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Public hearing for proposed annual budget to be held Tuesday

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

The Big Spring City Council will convene for a regular meeting on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers. Before heading into routine agenda items, a public hearing regarding the proposed annual budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 will open the meeting. Big Spring residents will have an opportunity to address the council regarding the proposed budget for the upcoming year.

As part of the City Man-

er's Report Todd Darden will provide council members with an update on the large item pick up that recently took place for District 2. This was the first pickup where residents had to schedule large items to be picked up. Darden will also inform the Council of the upcoming Ports to Plains Public Virtual Meeting along with new numbers regarding the Census 2020. At the last meeting

it was reported that Census response numbers for Howard County were low and the community was encouraged to fill out the Census. A reminder was to be placed in the next round of water bills as another avenue of informing residents about the upcoming deadline for the Census to be completed. As Darden's report concludes, he will up-

date the Council on the kiosk payment availability.

As part of the consent items, the Council will revisit approval of the minutes for the City Council meeting of July 28, 2020. At the last meeting, there were questions surrounding the completeness of the meeting minutes. The Council will look to accept that minutes at Tuesday's meeting.

The Council will look at awarding bids to ITD Services for installation of fiber optics inner duct for landfill

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Cub Scout Pack 305 hosting Ice Cream Social on Tuesday

By IRIS RANGEL
 Herald Staff Writer

The Cub Scouts will be hosting a Sign-Up Drive by Ice Cream Social event Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the NazFamily Church parking lot located at 1400 S. Lancaster Street.

Signing up for Cub Scouts will be a little different this year, according to Shonda Folsom, Assistant Cub Master of Big Spring Pack 305. Instead of hosting their annual welcome party at the NazFamily Church, they will instead set up a drive by location where parents and children can come to speak with the Cub Scout leaders and receive informational packets on how to join Cub Scouts. At this event, children will also be able to enjoy fun activities like ice cream, word searches, coloring pages, and mazes.

"Leaders will be out in the parking lot with the packets, but we're going to ask families to drive by and stay in their car. We'll come

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Toasty Tuesday Focusing on FM 700 near Gamestop



Courtesy photo

Keep Big Spring Beautiful headed out for another **Toasty Tuesday** last week, despite temperatures nearing triple digits. There were 14 volunteers who showed up to help out and 26 bags of trash picked up around Crispy's and the Kentwood area, along Birdwell Lane. This week, **Toasty Tuesday** will be focusing on **FM 700** and the area around **Gamestop** and **Walmart**. The community is invited to come out and attend. The group will meet in the **Gamestop** parking lot at 6:30 p.m. Trash bags and gloves will be provided for those wanting to volunteer. This is a great opportunity for youth groups, civic organizations, those looking for volunteer hours and families to come out and help beautify Big Spring.

A Moment in Time Shenandoah Airship

By TAMMY SCHRECENGOST
 Heritage Museum

Before the Hindenburg disaster, THE DIRIGIBLE SHENANDOAH -flew west over Big Spring on October 10, 1924, causing Big Spring natives to vie for every high spot from which to view this marvel that looked like a balloon or as some described, "an elongated pickle." Will Knox Edwards, with his high-powered binoculars, was the first to spot the Shenandoah as it entered Big Spring airspace. Its sleek frame stretched three blocks (680 ft) and carried a crew of forty. The ship slowly disappeared from Big Spring's horizon and continued its 9000-mile destination flight.

Less than a year later, the Shenandoah met its demise on Friday, September 23, 1925 as it passed through a severe thunderstorm in Caldwell, Ohio. Fourteen men were killed and 15 injured as the airship was forced to the ground by strong air currents from the storm. The ship had been traveling at 2500 ft altitude but as it approached the storm, the current forced the ship to rise to 7000 ft. The crew were successful in lowering the ship to 5000 ft shortly before losing



Courtesy image/Heritage Museum

The Dirigible Shenandoah flew over Main street to the delight of many Big Spring citizens. Read - Pool Grocery was located on bottom floor of the Masonic Lodge shown on far right. Photo was taken by Bradshaw's Studios.

control and plummeting to the ground, breaking up in two pieces. Airship officer, Colonel C.G. Hall stated that the six 300 horsepower engines were propelling properly and would have steered the ship to safety however, the air currents were too strong to endure. Most of the helium had been released while

the airship was in air. This fact and the time of crash, 5:00 am, contributed to the reasons there were no lives lost on ground. The Shenandoah was the first "rigid airship" built in America. The maximum diameter was 78.7 feet and the ship contained 19 gas cells with a capacity of 2,115,000 cubic feet.

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Obituaries

Ray Lawlis

Ray Lawlis of Granbury, Texas passed away peacefully at Lake Granbury Medical Center, on Aug. 21, 2020, at the age of 87. He was born July 20, 1933 at his grandparents home about 35 miles northwest of Abilene, Texas, to Edward Alford and Jimmie Faye Lawlis.

Ray graduated from McCaulley High School in 1950, and moved to Lubbock, Texas to attend Texas Tech College. Desiring to serve his country and help pay his way through college, Ray joined the Army ROTC program and eventually rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. While in Lubbock he met the love of his life, Patricia Wester, and they married Sept. 5, 1952.

Ray graduated from Texas Tech in 1955 with a BS in Education. He worked during college for Luby's Cafeteria and learned about the restaurant and cafeteria business. After graduation from Texas Tech they moved to Brownfield, Texas where Ray taught school for one semester before receiving orders from the US Army to report to Fort Monmouth, NJ where he attended the Signal Officers basic course. Next the Army sent him to Fort Hood, Texas. After the Army discharged him he returned to Lubbock for a year to work for Luby's as a manager



trainee but continued to be active in the US Army Reserves including teaching during several summers at West Point and even recruiting for them for the West Texas area. By now Ray and Pat had begun their family and he and Pat agreed that the cafeteria business was keeping him away from the family too much. A friend told him about a school Director of Food Service opportunity in Kermit, Texas which would allow him weekends and summers off to enjoy his family. With his experience from Luby's he easily got the job and worked in that position for 6 years until he got a call from Big Spring ISD wanting him to be their Food Service Director. He accepted and moved his family to Big Spring, Texas, where he spent the next 27 years and raised his family and completed his career. Ray was an excellent cook and loved pleasing friends and family with his food. He began catering most of the school events and some city events using the Big Spring High School cafeteria kitchen as base. Everyone in Big Spring loved his rib-eye steak dinners. After retirement in 1994 he and Pat built a wonderful new home in Granbury, Texas at Pecan Plantation on the Brazos River where he enjoyed fishing daily and spent the next 26 years until his death. Ray was an avid sports fan, watching just about any sporting event available each day. Ray and Patricia had made many life-long friends and enjoyed visits from them and family members

at their river home. Undoubtedly his favorite thing in life was taking his grandchildren fishing and then cooking them his wonderful food.

Ray is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Patricia Lawlis, his four children, Steve and wife Sandy of Midland, Texas, Rob and wife Leann, of Roswell, New Mexico, Susy and husband Mike Gartman, of Dallas, Texas, and Scott and wife Julie of San Antonio, Texas. He is also survived by seven wonderful grandchildren, Dr. Brent Lawlis and wife Madina of Little Rock, Arkansas, Christi Kraemer and husband Gregg of Las Vegas Nevada, Bryan Lawlis and wife Jessica of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Adam Lawlis and wife Lauren of Midland, Texas, Matthew Lawlis of San Antonio, Texas, Jake Gartman of Dallas Texas, and Tanne Lawlis of Austin, Texas. He is also survived by seven great grandchildren and one sister, Clara Jo Walker of Aspermont, and one brother, Terry Lawlis of Denton, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in memory of Ray Lawlis to the American Heart Association.

Viewing will be at Wiley Funeral Home in Granbury from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday; Aug. 24, 2020.

Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday; Aug. 25, 2020 at Wiley Funeral Chapel with graveside services following at Acton Cemetery.

Paid Obituary

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

• West Region Cotton Marketing Update: U.S. Market Outlook is set for Wednesday, Aug. 19 at 7 a.m. The meeting will be held over a Zoom call. There will be another Zoom meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 7 a.m. To find out more information or to register, contact the Howard County Extension Office for more details or for assistance with these meetings.

• 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. This will be in conjunction with Coahoma City Wide Garage Sale. Please practice social distancing at six feet and face masks are recommended. For more information, call 432-394-4287.

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

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

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

• Maranatha Baptist Academy located at 903 Johnson Street, in Big Spring, Texas, is currently open and taking applications for enrollment for 20-21 School year. We are a faith-based Christian Academy and use the individualized Accelerated Christian Education Curriculum for Kindergarten through 12th grade, out of Hendersonville, Tennessee. July 20, is our startup date and applications will be accepted year-round. Someone will take your call for information at 432-213-1046. Please leave a message and we will get back with you.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Pay online at www.mybigspring.com. Click ONLINE BILL PAY. Pay via the automated phone system by calling 833-227-1752. Payment can be placed in the Drop Box at 305 South Johnson. Staff checks the box daily. Pay over the phone by calling the Water Office directly at the phone numbers listed above. Water Office staff are available to assist customers Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5:00 PM, by phone or in the office located at 305 South Johnson Street.

• City of Big Spring offices will remain open by appointment and electronic means only effective Sunday, March 22, at midnight. These offices include: City Hall (432-264-2401); Finance Department (432-264-2513); Public Works Department (432-264-2501); Human Resources Department (432-264-2346); Water Office (432-264-2319); Code Enforcement/Permits (432-264-2505); Community Services Office; Convention and Visitors Bureau (432-263-8235); Facilities (432-264-2322); Cemetery (432-264-2323); Police Department (432-264-2550); Fire Department (432-264-2304); The Big Spring Senior Center will be closed to congregate meals, but those who wish to pick up a to go order can call 432-267-1628, for more information. All City pavilions and playground structures will remain closed until further notice. For any questions or concerns please contact the City Manager's Office at 432-264-2401.

• Permian Basin Multiple Sclerosis Support Group for information, encouragement and support. The group meets monthly on the Second Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 12 PM at the Holiday Inn Express at 5321 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa. If you or someone you know has been touched by MS, or if you are just interested in more information please feel to contact Gary Tidwell at garylteagle1987@gmail.com.

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Support Groups

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

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

• Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

• Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. The next session beginning Sept. 3, 2019.

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SCOUTS

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up to your window and talk to you, answer any questions you may have, and get you all of the contact information if you think of any questions later," Folsom said.

Scouts explore a variety of interests and activities with other boys their age. Participation in Cub Scouts can help develop a sense of confidence, teamwork, responsibility, and a spirit of service.

"Cub Scouts are learning a lot about being prepared. They're learning about observing and understanding the world around them. It is encouraging kids as they get older to take on more and more of the responsibilities for some of those things," she said.

Each age group has their own category and their own animal cub. Beginning with the youngest cubs, Scouts start out as a lion cub, then gradually move up to tiger, wolf, bear, and webelo cubs. Once the children graduate from Cub Scouts, they will then move on to become Boy Scouts.

"Younger cubs are going to go on nature walks with their parents. As the scouts get older, they will be the ones setting up tents for family camping trips or in charge of planning meals. So the tier builds on itself," Folsom said.

Cub scouts are eligible to join from kindergarten through fifth grade and can start at any level.

"Even if there is someone out there who is in the

fourth grade, that has never done cub scouts before, they would still come in as a first level webelo, and we would help with any of those foundational skills they need to catch up on," she said.

Pack 305 Cub Scouts host a multitude of events and fundraisers throughout the year. This year, scouts can expect fundraisers like a popcorn sale which is located in the community at Higganbotham's or Tractor Supply. This fundraiser allows cubs to participate in the other events that take place throughout the year like a family camping trip at the park in San Angelo in September, a Cub Scout Camporee event at the district camping facilities in October, and a fall festival at Camp Thomas here in Big Spring that is full of pumpkin carving and star-gazing the weekend before Halloween. Each outing is organized for the different groups to correspond with the different achievements that each cub is working on.

With Covid-19 being of concern this year, Cub Scout Master Shonda Folsom states that the scouts will follow along with the decisions from the local school district on whether or not in-person meetings will take place.

"If the school district is closed for in-person classes, we will also be closed for in-person meetings. We are also working with our two Facebook pages. For our more internal page, we are planning on utilizing that more this year so that we can have things like Facebook Groups and Zoom calls ready and set up for everyone. For children who don't feel com-

fortable coming to meetings at all this year, we will still have resources available so that they can still have interactions with other kids, Folsom said.

Although Cub Scouts may look a little different this year, the core of the organization will still be present to provide cubs with the learning skills and experiences they deserve. Cub Scouts feature a learning-by-doing approach that offers children fun and adventure to help build leadership, teamwork, physical/mental fitness, and good character.

"It makes scouting, to me, even more important because so much of it has an emphasis on things that are local, that are sustainable, and that we can control and do. You may not be able to go on a big summer vacation, but you can go in your backyard and do a nature walk. You may not be able to go to a theme park, but you can practice setting up a tent in your backyard. So, a lot of these are things that kids can do with their family, become more independent and have experiences that are not screen time. I think that's even more important this year than ever before," Folsom said.

If you and your family are interested in joining Cub Scouts, don't forget to stop by their Drive by Sign-Up event on Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. located in the NazFamily Church parking lot.

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CITY

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and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute necessary documents, as well as the bid for Building 19 and authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute any necessary documents, along with the bid for alarm system and bid for sprinkler system.

As part of new business Council member Jim DePauw, District 6, will be presenting the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Big Spring City Code entitled "Administration" by amending section 2-19 "Reimbursement of Expenses of City Council" by adding a new subsection C to prohibit issuance of payment cards to council members; by adding a new subsection 2-27 entitled "No key access to city buildings" to prohibit council members from having a key to any city building; and adding a new section 2-28 entitled "No office for council members" to restrict council members from establishing an office in any city building, providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

Big Spring Police Department Chief Chad Williams will be requesting permission from the City Council to apply for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. Big Spring Fire Department Chief Craig Ferguson will be addressing the Council regarding an emergency reading of a resolution to transfer a retired law enforcement dog to the animal's handler in consideration for the sum of one dollar on the animal's retirement and providing for severability.

The first reading of an ordinance fixing and levying municipal ad valorem taxes for said city for the year 2020; directing the assessment and collection thereof will go before City Council during Tuesday's meeting. City Finance Director Don Moore will also present the first reading of an ordinance adopting an annual budget for the City of Big Spring, Texas for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 2020 and ending Sept. 30, 2021.

Moore will also present the first reading of an ordinance granting partial residence homestead exemption for tax year 2020 and granting a partial residence homestead exemption to any individual who is disabled or age 65 or older.

The council will look at an ordinance providing for an additional 20% penalty to defray costs of collecting delinquent taxes that remain delinquent on July 1 of the year in which they become delinquent.

Council will revisit the tabled agenda item of an agreement with CapRock Holdings, LLC and authorizing the mayor or his designee to execute any necessary documents. At the last meeting, Council members decided to table this agreement after meeting in executive session with City Attorney Andrew Hagan.

Other agenda items include:

- Public comment - those wishing to make public comment, but are not attending in person, can do so by calling 432-264-2411 during the allotted time.
- Approval of Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors Minutes for the special meeting of Aug. 6, 2020
- First amendment to the lease agreement with Isometric, Inc.
- Vouchers for 08/13/2020 and 08/20/2020
- City Council minutes of the regular meeting of Aug. 11, 2020, and of special meeting of Aug. 13, 2020.

• Final reading of ordinance amending Chapter 6 of Big Spring City Code entitled "Amusements and Entertainment" section 6-2 "Definitions" to add new definition for "Skill or pleasure coin-operated machines" and new section 6-13 entitled "Restriction of 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. At the last meeting, the board was not in unanimous agreement on this ordinance.

The first reading passed with a 6-1 vote.

• Discussion of possible resolution or ordinance regarding restrictions to manufactured housing within permitted zones.

• Council input
The meeting can be attended in person at the Council Chambers, located at 307 E. 4th Street or by watching on Channel 17 through Suddenlink or via live stream at <http://mybigspring.com/224/Channel-17-Live>.

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TSTC Computer Networking students to use virtual software program

ABILENE- A new program will allow Computer Networking and Systems Administration students at Texas State Technical College to work on equipment virtually.

TSTC will use the NetLab program for virtual lab sessions, instructor Adrian Medrano said.

"NetLab is very popular for remote training," Medrano said. "The benefits are amazing."

Students will use the program to work on a computer system online just like the real instruments. Medrano said students will operate instruments with knobs and buttons the same way they would an actual computer. Measurements will be displayed on the computer screen to help students during the lab session, he added.

"Having NetLab is huge. Companies like Cisco and Microsoft use this for training their employees," Medrano said. "With the push to move everything online, we are looking forward to getting this content to our students."

Medrano is no stranger to the program. He said TSTC instructors have used it for their own training sessions held throughout the state.

"I enjoy working with this program. It is easy to navigate," he said. "I see nothing but smooth sailing for our students when they use NetLab."

The program will allow Medrano and other instructors to achieve their goal of providing companies with a "well-rounded individual for an IT (information technology) department."

"We are not going to focus on one certain area. By the time a student graduates, they will learn how to take apart and put back together a computer system," Medrano said. "They will know how to put a computer on a company network, share files, and other aspects of computer networking."

That knowledge is important in today's business world, according to Medrano.

"Sharing information between computers in a

business is the main aspect of the network," he said.

Another area in which students will gain knowledge is security settings.

"We are going to teach students how to make a computer virus-free and to make sure no one hacks into the system," Medrano said. "We are going to teach all of the security tactics they will need, as

well as the difference between a virus, worm and Trojan software."

Medrano said students will become knowledgeable about routers and switches.

"They will know the

difference between a home router and routers used at small businesses," he said. "Students are going to know exactly how the internet happens when they complete the program. They are going to know how they can send something from their home to around the world with just one click."

Medrano said the online classes will benefit students.

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Former Howard Hawk Malik Brikat commits to play next season at UTPB



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Brikat (12) gets his hand in on a shot during a game last season at Howard College.

By SHAWN MORAN
Herald Sports Writer

In a late offseason move over the weekend, former Howard Hawk men's basketball player Malik Brikat committed to continuing his playing career at the University of Texas Permian Basin (UTPB).

The incoming junior forward played in 20 games for the Hawks last season while mostly coming off of the bench in Coach Scott Raines' system. The big man had limited playing time but always seemed to make the most of it and has the measurable's to continue improving at the next level.

Brikat led the Hawks in field goal percentage last season (51.5) while averaging just over four points per game (4.2). He also was consistent on the boards and was able to grab 4.2 rebounds per game while

also posing as an intimidating shot blocker under the basket.

Last season, the UTPB Falcons went an even .500 (16-16) and could use the strength and experience of Brikat on their roster. The NCAA Division II season has been postponed until the spring, like most collegiate sports, and Brikat will surely be hitting the gym daily to make sure his locked-in and ready to go for the upcoming season.

Mostly every member of the 2019-20 Howard Hawks' basketball team has found a new, and usually larger, four-year university to continue on their playing careers on the hardwood.

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UTPB's Hernandez Puts Senior Season at Risk to Save Brother

Special to the Herald

Growing up Abby Hernandez was always taught to give by her parents. Nothing could prepare them for the gift she gave to her brother, a new lease on life. Hernandez put her senior season as a member of the Falcon Softball team on pause after donating a kidney to her brother Oscar who had been on dialysis for the last seven years.

"The moment I found out I was a match I knew this was something I had to do," said Abby. "I have such a strong relationship I have with my brother, so I knew this was something I wanted to do for him. My parents always taught us to be willing to give to other people."

For years Hernandez wanted to help her brother who was diagnosed at the age of two with Nephrotic Syndrome, a disorder which causes the kidneys to pass too much protein in the urine. Oscar received his first transplant from a cadaver at the age of 16 but just three years later it stopped working. Doctors recommended to the Hernandez family to find a live donor, as those typically last much longer.

The whole family was tested to see if they were a match for Oscar, except for Abby. At the time she was too young and told she could not donate until she was 21. Until then the family held out hope they'd find a donor. They joined the donor list themselves to see if they could help save another life and Oscar became a dialysis technician, helping others with kidney ailments.

Things weren't easy for the Hernandez family as there's no pediatric nephrologist in El Paso, so they had to travel to Galveston for treatment. After Katrina hit the unit was dissolved and the family had to look elsewhere for treatment for Oscar.

"We've had to miss out on a lot of family vacations for softball tournaments where he's had to be airlifted to get to a hospital with the right facilities."

Finally, Hernandez turned 21 and was old enough to be tested. After waiting a few days, she found out she was a match and knew immediately what she had to do. She called her parents, who had re-

cently moved from El Paso to Austin, and told them the news.

"It was emotionally confusing at first," said her mother Patty. "To have one child under the knife is scary but to have two is devastating. We had a conversation with the doctor who said it was the opportunity of a lifetime for Oscar. Abby kept reminding us she's 21 and wanted to give her brother the opportunity to live his life."

Once the decision was made and her family on board, it was time for Hernandez to inform Head Softball Coach Tiala Tagaloa. Hernandez is entering her senior year and is the President of the UTPB Student-Athlete Advisory Committee as well as a Falcon Ambassador for the University. One of the team's leaders, last season she finished with a .319 batting average, as the Falcons were on pace for the most wins in program history before the season was cut short to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We've talked about it multiple times and I've checked on her and her brother," said Tagaloa. "She told me about a year ago it was something she wanted to do and there was a possibility of it happening sooner than later. I'm still shocked at such an amazing thing she did. It's so selfless how she's able to step up big, not just for her brother but her whole family."

The COVID pandemic didn't make things easy on the Hernandez family. Unable to physically see a doctor, they had to do most of the consultations over video calls. When it finally came time for the surgery, Abby and Oscar couldn't be with their parents who had to rely on the medical staff to relay updates to them.

"We depended on the nurses to give us feedback," said Patty. "Abby at least had her phone and could talk to us, but Oscar was hooked up to a lot of different machinery and was in the ICU. They had to suppress his immune system and they were nervous he might catch something. Everybody was very helpful, and the staff went out of their way to make us feel at ease and be more worried than we already were. The process was difficult not being

able to do a lot of this physically."

Worries were quieted quickly, as doctors said the surgery was a success. According to them the new kidney turned pink and functioned almost immediately. The Hernandez siblings are still recovering, but the outlook is extremely promising. In the meantime, Hernandez is ready to get back out on the field. Even if she's not physically ready to go, the 5-0 utility player still has her spot on the team come the spring.

"Abby is 1,000 percent on the team," said Tagaloa. "We had some discussions once she told me the plan and agreed she needed to be a part of the team in the fall even while at home recovering. She may not be able to participate physically, but we've gotten good at virtual meetings. We'll facetime her once we start practice, so she can still be a big part of the team as much as we can make it work."

With Abby's season up in the air, her mother isn't surprised at what she did.

"It's very difficult for just anybody to say they want to donate and actually donate," said Patty. "That's just who she is, a very giving, loving person who puts other above herself. It didn't surprise me when she finally told us. We kept telling her it's your senior year and you want to go back. Coach T has been very receptive to everything and supportive of her. She has a very giving heart and we've known that since she was a little girl. Oscar's gone through so much and to be given the opportunity of a new kidney and coming from his sister is just an overwhelming and emotional thing as a family it's just been very, very rewarding."

As for Abby, she is in El Paso taking classes online. She is taking it day by day in her recovery but is able to walk and do basic tasks before she is able to return to the softball field.

"Coach T and Coach (Lexes) Wilson have been working with me a lot to allow me to recover from home," said Abby. "I'm doing what I can to prepare mentally and physically so once the spring comes, I'm ready. I feel like mentally and emotionally I'll be ready, it's just a matter of how my body reacts."

Chance Encounter Leads Weidler To Bassmaster Elite Series Win At St. Clair

Special to the Herald

MACOMB COUNTY, Mich. — A random moment during practice led Bill Weidler to a most unexpected victory, as the Helena, Ala., angler amassed a four-day total of 86 pounds, 7 ounces to win the YETI Bassmaster Elite at Lake St. Clair.

Weidler earned \$100,500 and nearly doubled his career earnings with B.A.S.S. to \$204,350.

"I just stumbled across a great area in Anchor Bay, and that was my primary spot," Weidler said. "I went through it one day in practice; it was cold and I'm an old man so I decided to pull over instead of freezing running down the lake."

"I drifted through an area and caught a limit of 26 pounds in about two hours. I had two 6-pounders, and I was like, 'I might have found something here.' That's where I camped out all week."

Focusing on a 1,000-yard area of Anchor Bay, Weidler found his bass on the hard edges of grasslines in 14 to 15 feet. Watching his Humminbird 360 for clusters of baitfish helped focus his search.

After two hours of fruitless effort, Day 4 saw Weidler catch three of his

best fish between 9 and 10 a.m. He caught fish throughout the day, but two big afternoon bites — a 4-4 and his second of two 5-plus-pounders — pushed him across the finish line.

"This is incredible," the third-year Elite Series pro said of his first career victory. "I fought and fought; I had a bad start to the season, and I knew I had to get some work done. I was on my knees this morning praying that I could catch them."

Weidler caught all of his fish on a drop shot with a Strike King Baby Z-Too in the gray glimmer color. He used a 3/8-ounce weight and a No. 1 Owner drop-shot hook.

Weidler placed 17th on Day 1 with 20-8. Catching the same weight the next day put him in 13th. Day 3 saw him weigh 22-10 and earn his Championship Sunday berth in eighth place, and Sunday's limit of 22-13 sealed the deal.

"On Days 1 and 2, I should have had about 22 or 23 both of those days and just didn't execute," Weidler said. "I'm lucky I didn't miss the cut."

Weidler admitted he did not enter the St. Clair event with great optimism, as smallmouth bass have never been his specialty. Nevertheless, he held his own against formidable

Northern pros like Canada's Cory Johnston, who placed second, along with sixth-place Chris Johnston, who won the SiteOne Bassmaster Elite at St. Lawrence River in July with all smallmouth.

"I'm a largemouth guy; I've really struggled on smallmouth lakes," Weidler said. "I grew up fishing the Coosa River and my boat really hasn't come out of much more than 10 feet of water. I love a flipping stick and heavy line, so it was hard making the transition."

"But what I can say is that I think the Lord for what He did for me this week because I feel He guided me where I needed to go and have the finish I had."

Hailing from Cavan, Ontario, Cory Johnston spent his tournament in the main lake near the Canadian border and tallied 85-15. He turned in daily weights of 21-11, 21-5, 23-1 and 19-14.

Relying heavily on his Garmin LiveScope for target location, Johnston caught his bass on a drop shot with a Berkley PowerBait MaxScent Flat Worm and a Strike King Baby Z-Too, both in green pumpkin.

"I found a sunken barrel out there the first day of the tournament, and there were five bass on it," Johnston

said. "I'd throw out and pick them all off; I'd go there the next morning and pick them both off. Today, there was none there; I caught them all."

Following his seventh- and ninth-place finishes in the past two Elite events (St. Lawrence River and Lake Champlain), Johnston has notched three consecutive Top 10s.

"That was my goal; I didn't want to miss a Top 10 when we were up North," Johnston said. "This is kinda my wheelhouse. I love dropping on them."

John Cox of DeBary, Fla., led the tournament for three days but finished third with 85-12. Cox started Day 1 on Lake St. Clair, then moved to the St. Clair River where he spent the remainder of the event.

Catching all of his fish on a drop shot with a Berkley PowerBait MaxScent Flat Worm, Cox caught the event's heaviest bag — 24-12 — on Day 1, then followed with 20-10, 20-12 and 19-10.

"Today, the bites were pretty random," Cox said. "I caught two good ones on a seawall around midriver, then I went all the way to Lake Huron. I didn't catch anything there, so I came back downriver and caught another good one, a 4-pounder."

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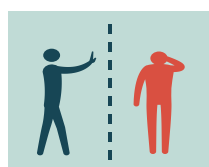
The Chicagoan Makes a 12-inch pizza

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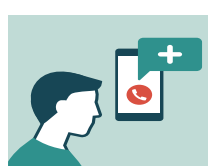
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tender. While still hot, loosen the slices with a spatula so they don't stick.

2. Prepare a grill for direct cooking over high heat. Season the steak liberally on both sides with the salt and pepper. Grill the steak over the hottest part of the fire for 4 minutes. Turn and grill for 4 minutes longer, until the steak is medium-rare and well charred. Remove and let sit for 5 minutes. Slice thinly.

3. Brush the grilled side of the pizza crust with the remaining one tablespoon olive oil and dust with the Parmesan. Sprinkle the mozzarella and cheddar on top. Drop spoonfuls of the chunky tomato sauce onto the pizza. Top with the potato, red onion and the steak.

4. Grill the pizza with indirect heat. If your grill is still hot, move coals to one side or turn off one burner and allow the pizza to cook on the side without a direct flame. Grill the pizza for

5 to 8 minutes, or until the crust is crisp and brown. The bottom may have a few black spots from charring. Optional: Broil the cooked pizza in the oven for 1 to 2 minutes more to caramelize the top.

5. Before serving, drop teaspoons of the sour cream onto the pizza, and garnish with the fresh chives.

Grilling the crust To grill a pizza crust for this recipe, roll out to a 12-inch circle and place on a cookie sheet. Adjust the grill to reach a temperature of 400 F. Slide the dough onto the grill. The dough should take about 3 minutes to cook. Watch for bubbles. The crust will be soft at first and tear easily. To check doneness, lift the underside. It should be an even light brown with brown grill marks. Pick up the crust using tongs and place it on your cookie sheet. Flip it over so the grilled side is face up. This browned side becomes the top of your pizza.

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Mars and Saturn Turn the Crank

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Conflict-ing tensions, opposing emotions and polarities abound today. Even so, finding common ground or a mutually agreeable compromise won't be nearly as hard as you think it will be.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). We mis-remember to construct narratives that put us in control of our fate. Who is to say that's not the better way of thinking of things? Wherever there's a choice, put yourself in the driver's seat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Who gives you care and support? If many do, you'll be torn about where to put your attention. If you've a lack of support, consider where you might assemble some.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If just about anyone can do it, then you probably won't want to. You are feeling your individuality in a big way and you're simply in no mood to be lumped into the masses.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Maybe you don't revel in your solitude, but you have a healthy tolerance of it that keeps you from making terrible choices for company out of fear. Solo missions are actually enormously pleasurable for you now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There is nothing great or meek about leadership; it's just a position, the

same as "support team member" is a position and "service provider" is a position. Today's questions: Which position do you want?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). At any given moment, you are riding somewhere on the wheel of feelings, though you seldom stop to identify the space. Is it inspired or silly? Bored or competitive? It will be a valuable if not liberating thing to note.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Focus on building relationships and everything else will fall into place. Don't worry about making inroads with the right people. There are no right people. Just start where you are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When a person is distant to you in the moment, you can't help but wonder what or whom it is that they are close to. It is possible to be distant to every-

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Complain if you need to. Venting is healthy if done in the right way. Also try on this question to see if

it helps: What if you're right where you're supposed to be, doing exactly what's needed?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's frustrating not to know what people need from you. But once they clearly convey their expectations, you'll decide what you can agree to and follow-up by hitting every mark.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's someone whose presence you find invigorating. Yet, for mysterious reasons, you may avoid this person. Just because a feeling is good doesn't mean it's comfortable.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 24). You'll make impressive progress with goals and timelines. Then, everything changes. You're gloriously versatile! You'll love the surprises and twists, making a success of various challenges, tasks and leadership-styles. You really will find fun and fulfillment with whatever you take on, work, leisure and beyond. Gemini and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 14, 17, 3, 38 and 6.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: (Part One)
"My husband and I are in the process of house-hunting for us, our daughters and my mother. She has been severely depressed, is isolated and lonely, and has wished for a long time to be closer to us. I am an only child, and my mother has given so much to me throughout my life. She sacrificed so that I may have a better life than she did, which has worked according to her plan. I feel I owe her tremendously and it would be fulfilling to know I have made her happy. Yet, I'm still very afraid of this step. We have not always gotten along. She can be tricky. And her depression seems circumstantial, but what if it doesn't lift with this change of circumstance? And my mother is relatively young (50s) so this arrangement could theoretically last a very long time. What do you have to say to an earth sign (me) fire sign (my mother) mix living under the same roof?"

Of course, this generous-hearted venture will have a tremendous impact on your entire family, and it sounds like you are ready and all-in. As an earth sign, you would take well to the traditional advice such as staying ever-mindful of boundaries and brushing up on the tenants of co-dependence. I'm going to fly in the face of that. (To be continued tomorrow...)

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Famous Hand

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 9 7 5 3 2
♥ 7 5
♦ 10 5
♣ A 8 2

WEST
♠ J 10 8 4
♥ 9
♦ K 6 2
♣ K 10 6 4 3

EAST
♠ 6
♥ K J 8 6 3 2
♦ Q 4 3
♣ J 9 5

SOUTH
♠ K Q
♥ A Q 10 4
♦ A J 9 8 7
♣ Q 7

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 NT Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — four of clubs.

But he also realized that if the spades were divided 4-1, he would most likely be defeated. Unwilling to stake his all on a 3-2 spade division, Ogust devised a method of play that would give him a chance to make the contract even if the spades did not break.

Accordingly, at trick two he cashed the spade king and continued with the queen. But, after West followed with the eight, Ogust overtook the queen with the ace! This extraordinary play had solid reasoning behind it.

If East had followed to the spade, the plan was to continue the suit and thus establish dummy's remaining three spades to assure nine tricks. But when East showed out on the second spade, Ogust was able to switch to the alternate line of play he had reserved in case the spades were not 3-2.

He led dummy's ten of diamonds. It did not matter whether East covered with the queen or not. Ogust could not be prevented from eventually winning four diamond tricks, and he wound up making three notrump.

If he had cashed the K-Q of spades initially, Ogust would have been defeated. His play of overtaking the queen could have cost him a trick or two if the spades had been divided normally, but the overtake gave him a better chance to make the contract.

Tomorrow: Oops!
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Annie's Mailbox

Online Dating Mystifies Parents

Dear Annie: I am a 27-year-old man who needs help. Recently, I met a guy via the internet. We hit it off and have a lot in common. In addition, he lives in the same state that I do. I've seen pictures of him, so I know what he looks like. He even gave me his phone number. I want to call him so we can stay in contact.

The problem is that I'm on the same phone plan as my parents, and they are the type of people who prefer face-to-face meetings and are wary of meeting people over the internet. How do I get them to understand that not all people you meet on the internet are bad people? -- Different Generation

Dear Different Generation: You are not going to get your parents to change their minds about the internet; and, to be quite honest, their fears have some merit. There are some really bad people online. At the same time, there are plenty

of wonderful individuals who have met their future spouse online. Don't worry about convincing your parents. Just live your life and be smart and safe, and consider paying for your own phone plan.

Dear Annie: Last year, on Sept. 5, 2019, to be exact, a reader wrote in about intermittent fasting and how it has changed her life. I discovered fasting after reading her letter to you and have had much success in losing weight and staying healthy. I would like to tell "Healthy and Happy" thank you. -- Grateful

Dear Grateful: Congratulations on your weight loss. Thank you for your letter, for sharing your success and for giving "Healthy and Happy" a shout-out. I am hopeful that "Healthy and Happy" will read this. And, in that same vein, I'd like to thank all of my readers who are willing to share their lives -- the good, the bad and the ugly -- with strangers. You never know the positive mark you can make.

Dear Annie: Due to COVID-19, my siblings and I were not able to see our very elderly mother for more than two months. When her birthday came around in May, we created "Happy Birthday" signs and taped them to our cars. We then proceeded to do a drive-by parade, while beeping our horns and hooting and hollering and waving at her. My siblings' ages run between 65 and 57 (there are seven of us), and we all have different health issues. So, this drive-by benefited us all, and we got to see and celebrate our 94-year-old mom #Alo- neTogether. -- Happy with a Parade

Dear Happy with a Parade: Thank you for your letter! What a wonderful way to celebrate your mom. You can also do this for children's birthday parties, graduations or really any special occasion that you want to enjoy company while celebrating safely.

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Fun By The Numbers
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

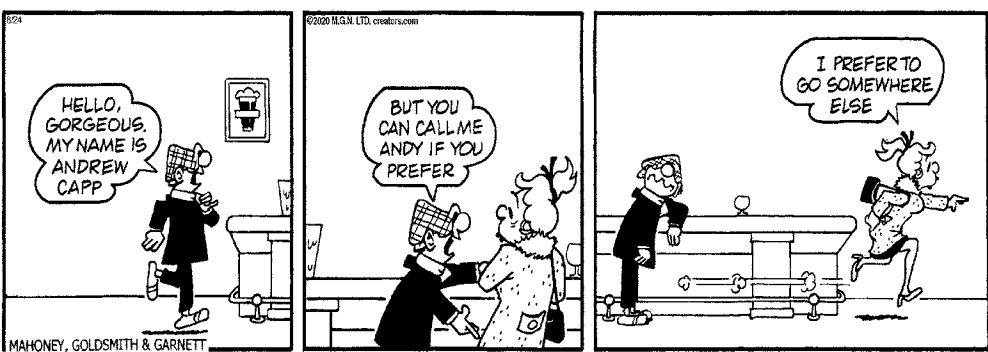
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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6	7	8	2	1	8	4	5	9
2	4	6	9	9	7	1	8	3
9	5	3	1	2	8	6	4	7
7	8	1	3	4	9	6	9	2
1	6	5	8	3	2	7	7	9
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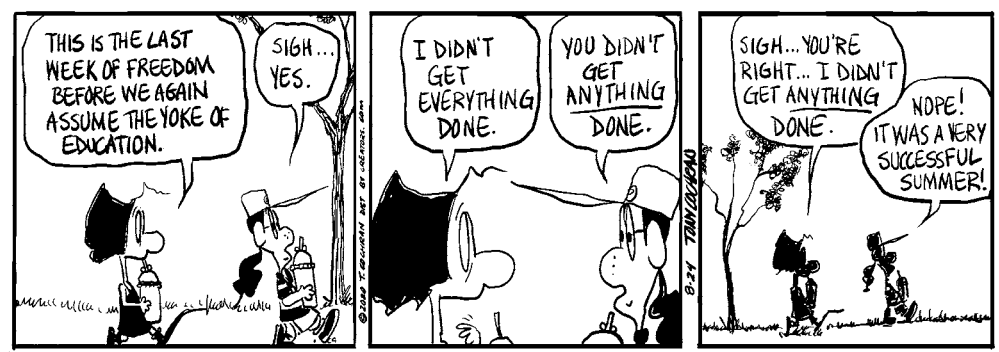
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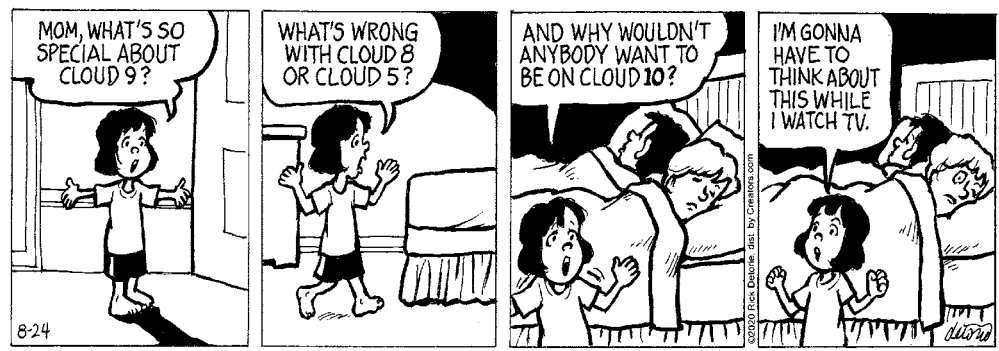
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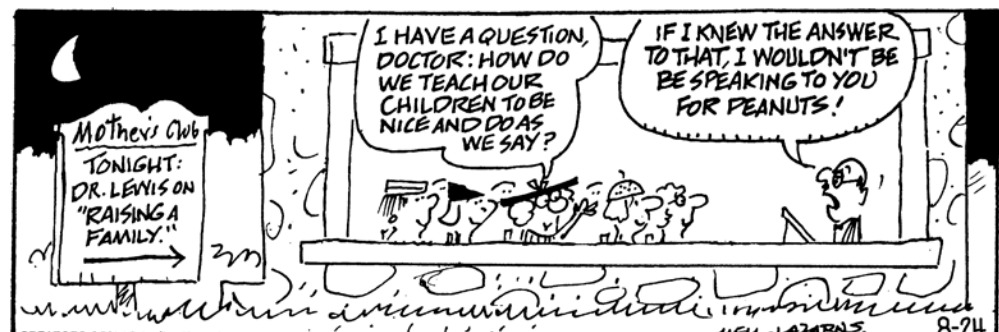
ONE BIG HAPPY



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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Monday, Aug. 24, the 237th day of 2020. There are 129 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On August 24 in A.D. 79, long-dormant Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in volcanic ash; an estimated 20,000 people died. On this date: In A.D. 410, Rome was overrun by the Visigoths, a major event in the fall of the Western Roman Empire. In 1814, during the War of 1812, British forces invaded Washington, D.C., setting fire to the Capitol (which was still under construction) and the White House, as well as other public buildings. In 1932, Amelia Earhart embarked on a 19-hour flight from Los Angeles to Newark, New Jersey, making her the first woman to fly solo, non-stop, from coast to coast. In 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty came into force. In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Communist Control Act, outlawing the Communist Party in the United States. In 1968, France became the world's fifth thermonuclear power as it exploded a hydrogen bomb in the South Pacific. In 1981, Mark David Chapman was sentenced in New York to 20 years to life in prison for murdering John Lennon. (Chapman remains imprisoned.) In 1989, the Voyager 2 space probe flew by Neptune, sending back striking photographs. In 2003, the Justice Department reported the U.S. crime rate in 2002 was the lowest since studies began in 1973. In 2007, the NFL indefinitely suspended Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick without pay after he acknowledged in court papers that he had, indeed, bankrolled gambling on dogfighting and helped kill some dogs not worthy of the pit. In 2012, the U.S. Anti-Doping

Agency wiped out 14 years of Lance Armstrong's cycling career — including his record seven Tour de France titles — and barred him for life from the sport after concluding he'd used banned substances. In 2018, the family of Arizona Sen. John McCain announced that he had discontinued medical treatment for an aggressive form of brain cancer; McCain died the following day. Ten years ago: A Chinese passenger jet broke apart and burst into flames as it hit the runway, killing 42 people and injuring 54 others. A suicide bomber and gunmen attacked a hotel near Somalia's presidential palace; at least 32 people were killed, along with two militants. In Florida, political newcomer Rick Scott beat Bill McCollum for the GOP gubernatorial nomination. (Scott went on to win election in November, narrowly defeating Alex Sink.) Five years ago: U.S. Airman Guardsman Alek Skarlatos, their longtime friend Anthony Sadler and British businessman Chris Norman were presented with the Legion of Honor by French President Francois Hollande, who credited them with tackling a heavily armed attacker and preventing carnage on a high-speed train headed to Paris. Driver Justin Wilson, 37, died one day after he was struck in the head by a piece of debris during the Verizon IndyCar Series race at Pocono Raceway. One year ago: Two weeks before the Indianapolis Colts were to play their season-opening game, 29-year-old quarterback Andrew Luck announced that he was retiring after three injury-plagued seasons. Six people were injured when lightning struck a 60-foot pine tree at the PGA Tour Championship in Atlanta where they had been taking cover from rain. Today's Birthdays: Composer-musician Mason Williams is 82. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marshall Thompson (The Chi-Lites) is 78. Rock musician Ken Hensley is 75. Actor Anne Archer is 73. Actor Joe Regalbutto is 71. Actor Kevin Dunn is 65. Former

Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee is 65. Actor-writer Stephen Fry is 63. Actor Steve Guttenberg is 62. Baseball Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr. is 60. Actor Jared Harris is 59. Talk show host Craig Kilborn is 58. CBS News correspondent Major Garrett is 58. Rock singer John Bush is 57. Actor Marlee Matlin is

55. Basketball Hall of Famer Reggie Miller is 55. Broadcast journalist David Gregory is 50. Country singer Kristyn Osborn (SHedaisy) is 50. Movie director Ava DuVernay is 48. Actor-comedian Dave Chappelle is 47. Actor James D'Arcy is 47. Actor Carmine Giovinazzo (jee-oh-vih-n-AH'-zoh) is 47. Actor

Alex O'Loughlin is 44. Actor Beth Riesgraf is 42. Actor Chad Michael Murray is 39. Christian rock musician Jeffrey Gilbert (Kutless) is 37. Singer Mika is 37. Actor Blake Berris is 36. Actor Rupert Grint ("Harry Potter" films) is 32.

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Newsday Crossword

UNWIND AFTER WORK by Brad Wilber Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS 1 Armed conflicts 5 Triple-decker cookie 9 Spaces between teeth 13 Furnish with gear 15 Take a break 16 Doozy 17 Sudsy soak in the tub 19 Typical Jordanian 20 Utter out loud 21 Dry, as desert climates 22 Opinion pieces 24 Clenched hand 25 ___ and cons 26 "Covered" pioneer vehicle 29 Cruise vessel with a theater 33 Crossword clue heading 35 Forty thieves opponent ___ Baba 36 Move like a river 38 Worry (over) 39 Is drained of color 41 "___ Off to See the Wizard" 42 Any competitive squad 43 ___-at-ease (nervous) 44 Royal decrees 46 Dreamy powder from outer space 49 Initial stage 50 Flower stalk 51 Seep 53 Quarterback, when throwing the ball 56 Wheel-connecting rod 57 Be in debt

- 60 Vicinity 61 Evening for streaming a film 64 Finger jewelry 65 Unknown author: Abbr. 66 Course of mixed greens 67 Actress Winslet or Mulgrew 68 Breaking stories 69 Tennis court dividers
- DOWN 1 Fly traps in attics 2 Watery blue hue 3 Red gemstone 4 Brother or sister, for short 5 Paths of satellites 6 Enjoy a book 7 Superlative suffix 8 "If not . . ."

- 9 Some Cabernet or Chardonnay 10 Spiritual glow 11 Stage production 12 Undersea vessels, for short 14 Flat grasslands 18 Destinations for ambulances: Abbr. 23 Weep loudly 24 Rubbing of soles and toes 25 Flag holder 26 Float, as an aroma 27 Measures of farm size 28 ___ Dane (large dog) 30 Corridors 31 Smart ___ (wisecrackers) 32 Very rich cake

- 34 Superhero that spins 1 Down 37 Sunset direction 40 Grad 45 Groups of 12 47 Numbered road: Abbr. 48 Poisonous substances 52 Spanish cheer 53 Urban green space 54 Operatic solo 55 Mailed off 56 State confidently 57 Stare at 58 "___ difference does it make?" 59 Takeoff-hour guesses: Abbr. 62 Hour after midnight 63 Fleming who created James Bond

Answer to previous puzzle
HOTS AWL GRATIS
AIRINDIA RAVINE
PLUTOANDJUPITER
SPEED NYU DIVA
BALD MEDICS PEP
UPI AGRICULTURE
REFORMS ETAT
GRETA BOMBS
IGOR PLOPART
DISSOLUTION LAP
ING NEBULA MAZE
STUB INS COMET
CERESANDNEPTUNE
UNVEIL REWRITER
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