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Public Hearing on proposed City budget 2020-2021 Aug. 25 5:30 p.m. City Council Chambers

Public Hearing on proposed County budget 2020-2021 Aug. 24 3:30 p.m. Howard County **Courthouse**

BSISD returns to class today

Toasty Tuesday every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Coahoma Lion's Club Trade Day & City Wide Garage Sale *Sept. 26* 8 - 5 p.m.

Howard County Fair **CANCELLED**

Joyful Season Sept. 18-20 Howard County Fair Barn

Howard College Trustees call special meeting for Thursday

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

A special meeting of the Howard College Board of Trustees has been called for Thursday in the Fireplace Room inside the Student Union building on the Howard College campus. Before convening for the special meeting, Trustees will take part in Board Planning to Budgeting to Student Success as part of the Budget Workshop. The discussion will surround strategic goals, who will make it happen, where will we make it happen, how will we make it happen and preliminary budget preparation. The workshop will follow an Executive Session where Trustees



Howard College Board of Trustees will meet of the public hearings, Dr. Cher-Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Room yl Sparks will provide the board for a special meeting.

will discuss personnel.

Once the board convenes for the regular session, the meeting will open with the invocation and recognition of guests. Communication to the Board will open the meeting before Trustees hear new business.

Regarding the district's visioning and future directions, the preliminary 2020-2021 budgets for Howard College and SWCD will be discussed, along with the tax rate. After discussion on the two items, Trustees will look at scheduling the Budget and Tax HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat Hearings. Following the setting with the Open Howard College

Update and any happenings that have taken place since the last meeting

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Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair 2020 has been postponed until April 2021 the pandemic and with low

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

As with many other activities this past year, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce 2020 Health Fair was cancelled. Originally set to take place on April 4, due to restrictions on crowd size and nationwide efforts to slow the spread, the decision was made to reschedule the health fair until April 10, 2021.

"While we are disappointed in not being able to hold the health fair this year, we want to do our part to Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, said. "As a

committee we feel this is the best option for our community as we work together to slow the spread."

The committee has evaluated the situation at the onset of

HERALD file photo

help slow the spread and The 2020 annual Chamber of Commerce Health We are looking forward to welkeep our vendors and the Fair was postponed until 2021, due to the current coming them back next year, community safe," Debbye pandemic. More information will be released at the along with other local health ValVerde, Big Spring Area beginning of 2021 for those wanting to be a vendor. care organizations," she said.

"We are thankful to those vendors who had already signed up for this year's health fair and have been in contact with those businesses.

numbers in the community,

the plan was to move the

health fair to August or Sep-

tember. However, with the

rising case numbers, state

mandate on masks and the

uncertainty still surround-

ing the virus and the state of

the pandemic, the Health Fair

Committee decided it was in

the best interest of the com-

munity to hold off on the event

until next year.

"The committee will continue

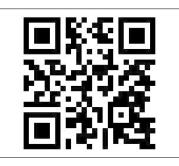
to monitor the situation and begin planning later this year when hopefully more information is released on how to

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The Sun Sets on Postal Worker Shanks career

By NATALIE PERMENTER

Herald Contributing Writer

Postal workers provide a vital essential service to this nation's critical infrastructure by delivering the items our citizens need such as government checks, groceries, medicine and other supplies. Our nation's over 600,000 postal workers keep on working no matter the circumstance - even in the face of hurricanes, earthquakes, severe weather, wildfires, and now, the crisis brought on by COVID-19. One of these frontline heroes is Jimmy Shanks, who retired July 17 after 25 years of service.

Mr. Shanks started his 25 year career at the General Mail Facility in Midland Texas, where he worked for two years. Then, he transferred to the Big Spring Office and spent another two years as a clerk. After that, he became a city carrier and has faithfully served in that position for 21 years.

COVID-19 cast a shadow on his final work days, like with many other essential workers trying to retire during this time.

"My original retirement date was April 30,2020," Shanks said. "I decided to work longer, to have the economy rebound."

He went on to discuss how his deliveries dramatically changed

due to the pandemic. "I had some businesses that have remained closed and only done business through the internet and phone," he said. "Some restaurants have not opened their dining rooms yet. I had some doctor's offices that I would knock on the door and they came and got the mail and I did not enter the office. I had several businesses that required a mask and I had to have my temperature checked before going in."

According to Shanks, what he delivered has changed dramatically in 21 years.

"Letter deliveries have declined and packages have increased," he said. "People have the ability to



Jimmy Shanks recently retired after serv ing the United States Postal Service for 25 years.



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Obituaries

George W. Harwood George W Harwood, 83 of Big Spring went to be

with the Lord on Aug. 14, 2020, at his residence, surrounded by his three sons.

He was born Nov. 4, 1936, in Hampton Virginia. On Nov. 7, 1998, he married Katie McAdams at Midway Baptist Church. He served in the Air Force from 1955 until he retired in 1978. He then went to work for the Big Spring Veterans Hospital in 1979 until he retired in 2005.

George was preceded in death by his father, JB Harwood II; mother, Ida Harwood; wife, Katie Harwood; brothers, Burleigh Harwood III, Donny Harwood; sister, Louise Carter and

grandson, John Stowers III. Those left to honor his memory are his two brothBig Spring; Jeff and his wife Julie of Big Spring; and Chris Harwood and his wife Joanne of Lubbock; daughter, Cindy Stovall of Big Spring; seven grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. A viewing for family and friends will be Wednes-

ers, Bruce and his wife Phyllis Harwood of Dover,

DE; David and his wife Tina of Hampton VA; sis-

ter, Henrietta Harwood of Hampton VA; three

sons, George Harwood JR. and his wife Dianne of

day, Aug. 19 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. The Celebration of life Service will be Aug. 20,

2020, at 2 p.m., at Midway Baptist Church. You will live in our hearts and be forever missed.

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

Paid Obituary

Bonnie M. Long, 90, of Big Spring passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2020. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

• 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 5th grade are encouraged to stop by and find out more about cub scouting.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity since Monday, Aug. 17:

- MANUEL DRIVE MATA, 33, of 1902 Morrison Drive, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest/detention. ADRIAN JAVIER HER-
- NANDEZ, 33, of 508 Father Delaney Street, was arrested on a warrant - other agency.
- GABRIEL GARCIA RIOS, 59, of 4115 Dixon Street, was arrested on a charge of assault family violence threat or offensive
- **STEVEN SISTOS**, 41, of 2005 S Monticello Street, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest/detention with a vehicle or watercraft.
- NEAL LAVALE SAMPLE, 26, of 2621 Chanute, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance penalty group three (less than 28 grams), fraudulent possession/use of credit or debit card, warrant - other agency (x2), fraudulent use/possession of identifying information (less than 5 items), forgery of a government financial instru-

ment, assault causes bodily injury to family member, criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750) (x2), and unauthorized motor vehicle.

MARCOS CHAVERA JR, 35,

- of 1111 Mulberry Avenue, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief impairment/interruption/divert public water. JOSE MANUEL JIMENEZ
- III, 24, of 803 Rosemont Street, was arrested on charges of aggravated assault - with a deadly weapon (x4). THOMAS LEROY BYRUM,
- 42, of 2600 Coronado Avenue, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- RAY MARTIN RODRI-GUEZ, 26, of 110 10th Street, Levelland, Texas, was arrested on a charge of failure to identify giving false/fictitious information.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 4000 block of Dixon Street; 700 block of 16th Street.
- HARASSMENT was reported in the 1100 block of S Johnson
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 700 block of E

11th Place; 1600 block of Cardinal Street: 1400 block of Lincoln Avenue; 2900 block of Old Highway **DISTURBANCE** was re-

- ported in the 1400 block of E 6th Street; 800 block of Rosemont Street; 2900 block of W Highway
- FOUND PROPERTY was reported in the area of McEwen/ Ridgeroad.
- THEFT was reported in the 600 block of Washington Boulevard; in the area of 176-Americo Energy; 1100 block of Mulberry Avenue.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 500 block of E Culp Avenue; 3800 block of Bethel Drive.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at 800 block of N Lamesa Highway; 500 block of N Birdwell Drive.
- CRIMINAL ACTIVITY was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Road.
- ASSUALT was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this report.

• ALBERT AGUILAR, 75, was arrested by BSPD on charges of public intoxication and criminal tres-

- JAMES LEWIS BABB, 41, was arrested by HCSO on charges of motion to adjudicate/assault to family/household member impeding breath circulation, bondsman off bail/aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, bondsman off bail/criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750).
- EDWARD JOSEPH BATEMAN, 29, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of order of modified condition of court order.
- MICKY JEAUX-ROWDY CLARY, 31, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- ASHANTI DESARIE DAVIS, 33, was arrested by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated and bondman off bond/possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).
- CARL EDWARD DUHAMEL, 42, was arrested by BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to one gram less than four grams). • **GABRIEL GARCIA RIOS**, 59, was arrested by
- BSPD on a charge of assault family violence threat or contact under. • RANDI DAHNAGERSTENBERGER, 30, was
- arrested by BSPD on charges of theft property (\$100 to \$750) and criminal trespass. • ADRIAN JAVIER HERNANDEZ, 33, was ar-
- rested by BSPD on a charge of parole violation. • EDWARD MARTINEZ, 32, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of criminal trespass habitation/
- shelter/superfund/infrastructure. • MANUEL JUNIOR MATA, 33, was arrested by BSPD on charges of evading arrest detention, speeding over limit, and failure to maintain finan-

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- **NEAL LAVALE SAMPLE**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on charges of assault causes bodily injury family member, criminal mischief (\$100 to #\$750), bail jumping and failure to appear (x2), possession of a controlled substance penalty group three (less than 28 grams), fraud possession/use credit or debit card information, fraud use/possession identifying information # items five, forgery government/national inst/money.
- STEVEN SISTOS, 41, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of evading arrest detention with a vehicle.
- ROCKY ZARRAGA, 38, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of motion to adjudicate/evading arrest detention with a vehicle.
- THOMAS LEROY BYRUM, 42, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- MARCOS CHAVERA JR, 35, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief impairment/interruption/divert public water.
- GABRIEL GARCIA RIOS, 59, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of assault family violence threat or offensive touch.
- JOSE MANUEL JIMENEZ III, 24, was arrested by BSPD on charges on aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (x2). • RAY MARTIN RODRIGUEZ, 26, was arrested
- by HCSO on a charge of failure to identify giving false/fictitious information. • **NEAL LAVALE SAMPLE**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on charges of assault causes bodily injury to
- family member, criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750), bail jumping and failure to appear (x2), possession of a controlled substance penalty group three (less than 28 grams), fraudulent possession/use of credit or debit card, fraudulent use/possession of identifying information, forgery of a government/ national instrument/money, and unauthorized use of vehicle.

• STEVEN SISTOS, 41, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of evading ar-

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- 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 Lu-
- theran 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.

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

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity: • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1900

- block of Runnels. No transport was required. MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 700 block
- of NW 10th. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 500 block
- of W 17th. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 500 block of Abrams. One person was transported to Scenic
- Mountain Medical Center. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of E 15th. One person was transported to
- Scenic Mountain Medical Center. MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to
- Scenic Mountain Medical Center. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3700 block of Wright. One person was transported to
- Scenic Mountain Medical Center. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 700 block of S Gregg. No transport was required.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1100 block of N Lamesa. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1100 block of Ridge Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the area of Birdwell and Hill Top. No transport was required.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3200 block of E 11th Place. No transport was required. MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 200 block
- of W Marcy Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1800
- block of N Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to
- Scenic Mountain Medical Center. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2400
- block of Alabama. No transport was required. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1800 block of N Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1400 block of Hilltop Road. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Hunter Drive. No transport was required.

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Weather



Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 99. Calm wind becoming east around 5 mph in the morning.

Tonight: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 70. East wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 10%.

Thursday: Partly sunny and hot, with a high near 100. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 73.

Friday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 101.

Friday Night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around

Saturday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 100.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 73.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 99.

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

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a couple weeks ago.

As part of the President's Report, Dr. Sparks will inform the Board of Trustees of upcoming activities and announce recognitions, which is one of the routine agenda items for the Howard College Board of

In order to keep the board informed regarding board education and development opportunities, Dr. Sparks will provide legislative and general updates, before addressing Trustee training updates. Recently, Ben Zeichick was appointed to fill a trustee vacancy seat, upon the departure of Emma Krabill - former SMMC CEO. As a new trustee, Zeichick still needs to complete certain

trainings to be up to date. He will serve in the role for the remainder of Krabill's term until the Nov. 3 election. Before the meeting adjourns, the trustees will discuss meeting evaluation and future agenda items. Those wanting to attend the meeting can do so by calling the tele-confrence

line at 1-888-204-5987 and use access code 3148424#.

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The Truth of the Gospel

or the hope which is specific to their practices, creeds laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel." Colossians 1:5 How many truths are

there in existence today; how many gospels, how many Christ's? There is only one truth because there is only one gospel and only one Christ. The purpose of truth

is to deliver us from religion by conducting us to Christ. **SLOAN** I have observed that

each religion works feverishly to proclaim that they are the only ones who possess the truth. Without

exception, each religious organization says that they are the only ones who possess the truth, and consequently, teach that their religion is the only way to God. When I reflect on this humanistic

phenomenon (yes, I said humanistic), I remember that Acts 4:12 says - Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Today, there are over

4,000 religions in exis-

Each of these religions have their own rituals, dogmas, formalities, methods, traditions and works which are very

and doctrines. Which of these more than 4,000 religions is the true one? Which of these is the true way to

And, do we possess sufficient discernment to choose the exact true

religion? And, what happens if we choose wrong? All of this would be so overwhelmingly frustrating and discour-

aging were it not for one person – the

Lord Jesus. He is the Lamb of God. He is the only true way to God. He is the one and only true forgiver, saviour, blesser and sanctifier.

The truth of the gospel of Christ delivers us from our confusion, frustration, anger and unbelief because He saves us from our sin. Are you overwhelmed by religion?

Well, let me give you some good news - God is not religious. God is God and He is not in the business of approving religious or-

ganizations. When God said - this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased - He approved the only approvable per-

And on the cross, this approved Jesus said...

...it is finished.

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Jimmy Storey, 76, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Gerald Verba, 68, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Odilia Granados. 78, died Sunday. Private graveside services will be at 10:00 AM Wednesday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Leighrene Kohl, 82, Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Linda Best, 69, died

Sunday. The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will at 2:00PMWednesday at the St. Paul Lutheran Church with burial at the Coahoma Cemetery.

proceed into the new year." For those local health care organi-

zations, providers and businesses who are interested in taking part, contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce to get more information on how to take part. Booth registration will pick back up again towards the end of this year. Information will be released as it is made available to ensure adequate time for vendors to prepare.

"We appreciate the community support, and we encourage those want-

ing to stay up to date on health fair media outlets."

The committee is also working on a plan to highlight some of the healthcare businesses and service providers in the community in an effort to keep the community healthy during

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information to follow the Big Spring and Howard County Health Fair Facebook page," ValVerde said. "The committee will update information through the Facebook page and local

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order most any item from any store online and have them delivered to their front door. Since the Corona Virus, more people are ordering everyday items from local stores, like dog food, toilet paper, paper towels."

Shanks went on to discuss what he will miss and not miss about his job. He commented that he will miss the good people he worked with and the inter- I esting people and good friends that he met on his I mail route. He will not miss working in the hot and cold weather and the nine to ten mile walk on his route everyday. Shanks also commented that he felt lucky because he has only been bitten twice by a dog in his career as a city carrier.

Shanks went on to discuss his retirement plans. "My wife Sandy and I plan to travel to see our three children and our two grandchildren more," he said. We also enjoy going on cruises."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

Glasscock County Independent School District will hold a public GCISD Board Room in the Administration Building _. 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.

0.96640 _/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations) Approved by Local Voters /\$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 _ % (decrease) % increase or 11.8 % (decrease) Debt service _% increase or Total expenditures % (decrease) % increase or Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

Total appraised value* of all property Total appraised value* of new property* Total taxable value*** of all property Total taxable value*** of new property**

\$___4,903,803,890.00

Preceding Tax Year \$ 4,899,719,850.00 1,198,574.00 501,487.00 4,281,655,941.00 4,272,349,812.00 1,025,595.00 431,041.00

"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* \$

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates Maintenance Interest

Local Revenue State Revenue Per Student 0.1000წ Last Year's Rate 0.97000 1.07000 **Rate to Maintain Same** Level of Maintenance & **Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service Proposed Rate**

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

Average Market Value of Residences 77,091.00 75,560.00 Average Taxable Value of Residences 53.295.00 53.829.00 Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value Taxes Due on Average Residence 575.97 580.92 Increase (Decrease) in Taxes -4.95

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

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.

 $Notice of Rollback \, Rate: \, The \, highest \, tax \, rate \, the \, district \, can \, adopt \, before \, requiring \, voter \, approval \, at \, an \, adopt \, before \, requiring \, voter \, approval \, at \, an \, adopt \, before \, requiring \, voter \, approval \, at \, an \, adopt \, before \, requiring \, voter \, approval \, at \, an \, adopt \, before \, requiring \, voter \, approval \, at \, an \, adopt \, before \, requiring \, voter \, approval \, at \, an \, adopt \, before \, requiring \, voter \, approval \, at \, an \, adopt \, before \, requiring \, voter \, approval \, at \, an \, adopt \, before \, requiring \, voter \, approval \, at \, an \, adopt \, before \, requiring \, voter \, approval \, at \, adopt \, before \, requiring \, voter \, approval \, at \, adopt \, before \, requiring \, voter \, approval \, at \, adopt \, before \, requiring \, voter \, adopt \, adopt$. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts 1.07000 a rate in excess of the rollback rate of

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:

> 2,108,949 Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)

\$ 9,104,349

Texas becomes 4th state to surpass 10,000 virus deaths

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas surpassed 10,000 confirmed coronavirus deaths Monday as the lingering toll of a massive summer outbreak continues, and health experts expressed concerns that recent encouraging trends could be fragile as schools begin reopening for 5 million students across the

Roughly four in every five of those deaths were reported after June 1. Texas embarked on one of the fastest reopenings in the country in May before an ensuing surge in cases led Republican Gov. Greg Abbott to backtrack and impose a statewide mask order. August has seen an improving outlook, although Texas officials are now concerned that not enough people are seeking tests.

The Texas Department of State Health Services reported 51 new deaths Monday, along with more than 2,700 new cases, Numbers are typically lower on Monday due to reporting lags over the weekends.

Texas joins New York, New Jersey and California as the other states to surpass 10,000 coronavirus deaths. Florida is also approaching the grim milestone.

Hundreds new deaths have been reported daily in Texas over recent weeks, dampening otherwise positive signs that include hospitalizations falling off by the thousands since July and the rate of positive cases on the decline. Many of the most recent deaths reported actually occurred weeks ago since Texas doesn't add them to the state's tally until death certificates are filed.

Abbott is now urging Texans not to grow complacent as the numbers improve and schools and universities reopen. Already elsewhere in the U.S., new virus clusters have sprung up at the start of the fall semester, some of them linked to off-campus parties and packed clubs.

School is underway for some Texas students although some districts have pushed back the first day of class until September. And even when school does return, Texas is giving schools the option of offering virtual instruction into November. But some teachers say Texas is still rushing back to class too quickly.

On Sunday night, the Texas Supreme Court allowed one of the state's largest school districts, Cypress-Fairbanks ISD near Houston, to mandate that teachers return to campus for professional development before the school year begins. A local chapter of the American Federation of Teachers, one of the largest teacher groups in the nation, had filed a lawsuit claiming it remained unsafe for teachers to

The virus nationwide has been blamed for over 170,000 deaths and 5.4 million confirmed

Hostage suspect surrenders after 3 officers hurt in shootout

CEDAR PARK, Texas (AP) — A 16hour hostage situation and exchange of gunfire that left three police officers injured ended calmly Monday morning when a man and his mother walked out of a home near Austin,

The Cedar Park Police Department said the suspect, 26-year-old Joseph Taylor, would be charged with three counts of aggravated assault on a public officer and three charges of kidnapping — all first degree felonies. Taylor would be taken to the Williamson County Jail after being treated at a hospital, interim police chief Mike Harmon said, without explaining his injuries.

Taylor's mother called police Sunday afternoon after he kicked in the door of the home. When police arrived, he exchanged more than 50 rounds of gunfire with officers, Harmon said. Taylor then barricaded himself inside with his two siblings, his mother and a pet.

Taylor posted live videos on social media from inside the house before law enforcement asked Facebook to take it down, Harmon said.

Taylor first released his brother, sister and a family pet, and he and his mother left the house peacefully at around 9 a.m. Monday, police said.

Police said three officers were hurt in the exchange of gunfire: Jacqueline Quiles, who has been with the department four years; Cris Hester, a 10 year veteran of the department; and Nik Anderson, who has been an officer at Cedar Park for eight years.

Two of them were treated and released from a hospital and the third was stable after undergoing surgery. Harmon said Monday.

"Our hearts are with the police offi cers who were injured while protecting the Cedar Park community this afternoon. We must never take for granted the service and sacrifice of our law enforcement officers, and the State of Texas stands ready to provide the support and resources needed to bring justice to those involved," Republican Gov. Greg Abbott said in a

Harmon said the negotiations were "delicate" but that they had been hopeful the man would surrender peacefully. He said officers have been to the same residence before to follow up on reports of assault and mental healthrelated calls.

"You have to remember the human ity of people," said Cedar Park Police Lt. Chance Thomas, who worked with the negotiation team. "Life is our number one home value."

Museum says displaying Confederate statue part of slavery," Guess said. "And we have an

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston museum dedicated to conserving African American culture said Tuesday that its decision to display a more than 100-year-old Confederate statue is about providing Black Americans with a way to confront slavery's painful legacy and include their lived experiences in the conversation.

The towering bronze statue, called "Spirit of The Confederacy," was removed from a downtown Houston park in June following a recommendation more than two years earlier by a task force established by Mayor Sylvester Turner.

The statue, which had been in storage since its removal, arrived at the Houston Museum of African American Culture on Monday and was viewed by reporters with The Associated Press on Tuesday in an exclusive tour.

"There is a need for our folks to heal. The way you get rid of the pain is to not bury it as if it had never existed, but to confront it and engage with it," said John Guess, Jr., the museum's CEO Emeritus. "This allows our community to do this."

The 12-foot statue depicts a winged male figure holding palm tree foliage and a sword. An inscription on a plaque below the statue reads:

"To all heroes of the South who fought for the principles of states

While Confederate sympathizers argue that the Civil War was fought to establish states' rights, historians say slavery was the root cause of the war.

"We now have a chance to dialogue with that history and say something about it. Know this was really about

image that our community can consistently speak to, especially during times like now when the whole concept of white supremacy has so much sway in the White House."

The statue was erected in 1908 by the Robert E. Lee Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

It was removed during nationwide protests over the killing of George Floyd, a Black man whose death at the hands of a white Minneapolis police officer became a worldwide symbol in demonstrations calling for police reform and an end to racial injustice.

During these protests, many Confederate symbols and monuments were damaged or brought down by demonstrators and removed by local authorities.

Protesters also decried monuments to slave traders and imperialists, including Christopher Columbus, Cecil Rhodes and Belgium's King Leopold

Guess said he believes the museum is the first African American institution in the country to house a Confederate monument.

Other Confederate statues have been removed from public view and housed at museums or other facilities. In 2015, the University of Texas in Austin removed a statue of Confederate president Jefferson Davis from the school's main mall area and later placed it in a history center on cam-

The "Spirit of The Confederacy" statue will be displayed in a courtyard. New fencing has been built around the statue so it cannot be seen from the street. People will be able to view

BSISD Back to School Convocation held virtually



This year, Big Spring ISD's annual convocation was held virtually, due to the current pandemic. BSISD faculty and staff are seen recieving an inspirational back to school speech from Superintendednt McWilliams. Big Spring ISD students will be returning to the classroom today.

it online or make an appointment to see it from behind a window. Museum officials say people will be able to see the statue up close from the courtyard at a later date. The statue sits facing a collection of eye sculptures by Bert Long Jr., a Black Houston art-

"The eyes of Black America are staring at this statue, at this philosophy. We are having a standoff," Guess said.

The museum's decision to display the statue was criticized in June by James Douglas, the president of the Houston chapter of the NAACP, who said the history of the Civil War should be discussed in museums but not in the form of statues.

"I don't believe that a statue honor-

ing individuals that fought to continue the enslavement of my people and destroy this nation of ours should exist anywhere on the face of the Earth," Douglas said at the time.

In an email on Tuesday, the NAACP's Houston chapter said that after meetings on the issue, it supports "the removal and relocation of the Confederate monument to a place of historical rather than sovereign

Guess said he understands Douglas' concerns.

"We understand the pain these monuments bring to people ... We don't get past that pain and get to healing without at times confronting them," Guess said.

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Lady Steers fight hard, drop both games on Tuesday evening in Wink

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

WINK — The Big Spring Lady Steers (3-5) took part in two hard fought battles against the Wink Ladycats and the Seminole Maidens on Tuesday evening. Each game went four sets and the Lady Steers kept each game extremely close even though they only won two total sets.

"I think we are competing now and that's something that we haven't always been able to do," Lady Steers coach Kaitlyn Braswell said.

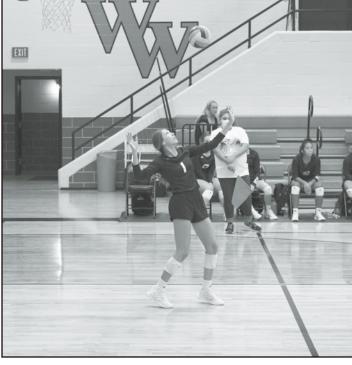
Big Spring has a tendency to either start a set really strong and fade as it moves along or start out the set slowly and get better and better as the set goes on. Braswell believes the two main factors contributing to those types of performances are conditioning and lack of experience at the varsity

The Lady Steers started off their back-to-back games against a strong Wink team that is led by a no nonsense style of coach. The first set started off with the Ladycats dominating near the net and they quickly jumped out to a double-digit lead. Trailing 18-6, the Lady Steers decided to put their foot on the gas and scored eight straight points be- **Tristan Smith keeps her eyes on the ball as she** hind Ryen Terrazas' strong serving ability.

The starting six of Terrazas, Ashlin Calvio, Jocelyn Gonzales, Tristan Smith, Kalyn Whitehead, and Kortney Moore caused problems for Wink and seemed to take all of the momentum they had built away quickly. The first set ended up as a too little, too late type of scenario for Big Spring and Wink came away with a 25-18 win to take the first set.

Big Spring came out firing in the second set and the scoring got started with a huge Smith spike near the net. At one point in the set, the Lady Steers led by nine points (19-9) and seemed to have turned a permanent corner midway through that first set. However, Wink took a timeout to collect themselves and were not ready to give up on the second set so quickly. The Ladycats ended up coming all the way back on the Lady Steers by scoring 16 out of the set's last 19 points (25-22).

Sitting in a 2-0 hole at the beginning of the third set, the Lady Steers were still not ready to give in. This set, Whitehead had a spike so strong that knocked a Wink player over and Moore overpow-



HERALD Photo/Shawn Moran

prepares to serve the ball.

ered her opponent near the net for a spike of her own later in the set. Big Spring had jumped out to another 10-point lead when Wink started to charge back. With the score at 19-18, Big Spring switched into another gear and scored the last six points of the set to pick up their first win of the day (25-18).

The fourth set was not nearly as competitive as the first three and Wink was able to pull away for a dominating 25-10 set win over a Big Spring team that had a lack of big plays in the deciding set.

"We just need to keep working on where we place our hits and tips," Braswell said. "Hitting and tipping to score and kill, not just to save the ball or hit it over the net."

After a few minutes of warm-up time, the Seminole Maidens took the court as the next challenge for Big Spring.

Away Team

Seminole was itching to get it showed through their performance in the first set. Following a four-set game by Big Spring, the Maidens were able to jump out to a quick 12-2 lead behind the strong play of one player. The rest of the set seemed to be on cruise control for the Maidens and they came away with a 25-18 victory.

Big Spring was able to halt Seminole's momentum in the second set and loooed like a completely different squad from the first set they played. The Lady Steers led from the opening serve and came away with a 25-19 set win to tie it up at one game

Kalyn Whitehead was the best player on the court for Big Spring on Tuesday and she made several diving saves and strong spikes for the Lady Steers throughout the two games. That includes several misdirection hits over the net that seem to always find the opponent sleeping and out of posi-

"Kalyn did very well," Braswell said. "She's a utility player and we can play her at any spot. It doesn't matter where I put her, she can perform."

Even with the strong play of Whitehead, Seminole was able to win a true back-and-forth battle in the third set by a score of 25-22.

The last set for the Lady Steers on Tuesday night was a heartbreaker. Big Spring was trailing 24-18 when they quickly scored six points to tie it up and give themselves a fighting chance to move the game to a fifth and final set.

However, Seminole had different plans. The Maidens botched the game's final two points to knock the Lady Steers two games under .500 heading into their last dual meet of the season this upcoming weekend.

UP NEXT: Big Spring plays their last dual meet against Greenwood and Denver City in Greenwood on Saturday.

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Steers win first Team Tennis meet of season over Monahans



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Big Spring opened their season with a young team that was up to the challenge. A young Lady Steer serving the ball.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

The Big Spring Team Tennis season started off and was in full swing on Tuesday where the Steers defeated Monahans by a score of 12-9. The Steers hosted the Loboes at the Comanche Trail Park tennis courts and put together a solid performance for a team filled with newcomers and younger players.

"This is the biggest roster turnover I think we've ever had," Big Spring coach Dana Jones said. "It's going to be interesting. We're all young and largely inexperienced."

Big Spring has only one senior on the roster and Jones knows this will be a year to learn from. While each match seemed to be even in terms of skill level, there is still plenty of improvement to be made and adjustments to teach to the players. The energy on the court was high and all the players seemed to be

enjoying being out on the court in the sun alongside their friends and teammates. It was mostly a learning day for the majority of the Steers that were participating in their first tennis matches. Tennis season was pushed back by the UIL earlier this summer and

at this point the Big Spring team was originally scheduled to have already played four tournaments. It is a less than ideal situation for Jones, but the team has worked hard and did not look out of place on

"It will be a fun season and they will improve dramatically," Jones

Whether they are inexperienced or not, it is refreshing to see a group of young student athletes giving a sport that they have never played a

The top performers from the day included Matthew Salazar, Sean Tan, Eshan Patel for the boy's side and Natalia Lopez, Brooklin Mojica, Emily Kocak, Itzel Garcia-Marquez, and Ananya Imaye. Each one of those players was able to pick up a win in their personal single's match and were crucial to giving the Steers the win on Tuesday.

In this odd and unique year, team tennis is officially back and the Steers will be looking to improve each and every time that they take the court this fall.

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on the court and

San Francisco Giants (8-16) @ San Diego Padres (12-12) Oakland Athletics (16-7) Tampa Bay Rays (14-9) Cleveland Indians (13-9) Washington Nationals (8-12)@ Seattle Mariners (7-17) New York Mets (10-14) Philadelphia Phillies (8-9) Toronto Blue Jays (8-11) Cincinnati Reds (9-11) (a) Detroit Tigers (9-11) Milwaukee Brewers (10-10) @ St. Louis Cardinals (5-5)

Colorado Rockies (13-9)

Away Team

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Utah Jazz (0)

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Philadelphia Flyers (2)

Washington Capitals (0)

Chicago Blackhawks (1)

Carolina Hurricanes (1)

Montreal Canadiens (1)

Vancouver Canucks (2)

Arizona Coyotes (1)

Columbus Blue Jackets (1)

Calgary Flames (2)

Brooklyn Nets (0)

Orlando Magic (1)

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MLB Schedule **Tuesday Results**

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Home Team Houston Astros (12-10) Los Angeles Angels (8-15) Texas Rangers (10-11) Arizona D'Backs (12-11) New York Yankees (16-6) Pittsburgh Pirates (4-14) Atlanta Braves (14-10) Los Angeles Dodgers (17-7) Miami Marlins (9-7) Boston Red Sox (6-17) Baltimore Orioles (12-10) Kansas City Royals (9-14) Chicago White Sox (12-11) Minnesota Twins (15-8) Chicago Cubs (14-7)

Wednesday Games **Home Team**

Baltimore Orioles (12-11) Boston Red Sox (6-18) Chicago Cubs (15-7) Chicago Cubs (15-7) Kansas City Royals (9-14) Atlanta Braves (14-11) New York Yankees (16-7) Pittsburgh Pirates (4-15) Miami Marlins (9-8) Kansas City Royals (9-14) Chicago White Sox (13-11) Minnesota Twins (16-8) Colorado Rockies (13-10) San Diego Padres (13-12)

Final Score

2-1, Astros 8-2, Giants 6-4, Padres 10-1, D'Backs 6-3, Rays 6-3, Indians 8-5, Nationals 2-1, Dodgers 8-3, Mets 13-6, Phillies 8-7, Blue Jays Postponed 10-4, White Sox 4-3, Twins 6-3, Cubs

Time of Game

12:05 p.m. 12:35 p.m. 1:20 p.m. 4:20 p.m. 4:05 p.m. 6:00 p.m. (ESPN) 6:05 p.m. 6:05 p.m. 6:10 p.m. 7:05 p.m. 7:10 p.m.

7:10 p.m.

7:40 p.m.

8:10 p.m.

Final Score

122-110, Magic

123-108, Rockets

100-93, Blazers

Time of Game

12:30 p.m. (NBA)

3:00 p.m. (TNT)

5:30 p.m. (TNT)

8:00 p.m. (TNT)

113-101, Heat

NBA Playoff Schedule

First Round Tuesday Results Home Team

@ Milwaukee Bucks (0) Indiana Pacers (0) Oklahoma City Thunder (0) @ Houston Rockets (1) Los Angeles Lakers (0) Wednesday Games

Home Team

@ Toronto Raptors (1) Denver Nuggets (1) @ Philadelphia 76ers (0) @ Boston Celtics (1) Dallas Mavericks (0) Los Angeles Clippers (1)

NHL Playoff Schedule

First Round Tuesday Results

Home Team @ Montreal Canadiens (1) @

Dallas Stars (2) New York Islanders (3) Vegas Golden Knights (3)

Wednesday Games

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Tampa Bay Lightning (3) Boston Bruins (3) Colorado Avalanche (3)

Final Score 2:00 p.m. (NBCSN)

4:30 p.m. (NBCSN) 7:00 p.m. (NBCSN) 9:30 p.m. (NBCSN) Time of Game

Home Team

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The bidding:

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as costly as errors of commission. Take this case where you're South, and West leads a spade against your five-club contract. You ruff and note that prospects of making the contract are reasonably good, since you can score 11 tricks if the opposing hearts are divided 3-3 or, failing that, if East has the ace of diamonds.

you haven't gone far enough. There first looking for a better chance.

also is a third chance to make the contract, even if the hearts don't divide evenly and West has the ace of diamonds. You can avail yourself of this additional possibility by first performing the necessary spadework. After ruffing the spade lead, you

draw two rounds of trump, play a heart to the queen, ruff a spade, play a heart to the king, then ruff dummy's last spade. These preliminary moves, although they don't directly gain any tricks, are made to cater to the possibility of an uneven heart division, with West holding the greater length.

When you next play a heart to the ace and East shows out, you have a right to congratulate yourself for having had the foresight to eliminate dummy's spades. That effort is now certain to bear fruit, regardless of the location of the ace of diamonds.

Accordingly, you lead dummy's seven of hearts, and, instead of ruffing it, you discard a diamond! West wins with the jack but must either hand you a fatal ruff-and-discard by returning a spade, or lead a diamond, establishing your king as a trick. One way or the other, you wind up making the contract.

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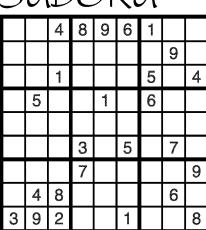
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ANSWER:

Mercury Levels Up

ARIES (March 21-April 19). An industrious mood takes hold. Avoid applying it to long-term commitments. You'll have the sort of flair that is best put to use on a task you're likely to finish in a day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). To love a person wholly is to love many versions of that person, past, present and future. Those versions are always alive somewhere in the totality of a person. Loving a person means loving change.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you can detect the difference between what you know and what you merely feel like you know, then you are quite a rare human indeed. To be safe, check your facts.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You won't have to say what you want in order to get what you want. Your subconscious messaging system is going strong, and you will telegraph your needs, even when you're not aware of it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Intellect and intelligence are two different things. You'll gravitate to the latter, doing what's smart, graceful, logical and practical without bothering with the facts, history or mechanics of a thing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). With your

Tomorrow's Horoscope

focused mindset, you can accomplish exactly what you need to without getting

wrapped up in the side effects, pitfalls and traps that typically come with the endeav-

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What's now appropriate was, once upon a time, not at all. Your ability to read the room and adjust to suit your audience will put you ahead of the competition.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Life is usually a trade-off. but sometimes you hit those lucky times when you can have your cake and eat it, too. Today brings such good fortune. You won't have to let go of what you have to add something new.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's security in blending in, but that's the only upside. The

prize will go to the standout. To beat the competition, do more. To make a memory, do it differently.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's harm-

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to stay in the same gear for too long. The same goes for relationships. Stay in the same mode

too long and things wear badly. Change

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The vision could become an invention or a reality if you're willing and able to put the work in. But a lot of visions have this potential. It's a matter of deciding on the one you'll love to spend hundreds of hours on.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Compassion is the best growth agent around. Apply it and watch people heal, sprout, improve, create and more. The power of compassion is almost limitless.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (Aug. 19). Focus is might. You're on to bigger things this year, and you'll notice that what used to distract you now seems like a quaint decoration with no power over your attention. Family learns from you. The new year shows a shift in your presentation style. You'll attract

different professional and personal situations. Cancer and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 30, 31, 2 and 15.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Hi! You mentioned once that as a Capricorn, I have built a barrier around myself for love, and I agree that I have, but I don't know how to break through. I was wondering if you had any advice for me."

Think in terms of a financial investment. One cannot put money into, say, the stock market without the possibility of losing the entire investment. It is not possible to only put money into stocks that go up, because there are no guarantees. Capricorn is a tough cookie who can turn on the charm, or shut people out. Capricorn is excellent at determining quickly who can help with a goal and who is standing in the way of it. This skill is both a success key and a survival instinct. But when it comes to love, all bets are off. Love requires vulnerability over strength, heart over head, instinct over reason. Being open to love for you includes a willingness to be hurt, to be wrong and to be made a fool. Unless you are open to the possible negative side of love, you are not re-

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ally open to the positive

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Putting Daughters and Girlfriend at Odds

Dear Annie: I'm 52 and have dated "Bob" for six years. We both have grown children. Last week, he said one of his two daughters "didn't think much of me." I like and socialize with them at family dinners.

I asked which one said that, but he refuses to tell me. This hurts, to say the least. What do you think? -- Concerned in California.

Dear Concerned in California: I think Bob is very insensitive. To make a blanket statement about someone (even if it is his daughter) not liking you is mean and juvenile. By refusing to say which daughter it is, he is creating a situation in which you will distrust both of them. There is something nasty about

Now, if you did some-

thing that upset one of his daughters, that could be a different story. You could talk about it and work through things. Of course, this hurtful statement of unknown origin is going to make you feel sad and defensive during these family dinners.

Rather than being resigned to this situation, press Bob on why he would say something like that. Six years is a long time, and if you are going to continue your relationship, you must be with a partner who is more considerate of your feelings and who is willing to work things out by communicating directly.

Dear Annie: | was always under the impression that when invited to stay somewhere, guests did not need to bring anything. They should just enjoy being a guest. There was a recent letter where a man asks for his guests to bring a

gift. I think that is tacky.

Sure, he has worked hard to get his property and now wants to invite "quests" over. He never said "friends," but guests shouldn't have to pay their duties to him. He may as well be running a hotel; then the guests would be paying for beach towels and food.

I hope he enjoys his new lake house quietly and alone. I certainly wouldn't go there after reading his letter. --Guests or Friends

Dear Guests or Friends: You make an interesting point, but I think you're being a little rigid. Giving a gift to a host or bringing food to share with a group is a kind gesture. It makes both the host and the guest feel good. But of course, you are correct that being obligated to give a gift in order to be invited is something else entirely. I wouldn't blame you for staying

away.

side of it.

Dear Annie: The letter from the grandpa who never leaves the house without his handkerchief made me smile. My 28-year-old daughter with Down syndrome suffers from seasonal allergies, so she never knows when she might let go with a big sneeze. She has carried a thin-sized handkerchief, handed down from her dad, since she started going to school. She likes the men's size because they are thinner and bigger than the ladies hankies I bought her. So, you are right, they are for everyone, not just men. -- Ellen's Mom

Dear Ellen's Mom:

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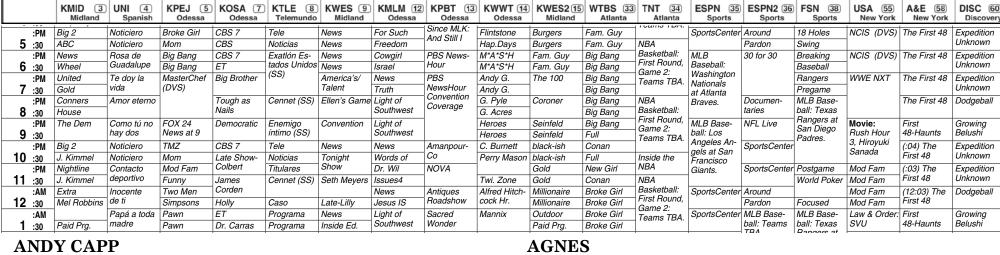
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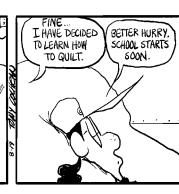






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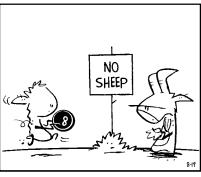




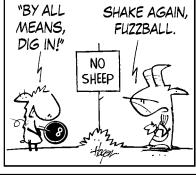




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This Date In History

Today in History Today is Wednesday, Aug. 19,

the 232nd day of 2020. There are 134 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On August 19, 1814, during the War of 1812, British forces landed at Benedict, Maryland, with the objective of capturing Washington D.C.

On this date:

In 1807, Robert Fulton's North River Steamboat arrived in Albany, two days after leaving New York.

In 1812, the USS Constitution defeated the British frigate HMS Guerriere off Nova Scotia during the War of 1812, earning the nickname "Old Ironsides."

In 1848, the New York Herald reported the discovery of gold in California.

In 1909, the first automobile races were run at the just-opened Indianapolis Motor Speedway; the winner of the first event was auto engineer Louis Schwitzer, who drove a Stoddard-Dayton touring car twice around the 2.5-mile track at an average speed of 57.4 mph.

In 1934, a plebiscite in Germany approved the vesting of sole executive power in Adolf Hitler. In 1942, during World War II, about 6,000 Canadian and British soldiers launched a disastrous raid against the Germans at Dieppe, France, suffering more than 50-percent casualties. In 1960, a tribunal in Moscow convicted American U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers of espionage. (Although sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment, Powers was returned to the United States in 1962 as part of a prisoner exchange.)

In 1964, The Beatles opened their first full-fledged U.S. tour as they performed at San Francisco's Cow Palace.

In 1980, 301 people aboard a Saudi Arabian L-1011 died as the jetliner made a fiery emergency return to the Riyadh air-

In 1990, Leonard Bernstein (BURN'-styn) conducted what turned out to be the last concert of his career at Tanglewood in Lenox, Mass. with the Boston Symphony Orchestra; the program ended with Beethoven's Symphony No. 7.

In 2003, a suicide truck bomb struck U.N. headquarters in Baghdad, killing 22, including the top U.N. envoy, Sergio Vieira de Mello (SUR'-jee-oh vee-EHR'-uh duh MEHL'-oh). A suicide bombing of a bus in Jerusalem killed 22 people.

In 2004, Google began trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market, ending the day up \$15.34 at \$100.34.

Ten years ago: The last American combat brigade exited Iraq, seven years and five months after the U.S.-led invasion began. A federal grand jury in Washington indicted seven-time Cy Young Award winner Roger Clemens for allegedly lying to Congress about steroid use. (Clemens' trial in 2011 ended in a mistrial when the jury was shown inadmissible evidence by prosecutors; he was acquitted in a retrial in 2012.)

Five years ago: Longtime Subway pitchman Jared Fogle agreed in federal court in Indianapolis to plead guilty to allegations that he'd paid for sex acts with minors and received child pornography. (Fogle pleaded guilty in Nov. 2015 to one count each of distributing and receiving child porn and traveling to engage in illicit sexual conduct with a child, and was sentenced to more than 15 years in prison.) Islamic State militants beheaded 81-year-old Khaled al-Asaad, a leading Syrian antiquities scholar who'd spent most of his life looking after the ancient ruins of Palmyra.

One year ago: After five years of delays, New York City's police department fired Daniel Pantaleo, the officer involved in the chokehold death of Eric Garner during an arrest over alleged sales of untaxed cigarettes. Planned Parenthood said it was pulling out of the federal family planning program rather than abide by a new Trump administration rule that prohibited clinics from referring women for abortions. Democratic presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren offered a public apology to Native Americans over her past claim to tribal heritage.

Today's Birthdays: Actor L.Q. Jones is 93. Actor Debra Paget is 87. USTA Eastern Tennis Hall of Famer Renee Richards is 86. Former MLB All-Star Bobby Richardson is 85. Actor Diana Muldaur is 82. Singer Johnny Nash is 80. Actor Jill St. John is 80. Singer Billy J. Kramer is 77. Country singer-songwriter

Answer to previous puzzle

Eddy Raven is 76. Rock singer Ian Gillan (Deep Purple) is 75. Former President Bill Clinton is 74. Actor Gerald McRaney is 73. Actor Jim Carter is 72. Pop singer-musician Elliot Lurie (Looking Glass) is 72. Rock musician John Deacon (Queen) is 69. Bluegrass musician Marc Pruett (Balsam Range) is 69. Actor-director Jonathan Frakes is 68. Political consultant Mary

Matalin is 67. Actor Peter Gallagher is 65. Actor Adam Arkin is 64. Singer-songwriter Gary Chapman is 63. Actor Martin Donovan is 63. Pro Football Hall-of-Famer Anthony Munoz is 62. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ivan Neville is 61. Actor Eric Lutes is 58. Actor John Stamos is 57. Actor Kyra Sedgwick is 55. Actor Kevin Dillon is 55. Country singer Lee Ann Womack is

54. TV reporter Tabitha Soren is 53. Country singer-songwriter Mark McGuinn is 52. Actor Matthew Perry is 51. Country singer Clay Walker is 51. Rapper Fat Joe is 50. Olympic gold medal tennis player Mary Joe Fernandez is 49. Actor Tracie Thoms is 45. Actor Callum Blue is 43. Country singer Rissi (REE'-see) Palmer is 39. Actor Erika Christensen is 38. Actor

Melissa Fumero is 38. Pop singer Missy Higgins is 37. Actor Peter Mooney is 37. Actor Tammin Sursok is 37. Country singer Karli Osborn is 36. Olympic silver medal snowboarder Lindsey Jacobellis (jay-kuh-BEHL'-ihs) is 35. Actor J. Evan Bonifant is 35. Rapper Romeo is 31. Actor Ethan Cutkosky is 21.

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Harden's 37 points lead Rockets past Thunder in Game 1

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — James Harden had 37 points and 11 rebounds, and the Houston Rockets rolled past the Oklahoma City Thunder 123-108 on Tuesday in Game 1 of their first-round Western Conference playoff se-

Houston All-Star Russell Westbrook, who played his previous 11 years with the Thunder, was out with a quad injury. The fourth-seeded Rockets still made 20 3-pointers and shot 48% from the field.

"Our ball movement tonight was excellent," Harden said. "We were just playing off the catch, guys were very confident in their shots when they're open. When they're not open, they're getting off the ball and making a quick deci-Jeff Green scored 22 points and Eric Gordon added 21 for Houston, which

isn't sure how long it will be without Westbrook. The Rockets got 42 points Danilo Gallinari matched a playoff career high with 29 points for the fifth-

seeded Thunder. Chris Paul, who joined the Oklahoma City in the trade that sent Westbrook to Houston, finished with 20 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists. Steven Adams added 17 points and 12 rebounds.

Gordon scored 16 points and Harden had 15 in the first half to help the Rockets take a 68-52 lead.

"I think probably, that six-minute mark in the first quarter to about the sixminute mark in the second quarter, there was a 12-minute stretch where we got very slow," Thunder coach Billy Donovan said. "We didn't play with any force, we weren't playing downhill. We weren't really getting out and running like we needed to.'

Oklahoma City cut its deficit to 10 at one point in the third quarter, but the Rockets pulled away and led 104-83 heading into the fourth.

The Thunder need to adjust to Houston's zone defense in Game 2.

"We're going to figure it out," Paul said. "It's a different team. You play the whole season a certain way and then you've got a team that switches everything. It's Game 1. We've got to figure it out."

TIP-INS Thunder: G Lu Dort, a rookie starter, missed the game with a sprained right

knee. ... Terrance Ferguson started in Dort's place and scored six points. ... Paul was called for a technical foul as the team was heading into the halftime break, and Harden opened the third quarter at the free-throw line. Rockets: Held the Thunder to 30% shooting in the first quarter to take a 28-20

lead. ... Had just seven turnovers. ... Ben McLemore scored 14 points. ... Green played for the Thunder for 2 1/2 seasons from 2008 to 2011.

CAREER NIGHT

Gallinari scored his 29 points on 9-for-17 shooting.

"I was just trying to use the height advantage in the post," the 6-foot-10 forward said. "Just trying to keep moving. The more you move without the ball, the more effective you can be offensively."

STEPPING UP

The Rockets outscored the Thunder by 28 points while Green was on the

"That's what we need with Russ out," Harden said. "Even with Russ in the game, we need guys to step up and make plays. Jeff was aggressive tonight." Gordon had missed six games in the restart with a sprained left ankle.

"Eric looked back to his old ways," Harden said. "We're going to need that every single game from here on out."

UP NEXT

The series resumes on Thursday.

Myers hits slam, Tatis leads the way, Padres top Rangers 6-4

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Wil Myers hit a first-inning grand slam and the San Diego Padres, with Fernando Tatis Jr. again leading the charge, beat the Texas Rangers 6-4 Tuesday for a two-game

Jurickson Profar added a two-run homer against his former team and five Padres relievers combined for six scoreless innings to close out the victory.

Tatis fueled a 14-4 rout Monday with a grand slam and seven RBIs. His homer came on a 3-0 pitch from Juan Nicasio in the eighth inning, rankling Texas manager Chris Woodward and the Rangers over what they perceived as breaking one of baseball's unwritten rules. Rookie Ian Gibaut relieved after the slam and his first pitch was a fastball behind Manny Machado.

Gibaut was suspended three games by Major League Baseball and appealed the penalty, keeping him eligible. Woodward was suspended one game and sat out, with bench coach Don Wakamatsu running the team.

In a statement from the Rangers, Woodward said, "I respect that decision by MLB and I will move on and prepare for our series in San Diego."

Tatis singled and scored on Myers' slam. Profar homered in the fourth to make it 6-0.

Tatis singled with two outs in the fourth and Machado walked, finishing starter Mike Minor. Gibaut relieved and Tatis promptly took off, trying to steal third base.

Texas third baseman Todd Frazier, playing well off the bag in a shift against lefty-swinging Eric Hosmer, thought he'd made the tag on Tatis' lower right leg and trotted to the dugout while umpire Nestor Ceja signaled safe. The Rangers challenged, but the call stood.

The 21-year-old Tatis stole his sixth base of the season, tying for the major league lead. He began the day topping the majors with 11 homers and 28

Myers hit a two-out, 2-2 changeup to left-center into the visitors' bullpen after Minor (0-4) nearly escaped after allowing the game's first three batters to reach on singles. Profar homered down the left field line into the second deck.

Myers said there was extra motivation to win given Monday night's events.

"When those situations happen, you want to put it behind you and come back and beat them on the field," Myers said.

Four of Texas' five hits off seven Padres pitchers came in the fourth inning, including Joey Gallo's three-run homer. Rookie left-hander Adrian Morejon, activated

from the team's alternate training site, opened with three hitless innings in his first appearance of the Craig Stammen (2-1) pitched two scoreless in-

nings. Cal Quantrill got the final out, leaving inherited runners at first and second, for his first big league save. Texas has lost three straight with its starters

hammered early. In the first three innings of the losses, the Rangers were outscored 16-2. Minor, a first-time All-Star last season, said he hasn't been able to identify the source of his strug-

"It's one of those things where the harder I try

or the more that I look at it, I feel like it's messing with my head a little bit," he said.

OUT OF POSITION, OUT OF THIS WORLD

Machado, the Padres' third baseman, made a catch running into the right field corner with his back to the plate along the foul line on a towering popup by Gallo in the second inning. Machado was positioned on the right side of the field as part of a "His hand-eye is so remarkable," Tingler said

"And to be able to catch that on the run like that. That's an extremely hard play and, in a way, he made it look relatively easy." "It was a lot of fun to watch," said Myers, some

thing of a bystander in right field. "It was his ball all the way. It was one of the better plays I've seen He's a magician with that glove."

ROSTER MOVES

Padres: To make room for Morejon, the Padres optioned RHP Luis Perdomo to their alternate training site.

Rangers: Nicasio was put on the restricted list for personal reasons and removed him from the 40man roster and selected the contract of RHP Luis García from their alternate training site.

UP NEXT

The teams will reconvene in San Diego for an other two-game set beginning Wednesday night. Padres RHP Chris Paddack (2-2, 4.91) allowed five home runs in his previous two starts over 8 2/3 innings. Rangers RHP Lance Lynn (3-0, 1.11) leads the majors in ERA and comes off his first complete game since 2014.

Astros top Rockies 2-1 in 11; Greinke, Senzatela fine thru 9

HOUSTON (AP) — Myles Straw's RBI single with one out in the 11th inning lifted the Houston Astros over the Colorado Rockies 2-1 on Tuesday, extending their winning streak to a season-high six games.

The back-and-forth finish came after the teams were scoreless going into extra innings, highlighted by splendid performances from starters Zack Greinke and Antonio Senzatela.

The right-handers had nearly identical lines: They both went eight innings, allowed just three singles and walked none. Greinke struck out seven for Houston, one more than Senza-

"He had an awesome lineup over there off-balance, looking for breaking balls and he'd throw a fastball," Astros manager Dusty Baker said. "It's like he was almost in their heads, what they were looking for."

After both teams scored in the 10th, Abraham Toro started Houston's 11th on second base and the Rockies intentionally walked pinch-hitter Carlos Correa. A sacrifice bunt by pinch-

Garrett Stubbs moved up the runners and Straw singled to left field off Jairo Díaz (0-1).

Andre Scrubb (1-0)walked one in a scoreless 11th for the win.

The Astros wrapped up a 7-1 homestand after losing five in a row.

"This does a lot for our confidence," Baker said. "We've still got a couple

of guys that we've got to get going, but we've some guys swinging better, playing better and we've gotten outstanding defense and good pitching."

their last six.

Raimel Tapia hit an RBI single with two outs in the 10th to put Colorado up 1-0. A sacrifice fly by Kyle Tucker scored Alex Bregman and tied it in the bottom of the 10th.

reer high for Senzatela, who last got through eight on May 26, 2017, against St. Louis. And he's just the third pitcher in Rockies history to pitch eight or more score-

less innings win.

The Rockies have dropped five of

The eight innings matched a ca-

and not get a

"That was one of the best games I've seen him throw from start to finish,'

cial stuff." Enoli Paredes struck out two in the ninth for Houston and Daniel Bard struck out one in the ninth to send it

to the 10th. Greinke allowed two singles in the

first inning and Charlie Blackmon singled to start the fourth, but still faced the minimum in that inning after Nolan





manager Bud Black said. "When you Arenado grounded into a double play. go eight innings on the road against Grienke didn't allow a baserunner after that, sailing through the next a very good team and you're going head to head with Zack Greinke and you're matching him, it's pretty spe-

four innings with the help of several groundouts. He finished his outing strong when Tapia grounded out to start the eighth before Greinke struck out Ryan McMahon and Sam Hilliard on just seven pitches to end his day.

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