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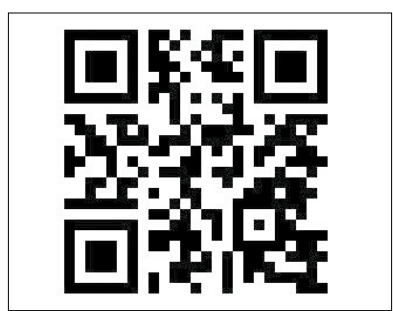


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Virtual learning topic of discussion for Big Spring and Forsan ISDs

By **IRIS RANGEL & AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Herald Staff Report

The Board of Trustees for Big Spring ISD held a Special Meeting yesterday afternoon to hold discussion regarding an Updated Virtual Learning Plan. During Trustees regular meeting last week, there was consideration of changing Big Spring ISD's current virtual learning program as many of BSISD students were failing one or more classes. "This is very alarming to not only me, but the campus principles, our teachers, and you as a Board," McWilliams said. The meeting adjourned and a moment was held for public comment. With no public comment being made,

conversation began with Superintendent McWilliams offering three updated virtual learning plan options for the Board to choose from as follows:

- To leave the current virtual learning plan as-is to see if it improves later in the school year
- To completely remove virtual learning from all aspects of Big Spring ISD and require all students to return to in-person instruction, except in instances of medical needs and/or quarantine needs
- To allow remote learning to continue for students who are not failing academically and/or failing TEA attendance regulations; students who are already failing academically and/or have excessive absences would be required to return to in-person instruction, except in instances of medical needs and/or quarantine needs

or quarantine needs. "I understand this is not an easy decision. It's not something you take lightly. It's something that you put a lot of time into and you think, what is best for our kids. These kids are ours and we are accountable for them," McWilliams said. According to McWilliams, some Big Spring ISD students have already been removed due to excessive absences and multiple class failures. Students must be in school for approximately 90% of the school year and cannot exceed more than 18-19 days per school year, according to TEA. Conversation was then held on other options parents/guardians could take if they would not want their students to return to campuses, being that they would need to file intent for their See **LEARN**, Page 3

Ghost Tours are back for the second year; tours start Friday

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

The Ghost Tours are back for a second year. After a huge success last year, those who were unable to attend the tours last year will have an opportunity to do so this year. The first ghost tour will take place next Friday, Oct. 16. at 8 p.m. with a second and third tour following Saturday night at 8 p.m. and at 9:30 p.m. The second set of tours will take place on Oct. 23 and Oct. 24.



HERALD file photo

The Ghost Tours are returning for a second year. Tickets are still available. The first of six tours will take place this Friday.

"The Ghost Tours offer a fun, entertaining evening filled with ghost stories and history, along with the opportunity to support the Heritage Museum," Shonda Folsom, organizer of the Big Spring Ghost Tour, said. "We started this last year as a creative way to share some of Big Spring's history and to support the local museum, while offering a fun event to Big Spring residents." The Ghost Tours will take patrons on a walk through Downtown Big Spring See **GHOST**, Page 3

County Commissioners hold routine meeting Monday

By **IRIS RANGEL**
 Herald Staff Writer

The Howard County Commissioners met for a regular meeting yesterday afternoon to discuss regular agenda items such as roadway maintenance updates, County Clerk monthly reports, and possible action within the renewal of cooperative agreement between Howard County and Midland College concerning the Breath Alcohol Testing Program. This week, the Commissioners convened in the Second Floor Courtroom #206 and will continue to meet there for the remainder of October. At the beginning of the meeting, a moment was held for citizen input. As no citizen input was made, a public hearing including a presentation of See **COUNTY**, Page 3

Howard College hosts PoliTiTaco Tuesdays

By **CINDY SMITH**
 Howard College

The Anthony Hunt Library on the campus of Howard College has teamed up with Big Spring High School and Howard County libraries to host "PoliTiTaco Tuesday" to help prepare voters for the upcoming election. The come and go events will be held from 5:30-6:30 each Tuesday until election day. Attendees who are not Howard College students can obtain a meal voucher from the library that is valid for a free taco meal in the cafeteria until 7pm. The events are open for anyone to attend but are catered to first time voters who may need more guidance on the election process. "We wanted to do everything we can to prepare our students and community members for the upcoming elections," said Jill DeFore, Librarian. "So many of them are unsure of the process and it is our responsibility to educate them about their right to vote and what they can expect on election day." All attendees are required to sign

in, wear a mask, and be screened with a hands-free temperature check as they enter the library. Howard College students can attend the event virtually if they prefer. Everyone who signs in will automatically be entered to win a drawing for one of three taco night party packages, one of which includes a television. "We received two separate grants to help us fund this project which allowed us to create the prize packages and entice people to come out and educate themselves about the voting process and get their voting related questions answered," said DeFore. "We have also teamed up with the Howard County Republicans and Howard County Democrats to bring in local candidates who will be on the ballot in November." The schedule of events for the remainder of the month include: October 13: Who/What's on the Ballot? Discussion about what all is on the ballot and a few political candidates will be in attendance for a non-partisan meet-and-greet. The candidates currently

scheduled include Eddilisa Saldivar (County Commissioner candidate), Shiloh Salazar (County Commissioner candidate), Jimmie Long (County Commissioner Candidate), Milton Perkins (County Commissioner Candidate), Cody Hughes (City Council Candidate), and Nick Hilario Ornelas (City Council Candidate). Other candidates may join as well. October 20: Question & Answer Session: Do you still having voting questions? Grab some tacos while we try to answer those questions and get you ready for election day! October 27: Voting Walk-Through: Come walk-through the voting process to see what you can expect to happen on voting day. Howard County Election Administrator, Jodi Duck, has provided a video walk-through of the voting booths that will be used in Howard County. For more information about Howard College visit howardcollege.edu or contact Cindy Smith at csmith@howardcollege.edu or 432-264-5034.

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Obituaries

Tommy Newsom

Tommy Newsom, 72, of Big Spring died Monday, Oct. 12, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

• Howard County Republican Club meets the second Monday of each month at 421 Main Street. Everyone is welcome. The meeting takes place at Noon. For more information call 432-213-7628.

• CASA of West Texas will hold two virtual information sessions; the first was Sept. 30 and the next will follow on Oct. 14. Both will be held at 12:30 p.m. and is free to attend. Registration is required and can be done on the CASA website, where the Zoom link will also be provided.

• The West Texas VA Health System will be providing drive-thru flu clinics. The dates for the surrounding area include: Clinic dates (all times 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.) George H. O'Brien, Jr. VAMC – Monday, Oct. 5, 2020; Abilene CBOC – Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020; Wilson & Young Medal of Honor CBOC – Monday, Oct. 19, 2020.

• A new group has started in Howard County. It is made up of people of all ages and genders who want to be better than they are. The focus of the fledgling organization is to engage in meaningful discussions that promote personal growth. Additionally, the organization will plan and execute worthwhile activities within the community. There is no membership fee and attendance is not taken. The only requirements are that you be positive or want to be more positive than you are, consider yourself to be a good person but want to be better than you are, and that you have a desire to help others be better too. Childcare is available during the discussion time if you let us know. Topics to be avoided include Religion and Politics, though we can dance around them.

Taking Care of Business is being sponsored by the local Masons and it meets in the Masonic Lodge

on the court square. It is not necessary that you have any masonic affiliation to participate in this Growth Group. All Covid-19 safety protocols will be followed as defined by local, state, and federal authorities. At this time refreshments will not be served but you are welcome to bring your own and not share. The next meeting is Sept. 17, 2020, at 7 p.m. at 219 South Main Big Spring, Texas. For more information write to Colonel.Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com or just come to the meeting.

• 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 Senior Supper Club of Howard County will meet for its normal dinner meeting at Spanish Inn on Tuesday October 6, 2020. 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.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this report.

• **SCOTTY JOE BRYANT**, 43, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated/open alcohol container.

• **GENARA LOPEZ CASTILLO III**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of amphetamine.

• **AUSTIN AARON COLLINS**, 27, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substance penalty group two (less than on gram).

• **APRIL DAWN GAMBREL**, 45, was arrested by DPS on charges of unauthorized use of vehicle, possession of dangerous drug, possession of controlled substance penalty group two (greater than or equal to four grams less than 400 grams), and possession of controlled substance penalty group one (greater

than or equal to four grams less than 200 grams).

• **NINFA MORENO GARCIA**, 64, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **DANIEL RAY LEWIS**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of evading arrest detention with previous conviction.

• **JESSE MARTINEZ**, 52, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substance penalty group one (less than one gram).

• **RICHARD DAVID McCUTCHAN**, 52, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **FRANKIE RUBIO JR.**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substance penalty group one (one gram).

• **ALFONSO FLORES VERA**, 67, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **GERALD WAYNE WHITE**, 63, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Jefferson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Westover. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of Abrams. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of N. Birdwell. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Willa Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **TERESA LORENE LANG**, 38, of 2912 Cherokee Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **DAKOTA ANN BERRY**, 57, of 500 Ray Road, was arrested on charges of violation protective order – goes to or near residence/employment/school.

• **NINFA MORENO GARCIA**, 64, of 1511 Sycamore Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JESSE MARTINEZ**, 52, of 107 Becker Road, was arrested on a charge of possession of controlled substance penalty group one (less than one gram).

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore Street.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 5000 block of S. Service Road.

• **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported in the 800 block of Andree Street.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at in the area of E. 11th and Lincoln Avenue.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1000 block of Wood Street.

• **INTOXICATED SUBJECT** was reported in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa Highway.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 300 block of E. 19th Street.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 500 block of NE 9th Street.

• **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 700 block of E. 15th Street.

• **HIT AND RUN** was reported in the 600 block of E. 4th Street.

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students to attend a private school, homeschool, or remove their students from Big Spring ISD with intent to transfer to another district.

“For the betterment of our district, for the educational value for our kids to gain, we’ve got to do something,” McWilliams said.

The Board then moved into discussion regarding technical issues parents/guardians and students might have with virtual learning and what Big Spring ISD is doing in order to alleviate those concerns. Assistant Superintendent of Academics and Assessment Raemi Thompson, stated that parents/guardians can call school campuses in order to receive technical help, but that the possibility of a Parents Night in order to teach parents/guardians how to troubleshoot certain technology issues could help alleviate concerns. The possibility of a direct help desk on the Big Spring ISD website was also mentioned to allow for a quicker solution for technical concerns.

Before the meeting adjourned,

Trustee Thomas Olague moved to approve the third virtual learning option with Trustee Julie Harris seconding the motion, passing unanimously.

Discussion was then held on what would happen after an option was chosen, where McWilliams noted that beginning tomorrow, a meeting with all campus principals would take place in order to plan for students to return to in-person instruction. Campus officials would then begin contacting parents and guardians notifying them on whether or not their students would be required to return to campuses.

According to McWilliams, the newly decided plan could possibly take effect soon requiring students to return to in-person instruction on Monday, Oct. 19, 2020. A letter from McWilliams is also expected to be sent out this week notifying parents/guardians of the new changes.

Assistant Superintendent of Operations George Bancroft also provided an update regarding bus driver concerns with certain bus routes not being made due to bus drivers being out. According to Bancroft, most of the Big Spring ISD bus drivers will

likely return next week to continue their routine bus routes.

Forsan ISD limits virtual learning

Forsan school board members met Monday evening in a special meeting to discuss the option of discontinuing synchronous and asynchronous learning.

After discussion surrounding health data and academic data, the board decided to limit the use of virtual learning and have students return to the classroom.

“With the virtual learning we aren’t able to tell where the students truly are academically, and being nine weeks in to the school year we should be able to tell where the students are at academically,” Forsan Superintendent Randy Johnson said. “As educators we need to know what they are getting, their strengths and weaknesses so we can go back and build up those areas that are weak.”

After almost an hour of discussion, in a unanimous vote, the school board decided to eliminate virtual learning for students except for those who have been in close contact with (the virus) or have a medical need. Over the next few days school officials will

be reaching out to those taking part in Virtual learning – around 30 students - currently. Students will be required to return to the classroom on Oct. 19 if a doctor’s note is not obtained.

“We are nine weeks in, and we are able to look at our own data and see what’s going on with Covid. At this point we have only had a couple of student cases of Covid in the elementary, and statistics are showing that the most heavily impacted are juniors and seniors,” Johnson said.

The board’s decision was based on the small amount of cases that have presented in the district as well as the distractions at home associated with virtual learning, lack of ability to truly evaluate academic progress, and the stress of the expanded duties of staff.

“As good as our teachers are the stress level starts to wear on them and it effects everyone,” one of the Forsan Board Members stated during discussion.

Over the next couple of days those involved in virtual learning will be contacted by Forsan Administration.

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COUNTY

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the Archive Plan for the Technology Fund for Both the County Clerk and District Clerk was discussed. This Archive Plan would allow the county to charge \$10 per instrument in order to pay for the preservation of county records and archives.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jimmie Long to approve the plan and was seconded by Commissioner John Cline. The motion passed unanimously.

After the public hearing concluded, Judge Wiseman then led discussion on the renewal of the Cooperative Agreement between Howard College and Midland College concerning the Breath Alcohol Testing Program. Judge Wiseman noted that this agreement was simply a renewal of last year’s agreement and had no new changes made to the program.

Commissioner Cline motioned to approve the agreement and Commissioner Long seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

During the meeting, Commissioners also approved the following items:

- Personnel Considerations
- County Choice Silver Rates for 2021
- Invoices and Budget Amendments

- Appointment of Roberts and McGee, CPA, as outside auditors for the 2019-2020 FY
- 2021 Resolution for the Indigent Defense Grant Program
- Permission to collect bids for RFQ 2021003M Emulsion
- County Clerk Monthly Report

Discussion was also then held on several purchase requests that would allow for a new camera system for several county buildings in the amount of \$36,000.

Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek provided Commissioners with a few roadway maintenance updates stating projects concerning RAP plating would be taking place on Bates Road in Precinct 3 possibly sometime next week.

During the County Clerk Annual Report portion of the meeting, Brian Zitterkopf noted that collections are down more than \$244,000 due to the current pandemic and the recent oil bust. Within the \$244,000, criminal collections are down \$30,000 due to the low number of hearings being held in Howard County.

Before adjourning for the evening, Zitterkopf commented on his dilemmas with other parties/entities not properly completing Commissioner Court Documents once they have been approved and signed by the Court. According to Zitterkopf, Howard County is one of the few counties who ap-

prove and sign court documents before all parties have signed the documents.

In the previous regular meeting, Commissioner Craig Bailey motioned to table the item stating he needed more time to debate whether or not this process/policy should be implemented.

The possible process/policy would require all other parties/entities to have their Commissioner Court Documents completely signed and filled out before they are approved in court. Discussion was held on how the said policy would allow for hold up on certain contracts to begin starting if signatures were still needed.

Commissioner Long stated that for instances with bids, the policy would need to allow contractors 72 hours to sign the agreed upon contract once it is approved by the Court. Long moved to approve the policy with certain conditions and was seconded by Commissioner Cline. The motion passed unanimously.

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Rex Rainey, 67, died Thursday. Graveside service will be at 10:00 AM Tuesday at Coahoma Cemetery.

Basil Mowdy, 75, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Tommy Newsom, 72, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

GHOST

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while they listen to ghost stories and the history contained in the buildings that adorn the area. The Tours will take off from 100 S. Main Street – The Train Car – and take attendees to numerous stops including Hotel Settles and Desert Flower Art Bar. However, due to the current pandemic situation, the tour will remain completely outdoors this year and masks are encouraged.

“Once again through the support of our wonderful sponsors – Star Dodge, Folsom Law Firm and Train Car - we are able to make this event happen for the community with the benefit going to the local museum to help preserve history,”

The emcee for the Ghost Tour this year will be

one of Big Spring’s famous ghosts, Lillian Birdwell, the daughter of John Birdwell, who was the local Sheriff and operator of the T&P Hotel. According to history provided by the Heritage Museum, Lillian Birdwell was notorious for what she called her “special gift” of speaking with the “dearly departed” during her lifetime. During the tours, she will be recounting the stories of Big Spring ghosts.

To reserve your spot for one of the four tours, call 432-270-6113. Masks are encouraged.

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Health care is focus as Barrett Supreme Court hearing opens

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats branded Supreme Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett a threat to Americans' health care during the coronavirus pandemic Monday at the start of a fast-tracked hearing that Republicans are confident will end with Barrett's confirmation to replace the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg before Election Day.

In a competing effort to approvingly define the 48-year-old Barrett, who sat silent and wearing a face mask, Republican senators called President Donald Trump's pick a thoughtful judge with impeccable credentials.

Barring a dramatic development, Republicans appear to have the votes to confirm Barrett to a lifetime seat on the Supreme Court. If she is confirmed quickly she could be on the Supreme Court when it hears the latest challenge to the Affordable Care Act, a week after the election.

One after another, Democrats sought to tie her nomination to the upcoming court case.

"Health care coverage for millions of Americans is at stake with this nomination," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, the committee's senior Democrat.

Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., said the nomination is a "judicial torpedo aimed" at the law's protection for people with pre-existing health conditions among its provisions. The Trump administration wants the court to strike down the entire law popularly known as "Obamacare" on Nov. 10. Barrett has criticized the court's two earlier major rulings supporting the law.

Among Republicans, Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, dismissed warnings Barrett will undo the Obama-era healthcare law as "outrageous."

Republicans also warned against making Barrett's Catholicism an issue in the confirmation debate, es-

pecially in regard to her stance on abortion, with Sen. Josh Hawley of Missouri lambasting what he called a "pattern and practice of religious bigotry" by Democrats. However, Democratic senators made clear in advance of the hearing that they didn't plan to question the judge on the specifics of her religious faith.

Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden, also a practicing Catholic, told reporters ahead of a campaign trip to Ohio that he doesn't think "there's any question about her faith."

The Senate Judiciary Committee, meeting on a federal holiday, kicked off four days of statements and testimony in an environment that has been altered by the coronavirus pandemic. Some senators were taking part remotely, and the hearing room itself was arranged with health concerns in mind.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., opened the hearing acknowledging "the COVID problem in America is real." But he said, "We do have a country that needs to move forward safely."

Graham acknowledged the obvious: "This is going to be a long, contentious week."

Barrett, a federal appeals court judge, was to tell senators that she is "forever grateful" for Ginsburg's trailblazing path as a woman. But she is resolved to maintain the perspective of her own mentor, the late conservative Justice Antonin Scalia and "apply the law as written," according to her prepared opening remarks for the hearings.

"Courts are not designed to solve every problem or right every wrong in our public life," Barrett says in the remarks, which The Associated Press obtained.

Republicans are moving at a breakneck pace to seat Barrett before the Nov. 3 election to secure Trump's

pick, which would put her on the bench for any election-related challenges.

Democrats are trying in vain to delay the fast-track confirmation by raising fresh concerns about the safety of meeting during the pandemic after two GOP senators on the panel tested positive for the novel coronavirus.

Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, one of those who tested positive, was in the hearing room Monday after his spokesman said he was symptom-free. The other affected senator, Thom Tillis of North Carolina, was participating remotely, though he too is symptom-free, his spokesman said. Both tested positive 10 days ago.

Among senators who will not set foot in the hearing room because of coronavirus concerns is Democratic vice presidential nominee Kamala Harris.

"We are 22 days away from an election and people are voting right now. And that's the focus given that they're trying to push through, ram through a Supreme Court justice for a lifetime appointment while almost seven million people have already voted," Harris said as she arrived at her Senate office.

Trump chose Barrett after the death last month of Ginsburg, a liberal icon. It's the opportunity to entrench a conservative majority on the court for years to come with his third justice.

Outside groups are pushing Democrats to make a strong case against what they call an illegitimate confirmation, when people are already voting in some states, saying the winner of the presidency should make the pick. No Supreme Court justice has ever been confirmed so close to a presidential contest.

The country will get an extended look at Barrett over the next three days in hearings like none other dur-

ing the heated election environment and the pandemic limiting public access.

Faith and family punctuate her testimony, and she said would bring "a few new perspectives" as the first mother of school-age children on the nine-member court.

Barrett says she uses her children as a test when deciding cases, asking herself how she would view the decision if one of her children were the party she was ruling against.

"Even though I would not like the result, would I understand that the decision was fairly reasoned and grounded in the law?" she says in the prepared remarks.

A Roman Catholic, she says she believes in the "power of prayer." Barrett's religious views and past leadership role in a Catholic faith community pose a challenge for Democrats as they try to probe her judicial approach to abortion, gay marriage and other social issues without veering into inappropriate questions of her faith.

Ordinarily, Barrett would get to show off her family and seven children. But the White House event announcing her nomination, in which most of the audience did not wear masks, has been labeled a "super-spreader" for the coronavirus.

More than two dozen people linked to the Sept. 26 Rose Garden event, including the two GOP senators, have contracted COVID-19 since then. Barrett and her family went maskless at the event. She and her husband, Jesse, tested positive for the virus earlier this year and recovered, two administration officials have said.

Democrats already were enraged that Republicans are moving so quickly having refused to consider President Barack Obama nominee in February 2016, well before that year's election.

2 Stanford economists win Nobel prize for improving auctions

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Two American economists won the Nobel Prize on Monday for improving how auctions work, research that underlies much of today's economy — from the way Google sells advertising to the way telecoms companies acquire airwaves from the government.

The discoveries of Paul R. Milgrom and Robert B. Wilson, both of Stanford University, "have benefited sellers, buyers and taxpayers around the world," the Nobel Committee said.

Wilson was once Milgrom's Ph.D. adviser, and the two also happen to be neighbors. Reached by phone at his home in California, Milgrom said he received news of their win "in a strange way."

"I got a knock at my door from Bob Wilson" when it was still the middle of the night, he told The Associated Press.

Milgrom, 72, said students, friends and colleagues had long suggested he and Wilson, 83, might be due for the prize.

"It's nice to have their respect but their affection as well," Milgrom said.

The two men tackled the tricky problem of making auctions work efficiently. The committee said Wilson's work showed "why rational bidders tend to place bids below their own best estimate of the common value" — which could mean the item goes for less than it's worth and perhaps not to the buyer who most wants it, neither of which is supposed to happen if the auction is working properly.

The effects of their work can be seen all around. "Online advertising is sold at auction," said David Warsh, who tracks economic research at his blog Economic Principals. "That Google was able to adopt the method so quickly and seamlessly depended entirely on theory developed by Milgrom and his competitors and their students."

The work is about more than money. Some governments, for example, auction off the right to pol-

lute in hopes of reducing emissions; cleaner companies can resell unneeded rights to dirtier ones, creating a financial incentive for companies to make their operations greener. "The objective is not always to maximize the revenue for the seller but also can have a societal objective," said Nobel Committee member Ingrid Werner.

One problem for sellers in auctions is the so-called winner's curse. If buyers are vying to purchase, say, fishing rights, they have to make bids without knowing what the price of fish will be in the future. They begin to worry that they will only prevail by overpaying, and they can respond by scaling back their offers.

A solution, Wilson and Milgrom's research showed, is for the seller to provide as much information as possible before the bidding begins, perhaps providing an independent appraisal of the item being sold.

They also tackled the "snake in the grass strategy," Wilson said. This involves a company keeping its interest in the item being sold secret for most of the auction and then making the winning bid at the last minute.

"It's like sniping an eBay auction," Wilson told the AP, adding that they designed rules that force bidders to reveal their interest earlier on.

Their research has had a big impact on the telecommunications industry, where private companies seek licenses from the government to use publicly owned radio frequencies for everything from mobile phone calls to internet payments.

Before the 1990s, the U.S. government essen-

tially conducted "beauty contests" to hand out the frequencies, letting companies make their case for getting the licenses. The approach encouraged aggressive lobbying but didn't raise much money for the Treasury.

In 1994, the U.S. government turned to auctions. Milgrom and Wilson (with help from Preston McAfee, now at Google) designed an auction format in which all the licenses were sold in one go. That format discourages speculators from buying up frequencies in a specific geographic area and then reselling them to big telecommunications companies seeking to patch together national or regional networks.

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Big Spring boys finish second, girls finish third at Andrews Double Dual swim meet

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

The Big Spring Swim Team participated in their second meet of the season last weekend at the Andrews Double Dual. The schools that participated were Andrews, Big Spring, Seminole, and Vega. It was a good day for the Steers as a team with the boys finishing second and the girls taking home third-place. The next time that this group will enter the pool is this weekend at the Big Spring YMCA when they host a Double Dual of their own against Abilene High and Abilene Cooper on Saturday.

Big Spring's boys finished in second place behind Andrews (324) with 61 points but were able to finish in front of third-place Seminole (54). The girls finished in third place behind Andrews (224) and Seminole (111) with 56 total points. They were still able to finish ahead of last-place Vega (16).

Here are the results for Big Spring's swimmers from the Andrews Double Dual:

In the Boys' 200-yard medley relay, the group of freshman Christian Pantoja-Strickland (36.89), sophomore David Summers (41.20), sophomore Morgan Griffith (43.77), and Ismael Castillo finished in third place with a total time of 2:01.86.

In the Girls' 200-yard Freestyle, freshman Katherine Greene finished in sixth-place with a total time of 3:07.96.

Sophomore David Summers finished in fourth place (2:57.55) in the Boys' 200 Yard IM, which was about five seconds faster than he swam the same race at the first meet in Pecos.

Sophomore Malaki Vaughn finished in third place in the Girls' 50 Yard Freestyle with a final time of 31.55 seconds. Her teammates Jayda Overton (9th, 35.07), Sapphire Martinez (12th, 37.18), Brooklynne Heffle (13th, 37.19), and Steffany Pina Arment (15th, 46.71) also were in the top performers for that specific race.

In the Boys' 50 Yard Freestyle, Ismael Castillo (8th, 32.30) was the top Steer finisher. Sophomore Carson Millsap (10th, 34.34), Toby Phillips (11th, 34.97), and Matthew Nieves (15th, 53.18) rounded out the Top 15 finishers.

Sophomore Naomi Reyes finished in second place (1:26.07) in the Girls' 100 Yard Butterfly. Freshman Katherine Greene (DQ) was the lone other Big Spring swimmer to take place in that event.

Senior Manuel Castillo finished in second place (1:06.15) in the Boys' 100 Yard Butterfly.

Sophomore swimmer Jayda Overton (1:23.68) finished in eighth place of the Girls' 100 Yard Freestyle.

Morgan Griffith finished 12th in the Boys' 100 Yard Freestyle with a final time of 1:17.95. Carson Millsap finished in 14th place with a time



A Big Spring swimmer makes their way through the pool during a race.

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of 1:23.24.

Arely Cruz-Garcia placed eighth (7:14.06) in the Girls' 500-Yard Freestyle. Christian Pantoja-Strickland finished in fourth on the Boys' side of the same event with a time of 7:07.16.

The quarter of Malaki Vaughn, Naomi Reyes, Arely Cruz-Garcia, and Brooklynne Heffle took home third place in the Girls' 200 Yard Freestyle Relay with a total time of 2:09.04.

Big Spring also finished third in the Boys' 200 Yard Freestyle Relay with the grouping of David Summers, Christian Pantoja-Strickland, Ismael Castillo, and Morgan Griffith with a time of 2:06.91.

Malaki Vaughn finished in fifth place in the Girls' 100 Yard Backstroke with a time of 1:23.28. Cruz-Garcia finished seventh (1:24.07) and Heffle finished ninth (1:36.74).

On the boys' side, Toby Phillips finished in seventh place (1:39.87).

Naomi Reyes finished in third place and was the only Lady Steer to place in the Girls' 100-Yard Breaststroke (1:29.35). On the Boys' side, Summers (5th, 1:31.50), Morgan Griffith (6th, 1:37.29), Ismael Castillo (7th, 1:41.84), and Matthew Nieves (8th, 2:00.64) all rounded out the Top 10.

Lastly, the grouping of Vaughn, Reyes, Overton, and Cruz-Garcia finished in third place in the Girls' 400 Yard Freestyle Relay (4:49.03). On the boys' side, the quartet of Ethan Barker, Carson Millsap, Matthew Nieves, and Toby Phillips finished in sixth place (6:36.18).

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NCAA Football Top 25 (Week 7)

Ranking	Team	Overall	Points	Prev
1	Clemson	4-0	1,546	1
2	Alabama	3-0	1,463	2
3	Georgia	3-0	1,430	3
4	Notre Dame	3-0	1,317	5
5	North Carolina	3-0	1,190	8
6	Ohio State	0-0	1,152	6
7	Oklahoma State	3-0	1,069	10
8	Cincinnati	3-0	971	11
9	Penn State	0-0	970	9
10	Florida	2-1	904	4
11	Texas A&M	2-1	883	21
12	Oregon	0-0	817	12
13	Miami (FL)	3-1	790	7
14	Auburn	2-1	703	13
15	BYU	4-0	693	15
16	Wisconsin	0-0	633	16
17	SMU	4-0	522	18
18	Tennessee	2-1	463	14
19	Michigan	0-0	417	20
20	Iowa State	3-1	405	24
21	Louisiana	3-0	342	23
22	Kansas State	3-1	302	NR
23	Virginia Tech	2-1	199	19
24	Minnesota	0-0	177	25
25	USC	0-0	124	NR

RECEIVING VOTES:

Marshall (106), NC State (87), Oklahoma (71), Tulsa (62), UCF (57), Boston College (43), Coastal Carolina (38), Utah (29), UAB (29), Iowa (28), West Virginia (25), Army (21), Air Force (12), Memphis (12), Liberty (8), Arizona State (6), Ole Miss (6), LSU (5), Houston (5), Texas (5), Washington (4), Louisiana Tech (2), TCU (2), Missouri (2), Virginia (2), Indiana (1)

NFL SCHEDULE WEEK FIVE RESULTS

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
Carolina Panthers (3-2)	@ Atlanta Falcons (0-5)	23-16, Panthers
Las Vegas Raiders (3-2)	@ Kansas City Chiefs (4-1)	40-32, Raiders
Arizona Cardinals (3-2)	@ New York Jets (0-5)	30-10, Cardinals
Philadelphia Eagles (1-3-1)	@ Pittsburgh Steelers (4-0)	38-29, Steelers
Los Angeles Rams (4-1)	@ Washington Football (1-4)	30-10, Rams
Cincinnati Bengals (1-3-1)	@ Baltimore Ravens (4-1)	27-3, Ravens
Jacksonville Jaguars (1-4)	@ Houston Texans (1-4)	30-14, Texans
Miami Dolphins (2-3)	@ San Francisco 49ers (2-3)	43-17, Dolphins
Indianapolis Colts (3-2)	@ Cleveland Browns (4-1)	32-23, Browns
New York Giants (0-5)	@ Dallas Cowboys (2-3)	37-34, Cowboys
Minnesota Vikings (1-4)	@ Seattle Seahawks (5-0)	27-26, Seahawks

MONDAY

Los Angeles Chargers () @ New Orleans Saints ()

TUESDAY

Buffalo Bills (4-0) @ Tennessee Titans (3-0) 6:00 p.m. (CBS)

MLB Playoff Schedule

Monday Results

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
Houston Astros (0)	@ Tampa Bay Rays (1)	
Atlanta Braves (0)	@ Los Angeles Dodgers (0)	

Tuesday Games

Away Team	Home Team	Time of Game
Tampa Bay Rays ()	@ Houston Astros (0)	
Atlanta Braves ()	@ Los Angeles Dodgers ()	

Athletic Support: "Can't go to her games like I used to"

By ELI CRANOR

Special to the Herald

Dear Athletic Support: I used to be one of those parents who made it to every single one of my daughter's sporting events. That all changed this year. Our life was uprooted by the pandemic. I ended up having to pick up an extra job, and because of that, I'm no longer able to go to her games like I used to. It's been hard, but it's also been eye opening. There was a lot of judgement in my heart before.



ELI CRANOR

I can remember sitting in the stands, cutting my eyes to see which parents were there and which were not. There was a lot of pride involved, that's for sure. I took pride in knowing I was there for my daughter, but now I see that it's more about circumstances. Do you have any suggestions about how I should try and balance this out? I won't be able to go to as many games as I used to, but I still want to try and make it when I can.

—Working Mother

Dear Working: Albert Einstein famously said, "Everything is relative." And in case you're wondering, yes, parent attendance at youth sporting events falls under "everything."

A parent in the stands means a world to a kid, but so does a parent out busting her hump to make ends meet. Granted, a kid might not see it this way. At least not right now, but eventually, your daughter will realize the sacrifice you made to work two jobs, provide for your family, and still make it to a couple games.

For all the parents out there who are able to attend every game

— enjoy the moment. Life can come at you fast. So be thankful for the time you're able to devote to your children now. But most of all, don't judge the empty seats around you.

Dear Athletic Support: Why don't high school football coaches and referees have to wear masks on the sideline during games?

This kills me. I see coaches standing face to face with players, screaming into huddles — and they're never wearing masks! Then I turn on a college or NFL football game and everyone is wearing masks. Why isn't there some sort of universal protocol for this, especially since we're talking about kids!

—Masked Out

Dear Masked: Many of my dearest friends are high school football coaches. I speak with them weekly. I can't tell you how many hoops they're having to jump through to make this season possible. And from what I can tell, most of them are wearing masks on the sideline. Best I can tell, they're required to.

So it comes as a shock to me that you've seen coaches without masks. The last thing any coach wants is for his team to have to quarantine. The coaches are itching to play, just like the boys.

Regardless of your opinion regarding the pandemic, lives have been lost. I'd be willing to bet every high school team in America has at least one player who's lost a family member or friend. These days, a mask is more than just a piece of protective equipment — it's also a sign of respect.

Eli Cranor is a former professional quarterback and coach turned award-winning author of the BOOKS MAKE BRAINZ TASTE series. Send questions for "Athletic Support" to eli.cranor@gmail.com or use the contact page on elicranor.com.

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Annie's Mailbox

Lead With Compassion

Dear Annie: My son and daughter-in-law have been married for about three years. She used to be a very nice girl when dating my son. When they told me they were getting married, it was just so that she could be put on my son's health insurance because she couldn't work anymore. I was still happy. She sold her house and moved into his house.

I live five hours away, so when I visit, I usually stay four days and play with my granddaughter, who is 9 years old. I was kidding around one day when my son was leaving for work and I said, "Aren't

you going to kiss your wife goodbye?" She yelled, "We don't have that kind of relationship!" I quickly shut my mouth.

When I used to go down, I would ask if I could take my granddaughter for a walk, but now she always says no. She says she doesn't trust me. She accuses me of all kinds of things that are not true. When I tell my son what she says to me, he always answers that's just how she is. Once my son and his wife went to a ballgame, her mother was babysitting at her house because I can't be trusted. I had nothing to do, so I vacuumed the house. When they came home, she had a fit. She considers that I'm saying she's

dirty. When she got pregnant again, I was not allowed to know until my son called months later and told me they were having twins. That's why they were telling me -- because he said it wasn't a good time to come down, instead of just telling me she is pregnant (everyone else knew). He said there would never have been all that arguing. My daughter-in-law and I have not spoken since she became pregnant nine months ago. She started messaging me nasty things, saying it wasn't any of my business why I couldn't come down. She states, "STAY UP WHERE YOU ARE NOBODY LIKES YOU DOWN HERE ANYWAY." So

we started arguing back and forth on Messenger. I was talking with my doctor about this, and he says to stay away from her. What do I do if I'm invited to birthdays or the twins' christening? She took away my bonding time with my granddaughter. I don't want to be around her, but I want to see my grandchildren. -- Shut-Out Grandma

Dear Shut-Out Grandma: Your daughter-in-law does sound unstable, or certainly like she believes you cannot be trusted. That must be so hurtful for you as a grandmother, and I'm sorry you are going through this. Grandparents are a gift to children, so let's

try and find a way for you to be back in their lives. You should attend events if you are invited. Birthdays and christenings are memorable days that you don't want to miss. When you're there, focus on the love you have for your grandchildren and your son. If you can take it a step further, send your daughter-in-law some love. Clearly, she is hurting deeply. Have an open and honest conversation with your son about your feelings. Tell him you are willing to go to family counseling or do whatever it takes to have a relationship with him and your grandchildren. Don't give up on them.

How someone treats you is a statement about who they

are as a human being, not a statement about you. How you respond is a statement about you. When you are with them, it's probably best to avoid making any comments whatsoever about their marriage. Of course, you were right in your comment about a kiss goodbye, but that makes her even angrier.

If she says hurtful things again, don't engage in an argument on Messenger. Remember she is hurting and that is why she is acting out. Act with compassion, and keep being there for your son and grandchildren.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mercury Retrograde First Order of Business

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You want to be alone and unbothered, but you talk to people anyway, and that lifts your spirits more than solitude could. It's amazing how much happier you get when decide to let go of what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's a good day to get sort out who is in charge of what and take responsibility for as much of it as you can. After you handle things, use hand-sanitizer - actually and metaphorically.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The self-help site suggests taking five minutes to decompress. Is that a joke? With all the pressure you're under, you will need at least five hours or, better yet, five days.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Currently, there is no way to magically align your expectations with reality. The only method available is to go there and do that. You'll know what an experience is like because you're having it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll wonder what people mean and how they mean it. The same statement can denote so many different things, revealed best in sound. This is why a phone call will be so much better than a text today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may

privately question your knowledge, skills and abilities, and that's appropriate, legitimate and intelligent. However,

this is a day not to wear those doubts on the outside. Wear a facade of confidence like it's a power suit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Excess can't help but shift toward the empty. Drop water into the glass for a physical illustration. And what else in your life is like this today? Think twice before you tip one thing into another.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What you would do isn't what they would do, and that's the whole point of getting together. Society will be healed by people who can sit and hear one another without trying to persuade or win the conversation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In the game of darts and in life, the instant your fingers open and the dart flies free, you no longer have control. Take your best shot, and then don't obsess over the target or what happens after you hit or miss it.

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Getting it wrong doesn't automatically show you how to get it right, but

today's mistakes will attract excellent teachers. Setbacks can be used to improve your skills.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Being near the person you think of as so special can be a bit like vertigo -- disorienting, causing a loss of balance and possibly leading to a fall. Eventually, reality will set in. Until then, grab a handrail.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). To remain calm in the face of frustration is a valuable skill and one you can hone today if you're up to the challenge. Small disturbances and irritations are opportunities to practice patience, humor, reframing and the like.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 13). You've graduated from tedious lessons and now less can bother you, frees you from the sort of entanglements that used to keep your smile at bay. You'll be appointed to a position and entrusted with secret, sacred or extremely powerful information.

You'll get that wonderful news you've waited years for. Gemini and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 18, 9, 30 and 44.

COSMIC CHECK-IN: The current journey of Mars in his home stretch of Aries is a case of the god of war being in the sign of warriors. It highlights the potential for conflict, but what doesn't? Conflict is such that its potential is on a rather short fuse. There is always a war somewhere in the world. Countries, animal packs, anthills, vines raging against trees, cold fronts against heat thermals, waves against rocks and on and on.

The sun, currently traversing Libra, the sign of partnership, aesthetics and judiciousness, finds himself at odds with Mars now and just before the Mercury retrograde. The short fuse of conflict gets tugged and examined. One side teases the other with it, dangling it near flames.

On a personal level, our anger buttons are out there just waiting to be pressed. The best defense is precognition. Imagine what might happen. Think about the sort of person you'd like to be in those moments when the heat gets turned up. For many, avoidance is an excellent strategy, as there may be no good reason for being in situations with incendiary potential.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The serendipity factor

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ K 9 3	♠ A 7 4	♥ K J 9 3	♥ 9 4 2
♥ A 4 2	♥ K J 9 3	♦ 9 4 2	♦ K 9 3
♦ A K 5	♦ K J 9 3	♣ K 9 3	
♣ A 8 7 6			

WEST EAST
♠ 6 ♠ A 7 4
♥ 10 8 6 5 ♥ K J 9 3
♦ Q J 10 7 ♦ 9 4 2
♣ Q J 5 2 ♣ K 9 3

SOUTH
♠ Q J 10 8 5 2
♥ Q 7
♦ 8 6 3
♣ 10 4

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 NT Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠

Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

There are many hands where declarer has no real choice as to how to proceed. If a certain card is well-placed, he makes the contract; if it's badly placed, he goes down.

So it is in the present case, where West leads a diamond and South sees a loser in each suit. It should not take him long to realize that his only realistic chance of making four spades lies in the hope that East was dealt

the king of hearts. Accordingly, declarer should win the diamond lead and immediately return the deuce of hearts from dummy. Luckily, it turns out that East has the king. When he plays it, South follows low, but he then has two heart tricks instead of only the one he started with.

East's diamond return is taken with the ace, and a heart is led to the queen. Declarer then drives out the ace of trump and eventually disposes of his club loser on the ace of hearts to make four spades. The defense cannot stop him from scoring 10 tricks on this line of play.

While it is true that there is only a 50-50 chance that East was dealt the king of hearts, from a practical standpoint no other line of play can succeed. If West has the king of hearts, the contract is destined to fail from the word "go."

In most hands, declarer usually has some means by which he can marginally or greatly increase his chances of making the contract. But in some hands — such as this one — he has no choice but to rely on the favorable location of a particular card.

When you run into such a situation, the best you can do is to hope that luck is on your side.

Tomorrow: A diabolical scheme.

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8	2	9	7	8	7	1	9	6
4	1	8	9	6	8	7	7	2
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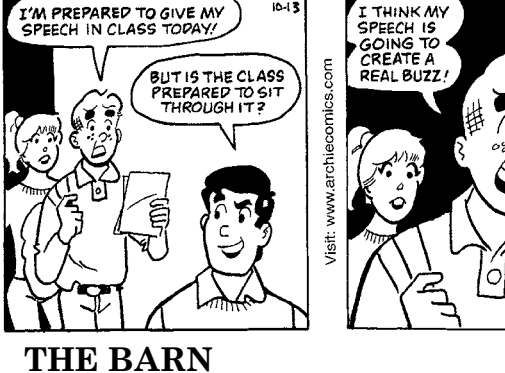
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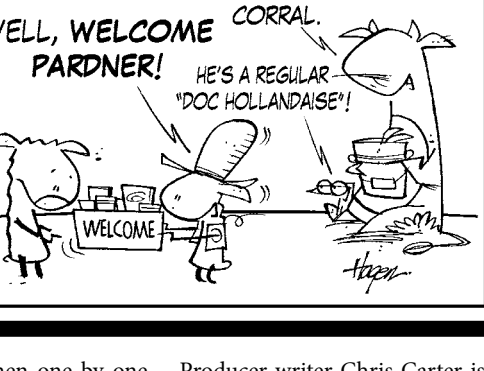
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 13, the 287th day of 2020. There are 79 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Oct. 13, 1775, the United States Navy had its origins as the Continental Congress ordered the construction of a naval fleet. On this date:
In A.D. 54, Roman Emperor Claudius I died, poisoned apparently at the behest of his wife, Agrippina (ag-rih-PEE'-nuh). In 1792, the cornerstone of the executive mansion, later known as the White House, was laid by President George Washington during a ceremony in the District of Columbia.
In 1932, President Herbert Hoover and Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes laid the cornerstone for the U.S. Supreme Court building in Washington.
In 1943, Italy declared war on Germany, its one-time Axis partner.
In 1944, during World War II, American troops entered Aachen (AH'-kehn), Germany.
In 1960, John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon held the third televised debate of their presidential campaign (Nixon was in Los Angeles, Kennedy in New York).
In 1972, a Uruguayan chartered flight carrying 45 people crashed in the Andes; survivors resorted to feeding off the remains of some of the dead in order to stay alive until they were rescued more than two months later.
In 1974, longtime television host Ed Sullivan died in New York City at age 73.
In 1999, the Senate rejected the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, with 48 senators voting in favor and 51 against, far short of the 67 needed for ratification.
In 2000, South Korean President Kim Dae-jung was named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. Longtime American communist Gus Hall died in New York at age 90.
In 2003, the U.N. Security Council approved a resolution expanding the NATO-led peace-keeping force in Afghanistan.
In 2016, Donald Trump heatedly rejected the growing list of sexual assault allegations against him as "pure fiction," hammering his female accusers as "horrible, horrible liars." Bob Dylan was named winner of the Nobel prize in literature.
Ten years ago: Rescuers in Chile using a missile-like escape cap-

sule pulled 33 men one by one to fresh air and freedom 69 days after they were trapped in a collapsed mine a half-mile underground. U.S. authorities announced the arrests of 73 people accused of being part of a vast network of Armenian gangsters and their associates who allegedly used phantom health care clinics and other means to try to cheat Medicare out of \$163 million.
Five years ago: Hillary Rodham Clinton and Sen. Bernie Sanders clashed over U.S. involvement in the Middle East, gun control and economic policy in the first Democratic presidential debate held in Las Vegas, but in a moment of political unity, Sanders leapt to Clinton's defense on the issue of her controversial email practices as secretary of state. Twitter announced it was laying off up to 336 employees. Playboy announced it would no longer run photos of completely naked women in its magazine. Former NBA and reality TV star Lamar Odom was hospitalized after he was found unconscious at a Nevada brothel.
One year ago: Defense Secretary Mark Esper said President Donald Trump had directed U.S. troops in northern Syria to begin pulling out "as safely and quickly as possible." Brigid Kosgei of Kenya was the first woman across the finish line in the Chicago Marathon; her time of 2 hours, 14 minutes, 4 seconds broke a women's world record. Dolly Parton performed on the Grand Ole Opry radio show in Nashville as she marked her 50th anniversary as an Opry member. Helicopters, boats and thousands of troops were deployed across Japan to rescue people stranded in flooded homes, as the death toll from a ferocious typhoon climbed past 30.
Today's Birthdays: Gospel singer Shirley Caesar is 83. Actor Melinda Dillon is 81. Singer-musician Paul Simon is 79. Actor Pamela Tiffin is 78. Musician Robert Lamm (Chicago) is 76. Country singer Lacy J. Dalton is 74. Actor Demond Wilson is 74. Singer-musician Sammy Hagar is 73. Pop singer John Ford Coley is 72. Actor John Lone is 68. Model Beverly Johnson is 68.

Producer-writer Chris Carter is 64. Actor and former NBA star Reggie Theus (THEE'-us) is 63. Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., is 62. R&B singer Cherrelle is 61. Singer/TV personality Marie Osmond is 61. Rock singer Joey Belladonna is 60. Former White House press secretary Ari Fleischer is 60. NBA coach Doc Rivers is 59. Actor T'Keyah Crystal Keymah (tuh-KEE'-ah

KRY's-tal kee-MAH') is 58. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Jerry Rice is 58. Country singer John Wiggins is 58. Actor Christopher Judge is 56. Actor Matt Walsh is 56. Actor Reginald Ballard is 55. Actor Kate Walsh is 53. Rhythm-and-blues musician Jeff Allen (Mint Condition) is 52. Actor Tisha Campbell-Martin is 52. Classical singer Carlos Marin (Il Divo) is 52. Olympic

silver medal figure skater Nancy Kerrigan is 51. Country singer Rhett Akins is 51. Classical crossover singer Paul Potts is 50. TV personality Billy Bush is 49. Actor Sacha Baron Cohen is 49. Rock musician Jan Van Slichem Jr. (K's Choice) is 48. Rhythm-and-blues singers Brandon and Brian Casey (Jagged Edge) are 45. Actor Kiele Sanchez is 44. Former NBA All-Star Paul

Pierce is 43. DJ Vice is 42. Singer Ashanti (ah-SHAHN'-tee) is 40. R&B singer Lumidee is 40. Christian rock singer Jon Micallef (Kutless) is 40. Olympic gold medal swimmer Ian Thorpe is 38. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., is 31. Actor Caleb McLaughlin (TV: "Stranger Things") is 19.

Newsday Crossword

AMERICAN WATERS by Sally R. Stein Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Trooper's speed detector
 - 6 ___ register (store's money holder)
 - 10 Poet Angelou
 - 14 Make a swap
 - 15 Vampire novelist Rice
 - 16 "Right away," in a memo
 - 17 Blood bank fluid
 - 18 Light in the sky at night
 - 19 Dust or grime
 - 20 Water bordering Florida and Maine
 - 23 Prefix meaning "three"
 - 24 Door-opening thing
 - 25 Winged mammal in a cave
 - 28 Assemble, as a sweater
 - 31 Tattletale
 - 36 Chimpanzee, for example
 - 37 ___ of Arc (French saint)
 - 39 State famous for potatoes
 - 40 Water near the Golden Gate Bridge
 - 44 Wear away
 - 45 What's worn under a shoe
 - 46 ___ and vinegar dressing
 - 47 Leave high and dry
 - 49 Lose traction on the road
 - 51 ___ of these days (eventually)
 - 52 British hot beverage
 - 54 Salesperson, for short
 - 56 Landlocked water in Utah
 - 63 Brunch or dinner

- DOWN**
- 1 Constitutional guarantees: Abbr.
 - 2 Neighborhood
 - 3 Missile thrown in a pub
 - 4 Grownup
 - 5 Casual comment
 - 6 Performing group in a play
 - 7 Prefix for freeze
 - 8 Mid-afternoon nosh
 - 9 Soldiers getting medals
 - 10 Manufactured
 - 11 Where Japan is
 - 12 Tall tale
 - 13 Well-phrased
 - 21 Japanese warrior
 - 22 Skeptical person
 - 25 Centers of operations
 - 26 In separate pieces
 - 27 Male chorus member
 - 29 Atoms with a charge
 - 30 Crunchy Tex-Mex shells
 - 32 Wedding affirmation
 - 33 Prohibited thing
 - 34 Group of islands
 - 35 "According to" card-game rules guy
 - 38 In the ___ of time (just before the deadline)
 - 41 Prescription-regulating agcy.
 - 42 ___-car (airport service)
 - 43 "Mini" or "maxi" garment
 - 48 Plan's specification
 - 50 Remove from a memo
 - 53 "All kidding ___ . . ."
 - 55 Installs, as a sidewalk
 - 56 Machine part with teeth
 - 57 Very hard to find
 - 58 Otherwise
 - 59 Prayer's last word
 - 60 Exam for future attorneys: Abbr.
 - 61 Affectionate greeting
 - 62 Jazz great Fitzgerald
 - 63 Encountered
 - 66 "Needless to ___ . . ."

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Altuve's 2 early throwing errors doom Astros in ALCS Game 2

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Whether they're in the field or at the plate, the Houston Astros are finding it tough to summon their usual postseason proficiency so far in the AL Championship Series.

Almost as tough as José Altuve is finding it to throw to first base from shallow right field.

Altuve's two throwing errors were the lowlight of Houston's 4-2 loss to the Tampa Bay Rays in Game 2 on Monday, with his first error prolonging the first inning and leading directly to Manuel Margot's decisive three-run homer.

"We're very surprised," Astros manager Dusty Baker said. "That's his first throwing error all year, and he hit two of them today."

Altuve's mistakes and another quiet day at the plate have put the defending AL champion Astros in a 2-0 series hole in less than 24 hours in San Diego.

Houston is facing an 0-2 series deficit for only the second time during its current run of four consecutive playoff appearances with two AL pennants. The Astros lost the first two games of last year's World Series to Washington before winning three straight and infamously losing two more in the first Series featuring seven consecutive losses by the home teams.

"We were down 0-2 in the World Series last year with (ALCS Game 3 starter) José Urquidy and (ALCS Game 4 starter Zack) Greinke coming up next to pitch for us," shortstop Carlos Correa said. "It's not like we haven't done it before. It's not impossible."

But if defense wins championships in baseball, Houston's gloves are not ready for rings. The Astros have made three errors in two games, while the Rays have played sparkling defense all across the diamond.

"Their defense is winning ballgames for them right now," Correa said.

That's definitely not true for Houston, which led the majors with a .991 fielding percentage in the regular season, making just 20 errors in 60 games.

Altuve is the normally sure-handed second base-

man on one of the majors' top fielding teams, but the six-time All-Star bounced two throws to first while playing in a defensive shift in Game 2. The Astros didn't make Altuve available to reporters after one of his roughest playoff games.

"He's been the heartbeat of this team, the staple of this organization for so many years," said Houston starter Lance McCullers Jr., who pitched seven outstanding innings. "I really wanted to pick him up there. I wish we were talking about something different. He's a hell of a player, and he understands how much we support him. He just needs to come back tomorrow like he always has."

Altuve made his first error with two outs in the first inning when he fielded Ji-Man Choi's grounder in right field and lobbed a poor throw to first for Yuli Gurriel, who also failed to bail out his teammate by snagging the low, but catchable ball.

Margot homered off McCullers two pitches later, putting three unearned runs on the board for Tampa Bay. Altuve was visibly disappointed in the field, dropping into a crouch while Margot rounded the bags.

Altuve's arm failed him again in the third inning after he fielded Brandon Lowe's grounder in right, bouncing another throw to Gurriel at first. Gurriel failed to help out again, and Altuve turned around to face the outfield fence, disgusted with himself.

"You just hope he isn't getting the yips, because invariably they come in bunches," said Baker, who gave Altuve a hug in the dugout after the third inning. "Everything comes in bunches. I just told him to flush it. This guy has been awesome for us. You've got to flush it and move on, or else it multiplies. I'm sure he'll do that."

After the second error, Correa moved into the spot normally occupied by Altuve in the shift.

"We didn't move them," Baker said. "Carlos and José moved themselves. You know how close these guys are. Carlos really looks up to José in ultimate admiration. They did that themselves."

Correa spoke about the move delicately, saying he "did that because I feel like I can play back, and

with my arm I can cover a little more ground."

But the Astros' normally reliable double play combination has been vulnerable at Petco Park in a series requiring a higher level of play to beat the impressive Rays.

Correa made Houston's only error in Game 1 on a grounder by Mike Brosseau in the fifth inning, although it didn't lead to a run. Correa made just one error in 57 games during the regular season, and that error on Sept. 1 ended his team-record, 90-game errorless streak at shortstop.

Altuve's first error put the Astros in a hole they never escaped, even with a superb start from McCullers. The veteran right-hander pitched four-hit ball with 11 strikeouts, but his only run support came from Correa's sixth-inning homer — his fifth in seven games, matching his entire regular season total.

After getting nine hits and just one run in Game 1, the Astros ended their 13-inning scoreless streak with Correa's homer. But they didn't rally until the ninth inning of Game 2, when they got three straight singles and loaded the bases twice but scored only one run.

George Springer grounded up the middle into a defensive shift, resulting in a bases-loaded double play that cut the deficit to 4-2. Altuve and Michael Brantley walked to bring up Alex Bregman, whose history of postseason heroics includes a walk-off single in Game 5 of the 2017 World Series.

The magic wasn't there this time: Bregman hit a 98-mph line drive to right-center, but Kevin Kiermaier caught it to end Houston's hopes.

The Astros knew they had lost this one eight innings earlier, according to McCullers.

"I went up to (Altuve) and said, 'I know you're disappointed, but I should have picked you up there,'" McCullers said. "Just keep doing your thing, and we'll try to hold them at three.' Get some runs off Chuck (Morton). But it's hard. We had some guys on base today, hit some balls hard. It's tough."

Cowboys face playoff chase without Prescott in weak NFC East

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Dak Prescott joined both his tackles and his tight end on the list of season-ending injuries for the Dallas offense when the star quarterback fractured his ankle in a gruesome scene against the New York Giants.

The emotional setback added to the challenge of trying to make the playoffs in coach Mike McCarthy's first season, although the rally for a 37-34 victory behind backup Andy Dalton vaulted the Cowboys (2-3) to first place in the struggling NFC East.

"I know how much this means to him and how much being out there for this team means for him," running back Ezekiel Elliott said of Prescott. "So, it's hard. But all we can do right now is support him. We just gotta support '4' and make sure he is good, and go out there and win ballgames for him."

Prescott had surgery for a compound fracture and dislocation of his right ankle and the team said he was expected to be released from a hospital Monday. The two-time Pro Bowler's lower leg got caught under New York defensive back Logan Ryan on a tackle at the end of a 9-yard run.

Left tackle Tyron Smith is out for the year with a neck issue after playing just two games, and right tackle La'el Collins never saw the field before need-

ing season-ending hip surgery. Tight end Blake Jarwin tore a knee ligament in the opener.

The Dallas defense has been plagued by injuries as well, the latest being defensive tackle Trysten Hill's season-ending knee injury against the Giants.

The Cowboys, who play Arizona at home next Monday night, have been without Leighton Vander Esch for a month after the middle linebacker broke a collarbone in the opener. Defensive tackle Gerald McCoy sus-

tained a season-ending leg injury in training camp.

Cornerback Anthony Brown returned after missing the minimum three games on injured reserve with a rib issue and returned a fumble for a touchdown. Another starting cornerback, Chidobe Awuzie, is out with a groin injury.

There are also plenty of self-inflicted reasons for the rollercoaster ride, from turnovers to mistakes on special teams to plenty of blown assignments for a defense trying to learn a new

scheme.

"If you look at the five games that we've played in, we've had some rough moments, but every game has come down to the end," McCarthy said. "There are still some things that we can sync up better and I think it allows everybody to perform at a faster level. We're going to have to make some adjustments moving forward."

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