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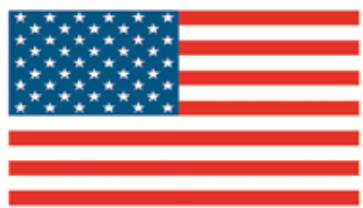
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## Covid-19 update for Howard County

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

As of Nov. 30, 2020, according to the Texas Health Department there are a total of 688 active cases in Howard County. Howard County has 1,994 positive Covid-19 cases that have been reported, with 1,272 which have recovered. There have been 34 Covid-19 related fatalities reported. According to data provided by the Texas Health Department the first Covid-19 case in Howard County was reported on April 10, 2020. At this point all 254 counties in Texas are reporting Covid-19 cases in their communities. As of Nov. 28, there have been 1,157,273 confirmed cases with 21,357 fatalities across the State of Texas. On Nov. 29 there were 48 new fatalities and 6,041 new cases, across the State of Texas. There is an estimated 954, 465 who have recovered and 184,035 active cases across the state. At Scenic Mountain Medical Center there are 25 Covid-19 positive confirmed inpatients, with seven of them in ICU and the other 18 located on the MedSurg floor. As of Monday, SMMC is at capacity for Covid patients and is 75% full for the facility, with a total of 32 inpatients.

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## City Council authorizes Mayor to execute City Manager agreement



HERALD photo/Iris Rangel

**Big Spring City Council convened for a special meeting Monday evening. During the meeting the Mayor was authorized to execute employment agreement for City Manager.**

By **IRIS RANGEL**  
 Herald Staff Writer

Yesterday evening City Council members convened to discuss topics regarding the recently constructed Big Spring City Charter Committee, authorization for bank accounts, and an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters regarding the City Manager position. After taking a moment for public comment, Mayor Shannon Thomason began discussion regarding the consideration and possible action to appoint a Charter Committee to

deliberate and recommend to City Council amendments to the Charter of the City of Big Spring. Discussion began with Mayor Thomason motioning to approve the appointment of the Charter Committee stating, "I move that the Big Spring City Council appoint a special committee with the purpose of reviewing and recommending changes to the Big Spring City Charter. This committee shall consist of seven members with each council member

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## Chamber of Commerce looking to "fill the Chamber" with 9th Annual Toy Drive

By **IRIS RANGEL**  
 Herald Staff Writer

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting its 9th Annual Toy Drive for local organizations and charities that serve Howard County. Donations accepted include unwrapped toys for boys and girls ages 2-12, fuzzy blankets, socks, coats, toiletries for boys and girls ages 13-18, and monetary donations. Donations can be dropped off at the Chamber Office located at 215 W. 3rd Street beginning Nov. 11 through Dec. 10. According to the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Debbye ValVerde, monetary donations are also being accepted if certain businesses and individuals do not have the time to shop for toys. "We will be glad to do the shopping for you if you wish to give a monetary donation. For the past several years, H-E-B has partnered with us by doing the shopping for us, we just have to pick it up. So, if your business does not have time to shop, we can do it for you," ValVerde said. As a part of this year's toy drive, the Chamber will also be donating fuzzy blankets to Howard County Children's Advocacy Center in order to provide comfort to young adults in need.

"The HCCAC sees so many kids and young adults in their

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HERALD file photo

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 9th annual Toy Drive. Pictured above is the Salvation Army picking up their toys from the collection, which were used for their Angel Tree distribution.

## SMMC addresses the question: Is Fear of COVID-19 Keeping Stroke Patients from Seeking Care?

**Special to the Herald**  
 SMMC

As the nation battles a pandemic, the focus on health has narrowed in on preventative measures for Covid-19, but the other life altering conditions still exist. Scenic Mountain Medical Center is offering a reminder, as the holidays approach, to help family and friends raise awareness for an often overlooked health impact - Stroke. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), stroke is the fifth leading cause of death in the United States and is a major cause of serious disability for adults. Due to the widespread threat of the coronavirus COVID-19, many patients who need life-saving care may not be seeking the help they need when every minute counts.

"Whether a stroke is minor or severe, the most important part of the treatment process is to seek help as soon as possible. The more quickly you seek help, the better chance there is of reducing long-term damage," Dr. Rohith Saravanan, Chief Medical Officer at

Scenic Mountain Medical Center, said. "Contrary to popular belief, a person of any age can suffer from a stroke. This includes teenagers, children, and even infants. In fact, stroke is the sixth leading cause of death for children, although as children get older, their odds of suffering from a stroke decrease (the greatest chance of having a stroke is during a baby's first year). Considering that people of all ages can have a stroke, it's all the more important to know and recognize the warning signs."

Stroke is an injury to the brain that occurs when the brain's blood supply is interrupted. Blood carries oxygen which is necessary for all cells in the body to survive. The brain has one of the highest demands for oxygen. In fact, cells in the brain start to die if they are without oxygen-rich blood for more than a few minutes. The death of these brain cells can result in permanent brain damage.



**Dr. Rohith Saravanan**

Other terms for stroke include cerebrovascular accident (CVA) or brain attack. "Suffering from a stroke is a scary situation. Stroke patients have many aspects of their lives turned upside-down. Though it can feel overwhelming at times, it's important to know that if you or a loved one have suffered from a stroke, you're not alone. One of the first steps toward successful recovery

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## A moment in history

### Part I: Celebrating a Jewish Community in Big Spring

*Editor's Note: The history piece that was ran on Monday, Nov. 30 was not printed in its entirety. We apologize for this inconvenience and error on our part. We are reprinting the story in its entirety below:*

By **TAMMY SCHRECENGOST**

Heritage Museum

During the early 1920's, Lena Brenner was a beloved member of the north side community in Big Spring. She spoke some English, some Spanish, some Yiddish and some German and usually all in the same sentence, however, no one seemed to have a problem understanding Lena. She operated the Brenner Dry Goods Store and was a favorite stop for the salesmen. They learned quickly to come calling on Lena during the noon or dinner hour. She always prepared delicious meals and would invite the salesmen to stay and eat with her family. Lena was not only a fabulous cook, but she devoted many of her hours to helping assist mothers deliver babies by paying for doctors and delivery charges. Lena and her husband Nicholas (Nick) Brenner were from Latvia. Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania had been part of the Russian Empire since the end of the 18th century, but after the Russian Revolution of 1917 they became independent states. Nick and Lena migrated to the U.S in 1905 after their marriage. A daughter, Lillian, was born in New York in 1906. Nick had a cousin in Hominy, Oklahoma, who brought the family to stay with them. They remained in Oklahoma until the birth of their daughter, Clara Augusta Brenner on Jun 17, 1912. Nick was a poor businessman when it came to managing credit, he carried too many people that did not honor their accounts, causing his business to fail. However, his wife Lena was a different story. Lena was an astute and a shrewd businesswoman. Nick became a successful plumber and later an examiner in Texas.

While in Oklahoma, Nick and Lena had a third child that did not survive delivery. The doctor was allegedly drunk and incompetent. The child's death was extremely hard on the family.

Friends of the Brenner's had started moving further west to Texas. The Robinson family helped the Brenners re-settle in Big Spring.

Nick stayed in Oklahoma for a while longer and



Courtesy images

**Nick and Lena Brenner are pictured above.**

Lena and the children moved to Big Spring. She purchased a dry goods store in the 200 block of North Gregg. The half-block also had a gas station. There were living quarters behind the store where the family first lived.

After graduating from high school, the Brenner's daughter Lillian married William Hubert Curry and resided in Pampa, Texas. The youngest daughter, Clara moved to New York City to live with her Uncle Abe and attend NYU.

Clara had graduated BSHS in 1930. She began work at a New York, two story, five and dime store. One day, she tripped on the stairs coming down and was caught by the linen delivery man. His name was Jim Zack. He asked Clara out on a date on Valentine's day and they were married July 9th that same year. The ceremony was small and simple with wine and cake served after the wedding vows. Lena and Nick were not present for the wedding however, Lena wrote Clara a letter telling her the importance of marrying a man who would earn a good living for her. Clara kept the letter in her possessions until her death.

Jim Zack was born on July 30, 1899 in Ekaterinberg, Siberia, as Isadore Zack to Sarah Etta Broomstein Zack and Yakov (Jacob) Zack. The family was Jewish but were allowed to live in the city because Isadore (Jim's) grandfather had served one of the Czars and had been given permission to live in a place other than a Shtetl (Ghetto). The Shtetl on the outskirts of a town, were subject to periodic pogroms (murders, rape, destructive fires) which terrorized the population. Still, they were required,

like all Jews, to obtain a permit from police to travel from one community to another. When Isadore (Jim) was four years old, Isaac suffered from an attack of appendicitis and the doctor operated on him on the kitchen table in the home. He did not survive the surgery and passed away.

Times were hard for the remaining family members. Isadore's sister had married Israel Goldberg who wanted to immigrate to the United States. There wasn't enough money to bring the entire family so Jim was sent deeper into Siberia to learn the watch making business. Just before the family was to leave, enough money was gathered to bring Isadore (Jim) along. Isadore was thirteen years old as he and his mother and 6 of his siblings made the trip to Brantford, Ontario, Canada. They traveled in steerage on a crowded ship. His mother died of heart problems within six months of their arrival to Canada. Israel took his son with him and sent the Zack children to live with relatives in Canada. Isadore (Jim) was on his own by the time he was fifteen. He worked for an uncle who owned a distributing business. He performed various jobs including pitching hay for a farmer. The farmers daughters gave him the name Jim which he took from that point on.

Shortly after Jim and Clara were married, a package arrived from Texas. In it was an angel food cake surrounded by popcorn. Nestled in the center of the cake were three fresh eggs and tucked between them was a hundred-dollar bill, a fortune! Clara and Jim took that as a sign they needed to move to Texas where the depression was not as severe as it was in New York.

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## Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 91 inmates at the time of this report.

• **RAYMOND ROLAND ANGLIN JR, 37**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of manufacture deliver controlled substance between one gram and four grams.

• **JORDAN DEAN BALIOS, 29**, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of MTRP/possession of marijuana less than two ounces and possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **TONY RAY BINGHAM, 39**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of assault family violence/threat.

• **TODD BURCH, 49**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of bail jumping and fail to appear.

• **SHANE MICHAEL DUNN, 45**, was arrested by

BSPD on a charge of public intoxication and resist search or transport.

• **WESLEY ALLEN EDMONDSON, 33**, was arrested by DPS on a charge of evading arrest detention with vehicle.

• **GABRIEL ANTONIO LOPEZ, 27**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **EDWARD LEE MARTINEZ JR., 31**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JIMMY JOE SANCHEZ, 43**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of manufacture deliver controlled substance between four grams and 200 grams and unauthorized use of vehicle.

• **MARIA ELENA VASQUEZ, 40**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

• Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive.

## Support Groups

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

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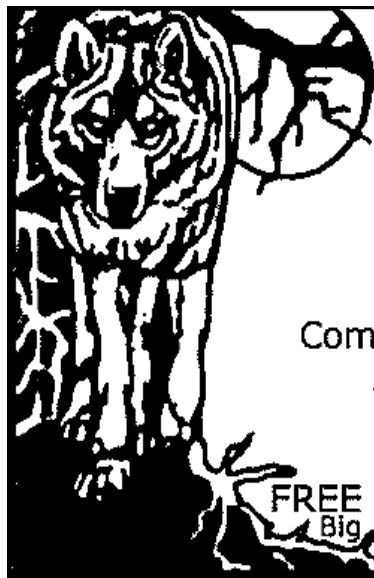
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appointing a member representing their district and the Mayor appointing a presiding officer. In addition, the Mayor, City Manager, and City Attorney, or legal council shall serve as ex-officio members of the committee," Thomason said.

Council member Cody Hughes seconded the motion, however, an amendment to the motion was also suggested by Hughes.

"Instead of having you [Mayor Thomason] appoint the presiding member, I want the regular members to have the committee itself appoint the chair," Hughes said.

Council member Hughes' motion was seconded by Council member Doug Hartman to approve the motion with the amendment.

Discussion was then initiated by Council Member Gloria McDonald over District 5 and 6's current lack of representation and its effects on how the committee will manage that.

"If this is to appoint a committee tonight and start work, I've been thinking we've got 28.5% of the public in Big Spring who aren't represented by those two districts. I really feel like they need representation on this committee before a final anything is said," McDonald said.

A recommendation was then made by Mayor Thomason for Council to be able to recommend individuals from Districts 5 and 6 for the committee.

Council member Ornelas also made a note that, according to him, he has not seen proper representation for District 5 and 6 on the city website and newspaper in regards to asking the Big Spring residents of Districts 5 and 6 to volunteer for the Charter Committee.

"I think we at least have to give them an opportunity. I think we could start the committee, and then...post it on the website and in the newspaper giving them an opportunity to apply. We at least have to give them that opportunity," Ornelas said.

According to Thomason's review of Robert's Rules, the chairman can be chosen by the council itself or by the Mayor, however, there would need to be a temporary chairman chosen by the Mayor in order to call the meeting to order.

The motion on the table at the time was to amend the previous motion made by Thomason which passed in a unanimous vote.

In the last meeting, several Council members discussed possible committee members they already had recommendations and nominations for - which were brought forward to the council again during the meeting. Nominations included: Roger

Rodman by Mayor Shannon Thomason; Elias Gamboa by Council member Nick Ornelas for District 1; Nati Saldivar by Council member Doug Hartman for District 2; John Scott by Council member Cody Hughes for District 3; For District 4, Council member Gloria McDonald noted there was a conflict of interest with her nomination due to it being a family member and asked for more time by the Council to provide a replacement; For Districts 5 and 6, as there has been no representation for two of the previous meetings, there were no nominations made at this time.

Regarding the amended motion made by Mayor Thomason and seconded by Council member Hughes, it also passed unanimously.

Thomason also made a note that there will be a PSA sent out soon asking community members that live in Districts 5 and 6 to volunteer for the committee which will be revisited at next week's meeting Dec. 8.

Afterwards, City Interim Manager Shane Bowles began conversation with Council members over a first reading authorizing signatures for bank accounts. According to Bowles, the federal bank used by the City is BBVA Compass Bank and for anyone to be added to be a signatory would require a resolution.

With the recent retirement of Director of Finance/City Secretary Donald Moore effective Dec. 23, a newly appointed Assistant Finance Director by the name of Adam Czajkowski would need to be added to the list of signatories to maintain the City's ability to write and distribute checks, Bowles stated.

Council member Hartman motioned to approve the first reading and was seconded by Council member Ornelas. The motion passed in a 5 to 0 vote.

City council then moved onto a first reading amending the authorized representatives empowered to transmit and withdraw funds from TexPool. TexPool is a public funds management tool created to offer public entities an opportunity to combine their investment dollars in a pool that seeks safety of principal, liquidity, and competitive yield, according to TexPool's website.

Director of Finance/City Secretary Donald Moore noted this agenda item was similar to the previous reading Bowles had mentioned where Czajkowski and the Mayor would need to be added onto the account.

Council member McDonald made a motion to approve the first reading. Hughes seconded the motion and the first reading was passed in an unanimous vote.

After the approval, Bowles began discussion con-

cerning possible action to delegate authority to the Mayor to negotiate, conclude, and execute a Pipeline Right-of-Way Agreement with Medallion Pipeline Company, LLC.

According to Bowles, the agreement is similar to a previous agreement with SinClair Oil and due to there only being one more City Council meeting before the end of the year, it would be in Council's best interest to delegate the authority to the Mayor in order to continue with the agreement process at an acceptable rate.

The delegation of authority was approved with a motion made by Council member Hughes and a second from Council member McDonald.

Council members then adjourned into an approximately two hour Executive Session to deliberate the appointment, employment, and duties of the City Manager.

Before adjourning for the evening, Council members reconvened in City Chambers where Council member Cody Hughes provided a bit of insight to the lengthy Executive Session.

"We did not go into this conversation lightly. We wanted to make sure we took as much time as we needed to, to come to the right decision," Hughes said.

Council member Hughes then made a motion to authorize Mayor Shannon Thomason to execute an employment agreement with former City Manager Russell Todd Darden.

The motion was then seconded by Council member Gloria McDonald to pass in a 4 to 0 vote with Council member Nick Ornelas abstaining.

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office. They are in need of fuzzy blankets to distribute to the young adults they see; something they can keep and give them back some sense of security. Through the Salvation Army they have a certain age they give to, but we know that some of these children have older siblings, so we ask that you help us think of them as well," she said.

Distribution of donations will be amongst organizations such as CASA, The Salvation Army, and The Howard County Children's Advocacy Center. With the altered state of everyone's home during this time, the Chamber is hoping to foster a community-wide support for children in Howard Coun-

ty through the participating organizations for the toy drive.

"Love your neighbor and give back; we were all taught that by our Lord. We as a community must give back in order to receive. Even if it's just one toy, that toy may be the only toy a child will receive this holiday season," ValVerde said. "No family should go without Christmas. Let's make this a Merry Christmas for everyone. Help us help others. Drop off your toy or toys, gifts, and help us fill the Chamber lobby."

Donations (both monetary and physical) can be dropped off at the Chamber Office located at 215 W. 3rd Street from Nov. 11 through Dec. 10.

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STROKE

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is knowing and understanding what you're up against, and SMMC is here to help," Dr. Saravanan said.

The most important thing to remember is "time is brain!" Treatment options are available for stroke, but time is crucial. If you are experiencing symptoms of stroke, call 911 or have someone bring you to the nearest emergency room.

For signs and symptoms of stroke, you are encouraged to remember "BE FAST":

- B - Balance: Watch for sudden loss of balance
- E - Eyes: Check for vision loss
- F - Face: Look for an uneven smiles
- A - Arm: Check if one arm is weak
- S - Speech: Listen for slurred speech
- T - Time: Call 911 right away

Anyone can have a stroke at any age. But certain things can increase your chances of having a stroke. The best way to protect yourself and your loved ones from a stroke is to understand your risk and how to control it. Learn more about your risk for stroke at [www.cdc.gov/stroke](http://www.cdc.gov/stroke)

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## Biden chooses an all-female senior White House press team

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — President-elect Joe Biden will have an all-female senior communications team at his White House, reflecting his stated desire to build out a diverse White House team as well as what's expected to be a return to a more traditional press operation. Biden campaign communications director Kate Bedingfield will serve as Biden's White House communications director. Jen Psaki, a longtime Democratic spokeswoman, will be his press secretary.

Four of the seven top communications roles at the White House will be filled by women of color, and it's the first time the entire senior White House communications team will be entirely female.

President Donald Trump upended the ways in which his administration communicated with the press. In contrast with administrations past, Trump's communications team held few press briefings, and those that did occur were often combative affairs riddled with inaccuracies and falsehoods.

Trump himself sometimes served as his own press secretary, taking questions from the media, and he often bypassed the White House press corps entirely by dialing into his favorite Fox News shows.

In a statement announcing the White House communications team, Biden said: "Communicating directly and truthfully to the American people is one of the most important duties of a President, and this team will be entrusted with the tremendous responsibility of connecting the American people to the White House."

He added: "These qualified, experienced communicators bring diverse perspectives to their work and a shared commitment to building this country back better."

Bedingfield and Psaki are veterans of the Obama administration. Bedingfield served as communications director for Biden while he was vice president, and Psaki was a White House communications director and a spokesperson at the State Department. Others joining the White House communications staff are:

- Karine Jean Pierre, who was Vice President-elect Kamala Harris' chief of staff, will serve as a principal deputy press secretary for the president-elect. She's another Obama administration alum, having served as a regional political director for the White House office of political affairs.
- Pili Tobar, who was communications director for coalitions on

Biden's campaign, will be his deputy White House communications director. She most recently was deputy director for America's Voice, an immigration reform advocacy group, and was a press staffer for Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y. Three Biden campaign senior advisers are being appointed to top communications roles:

- Ashley Etienne, a former communications director for House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, will serve as Harris' communications director.
- Symone Sanders, another senior adviser on the Biden campaign, will be Harris' senior adviser and chief spokesperson.
- Elizabeth Alexander, who served as the former vice president's press secretary and his communications director while he was a U.S. senator from Delaware, will serve as Jill Biden's communications director. After his campaign went virtual due to the coronavirus pandemic, Biden faced some of his own criticism for not being accessible to reporters. But near the end of the campaign, he answered questions from the press more frequently, and his transition team has held weekly briefings since he was elected president.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 1400 block of Oil Mill Road. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Indian Hills. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Austin. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **OUTSIDE RUBBISH FIRE** was reported in the 800 block of Rosemont. The fire was contained.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity since Thanksgiving Day:

- **RAYMOND ROLAND ANGLIN**, 37, of 2402 Williams Road, was arrested on charge of manufacture deliver controlled substance between one gram and four grams.
- **TODD RICHARD BURCH**, 49, of 307 Hedy Drive, was arrested on a warrant from other agency.
- **TONY RAY BINGHAM**, 39, of 2101 Cecilia Street, was arrested on a charge of assault family violence threat or offensive touch.
- **SHANE MICHAEL DUNN**, 45, of 2004 N. Monticello Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication and resist arrest search or transport.
- **EDWARD LEE MARTINEZ**, 31, of 1204 State Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JORDAN DEAN BALIOS**, 29, of 605 E. 13th Street, was arrested on a charge of warrant from other agency.
- **MARIA ELENA ALANIZ**, 40, of 1001 Bluebonnet, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JIMMY JOE SANCHEZ**, 43, of 502 Lancaster,

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## Losing loved ones

Losing friends and close loved ones in this present day world is devastating to say the least. Their passing leaves a hole in our lives that can't be filled with anything or anyone else. Especially around the holidays or their birthday or any other special day they had shared with us, we miss them. Friends left behind try to bring comfort, but even that is hard because they miss them as well.

But we have to move on and live our lives as best we know how until God is through with us.

Several ways we can find help is to keep living our lives to the fullest. Let the Lord show us where we can fill in the gap they left behind. We can never take their place, but we can be filled with joy that theirs is not to suffer any more, nor have to face any more hardship, nor cry anymore over the pain or loss of others in their own lives.

God is the only One who can fill the gap. If He isn't there in the first place, then He needs to be the first consideration of asking Him for help. His compassion fails not. He is a friend

that sticks closer than a brother. He is Saviour and Lord and will help in time of need.

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# Howard County Football: Offensive Players of the Year for all three local teams

## BIG SPRING Quarterback Gabriel Baeza



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Baeza moves around the pocket while searching for an open receiver to pass the ball to.

By SHAWN MORAN  
Herald Sports Writer

Big Spring just concluded their first winning season since 2014 (5-4), picked up the Bi-District title, and were led by a group of juniors that will once again don the black and gold next fall.

One of those juniors to lead the team was starting quarterback Gabriel Baeza. The second-year starter was the driving force behind the Steer offense and he finished the season with 1,830 yards passing with 14 touchdowns to go along with 718 yards rushing and an additional 14 touchdowns.

In total, Baeza finished his junior season with 2,548 yards and 28 total touchdowns in just eight games played. Both the passing and rushing numbers were team-high's as the strong and confident gunslinger continued to build his confidence as the season moved along.

The season got off to a steaming hot start when Baeza lit up the Vernon defense for four touchdowns through the air and two more on the ground. It was the type of performance that displayed the talented passer's versatility while also showing the potential of the Baeza-led offense in a 36-14 win.

In got-to-have-it situations, Baeza was usually the player that put the team on his back and he made

several eye-opening plays during the course of this season. One of those plays was in the Bi-District round of the postseason against El Paso Riverside.

With both teams battling it out in overtime, the Steers needed to put the ball in the end zone following a stop by Big Spring's defense. It was the beginning of the third overtime and Baeza had just tossed an interception on the last drive. He showed off his short memory - which is vital for a starting quarterback - and powered his way through the Riverside defense on a designed run that put the Steers inside the 5-yard line. A couple plays later, Baeza rolled out to his right and delivered a perfectly thrown pass to wide receiver Pablito Dehoyos in the end zone.

That first round playoff matchup was one of Baeza's best performances of the season as he accounted for five total touchdowns.

Just like that, the Big Spring Steers had locked up their first winning season in six years and were bringing the Bi-District Gold Ball back to 'The Spring'.

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By SHAWN MORAN  
Herald Sports Writer

Coahoma junior running back and team captain Brysen Kerby just finished up his extremely impressive 2020 regular season with 1,504 rushing yards, 183 receiving yards, and 24 touchdowns. He is a hard-nosed runner that keeps his legs moving through the whistle, does not shy away from contact, and runs north and south to always get the most yardage possible.

"He had an awesome year," Head Coach Chris Joslin said. "It's been great to see him mature over the last three years with his body. He has really bought-in to the weight room."

Kerby used the past Covid-filled offseason to get stronger and improve his body. He decided to set up his own weight room at home over the summer and when all of the players returned, Joslin was thrilled with the mass his star running back had put on.

"Me and him just talked the other day and the main thing was - as many times as he carried the ball this year, his body held up really well because of the bulk that he had put on. He was able

to keep his speed," Joslin said.

When speaking to Kerby, he comes off as a humble and intelligent high school student. He usually defers any personal praise to how well the entire team has been playing, and the first words that Head Coach Chris Joslin uttered about him to this reporter seemed to be spot on.

"He definitely is a great player, but he is an even better young man," Joslin said.

While Kerby may not be one to toot his own horn, the humble playmaker has undoubtedly proven himself to be one of the best running backs in all of West Texas during the course of this season. Of course, he cannot produce those types of numbers all by himself, and Kerby would be the first one to tell you that. The entire Coahoma team has played with a chip on their shoulders all season-long, and it shows with the way they play on Friday night's.

"The main thing that excites me and makes me overall happy is the fact that so many people said that we wouldn't do very well this year since we lost so many people last spring.

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## COAHOMA Running Back Brysen Kerby



HERALD File Photo

Kerby makes a cut and follows his blockers through a hole during a game this season.

## FORSAN Running Back Nate Hernandez



HERALD File Photo

Hernandez carries the ball during a game earlier this season. The junior had a tremendous season.

By SHAWN MORAN  
Herald Sports Writer

After an injury derailed his sophomore season, Forsan running back Nate Hernandez hit the gridiron with redemption on his mind. The powerful back was able to bounce back with a season where he rushed for 858 yards and a whopping 14 touchdowns. Both of these were team-high's and allowed Forsan coach Jason Phillips to rely on his power-rushing attack all-season long.

"I thought he had a great year on both sides of the ball," Phillips said. "Luckily, we're blessed with several guys that carry the ball for us but he's our power back. When we want tough yards, that's who we go to. He's a physical

runner and I thought he had a great year."

Hernandez really began to heat up during the district portion of the schedule this year. He had four 100-yard rushing games during district play this year that led to two wins over McCamey and Stamford. He was also the top performer in two hard-fought losses to Anson and Hawley where he also rushed for over 100 yards.

The junior running back is apart of a rushing committee with Forsan, as back-field-mate Chris Mendez and quarterbacks Sawyer Stallings and Major Stockton also do their part on the ground. While those three players are quicker than Hernandez, they

do not bring the physicality that he does in between the tackles.

"Those other three guys aren't built for running between the tackles like Nate is. They're more edge players. But if you asked Nate, I'm positive he'd rather run inside the tackles. He likes contact and we like to get him running downhill," Phillips said.

Hernandez did not have a full offseason to work with last year as he recovered from an injury, but that will not be the same story this offseason. The powerful back will be returning for his senior year and can be expected to eclipse the 1,000-yard mark next fall.

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## Ramey, No. 17 Texas beat Davidson 78-76 in Maui Invitational

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Courtney Ramey and No. 17 Texas offered a glimpse Monday of the Longhorns' potential depth to start the relocated Maui Invitational. Coach Shaka Smart wants to see the defense look a little sharper, too.

Ramey hit the go-ahead driving score with 20 seconds left and the Longhorns survived a pair of final-possession Davidson shots for the win to beat the Wildcats 78-76 in Monday's tournament opener.

Texas (2-0) shot 48% and led nearly the entire second half, yet missed too many free throws and struggled to get stops as Davidson (1-1) shot nearly 57% for the game.

"We've got a long way to go defensively with our guys and 1-on-1 defense," Smart said. "I think as a team they know that. But certainly learned about our guys' resolve. They showed good resolve."

Ramey's score broke a 76-all tie, then the Longhorns came up with a pair of stops. Davidson's Sam Mennenga missed a contested 3-pointer from the wing, but the Wildcats got another shot when the ball went out of bounds with 3.8 seconds left.

The Wildcats inbounded again to Mennenga, who missed a final 3 for the win with Texas' Andrew Jones closely defending him. Mennenga turned toward a nearby official at the horn, while Davidson coach Bob McKillop also walked onto the court with arms extended to address officials briefly.

"You obviously have never seen me protest because that was very kind," McKillop said. "My comment to him after the game was far from a protest. I just asked him very gentlemanly:

## NFL SCHEDULE & RESULTS WEEK TWELVE

### THURSDAY

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
Houston Texans (4-7)	@ Detroit Lions (4-7)	41-25, Texans
Washington (4-7)	@ Dallas Cowboys (3-8)	41-16, Washington

### SUNDAY

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
Arizona Cardinals (6-5)	@ New England Patriots (5-6)	20-17, Patriots
Las Vegas Raiders (6-5)	@ Atlanta Falcons (4-7)	43-6, Falcons
Los Angeles Chargers (3-8)	@ Buffalo Bills (8-3)	27-17, Bills
New York Giants (4-7)	@ Cincinnati Bengals (2-8-1)	19-17, Giants
Tennessee Titans (8-3)	@ Indianapolis Colts (7-4)	45-26, Titans
Carolina Panthers (4-8)	@ Minnesota Vikings (5-6)	28-27, Vikings
Miami Dolphins (7-4)	@ New York Jets (0-11)	20-3, Dolphins
Cleveland Browns (8-3)	@ Jacksonville Jaguars (1-10)	27-25, Browns
New Orleans Saints (9-2)	@ Denver Broncos (4-7)	31-3, Saints
San Francisco 49ers (5-6)	@ Los Angeles Rams (7-4)	23-20, 49ers
Kansas City Chiefs (10-1)	@ Tampa Bay Buccaneers (7-5)	27-24, Chiefs
Chicago Bears (5-6)	@ Green Bay Packers (8-3)	41-25, Packers

### MONDAY

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
Seattle Seahawks (8-3)	@ Philadelphia Eagles (3-7-1)	23-17, Seahawks

### WEDNESDAY

Away Team	Home Team	Time of Game
Baltimore Ravens (6-4)	@ Pittsburgh Steelers (10-0)	7:00 p.m. (NBC)



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Annie's Mailbox

Finding Friends on Campus

**Dear Annie:** This is for "Concerned Mom" whose daughter was having trouble making new friends in college during COVID-19.

The first point of contact for the student is her academic adviser. "Trouble making friends" is a good reason for a visit. Most universities now have "cohort courses" for first-year students with the intended purpose of establishing community among freshmen and transfers. Often, there is a separate such course for each major program.

Colleges also have clubs and other extra-curricular organizations -- some of which may still be active during the

pandemic. Finally, I've noticed that students often set up group chats on platforms like Snapchat to talk about specific courses. "Concerned Mom's" daughter can make sturdy, lasting friends pretty fast by giving help to another student, or receiving help from another. -- Professor Who Cares

**Dear Professor:** Thank you for reminding us how often opportunities for connection and friendship are available; we just need to ask. It's amazing to hear how resilient college students have been during this unprecedented time.

**Dear Annie:** This is in response to "D.K.," who complained about Al-Anon. Al-Anon is often described as a

selfish program. Those who constantly are thinking about their alcoholic loved ones may be at a loss when they are encouraged to start thinking about themselves.

I, for one, thought plenty about myself and, like many others, came to Al-Anon to learn how to fix the alcoholic so I could get back to my normal life.

I, too, had ideas of how my meetings should change. Yet, I knew Al-Anon was a decades-old program that worked for many others.

I read every program-approved book and pamphlet. I learned the slogans and worked the steps. I learn to give service to others. Sometimes

by simply being silent in meetings. I learned about my part in relationships. I learned how to love my God, myself and my fellow man and how to live with them.

Al-Anon groups will tell you straight out: "We aren't perfect. The welcome we gave you may not show the warmth we have in our hearts for you. After a while, you'll discover that though you may not like all of us, you'll love us in a very special way. The way we already love you." -- A Grateful Al-Anon Member

**Dear Grateful:** Thank you for sharing your experience and appreciation for this program. It's great to know how much support you've received and contributed to the

Al-Anon community.  
**Dear Annie:** I'm not writing with a warning. My hubby had his annual sinus cough that hung on with a slight fever this summer. He tried to see our doctor and had to get a COVID-19 test. It was negative. A week passed while we waited for the results, and they wanted another test and another X-ray. Three weeks later, my husband was sick with a fever. He went to the appointment and was told to go to the emergency room. He was dead within a week from pneumonia and toxic shock.

If they had seen him or sent him to the ER sooner, I might not be wondering what I should have done. I wasn't allowed to go

into the hospital, so he was all alone. Please tell the world not to wait for medical issues. -- Missing My Husband

**Dear Missing:** I am so sorry for your loss. Your advice to seek immediate medical attention, especially if you have a preexisting condition, is on point. This is a difficult time, and not being able to be with a loved one who dies adds a layer of pain that, frankly, no person should endure. Let loved ones support you, and consider finding a grief support group to help you process your loss.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com).

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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Sophisticated defense

South dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ Q 5  
♥ K Q 4  
♦ K Q J 9 2  
♣ Q 10 7

**WEST**  
♠ K 4  
♥ 10 9 7 3  
♦ 10 6 4  
♣ A K J 3

**EAST**  
♠ 7 3  
♥ 8 6 5 2  
♦ A 8 5 3  
♣ 9 4 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A J 10 9 8 6 2  
♥ A J  
♦ 7  
♣ 8 6 5

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

Opening lead — king of clubs.

**Over the long haul,** the main reason some players win more often than others is that they are, simply, better players. As a case in point, take this deal from a team-of-four match.

**At the first table,** West led the K-A of clubs, East playing the 2-4 and declarer the 5-8. West realized that the contract could not be stopped if South had all three missing aces, so he had to credit East with an ace. The big problem was that he did not know whether to shift to a heart or a diamond at trick three.

**Unfortunately, West** chose to lead the ten of hearts next, whereupon declarer quickly cashed the A-K-Q of hearts and discarded his diamond loser. He then lost a spade finesse to West's king and scored the rest of the tricks for his contract.

**At the second table,** East also played the 2-4 of clubs on West's K-A. But at this table, East-West were employing a more sophisticated method of defense — suit-preference signals in obvious situations — so it was much easier for West to know which red suit to lead at trick three.

**Here, when West** cashed the ace of clubs, East had a choice of whether to play the four or the nine, both basically insignificant cards. However, according to their methods, if East had held the ace of hearts and wanted a heart shift, he would have signaled with his highest club — the nine in this case — to indicate a preference for the higher-ranking red suit.

**East's actual play** of the four therefore denied his holding the ace of hearts and made it much easier for West to find the winning defense. He led a low diamond to East's ace at trick three, and declarer later lost a trump trick to go down one.

**The occasions** when suit-preference signals can be utilized may not occur all that often, but when the proper opportunity arises, they work like a charm.

**Tomorrow:** Sylvia throws a curve.  
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mercury Gets Sophisticated

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You're typically quite sensitive to what people around you might need and being focused in this way could interfere with recognizing your own needs. So, turn those sensors on yourself and take action to relieve stress.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Someone who is watching you closely may make you feel self-conscious and prone to mistakes. The attention is a compliment, though one that would more comfortably be deflected.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Halfway between two ideas you are unlikely to find favor with either side. But you're not doing this for the approval. You really want to find a good fit -- a way to see things that makes sense to you.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Perhaps the moon is not the reason for life on earth, but its influence on the tides has made for more diversity than could otherwise be possible. Someone orbiting you will have a similarly favorable influence.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Ambitious people are exciting to you insofar as they work toward achievement. What people would like to do and what they actually do can be two different things, a difference you'll pay attention to.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** There are many nuances at play

as you connect with someone you've known a long time and these make the relationship rich in a way that cannot compare with those you barely know -- something you appreciate today.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Remember when you watched yourself making a mistake, in full consciousness of the error but somehow still not able to stop yourself? It will happen again because some mistakes are just too fun to make!

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** For now, don't concern yourself with the matter of how pointless is an activity. It is quite pointless, indeed, but everything doesn't have to have a point. Anyway, this one will pay off further down the road.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Even though every state of being is temporary, there are some you want to make last as long as possible. Trying too hard won't work, though you may be able to relax and give yourself more to savor with increased noticing.



BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** What the self says matters. It matters going into an endeavor. It matters when the self is satisfied, and it matters even more when the world doesn't validate the self's satisfaction. Believe in your compass, not theirs.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Force isn't the only way to make things happen, and usually it's not even the best way. Be like water, soft but powerfully shaping all it touches as it makes its way down the path of least resistance.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** There is no universal "up" or "down," just people pulled toward earth from wherever they happen to be on the sphere. Relatedly, you appreciate friends living according to their beliefs, which are so different from your own.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 1).** There are always those who believe they know your duty better than you do. Your cosmic gift is a self-authority that serves as an armor deflecting the authority of others. You are reinforced by the work you do as a result and

you grow in capability, therefore power. You'll use this to lift loved ones in 2021. Gemini and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 19, 10, 13, 5 and 7.

**COSMIC QUESTION:** "Having a grand trine in my chart is good, right?"

Yes, but use it wisely. The grand trine is a major planetary configuration in which three planets in the same element (earth, air, fire, water) form an equilateral triangle in your birth chart. Whatever element your triangle is in indicates where you have a natural talent; ignore it at your own risk! You need to use what you've got or lose it, but you also need to maintain harmony and balance within yourself while you're doing it. If your grand trine is fire, you are at your best when you're active and in the spotlight, but you need to be careful of burnout. If you have an earth trine, you thrive on implementing structure in your environment. Just be sure to take a few risks and don't be too predictable. Keep it fresh. If you have an air trine, you have a talent for making mental and/or social connections, but you may be uncomfortable with deep emotions. If your trine is water, you are great at reading the vibes of a room, but this can also make you vulnerable to psychic attack from others' negativity. Protect yourself!

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

Level: Beginner

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

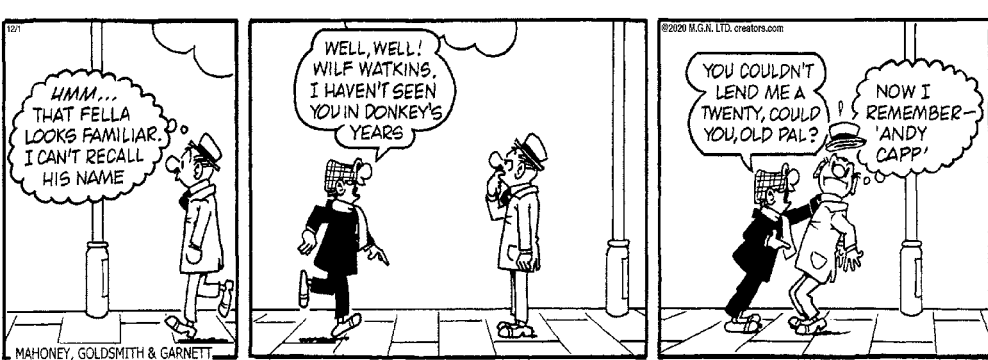
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ANSWER:



	KMID (3) Midland	UNI (4) Spanish	KPEJ (5) Odessa	KOSA (7) Odessa	KTLE (8) Telemundo	KWES (9) Midland	KMLM (12) Odessa	KPBT (13) Odessa	KWWT (14) Odessa	KWES2 (15) Midland	WTBS (33) Atlanta	TNT (34) Atlanta	ESPN (35) Sports	ESPN2 (36) Sports	FSN (38) Sports	USA (55) New York	A&E (58) New York	DISC (60) Discovery
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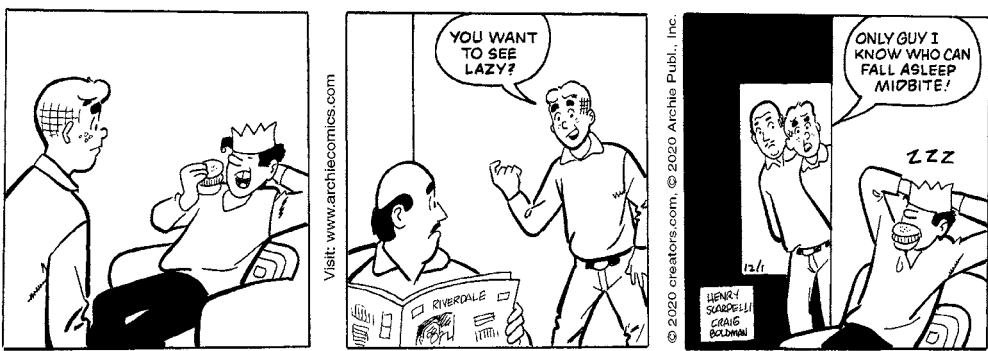
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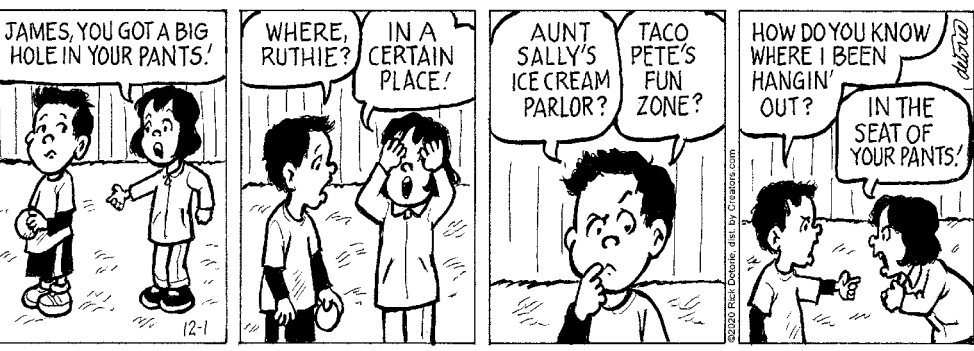
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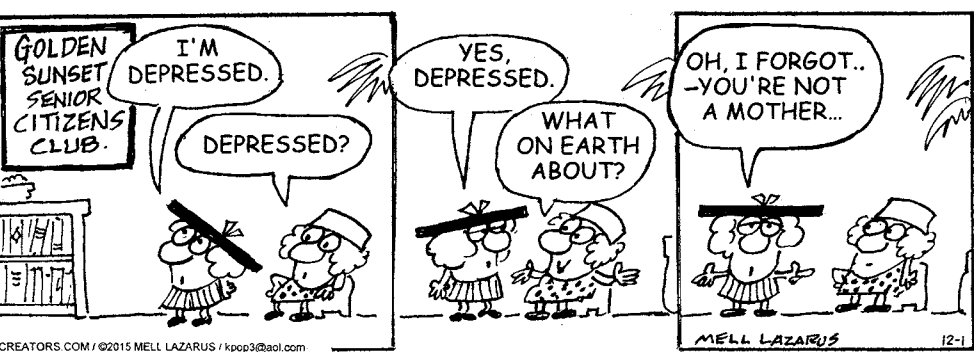
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 1, the 336th day of 2020. There are 30 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 1, 1955, Rosa Parks, a Black seamstress, was arrested after refusing to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Alabama, city bus; the incident sparked a year-long boycott of the buses by Blacks.

On this date: In 1824, the presidential election was turned over to the U.S. House of Representatives when a deadlock developed between John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, William H. Crawford and Henry Clay. (Adams ended up the winner.) In 1860, the Charles Dickens novel "Great Expectations" was first published in weekly serial form. In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln sent his Second Annual Message to Congress, in which he called for the abolition of slavery, and went on to say, "Fellow-citizens, we can not escape history. We of this Congress and this Administration will be remembered in spite of ourselves." In 1941, Japan's Emperor Hirohito approved waging war against the United States, Britain and the Netherlands after his government rejected U.S. demands contained in the Hull Note. In 1942, during World War II, nationwide gasoline rationing went into effect in the United States; the goal was not so much to save on gas, but to conserve rubber (as in tires) that was desperately needed for the war effort. In 1965, an airlift of refugees from Cuba to the United States began in which thousands of Cubans were allowed to leave their homeland. In 1969, the U.S. government held its first draft lottery since World War II. In 1974, TWA Flight 514, a Washington-bound Boeing 727, crashed in Virginia after being diverted from National Airport to Dulles International Airport; all 92 people on board were killed. Northwest Orient Airlines Flight 6231, a Boeing 727, crashed near Stony Point, New York, with the loss of its three crew members (the plane had been chartered to pick up the Baltimore Colts football team in Buffalo, New York). In 1989, Soviet President

Mikhail S. Gorbachev met with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican. In 1990, British and French workers digging the Channel Tunnel between their countries finally met after knocking out a passage in a service tunnel. In 1991, Ukrainians voted overwhelmingly for independence from the Soviet Union. In 2006, Felipe Calderon took the oath of office as Mexico's president amid catcalls and brawling lawmakers, a chaotic start to a term in which he pledged to heal a country divided by his narrow victory. Ten years ago: President Barack Obama's bipartisan deficit commission unveiled its recommendations including lower income taxes, fewer tax breaks and higher age for retirement benefits (however, the panel failed to advance the package to Congress two days later.)

LPGA players meeting in Orlando, Florida, voted to allow transgender players to compete on tour. Five years ago: President Barack Obama told a U.N. climate conference that parts of the global warming deal being negotiated in Paris should be legally binding on the countries that signed on, setting up a potential fight with Republicans at home. Defense Secretary Ash Carter said the United States was expanding its special operations forces in Iraq and Syria to help fight Islamic State militants. The Philadelphia 76ers ended the longest losing streak in the history of major professional sports in the United States, topping the Los Angeles Lakers 103-91 to snap a 28-game skid. One year ago: "Frozen 2" set a record for the five-day period starting on the day before Thanksgiving, taking in \$132.7 million at the box office. A powerful winter storm that had tormented travelers across the U.S. since before Thanksgiving moved to the Northeast. Actor Shelley Morrison, best known for playing maid Rosario Salazar on "Will & Grace," died at the age of 83. Today's Birthdays: Actor-director Woody Allen is 85. World Golf Hall of Famer Lee

Trevino is 81. Singer Dianne Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 81. Country musician Casey Van Beek (The Tractors) is 78. Television producer David Salzman is 77. Rock singer-musician Eric Bloom (Blue Oyster Cult) is 76. Rock musician John Densmore (The Doors) is 76. Actor-singer Bette Midler is 75. Singer Gilbert O'Sullivan is 74. Former child actor Keith

Thibodeaux (TV: "I Love Lucy") is 70. Actor Treat Williams is 69. Sen. Rick Scott, R-Fla., is 68. Country singer Kim Richey is 64. Actor Charlene Tilton is 62. Actor-model Carol Alt is 60. Actor Jeremy Northam is 59. Actor Katherine LaNasa is 54. Producer-director Andrew Adamson is 54. Actor Nestor Carbonell is 53. Actor Golden Brooks is 50. Actor-comedian

Sarah Silverman is 50. Actor Ron Melendez is 48. Contemporary Christian singer Bart Millard (MIL-urd) is 48. Actor-writer-producer David Hornsby is 45. Singer Sarah Masen is 45. Rock musician Brad Delson (Linkin Park) is 43. Actor Nate Torrence is 43. Rock/Christian music singer-songwriter Mat Kearney is 42. Actor Riz Ahmed (Film: "Rogue One: A Star Wars

Story") is 38. Actor Charles Michael Davis is 36. Actor Ilfenes Hadera is 35. R&B singer-actor Janelle Monae is 35. Actor Ashley Monique Clark is 32. Pop-rock-rap singer Tyler Joseph (Twenty One Pilots) is 32. Actor Zoe Kravitz is 32. Pop singer Nico Sereba (Nico & Vinz) is 30. Actor Jackson Nicoll is 17.

Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Gush like a volcano
  - 5 "That's hard to believe"
  - 9 Car's emergency marker light
  - 14 Female singing voice
  - 15 Infamous Roman emperor
  - 16 Displayed great anger
  - 17 Emblem "of approval"
  - 18 Pretrial court payment
  - 19 Wear away slowly
  - 20 With 51 Across, "big" beef on a bun
  - 22 Incite to act
  - 23 Hospital crisis areas: Abbr.
  - 24 Actor's signal to begin
  - 25 \_\_\_ Horse (legendary Greek trick)
  - 29 Jumping-over-kids game
  - 34 Happen again
  - 35 Female pigs
  - 36 Baseball great Babe
  - 37 Line on a shopping list
  - 38 Fastener in a girder
  - 39 Turn \_\_\_ (become)
  - 40 Typical Saudi
  - 41 Spanish cheers
  - 42 Doles (out)
  - 43 Be futile
  - 45 Large vacation facility
  - 46 Total in arithmetic
  - 47 Boy in a family
  - 48 Soaking sessions in a tub
  - 51 See 20 Across
  - 57 WWII submarine
  - 58 Triple-decker cookie brand
  - 59 Round toy on a string
  - 60 Stroke of good luck
  - 61 Couch or bench
  - 62 All over again
  - 63 Gave a fancy party for
  - 64 Servings of corn
  - 65 The Loch \_\_\_ monster
  - 6 Boyfriends
  - 7 Nickname for Ireland
  - 8 Recounted, as a story
  - 9 Make available for use
  - 10 "Big" portion of potatoes
  - 11 Extremely eager
  - 12 Make over, as a kitchen
  - 13 Adam and Eve's paradise
  - 21 Bosc or Bartlett
  - 24 Group seen in a play
  - 25 Three-note chord
  - 26 Back-in-style fashion
  - 27 Pacific or Atlantic
  - 28 "Big" milky drink
  - 29 Liked very much
  - 30 Mothers of lambs
  - 31 Make a dash for
  - 32 Furry river swimmer
  - 33 White Halloween costume
  - 35 Grain storage tower
  - 38 Den or kitchen
  - 42 Eatery's list
  - 44 Blew in bursts, as the wind
  - 45 Metallic factory workers
  - 47 Makeup smudge
  - 48 Shine to a high gloss
  - 49 Well qualified
  - 50 Recommend highly
  - 51 Fire hydrant attachment
  - 52 Region
  - 53 TV host Seacrest
  - 54 \_\_\_ with the Wind
  - 55 What visors shade
  - 56 Propels a canoe with oars

Answer to previous puzzle

ETA	SHOO	ARCH
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# Ravens-Steelers rescheduled again by COVID-19 to Wednesday

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The Baltimore Ravens' struggle to contain an extended outbreak of the coronavirus forced their rescheduled game Tuesday night against the unbeaten Pittsburgh Steelers to be moved back to Wednesday afternoon.

It's the third fix to a matchup originally slated to be played Thanksgiving night. The game will remain on NBC, but at 3:40 p.m. ET.

Also, the Steelers' home game in Week 13 against Washington has been moved from Sunday to Dec. 7 at 5 p.m. The Ravens home game against Dallas will be on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 8:05 p.m. on Fox and NFL Network. It was originally set for Thursday night, then moved to Dec. 7.

Ravens-Steelers was moved back one more day for medical reasons, but now Baltimore gets some time for workouts. The NFL permitted the Ravens to return to their facility on Monday night under doctors' supervision, which is similar to what happened when the Tennessee Titans had a coronavirus outbreak earlier this season. The Titans got three days of workouts in that scenario.

"Players arrived already prepared to work out on the field, and they did not enter the locker room or training room," the Ravens said in a statement. "We intend to hold another walk-through session on Tuesday, in preparation for traveling to Pittsburgh Tuesday evening."

The NFL announced the most recent switches Monday after the Ravens placed starters Matthew Judon, Willie Snead and Mark Andrews on the reserve/COVID-19 list.

Although Baltimore also had four players return from that list, the team will still be severely short-handed when this game is finally played. But it will get back running backs Mark Ingram and J.K. Dobbins from the COVID-19 list; they tested positive on Nov. 23

The addition of Judon, a standout linebacker, and Andrews, the leading receiver on the team, brings to seven the number of 2019 Pro Bowl players that Baltimore has placed on the COVID-19 list over the past week. But Ingram will be eligible to play at Pittsburgh, leaving 12 active players and one practice squad member on the list — including 2019 league MVP quarterback Lamar Jackson.

Cornerback Terrell Bonds, who's on injured reserve, was also added to the expansive list Monday.

There was a bit of other good news for Baltimore, which activated linebacker Jayson Ferguson, offensive lineman D.J. Fluker and defensive tackle Broderick Washington from the COVID-19 list. Defensive back Iman Marshall was also activated, although he's been on IR since tearing his right ACL in August.

The contest pitting two longtime rivals was originally scheduled for Thanksgiving night before a rash of coronavirus cases among the Ravens forced the game to be postponed to Sunday. As Baltimore continued to stack up positive tests, the game was moved back to Tuesday night.

## NCAA Football Results

### Thursday (11/26)

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
New Mexico (0-5)	@ Utah State (1-4)	41-27, Utah State

### Friday (11/27)

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
#13 Iowa State (7-2)	@ #17 Texas (5-3)	23-20, Iowa State
UMass (0-4)	@ Liberty (9-1)	45-0, Liberty
Nebraska (1-4)	@ #24 Iowa (4-2)	26-20, Iowa
#2 Notre Dame (9-0)	@ #19 North Carolina (6-3)	31-17, Notre Dame
UCF (6-3)	@ South Florida (1-8)	58-46, UCF
Wyoming (2-2)	@ UNLV (0-5)	45-14, Wyoming
Stanford (1-2)	@ California (0-3)	24-23, Stanford
Central Michigan (3-1)	@ Eastern Michigan (0-4)	31-23, Central Michigan
#15 Oregon (3-1)	@ Oregon State (2-2)	41-38, Oregon State

### Saturday

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
Kentucky (3-6)	@ #6 Florida (7-1)	34-10, Florida
Maryland (2-2)	@ #12 Indiana (5-1)	27-11, Indiana
Texas Tech (3-6)	@ #23 Oklahoma State (6-2)	50-44, Oklahoma State
Penn State (1-5)	@ Michigan (2-4)	27-17, Penn State
Northern Illinois (0-4)	@ Western Michigan (4-0)	30-27, Western Michigan
Bowling Green (0-4)	@ Ohio (2-1)	52-10, Ohio
Kent State (3-1)	@ Buffalo (4-0)	70-41, Buffalo
Ball State (3-1)	@ Toledo (2-2)	27-24, Ball State
SMU (7-3)	@ East Carolina (3-6)	52-38, East Carolina
Georgia Southern (6-4)	@ Georgia State (5-4)	30-24, Georgia State
North Carolina State (7-3)	@ Syracuse (1-9)	36-29, NC State
Vanderbilt (0-8)	@ Missouri (4-3)	41-0, Missouri
Miami (OH) (2-1)	@ Akron (0-4)	38-7, Miami (OH)
#20 Coastal Carolina (9-0)	@ Texas State (2-10)	49-14, Coastal Carolina
Louisiana (8-1)	@ UL Monroe (0-9)	70-20, Louisiana
North Texas (3-4)	@ UTSA (7-4)	49-17, UTSA
South Alabama (4-6)	@ Arkansas State (3-7)	38-31, South Alabama
#22 Auburn (5-3)	@ #1 Alabama (8-0)	42-13, Alabama
Pittsburgh (5-5)	@ #3 Clemson (8-1)	52-17, Clemson
#8 Northwestern (5-1)	@ Michigan State (2-3)	29-20, Michigan State
San Diego State (3-3)	@ Colorado (3-0)	20-10, Colorado
Mississippi State (2-6)	@ Ole Miss (4-4)	31-24, Ole Miss
Rutgers (2-4)	@ Purdue (2-3)	37-30, Rutgers
Louisville (3-7)	@ Boston College (6-4)	34-27, Boston College
LSU (3-4)	@ #5 Texas A&M (6-1)	20-7, Texas A&M
Duke (2-7)	@ Georgia Tech (3-5)	56-33, Georgia Tech
Kansas State (4-4)	@ Baylor (1-5)	32-31, Baylor
Memphis (6-2)	@ Navy (3-5)	10-7, Memphis
#9 Georgia (5-2)	@ South Carolina (2-6)	45-16, Georgia
TCU (4-4)	@ Kansas (0-8)	59-23, TCU
Troy (4-5)	@ Appalachian State (7-2)	47-10, Appalachian State
Arizona (0-3)	@ UCLA (2-2)	27-10, UCLA
Utah (0-1)	@ Washington (2-0)	24-21, Washington
Nevada (5-1)	@ Hawai'i (3-3)	24-21, Hawai'i

## TEXAS

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"Do you think he got hit on that last play?"

Ramey scored 14 points to lead the Longhorns, who had six players in double figures. Mennenga, a 6-foot-9 redshirt freshman from New Zealand, had 17 points and five rebounds to lead Davidson.

### BIG PICTURE

Texas: The Longhorns had an easy opener in Wednesday's 91-55 win against Texas-Rio Grande Valley. They got a boost Monday with the season debut of Jones, who missed most of the 2017-18 and 2018-19 seasons after a leukemia diagnosis. Jones didn't play in the opener for precautionary reasons due to a cough, though Smart said he had a negative COVID-19 test. Jones looked good against Davidson and finished with 13 points, but Texas made just 16 of 24 free throws in this one.

Davidson: The Wildcats returned four starters from last season and were picked to finish seventh in the Atlantic 10. They shot 62% after halftime of their season-opening win against High Point and carried that momentum into this one by making 10 of their first 13 shots. But they went without a basket for nearly six minutes in the first half,

## NATE

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Even though he shares backfield duties, Hernandez should come back next fall stronger, faster, and more-determined to lead the Forsan Buffs as a senior.

"I'm looking for him to get even bigger and stronger," Phillips said. He had to miss part of the offseason and some of the weight room stuff this past year. I think if he can have a good off-season and hit the weights hard, the sky is the limit for him. He's got such a great work ethic and I think he'll have a great off-season which will lead to another great season on the field next year."

then had another four-minute basket drought amid a series of second-half turnovers, stretches that loomed large by the end of a tight fight to the horn.

### RAMEY'S WINNER

Ramey was just 3 of 10 from the floor before his winning shot, getting a step on Carter Collins beyond the arc. As Ramey drove toward the rim, Davidson big man Luka Brajkovic got caught trying to defend both Ramey and Jericho Sims at the other side of the paint.

"I saw an open lane," Ramey said, adding: "Jericho did a good job in the game of just making himself available, so they had to take him away, which freed me up."

### TIGHT FINISH

Texas thrice built seven-point leads in the second half, the last time coming on Sims' whistle-drawing dunk to make it 72-65 with 5:06 left. But Davidson hung in and fought back to tie it on Brajkovic's hook shot with 62 seconds left, setting up the final sequence.

## KERBY

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All of the guys that we have all stepped up and they're doing their jobs. They're all doing it to the best of their ability and that leads to the success of any individual person on the team," Kerby said.

As a sophomore, the 5-foot-9, 180-pound running back carried the ball 114 times for 778 yards (6.8 avg) and scored 17 total touchdowns. Head Coach Chris Joslin knew before this season started that getting the ball into his Kerby's hands would be a vital part to their offensive game-plan in 2020.

"This past season, he was the only junior that was voted a team captain and it's because of his work ethic," Joslin said. "We're going to lean on him not just on the offensive side next year, but for his leadership as well. I just got a text from him over the holiday weekend that he's ready to get back to work. That's the dedication it takes. With as good a football player as he is, and he's one of the best we've had around here, he's an even better young man."

### NEW SETTING

The tournament is being played in the North Carolina mountains instead of its traditional Hawaii setting due to the coronavirus pandemic, giving the Wildcats a home-state game with seats filled by fan cutouts and pumped-in crowd noise.

There was also the sight of the customized team-themed surfboards, a tournament tradition, in one end of the arena.

### UP NEXT

Texas: The Longhorns advanced to the semifinals, where they face Indiana on Tuesday.

Davidson: The Wildcats fell into the consolation bracket to face Providence on Tuesday.

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