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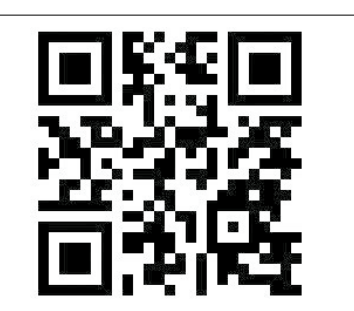
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Recognitions, tax abatement top City Council agenda Tuesday

By **SAVANNAH GEER**
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council will meet Feb. 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. 4th St.

The meeting will start out with recognition of Feb. employee of the month. The Council will also give recognition to Keep Big Spring Beautiful, for the donation of eight trees.

Topping the agenda for Tuesday's meeting is the first reading of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, adopting the Security Awareness Policy of the City of Big Spring; Authorizing the City Manager or his designee to take such steps as are necessary to implement said policy.

The City council will also consider and possibly take action on a joint Election Agreement with Big Spring Independent School District for a General



Election to be held on May 2, 2020. During the election voters will cast ballots for area school district board openings - Forsan, Coahoma, Big Spring, Howard College - along with the City Council seats.
 The City Council will take consideration and possible action to Ratify an Agreement between Big Spring Economic Development Corp. and The Pace Group, an Executive Search Firm, to seek individuals for position Execu-

tive Director and to amend the 2019-2020 Budget for professional services from \$5,000 to \$45,000.

Council members will entertain the final reading for an ordinance amending Chapter 6 of the Big Spring Code of Ordinances Entitled "Cemetery, Parks, and Recreation," Article 7 "Comanche Trail Golf Course", an Ordinance amending Ordinance Number 035-2019, which adopted the Annual Budget for the Fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 2019 and ending Sept. 30, 2020, transferring funds from the Sanitation Department to the Landfill Department, and the final reading of a Resolution reauthorizing the Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria and amending said guideline and criteria to conform to the New Provision of HB-3143.

Other routine agenda items include:
 • Approval of the City Council minutes

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The Wisdom of History: Lecture 7: The Trojan War and the Middle East



HERALD file photo

The History Lecture series continues each week at the Howard County Library. The next lecture will take place Tuesday at Noon.

By **ANNA GUTIERREZ**
 Staff Writer

In the opening story of this lecture series, it was explained how this series is broken up into specific sections. We are in

the section regarding the influence the Middle East has had in history, the last lecture regarding the Trojan War specifically.

Dr. Fears states, "From the birth of civilization until our own day, the Middle East has been the crucible of conflict and the birth of empires. The first war we know about in detail was the struggle between the Hittites and Egyptians for dominance in the Middle East of the 13th century B.C. The power vacuum created by the collapse of these two empires led to the most famous war of antiquity, the Trojan War."

Many of us studied the Trojan War in school and have seen movies about it. Homer wrote the "Iliad".

The Hittite Empire was what is known as Turkey today. The Hittites had iron, which made stronger weapons. The Egyptians wanted that iron. After battle, the two sides signed the first detailed peace treaty which divided the Middle East into territories, but both powers began to decline, leaving a power vacuum in the territory.

Both the Greeks and Trojans wanted the territory and the
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Wound Healing Center hosts open house, recognition of Heart Health Month

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

February is recognized as heart health month. In an effort to raise awareness, encourage and promote heart health, in the community, wearing red is encouraged on Fridays. The first Go Red Day took place Feb. 3. In addition to wearing red throughout the month, The Wound Healing Center at Scenic Mountain Medical Center hosted an Open House Feb. 21.

"The passion and commitment we dedicate to every patient is something I want the community to experience," Tiffany Crawford, Wound Healing Center Director, said. "I have encountered so many stories and healing journeys that drive my spark and passion for the work we do and continuously builds my



Courtesy photo

The Wound Healing Center held the Open House last Friday in recognition of Heart Health Month, allowing community members to find out about services provided locally.

is to allow the community to come and ask questions, meet our team, and view the center," Crawford said. "We have community members who are living with chronic

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

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• **CRAIG PRINCELAMONT PARKS**, 18, of 9302 Olive St., Bellflower, California was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 300 block of E. 3rd St., and 1600 block of Martin Luther

King.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80, and on County Rd. 40, and the 4500 block of S. Hwy 87

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 3300 block of E. FM 700.

Take Note

• Holy Trinity Youth Group and sponsors will be hosting a Mardi Gras celebration on Tuesday, Feb. 25 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The event will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Family Center on the church campus. Casseroles, desserts, candy, soft drinks and much more! Door prizes and games for all to enjoy.

• Mitchell County Hospital will be having a Book and Gift Sale on Tuesday, March 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday, March 4 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Great products at great prices! Mitchell County Hospital is located at 997 W. Interstate 20, Stanton, Texas.

• Benefit fundraiser for Deb and Buddy Arrick will take place Saturday, Feb. 22, from 2 p.m. until close, at Apt. 9 Saloon, located at 1800 N. Birdwell Lane. Deb is currently battling cancer, and all money raised will go toward medical bills and expenses. Please come out and support Deb and Buddy!

• Coahoma Lions Club will be hosting their annual pancake supper on Tuesday, March 3. The supper will be held at Coahoma Elementary Cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m. Proceeds from the Pancake Supper help fund scholarship opportunities for Coahoma High School graduating seniors.

• AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax preparation help to anyone, and if you're 50 and older, and can't afford a tax preparation service, AARP Tax-Aide was made especially for you. They understand that retirement or other life changes may mean your taxes are a little more complicated now. With the help of our team of IRS-certified volunteers, we make it easy for you. AARP Tax-Aide Service will be available at the Big Spring Senior Center every Monday, beginning on Feb. 3, 2020, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. There's no fee and no sales pitch for other services, and AARP membership is not required. Additional information can be found on the AARP web site https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/info-2004/about_aarp_taxaide.html

• VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible?

There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

• Food2Kids will again be providing sack lunches to children in the Big Spring area who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It takes just a couple of hours of your time, and the work is very rewarding. The next sacking event of this 2019-2020 school year will be Monday, March 2 and Tuesday March 3, and they will continue throughout the year on the first Monday and Tuesday of the month. To volunteer, just show up at Lakeview High School located at 1107 N.W. 7th St., at 5:30 p.m. You can follow their Facebook page for additional information <https://www.facebook.com/food2kids/>.

• O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Norman Witcher at 432-413-6663.

• Senior and/or mature adults are invited to come to a dance every first and third Friday each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center, located at 100 Whipkey Drive. Come two-step the evening away, or just mingle with old friends and make new friends. Dances are from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live entertainment. No alcohol or smoking permitted. Cost is \$5 per person.

• Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be help-

ing with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month. We meet at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies, as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more.

To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

• The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• The Howard County Democrats meet the second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Howard County Democratic Headquarters, 1408 Scurry, behind Prosperity Bank.

Obituaries

Rosemary Vazquez

Rosemary Vasquez, 49, of Big Spring, died Friday, February 21, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 432-517-9207 for more information.

• Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-860

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday.

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Weather



Today: Sunny, with a high near 70. West wind around 10 mph.
Tonight: Clear, with a low around 38. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north after midnight.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 53. North wind 5 to 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 28. North wind 10 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 50. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Clear, with a low around 31.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 65.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 35.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 66.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 38.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 69.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 44.

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

HEART

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non-healing wounds and can't enjoy the wonders Big Spring holds. A veteran whom served their time defending our country, fighting for life and limb as a civilian; a grandparent asked if they could come to a game and play outside, but can't due to the conditions of a wound or risk of infections."

According to statistics, there are 6.7 million Americans currently living with a chronic wound. In the service area alone, there are 279,000 people and more than 25,500 living with diabetes. In the immediate service area there is an estimated 6,500 who will experience a foot ulcer in their lifetime.

"There are so many lives we can make a tremendous impact through healing," she said. "The numbers are scary and increasing every year. The team and I area on a mission to save as many lives as possible."

The American Heart Association issued statistics regarding Heart Disease and Stroke in 2019 and according to those numbers, there are 116.4 million - 46 percent - of adults in the United States are estimated to have hypertension. Cardiovascular disease takes a life on average every 38 seconds, which is around 2,303 per day. A stroke claims a life every 3.70 minutes, taking 389.4 deaths from

stroke each day.

"We understand not everyone is in need of our services but almost everyone knows someone - a friend, neighbor, family member or co-worker - who will need one of these services at one point or another." Crawford said. "You can potentially save someone's life with this knowledge. We are bringing Big Spring back and the Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Center is bringing specialty care home."

She continued, "A healthy heart is one of the leading factors in the wound healing process. According to the AHA, more than one person a minute is diagnosed with heart disease. Cardiovascular disease is listed as an underlying causes of death in more than 840,678 deaths in the United States. Peripheral arterial disease contributes to about 10-30 percent of all lower extremity ulcers."

Throughout the month of February, several schools are joining with the American Heart Association to raise funds and support the fight against heart disease. To find out more or to donate to AHA, visit www.heart.org.

For those unable to make it to the Wound Healing Center Open House, but would like to receive more information, call 432-268-5370.

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Take Note cont.

- The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.
- Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716.
- Each week, Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Yellow Rose Cafe at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place.
- Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.
- The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.
- The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.
- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.
- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fundraisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, 432-268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us
- Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you would like to donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Maria at 816-6474.
- Kindred at Home needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Shiela Crockett at 466-9034.
- Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St.

LECTURE

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resources they held. It is believed the Trojan War began with a banquet of gods where Paris, son of King Priam, was asked by Zeus to pick the gift of a golden apple to the fairest. Paris chose Aphrodite, goddess of love, who promised Paris the most beautiful woman in the world. That woman was Helen, wife of the king of Sparta, Menelaus.

Most of us know this part of the story. Paris steals Helen. Menelaus wants her back and calls his allies, the kings of Greece, to help him. But it wasn't all about Helen. The Greeks wanted to conquer Troy and gain control of that region of the Middle East and the iron.

The war dragged on for years. Neither side would surrender. Each side made conquests and suffered losses. Apollo, the Sun god, sent a plague upon the Greeks after Agamemnon captured the daughter

of a priest of Apollo. This is where Hector begins his story of the wrath of Achilles. Again, most of us know the story of Achilles killing Hector, who was the brother of Paris, and the humiliation of Hector's dead body being dragged and desecrated. The war kept dragging on.

During the 10th year is when the Greeks captured Troy by hiding inside the wooden horse. The Trojans believed the Greeks had finally fled and had left the horse as a tribute. The Greeks emerged from the horse once inside the city gates and began their onslaught.

Within a generation of their victory over Troy, Greece was attacked by a new band of invaders. The Middle East was in turmoil for 200 years. All the iron that everyone wanted control of was used to make better and stronger weapons.

In the next lecture, Dr. Fears will discuss Ancient Israel and the Middle East. Lecture take place every Tuesday at noon at the Howard County Library in the basement classroom.

CITY

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- Approval of the planning and zoning commission minutes for the regular meetings of Dec. 3, 2019 and Jan. 7, 2020
- Vouchers for 02-13-20 \$2,670,111.23
- Vouchers for 02-20-20 \$561,137.35
- Consideration and possible action of an Agreement with Emergicon for EMS billing
- Approval of the Convention and Visitors Bureau Committee Minutes for the regular meeting of Jan. 8, 2020.

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Howard Hawks sweep Weatherford in early-season series

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

The Howard Hawks (8-4) baseball team completed a three-game sweep of Weatherford over the weekend. Howard has now won five straight games and look to be finding their groove.

In the first game between the two teams, Howard was led by the hitting of three players. First baseman Justin Wishkoski went 3-for-4 in the game and scored two runs. Left-fielder Aaron Samaniego went 3-for-5 with two runs scored and one RBI. Finally, right-fielder Broch Holmes finished Friday's single game 3-for-4 with two runs scored and an additional two RBI.

Ricky Apodaca pitched four innings for the Hawks in that game and improved his record to 2-2 on the season.

On Saturday, the two teams played a doubleheader that were both won by the Hawks. In the first game, they played seven innings. Just like the first game of the weekend, Howard was able to record nine runs and come out with a win (9-6). Wishkoski and shortstop Diego Ramirez were the only Hawks to record multiple hits in the contest but the duo was able to drive in a combined five runs. Alex Havlicek picked up the win on the mound for the Hawks and improved his season record to 2-0. Havlicek gave up two hits and collected three strikeouts to keep the Hawks' winning streak going into the second game of Saturday's doubleheader.

In the last game between these two teams over the weekend, the Hawks once again prevailed by a score of 8-4.



Holmes was the leader for the Hawks offensively by going 3-for-4 once again with two runs scored and one RBI. The other offensive playmakers to make noise for the Hawks were Ramirez, who went 2-for-5 with two RBI, and centerfielder Ben McClain.

McClain had a team-high three RBI on two hits and kept the offensive firepower going for the Hawks throughout the entire weekend. On the mound, Cade Fontenot picked up his first win of the season (1-0) and had five strikeouts. In the whole game, Howard's pitching staff threw a collective 13 strikeouts and frustrated the Coyotes' rotation.

UP NEXT: The Hawks have a week-and-a-half off before traveling to Clarendon to take on the Bulldogs in a four game series over two days. The games will be Friday, March 6 (1:00/4:00) and Saturday, March 7 (1:00/4:00).

SOFTBALL: Howard split their road series with Weatherford over the weekend. In the first meeting, Howard was able to pull out a

5-2 victory. But in the second meeting of the doubleheader, Weatherford was able to play a great game and sent the Hawks home with a close 5-4 loss that dropped Howard's overall record on the season to 12-2.

Even with the loss, Howard can expect to stay within the nation's Top 10 in the rankings.

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Bulldogettes go a perfect 5-0 at Slaton Tournament

Special to the Herald

SLATON — The strong arms of MaKynlee Overton and Christain Everett led the Coahoma Bulldogettes to a 5-0 record at the 2020 Sadler Monument Tigerette Softball Tournament this past weekend.

Between the two pitchers, Coahoma had four shutouts and only allowed one run in the game against Roosevelt.

The Bulldogettes also dominated at the plate and outscored their opponents 49-1. Overton belted the Bulldogettes' first homer of the season in their match against Slaton. Madison Rodgers followed with Coahoma's second homer against Ralls. Macee Grant had two triples in the tournament. Overton, Jocelyn Olivarez, and Caitlyn Corley recorded a triple each.

Next: Coahoma (5-1) hosts Midland High School for a non-district game at 5 p.m. on Tuesday at the Coahoma High School softball field. The JV Bulldogettes game will follow.

Saturday
COAHOMA 5, SLATON 0

Coahoma: 000 05 -- 5 6 0
Slaton: 000 00 -- 0 2 1

W — MaKynlee Overton. L — Kaylee Franklin. 3B: Coahoma — Macee Grant. HR: — Coahoma — Overton. SB: Coahoma — Kenzi Canales, Caitlyn Corley, Shae Lang, Christain Everet. Pitches-Strikes: Overton 75-51.

COAHOMA 13, RALLS 0

Coahoma: 152 23 -- 13 5 1
Ralls: 000 00 -- 0 1 7

W — Christain Everett. L — Cadence Yocom. 3B: Coahoma — Caitlyn Corely. HR: Coahoma — Madison Rodgers. SB: Coaho-

ma — Macee Grant, Rodgers, Ashely Romero, Shae Lang, Jocelyn Olivarez, Everett. Pitches-Strikes: Everett 70-49.

Friday
COAHOMA 8, BROWNFIELD 0

Coahoma: 013 400 -- 8 10 1
Brownfield: 000 000 -- 0 2 3

W — MaKynlee Overton. L — Karmryn Martinez. 2B: Coahoma — Madison Rodgers, Kenzi Canales. 3B: Coahoma — Macee Grant, Overton; SB: Coahoma — Rodgers, Overton, Caitlyn Corley, Christain Everett; Brownfield — B. Franco. Pitches-Strikes: Overton 73-43.

COAHOMA 11, DENVER CITY 0

Coahoma: 204 5 -- 11 10 1
Denver City: 000 0 -- 0 2 1

W — Christain Everett. L — Mishleau. 2B: Coahoma — MaKynlee Overton. SB: Coahoma — Madison Rodgers 2, Macee Grant, Overton, Kenzi Canales 2, Sydney Rinard 4, Caitlyn Corley, Ashley Romero, Jocelyn Olivarez, Shae Lang, Everett 2; Denver City — S. Roberson. Pitches-Strikes: Everett 60-47.

COAHOMA 12, LUBBOCK-ROOSEVELT 1

Coahoma: 322 5 -- 12 9 0
Roosevelt: 000 1 -- 1 3 4

W — MaKynlee Overton. L — Bri Garcia. 2B: Coahoma — Overton, Jocelyn Olivarez. 3B: Coahoma — Olivarez. SB: Coahoma — Madison Rodgers 2, Cailey Glover 2, Kenzi Canales, Macee Grant, Shae Long, Olivarez, Christain Everett. Pitches-Strikes: Overton 45-28.

Coahoma	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	Pitching
Madison Rodgers	14	7	5	4	4	MaKynlee Overton picked up three wins on the weekend while Christain Everett added two wins to her season total. The Bulldogettes managed to give up only one run through five games and are off to a hot start to the season.
Macee Grant	12	4	5	5	4	
Jocelyn Olivarez	16	6	7	4	0	
MaKynlee Overton	16	5	7	7	0	
Caitlyn Corley	11	4	3	2	3	
Ashley Romero	11	3	0	3	2	
Alex Bailey	6	0	1	2	0	
Kenzi Canales	10	5	4	2	2	
Sydney Rinard	8	2	3	2	0	
Shae Lang	4	4	3	2	2	
Cailey Golver	2	0	0	0	0	
Christain Everett	7	4	2	0	0	

Dallas Cowboys Corner

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Editor

Tagovailoa's favorite team is the Cowboys

Alabama star quarterback and projected early first round pick Tua Tagovailoa made known what team he would most like to play for in an ideal world over the past week. When speaking to Steve Wyche, Tagovailoa said, "If you're saying to me if I could choose what team I want to play on, as far as my favorite team growing up, then I'd probably tell you the Cowboys."

With the 17th overall selection in this year's NFL Draft, the Cowboys will most likely not be able to grab the Alabama product without making a move up in the first round. Right now, the Cowboys main focus at the quarterback position has to be trying to find out a solution for what to do with Dak Prescott.

Jason Witten wants to play in 2020

The longtime Dallas tight end has opened his mind to the possibility of playing elsewhere next season. The 11-time Pro Bowler will be open to offers from other teams when free agency begins next month. "Obviously, I'd love to finish out here, but some of those things are not in your control," Witten said.

Witten will be 38 years old at the start of next season and is coming off a year in which he caught 63 balls. The Tennessee product did record a career-low in yards per catch (8.4). He could look to sign with a team looking for a reliable No. 2 option at the position. Now that Witten is no longer an every-down player, the Cowboys would be smart to move-on to his long-term replacement.

Five moves to assure a great offseason

ESPN's Bill Barnwell put together his yearly list of five moves for each team to consider heading into the free agency/draft part of the offseason.

(1.) Lock up Dak Prescott
"While there are other quarterbacks available in free agency, none of them are in Prescott's league. The 2016 fourth-round pick finished fourth in the NFL in Total QBR."

(2.) Transition tag Amari Cooper on the way to an extension
"Since the start of 2018, Prescott averages 8.2 yards per attempt and a passer rating of 102.3 with Cooper on the field. Those marks fall to 7.0 yards per attempt and 89.5, respectively, without the former Raiders first-rounder."

(3.) Rebuild the defensive line around DeMarcus Lawrence
"(New defensive coordinator Mike) Nolan just came over from the Saints, where he was linebackers coach; there's not a flood of defensive linemen leaving New Orleans, but I wonder if the Cowboys might look at David Onyemata, who was a solid starter for the Saints and is likely to leave in free agency. Former Packers standout Mike Daniels might also look to reunite with new Dallas coach Mike McCarthy after a frustrating season in Detroit. In the much bigger picture, you can't count out the Cowboys in the Jadeveon Clowney pursuit, even if it means paying two defensive ends like franchise players."

(4.) Sign a star defensive back
"Just based on their new coaching staff, the Cowboys could target Von Bell of the Saints and former Packers standout Ha Ha Clinton-Dix. Picking No. 17 over in April's draft, though, they could also target LSU's Grant Delpit, who is one of the top safeties in this class. In his most recent mock draft, Todd McShay has them preferring Alabama safety Xavier McKinney. Either way, it wouldn't be shocking to see the Cowboys looking toward safety in Round 1."

(5.) Find a solution at tight end
"The Cowboys will likely bring Witten back for another season if he wants to return, but they will need a short-term starter if he doesn't. This is also a position the team should look to address with a younger player for the long term, although given the work they have to do on defense, they might have to put it off until 2021."

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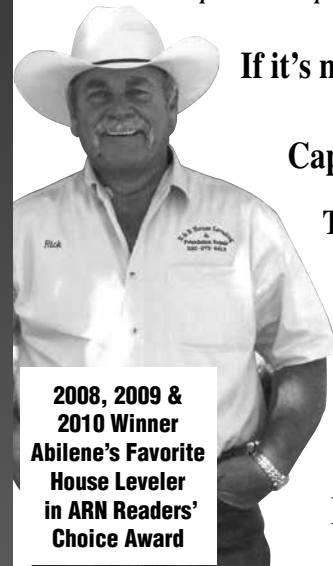
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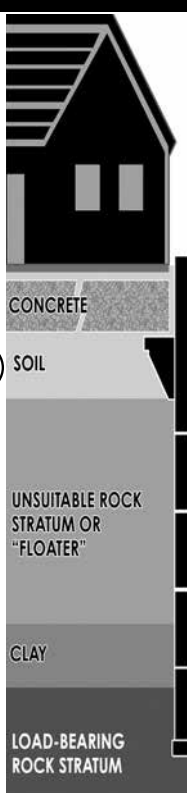
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have many potential futures, and whichever you choose, destiny will have a hand in it, too. (It's why many possible routes wind up at the same party on the same night.) Just pick one and enjoy your choice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You love a good challenge. So why is it so hard to believe that others do as well? Turn things into a game, and invite people to play. If you happen to benefit from their efforts, then it's a double win.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Saying yes when you want to say no doesn't have to cause resentment. Chalk it up to experience and heart. If you only did things that seemed like things you'd do, you'd be a very limited person indeed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've been wronged. Holding onto this won't teach the other person a thing. It won't, in fact, diminish their life in any way. But it will wreak havoc on your own. Let it go.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Structure is proof of a higher thought process, and there's nobility in its execution. What you need is a plan -- better yet, a system you can follow repeatedly and that works every time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Many will get out of an obligation the same way they got into it, with a polite lie. To avoid landing in such a position, steer

of turmoil in the middle. Your acknowledgment of the normalcy of this state will help you make good decisions calmly.



conversations toward the things of true interest and add a dash more honesty than is comfortable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are right to suspect anyone working too hard for your approval or trust. You, like other trustworthy people, don't give a lot of thought to the matter because you've nothing to hide and only good intentions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Jellyfish don't have brains, technically speaking, though their neural networks have intelligently kept the species alive for 500 million years. Likewise, you'll execute much brilliance today without thinking.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Maybe you believe you must succeed in a task, and that's a motivating thought. Just keep an open mind as to what success looks like. Success has a habit of changing costumes for the second act.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Security-seekers want you to believe the contracts of life are ironclad when in reality life is a constant negotiation. Things change moment to moment. There's a way to keep your commitments without being trapped by them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). This is how it's always been -- strife out there, complications in here and varying degrees

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 24).

Gaining skills will be an adventure and a source of pride. You'll adopt new ways of running your life, some based on technology, others on a fresh understanding of your talents and priorities. You'll be supported by a fun group, lifted by excellence, and, in turn, you'll inspire others. Cancer and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 3, 33 and 27.

HOW TO PLAN A DATE BY THE MOON (PART THREE):

See the archives for early parts. One way to keep your personal life tracking with the cosmic tides is to plan your dates by the moon. There are so many kinds of feelings you can have for another person, including but not limited to: compassion, friendship, romance, heat and obsession. The Scorpio moon smolders, favoring the latter part of that list. Plan accordingly. The Sagittarius moon answers a calling to see more of the world. To some extent, the question becomes what mode can you afford. Is it an Uber? A bus? A plane ticket? Walking together is good, too, as long as it's somewhere you've never walked together before. Sagittarius lunar vibes favor newness, adventure and risk. The Capricorn moon is a time to meet the family. For better or worse, familial relationships are part of each person's formation and definition. Spending time with a loved one's kin will deepen insight. Even if family isn't around, sharing stories and insights on the subject will add new layers to a romantic relationship.

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Balancing Budget and Bliss

Dear Annie: My wife's nephew got married about four years ago. It was a destination wedding at a beautiful tropical location. My wife is very close to her sister, so there was no question that we would attend. No expense was spared. We added a week to our family vacation. All of our children traveled with us, and we are a larger than average family. We pushed the limits on our budget, but we had fun.

The rub: the marriage lasted three months!

Now the same nephew is engaged again, and another extravaganza is planned. I don't want to hurt my wife, and her nephew is a good guy.

But it seems that everyone has forgotten the last foray into wedded bliss.

We are now retired and live on a smaller income. And I don't see us being able to afford anything like that again. Two of our own kids were married recently, in a much more modest fashion. HELP! -- Old Curmudgeon

Dear Old Curmudgeon: The first step to not being an old curmudgeon is to recognize when you are acting like one. The fact that you signed your letter in this way puts you

halfway there. That your family had fun during the last wedding is priceless. Spending quality time with family is money worth spending, regardless of how the first marriage worked out. As for your nephew's second wedding, you know that it is important to your wife. You also know what a wonderful experience it was for your whole family last time, so I would suggest going to the second wedding. But don't stay for the entire week and try and book early to get the best deals.

Try not to compare your children's weddings with your nephew's. Everyone has different ways of celebrating the gift of marriage. Comparison is the greatest thief of joy.

Dear Annie: When I was married, it was an unhappy one. Instead of counseling, I had a total of 14 different affairs within a few years. I got help from therapy for sex and love addicts. I understood where I went wrong.

Now, I'm dating one guy. The other day, when we were watching TV, he said that "sex addict" is a made-up term. I didn't say anything because I never told him that part of my past. Should I tell him? I think people would look down on me, so I've never told anyone.

I know he would look at me differently, and probably he'll think that I would cheat on him. So far, I have made it sound like I haven't been with a lot of men. I'm 55, by the way. Sex love addiction is real, and therapy did help me. Should I still keep it a secret? -- Too Much Info?

Dear Too Much Info:

We are only as sick as our secrets. You are in recovery and have received treatment for your addiction. Tell your boyfriend about your past. If he is really the one for you, then he will love and accept you, blemishes and all. Vulnerability can be contagious. Now that your relationship is opening up, be prepared for him to reveal some skeletons in his closet, too.

If you are still in touch with your therapist, you might benefit by bringing your boyfriend to a session, so you and your therapist can paint a more complete picture of what happened and how you have changed. Vulnerability and honesty are pillars to eventually building the house you would like to have in an honest and loving marriage.

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

Level: Advanced

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!

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

ANSWER:

Contract Bridge

Famous Hand

By Steve Becker

East dealer. East-West vulnerable.

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

WEST
 ♠ Q
 ♥ Q 9 6 5
 ♦ 8 5 4
 ♣ J 7 5 3 2

EAST
 ♠ J 10 5
 ♥ K J 8 4 3
 ♦ J 2
 ♣ K 10 8

SOUTH
 ♠ A 7 6
 ♥ 10
 ♦ A K Q 10 9 7 6
 ♣ Q 4

The bidding:
 East South West North
 Pass 1 ♦ Pass 1 ♣
 Pass 3 ♦ Pass 3 ♠
 Pass 4 ♠ Pass 4 NT
 Pass 5 ♥ Dble 5 NT
 Pass 7 ♦

Opening lead — five of hearts.
This deal occurred in a match between Argentina and the United States. At the first table, with an Argentine pair sitting North-South, the bidding went as shown. North's five-notrump bid was a continuation of Blackwood and asked for kings. At the same time, it guaranteed that the partnership had all four aces.
Strongly influenced by his powerful suit, South ignored his partner's inquiry for kings and leaped to seven diamonds. This would have worked out well had the spades been divided 2-2, but with the actual 3-1 division, South had to go down one.
North could have averted this outcome had he used the Grand Slam Force convention. After South responded five hearts, showing two aces, North should have bid six clubs. This would have bypassed the Blackwood five-notrump bid asking about kings, and would instead have inquired about South's trump holding (spades had been agreed upon as the trump suit), asking South to bid a grand slam if he held two of the top three spade honors.
South would have responded with six spades — denying possession of the A-Q — and the bidding would have ended right there.
At the second table, with the U.S. now holding the North-South cards, the bidding started the same way. But over South's four-spade bid, North, completely disregarding both Blackwood and the Grand Slam Force as though he had never heard of either of them, went directly to six spades, which closed the auction.
Very unscientific, you might well say, but the winning action on this occasion. North lost only a trump trick, chalked up the slam and went on to the next hand.

Tomorrow: The one and only chance.
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TV schedule grid with columns for station, time, and program name.

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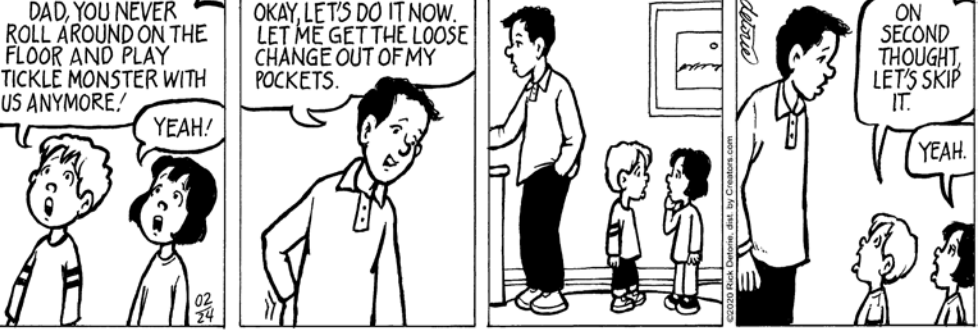
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ONE BIG HAPPY



NEST HEAD



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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Monday, Feb. 24, the 55th day of 2020. There are 311 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 24, 1989, a state funeral was held in Japan for Emperor Hirohito, who had died the month before at age 87. On this date: In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII issued an edict outlining his calendar reforms. (The Gregorian Calendar is the calendar in general use today.) In 1761, Boston lawyer James Otis Jr. went to court to argue against "writs of assistance" that allowed British customs officers to arbitrarily search people's premises, declaring: "A man's house is his castle." (Although Otis lost the case, his statement provided early inspiration for American independence.) In 1803, in its Marbury v. Madison decision, the Supreme Court established judicial review of the constitutionality of statutes. In 1864, the first Union prisoners arrived at the Confederates' Andersonville prison camp in Georgia. In 1868, the U.S. House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson by a vote of 126-47 following his attempted dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton; Johnson was later acquitted by the Senate. In 1942, the SS Struma, a charter ship attempting to carry nearly 800 Jewish refugees from Romania to British-mandated Palestine, was torpedoed by a Soviet submarine in the Black Sea; all but one of the refugees perished. In 1961, the Federal Communications Commission authorized the nation's first full-scale trial of pay television in Hartford, Connecticut. In 1981, a jury in White Plains, New York, found Jean Harris guilty of second-degree murder in the fatal shooting of "Scarsdale Diet" author Dr. Herman Tarnower. (Sentenced to 15 years to life in prison, Harris was granted clemency by New York Gov. Mario Cuomo in December 1992.) In 1988, in a ruling that expanded legal protections for parody and satire, the Supreme Court unanimously overturned a \$150,000 award that the Rev. Jerry Falwell had won against Hustler magazine and its publisher, Larry Flynt. In 1994, entertainer Dinah

Shore died in Beverly Hills, California, five days before turning 78. In 1996, Cuba downed two small American planes operated by the group Brothers to the Rescue that it claimed were violating Cuban airspace; all four pilots were killed. In 2008, Cuba's parliament named Raul Castro president, ending nearly 50 years of rule by his brother Fidel. Ten years ago: Testifying before Congress, Toyota CEO Akio Toyoda apologized personally and repeatedly to the United States and millions of American Toyota owners for safety lapses that had led to deaths and widespread recalls. Trainer Dawn Brancheau was dragged to her death by a killer whale, Tilikum, at SeaWorld in Orlando, Florida. Five years ago: President Barack Obama, defying a Republican-led Congress, rejected a bill to approve construction of the Keystone XL oil pipeline. The Justice Department announced that George Zimmerman, the former neighborhood watch volunteer who fatally shot Trayvon Martin in a 2012 confrontation, would not face federal charges. A Texas jury rejected the insanity defense of Eddie Ray Routh, convicting him of murdering famed "American Sniper" author Chris Kyle and Chad Littlefield. A Metrolink passenger train collided with a truck at a crossing in Oxnard, California, killing the engineer and injuring 29 other people. Alaska became the third U.S. state to legalize the recreational use of marijuana. One year ago: The segregation-era road-trip drama "Green Book" was crowned best picture at the 91st Academy Awards; top acting honors went to Rami Malek for "Bohemian Rhapsody" and Olivia Colman for "The Favourite." Pope Francis closed a summit on preventing clergy abuse by vowing to confront abusers, end the cover-ups by their superiors and prioritize the victims; survivors of abuse by priests were disappointed by his failure to offer a concrete action plan. Today's Birthdays: Actor-

singer Dominic Chianese (kee-uh-NAY'-see) is 89. Opera singer-director Renata Scotta is 86. Singer Joanie Sommers is 79. Actress Jenny O'Hara is 78. Former Sen. Joseph Lieberman, I-Conn., is 78. Actor Barry Bostwick is 75. Actor Edward James Olmos is 73. Singer-writer-producer Rupert Holmes is 73. Rock singer-musician George

Thoroughgood is 70. Actress Debra Jo Rupp is 69. Actress Helen Shaver is 69. News anchor Paula Zahn is 64. Baseball Hall of Famer Eddie Murray is 64. Country singer Sammy Kershaw is 62. Actor Mark Moses is 62. Actress Beth Broderick is 61. Actor Emilio Rivera is 59. Singer Michelle Shocked is 58. Movie director Todd Field is 56. Actor Billy Zane is 54. Ac-

tress Bonnie Somerville is 46. Jazz musician Jimmy Greene is 45. Former boxer Floyd Mayweather Jr. is 43. Rhythm-and-blues singer Brandon Brown (Mista) is 37. Rock musician Matt McGinley (Gym Class Heroes) is 37. Actor Wilson Bethel is 36. Actor Alexander Koch is 32. Actor Daniel Kaluuya (Film: "Get Out") is 31. Rapper-actor O'Shea Jack-

son Jr. is 29. Thought for Today: "It is my feeling that Time ripens all things; with Time all things are revealed; Time is the father of truth." — Francois Rabelais, 16th century French writer and physician.

Newsday Crossword

CHECK IT OUT by Brad Wilber Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS 1 When planes are due in: Abbr. 5 Dog, cat, or parakeet 8 Handbag's handle 13 Drop in on 15 Historical period 16 Australian bearlike beast 17 Wear away gradually 18 Small nibble 19 Poet Dickinson or etiquette expert Post 20 With 52 Across, helpful person where books are borrowed 22 Well-mannered woman 23 Pigen 24 Tennis court divider 25 Has compassion for 29 Snapshot-taking occasion, for short 33 Phone app pictorial symbol 34 88-key instrument 35 Dove's sound 37 Where to check out your books 41 Full collection 42 Of admirals and warships 43 Make simpler 44 Prepares, as one's plans 46 Hocked at a shop 48 Family room 49 Rowboat implement 50 Fraction of a day 52 See 20 Across 58 Throws hard 59 "Now, without further ..."

Crossword grid with numbered squares and clues.

Answer to previous puzzle MIAMI SALSABAB AMBIVALENCE ATE DEIOXYGENATE LITS RARE SPIKELEE ENTROPIC VENT NAVAL PARD LITS NEOPAGANISM CHAFAEAT CORSETS HELIXNEBULA SOS CURT DINED ARMS GAMECOCK MEET WITH ARNE PER ADIOSAMIGOS UPI CORROBORATE PISA LINDSMONEY 2/24/20