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 Nov. 19
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Amanda Duforat

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Howard College Board of Trustees take Oath of Office in ceremony

By **IRIS RANGEL**
 Herald Staff Writer

Howard College Board of Trustees convened Monday afternoon to discuss various topics of new business including their 75th Anniversary Kick-off plans and the Statement of Officers.

The meeting was called to order by Board of Trustees' Chairman John Freeman and Trustees began with opening the floor for communication to the Board. John J. Flores, from J&J Handyman, spoke to the Board about a proposal for his project Operation Love Letters. Flores is looking to rent out a space within the college in order to have members of the public visit and write a letter for the elderly in the community, as the drop off locations have not produced the amount of letters expected.

The Board then moved on to hold their Statement of Officers and Oath of Office Ceremony. Trustee Patricia Bennett, Ben Zeicheck, and Chairman John Freeman all received medals honoring their recommitment to the Board. Trustees also recited the Oath of Office in a short ceremony during the meeting.



HERALD photo/Iris Rangel

Patricia Bennett, Ben Zeicheck and John Freeman recited the Oath of Office as they began their new terms on the Board of Trustees for Howard College on Monday.

Trustee Zeicheck motioned to reelect the officers as they have been during the Board Officer Election portion of the meeting and was seconded by Trustee Micheal Flores. Chairman Freeman noted his gratitude for being allowed to serve another two terms, but also mentioned the possibility of looking towards a new Board Chairman once his newly renewed term ends.

"I'm beginning to think... I've been here 15 years... I think it's time to bring in some new blood. So I would like the Board to start considering someone else as Chairman, but that's up to you... That's your choice," Freeman said.

Board members then moved into discussion over Howard College's 75th Anniversary Kick-Off Plans beginning today. At 10 a.m. there will be a ribbon cutting recognizing the roof project for the SWCD and Big Spring campus; at 10:45 a.m. there will be another ribbon cutting acknowledging the efforts of the Big Spring Adventure Club student project in the creation of a trail; at 11:30 a.m. an additional ribbon cutting will take place at the softball field in honor of the groundbreaking for

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Big Spring Pride Drive, Forsan Buffalo Band headed to State Marching; Coahoma places 3rd



Courtesy photos

Pictured above: The Forsan Band preforms in Lubbock this past Saturday, earning a spot at State Competition. Pictured below: The Big Spring Pride Drive competed in Amarillo this past weekend, earning 1st Place and advancing to State.



By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

Area bands traveled across Texas this past weekend to compete in Area Marching Band Competitions. The Big Spring Steer Band traveled to Amarillo to compete in the 4A competition; Coahoma Big Red Band traveled to the 3A

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Courtesy photo

Pictured above: The Coahoma Band placed 3rd at Area Competition this past weekend in Abilene. This year is not a State year for Coahoma.

Large/Bulk Item pickup District 5 taking place Wednesday; items need to be placed on curb by 7 a.m.

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

The second cycle of the Large/Bulk Item pickup is close to wrapping up this year, and is heading into the District 5 with pick up scheduled for Nov. 18. During the second round of large item picks up in District 2, the City implemented a scheduling process which seemed to have improved the flow of the pickup program.

"Since the City of Big Spring has reinstated the large item pick up, more and more citizens are beginning to participate in the program. With the increase of residents taking part in the program it has become more difficult for city staff to complete the project in just a single day," Shane Bowles, Public Works Director, said.

This month, on Wednesday, those living in District 5 will be able to have their large items picked up for the second time this year.

The large/bulk item program was restarted at the begin-

ning of this year, as a way to help residents dispose of large items from their homes like couches, mattresses, appliances, and any other large, bulky items without the expense and hassle of hauling it off.

"City staff will only pick up items that are placed on the curb upon arrival to your location and staff will not be permitted to bring items to the curb from inside your home or from any other area of the residence, including the backyard and garage," an information flyer from the City of Big Spring stated.

The program is designed to support residential customers only and is not open to businesses. Once the resident has called to set up a pick up for the pick up day, items are to be placed on the curb no later than 7 a.m. on the day of pickup. Items should not be bagged, boxed or placed in any other type of container.

A reminder of eligible pick up items are: doors, carpet, furniture, appliances, cardboard boxes, scrap metal, and mattress

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Obituaries

Adrian Ayala

Adrian Ayala, 62, of Big Spring, passed away Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020, in a Fort Worth hospital. The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with a Rosary service following at 7:00 PM. Graveside services will be 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020, at Trinity Memorial Park. Due to current conditions with COVID-19, masks and social distancing are required.

He was born Feb. 6, 1958, in Howard County to Juan and Concepcion Rodriguez Ayala. He married Starla Jeannene Mize Aug. 8, 1981, in Big Spring.

Adrian graduated from Big Spring High School in 1977 and attended Texas State Technical Institute in Waco and Sweetwater. In 1982 he was in an accident involving a crane, which left him with health issues that he fought bravely and silently. He was also a survivor and recipient of a liver transplant, which he expressed his gratitude for immensely. Adrian worked in mental health services for 21

Shirley Ann McPhaul

Shirley Ann McPhaul, 80, of Colorado City, passed away Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020, at her residence. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020, at the First Baptist Church in Colorado City. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring. She will lie in state from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

She was born Sept. 24, 1940, in Sulphur Springs, Texas to D. A. and Ella Mae Thurman, and married Donald Pat McPhaul May 2, 1959.

Shirley enjoyed gardening and playing cards and loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Colorado City.

Survivors include two sons, Rick McPhaul and wife, Tracey of Big Lake, and Randy McPhaul of Ozona; one daughter, Julie Rogers and husband,

years and was always compassionate in his work. He received numerous accolades and rewards for his achievements during these years. He retired as an instructor for Howard College in 2014.

Adrian was a kind and selfless man. He loved spending time with his family camping, cooking out and fishing with his daughter, Calleigh, and had recently gained an interest in traveling and kayaking.

Survivors include his wife, Starla Ayala; three children, Calleigh Ayala, Rusty Carson and Randi Jo Carson; two sisters, Mary Gonzales and husband, Angel, and Patsy Riddle and husband, Tony; one brother, Juan Ayala, Jr.; and five grandchildren, Aryn P. Ayala Marshall, Carlee Carson, Caden Carson, Rilee Forshee and Deagun Forshee.

Pallbearers will be Rusty Carson, Anthony Gonzales, Mike Burrow, Robert Volker, Marty Rice and David Freshour.

The family suggests memorials to the American Liver Foundation at www.liverfoundation.org.

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

Paid Obituary

Evelyn Anderson

Evelyn Anderson, 91, of Big Spring, died Monday, Nov. 9, 2020.

Services were held on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Evelyn was born on Aug. 28, 1929 in Abilene.

She is survived by two sons: Terry Anderson of San Marcos and David Anderson of Austin; four grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother; and one sister.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Oralia M. Armendariz

Oralia M. Armendariz, 86, of Big Spring, passed away Sunday, Nov. 15, 2020.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

• 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.

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Ricardo Felix Serrano

On Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020, Ricardo Felix Serrano, loving husband, father and grandfather, passed away at the age of 70.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday with a Vigil at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

The family requests that masks be worn.

Ricardo was born on Aug. 9, 1950, in Ciudad Lerdo, Durango, MX to Rafael and Maria F. Serrano. He married Armida Barraza Serrano on June 5, 1976.

Drawn by its small-town charm, Ricardo and Armida decided to call Big Spring their home in 1982.

If you ever had the pleasure of meeting Ricardo then you immediately realized he was a selfless, humble man who truly treasured his family and lifelong friendships above all else (except maybe chips and salsa...seriously, he LOVED chips and salsa).

Everyone he met was greeted with a warm smile, handshake and a hearty "Hello" followed by a light-hearted conversation which was sure to include plenty of laughs.

Ricardo devoted over 30 years working in the oil

and gas industry. His job required much of his time be spent away from home in remote areas across the country, but it also forged a deep admiration of the landscape which he loved to capture and share via photography.

A good road trip with Ricardo would not be complete without him pointing to the horizon and asking "ves esas rodadas?" followed by him recounting his fond memories of working in the area.

In his retirement, there was nothing Ricardo loved more than spending quality time with his family. From making silly faces, rolling around the floor to getting his nails done and having dance parties, there was no request he wasn't willing to fulfill for his grandkids.

Ricardo genuinely embraced the moments he shared with those he loved and often reminded those around him to "enjoy it my friend."

Ricardo is now reunited with his mother and father in heaven.

He is survived by his wife, Armida, his five children, Ricardo, Fabian, Veronica, Angel and Esteban, his two brothers, Fernando and Hector, his sister, Cristina, daughters-in-law Jasmine and Angelica, son-in-law Robert and his six grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

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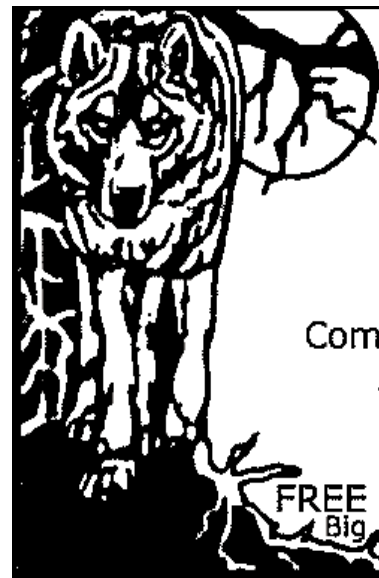


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competition in Abilene; and Forsan Buffalo Band traveled to Lubbock for the 2A Area competition.

Big Spring and Forsan are in a State Competition year, which means they will be traveling to San Antonio in December and competing at the Alamo Dome. Coahoma, being a 3A school, is not in a State competition year so their marching contest competition ended this past weekend with them claiming Third Place.

The Big Spring Pride Drive was the last of nine bands to perform on Saturday. The band was notified Saturday that not only did they advance to the state competition, but they claimed the 1st Place position earning the title of Champion of the Marching contest for 4A.

The Pride drive will perform at the Alamo Dome on Dec. 14 between 3:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Additional information can be found and will be updated at <https://www.uiltexas.org/music/marching-band/state>. According to Big Spring ISD Band Director John Landin said at this time spectators will be allowed at the event. Tickets are available through the link above as well.

"I am proud of how these students respond to adversity. Every band has experienced many obstacles throughout this year's marching season. The way our band has responded should be a great example to our community on how to stay positive in challenging times," Landin said. "I am excited for these kids and our community. I am looking forward to continue to refine our show for our appearance at the State marching contest this year!"

The Forsan Buffalo Band gathered together at the Forsan Band Hall on Saturday evening as they listened to the results from the day's competition on streamed video.

"We are very proud of how the Buffalo Band did this weekend, and we're happy to continue the tradition of competing in the State Marching Contest," Veronica Tagle, Forsan ISD Band Director, said.

The Forsan Band placed 3rd in the competition and will also be advancing to State in San Antonio in December.

The Coahoma High School band ended its marching season on high note by placing third at the UIL Area contest held at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene on Saturday.

"In a year like this, anything that is better than what you expect really helps the morale," said CHS

Band Director Michael Cason. "I am really proud of them."

Coahoma placed third out of 13 bands in the Class 3A contest which is an accomplishment of particular significance.

"If this was a state year, we would have advanced to the state marching contest," Cason said. "It's an amazing accomplishment."

Class 3A state marching contest is held every other year in Texas.

During a year filled with challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Big Red Band had one of its best finishes in years.

"Our senior leadership and our marching leadership stayed positive throughout even when we didn't know what was going to happen," Cason said. "Even though things were not like they would be in a normal year, they stayed positive, they stayed encouraging, they continued to work hard and push the underclassmen that were around them to try and reach that highest level. When you have strong leadership, you are going to have a strong group and that happened this year."

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HOWARD

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the softball team and construction trade program's softball field house project; at 5 p.m. Howard College will be hosting Alive After 5 outside the P.W. Malone Plaza and unveiling the 75th brick in honor of their anniversary. All events can be viewed on Facebook Live for participants who would like to take part in the ribbon cuttings, however Howard College is looking to keep the morning events limited to the individuals directly involved.

During the COVID-19 Response Status #8 and Open Howard College Update, Board President Cheryl Sparks provided an update regarding each campus. According to the Howard College COVID-19 dashboard located on their website, last updated on Nov. 13, Big Spring campus has 11 total confirmed positive cases, 10 total recovered cases, 1 active case, and 5 students residents in isolation; Lamesa campus has 2 total lab confirmed positive cases, 2 total recovered cases, and no active cases; San Angelo campus has 8 total lab confirmed positive cases, 6 total recovered cases, 2 total active cases, and no student residents in isolation; SWCD campus has 2 total lab confirmed positive cases, 1 total recovered cases, 1 total active case, and 2 student residents in isolation.

Sparks also noted that each county Howard College is currently serving, has seen an increase in cases, and specifically mentioned that over this past weekend, reports from Affordacare showed an increase of 65 positive cases just over the last few days. Howard College has restarted classes at FCI and GEO and is continuing to communicate with local school districts regarding dual credit classes. Howard College

has also extended their drop deadline to Nov. 14. Finals for the fall semester will begin this Thursday and continue through next Tuesday for students. According to Sparks, 98 students have already checked out of dorms and 67 students remain. It was also noted that there is no change currently to the spring break schedule.

"It's been easier for us just to plan with the pandemic and have that as our Plan A, and have what would be normal for us as Plan B. We're still getting used to it and we're just trying to do everything we can to help our students adjust to what happens day to day," Sparks said.

Also discussed during the meeting:

- Minutes of regular meeting Oct. 26, 2020
- Checklist for Oct. 2020
- Monthly reports of auxiliary services
- Personnel Matters
- Internal Audit Report
- Howard County Appraisal District Board
- Vision, mission, values, strategic planning framework
- Financial Indicators
- Quarterly and annual investment reports
- Handbook and catalog changes
- Faculty retirement resolution
- Legislative and general updates

The next Howard College Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Dec. 14, 2020, at 12:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Room.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Feliciano Martinez, 82, died Thursday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Tuesday with at Vigil Service at 7:00 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside service will be at 10:00 AM Wednesday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Ricardo Serrano, 70, died Thursday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Monday with a Vigil at 7:00 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Felix Perez Perez, 87 of Big Spring died Friday, November 13, 2020. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM Tuesday and also 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A vigil will be at 7:00 PM Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will be at 4:00 PM Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Manuel Gonzales, 63, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Leslie H. Warren, 77, died Friday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 11:30 AM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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To schedule a pickup or for more information, call Public Works at 432-264-2501 or by e-mail at nhernandez@mybigspring.com. The next District pick up will take place in District 6, on the third Wednesday of December.

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Take Note

• The Big Spring Art Association will hold their monthly meeting at 2106 Scurry on Saturday, Nov. 21. The guest artist will be Fritz Heron of Odessa focusing on watercolor. The theme will be "church".

• Christmas in Coahoma at the Park, Saturday, Dec. 12 from 3 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. There will be hayrides and caroling, Christmas art projects for kids, free coffee, hot cocoa, popcorn and cookies. There will also be a Best Decorated House Contest for houses in Coahoma City Limits. Deadline for entries is Dec. 9 at Coahoma City Hall. Both events are sponsored by the Coahoma Lions Club.

• A GriefShare Surviving the Holidays seminar will be held Monday, Nov. 23rd at Trinity Baptist Church from 6 to 8 p.m. This seminar offers practical, actionable strategies for making it through the holiday season. At this two-hour seminar, you'll view a video featuring advice from people in grief who've faced the holidays after their loss.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **RICHARD DAVID MCCUTCHAN**, 52, of 417 Westover Road, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass – property/building/aircraft/vehicle.
• **PAUL DANIEL LEE**, 42, of 110 E. 3rd Street, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana (less than or equal to two ounces) and manufacture delivery of controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to four grams less than 200 grams).

• **JAMIE DE-AN DANIELS**, 42, of 2406 Neill Road, was arrested on a charge of credit card or debit card abuse.
• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 3300 block of E. FM 700.
• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.
• **THEFT** was reported in the 1600 block of Young Street.
• **THEFT** was reported in the 5100 block of E. Midway Road.
• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of N. Gregg Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Brent. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical

Center.
• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of S. Peoria. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of N. Gregg Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
• **OUTDOOR RUBBISH** fire was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal. The fire was contained.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 89 inmates at the time of this report.

• **MANUEL CUELLAR**, 48, was arrested by HCSO on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, expired driver license, criminal trespass, theft property (\$100 to \$750), failure to appear, manufacture delivery of controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to four grams less than 200 grams), and manufacture delivery of controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to four grams less than 200 grams).

• **JAMIE DE-AN DANIELS**, 42, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of credit card or debit card abuse.

• **LUZ JUAREZ IV DELOS-SANTOS**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on charges of evading arrest detention, driving while intoxicated (blood alcohol content greater than or equal to 0.1), and possession of marijuana (greater than two ounces).

• **EDWARD PHILIP FIERRO**, 22, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JESSIE JAMES HERREIRA**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault date/family/house with weapon.

• **ERIC JAMES HOGG**, 34, was arrested by DPS on charg-

es of possession of controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to four grams less than 200 grams) and possession of dangerous drug.

• **WILLIAM CHARLES HOGG**, 56, was arrested by DPS on a charge of possession of controlled substance penalty group one (less than one gram).

• **CALVIN SIMS KERBY**, 41, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of aggravated/failure to appear-motion for enforcement.

• **PAUL DANIEL LEE**, 42, was arrested by BSPD on charges of manufacture delivery of controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to four grams less than 200 grams) and possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).

• **CHRISTOPHER LUNA**, 30, was arrested by DPS 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.

• **JUAN JOSE RIVERA PENA**, 25, was arrested by DPS on charges of possession of marijuana (less than two ounces) and unlawful carrying weapon.

• **ALEJANDRA MARIA VILLA**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on charges of failure to appear/evading arrest detention with vehicle, bail jumping and failure to appear, no driver's license (when unlicensed), and failure to appear.

Biden likely to break barriers, pick woman to lead Pentagon

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Joe Biden is expected to take a historic step and select a woman to head the Pentagon for the first time, shattering one of the few remaining barriers to women in the department and the presidential Cabinet.

Michele Flournoy, a politically moderate Pentagon veteran, is regarded by U.S. officials and political insiders as a top choice for the position.

Her selection would come on the heels of a tumultuous Pentagon period that has seen five men hold the top job under President Donald Trump. The most recent defense secretary to go was Mark Esper, who was fired by Trump on Monday after pushing back on issues including troop withdrawals and the use of the military to quell civilian unrest.

If confirmed, Flournoy would face a future that is expected to involve shrinking Pentagon budgets and potential military involvement in the distribution of a coronavirus vaccine.

Democrats have long sought to name a woman to the top post in a department that didn't open all combat jobs to female service members until about five years ago. Flournoy had been the expected choice of Hillary Clinton if she had won the 2016 election. Her name surfaced early as a front-runner for Biden's Cabinet, said officials who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss personnel matters.

Seen as a steady hand who favors strong military cooperation abroad, Flournoy, 59, has served multiple times in the Pentagon, starting in the 1990s and most recently as the undersecretary of defense for policy from 2009 to 2012. She serves on the board of Booz Allen Hamilton, a defense contractor, which could raise concerns from some lawmakers. But her moderate views would likely ensure wide bipartisan support in a position that requires Senate confirmation.

Few other names have been mentioned, though former Department of Homeland Security chief Jeh Johnson was listed as a possible choice at one point. Choosing a woman would be consistent with Biden's pledge to have a diverse Cabinet.

She has been outspoken on American foreign and defense policy, particularly over the past year. She favors closer international cooperation after four years of a Trump White House that touted an

"America First" policy and was more distrustful and critical of allies.

"Whoever the next president is," she said in March, "whether it's a second Trump term or Vice President Biden or whoever it is, one of the top agenda items is going to try to, I think, repair some of that perception" that America may no longer be a reliable partner. "But I don't think it's going to be easy or happen overnight. I think it's going to take a lot of work over a number of years to recover that trust and that standing."

She has also cautioned against drastic, immediate changes.

"One of the most dangerous tendencies is for — after a change of administration, particularly when there's a change of party — for the new team to come in and use the term 'repudiation.' But to come in and assume that everything their predecessors did was wrong, you know, they throw the baby out with the bathwater, basically, and they overcorrect in another direction," she said in a Hudson Institute forum.

Arnold Punaro, a retired Marine two-star general and former staff director of the Senate Armed Services Committee under then-Democratic Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia, said recently that he regards Flournoy as "incredibly well-qualified" to lead the Pentagon.

The Defense Department is one of three Cabinet agencies — the others being Treasury and Veterans Affairs — that have never been led by a woman. Some of the 28 men who have held the top defense job since it was created in 1947, including three who served in Trump's administration — Jim Mattis, Esper and current acting Secretary Christopher Miller — have been military veterans. Flournoy did not serve in the military.

Like Mattis and Esper, Flournoy views China as the most significant long-term challenge to American predominance on the world stage. In July, she

said the United States is losing its military technological advantage over key competitors like China and that reversing this trend must be the Pentagon's top priority.

She has, however, also warned against abandoning the Middle East and instead advocates "more modest levels of continuous presence" there. As an example, she has backed a limited role in Afghanistan that focuses more on countering the terror threat and less on rebuilding the country.

"We want to reduce our commitment, but we want to do it in a way that's smart and that safeguards our interests in the process," she said in March about Afghanistan, adding that she hopes "we don't just cut and run." Trump has pushed for a full troop withdrawal from Afghanistan by the end of the year, but so far the Pentagon has no orders to do that.

On North Korea, she said in an October online forum that while nuclear disarmament should remain the ultimate goal, she finds it "hard to see" Kim Jong Un agreeing to give up all his nuclear weapons, which she said he sees as his regime's "survival card."

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Big Spring swim team keeps improving, have solid finish in Double Dual meet

By SHAWN MORAN
Herald Sports Writer

The Big Spring Swim Team participated in another swim meet last Thursday afternoon at the Pete Ragus Aquatic Center in Lubbock. The schools that participated were Abilene Wylie, Big Spring, and Lubbock High. It was a dual meet that the Steers turned in a solid performance at. Big Spring's boys defeated Abilene Wylie (61.00 - 42.00) but lost to Lubbock High (101.00 - 50.00). The Big Spring girls turned in a similar performance by defeating Abilene Wylie (65.00 - 56.00) but falling to Lubbock High (105.00 - 46.00).

Here are the results for Big Spring's swimmers from the Double Dual last Thursday at the Pete Ragus Aquatic Center:

In the Girls' 200-yard medley relay, the quartet of freshman Arely Cruz-Garcia, sophomore Naomi Reyes, freshman Katherine Greene, and sophomore Brooklynne Heffle finished in fourth-place with a total time of 2:30.81.

In the Boys' 200-yard medley relay, the group of freshman Christian Pantoja-Strickland, sophomore David Summers, senior Manuel Castillo, and sophomore Ismael Castillo finished in first-place with a total time of 2:15.13.

In the Girls' 200-yard Freestyle, sophomore Jayda Overton finished in fifth-place (2:59.10) and freshman Katherine Greene finished in sixth (3:08.53). Big Spring freshman Ethan Barker also finished in fifth-place in the Boys' 200-yard Freestyle (3:20.17).

Sophomore Naomi Reyes finished in second in the Girls' 200-Yard IM (2:48.17), while no male swimmer participated in that event.

Three Lady Steer sophomores finished in the top nine spots for the Girls' 50-Yard Freestyle. Malaki Vaughn finished in third (30.11), Brooklynne Heffle finished in seventh (36.64), and Steffany Pina Arment took home ninth (40.23).

In the Boys' 50-Yard Freestyle, Manuel Castillo was the top performer for the Steers and won the



Courtesy Photo

A Big Spring swimmer makes their way through the pool during last Thursday's meet.

race with a final time of 24.91 seconds. Sophomore Ismael Castillo finished seventh (29.73) and sophomore Toby Phillips finished 11th (31.68).

Freshman Katherine Greene took home the bronze in the Girls' 100 Yard Butterfly (1:35.18) and was the only Lady Steer to place in that event.

The same goes for senior Manuel Castillo, who finished in first-place (1:02.82) in the Boys' 100 Yard Butterfly. Castillo seems to be improving each and every meet by shortening his times in the pool. The senior will look to continue his great season the next time the Steers take to the pool.

Sophomore Malaki Vaughn was the top finisher for Big Spring in the Girls' 100-Yard Freestyle when she raced her way to a second-place finish (1:04.67). Freshman Arely Cruz-Garcia finished in fourth-place (1:08.46), and sophomore Jayda Overton finished ninth (1:20.92).

Sophomore Toby Phillips finished ninth in the Boys' 100-Yard Freestyle with a time of 1:13.43. Sophomore Carson Millsap placed in 11th (1:18.90), and freshman Matthew Nieves finished in 14th

(1:29.83).

Christian Pantoja-Strickland finished in fourth-place in the Boys' 500-Yard Freestyle (6:58.94), while teammate Morgan Griffith finished in fifth (7:17.88). No girls participated in this event.

The group of Naomi Reyes, Malaki Vaughn, Jayda Overton, and Arely Cruz-Garcia took home second-place in the Girls' 200-Yard Freestyle Relay with a total time of 2:04.37.

Cruz-Garcia finished in third-place in the Girls' 100 Yard Backstroke with a time of 1:21.42. Heffle finished a few spots behind her in sixth (1:40.27).

On the boys' side, David Summers finished third (1:17.01) while Pantoja-Strickland finished in fourth (1:20.39).

Naomi Reyes finished in first-place in the Girls' 100-Yard Breaststroke (1:26.06) as she continues her hot stretch in that race. Pina Arment finished in sixth-place of the same event (1:51.30). On the Boys' side, Ismael Castillo (4th, 1:28.38), Griffith (5th, 1:35.74), and Summers (6th, 1:39.31) all finished one after another.

Lastly, the grouping of Vaughn, Overton, Heffle, and Greene finished in third-place in the Girls' 400 Yard Freestyle Relay (5:08.77). On the boys' side, the quartet of Summers, Pantoja-Strickland, Griffith, and Manuel Castillo also finished in third (4:24.49).

The Steers are continuing to improve as a team and are putting together a string of strong performances against some tough competition. Big Spring will compete next this weekend when they head to Pecos for a Tri-Meet on Saturday. That is the last time that they will take the pool until Dec. 5 when they will head to Abilene for a Double Dual against Abilene High and Abilene-Cooper at McMurry University.

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NFL develops 7-point mobility plan for diversity hiring

By BARRY WILNER
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When the Rooney Rule was adopted by the NFL in 2003, Troy Vincent was in his 12th of 15 seasons as an outstanding defensive back. He was soon to become the president of the NFL Players Association, an impactful position he held for four years.

He joined the league office in 2010 as vice president of player engagement, and by 2014 Vincent was in charge of NFL football operations. Vincent, who is Black, had made great strides in the sport.

Yet he knows the Rooney Rule, designed to advance opportunities for minorities in such areas as coaching and front office positions, hasn't been having the desired effect. Earlier this month, the NFL implemented a seven-point mobility plan that it projects will enhance such chances and lead to more diversity throughout a league in which about 70% of the players are minorities.

"We had to examine all we do and have done, and obviously things had not been working, so it took a complete reform," Vincent told The Associated Press. "The resolution adopted is just a complement to what we have done in the expansion of the Rooney Rule through the years, and the media policy and the anti-tampering policy. It complements those other points of league and club education, and having diversity and equity-inclusion plans. It complements the identification of talent, the developing of talent, and networking of talent. Universal data collection and the reporting and measuring of the metrics.

"Now let's see how we measure at the end."

The end game is a long way off, of course. But even incremental steps are significant when considering there are only two general managers of color in the league. Of the 30 full-time coaches, only four are minorities; both the interim coaches in Houston (Romeo Crennel) and Atlanta (Raheem Morris) are Black.

The recent resolution calls for draft picks as a reward to organizations for developing minority coaches and front office executives who become head coaches, general managers or team presidents for other clubs.

The seven-point mobility plan focuses directly on explaining the responsibilities of the 32 clubs; the flow of information and who has access to it; developmental programs such as fellowships (the Bill Walsh Diversity Coaching Fellowship and the Nunn-Wooten Scouting Fellowship Program have had a solid effect on hirings); accountability; making coaches more available to media to increase their profiles; and establishing a pathway for progress.

"The NFL continues taking strides to become a more inclusive and diverse league," said Pro Football Hall of Famer Ozzie Newzome, who built Super Bowl champions in Baltimore as the rare Black general manager in the league.

Newzome serves on the NFL Workplace Diversity Committee.

"Hopefully new opportunities and additional upward mobility will be created for coaches and personnel across the league. There's still much work to do, but this resolution is another step in the right direction," he said.

Vincent makes note of the dozens of people who have pushed for diversity in the 17 years since the Rooney Rule was adopted. From Paul Tagliabue, then the NFL's commissioner, and Steelers owner Dan Rooney, for whom the rule is named, to other team owners such as Atlanta's Arthur Blank, Philadelphia's Jeffrey Lurie, Denver's Pat Bowlen, the Rams' Stan Kroenke, and such Hall of Fame members as Paul Brown, Wellington Mara, Al Davis and Lamar Hunt who were open to diversity throughout their tenures.

He praises folks behind the scenes: league counsel Jeff Pash; attorney Cyrus Mehri, one of the developers of the Rooney Rule;

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NFL SCHEDULE & RESULTS

WEEK TEN THURSDAY

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
Indianapolis Colts (6-3)	@ Tennessee Titans (6-3)	34-17, Titans

SUNDAY

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
Houston Texans (2-7)	@ Cleveland Browns (6-3)	10-7, Browns
Washington Football (2-7)	@ Detroit Lions (4-5)	30-27, Lions
Jacksonville Jaguars (1-8)	@ Green Bay Packers (7-2)	24-20, Packers
Philadelphia Eagles (3-5-1)	@ New York Giants (3-7)	27-17, Giants
Tampa Bay Buccaneers (7-3)	@ Carolina Panthers (3-7)	46-23, Buccaneers
Denver Broncos (3-6)	@ Las Vegas Raiders (6-3)	37-12, Raiders
Los Angeles Chargers (2-7)	@ Miami Dolphins (6-3)	29-21, Dolphins
Buffalo Bills (7-3)	@ Arizona Cardinals (6-3)	32-30, Cardinals
Seattle Seahawks (6-3)	@ Los Angeles Rams (6-3)	23-16, Rams
San Francisco 49ers (4-6)	@ New Orleans Saints (7-2)	27-13, Saints
Cincinnati Bengals (2-6-1)	@ Pittsburgh Steelers (9-0)	36-10, Steelers
Baltimore Ravens (6-3)	@ New England Patriots (4-5)	23-17, Patriots

MONDAY

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
Minnesota Vikings (4-5)	@ Chicago Bears (5-5)	19-13, Vikings

NCAA Football AP Top 25 (Week 12)

Ranking	Team	Overall	Points	Prev
1	Alabama (60)	6-0	1,548	1
2	Notre Dame (1)	8-0	1,467	2
3	Ohio State (1)	3-0	1,445	3
4	Clemson	7-1	1,355	4
5	Texas A&M	5-1	1,240	5
6	Florida	5-1	1,213	6
7	Cincinnati	7-0	1,198	7
8	BYU	8-0	1,094	8
9	Indiana	4-0	997	10
10	Wisconsin	2-0	950	13
11	Oregon	2-0	949	11
12	Miami (FL)	7-1	940	9
13	Georgia	4-2	824	12
14	Oklahoma State	5-1	750	14
15	Marshall	7-0	557	16
17	Coastal Carolina	7-0	557	15
17	Iowa State	5-2	498	17
18	Oklahoma	5-2	497	18
19	Northwestern	4-0	378	23
20	USC	2-0	377	20
21	Liberty	8-0	307	22
22	Texas	5-2	296	21
23	Auburn	4-2	187	24
24	Louisiana	7-1	177	25
25	Tulsa	4-1	155	NR

RECEIVING VOTES:

North Carolina (101), SMU (20), Utah (17), Washington (15), Arizona State (9), Boise State (6), San Jose State (5), Appalachian State (5), Nevada (3), Iowa (2), Buffalo (1), UCF (1)

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Annie's Mailbox

New Relationship Has Changed Mom's Personality

Dear Annie: I am in my 40s, married, with children. My parents were married for 38 years before my father's passing six years ago. My siblings and I had discussed the idea of our mother finding new love at some point. We felt it was inevitable because our mother, honestly, would be quite the catch. She is loving, funny, smart, kind, dependable, hard-working, a great cook and debt-free (thanks, Dad!). All qualities that we were grateful to

have in a role model for ourselves and our children. So, we were not surprised when she told us two years ago that she was "talking" to someone.

Within the first year of the new relationship, this person gave our mother what we considered many red flags -- narcissism, lying and infidelity, to name a few. She broke it off for a month, only to take him back, with her attitude being to forgive and forget. Over the past two years, our mom has seemingly turned into someone we do not recognize.

She is ill-tempered during any conversation, unreliable, self-centered and co-dependent. I believe she acts this way because we do not approve of her man. We do want her to be happy. But as people who care for her, we also feel she deserves better. She is not open to discussing any of this as a family.

Where did our mom go? Is there an age or moment when one decides to stop being a parent? Should we stop trying to see her as our parent and start seeing

her as another adult with issues? In relationships, are we together because we are similar, or are we similar because we are together? -- Life Upside-Down

Dear Life Upside-Down: It sounds like you had an incredible role model and up-bringing. No, a mother never stops being a mother, but at a certain age, or after a traumatic event such as the death of your father, relationships and roles can change and grow. Your desire for your mom to be happy is a by-product of your love for her, and you are

right to be concerned for her happiness.

A happy person is not ill-tempered, unreliable and self-centered. This dramatic shift in personality is a warning sign that something unhealthy is going on in her new relationship. They say that love is blind, but when you are being manipulated and abused by a narcissistic partner, you can't be blind to bad behavior.

However, it's your role to continue to be there for your mom unconditionally. If she gets angry at you or cancels appointments,

then meet her with kindness and forgiveness. Maybe see if you can go for a mother/daughter day together. When you are alone, ask her how she is doing and really listen to her. If you feel that there is any type of abuse going on, encourage her to seek immediate help. Losing her spouse of 38 years is a traumatic event. A professional therapist could help her regain independence and see this relationship clearly.

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
An exception to the rule

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

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

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

EAST
♠ J 10 2
♥ 9 6 3
♦ Q 10 5 4 3
♣ K 6

SOUTH
♠ Q 4
♥ A J 8 2
♦ A K 7
♣ Q 10 7 2

The bidding:
East 1NT West 3NT
Pass 1NT Pass 3NT
Opening lead — five of spades.

One of the first things a newcomer to the game learns is that there are a great many rules to guide one's play, particularly on defense. Only later on does he discover that nearly all of the rules have exceptions, and that recognizing these exceptions makes the difference between being a good defender and a mediocre one.

Consider this deal from a team event where West led a spade against South's three-notrump contract. Declarer played low from dummy and won East's ten with the queen. South then crossed to dummy with a

heart and led a low club to the queen, losing to West's ace.

Declarer ducked West's spade return before winning the next spade with dummy's ace. South then conceded a club to East's king and claimed the remainder when East had no spade to return.

When the deal was replayed, the bidding and play to the first two tricks were identical. Here, however, when the low club was led from dummy at trick three, East did not mechanically follow the general rule of "second-hand low." Instead, he put up the king and returned a spade.

South ducked the spade and took the next one, but when he later played a club in an attempt to establish his ninth trick, West won and cashed two more spades for down one.

East's play of the king at trick three was well-reasoned. He knew, by applying the Rule of Eleven to his partner's opening lead, that South had only one spade higher than West's five — the queen that was taken at trick one. One more spade lead would therefore establish West's suit, but this had to be done before South's clubs became good and while West still had an entry.

If declarer had the A-Q of clubs, there was little hope for the defense. So East decided to play his partner for the ace and was amply rewarded for his effort.

Tomorrow: Aural and visual clues.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Cosmic Prescription for Opposition

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be assembling a team. Your best bet is a flexible leader. The one who is unconcerned with the outcome should not be put in charge, and neither should the one who is overly concerned.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Yes doesn't always mean that you agree to a thing. Sometimes it just means that you like and affirm someone. You can say yes to a person and say no to what they want from you in a moment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). From a very young age, the way you perceived things was molded by the world and by the people closest to you. Now that you're older, you can have more control over your perceptions by willfully deciding to see things differently.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've been burned in the past by the sort of "help" that costs more time, money and attention than doing it yourself. Today is different. Life will be easier and more joyous when you let qualified people help you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The conversations that spring from stress can be less-than-helpful. You'll notice what's going on in your body so you can recognize when you're stressed and take measures to calm and soothe yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-

Sept. 22). Some interrupt mindlessly because they suddenly feel like expressing themselves regardless of what else is happening. You may have cause to interrupt today, but it will only be to serve the greater good of all involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Thinking in terms of gains and losses is shortsighted. Instead, figure out which moves are effective and which are ineffective and adjust your strategy accordingly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your line of questioning proves that you are paying attention to someone's life. Do avoid getting boxed in by conversation that's so specific it doesn't leave room for the bigger news you don't know to ask about yet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's a moment in your sights, and you cannot help but approach with eager anticipation. Just don't let that rob you of the gifts of today -- a day that you will, in time, come to be nostalgic about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are times to strive for

self-sufficiency, but this isn't one of them. It's teamwork that will get you to the next place. There are true equals around who would love to be a part of what you're doing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). In the early stages of a project, it was appropriate to cast a wide net to see what you could drag back to your realm. Now, you're ready for strategic action. Brainpower is strong. Planning will take hours and be so worth it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What's important isn't whether or not you get what you want from the end of a project. The important part is really just finishing. Doing what you tell yourself you're going to do accomplishes something essential.


TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 17). Cosmic love will be poured like a sweet topping over the basics of life, and you'll get a more secure feeling around matters of health, relationship, finance and home. Even though risks can be fun, in 2021, it's a sense of solidity -- dependable people, stable routines, sound investments -- that inspire and fortify you. Aries and Gemini

adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 1, 14, 27 and 39.

WILLPOWER FOR SENSITIVE PEOPLE: In response to yesterday's sensitive Pisces wishing for willpower: Think of your willpower as a powerful potion in a bottle. Awakening from a restful night, your bottle is filled to the top. As your day progresses, everything that requires mental and emotional energy requires a few drops of your potion. Navigating traffic, answering to the boss, arguing with a loved one, reading instructions, saying the right thing to a client, shopping, tending to a friend's needs, solving a technical glitch -- all of these things use drops of your willpower. Stress tips the willpower bottle upside-down. So does getting upset, hungry or hurt.

Highly sensitive people may find the experience of processing intense feelings or engaging in deep thought processes uses many drops. Also, sensitive people spend more energy holding emotions at bay than other people do, knowing that if they showed the full range of their feelings, then it might be socially off-putting. After expending all of their willpower on acting appropriately, they are more likely to indulge in the behaviors that make them feel comfort, pleasure or numbness. More tomorrow.

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Level: Beginner

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2	7	6	5	9	8	4	1	3
6	3	2	7	9	1	5	4	8
4	6	3	1	2	8	5	7	9
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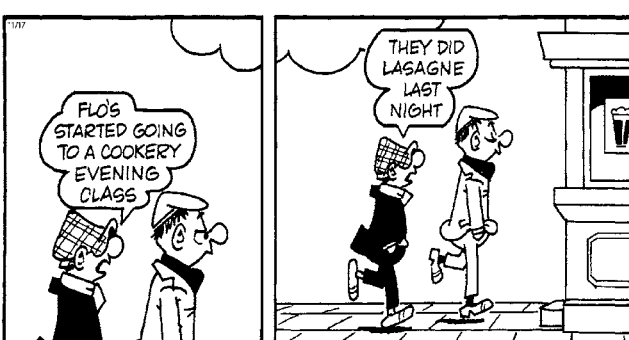
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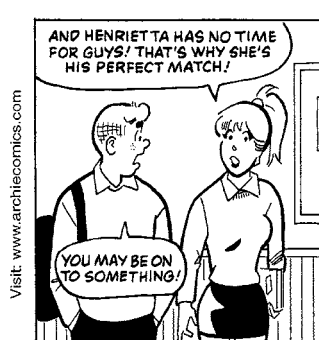
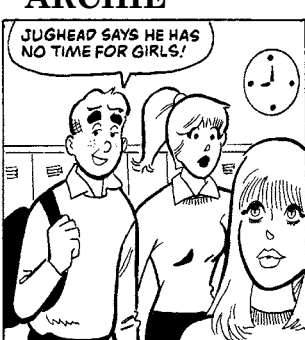
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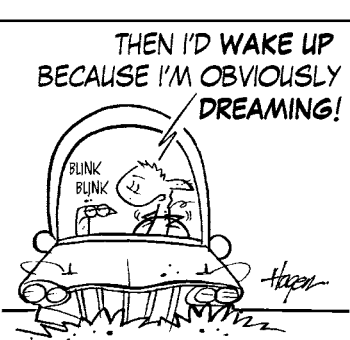
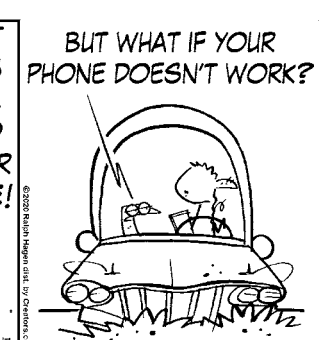
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 17, the 322nd day of 2020. There are 44 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 17, 1800, Congress held its first session in the partially completed U.S. Capitol building. On this date: In 1558, Elizabeth I acceded to the English throne upon the death of her half-sister, Queen Mary, beginning a 44-year reign. In 1869, the Suez Canal opened in Egypt. In 1889, the Union Pacific Railroad Co. began direct, daily railroad service between Chicago and Portland, Oregon, as well as Chicago and San Francisco. In 1911, the historically African-American fraternity Omega Psi Phi was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C. In 1917, French sculptor Auguste Rodin (roh-DAN) died in Meudon (meh-DON) at age 77. In 1969, the first round of Strategic Arms Limitation Talks between the United States and the Soviet Union opened in Helsinki, Finland. In 1970, the Soviet Union landed an unmanned, remote-controlled vehicle on the moon, the Lunokhod 1. In 1973, President Richard Nixon told Associated Press managing editors in Orlando, Florida: "People have got to know whether or not their president is a crook. Well, I'm not a crook." In 1979, Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini (ah-yah-TOH'-lah hoh-MAY'-nee) ordered the release of 13 Black and/or female American hostages being held at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran. In 1997, 62 people, most of them foreign tourists, were killed when militants opened fire at the Temple of Hatshep-sut (haht-shehp-SOOT) in Luxor, Egypt; the attackers, who also hacked their victims, were killed by police. In 2003, Arnold Schwarzenegger was sworn in as the 38th governor of California. In 2018, tribesman on the isolated island of North Sentinel, between India and Southeast Asia, were seen dragging and burying the body of American missionary John Allen Chau, who had reached the island the previous day despite a ban imposed by India's govern-

ment. Ten years ago: House Democrats elected Nancy Pelosi to remain as their leader despite massive party losses in midterm elections. Republicans voted to keep John Boehner (BAY'-nur) as their top House leader, making him speaker in the new Congress. A hand-count of votes affirmed the re-election of U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, the first Senate candidate in over 50 years to win a write-in campaign. The first Guantanamo detainee to face civilian trial, Ahmed Ghailani (guh-LAHN'-ee), was convicted by federal jury in New York on one charge of conspiracy, among over 280 counts related to 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Ghailani's native Tanzania. (He was later sentenced to life in prison.) Five years ago: Republicans urged an immediate closure of America's borders to Syrian refugees, drawing angry denunciations from President Barack Obama and other Democrats and igniting an emotional debate about U.S. values in the wake of the deadly Paris terror attacks. Actor Charlie Sheen issued a statement in which he said he was HIV positive, but that thanks to a rigorous drug regimen, he was in good health. Joe Maddon won his third Manager of the Year award and Jeff Banister his first after each guided his team on a surprising run to the playoffs. One year ago: Pushing back against accusations from President Donald Trump that the impeachment process had been stacked against him, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi told CBS that Trump was welcome to testify or answer questions in writing. Ahead of a Democratic presidential run, former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg apologized at a Black church for his longstanding support of the controversial "stop and frisk" police strategy, which he had continued to defend despite its disproportionate impact on people of color. Today's Birthdays: Sen. James

Inhofe (IHN'-hahf), R-Okla., is 86. Singer Gordon Lightfoot is 82. Singer-songwriter Bob Gaudio (GOW'-dee-oh) is 79. Movie director Martin Scorsese (skor-SEH'-see) is 78. Actor Lauren Hutton is 77. Actor-director Danny DeVito is 76. "Saturday Night Live" producer Lorne Michaels is 76. Movie director Roland Joffe is 75. Former Democratic Nation-

al Chairman Howard Dean is 72. Former House Speaker John Boehner (BAY'-nur) is 71. Actor Stephen Root is 69. Rock musician Jim Babjak (The Smithereens) is 63. Actor Mary Elizabeth Masterton is 62. Actor William Moses is 61. Entertainer RuPaul is 60. Actor Dylan Walsh is 57. Former National Security Adviser Susan Rice is 56. Actor Sophie Marceau

(mahr-SOH') is 54. Actor-model Daisy Fuentes is 54. Blues singer/musician Tab Benoit (behn-WAH') is 53. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ronnie DeVoe (New Edition; Bell Biv DeVoe) is 53. Rock musician Ben Wilson (Blues Traveler) is 53. Actor David Ramsey is 49. Actor Leonard Roberts is 48. Actor Leslie Bibb is 47. Actor Brandon Call is 44. Country

singer Aaron Lines is 43. Actor Rachel McAdams is 42. Rock musician Isaac Hanson (Hanson) is 40. MLB outfielder Ryan Braun is 37. Actor Justin Cooper is 32. Musician Reid Perry (The Band Perry) is 32. Actor Raquel Castro is 26.

Newsday Crossword

SOLO SELECTIONS by Billie Truitt Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS: 1 Black ___ (cattle breed), 6 "Bye now!", 10 Epic story, 14 Vice ___ (the other way around), 15 Dry as a desert, 16 Typical person from Jordan, 17 From the Emerald Isle, 18 "High" part of some shoes, 19 Not as much, 20 Solos for divas, 23 Sandwich bread, 24 The ___ (feelings of tedium), 27 Very dreary, 31 "Certainly, señora!", 33 Halloween mo., 35 Prefix meaning "all", 36 Granola grains, 38 University of ___ Dame, 40 Orchestral works with string solos, 43 White heron, 44 Butterfly's cousin, 45 Thaw, 46 "Thar ___ blows!", 47 Topped with frosting, 49 High-minded goals, 51 Stuff "taken out" to throw out, 53 ___ day now (very soon), 54 Solos for keyboardists, 61 Pitch a tent in the woods, 64 Optimistic, 65 Without help, 66 Milk-colored stone, 67 Story that's often "tall", 68 Type of ray that's a fish, 69 "Wish you ___ here", 70 Took a photo of, 71 Initial stage, 9 Goes off script, 10 Spicy chip dip, 11 "___ you kidding?", 12 Helium or hydrogen, 13 Belly muscles, 21 Stocking fiber, 22 Drop ___ to (write), 25 Chinese restaurant beverage, 26 Move up or down a computer screen, 27 Birds of peace, 28 "Haven't decided for sure", 29 Noisy sleeper, 30 Odometer measure, 31 Got to one's feet, 32 "Money ___ everything", 34 Class exams, 37 Apex, 39 "It's either you ___", 41 Formal "Who's there?" reply, 42 Denim alternative for slacks, 48 Sailors' maps, 50 Go-getter, 52 Pie fruit, 53 So far, 55 Ark builder, 56 Norway's capital, 57 Actor Alda, 58 Lots (of), 59 Initial poker stake, 60 Chair or bench, 61 Animal at a dairy, 62 Gorilla, for example, 63 Scratch up

13x13 crossword grid with numbers 1-71 indicating starting positions for words.

Answer to previous puzzle: RAMP SPAT CATCH, ISEE LURE ACHOO, BASE ERIE STEPS, PARMESANCHEESE, EVE LED, STAPLE PAID BSA, HELLO RAIN TOUR, ONIONSANDGARLIC, RSPV TIES LATTE, TEE SELL LAPSED, EPA SUM, FRESHMUSHROOMS, LEASE SOAK WEAR, INTER LEAVE LEGO, POSSE SPED STEW

Miami has 3 games PPD by virus; A&M on pause for 2nd week

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Sports Writer
No. 12 Miami has its remaining three games rescheduled Monday because of COVID-19 cases in the program, forcing the Atlantic Coast Conference to shuffle a total of six games over the last month of the season.

Georgia Tech at Miami scheduled for Saturday is now tentatively set for Dec. 19, the date of the ACC championship game. Miami's game at Wake Forest that was scheduled for Nov. 28 was moved to Dec. 5, and its game against North Carolina was moved back a week to Dec. 12.

"What we know is we don't have a coronavirus-in-college-football problem. We have a coronavirus-in-America problem," Miami coach Manny Diaz said Monday. "And everyone, I hope, can see or I would hope can see — you can't say everyone can see, because the way things are in 2020 everybody can't agree on anything — but certainly the math is saying that the numbers are really, really getting to a bad place."

Georgia Tech, which had its game last week against Pittsburgh postponed because of COVID-19 issues with both teams, joins No. 5 Texas A&M and Arizona State as teams that will now go two weeks without playing.

The number of games across major college football scheduled for this weekend that have already been

called off is up to seven after four went down Monday, including Mississippi at Texas A&M and Charlotte at No. 15 Marshall.

Aggies coach Jimbo Fisher said the program had only one active COVID-19 case but the number of players available to practice was "in the 40s," about half of what it would usually be. Most of the absences were due to individuals being quarantined after being exposed to someone who tested positive for the virus.

The Aggies missed last weekend's visit to Tennessee.

"We were wondering if we'd even have football. So we can complain about this and this and that but, listen, we're still getting to play football," Fisher said. "The season's going on. So those are great things for us and the SEC and everybody in college football."

The Southeastern Conference has had eight games postponed this season. The SEC said the Texas A&M-Ole Miss game could be made up Dec. 19, the day of the league championship game. The Aggies are scheduled to play the make-up against the Volunteers on Dec. 12.

To accommodate for Miami's issues, the ACC moved up the Wake Forest at Louisville game from Dec. 5 to Nov. 28 and moved Louisville at Boston College back from Nov. 27 to Dec. 12.

Also, the Big 12 officially set the date of its conference title game for Dec. 19.

Last week, 15 FBS games were called off because of COVID-19, the most yet this season. The total since schedules were set in late August is nearing 70.

While the college football season lurches toward a finish in late December, the NCAA is making plans it hopes will save March Madness in 2021 after having it canceled by the pandemic earlier this year. The NCAA said Monday it wants to move the entire Division I men's basketball tournament to one geographic location and is in talks with Indianapolis to be the host city.

Major college football conferences have been tweaking policies to provide their schools flexibility to schedule games on short notice.

The Pac-12 signed off on California playing at UCLA on Sunday, less than 48 hours after the Bears and Bruins had their original Saturday opponents postpone. Utah, which has had to postpone its first two games because of COVID-19 cases, is scheduled

to host No. 20 Southern California this Saturday.

If the Utes still can't play, USC and Colorado might be able to instead. The Trojans and Buffaloes are currently scheduled to meet in Los Angeles on Nov. 28.

"For that to occur, it wouldn't be a tremendously hard thing for us to shift gears to do," Colorado coach Karl Dorrell said. "It would be harder if you tried to play someone out of conference, that you don't have much familiarity with."

The SEC is allowing teams to re-work schedules as late as Monday night for the following weekend. No rematches are allowed and only games that already exist on the conference-only schedule can be moved up. No new matchups can be created, the way the Pac-12 did with Cal-UCLA.

The SEC also decided to use Dec. 19 as a make-up date for teams not involved in the conference title game.

NFL

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Fritz Pollard Alliance executive director Rod Graves; team executives past and present such as Newsome, Bill Polian, Rich McKay, Katie Blackburn and Amy Trask; Black coaches Tyrone Willingham, David Shaw and Denny Green, whom Vincent calls, along with Walsh, "pillars" in the fight for opportunity.

And, of course, players such as Jim Brown, Trace Armstrong, Dicky Daniels, Doug Williams, James "Shack" Harris, Robert Porcher, Marshall Faulk, Tony Richardson, Ryan McNeil and Derrick Brooks.

"You can see the efforts have been a long, long time coming and a lot of people have been involved," Vincent said. "When you look at where we started and some of the numbers and where we are today — we have work to do."

He's hopeful the hiring process, particularly at the end of the season, will be slowed down, something Hall of Famer Tony Dungy and many others have pointed to as a major drawback in diversity hiring.

"I believe that is an accurate point," Vincent said. "With the expansion of the Rooney Rule, you tie that back to the anti-tampering policy that now requires the clubs to give us organizational structure and the role and responsibilities of the job. You tie that back to expanding the requirements on the number of (minority) applicants that have to be interviewed — head coach is two and we believe clubs will exceed that."

"The coordinator job now is on the table, and it wasn't for someone of color or a minority in the past. We are literally organically slowing down the process; there are more requirements to be met, so it slows down the process."

"Eventually the hope is we don't have to put these things in place. That we as a people and organization and a league can move beyond legislation and policy changes and just really stand on doing the right thing for the right reasons. It may not happen in my lifetime, but that is the ultimate goal. Until that happens, it is necessary to have in place what has been done."

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