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## City Council sets public hearing date for proposed tax rate, budget

*Emergency reading passes, recognitions, donations, other hot topics on agenda*

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

Public comment opened with Kentwood residents speaking on the traffic studies that were recently conducted. The reduction of speed, speed bumps, and any other solutions were encouraged by Big Spring resident Josh Caudill.

According to Jennifer Caudill, she initially made contact with District 5 Councilmember Camilla Strande to get the ball rolling on possible solutions.

"Something has to be done. We are here on behalf of our neighborhood, to get something done," Jennifer Caudill said. "I'm here to get something done. I want a change up in Kentwood. Whether it be narrowing of lanes, box



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**Lt. Brian Gordon, with the Big Spring Police Department, was recognized as the August Star Employee for the City of Big Spring. A donation was also received on behalf of the Big Spring Police Department during the Tuesday evening meeting.**

dots, speed bumps, it has to be done."

According to Darden, more traffic studies will be

conducted in the Kentwood neighborhood. As a new school year prepares to kick off, more traffic is expected

to be traveling through the neighborhood. As discussion took place during Tuesday's meeting, Shane Bowles informed the Council that the next study is being set up for Aug. 25. Bowles also encouraged residents of the Kentwood neighborhood to share information regarding trouble spots so that they can better assess the situation and address concerns.

Starting the agenda off on a positive note, a presentation recognizing the August Star Employee took place at the meeting. Star Employee of the month is Lt. Brian Gordon with the Big Spring Police Department.

Lt. Gordon was recognized for his contribution to the community through

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## Public hearing, tax rate and budget topics of discussion at BSISD Board

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

Big Spring ISD Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing and hear discussion on Amendment No. 1 to the agreement for limitation on appraised value of property for school district maintenance and operations taxes between the District and Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy, LLC, Texas comptroller application number 1017 pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code.

In addition to the public hearing, the Board of Trustees will be discussing House Bill 3 required goal setting along with setting a date for another public meeting to be focused on the tax rate and proposed budget and proposed tax rate for the upcoming year.

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## Coahoma Board of Trustess to hold meeting Thursday at 6 p.m.

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
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The Coahoma Board of Trustees will be meeting in a regular session Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Elementary Board Room.

The meeting will begin with roll call and establishment of a quorum. Once a quorum has been established the meeting will be called to order with the opening ceremony to follow.

At the beginning of the meeting there will be an open forum as the board prepares to head into the consent agenda. Taking care of routine business, board members will look to approve minutes from previous meetings, budget amendments and take a look at the annual review of

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## CISD announces free/reduced lunch applications now being accepted, as new school year approaches

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
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The 2019-2020 school year may not have gone as planned, but it doesn't stop the planning for the upcoming year. After an unexpected and unprecedented year, faculty and staff at Coahoma ISD – along with other districts in the area – are gearing up to welcome back students in the fall. Big Spring ISD students will be returning to a new school year on Aug. 13, with a hybrid form of learning. During registration, students and families were able to choose if they would be attending in person classes or online learning for the first six weeks. Students are also going to be allowed to bring their own computers, as long as it is has a connected keyboard and mouse.

According to Governor Greg Abbott in recent weeks, Texas schools will be returning in the Fall and with base guidelines will be responsible for implementing their own safety protocols that fit their respective districts. Registration has been conducted and the Food Services Department has also announced the Free/Reduced lunch program application process.

In preparation for the new school year, families who are wanting to apply for the free and/or reduced meals can visit

the Coahoma ISD website at [www.coahomaisd.com](http://www.coahomaisd.com) or contact the Coahoma ISD Administration Office, located at 600 N. Main Street in Coahoma. For more information, contact Stefani Ramirez, Cafeteria Manager, at 432-394-5000 or by e-mail at [ramirezsc@coahoma@esc18.net](mailto:ramirezsc@coahoma@esc18.net).

The free/reduced meals program is based on income. Eligibility is determined by the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines chart, and includes those families who receive special assistance through Texas programs such as SNAP, DPIP and TANF. According to the chart, a family of four can make up to \$48,470 annually and still qualify for the program. According to information provided by Coahoma ISD, even if students were approved last year for the free/reduced meals program, a new application has to be submitted for the coming school year. If a new application does not have to be submitted a school representative will contact you.

"Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year," a media release stated. "The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may also be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year."

According to the Free and Reduced Price Meal program guidelines, if a household member becomes unemployed or

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## Obituaries

### Jonah Marion Chrane

Jonah Marion Chrane, 34, of Hinton, OK was called home on Friday, Aug. 7. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, 2020, at Early, Texas Church of Christ with Pastor James Glasscock and Dr. Mark Martin officiating.

Jonah was born April 5, 1986, in Brownwood, Texas and married Sarah Wilkinson on May 2, 2009, in Big Spring, Texas. They welcomed their son Cash on Sept. 23, 2009.

Jonah graduated from Early High School in 2004. He went on to work in the prison system (both Cornell and Geo) as a supervisor for 10 years. He then worked for Schwans for two years and was currently working at Quality Petroleum.

Jonah loved all things music, guns, and collecting antiques from junk stores. He adored his son Cash

and took him everywhere he went. They were inseparable. He loved spending time with his family, always referring to Sarah as "my angel" and "my beautiful wife".

Survivors include his wife, Sarah Chrane and their son Cash; his mother Lisa Chrane; his father Daryl Chrane; two sisters and one brother: Christie (Tim) Miller and their daughter Bella; Christy (Sam) Smith and their son Race; and Dakota Chrane; maternal grandparents Gerald and Violet Gossett; and countless other loved ones and friends.

He is preceded in death by his brother Stephen Chrane; uncle Randy Young; paternal grandparents Joe and Mary Chrane; and maternal grandfather Marion Young.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Heart Association at [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org) or to The Scars Foundation at 209 Beverly Dr #338 Beverly Hills, CA 90212.

*Paid Obituary*

### Robert Ruben Sanchez

Robert Ruben Sanchez, 56, of Big Spring died Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020.

Visitation will be 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. Thursday with a Prayer Service at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Robert was born June 1, 1964 in Knox, Indiana to Hortencia and Joe

Sanchez.

Robert is survived by four sisters: Amy Lopez, Melissa Rachel Sanchez, Gloria Sanchez, all of Big Spring, and Diana Sanchez of Snyder; four brothers: Jesse Sanchez of Abilene, Jimmy Sanchez of San Angelo, Joe Sanchez of Big Spring, and Danny Sanchez of San Angelo; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents: Joe Gamboa Sanchez and Hortencia Castillo Sanchez, Robert was preceded in death by one niece.

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

### Gerald Verba

Gerald Verba, 68, of Big Spring died Friday, Aug. 7, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Jimmy Storey

Jimmy Storey, 76, of San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring died Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Wanda Tubbs

Wanda Tubbs, 66, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, Aug. 6, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Jay Briscoe

Jay Briscoe, 80, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Dick Nichols

Dick Nichols, 82, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, 2020, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Courtney Ballard, pastor of Circuit Riders Cowboy Church, officiating.

Dick was born on Jan. 31, 1938, to Myrta and Oliver Nichols in Howard County. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County. He farmed and ranched all his life in Howard County. He attended school in Knott and was a Baptist.

Dick enjoyed a good horse and owned racehorses. He loved all his family, immediate and extend-

ed.

He is survived by one son: Brent Nichols and his wife Tracey; one daughter: Michelle Nichols; seven grandchildren: Faron Nichols and his wife Macey, Corden Nichols, Amber Molina and her husband Ismael, Dois Alan Haggard and his wife Candice, Rachel Haggard, Reagan Haggard, and Pecos Doss; three great grandchildren: Liam Molina, Leyla Haggard, June Haggard; one brother: Jerry Nichols and his wife Rita.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by three brothers: Billy Nichols, Buddy Nichols, and Lonnie Nichols; and one sister: Charlotte Jackson.

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

*Paid Obituary*

## 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.

• **VICTOR RAUL LOZANO JR.**, 28, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of convicted felon in possession of a handgun.

• **ALLEN RAY WARD**, 47, was arrested by DPS on charges of unauthorized use of a vehicle,

possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (greater or equal to four grams less than 200 grams), and driving with license invalid with previous conviction or suspension without final resolution.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Nolan. No transport was required.

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was re-

ported in the 1600 block of E 5th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of E 14th Street. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Easterling Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of S Lan-

caster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Wood Street. No transport was required.

## Take Note

• Pack 305 Cub Scouts will be hosting a Sign-up Drive by Ice Cream Social in the NazFamily Church parking lot on Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 6:30 p.m. Those in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to stop by and find out more about cub scouting.

• Coahoma Lion's Club Trade Day will be held Sept. 26 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Downtown Coahoma. There will be food, arts & crafts, antiques, collectibles, clothing, and more.

## Support Groups

### THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

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

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

### FRIDAY

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

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

### SATURDAY

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

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

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

*Submit your Support Group information to be included or updated. Email information to editor@BigSpringHerald.com or call 432-263-7331.*

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Emergency Management since February in Big Spring and Howard County as the nation began preparing for the pandemic and have since continued to fight the pandemic. He has been on the front lines, performed at a high level of service in emergency management, and has continued to perform his regular duties. During the presentation he was recognized for going above and beyond to keep the community safe.

After the presentation for Lt. Gordon, Big Spring Police Chief Chad Williams informed the City Council members and Mayor of a recent donation made to the department to be utilized for the purchase of new medical equipment for Self Aid/Buddy Aid (SABA) kits.

"We are the recipient of a very generous donation from members of the First Christian Church," Big Spring Police Chief Chad Williams, said. "On behalf of the Big Spring Police Department we sincerely appreciate their support of our department and our officers."

As part of the City Manager's report, presented by Todd Darden, Council heard an update from the 2020 season for Russ McEwen Aquatic Center. The center closed on Aug. 8. A school zone reminder was also provided, as Big Spring ISD students are preparing to head back to a new semester on Aug. 19. The large item pick up was another focus point in the update; District 2 will have their pick up on Aug. 20 and those wanting to take part will need to call in advance to en-

sure items are picked up.

Darden addressed the Council with an update relating to the recent LP-Texas Convention that was hosted in Big Spring a couple weekends ago.

Darden also provided an update regarding the Animal Shelter A/C issue that was brought before Council at the last regular meeting. Bids have been received and work on the project is expected to kick off later this week.

The Council took the Consent Items Agenda, minus approval of the past two meetings – regular meeting on July 28, 2020 and special meeting on Aug. 2, 2020 – along with Item 18, the final reading of a resolution amending Chapter IX of the Big Spring Personnel Policy entitled "Conduct" to add a new section 7 entitled "Relations between City Council and Staff" and voted to approve all consent items at once. The vote was unanimous to take accept and pass the Consent Items, minus Items 16 and 18, which were discussed directly after consent items were approved.

Regarding the final reading of a resolution amending Chapter IX of the Big Spring Personnel Policy entitled "Conduct" to add a new section 7 entitled "Relations with Mayor and City Council" in order to establish standards for relations between City Council and Staff; and providing an effective date, Councilmember Jim DePauw made the motion to approve. As the motion went to discussion, Mayor Shannon Thomason cited the Attorney General's opinion regarding access to documentation and the availability when requested in official capacity. After citing the opinion from the Attorney General, Mayor Thomason made a motion to postpone

the agenda item indefinitely until an answer is received from the Attorney General. Hagan advised that the Attorney General does not accept requests directly from cities. However, according to Thomason, during a disaster declaration Attorney General does accept requests from cities. Discussion surrounding the motions became slightly heated before the motion made by the Mayor was taken to a vote that did not pass. The vote to postpone indefinitely failed with a 5-2 vote, with Councilmember Doug Hartman, District 2 and Mayor Thomason voting in favor of the motion. As the motion by the Mayor failed, the original motion by Councilmember DePauw came back up for a vote. As the vote was called, the motion to pass the final reading passed with a 5-2 vote, with Councilmember Hartman and Mayor Thomason against.

Regarding Item 15, the approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes for the Special Meeting on Aug. 2, 2020 were approved unanimously and the minutes for the regular meeting of July 28, 2020 were tabled to be discussed and approved at the next meeting.

Moving into new business on the agenda, City Secretary and Finance Director Don Moore con-

ducted a presentation focused on the Tax Rate for 2019-2020 Fiscal year. As part of the presentation, Moore explained the different formulas equated to the different rates being discussed. The No New Revenue, which was previously the Effective Rate, which is last years tax revenue

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Glen Daniels, 61, died July 27, 2020. Graveside Memorial Services will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mary McClendon, 82, died Sunday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will be at 10:00 AM Thursday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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The board will also be considering a contract with Howard County for assessment and collection of taxes. Approval could also be given, after consideration and discussion, of the T-TESS District Appraisers.

As part of the report items, trustees will hear an update on the Career and Technical Education and Supplemental Instruction Supplies and equipment bid.

As part of the action item agenda, the Board of Trustees will look to reaffirm the Code of Ethics for Board of Trustees – Policy BBF (local) and look at action on Chapter 49. Approval will also be looked at the hiring schedule for 2020-2021, along with student meal pricing for the upcoming year. A review of policy update 115 (legal) policies and act on (local) policies.

The Board of Trustees could possibly enter into an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues including employment, resignations, reassignment, duties, performance problems and evaluations. The Executive Session would be in accordance with Texas Government Code 551.074.

Other items on the agenda include:

- Approval of July 9, 2020 and July 23, 2020 board

meeting minutes – a regular and special session.

- Superintendent's Report – employments, resignations, and retirements; August Special Board Meeting, TASA/TASB convention

- Approval of GT Handbook, Student Code of Conduct 2020-2021, 2020-2021 TTESS Appraisal Calendar

- School Board Trustees election order and appointments for Nov. 3 2020 election

- Donation from the H.O.P.E Foundation and Star Dodge – from a recent event held at Blankenship Field to collect supplies to support teachers as they enter the new school year.

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investment policy. The board will also look at the Howard County Assessment and Collection Services Contract.

Consideration and possible approval will be given to the asynchronous plan for virtual instruction, as the new year begins.

As part of information items, Board of Trustees will hear the Enrollment/ADA/WADA report, financial reports and future board meeting dates.

As part of the Superintendent Report there will be an overview provided on the extra curriculum attendance, upcoming TASB convention, Board Meeting Dates and first rating.

The Board of Trustees will enter Executive Session to discuss personnel. After the Executive Session has concluded the board will enter the 2020-2021 Budget Workshop.

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if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the current income eligibility guidelines.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Coahoma Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m. on August 24, 2020 in the CISD Board Room Coahoma, Texas

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 0.904 /\$100	(Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ .30 /\$100	(proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	% increase	or	4.11 % (decrease)
Debt service	.01 % increase	or	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	.01 % increase	or	4.11 % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 654,624,532	\$ 878,891,422
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 3,559,151	\$ 11,216,253
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 385,718,724	\$ 605,239,661
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 600,402	\$ 10,125,340

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).  
\*\* "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).  
\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 13,315,000

\* Outstanding principal.

50-280 (Rev. 8-19/5) (Back)

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 0.97000	\$ 0.30000*	\$ 1.27	\$ 5903	\$ 5099
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 0.88984	\$ 0.18375*	\$ 1.07359	\$ 6205	\$ 4847
Proposed Rate	\$ 0.90400	\$ 0.30000*	\$ 1.20400	\$ 6711	\$ 4930

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 122,188	\$ 128,129
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 64,571	\$ 77,504
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.27	\$ 1.204
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 770.54	\$ 933.15
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 162.60

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.204. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of 1.204.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 2,508,135
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,329,813

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.



# Something to think about...

Have you ever been misdiagnosed? We all get sick from time to time, but during this pandemic it seems that every cough is considered Covid-19. Sneezing in public is strictly forbidden. If we start to show any signs of sickness, we immediately begin to diagnose ourselves. And if we display any symptoms on the exhaustive list, some will be certain we have the dreaded virus. Correct diagnosis is critical to finding adequate treatment. If we are treating the wrong disease or simply addressing the symptoms then we will not get better. When we can't diagnose ourselves, we go to the doctor.



RICHARD SCHNEGERGER

"I heard about a little four year old named Amanda who was pretty sick and went to the doctor's office with a high fever. The doctor looked in her ears and said, 'Who's in there? Donald Duck?' She said, 'No.' He looked in her throat and said, 'Who's

in there? Mickey Mouse?' Again she said, 'No.' He put his stethoscope on her heart and said, 'Who's in there? Minnie Mouse?'"

She replied, 'No, Jesus is in my heart. Minnie is on my underwear.'"

We all get physically sick and need treatment for our bodies to heal. But the reality is that we all carry a deeper, spiritual disease and it is terminal if not treated. It is a heart disease. John Wesley once said, "Know your disease, know the cure." If we don't have a correct diagnosis, then we will never get any better.

What are some of the symptoms of our spiritual disease? Paul lists a few of the symptoms in Galatians 5: hatred, discord, rage, jealousy, selfish ambition, dissension, envy, drunkenness, sexual immorality or elsewhere lust, lying, greed, gossip, pride. Are you exhibiting any of these symptoms? We are all infected. It is part of the human condition. Sin is an infectious disease. When we are around gossip or pride or encounter lust or envy or rage, it is difficult not to be influenced and infected.

The first step to healing in our lives is to acknowledge that we are sick. Some don't even know that they have a terminal illness.

"Know your disease." We need to know our true diagnosis. The next step toward healing is to know the cure! We cannot heal ourselves from this disease. There is no self-help cure. We cannot overcome our disease through the power of positive thinking. It is much deeper than that! Only God can cleanse us and heal us.

"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." ~ 2 Corinthians 5:21

"But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed." ~ Isaiah 53:5

Christ is our cure for the sin sick soul! But, in order for Him to have any affect on our lives, we have to take our medicine.

May we apply His Word and His Spirit to our hearts daily so that we will be healed.

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divided by this years taxable value, and the NMO is No New Revenue Service minus debt service; the Voter Approval Rate is the same as the rollback rate. Diminimus rate is for cities under 30,000; its a petition election, not an automatic election, according to Moore.

After Moore's presentation, a short recess was taken by Council. As the meeting reconvened, the Council took to a vote to schedule a public hearing on the Proposed 2020-21 annual budget for Aug. 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 307 E. 4th Street. The Council passed the motion unanimously. Regarding a public hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate to be held also on Aug. 25 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, Council decided to stay below or equal to the No New Revenue Rate, which in turn meant no public hearing was required. The decision to remain below or equal to the No New Revenue Rate was expressed with no motion for a public hearing expressed.

As the Council heard the Emergency Reading of an ordinance calling for a special election to be held on Nov. 3, 2020, for the purpose of voting for or against the recall of Councilmember Camilla Strande, representing District 5; designating a polling place; authorizing the Mayor to execute notice and have the notice posted for the purpose of notifying the public of said election, the council members went silent. Mayor Shannon Thomason, along with City Attorney Hagan, advised Council the acceptance of this reading was merely an administrative duty. The vote was called and passed unanimously.

Regarding the consideration of an agreement with Cap Rock Holdings, LLC, before the Council took to a vote to enter into an agreement, City Attorney Hagan advised Council to retire into Executive Session to discuss possible concerns with such an agreement.

After Council reconvened from Executive Session the motion was made by McDaniel to table the item, with a second by Hartman. The Council voted unanimously to table the item.

As part of Council input DePauw mentioned the recent opening of the Relief Route.

"The day the railroad came to town, the refinery opened, the Bankhead Highway and I-20 came through. Last week in the quest to get I-27 the bypass opened. That is an exciting time for our city and something we will look back on in 20 years"

DePauw extended his gratitude to Bobby McDonald and Gloria McDonald for their support of the project.

"It was a great day for the City, and we look forward to great things coming from this project," DePauw said.

McDonald echoed DePauw's sentiments on the ribbon cutting of the relief route.

Councilmember McDaniel added, "I feel Big Spring is coming into our own especially now."

Before the meeting concluded, Mayor Thomason reminded the citizens of the importance of filling out the Census for 2020.

Other items approved at City Council Tuesday's meeting included:

- Vouchers for 07/30/2020 and 08/06/2020
- Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Board of Director's minutes for regular meeting of June 16, 2020 and June 25, 2020 special meeting. As part of the approval process, the new BSEDC Director Mark Willis introduced himself to the City Council. He informed the Council he has been working at economic development since 1992 at the City, County and State level. He also expressed the desire to meet with each of the Council members to get a better understanding of the goals for the community.
- Warranty gift deed of the property located at 501 Runnels St. to West Texas Community Mediation Center
- First reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 6 of the Big Spring City Code entitled "Amusements and Entertainment" Section 6-2 "Definitions" to add a new definition for "Skill or Pleasure Coin Operate Machine" and a new section 6-13 entitled "Restriction of Skill or Pleasure coin operated machines in order to restrict skill or pleasure coin operated machines in order to restrict skill or pleasure coin operated machines within 300 feet of a church, school, or hospital - the reading passed with a 6-1 vote with Councilmember McDonald voting against.

• Approval was given for an agreement with Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission and authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute any necessary documents. This pertains to a wood chipping grant that Bowles requested earlier in the year and was recently received in the amount of \$12,000.



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website at <https://www.texas811.org/>.

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Every Wednesday, 7 a.m.-8 a.m. (to register, click <https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/7593514680483569419>)

Every Wednesday, 1 p.m.-2 p.m. (to register, click <https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/8407930639799601423>)

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# Big Spring Lady Steers start season 2-0 with wins over Forsan and Klondike

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

Big Spring returned to the court and took care of business on Tuesday morning inside of Steer Gym. The Lady Steers hosted both the Forsan Lady Buffaloes and the Klondike Lady Cougars in their season-opening tri-school meet and had little to no issue starting off the season undefeated.

The Lady Steers dropped only one set throughout both games but Head Coach Kaitlyn Braswell still knows there is plenty of room for her team to improve.

"I thought we were a little slow," Braswell said. "We did some good things today but we obviously need to work on speeding up our continuation and our defense. That's what we'll continue to work on during the first few games of the season."

The first of three games on Tuesday was between the Lady Steers and the Forsan Lady Buffs. This is the first year that Forsan has had a Varsity Volleyball team and while things were expectedly shaky for them during their first-ever Varsity matchup, the young squad was still able to put together some great plays and show off their potential.

During the first set, the Lady Steers burst out of the gates and took an early 5-0 lead before Forsan coach Sunni Strickland was forced to call a timeout. Big Spring would add two more points before Forsan could stop the scoring streak and finally get themselves on the board.

Later in the set, Ryen Terrazas showed off her skills as she was able to use her tall stature to emphatically block a shot at the net. Two of her teammates, Jocelyn Gonzales and Tristan Smith, excelled at using soft misdirection touches to confuse the other team and keep the Lady Buffs out of position.

Forsan did show signs of great play as well when they were able to score four straight in that first set to trim the lead. Unfortunately for the Lady Buffs, it was too little, too late, and Big Spring was able to finish the first set with a 25-11 win.

Things started off better for Forsan in the second set but it did not last long as their youth and inexperience began to show. On one play, there was two Lady Buffs in the vicinity of where the ball was going to land but both players were too hesitant to make a move for the ball. Strickland could see that it was a mistake made from inexperience and yelled at her players to stick to the fundamentals and to not take their eye off of the ball.

Even with their in-game improvements, Big Spring was able to sweep Forsan by winning the last two sets both by a score of 25-8.

"I think we did a lot of good things," Strickland said. "We have some stuff to work on. We're really young and they're just trying to get used to the level of play."

Forsan took on Klondike following the match against Big Spring and were again unable to win a set. However, during the second set, the Lady Buffs led for a good portion and scored a season-high of 23 points. Strickland was visibly excited about her team's performance during that second set and was also proud of the endurance that her younger players showed on the court.

"In Varsity, you play the best three out of five," Strickland said. "It shows them how much more conditioning they need and it allows them to be able to see the play and learn what they need to do."

The last match of the day was between Big Spring and the Klondike Lady Cougars and it did not disappoint.



Courtesy Photo/Tony Claxton (claxtonphotography.com)  
**Junior Ryen Terrazas shows off her strength on just one of her authoritative spikes from Tuesday afternoon.**

Both teams seemed to be evenly-matched and there were at least a dozen swings of momentum in the other team's direction during the four-set matchup. On one play, junior outside hitter Kalyn Whitehead was able to halt Klondike's momentum by converting on a nice touch hit that fell unbothered to the ground between a group of Lady Cougars.

During the first set, the Lady Steers were able to score a quick five unanswered points before Klondike was forced to take a timeout. The Lady Cougars came out of the break like a breath of fresh air and were able to turn around and score five unanswered of their own. However, Big Spring was able to score five of the last seven points of the set and pulled away for a 25-20 win.

The second set had multiple lead changes but Klondike was able to pull away and hand Big Spring their only set loss of the day (25-21).

Whitehead again showed up big time in the third set as she was able to put together a handful of nice serves that helped Big Spring pull away. Terrazas also had a couple of ferocious spikes that rocked the gym during a dominating 25-11 third set win.

"Things like that are helping to build our confidence," Braswell said. "Being able to finish games is something that we've struggled with in the past."

However, with a new season comes a new mentality. Each and every one of Big Spring's players left it all on the court and the Lady Steers were able to strongly close out the Lady Cougars to win the last set by a score of 25-19.

"I think we went out there and did our best," team captain Gonzales said. "We fixed what we needed to and focused on what Coach (Braswell) wanted us to."

There is still plenty to improve on and the Big Spring Lady Steers will be back on the court in no time to continue to build on all of their progress.

UP NEXT: The Lady Steers will travel to Monahans on Friday to take on the Lady Lobos and the Compass Lady Cougars in another three-team meet.

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## Trayce Rodriguez finishes third at Tour Championship

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

After his tremendous summer spent winning competition after competition in the Northern Texas PGA Junior Tour, young Big Spring resident Trayce Rodriguez took home third place on Tuesday afternoon.

Rodriguez finished the day with a score of 38 (+2) and a total score of 77 (+5) over the two-day tournament. He finished two strokes back from the winner at the Championship and will be ready

to play in the Fall Series soon.

Trayce represented West Texas well and still finished as the first-place points champion for the Summer Series Tour.

Rodriguez has proven himself to already be an outstanding talent on the golf course and will only continue to get better.

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## Talented Transfers Bring Scorer's Touch to Men's Soccer

Special to the Herald

UT Permian Basin Men's Soccer is ready to build off a strong finish to last season by bringing in a talented and deep recruiting class. The Falcons turned to the transfer wire to grab veterans to mesh with their young core from last year.

Rodrigo Rogatto and Gustavo Barroso lit up the scoring sheet at Indian Hills Community College where they led the team to the Region XI Semi-Finals in each of the last two seasons. Last season both tied for the team lead with six goals each. Barroso scored 12 goals and collected seven assists at Indian Hills and was named 2018 Second Team All-Region. Rogatto scored seven goals and had six assists in his career at Indian Hills.

The Falcons also picked up a duo from Young Harris College, who has made the NCAA Division II Tournament the last two seasons. Pablo Oloriz and Tim Payne combined to play in 13 games at Young Harris collecting six shots between them. Over the past two years Young Harris went 29-6-1. In 2018 they made it to the third round and in 2019 they made it to the second round. They were teammates on the 2018 with current Falcon goalkeeper Alfonso Aragon.

"We'll have a lot of depth this year," said Head Coach Dennis Peterson. "Everybody will have to compete for playing time this year with such a strong recruiting class coming in. As a coach I am looking for the best player that will give the team the best chance to win. This will make everyone better and I am looking forward to see what we can do this upcoming season."

### MLB Schedule

#### Tuesday Results

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
Miami Marlins	@ Toronto Blue Jays	5-4, Blue Jays
Kansas City Royals	@ Cincinnati Reds	6-5, Reds
Atlanta Braves	@ New York Yankees	9-6, Yankees
Baltimore Orioles	@ Philadelphia Phillies	10-9, Orioles
Chicago Cubs	@ Cleveland Indians	7-1, Cubs
Chicago White Sox	@ Detroit Tigers	8-4, White Sox
Washington Nationals	@ New York Mets	2-1, Nationals
Washpa Bay Rays	@ Boston Red Sox	8-2, Rays
Minnesota Twins	@ Milwaukee Brewers	6-4, Brewers
Arizona Diamondbacks	@ Colorado Rockies	8-7, Rockies
San Francisco Giants	@ Houston Astros	7-6, Giants
Oakland Athletics	@ Los Angeles Angels	6-0, Angels
San Diego Padres	@ Los Angeles Dodgers	6-2, Padres

#### Wednesday Games

Away Team	Home Team	Time of Game
Chicago White Sox	@ Detroit Tigers	12:10 p.m.
Arizona D'Backs	@ Colorado Rockies	2:00 p.m. (ESPN)
Oakland Athletics	@ Los Angeles Angels	3:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs	@ Cleveland Indians	5:10 p.m.
Miami Marlins	@ Toronto Blue Jays	5:37 p.m.
Kansas City Royals	@ Cincinnati Reds	5:40 p.m.
Atlanta Braves	@ New York Yankees	6:05 p.m.
Baltimore Orioles	@ Philadelphia Phillies	6:05 p.m.
San Francisco Giants	@ Houston Astros	6:10 p.m.
Minnesota Twins	@ Milwaukee Brewers	6:10 p.m. (FS1)
Washington Nationals	@ New York Mets	6:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay Rays	@ Boston Red Sox	6:30 p.m.
Seattle Mariners	@ Texas Rangers	8:05 p.m. (ESPN+)
San Diego Padres	@ Los Angeles Dodgers	8:40 p.m.

### NBA Schedule

\*All Games played in Orlando, FL

#### Tuesday Results

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
Brooklyn Nets	@ Orlando Magic	108-96, Nets
Houston Rockets	@ San Antonio Spurs	123-105, Spurs
Phoenix Suns	@ Philadelphia 76ers	130-117, Suns
Portland Trail Blazers	@ Dallas Mavericks	134-131, Blazers
Boston Celtics	@ Memphis Grizzlies	122-107, Celtics
New Orleans Pelicans	@ Sacramento Kings	112-106, Kings
Milwaukee Bucks	@ Washington Wizards	126-113, Bucks

#### Wednesday Games

Away Team	Home Team	Time of Game
Indiana Pacers	@ Houston Rockets	3:00 p.m. (NBATV)
Toronto Raptors	@ Philadelphia 76ers	5:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Miami Heat	@ Oklahoma City Thunder	7:00 p.m.

### NHL Playoff Schedule

#### First Round Game 1's

##### Tuesday Results

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
Columbus Blue Jackets	@ Tampa Bay Lightning	3-2, Lightning
Calgary Flames	@ Dallas Stars	3-2, Flames
Carolina Hurricanes	@ Boston Bruins	Postponed
Chicago Blackhawks	@ Vegas Golden Knights	4-1, Knights

##### Wednesday Games

Away Team	Home Team	Time of Game
New York Islanders	@ Washington Capitals	2:00 p.m. (NBCSN)
Arizona Coyotes	@ Colorado Avalanche	4:30 p.m. (NBCSN)
Montreal Canadiens	@ Philadelphia Flyers	7:00 p.m. (NBCSN)
Vancouver Canucks	@ St. Louis Blues	9:30 p.m. (NBCSN)



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sisters far differently, but  
even so, everyone in the  
family knew he was one  
sick man.

My brother committed  
suicide when he was 21,  
and after that, my father  
made a couple of at-  
tempts to have a rela-  
tionship with me, but he  
still couldn't help himself.  
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to undermine me and  
make verbal slights and  
backhanded remarks any  
chance he got. My mother  
was the same as he was  
when it came to emotional  
abuse. They fought con-  
stantly and blamed their  
unhappiness on being  
stuck in the marriage be-  
cause of the children.

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his health was failing, he  
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plague and would rather  
have pulled my own teeth  
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alcoholics.

The faster you heal, the  
quicker you will be able to  
help those who have suf-  
fered similar abuse. Try  
and find a good therapist  
who can help you process  
some of your trauma.

**Dear Annie:** I don't  
like dogs. That said, every  
dog seems to sense this,  
and, when not on a leash,  
comes barreling toward  
me. I always put my hand  
out like a traffic cop stop-  
ping cars. I say no to the

dog and back away. I say  
to the owner, kindly, that  
I don't like dogs but they  
always seem to gravitate  
toward me.

This is usually not well  
received. I know some  
people think of their dogs  
as children, and that my  
statement is a bit harsh,  
but it's the truth. Can you  
help me with a phrase  
that would get owners  
to control their dog? The  
dog should be on a leash  
in the first place, but I'm  
not going to address that,  
as they know they are at  
fault. Thanks for any help  
you can offer. -- Barking  
up the Wrong Tree

**Dear Barking up the  
Wrong Tree:** That which  
we resist persists. It is OK  
not to like dogs, but have  
you ever asked yourself  
why? If you do some in-  
trospection, you might find  
yourself disliking them  
less than you think. Dogs  
should be on leashes for  
your safety and theirs.  
Next time you encounter  
a dog, just try and ignore  
it and continue on your  
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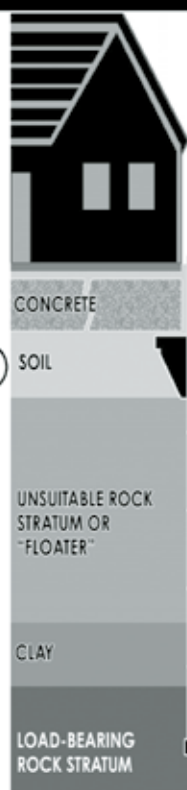
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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Caution, danger ahead

East dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ J 8 4 2  
♥ K J 7 2  
♦ A K 8 6  
♣ J

**WEST**  
♠ Q 10 6 3  
♥ A 4  
♦ J 10 5 3  
♣ Q 6 3

**EAST**  
♠ 5  
♥ 6 5  
♦ Q 9 4  
♣ A K 10 9 8 5 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K 9 7  
♥ Q 10 9 8 3  
♦ 7 2  
♣ 7 4

The bidding:  
East 3♣ Pass  
South Pass 4♥  
West Pass  
North Dble

Opening lead — three of clubs.

There is no doubt that some hands are much harder to play than others. For example, suppose you're in four hearts in this deal and West leads a club to East's king, whereupon East shifts to the six of spades, taken by you with the ace.

If you tend to be a complacent declarer, you might easily lose four tricks. If you lead a trump at trick three, which seems the natural thing to do, West takes the ace and returns a low spade, which East ruffs. Whatever East returns. West still has a spade trick coming, and you finish down one.

If you are a more cautious soul, though, you make the contract. Since there is a strong possibility that East's spade return at trick two is a singleton, you should try to cover that contingency.

Upon winning the spade, you should first cash the A-K of diamonds, ruff a diamond, ruff your remaining club and ruff dummy's last diamond. Then — and only then — do you lead a trump.

West will probably go up with the ace and give his partner a spade ruff for his side's third trick, but the big difference is that East now has only clubs left and must lead one! This allows you to ruff in one hand while you discard a spade from the other, thereby eliminating your remaining spade loser.

The hand demonstrates an important principle of declarer play. When the available clues indicate that the contract is in danger if declarer follows a particular line of play, he should pause to consider whether there is any way to protect himself against that threat.

Those who play too quickly occasionally have to pay the piper.

Tomorrow: Once in a lifetime.  
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2	1							4
		3	2	5				
			4			2	8	1
				7	9			2
1							8	
5	3	9					4	6
				6			7	4
8	7				4	3		9
3	1	4	9					5

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

ANSWER:

### Happily Uncomfortable Moon

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Acknowledge the good you are doing, which will be substantial, even as it is very small. You cannot predict the ultimate result of a ripple which may very well be immeasurable.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You wouldn't normally point out the ways you make another person's life easier; however, note it to yourself. Later, you will want to ask for something, and it will give you a confident footing to remember the good you've done.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** People going out of their way to work with you or be with you is about the biggest compliment you could receive. Even so, it could take extra effort and attention, perhaps more than you feel you have.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You appreciate and are inspired by the interesting ways people around you have changed through their commitments. You'll double-down on one of your goals as you see how this will keep you growing as a person.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Some jobs come complete with performance metrics that you can measure yourself next to, but most of the jobs and roles require you to come up with your own bars to hit. You'll decide what matters and check yourself today.

## Tomorrow's Horoscope

### VIRGO BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

**GO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** What you do for duty is impressive, but what you do out of curiosity, love, challenge, integrity, hustle or sheer initiative is the stuff that makes you unique and interesting.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You're a valued contributor and an asset to the group. That's why you'll be invited to the table so to speak. Accept the honor or with gratitude but not so much gratitude that it seems like you're not sure you belong there.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Before, you felt like you were steadily accomplishing what needed doing. Now, because you got used to hitting a certain level, you may have gotten desensitized to your own evidence of progress.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Limitations spark untold creativity. So, don't be afraid to take on a strange challenge or a project with a difficult deadline or an impossible co-worker. Such things will bring out your best.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** In order



to finish a thing, you have to first know where you're starting. With goals that are too big, or without mentors or examples, this is a problem.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** The essence of strength is knowing what to give your soft heart of care to, and staying solid and upright about anything not in that category. Because those who care too much about everything are, essentially, weak.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Keep track of your success, if only privately. It reminds you that you have been effective and will be again. It breeds confidence. And it gets you ready to make a case for yourself when the opportunity comes up.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 12).** You'll get a tremendously satisfying start to this solar return. As you do what you most enjoy, you will be paid well and in many forms. You'll get to the bottom of a mystery and then launch right into a new one. You are so adept at figuring things out that your talents will be enlisted. There's heal-

ing in October. Libra and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 4, 39, 1 and 3.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION:** "Holiday, how do you decide the lucky numbers for the birthday date? I have been interested in numbers for the past eight years and have found a very strong presence with them in the past three years. I noticed on my birthday that the lucky numbers were scarily accurate for my personal life. I'm so intrigued by numbers, and it's really hard to find others with whom to communicate this fascination. I've been trying to put all the pieces together to gain clarity and perhaps see what the numbers are trying to communicate to me. Where do you recommend I start to unravel this beckoning mystery?"

I intuit the numbers for the birthday. I recommend that you unravel the mystery where it is born, inside of your intuition. To effectively interpret omens, the biggest obstacle to get past is the one that tells you that other people know more about what it means than you do. We are born with intuition. Young children have quite a lot of it. It slowly goes away the more we adopt society's way of seeing things instead of trusting the mysterious deep that lives inside us. More on this tomorrow.

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- WASH FINGERNAILS AND FINGERTIPS**
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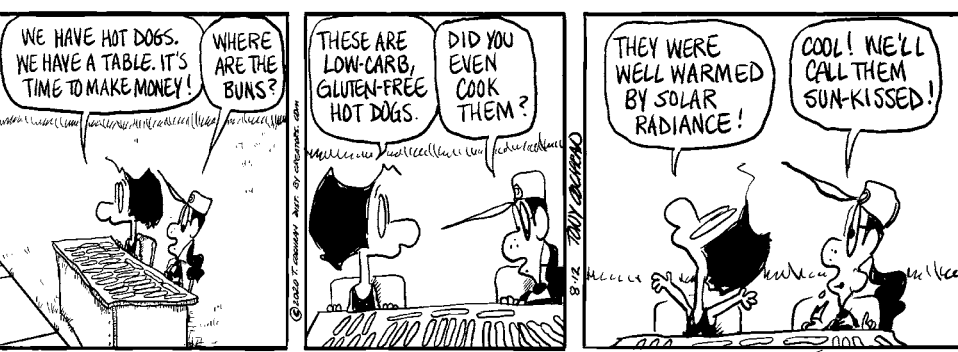


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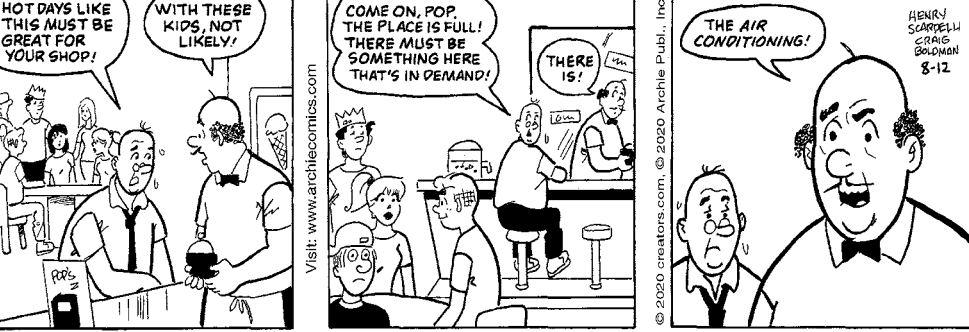
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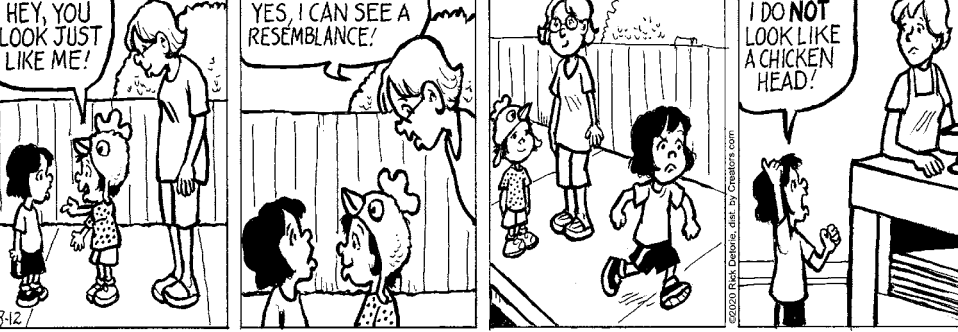
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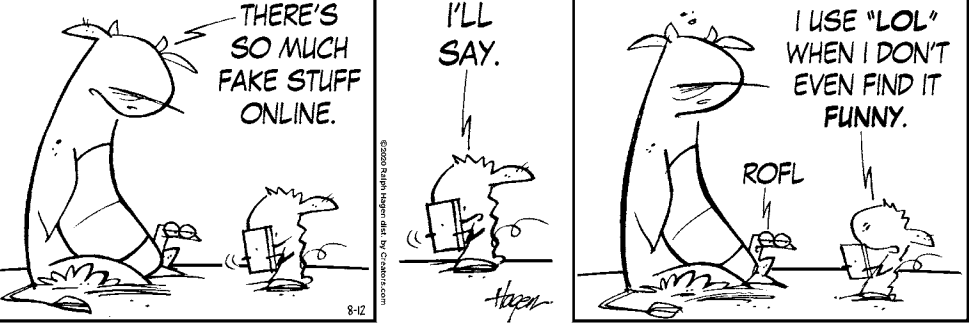
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 12, the 225th day of 2020. There are 141 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On August 12, 2017, a car plowed into a crowd of people peacefully protesting a white nationalist rally in the Virginia college town of Charlottesville, killing 32-year-old Heather Heyer and hurting more than a dozen others. (The attacker, James Alex Fields, was sentenced to life in prison on 29 federal hate crime charges, and life plus 419 years on state charges.) President Donald Trump condemned what he called an "egregious display of hatred, bigotry and violence on many sides." On this date: In 1867, President Andrew Johnson sparked a move to impeach him as he defied Congress by suspending Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton, with whom he had clashed over Reconstruction policies. (Johnson was acquitted by the Senate.) In 1902, International Harvester Co. was formed by a merger of McCormick Harvesting Machine Co., Deering Harvester Co. and several other manufacturers. In 1909, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, home to the Indianapolis 500, first opened. In 1939, the MGM movie musical "The Wizard of Oz," starring Judy Garland, had its world premiere at the Strand Theater in Oconomowoc (oh-KAH'-noh-moh-wahk), Wisconsin, three days before opening in Hollywood. In 1944, during World War II, Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., eldest son of Joseph and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, was killed with his co-pilot when their explosives-laden Navy plane blew up over England. In 1953, the Soviet Union conducted a secret test of its first hydrogen bomb. In 1981, IBM introduced its first personal computer, the model 5150, at a press conference in New York. In 1985, the world's worst single-aircraft disaster occurred as a crippled Japan Airlines Boeing 747 on a domestic flight crashed into a mountain, killing 520 people. (Four people survived.) In 2000, the Russian nuclear submarine Kursk and its 118-man crew were lost during

naval exercises in the Barents Sea. In 2004, New Jersey Gov. James E. McGreevey announced his resignation and acknowledged that he'd had an extramarital affair with another man. In 2009, guitar virtuoso Les Paul died in White Plains, New York, at 94. In 2013, James "Whitey" Bulger, the feared Boston mob boss who became one of the nation's most-wanted fugitives, was convicted in a string of 11 killings and dozens of other gangland crimes, many of them committed while he was said to be an FBI informant. (Bulger was sentenced to life; he was fatally beaten at a West Virginia prison in 2018, hours after being transferred from a facility in Florida.) Ten years ago: General Motors Co. chief Ed Whitacre announced he was stepping down as CEO on September 1, 2010, saying his mission was accomplished as the company reported its second straight quarterly profit. (Whitacre was succeeded as CEO by GM board member Daniel Akerson.) Five years ago: Islamic State sympathizers circulated an image that appeared to show the body of a Croatian hostage abducted in Egypt, the first such killing of a foreign captive since the extremist group established a branch in the Arab country. Deadly warehouse blasts in the Chinese port city of Tianjin claimed 165 lives. Former President Jimmy Carter announced he had been diagnosed with cancer following recent liver surgery. One year ago: A whistleblower complaint bearing this date stated: "In the course of my official duties, I have received information from multiple U.S. Government officials that the President of the United States is using the power of his office to solicit interference from a foreign country in the 2020 U.S. election." (The complaint was addressed to Sen. Richard Burr, R-N.C., chairman of the Senate Select Committee on

Intelligence, and Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; it did not reach them until Sept. 25.) The Trump administration said it was moving ahead with one of its most aggressive steps to restrict legal immigration: denying green cards to many migrants who use Medicaid, food stamps,

housing vouchers or other forms of public assistance. Today's Birthdays: Actor George Hamilton is 81. Actor Dana Ivey is 79. Actor Jennifer Warren is 79. Rock singer-musician Mark Knopfler (Dire Straits) is 71. Actor Jim Beaver is 70. Singer Kid Creole is 70. Jazz musician Pat Metheny is 66. Actor Sam J. Jones is 66. Actor Bruce

Greenwood is 64. Country singer Danny Shirley is 64. Pop musician Roy Hay (Culture Club) is 59. Rapper Sir Mix-A-Lot is 57. Actor Peter Krause (KROW'-zuh) is 55. Actor Brent Sexton is 53. International Tennis Hall of Famer Pete Sampras is 49. Actor-comedian Michael Ian Black is 49. Actor Yvette Nicole Brown is 49. Actor

Rebecca Gayheart is 49. Actor Casey Affleck is 45. Rock musician Bill Uechi is 45. Actor Maggie Lawson is 40. Actor Dominique Swain is 40. Actor Leah Pipes is 32. Actor Lakeith Stanfield is 29. NBA All-Star Khris Middleton is 29. Actor Cara Delevingne (DEHL'-eh-veen) is 28. Actor Imani Hakim is 27.

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**ACROSS**

- Ventilation passageway
- Hang around
- High-five sounds
- Fully qualified
- Spare in the trunk
- Craft that's paddled
- Lion's comment
- No longer of use, euphemistically
- Island of Australia
- Surgical ctrs.
- Blvd. crossers, often
- Prescription-approving agcy.
- Accompanies on an outing
- Spumante wine
- Tell a whopper
- Sigh of relaxation
- Bank customer, in brief
- "I pass," in poker
- Golden Rule preposition
- Brit's farewell
- Italian designer brand
- Distort, as data
- High school math
- "You're not talk!"
- Get by working
- "Where did wrong?"
- Curved path
- Social standard
- Admit defeat
- Resort with hot springs
- Baba

**DOWN**

- School semester
- Instruction that stays in force
- Shinbone
- Operatic solo
- Up to now
- More common than rare
- Cowhand's rope
- Hill-building bug
- Luau side dish
- Full collection
- Essay on one's intentions
- Toward the rear on a ship
- Vote into office
- Inept beginner
- "Baked" side dish, informally
- Demonstrated
- Antlered grazer
- Home's storage area
- Container ship's load
- Pound fraction
- Prior to AD
- Software purchaser
- Sea off Greece
- Grain in granola
- Computer cord
- Took without asking
- Jumped
- Florida Keys, for example
- "Scat!"
- Farm industry oversight org.
- Prickly seed cover
- Director DuVernay or actress Gardner
- Pirate's liquor
- "Quiet!"

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Answer to previous puzzle

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POOR	LEARN	NOVA
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# Witten 'invigorated' by new opportunity with Raiders

By **JOSH DUBOW**

AP Pro Football Writer

After following Jon Gruden into the "Monday Night Football" booth didn't work out as well as Jason Witten expected, the veteran tight end hopes playing for Gruden leads to more success.

Witten made the move to Las Vegas this offseason to join the Raiders following 16 seasons with Dallas interrupted by the one year in the ESPN booth.

"I'm invigorated by this challenge and where I'm at in my career," Witten said Monday. "It made a lot of sense from the fit, the role and the presence that I could have. I didn't really overthink it and it's just a great opportunity to go in there and compete and I'm very fortunate for that, and I'll challenge myself to play at a high level even where my age is and it's been a lot of fun for me."

The 38-year-old Witten pointed to the success Gruden had with older

players in his first stint with the Raiders when players like Jerry Rice, Rich Gannon, Albert Lewis and Eric Allen all had late-career revivals.

Witten knows he was signed almost as much for his veteran presence as his on-field contributions that have him fourth in NFL history in receptions with 1,215, trailing only Rice, Larry Fitzgerald and Tony Gonzalez.

"So much of the tight end position is kind of all of the little nuances that go into allowing you to be successful in the run game, pass protection and route running," he said. "I've been fortunate to stay healthy and find ways to be savvy enough to still have an edge to you. So, just be there to share my experiences, certainly on the field, communicate as a veteran player and whatever that role evolves to."

Witten is filling that role by addressing the team at a meeting last week and serving as a good example in practice with his preparation.

Even though he joked that he has only mastered the first 1,000 pages of

Gruden's playbook and still has about 9,000 to go, Witten is already up to speed.

"Jon has done a couple of walk-throughs and drills where he tried to just throw multiple formations at Witten and multiple shifts and motions to see where he was at, and there were no mental errors on Jason's part," offensive coordinator Greg Olson said. "So a true pro."

Witten joins a crowded tight end room for the Raiders led by last year's breakout star Darren Waller, who was second in among NFL tight ends last season with 1,145 yards receiving on 90 catches.

Foster Moreau added five TD catches as a rookie before missing the final three games with a knee injury and the versatile Derek Carrier also is in the mix.

When the Cowboys decided not to pursue Witten this offseason, the Raiders made their move with a one-year contract worth a guaranteed \$4 million.

How much he can add as a receiver remains to be seen. He had 63 catches for 529 yards last season in his return from the failed one-year hiatus as an analyst for ESPN, averaging a career-low 8.4 yards per reception.

There's not much history of tight ends thriving at Witten's age. Only two tight ends who began the season at age 38 or older since the merger have ever caught even a single pass with Antonio Gates having 28 in 2018 and Benjamin Watson recording 17 last season.

"I knew I wanted to play," he said. "I felt like I could come back and with the right fit and with the right role, could still help a team win some games. That's when the Raiders became available and I'm just really excited to be here and kind of dive in with this talented team. It's a really talented roster, it's young, and I'm going to come in and be a veteran for them. It's been off to a good start, we have a lot of work to do."

# Big Ten, Pac-12 pull plug on fall football amid pandemic

By **RALPH D. RUSSO**

AP College Football Writer

The Big Ten and Pac-12 won't play football this fall because of concerns about COVID-19, taking two of college football's five power conferences out of a crumbling season amid the pandemic.

Less than an hour after the Big Ten's announcement, the Pac-12 called a news conference to discuss a meeting with its universities' presidents.

Two people involved in the Pac-12's decision told The Associated Press the season would be postponed until the spring, along with all fall sports. The people spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the conference was still planning an official announcement.

The Big Ten's announcement comes six days after the conference that includes historic programs such as Ohio State, Michigan, Nebraska and Penn State had released a revised conference-only football schedule that it hoped would help it navigate a fall season with potential COVID-19 disruptions.

Instead, all fall sports in the Big Ten have been called off and a spring season will be explored.

The decision was monumental but not a surprise. Speculation has run rampant for several days that the Big Ten was moving toward this decision. On Monday, coaches throughout the conference tried to push back the tide, publicly pleading for more time and threatening to look elsewhere for games this fall.

"The mental and physical health and welfare of

our student-athletes has been at the center of every decision we have made regarding the ability to proceed forward," Big Ten Commissioner Kevin Warren said in a statement. "As time progressed and after hours of discussion with our Big Ten Task Force for Emerging Infectious Diseases and the Big Ten Sports Medicine Committee, it became abundantly clear that there was too much uncertainty regarding potential medical risks to allow our student-athletes to compete this fall."

Warren took over as commissioner from Jim Delany at the start of this year. A former longtime executive in the NFL, Warren walked into an unprecedented problem for college sports.

During an interview on the Big Ten Network, Warren was pressed on whether the decision was unanimous across the conferences and if Big Ten teams could still try to play a fall season, as some coaches suggested Monday.

Warren declined to answer. "We are very disappointed in the decision by the Big Ten Conference to postpone the fall football season, as we have been and continue to be ready to play," University of Nebraska leadership said in a statement.

Ohio State athletic director Gene Smith said the Buckeyes would have preferred to play.

"I wish we would have had a little more time to evaluate," Smith told Big Ten Network.

Over the last month, conferences have been reworking schedules in the hopes of being able to buy

some time and play a season. The Big Ten was the first to go to conference-only play, doing it in early July.

The Pac-12 followed two days later and eventually all the Power Five conferences switched to either all conference play or mostly.

The first FBS conference to pull the plug on a fall season was the Mid-American Conference on Saturday, and then the Mountain West did the same on Monday.

But those conferences don't have the revenue, reach and history of the Big Ten, which seemed positioned to pour resources into trying to protect their athletes from getting and spreading COVID-19.

The Big Ten touts itself as the oldest college athletic conference in the country, dating back to 1896 when it was called the Western Conference, and its schools have been playing football ever since. It became the Big Ten in 1918 and grew into a football powerhouse.

The 14 Big Ten schools span from Maryland and Rutgers on the East Coast to Iowa and Nebraska out west. Not only has it been one of the most successful conferences on the field but off the field it has become one of the wealthiest.

The Big Ten, with its lucrative television network, distributes about \$50 million per year to its members.

The Pac-12's members are in Arizona, California, Colorado, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

# Ruling keeps NCAA from limiting some athlete compensation

By **JESSICA GRESKO and MITCH STACY**

Associated Press

A court decision the NCAA says will hurt college sports by allowing certain student-athletes to be paid "vast sums" of money as "educational expenses" will go into effect after the Supreme Court declined Tuesday to intervene at this point.

Justice Elena Kagan denied the NCAA's request to put a lower court ruling on hold at least temporarily while the NCAA asks the Supreme Court to take up the case. It plans to do so by mid-October.

Kagan declined to put on hold a ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. In May it upheld a lower-court ruling prohibiting the NCAA from limiting compensation for education-related expenses for student-athletes. The ruling applies to athletes in Division I football and basketball programs.

The NCAA said the ruling "effectively created a pay-for-play system for all student-athletes, allowing them to be paid both 'unlimited' amounts for participating in 'internships'" and an additional \$5,600 or more each year they remain eligible to play their sport.

The ruling allows Division I conferences to still independently set rules for education-related compensation provided to student-athletes.

Donald Remy, the NCAA's chief legal officer, said in a statement

Tuesday that the NCAA's Division I Council will meet Wednesday to "put in place an immediate implementation plan." Remy said that given the "adverse impact" of the appeals court's decision and despite Kagan declining to put it on hold, the NCAA still plans to ask the Supreme Court to take the case.

Jeffrey L. Kessler, an attorney for the student-athletes who sued, cheered Kagan's decision.

"We are delighted that the athletes will soon be able to receive the many education related benefits that the injunction will permit. This is the start of a fair and just system to reward these athletes who put their bodies

on the line to generate hundreds of millions of dollars for their schools," Kessler said in a statement. He represents former West Virginia football player Shawne Alston and other student-athletes who sued.

In seeking to have Kagan put the appeals court's decision on hold, the NCAA's lawyer, Seth Waxman, wrote that allowing schools to pay student athletes "vast sums on the pretense that they are for an 'internship'" or awards for remaining eligible to play "will eradicate the distinction between college and professional athletes, causing many consumers to lose interest as college sports are perceived as just another minor league."

The decision is another victory for those who

want college athletes compensated beyond just a scholarship, and there are more changes coming on that front. The NCAA is in the process of changing its rules to permit athletes to be compensated for the use of their names, images and likenesses. That should open opportunities for athletes to be paid for endorsement and sponsorship deals, for appearances and for promoting products or events on social media accounts.

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