.

Survivors include her husband of 64 years, Juan; her daughters, Eva and Janie; eight Grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Elfriede was preceded in death by her parents; a brother; a sister; and her son, Ulrich.

Pallbearers will be Jonathan Palacios, Luke Palacios, Paul Palacios, Caleb Pharr, Josh Hopkins, Jonathan Brookshire, Langston Hopkins and Ray Sickles.

The family suggests memorials to The American Cancer Society, % Vicki Stewart, 6 Coachmans Circle, Big Spring, TX 79720 or to the Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org.

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

Paid Obituary

Cody Lefevre

Cody Lefevre, 36, of Big Spring died Monday, July 27, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

• 2020 Virtual Grain Sorghum Program is set for July 22 at 7 a.m. This is a Zoom based meeting and producers in the Howard County area are welcome to sign up for the program. To sign up for the program, contact your local County Extension Office at 432-264-2236.

• 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 Big Spring YMCA is now offering an opportunity for the youth to get out and enjoy a little outdoor activity, in the evening hours. Starting Tuesday night, the Big Spring YMCA will be opening the water slides in the evening. The schedule will be as follows: Tuesday through Thursday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday from Noon until 2 p.m. and Sunday from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

• The Senior Supper Club has come out of hibernation to resume its normal Tuesday evening dinners. The Come-One-Come-All group will be meeting on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and orders will be placed around 5:30 p.m. after much socializing from a distance. The Senior Supper Club is an informal group of folks from Howard County who meet at least weekly and sometimes more for Dutch-Treat food at different area restaurants. Sometimes the group also meets for cards, dominoes, or desserts and fellowship. For more information, contact Colonel. Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com.

• 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, Tennes-

see. July 20, is our startup date and applications will be accepted year-round. Someone will take your call for information at 432-213-1046. Please leave a message and we will get back with you.

• Isaiah 58 will be open on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. further notice, for the safety of their volunteers and those they serve. Those receiving services are asked to enter the parking lot on 9th Street and exit onto Scurry. Please bring a form of identification with you to pick up food. Masks are required and those receiving food boxes will need to place boxes in their own vehicles until further notice. All these efforts are being put in place to help slow the spread and ensure the safety of those volunteering and those receiving services.

• Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Economic Development Corporation and Leading EDG understand the serious challenges our country faces as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. In response to this crisis, the Small Business Administration ("SBA") has created new programs geared towards financial relief for affected businesses.

The Economic Injury Disaster Loan ("EIDL"), is currently available, but only by applying directly to the SBA via the online portal: <https://www.sba.gov/disaster/apply-for-disaster-loan/index.html>. It only takes a few minutes to fill out.

Another option, The Paycheck Protection Program, ("PPP"), has been approved by Congress. If you want to apply for the "PPP" loan contact your local lender.

Information changes daily so make sure you are checking the SBA website regularly.

• City of Big Spring announces water office number change. Effective immediately, the temporary phone numbers used to contact the Big Spring Water Office are no longer in effect. Customers can contact the water office at the following phone numbers:

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **EDWARD MARTINEZ**, 34, of 1611 S. Owens, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass - habitation/shelter.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported 1.5 miles west of I-20 on Highway.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1100 block of W. I-20; 100 block of E. Hoover Avenue.

• **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

• **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported in the 1600 block of S. Owens Street; 1600 block S. Owens.

• **WELFARE CONCERN** was reported in the 100 block of Matt Loop Road.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 80 inmates at the time of this report.

• **EDWARD MARTINEZ**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass habitation/shelter.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Larry Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of NE 9th Street. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 8400 block of N. Service Road. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of E. 24th Street. No transport was required.

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Howell. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3600 block of Snyder Road. No transport was required.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

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

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.

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FARRIS

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has set, Ferris responded, "I would love to take on more cases for West Texas clients. I represent energy, technology, and government clients in the Texas Supreme Court and in other appellate courts throughout the state. Most of my clients are based in Houston. Houston is a wonderful city, but I miss

West Texas and love to come home every chance I get."

She was then asked to give a message to today's youth to encourage them to continue to strive their dreams no matter what they may be. "Work hard and keep an "encouragement box" handy," Ferris said. "There can be really tough days in any profession. Whenever you get a really good grade on an assignment or a great result from a court, save it in a box so that you can look back on it when you

need to lift your spirits. Also, trust in God and stick close to friends and family."

Farris not only has successful career but has also taken time for family. When not working, she enjoys spending time with her husband, Adam Farris, and their children. "While I'm thrilled about this award, my greatest accomplishments are my two kids, who are 8 years old and 8 months old," she said. "They are so much fun, and they make me proud to be their mother."

CITY

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with the Mayor and City Council" in order to establish standards for relations between City Council and staff.

After discussion took place, and example of the need for the resolution, the concern was brought up that city staff e-mails may have been compromised. As part of the discussion, Councilman DePauw asked the City Attorney if his e-mail account had been accessed. The City Attorney informed the Council that he had been informed that his e-mail had been accessed. As silence filled the Council Chambers for a few moments following the statement by Hagan discussion slowly returned and Hagan offered the reasoning behind the agenda item.

"To violate a criminal law like that intent and knowledge would have to be proved beyond a reasonable doubt and so with that being the case what this does is says before we get anywhere down the road, down the line we are going to be protecting councilmembers from unintentionally going down that road," Hagan said. "It creates a buffer zone instead of going right up to the edge of the law where we can never make a mistake unless we have a problem with the law given a buffer zone we will be well within the law even if we make a mistake which is natural."

After hearing from Scott Emerson regarding TML guidance and Middleton's questioning of what consequences are if someone does access city staff e-mail, Mayor Thomason offered explanation on the TML guidelines that Emerson referred to. The Mayor confirmed with City Manager on his inclusion in this agenda item and Darden informed that he did receive an e-mail before it was placed on the agenda. With more questions being raised about the item, and clarification being requested, Councilwoman Strande spoke up and provided clarification to the gallery and the citizens watching the Council meeting on the reasoning behind the item.

"Let's just lay some stuff on the table ... in the interest of transparency let's lay some things out for you first. The Mayor went and got all of Mr. Hagan's e-mails and texts which he is entitled to do, but he did all of that for months so he would know when and where he was in communication with us. Which is fine, but it would make it easier on everyone if that was the same standard. We think that if the Mayor insists on that he needs to read every e-mail Mr. Hagan sends out then perhaps we should all be included on that."

Strande continued, "As well as the fact regularly the Mayor is coming unglued on staff members, unglued, practically threatening at the staff meeting a week ago and frankly I would like the record to reflect that I have said: the Mayor has gone through Mr. Hagan's e-mails and I need the record to reflect that he is coming unglued at staff meetings sending out e-mails with curse words in them that I got copied on one of them."

Strande turned to the Mayor and said, "You copied me on that e-mail. You yourself copied me on that e-mail. That you are cursing at employees in e-mail while telling them they have done something wrong. This kind of behavior is unacceptable and this is the reason why we are having to discuss conduct and what's acceptable and what's not acceptable. So let's quit playing about what we are doing here. This is not because we need to protect open meetings act; that may or not be an issue this would solve, but what we are really trying to do is protect staff from the Mayor threatening and intimidating their behavior and limiting the City Staff ability to perform their jobs. Which hurts you as a citizen. You as a citizen can't get anything done because our staff is afraid the next thing they know Mayor is going to kick them out of their office and Mayor is going to take over."

After Strande concluded her speech, Councilwoman Gloria McDonald added, "We have been nearly an hour talking about not streets, not water, not housing, not growth, nothing but paperwork I don't know how this council ever made it and got anything done in the last 20 years because we can't get by how to vote, when to talk, when not to talk, what not to talk about. This is the kind of thing that is so frustrating to be a council-member because we can't do the job of the people."

After lengthy discussion and a couple Councilmembers raising concerns and stating opinions of how proceedings have been taking place, the Council took to the vote as Councilman DePauw made a motion to approve and Councilwoman Strande seconded the motion. The final vote passed the reading with a 5-2 vote, with Mayor Thomason and Council-

man Hartman voting against.

Councilman DePauw brought up the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 1 of the Code of Ordinances entitled "Administration" Section 1-170 "City Council" subsection C "Parliamentary Standard" to allow the City Attorney to participate in City Council discussions, but not granting the City Attorney the right to vote.

The Mayor proceeded to rule the motion out of order, but after further discussion, the rule of the chair was appealed and the Council took to vote. The Mayor proposed that the Council take the vote to a charter amendment. Before heading into vote, Councilman Raul Marquez voiced his opinion:

"I really don't know why we have silenced our city attorney from being able to give us legal advice. I think any city attorney that is going to be able to sit and council us should be able to speak. We are going through all this so he can have a voice, direct us; Honestly I don't know why this is on the agenda. He should just be able to speak. I'm not happy that we even have to go through this. I'm tired of having to fight with City Staff on who can speak and who can't speak and raising our hands. It's frustrating to be looking at this and I can only imagine people in the gallery wondering what are they crying about, what are they talking about, what does this have to do with cleaning up our city. This has nothing to do with cleaning up our city," he said. "Just let the guy speak. If he needs to speak let him speak."

Councilman DePauw made the motion and Councilman McDaniel made a second, with the vote called, the Council passed the agenda item with a 6-1 vote with Mayor Thomason voting against the first reading.

During public comment, several city residents stepped up to the podium to present issues that have been identified in the City that they feel need to be addressed. The areas of improvement ranged from cleaning up Big Spring to the animal shelter air conditioning issues, and even an update on the 2020 Census.

"Who holds the city accountable, who holds the police dept. accountable. If you cant budget it then maybe you shouldn't be in the business of taking care of animals," Kristen Partee, said.

An update from the 2020 Census was provided by Amber Pedigo. As of Tuesday evening, Howard County is setting at less than 50% response rate. The non-response follow up will begin on Aug. 11.

According to City Manager Todd Darden, residents should start seeing a reminder about the Census on the upcoming water bills. Each resident counted is equated to funding provided to the community and reflects in congressional representation.

Several residents stepped up and raised concerns regarding unkept lots, no access to alley ways especially for gas and electric providers for repairs, and other concerns.

"I want to thank the employees for the large item pick up; they did a fantastic job and we really appreciate it," Oscar Flores, District 1 resident, said. "I want to send a special thank you to Ed Ross."

Diane Yanez also brought her concerns, "I want to address the Council about illegal dump sites, no alley access and other reported issues that have no resolution. I also want to bring to the attention the non-visabil stop signs on West Galveston and West Presidio. The overgrown trees are also evident in the pictures that I presented."

In keeping in the topic of cleaning up Big Spring, Jose Ochoa, resident of District 1, brought concerns about lots not being cleared up.

"We have ideas, and I would love to meet with someone. I am not with an organization, but we have ideas. I would like to get something done quickly and hopefully less than a week," Ochoa said.

City Manager Todd Darden led discussion regarding a possible property agreement with West Texas Community Meditation Center.

Darden also provided an update on the Large Item Pickup and announced the next pick up will take place on Aug. 19. The next pick up will be for District 2 and items should be placed on the curb by 7 a.m., which is when crews will begin picking up. Darden once again reminded the Council members that the Reliever Route Grand Opening is set for Aug. 5. A committee and board update was also provided, regarding applications received and the areas that are still needing participation.

Other items on the agenda included:

- Approved vouchers for 07/16/2020 and 07/23/2020
- Approved City Council meeting minutes of regular meeting of July 14, 2020
- Final reading of a resolution approving the investment policy of the City of Big Spring.
- Final reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances Entitled "Miscellaneous" to add new sections 12-56 entitled "Removal of the Mental State Element for Offenses punishable by a \$500 fine or less" and administrative search warrants;" providing for severability; providing for publication and providing an effective date.
- The first reading of a resolution asserting that two legal memoranda on interpretation of the Charter with regard to recall of officers are no longer subject to confidentiality, privilege, or work product immunity, which was to be presented by Councilwoman Gloria McDonald, District 4, was tabled.
- First reading of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to direct the placement of traffic control signs at various uncontrolled intersections; designating a crosswalk; providing for severability; providing for publication and providing an effective date, passed with a 7-0
- Discussion of possible property agreement with West Texas Community Mediation Center; a presentation was made by a representative of WTCMC requesting usage of the Poly Mays Annex building. City Manager Todd Darden proposed he return to council with a deed to WTCMC for usage of the building.
- First reading of an ordinance adopting and enacting a new code for the City of Big Spring, Texas; providing for the repeal of certain ordinances not included therein. The Council passed the first reading with a 7-0 vote.
- First reading of ordinance amending Chapter 13 of the Big Spring Code of Ordinances entitled "Health, Safety, and Nuisances" Article 3 "Abandoned, inoperative or junked vehicle" to re-align the subject regulations with State Law and ensure due process; providing for severability. The Council passed the first reading with a 7-0 vote.
- Regarding the First reading of an ordinance authorizing Z20-04, amending the Big Spring Zoning ordinance by rezoning all of Block 9, Bauer Addition, Kate Morrison School, After hearing community input, the Council took to vote and with no motion the agenda item died.

As part of Council input, Councilman Marquez touched on several issues that had been raised throughout the meeting, as well as reiterated his desire to work with Mayor and Council.

"We are not against the Mayor. We are here to work with you; sometimes it feels like nobody is trying to work with us at all and we get displayed working against the Mayor and we are not," Marquez said. "It seems every time there is something controversial we are made to look like we are against you. I say it again, we are here to work with you period. It looks bad for our City period. It looks like we are up here arguing for whatever reason; with all that being said, I hope we can move forward and things get a little bit better."

During Council Input, Mayor Thomason used his time to comment on remarks that had been made earlier in the meeting by Councilwoman Strande.

"Mr. Darden can't get up the stairs so we swapped offices... I cussed in an email, I said hell ... sometimes it gets frustrating when you can't get an answer from City Staff and when you do get an answer you have proof in hand that it's not true. So when people lie to me, yea I might come unhinged a little bit, I get a little upset about that ..." Mayor Thomason said. " ... Always willing to work. Still waiting to go to lunch with you Mr. Marquez."

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Stocks drift lower on Wall Street as gold hovers near record

By **STAN CHOE** and **ALEX VEIGA**

AP Business Writers

Stocks are drifting lower on Wall Street Tuesday following a mixed set of earnings reports from big U.S. companies.

Most stocks in the S&P 500 were falling in afternoon trading, but the overall index erased an early loss to drift 0.1% higher. Caution continued to hang over markets, sending Treasury yields a bit lower and gold a bit further into record heights.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 55 points, or 0.2%, at 26,5297, as of 1:50 p.m. Eastern time, and the Nasdaq composite was down 0.2%.

3M was a particularly heavy weight on the market after dropping 4.2%. The maker of n95 masks and various other products for consumers and businesses reported a profit for the latest quarter that fell shy of analysts' expectations. It said sales trends have been improving this month, but it also said there's still too much uncertainty given the pandemic to offer any forecasts for its future performance.

McDonald's lost 2.3% after it said its earnings during the spring plunged by more than two-thirds from a year earlier as the pandemic kept customers away. The results were weaker than Wall Street was expecting.

Ecolab slumped 7.2% for one of the largest losses in the S&P 500 after it said its profit fell more steeply last quarter than analysts expected. The company sells sanitizing and other products to food service companies and other customers, and it was hurt by shutdowns in travel and dining due to the pandemic. It also said, though, that it expects the latest quarter to mark the low point for the company.

Still, nearly 45% of the stocks in the S&P 500 were rising. Utility stocks had some of the biggest gains. Health care stocks were also holding up better than the rest of the market.

Among them was Pfizer, which climbed 4.5%. It reported a profit for the latest quarter that topped analysts' expectations, even though it was down by nearly a third from a year earlier. It also nudged up its profit forecast for the full year after announcing the start of a late-stage trial of an experimental COVID-19 vaccine that it's developing with German partner BioNTech.

They're the latest earnings reports in what's to be a deluge this week, with more than a third of the companies in the S&P 500 on the schedule. Profits have so far been better than analysts were expecting, though they're still on pace to be down nearly 42% from a year earlier, according to FactSet.

The Federal Reserve is also beginning a two-day meeting on interest rates, with an announcement scheduled for Wednesday. Investors largely expect the central bank to keep short-term rates at their record low, but they're also looking to hear what it says about how long they may stay there.

The Fed helped launch the stock market's recovery in late March after slashing interest rates and promising to buy Treasuries, corporate bonds and other debt to prop up the economy. On Tuesday, the Fed said it will extend the lives of seven of the lending programs by three months through the end of the year, an acknowledgment of the severity of the recession.

The S&P 500 is back to within 5% of its record set in February, after earlier being down nearly 34%.

Massive aid from Congress also helped that turnaround to erupt, but a big part of it is about to ex-

pire on Friday: \$600 in weekly unemployment benefits. Such support has taken on more importance as a report last week showed an unexpected tick higher in the number of workers filing for jobless benefits. Rising coronavirus counts across the Sun Belt have pushed many businesses to close down again.

Many investors are hopeful that Democrats and Republicans can reach a deal on more aid for the 16 million or so Americans who are getting unemployment benefits, even though the two sides still seem to be far apart.

"They're going to get to a resolution eventually, it's just how the sausage is made is going to take a little longer and that's causing a little trepidation," said Ryan Detrick, chief investment strategist for LPL Financial.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note edged dipped to 0.57% from 0.60% late Monday. It tends to move with investors' expectations for the economy and inflation.

Gold, which has rocketed this year on worries about the economy, rose \$13.70 to \$1,944.70 per ounce. It earlier touched \$1,974.40 to set an intraday record for the second straight day.

Benchmark U.S. crude oil lost 1.3% to \$41.07 per barrel. Brent crude, the international standard, slipped 0.7% to \$43.61 per barrel.

Stock markets overseas were mixed. In Asia, Japan's Nikkei 225 index slipped 0.3%, but South Korea's Kospi gained 1.8% and the Hang Seng in Hong Kong rose 0.7%. Stocks in Shanghai added 0.7%.

In Europe, Germany's DAX was virtually flat, and France's CAC 40 fell 0.2%. The FTSE 100 in London rose 0.4%.

Experts worry about errors if census schedule is sped up

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — After asking for coronavirus-related deadline extensions in April, the Trump administration now appears to be abandoning that request by asking Congress for extra funding to wrap up the 2020 census "as quickly, and safely as possible" in a move that could help ensure the number-crunching for redrawing congressional districts takes place on President Donald Trump's watch.

Census Bureau officials had warned as recently as early July that it was already too late to have the numbers ready without an extension. And outside experts predicted Tuesday that speeding up the timetable would lead to an inaccurate head count that misses people in hard-to-count minority communities.

"It would be like giving an expectant mother in the early stages of pregnancy a lot of money to have the baby in 4.5 months," said John Thompson, a former Census Bureau director in the Obama administration.

The Census Bureau is in the middle of the 2020 census, and some of the bureau's 500,000 door-knockers started heading out this month to households that haven't yet answered the questionnaire.

With the new coronavirus disrupting census operations in April, the Trump administration asked Congress to extend the deadlines required for the U.S. Census Bureau to turn in the head count data used for redrawing congressional district and legislative districts.

The Census Bureau also postponed finishing field operations for the 2020 census from the end of July to the end of October.

The Democratic-controlled House agreed to the extensions as part of coronavirus-relief legislation, but the

Republican-controlled Senate has yet to do so. Senate Republicans on Monday instead proposed an additional \$448 million in funding for the 2020 census in its coronavirus-relief bill.

"This funding would allow for additional hiring, staffing resources, and replenished contingency funding to provide schedule flexibility as the Census Bureau conducts its largest field operation, nonresponse followup," the Census Bureau said Monday on its website. "This flexibility is critical to helping the Census Bureau operate in the midst of unprecedented public health crisis, including trying to wrap up field data collection as quickly, and safely as possible, while ensuring a complete and accurate count."

Historically, the Census Bureau is required to turn over numbers for apportionment, the process of divvying up congressional seats, by Dec. 31, and the numbers used for redrawing legislative districts by March 30.

The deadline extensions would push back the apportionment deadline to April 30 and the redistricting deadline for state and local districts to July 31.

If the deadline extension for the apportionment numbers is granted by Congress, there's a chance the final months of the data-crunching would take place under a new administration if presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden defeats Trump, a Republican, in the November election.

Wary of what they see as Trump's attempts to politicize the 2020 census, House Democrats say Senate Republicans should approve the request for deadline extensions.

"Otherwise, American taxpayers would be forced to pay for the most expensive and potentially least accu-

rate census in our nation's history," said U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney, a Democrat from New York who chairs the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.

Earlier this month, House Democrats asked U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross to withdraw two appointees from top positions at the U.S. Census Bureau, claiming they represented the latest effort by the Trump administration to politicize the 2020 census.

Then last week, Trump issued a memorandum seeking to exclude people in the country illegally from being included during the process for redrawing congressional districts. Civil rights groups have filed multiple lawsuits challenging the memorandum as unconstitutional and an attempt to limit the power of Latinos and immigrants of color. Two more lawsuits were filed Tuesday, including one by California Attorney General Xavier Becerra and several California cities, which said California stood to lose a congressional seat if Trump's order succeeds.

"The timing of the executive memorandum issued last week coupled with what now appears to be abandonment of the request to push back the reporting deadlines clearly suggests that the White House wants to

ensure that the president receives the numbers for apportionment while he is still in office. It's hard to draw any other conclusions," said Terri Ann Lowenthal, a census expert who worked on census issues as a congressional aide.

More than 62% of households had responded to the census as of Sunday, leaving about 55 million households that will require visits by census takers. The Census Bureau said Monday that it will start sending out emails to residents in neighborhoods with low response rates, encouraging them to fill out the questionnaire.

Talking to reporters at the beginning of the month, Al Fontenot, the bureau's associate director for decennial programs, said the bureau was "past the window of being able to get those counts" by the end of the year.

Kenneth Prewitt, who served as a Census Bureau director in the Clinton administration, said an accelerated census in the middle of a pandemic "can only be explained politically."

"I believe the odds of being able to produce the census between now and the end of the year is extremely low. COVID is in charge. The Census Bureau is not in charge," Prewitt said. "To finish the census by the end of the year, COVID has got to go away, and it's not."

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Space Camp in danger of closing permanently due to pandemic

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Space Camp, an educational program attended by nearly 1 million people, including a dozen who went on to become astronauts or cosmonauts, said Tuesday it's in danger of closing without a cash infusion because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Part of the state-owned U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Space Camp was shut down for weeks earlier this year and has been hampered by low attendance since reopening in June with limited capacity, officials said.

With most of its typical staff slashed and the normal flow of international students and school groups down to nothing for the fall because of the virus, leaders held a news conference announcing a "Save Space Camp" drive.

Officials hope to raise at least \$1.5 million in donations they said were needed to keep the museum open through October, the end of the fiscal year, and to reopen Space Camp in April.

"We are now struggling for our very survival," said John Nerger, chair of a state board that oversees the center. Donors gave nearly \$100,000 within a couple hours of the announcement.

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Big Spring 2020 Volleyball schedule updated after last week's UIL decision

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

Following the UIL's decision to begin practices for Conferences 1A-4A on time at the beginning of August, Big Spring Volleyball coach Kaitlyn Braswell had to jump into action to fill her team's schedule.

The UIL announced that there would be no regular season tournaments this season because of the coronavirus and an effort to slow the spread. Because of this, Braswell has to go into quick planning to fill her schedule with the right matchups.

Since there are going to be no tournaments, Big Spring added several "dual" games to fill the beginning of the schedule. Instead of a handful of teams or more packing into one gym to participate in an all-day tournament, these duals will feature just three to four total teams.

"The dual games worked themselves out pretty easily since a lot of teams were also looking to replace tournaments for those dates," Braswell said. "They will be beneficial getting us back into shape early in the season. With no tournaments, they will also give us a chance to watch other teams compete."

With the first practice of the year set to be held next Monday, the Lady Steers will have about a week-and-a-half to prepare for their first scrimmages on August 7. Big Spring will host Hawley, Brownfield, and Seminole on that Friday before returning around and hosting another round of scrimmages that Seminole and Lamesa will participate in on Saturday.

While it may seem like a quick turnaround to some, Braswell believes this year will give her team a chance to practice more for the first match of the season than ever before.

"The first day allowed for two-a-days is typically the first weekday in August," she said. "Last year, we started on a Thursday and scrimmaged that Saturday, so this feels like we have all the time in the world! Having a solid week of conditioning and skill work will allow us to build on things we can put to the test in our scrimmages."



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Returning senior Big Spring Lady Steer volleyball player Olivia Bancroft keeps her eyes high and makes contact with the ball

Braswell will only have five returning Varsity players to rely on this season but the amount of work ethic and determination that the younger players have during summer workouts has their head coach confident in the team's outlook. The Lady Steers struggled last season but with Braswell at the helm for another year, the expectations have increased and Big Spring will be aiming to notch double-digit wins this upcoming season.

Braswell is very satisfied with the effort that her players have put forth this summer and believes her team will be defined by their work ethic. There is plenty of talent on the Big Spring Volleyball roster and with a better work ethic they will only increase their odds of winning the match every time they step out onto the court. As the famous old adage states, "Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard."

"We've seen the work ethic over the summer," Braswell said. "This team will compete."

Braswell is excited about her team's potential

for the new season and believes she will be able to focus more on strategy and game-planning during the early practices. Last year, there was a lot of learning the basics of the game. Now, Braswell feels like her team can expand on those basic skills and begin to take them to the next level.

Practice will begin next Monday and the Lady Steers will be ready to roll.

2020 Schedule:

Aug. 7: Scrimmage vs. Hawley, Brownfield, and Seminole (10:00) (Home)

Aug. 8: Scrimmage vs. Seminole, Lamesa (10:00) (Home)

Aug. 11: Forsan/Klondike Dual (10:00) (Home)

Aug. 14: Monahans/Compass Duel (TBA) (Monahans)

Aug. 15: Pecos/TLCA Duel (10:00) (Home)

Aug. 18: Seminole/Wink (4:00) (Wink)

Aug. 22: Greenwood/Denver City Duel (10:00) (Greenwood)

Aug. 25: vs. Bronte (6:00)

Aug. 29: vs. Grape Creek (12:00)

Sep. 1: @ Colorado City (6:00)

Sep. 5: @ Lamesa (12:00)

Sep. 8: @ Wall (6:00)

Sep. 12: vs. Jim Ned (12:00)

Sep. 15: vs. Crane (6:00)

Sep. 19: @ Clyde (12:00)

Sep. 22: @ Estacado (6:00)

Sep. 26: vs. Lake View (12:00)

Sep. 29: vs. Snyder (6:00)

Oct. 3: @ Levelland (12:00)

Oct. 6: @ Sweetwater (6:00)

Oct. 10: vs. Estacado (12:00) (PINK OUT)

Oct. 13: @ Lake View (6:00)

Oct. 17: @ Snyder (12:00)

Oct. 20: vs. Levelland (6:00)

Oct. 23: vs. Sweetwater (12:00) (SENIOR NIGHT)

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Lake Champlain will offer Fantastic Diversity During Bassmaster Elite Event

PLATTSBURGH, N.Y. — When anglers launch from Plattsburgh City Marina for the Bassmaster Elite at Lake Champlain, they'll find a lake with natural beauty matched only by its incredible diversity.

Nestled between the verdant splendor of the Adirondack Mountains to the west and the Green Mountains on the east, this picturesque lake straddling the border of New York and Vermont reaches into lower Quebec, but holds most of its 107-mile length within the U.S. Covering 514 square miles, Champlain holds healthy populations of smallmouth and largemouth bass — both of which grow to competitive sizes.

Elite Series rookie Destin DeMarion, of Grove City, Pa., has fished Champlain on multiple occasions and knows well the lake's potential for producing winning sacks of green or brown complexion.

He's good with either, but he'd prefer a good measure of both.

"I think it's going to be a mix," DeMarion said of the recipe for Champlain success. "Generally, this time of year, the guy who wins mixes them. You can catch good largemouth (in many areas) and it's good to have a limit of smallmouth just as insurance."

Along with its species options, Champlain presents a tremendous array of habitat features to pursue either or both varieties. Starting with the host site, Plattsburgh sits on the western shore of the main lake, where anglers can find rock reefs, points, bluffs, deep offshore structure and shallow targets like docks and riprap.

To the east, Champlain has a series of islands, fertile bays with shallow wood and vegetation, bridges and the massive Inland Sea on the east side of the Champlain Islands.

Heading south, the lake bulges between Port Douglas, N.Y., and Burlington, Vt., but quickly narrows and then further slims into more of a river look past the Lake Champlain Bridge at Chimney Point. Anglers who pass this landmark are typically headed for the shallow grassbeds of Ticonderoga — the area famous for whopper largemouth — so named for the town's historic fort.

DeMarion expects to find anglers throwing a lot of the traditional smallmouth stuff, the drop shot, Ned rig, topwater, jerkbaits, spinnerbaits and swimbaits. In the shallow habitats from Missisquoi Bay in the north end to Ticonderoga, jigs, Texas rigs and frogs should see plenty of action.

Time management demands attention on Champlain because the menu of options can tempt excessive running. Typically, the biggest decision is whether to fish Ticonderoga, as the 70-mile run means a full day's commitment in calm conditions. Should the tournament see strong winds, travel times increase.

"I think you'll see some guys making the run to Ti," DeMarion said. "It could be a good option to try and win on the last day."

DeMarion said he's looking for a daily average of 17 1/2 pounds to reach Championship Sunday. He expects a winning weight in the upper 70s.

Champlain will very likely yield a handful of 20-pound bags, but consistency can be elusive during the summer season. Regardless, this will be one of the most aesthetically impressive lakes the Elite Series visits.

Competition days are set for Thursday through Sunday, with daily takeoffs at 6:45 a.m. ET from Plattsburgh City Marina with weigh-ins back at the marina each day at 3 p.m. The tournament will feature a full field of 86 anglers vying for a \$100,000 first-place prize.

Under guidelines from the State of New York, no fans or spectators are allowed to attend events, but fans will still have multiple ways to catch live on-the-water action. Like always, the real-time action will be carried on Bassmaster LIVE at Bassmaster.com and ESPN3 beginning at 8 a.m. ET. Coverage will also be broadcast on ESPN2. Check your local listings for details.

MLB Game Schedule

Tuesday Results

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
New York Yankees @	Philadelphia Phillies	Postponed
Toronto Blue Jays @	Washing. Nationals	5-1, Blue Jays
Chicago Cubs @	Cincinnati Reds	8-5, Cubs
Atlanta Braves @	Tampa Bay Rays	5-2, Rays
Milwaukee Brewers @	Pittsburgh Pirates	8-6, Pirates
Chicago White Sox @	Cleveland Indians	5-3, Indians
Kansas City Royals @	Detroit Tigers	4-3, Tigers
Baltimore Orioles @	Miami Marlins	Postponed
New York Mets @	Boston Red Sox	8-3, Mets
St. Louis Cardinals @	Minnesota Twins	6-3, Twins
Arizona DBacks @	Texas Rangers	4-1, Diamondbacks
L.A. Dodgers @	Houston Astros	5-2, Dodgers
Seattle Mariners @	Los Angeles Angels	10-2, Angels
Colorado Rockies @	Oakland Athletics	8-3, Rockies
San Diego Padres @	San Francisco Giants	5-3, Padres

Wednesday Games

Away Team	Home Team	Time of Game
Colorado Rockies @	Oakland Athletics	2:40 PM (ESPN)
Arizona DBacks @	Texas Rangers	3:05 PM
Washing. Nationals @	Toronto Blue Jays	5:05 PM
Chicago White Sox @	Cleveland Indians	5:10 PM
Chicago Cubs @	Cincinnati Reds	5:40 PM
Philadel. Phillies @	New York Yankees	Postponed
Milwaukee Brewers @	Pittsburgh Pirates	6:05 PM
Boston Red Sox @	New York Mets	6:10 PM (ESPN+)
Tampa Bay Rays @	Atlanta Braves	6:10 PM
Kansas City Royals @	Detroit Tigers	6:10 PM
L.A. Dodgers @	Houston Astros	6:10 PM (ESPN)
Miami Marlins @	Baltimore Orioles	Postponed
St. Louis Cardinals @	Minnesota Twins	7:10 PM
San Diego Padres @	San Francisco Giants	8:45 PM
Seattle Mariners @	Los Angeles Angels	9:10 PM (ESPN)

UTPB Volleyball reinforces middle for 2020

UT Permian Basin Volleyball is ready to build on its momentum in 2020 following one of the best seasons in program history. The Falcons have reloaded with a blend of experience and potential after graduating three key players. Head Coach Tim Loesch has announced the signings of three middle hitters and a libero as they look to replicate the success from last season's 20-win team.

Taurie Magee joins the Falcons after two successful years at the college level. Magee played at the College of Southern Nevada last season where she was an All-Conference Honorable Mention and finished third on the team in kills. Prior to that, the Altadena, California played at

Virginia Union where as a freshman she earned Second Team All-Conference honors. Magee was a two-time First Team All-League member and named Second Team All-District as a senior at Pasadena High School.

Fellow transfer Cassandra Rother joins her up the middle. Rother comes from Caldwell College where she was fifth on the Cougars with 85 kills as a freshman and a Rookie of the Year nominee. She was the team's leader in hitting percentage and aces while finishing second in blocks. Rother was a regular part of the rotation as the Cougars won 14 games in Division II's Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference.

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CAUSE NO. P-14998 ESTATE OF JERRY BRETT BILLS

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS

YESMIN BILLS, Applicant, filed in the **COUNTY COURT of HOWARD County, Texas, on 02/24/2020** an **APPLICATION FOR ADMINISTRATION AND HEIRSHIP** in Cause No. **P-14998**, styled

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, ESTATE OF JERRY BRETT BILLS DECEASED which is now pending on the probate docket of said Court.

Said application and any opposition will be heard and acted upon by said Court after 10 O'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, at the **COUNTY COURT, 300 S MAIN ST, BIG SPRING, TX 79720** in **HOWARD County, Texas**.

You are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court **by filing a written contest or answer** to the Application before the above stated time and date **should you desire to do so. To ensure its consideration, any objection, intervention, or response must be filed in writing** with the County Clerk of HOWARD County, Texas, **on or before the above-noted date and time.**

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in **BIG SPRING, Texas**, on July 24, 2020.

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The philosophy of good defense

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

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♠ 8 6
♥ K 4
♦ A K J 9 8 3
♣ J 9 5

WEST EAST

♠ Q 9 7 2
♥ A 9 6 3
♦ 5 2
♣ Q 8 3

EAST

♠ J 5 4 3
♥ J 2
♦ 10 7 4
♣ A K 6 2

SOUTH

♠ A K 10
♥ Q 10 8 7 5
♦ Q 6
♣ 10 7 4

The bidding:

South West North East
Pass Pass 1♦ Pass
1♥ Pass 2♦ Pass
2NT Pass 3NT

Opening lead — two of spades.

Many situations arise during the play that strongly challenge the imagination of a top-notch defender. Take this case where West passed two extremely difficult tests successfully. He led a spade against three notrump, declarer winning East's jack with the ace. South then played a low heart at trick two.

It may seem automatic for West to follow low at this point, in keeping with countless similar situations encountered previously. But West was a very fine player who was rarely caught napping.

He had already fully processed what had happened at trick one. The jack was obviously the highest spade East had, revealing not only that South had the A-K, but also the ten. (East would have played the ten from J-10.)

In addition, declarer's heart play at trick two — totally ignoring dummy's diamonds — was convincing evidence that the latter suit did not need to be established because it was already good.

Having made these inferential observations, West realized that if he ducked declarer's heart lead at trick two, South would quickly dash home with nine tricks.

At the same time, viewed from an entirely different perspective, West saw there was a strong likelihood that his partner held the A-K of clubs! He drew this conclusion by recalling that South had passed originally, was known to have the A-K-10 of spades and by implication also held the queen of diamonds plus some heart values. He therefore could not have the ace or king of clubs.

So West rose with the heart ace at trick two and played the queen and another club to sink the contract. He correctly led the queen first rather than the three to forestall the possibility that East might cash the A-K of clubs and thereby block the suit.

Tomorrow: Bridge is a logical game.

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Level: Intermediate

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ANSWER: 9x9 grid with numbers 1-9 in all cells.

Leo Sun Worship

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are certain things you feel you know about your future self, as you've had glimpses of the person you're growing into. To fuel the vision is in no way a rejection of who you are now. Your vision guides with a loving push.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You like some of what's going on now, but you also know that it doesn't take too long for "more of the same" to feel like a trap. You'll resist complacency and order something different off of the menu of life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Relationships are more important than whatever it is that's being exchanged inside them. You don't think of people in terms of what they can do for you, but some people do. Avoid those who are gunning for short-term gains.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). To have a place for everything and everything in that place is an achievable ideal. Maybe things will not stay that way for long, but once established, it's a state that can be returned to with minimal effort.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Most of the wins come from being in the right headspace to cross the goal line. The actual movement matters less than the mindset that's making you move.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The status quo has impressive muscles and will flex

them to intimate

Tomorrow's Horoscope



someone who so sorely needs help that any involvement is a step up.

change. If you let them, things will go back to the way they were. What are you willing to do to stop it?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You receive the gift of cosmic clarity and will be motivated by what you learn. You'll identify a specific area you could improve on, and you'll see an easy, workable way to this end.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're committed to being helpful, and it has only led to better things. People value you and will ask appropriately. Nothing you give diminishes you. All that you give makes you bigger.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Everyone stumbles, but not everyone gets back up. Build a fail-safe into your plan so that when you fall down, it will be very obvious what you need to do next to spring back.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're ready to try a new approach. You just need a good subject. Pick either someone who already seems up for it or

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Doing too many things at once can be a method of self-sabotage. Decide where to focus, and then be strict with yourself. Master one skill. Get that in your bones before you do anything else.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Have a conversation about what the issue is. You don't want to waste your time digging down into the wrong place. Listen to your emotions and they will show you just the spot to work on.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 28). You're highly adaptable, and you'll seize the chance to get out of your usual routine and try on a different lifestyle for a time. You'll experience who you are differently. New relationships sparkle up your world. A family influence can assist you in a goal that affects your whole crew. You only have to get the ball rolling. Libra and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 40, 2, 17 and 14.

VENUS SQUARE NEPTUNE ADVICE

PART TWO: (See yesterday for part one.) As the love planet forms a difficult angle to Neptune, the vision planet, many of us see an ideal version of ourselves, though certain habits hold us back from embodying it. It may feel like there is something to quit. If this is the case, consider another tactic. Graduate instead.

Graduating is simple. You walk across the stage, accept your diploma, move on.

Quitting is a decision. Graduating is a process.

Decisions are precarious because they can be made and unmade, shifted and changed. You come to the crossroads and go one way or another, but there's always the option of a U-turn.

A process is a path that you commit to. You get on it and make mistakes along the way. You may start and stop, spin and fall, but you agree to stay on that road until it ends.

If you are struggling with quitting, consider committing to a process. If you falter, it's only because you haven't learned the lesson yet. Believe that you can. Name the problem you're on. Ask for help from teachers. Talk to counselors. Switch the focus. Keep going at it until you've assimilated the required knowledge. Persist and you will graduate. The door will close behind you. You will be new.

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Annie's Mailbox

Interested in Meeting Siblings

Dear Annie: Shortly after I was born, my mother and biological father divorced. My mother later married the man who I grew up with and will always call "Dad."

I didn't know about all of this until I was about 12 years old when my parents told me that my grandmother from my biological father wanted to see me after all these years. Over the years, I kept in touch with my grandmother until she passed away about 11 years ago. During that time, she only briefly mentioned my father. I knew that my father had remarried and had other children, but I knew that his new wife would not allow any mention of me to the other children.

Last year, I found my uncle and his son on Facebook and found out my father had died five years previously. I also found out that I had three brothers and

two sisters.

I am 55 years old. Is it strange that I want to meet them, at least via email or social media? And since they presumably don't know I exist, should I? -- Curious

Dear Curious: There is nothing strange about wanting to get in touch with your brothers and sisters. What is strange is your father's wife's complete denial that you existed and not telling you that he passed away. Contact them. As long as you don't know what your brothers and sisters will be like, try to meet them without having any expectations.

Dear Annie: I am responding to the letter, "Anxious to the Point of Paralysis." As someone who struggles with social anxiety myself, I think the advice you offered is very good. I want to suggest some additional resources to the letter's writer.

First, there are interactive workbooks that mimic the weekly

structure of therapy sessions and contain many of the same exercises that therapists use. One example is "The Mindfulness and Acceptance Workbook for Social Anxiety & Shyness." I have been using it myself, and it is helpful for setting goals and making plans to tackle anxiety in stages.

Second, there are websites and apps that connect strangers for conversations. They can be a good way to practice socializing and become more comfortable talking with people. The most important thing I've learned through my own journey with anxiety is that the only way to improve is by actively putting yourself in the social situations that scare you and getting used to them. -- Anxious in New Jersey

Dear Anxious in New Jersey: Thank you very much for your letter. These suggestions look wonderful. Congratulations to you on using helpful tools to

manage your anxiety.

Dear Annie: I've been with this man for over seven years. In the last couple of years, he's treated me badly by lying. He ignores me when his friends come around. I don't want to stay in this relationship anymore. But it's hard for me to leave him. What will it take for me to leave him before it gets worse? -- Hard to Leave

Dear Hard to Leave: Given the way he is treating you, it is going to be a great deal harder in the long run to stay than leave. Try and keep the big picture in mind. It doesn't sound like his behavior is going to change after seven years.

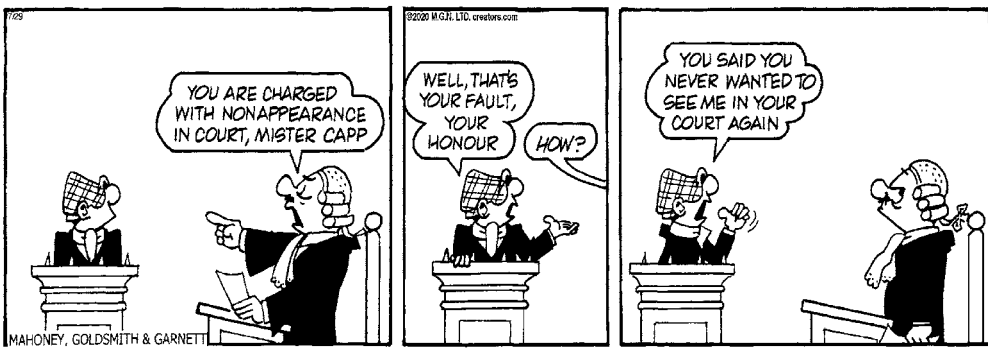
Keep the long-term goal in mind that you deserve to be in a relationship of honesty, love and respect.

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

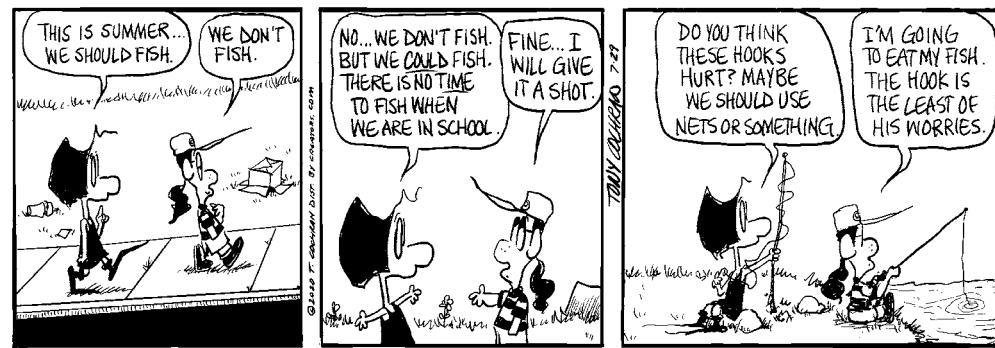
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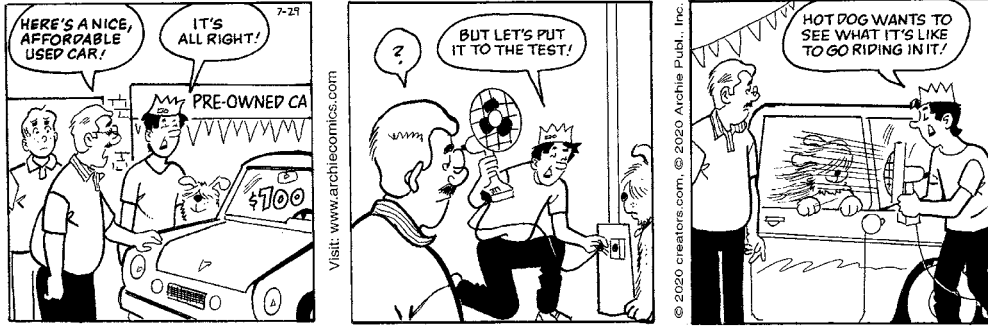
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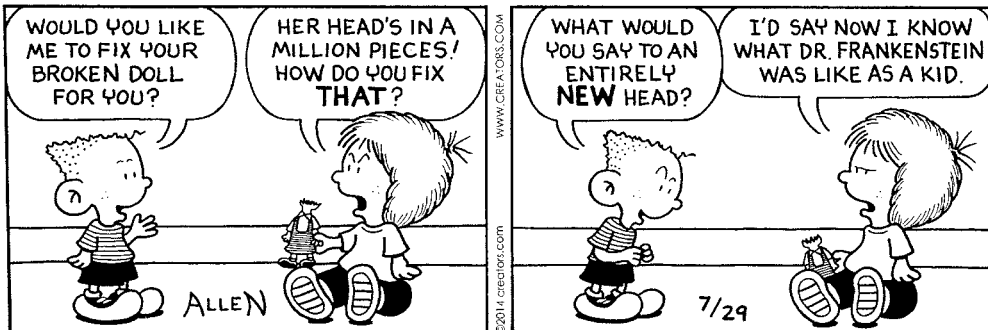
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This Date In History

Today In History

Today is Wednesday, July 29, the 211th day of 2020. There are 155 days left in the year. Today's highlight in history: On July 29, 1967, an accidental rocket launch on the deck of the supercarrier USS Forrestal in the Gulf of Tonkin resulted in a fire and explosions that killed 134 servicemen. (Among the survivors was future Arizona senator John McCain, a U.S. Navy lieutenant commander who narrowly escaped with his life.)

On this date:

In 1856, German composer Robert Schumann died in Endenich at age 46.

In 1914, transcontinental telephone service in the U.S. became operational with the first test conversation between New York and San Francisco. Massachusetts' Cape Cod Canal, offering a shortcut across the base of the peninsula, was officially opened to shipping traffic.

In 1957, the International Atomic Energy Agency was established. Jack Paar made his debut as host of NBC's "Tonight Show."

In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the National Aeronautics and Space Act, creating NASA.

In 1965, The Beatles' second feature film, "Help!" had its world premiere in London.

In 1968, Pope Paul the Sixth reaffirmed the Roman Catholic Church's stance against artificial methods of birth control.

In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford became the first U.S. president to visit the site of the Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz in Poland.

In 1980, a state funeral was held in Cairo, Egypt, for the deposed Shah of Iran, who had died two days earlier at age 60.

In 1981, Britain's Prince Charles married Lady Diana Spencer in a glittering ceremony at St. Paul's Cathedral in London. (The couple divorced in 1996.)

In 1986, a federal jury in New York found that the National Football League had committed an antitrust violation against the rival United States Football League. But

in a hollow victory for the U-S-F-L, the jury ordered the N-F-L to pay token damages of only three dollars.

In 1994, abortion opponent Paul Hill shot and killed Dr. John Bayard Britton and Britton's bodyguard, James H. Barrett, outside the Ladies Center clinic in Pensacola, Florida. (Hill was executed in Sept. 2003.)

In 1997, members of Congress from both parties embraced compromise legislation designed to balance the budget while cutting taxes.

Ten years ago: Army Spc. Bradley (now Chelsea) Manning was flown from a detention facility in Kuwait to the Marine Corps brig in Quantico, Virginia, to await trial on charges of giving military secrets to WikiLeaks. The House rejected a bill that would have provided up to \$7.4 billion in aid to people sickened by World Trade Center dust; Rep. Anthony Weiner, D-N.Y., angrily denounced Republicans who'd voted against the measure, calling it "a shame, a shame." A House panel charged New York Democrat Charles Rangel with 13 counts of ethical misdeeds (he was later censured by the full House).

Five years ago: Defense Secretary Ash Carter told the Senate Armed Services Committee that America's armed forces stood ready to confront Iran, but that a successful implementation of the nuclear agreement with Tehran was preferable to a military strike. Afghan authorities announced they were certain that the Taliban's reclusive leader, Mullah Mohammad Omar, had died in a Pakistani hospital in 2013. Microsoft released its Windows 10 operating system, an upgrade of Windows 8.

One year ago: Britain's weather agency confirmed that the country had seen its highest temperature on record, 101.7 degrees Far-

enheit, during the heat wave that broke temperature records across Europe in the preceding days.

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Nancy Kassebaum-Baker is 88. Actor Robert Fuller is 87. Former Sen. Elizabeth H. Dole is 84. Actor David Warner is 79. Actress Roz Kelly is 78. Rock musician Neal Doughty (REO Speed-

wagon) is 74. Marilyn Tucker Quayle, wife of former Vice President Dan Quayle, is 71. Actor Mike Starr is 70. Documentary maker Ken Burns is 87. Style guru Tim Gunn is 67. Rock singer-musician Geddy Lee (Rush) is 67. Rock singer Patti Scialfa (Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band) is 67. Actor Kevin Chapman is 58. Actress Al-

exandra Paul is 57. Actor/comedian Dean Haglund is 55. Country singer Martina McBride is 54. Rock musician Chris Gorman is 53. Actor Rodney Allen Rippey is 52. Actor Tim Omundson is 51. Actor Ato Essandoh is 48. Actor Wil Wheaton is 48. Rhythm-and-blues singer Wanya Morris (Boyz II Men) is 47. Country singer-song-

writer James Otto is 47. Actor Stephen Dorff is 47. Actor Josh Radnor is 46. Hip-hop DJ/music producer Danger Mouse is 43. Actress Rachel Miner is 40. Actress Allison Mack is 38. Actress Kaitlyn Black is 37. Actor Matt Prokop is 30. Actress Cait Fairbanks is 27.

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ACROSS

- Later on
- Actor Pitt
- Number on a sports page
- Dog collar attachment
- Four-star review
- __ story (biography)
- Containing nothing
- Author unknown: Abbr.
- __ so (nevertheless)
- Hinged outer-wall installation
- Elongated swimmer
- Observe
- Criticize, informally
- Cut (off), as branches
- Alligators' habitats
- Right-angle shape
- Andes Mountains country
- Dote on
- Samuel Beckett "no-show" play
- Online memo
- On the house
- Big Australian bird
- Impish one
- "Then again . . ."
- Pig food
- Body art, for short
- Suffix for novel
- Type of vacation lodging
- Staple of Cajun cuisine
- Price reduction event

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- Actor Baldwin
- Disaster aid agcy.
- Bugler's "lights out" music
- Great respect
- "Partridge," to "cartridge"
- High fiber cereal
- Vent verbally
- States with certainty
- Declares false
- Snow day toy
- Digital TV recorder
- Not too many
- 5/6 of a dozen
- Talk show host DeGeneres
- Modern music genre
- Tailor, while working
- Camel cousin from 37 Across
- Fake name
- Charity's URL ender
- Like cumulus clouds
- Fuss
- Tiny plane or train
- Publicity piece, for short
- Establish
- Pontius __
- First of three game X's
- Smelter's raw material
- Knot up again
- Scottish girl
- Obtained unlawfully
- Acknowledge in an acceptance speech
- Leaves in a hurry
- It's often full of hot air
- Smartphone graphic
- Make repairs to
- __ vera gel
- Rip roughly
- Alaskan gold rush city
- Scam victim
- Scent, good or bad
- Chest bone

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American Southwest and Lone Star Conferences opt to delay all fall athletics for 2020

RICHARDSON, TEXAS - The American Southwest Conference Council of Presidents announced on Friday to delay conference-scheduled competition and championship events for fall championship sports with anticipation of resuming ASC competition and tournaments in spring 2021. The delay includes the fall sports of cross country, football, soccer and volleyball.

Action by the Council of Presidents to delay the ASC fall championship sports seasons does not preclude individual institutions from engaging in athletics-related activities, including non-conference competition, conducted in accordance with Division III legislation as well as institution, local, state and federal public health guidelines.

The decision by the presidents was made after evaluation of Division III legislative waivers and Association-wide actions; consideration of conference scheduling options for fall sports; and review of current public health guidelines.

The American Southwest Conference member-

ship anticipates approval of NCAA Division III playing and practice season waivers allowing greater opportunity for students in all sports to have a broad athletics experience throughout the 2020-21 academic year. Under the waiver, each campus would have flexibility in conducting individual and team skill instruction, strength and conditioning, and practices along with the prospect for enhanced academic and personal development, and other athletically related activities as health and safety conditions allow.

"The ASC Council of Presidents recognizes the disappointment of students who normally participate in conference-scheduled regular-season and championship competition during the fall semester," said Amy Carlton, commissioner of the American Southwest Conference, "The conference leadership and administrators will continue planning for fall sports to resume conference competition and tournament opportunities in the spring semester as appropriate."

The ASC includes East Texas Baptist University and LeTourneau University among its members.

Lone Star Conference puts off start to Sept.

Given the uncertainty associated with COVID-19 and the need to fully assess the ability of member institutions to adhere to the NCAA guidelines for return to practice and competition, the Lone Star Conference Council of Presidents voted to delay the start of practice for all fall sports to no earlier than August 24, 2020. Fall sports competition, if subsequently approved by the Conference, will begin no earlier than the week of September 21, 2020.

The LSC Council of Presidents will reconvene before the start of the fall season to review updated public health information and any new directives or information from federal, state and local officials to make a final determination regarding fall sports.

University of Texas Tyler and Texas A&M Commerce are members of the LSC.

Non-retro: Rangers new home next-gen park with classic touch

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Baseball Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — There is a series of high brick arches along an outfield concourse reminiscent of their old stadium and asymmetrical outfield walls in the new home of the Texas Rangers. Still, Globe Life Field is no retro ballpark.

When fans are finally able to go there for games, they just have to look above, and look around, to see that — after walking through the big shaded porch-like entrances to get inside.

Those 223 transparent panels in the retractable roof and the walls of windows allow in plenty of natural light. The split seating levels, both in the lower and upper decks, offer full views of the field from wide concourses.

"Our stated goal from the very beginning was to do the first next-generation ballpark," said Bryan Trubey, the executive vice president for HKS who oversees the sports practice for the Dallas-headquartered architecture company that designed the \$1.2 billion facility. "We did not want to do a retro ballpark. That's been done, with some incremental changes over time."

Old ballparks don't have massive videoboards towering high over right field, like the one in Globe Life Field that is about 40 feet inside the field of play and surely a potential target for a long Joey Gallo home run, though his first one didn't hit it.

"It's a very beautiful ballpark," Gallo said before becoming the first player to homer in the new place when he pulled a deep drive down the right-field line. "I assumed it would be a pitcher's park. ... You can tell center field and the gaps are going to play really, really deep."

Then there are those field-level luxury suites and clubs, behind home plate and then extending down both lines past the dugouts.

Those suites are similar to the field-level seating at neighboring HKS-designed AT&T Stadium, a new concept when the home of the NFL's Dallas Cowboys opened in 2009. That stadium has its own huge videoboard hovering over a 60-yard stretch of the field.

"The goal here was to do something that really defined, like AT&T did for the NFL (stadiums), and so a big part of that is the fan-facing environment," said Trubey, who was once told by a colleague that the Cowboys field suites were never going to work.

HKS also designed Miller Park in Milwaukee, and was the architect for the NFL home stadiums of the Indianapolis Colts and Minnesota Vikings, and

the soon-to-open new Los Angeles stadium where the Rams and Chargers will play.

When the Vikings stadium opened in 2016, the roof of the colossal venue was the first by HKS to be covered solely by transparent material known as ETFE, the same that is incorporated into the largest single-panel retractable roof in the world that is above the Rangers' field. The new stadium in Los Angeles will have open sides and a fixed ETFE roof.

At Globe Life Field, the roof provides relief from the Texas heat, such as when the Rangers finally opened their pandemic-delayed season with their first game last Friday night, nearly four months after they had expected to play their inaugural season opener there. It was 94 degrees outside at first pitch, but a pleasant 72 in the ballpark.

While having a roof was a big reason for the Rangers to move across the street after 26 seasons, Trubey said the goal wasn't for the new ballpark to just be about the roof, but rather the architecture and transparency of the building.

Limestone, brick and steel were prominently used in the construction, with those materials coming from Texas and providing a true feeling of the Lone Star State, along with those entries resembling large-scale porches and a smooth transition from outside to inside, even when the roof is closed.

"Intentionally designed to look like this ballpark could only be in Texas," Trubey said.

When fans walk in, they will be able to see all the way into the field and all the way across to the other corner of the ballpark — about a quarter-mile away. There is a feeling of openness even when the roof is closed and all of the seats, about 40,300 of them, are closer in relation to the field than the old stadium.

"Transparency, that's the one gift you get inherently with the old ballparks," Trubey said. "As much as we did not want to be a retro ballpark, there were things we wanted to emulate from the original old ballparks. They were very open."

There is also a porch high above left field, an area with oversized rocking chairs that has a spectacular view of the field — and the entire ballpark.

While no fans have been able to watch a game from there, some players have. A day after winning the season opener, Lance Lynn was joined by fellow starters Corey Kluber, Kyle Gibson and Jordan Lyles as they enjoyed a couple of innings from that perch.

Chad Jones named new Texas Game Warden Colonel

AUSTIN — Chad Jones has been selected as the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's new Law Enforcement Director. Col. Jones became a game warden in 2004 and has held duty stations in Brazos and Trinity Counties, has served as a Team Lead for the Forensic Accident and Reconstruction Team, a Lieutenant at the Game Warden Training Center in Hamilton County, Texas, a Captain in Uvalde and a Major in both Corpus Christi and in the Pineywoods region of East Texas.

Jones succeeds Col. Grahame Jones, who recently retired.

"Col. Grahame Jones was a devoted and tireless leader within the division during his tenure with TPWD," said Jones. "As Texas Game Warden Colonel, Grahame's passion for Texas, the outdoors, Texas Game Wardens and our non-commissioned staff has been unrivaled. He has laid a solid foundation for all those following in his footsteps."

As Colonel, Chad Jones will set the tone, direction and expectations for the Law Enforcement Division and contribute to the overall leadership of the agency. In addition, Jones will partner with other law enforcement agencies, first responders, TPWD divisional colleagues such as biologists and

state park police, and other key constituencies.

"Chad follows in a line of distinguished Texas Game Warden Colonels, all of whom have led our Law Enforcement team with great professionalism, purpose, and dedication," said Carter Smith, Executive Director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "His deep roots in the field and broad experiences in conservation oriented law enforcement across the state will serve Texas and Texans exceedingly well, whether it is redoubling efforts to stop the illegal take of our fish and wildlife, ensuring our lands and waters remain safe for hunters, boaters and anglers, or providing search and rescue operations to help our most vulnerable citizens in times of their greatest need. In Colonel Jones, we have a fair minded and principled lawman who has dedicated his career to protecting the natural and cultural resources that make up our home ground."

Col. Jones will oversee a force of 551 highly trained state game wardens that provide conservation law enforcement across Texas and 128 dedicated non-commissioned support staff. Though state game wardens focus primarily on conservation laws, they are fully commissioned peace officers authorized to enforce all state statutes providing

"law enforcement off the pavement."

"Texas Game Wardens continue to add value to the citizens of Texas by providing not only nationally recognized conservation law enforcement initiatives, but also a continuing model of community-oriented law enforcement off the pavement," said Jones. "Our wardens rely on input from local communities to continue with a model of providing and protecting adaptive and inclusive hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation opportunities."

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The Fresno, California native was on the Clovis West High School varsity team for three years where she was a team captain and earned All-Academic honors all three years.

Also plugging up the middle will be freshman Chandra Reed from Thrall, Texas where she was a four-year starter on the Thrall High School varsity team. As a senior captain, Reed led Thrall to the regional finals while leading the team in kill percentage and blocks. She was a two-time First Team All-District honoree, TGCA All-State, Vype All-State Honorable Mention, and District Newcomer of the Year. She helped her team reach the state semi-finals in 2017, regional semi-finals in 2019, and regional finals in 2020.

Lastly is Daylee Doggett a libero from Northwest High School in Fort Worth. Doggett started as an outside hitter before transitioning to defensive specialist and then libero. At Northwest High she was a three-year varsity letter, three-year academic All-District, 2020 First Team All-District, and holds school records with 5.12 digs per set, 2.7 passing average and 560 total digs

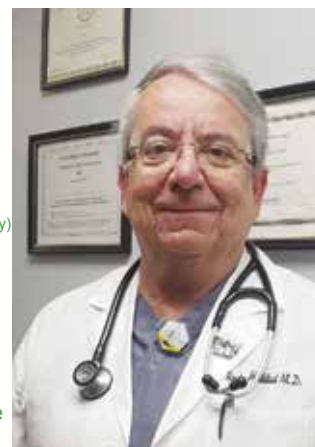
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