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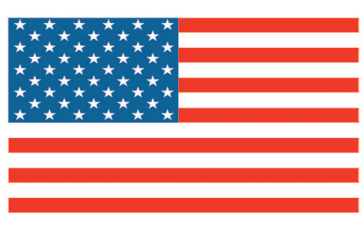
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New Howard Co. Emergency Management Coordinator named



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Itzel Gomez was named the new Emergency Management Coordinator during a special meeting Monday.

By ROGER CLINE
 Herald Staff Writer
 Howard County's new emergency management coordinator isn't a new face at the county courthouse.
 At a meeting Monday afternoon, county commissioners appointed Itzel Gomez to the role. Gomez has been a Howard County employee for nine years, most recently as County Judge Kathryn Wiseman's assistant, and previously as a Deputy County Clerk in both Howard and Travis counties.
 Gomez is a graduate of Coahoma High School and Howard College.

Judge Wiseman said Gomez independently pursued the required certifications and Continuing Education Units to serve in an emergency management coordinator's position.
 "I was impressed with Itzel because she, on her own, started going to training," Wiseman said. "She had four certificates of CEU training before she even applied, so she was ready for this."
 Gomez will fill the job vacated by the release of the previous Emergency Management Coordinator, Emily McCann. Judge
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Upcoming Events
Toasty Tuesday
 6:30 p.m.
 Tonight
 Meet at Starbucks
Large Item Pick Up
 District 6
 June 16
 Schedule pick up by
 June 14

Veterans of Comedy
Fundraiser Show for
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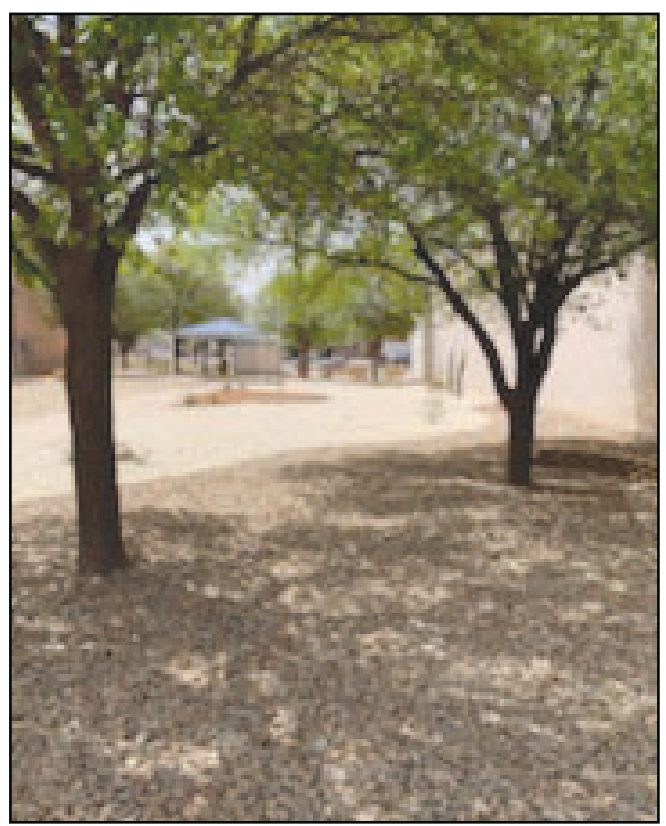
Scenic Mountain
Medical Center will
have first doses
available Wednesday,
 June 10 from 3 p.m.
 until 6 p.m.

Big Spring Cowboy
Reunion and Rodeo
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Rotary Park officially dedicated



Courtesy photo/Raul Marquez
Big Spring and Greater Big Spring Rotary Clubs completed their landscaping project of the Rotary Park Downtown. We want to thank fellow Rotarian from the Big Spring Rotary Club Carl Johansen from Johansen Landscaping and Nursery for the company's hard work on the landscaping project. Pictured left to right are Dana Johnson, Greg Henry, Hardy Wilkerson and President Rev. Christian Rabone. At right is the park currently; below is before.

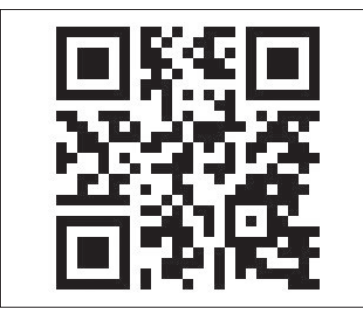


By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor
 Rotary Park is now complete and ready to be utilized by the community. A joint civic organization effort has come full circle and is moving on to additional pieces of the project.
 Big Spring Rotary Club and Greater Big Spring Rotary Club saw a need in the Downtown

area, turned a vision into a plan and executed that plan. The overall project was completed in three phases and cost more than \$25,000, plus volunteer hours and donated materials and services.
 "The park is like night and day; a complete transformation from when this project was started," Father Christian Rabone,
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West Texas VA plans to 'Beat the Heat' this summer

By MICHAEL COLE
 West Texas VA Health Care System Public Affairs Officer, and U.S. Navy Veteran
 The West Texas summer heat impacts every rural West Texan.
 Veterans who depend on medications that don't do well in the heat are at risk of hospitalization if that medicine goes bad. West Texas VA

Health Care System (WTVAHCS) has embarked on a pilot program called 'Beat the Heat' to ensure their Veterans have all the temperature-sensitive medications they need to see them through the hottest months of summer.
 Veterans who rely on temperature sensitive
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Courtesy photo/WTVAHCS
Pharmacy Technician Cedric Robins packages temperature sensitive medications in specially designed cooler shipping containers and readies them for transportation as part of WTVAHCS's 'Beat the Heat' pilot program.

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Obituaries

Donna Kennedy

Donna Kennedy, 83, of Big Spring, lovingly known as MiMi by her grandchildren, peacefully took her last breath on June 5, 2021, and went to be with our Lord. Family visitation will be at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home, Wednesday, June 9, 2021, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be at Midway Baptist Church on Thursday, June 10, 2021, at 10 a.m. Interment will be immediately following the services in Big Spring with a graveside service for family and friends at Trinity Memorial Park.

Donna was the youngest daughter of Sam Wylie Spurgeon and Jo Ellen Spurgeon of Oklahoma. She was born at home on Jan. 12, 1938, in rural Okmulgee County, Oklahoma. She married the love of her life, Leon Kennedy on June 10, 1956. They put down roots in West Texas in early 1961 where they proceeded to raise their two children Russell Leon Kennedy and Regina Lynne Kennedy. Donna was the beloved matriarch of her family. Celebrating the holidays together at MiMi and PaPaw's house was a favorite staple for the family. The wonderful memories of spending time with the family, eating good food, and playing games until well into the evening are some of the brightest family moments. MiMi always had a camera in hand to record special family moments because she always said that we would want to have the joy of looking through those goofy, precious, and heartwarming memories later in life. She was always someone that her family and church friends could count on. She was a very active member of Midway Baptist



Church providing support and service, which was her gift of the Spirit. She loved to garden and was a member of Master Gardeners winning several awards for her services to the Big Spring community in pursuit of her dream to make the world a more beautiful place. Her family can tell you for certain she never met a flower she did not like. As such, it was not an unusual sight to see her working in the flowerbeds at her home, or even at Midway Baptist Church, on any given day.

She is survived by one son, Russell Leon Kennedy; one daughter, Regina Lynne Warren and husband, Charles Michael Warren of Big Spring; grandchildren, Leslie Renee Kennedy of Big Spring, Alexandria Jordan Newsom of Eugene, OR, Rachel Lynn Kennedy of Big Spring, and Regan Michelle Newsom of Irving; one special great granddaughter, Charlotte Kaylynn Kennedy of Big Spring; one surviving sister, Betty Ann Hale and husband, Jim Hale of Jenks, OK, two brothers-in-law and two sisters-in-law, Henry Johns of Nowara, OK, Ralph Lynn Kennedy and wife, Sandra Kennedy of Austin, and Patsy Marie Clark of Odessa; in addition to numerous nieces and nephews.

Her loved ones who preceded her in death are her mother, Jo Spurgeon; her father, Sam Spurgeon; husband of 56 years, Leon Kennedy; her oldest sister, Wanda Johns; brother-in-law, Gary Clark, and her grandson, Ryan Kennedy.

MiMi's joyful life in heaven has only just begun as she is now planting in the gardens of heaven and breathing in all the lovely scents of paradise.

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

Paid Obituary

Dorothy Gilbreath

Dorothy Gilbreath, 98, of Big Spring, passed away Monday, June 7. Services are pending at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

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

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic

Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

• 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.

Police Report

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **MEAGAN LANE MUNSELL**, 21, of 410 W. 6th Street, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana less than or equal to two ounces; assault peace officer/judge, assault family violence threat or offensive touch.

• **ANGEL ADOLPHO LAREZ**, 39, of 1008 Mulberry Avenue, was arrested on a charge of terroristic threat family/household.

• **ARMANI SHARONNE DAVIS**, 19, of 2616 Langley, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, no drivers license when unlicensed, resist arrest search or transport, duty on striking fixture or landscaping greater than 200; unauthorized use motor vehicle, possession of marijuana less than or equal to two ounces.

• **ARMANDO JOE DELGADO**, 22, of 707 E. 12th Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **COBE BRIAN SMITH**, 21, of 205 NW 12th Street, was arrested on possession of marijuana between four ounces and five pounds.

• **MARKQUIN EARL HARRIS**, 35, of 2911 W. 80 Hwy 204, was arrested on warrant from other agency (x3) and manufacture deliver controlled substance between four grams and 200 grams.

• **PATRICIA RODRIGUEZ**, 42, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault date/family/house with weapon, criminal trespass - habitation/shelter, criminal trespass property/building/aircraft/vehicle, criminal mischief between \$750 and \$2,500, resist arrest search or transport.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1400 block of N. Hwy 87.

• **BURGLARY OF VEHICLE** was reported in the 1200 block of S. Johnson Street; 1300 block of Lexington Avenue; 1600 block of E. 17th Street.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 4000 block of Vicky Street; 4200 block of Hamilton Street; I-20 West MM 178; 1100 block of Mulberry Avenue.

• **BURGLARY IN PROGRESS** was reported in

the 200 block of NW 12th Street.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 600 block of Hobert Street; 3000 block of W. Hwy 80; 1100 block of Mulberry Avenue.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 700 block of E. I-20; 8400 block of Old Colorado City Highway; 700 block of S. Johnson Street; 400 block of S. Birdwell Lane.

• **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 200 block of Stallings Road.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 200 block of NW 4th Street; 3600 block of W. Hwy 80; 1500 block of E. 17th Street; 100 block of N. Wasson Drive; 2900 block of E. I-20.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1400 block of S. Johnson Street.

• **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 1700 block of E. 3rd Street.

• **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the area of Goliad and FM 700; area of E. 3rd and Birdwell; area of 8th and State.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1100 block of W. I-20.

• **WELFARE CONCERN** was reported in the 600 block of Elgin Street.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1900 block of Hearn Street; 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

• **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

• **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 900 block of Golf Course Road.

• **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 5500 block of Longshore Drive.

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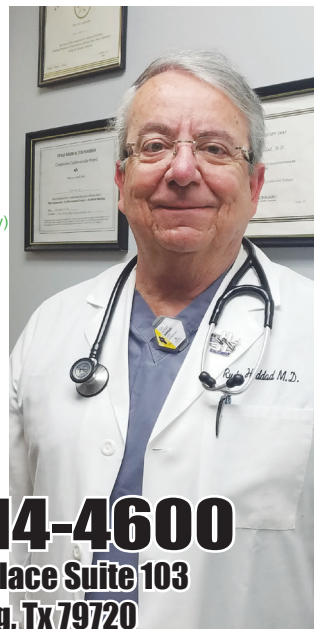
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Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 101 inmates at the time of this report.

• **MEAGAN LANE MUNSELL**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of assault family violence, assault peace officer/judge, resist arrest search or transport, possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **TAMMY KAY COKER**, 44, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication and resist arrest search or transport.

• **ARMANDO JOE DELGADO**, 22, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **STEVEN GONZALEZ**, 39, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond/arson intend damage habitation/place of residence.

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Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of S. Austin. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of E. 4th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 5000 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Settles. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of E. 4th Street. No transport was required.

*A small prayer by K.Rae
Beneficial changes occur, Lord,
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medications, such as insulin, normally receive a 30-day supply of medications at a time in small shipping coolers packed with ice. This method of shipping works well in most circumstances. However, when the summer temperatures reach highs in excess of 100 degrees for days on end, this method of shipping does not always protect the medications inside. This leads to costly losses of expensive medications, delays in Veterans receiving them, and additional costs in having to re-ship medications.

"We're always looking for ways to improve how we deliver healthcare to our Veterans," said WTVAHCS Director Jason Cave. "This team has developed a solid, workable plan that will improve the lives of our Veterans. I look forward to the feedback of the pilot program."

WTVAHCS has been developing a plan over the past several months to alleviate these issues and has begun operation 'Beat the Heat.' Pharmacists, doctors, and others devised a pilot program to ship a 90-day supply of these critical medications to Veterans before the summer temperatures begin to bake the West Texas landscape, and they put this pilot program into action this June.

This may sound like a relatively simple feat but does have its challenges. Considerations such as the stability of the Veterans medication treatment plan, the ability of the Veteran or their caregiver to properly store and care for the medications, which medications are appropriate for this effort, and much more went into developing operation 'Beat the Heat'.

"A great deal of planning went into this effort," said Associate Chief of Pharmacy, Wendy Brown. "Our team screened every Veteran in our catchment area who receives these medications; discussed the plan with them and asked if they wanted to participate in the pilot program." In all, more than 100 West Texas Veterans opted to participate. WTVAHCS doesn't typically maintain enough of these medications to send a 90-day supply to Veterans. Part of the planning began months before with the Pharmacy team working with WTVACHS Fiscal and Logistics Services to purchase large quantities of the medications and to get them to Big Spring and stored appropriately in advance of this effort.

"Handling medications is always delicate," said Chief of Logistics Carla McCullough. "But these medications require a greater degree of care and cannot simply be placed in a box or envelope and sent out." Large quantities of special cooler-shipping boxes and ice packs had to be ordered well in advance to support "Beat the Heat."

"Shipping the 90-day supply now will put medications in the hands of our Veterans in time to last throughout the summer months," said Brown. After looking at years of average summer temperatures, Brown and her team of pharmacists and technicians determined that the first week of June was the best week to execute "Beat the Heat".

If the pilot program is successful, WTVAHCS plans to expand the program to include more medications in coming years, and potentially make this the standard operating practice for the health care system. WTVACHS estimates savings in the tens of thousands of dollars from this year's campaign. Once the feedback from the Veterans, cost analysis and efficacy of the program is evaluated, WTVAHCS will begin planning for next year.

WTVAHCS provides fills more than 20,000 prescriptions monthly, to its more than 13,000 Veterans, across its 55,000 square mile catchment area.

PARK

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President of Big Spring Rotary Club, said. "The idea was launched when members of the Greater Big Spring Rotary saw the need to do something to clean up the park, at the same time efforts were launched to revitalize the Downtown area outside the boutiques; the plan just grew from there."

Before the project could begin a plan had to be formed. The two clubs joined forces and met with Doug Mays - local Big Spring resident - and presented the idea. Mays donated his services and come up with a design for the park.

"We want to give a big thank you to Doug (Mays) for his support in this project," he said. "Without the support of Mays this project would have taken a lot longer to get started."

The first part of the project included two different types of gravel being brought in and placed on the south side of the property, along with bushes and trees. The north side of the property was in dire need of repair and releveling, according to Rabone.

"The north side of the property wasn't level and it required us bringing in dirt and getting the ground leveled up; without leveling the ground this project wasn't going to be able to move forward," he said.

Once the ground had been leveled the flag pole was relocated to the center of the park and will soon have new stones and landscaping placed around it. The goal, according to Rabone, is to get the flag pole illuminated to allow for the American Flag to be flown.

"We finished the joint-project about two weeks ago; the community is welcome to use the park. We have a few more touches to put on the park, but they weren't included in the original plan. These other details are the icing on the cake."

While the work provided by the two club's members were a main contribution to the project overall, a special thank you is extended to Carl Johansen for this support with the landscaping needs.

"Rotary's overall mission is to help their community, help the nation, help the world. This park is one way we (Rotary) can get closer and give back to the community. This is something everyone can be proud of," Fr. Rabone said. "It is open, ready for use by the community, and a place for people to relax, enjoy; an extension for Big Spring."

One additional touch that will have to wait until this coming Fall, is a special painting on the north side of the property which will represent the Rotary Club. According to Rabone, the plan is to enlist the artistic talent of Big Spring High School art students and have them create a mural with the Rotary logo.

Those wanting to utilize the park for a party or to reserve a time at Rotary Park can contact the City of Big Spring to reserve.

Amanda Duforat is the Managing Editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, e-mail editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

Take Note

- First Annual Hospital Corps Birthday Party will be held in Big Spring at Moss Creek Ranch, 1601 S. Moss Lake Road, on June 17, 2021. The evening will include smoked brisket, ribs, cole slaw, green salad, beans, potato salad, iced tea and water. All spouses and Marine Corps personnel are invited. For more information or to purchase a ticket, contact Jerry Groves at 432-816-9682 or Doc Roger Rodman at 325-232-0665. Reservations must be made by June 10, 2021.
- The Young and the

Married meets every Thursday for an eight-week study on Familylife art of parenting - A meal is at 5:30 and a small group at 6 p.m. The group meets in Naz-Family Fellowship Hall.

• Big Spring ISD summer lunches began June 1 and will run through July 30. Breakfast is served from 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. with lunch served from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Serving will take place at Goliad from June 7 through July 1; High School from June 1 through June 24; Junior High from June 7 - June 24.

• The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Wednesday at Noon. The lectures will take place in the Theater Room in the First Presbyterian Church, located at 701 Rannels Street. No charge for the lectures.

• Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna - a two dose and Janseen - a single dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18. Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine

can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic. The staff will to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For more information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@sprhs.org

• College Baptist Church Vacation Bible School 2021 will take place June 6-10 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The church is located at 1105 Birdwell Lane. Call the church office at 432-267-7429; Preregistration must be completed.

• Interim HealthCare

is looking for volunteers. Those who would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer can call 432-263-5999.

• The Howard County Democrats meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Cactus Room located in the Student Union Building of Howard College.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Amanda Dalton, 32, died Wednesday. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Greg Bird, 58, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Rogelio "Roy" Perez, 68, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Margaret Sumner, 71, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

NEW

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Wiseman declined to provide details of the reasons for McCann's release.

"No, except that she was just not a good fit," Wiseman said. "So now, we feel like Itzel is the person for the job."

The Emergency Management Coordinator's job is to oversee the county's response to emergency situations.

"It's normally just Howard County emergency preparedness," Gomez said. "I will plan the drills, for the community and also for the county as a

whole, I help to prepare in case of emergency. I'm very excited. It's challenging stuff, but I'm ready to take it on and learn all kinds of information I wasn't aware of."

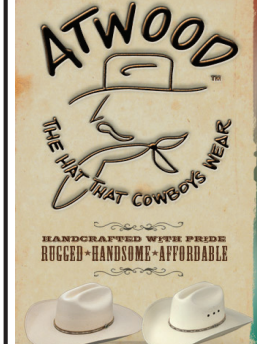
Gomez will also continue in her role as Wiseman's assistant in addition to her new post.

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Prosecutor: Woman to face more charges in Texas boy's death

By **JUAN A. LOZANO**

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A woman arrested in connection with the death of a 5-year-old Houston boy whose body authorities say was kept hidden in a storage unit before being discovered in an East Texas motel will likely face additional charges in the case, a prosecutor said Monday.

Theresa Raye Balboa has been charged with tampering with evidence, a human corpse, in the death of Samuel Olson. Balboa was the girlfriend of Samuel's father, Dalton Olson.

During a court hearing on Monday, Andrea Beall, a prosecutor with the Harris County District Attorney's Office, said that authorities planned to file additional charges against Balboa. Beall said a murder or a capital murder investigation is pending in the case.

Investigators were still waiting for a preliminary autopsy report, which could be ready by Monday afternoon. The Harris County Institute of Forensic

Sciences in Houston has not officially identified the body found last week by authorities as being Samuel. But police have said they believe the body found inside a plastic tote in a motel in Jasper, about 135 miles (215 kilometers) northeast of Houston, is the boy. A cause of death has also not been determined.

Police believe Samuel died weeks before he was reported missing on May 27, according to an arrest affidavit. He would have turned 6 years old on May 29.

Balboa, 29, did not speak during the brief court hearing. An attorney for Balboa did not immediately return a call seeking comment on Monday.

Court records show Balboa was charged with assault in November for allegedly choking Dalton Olson. Conditions of her bond in that case included that she have no contact with Olson or any member of his family.

During Monday's court hearing, state District Judge DaSean Jones increased Balboa's bond in the assault case from \$5,000 to \$100,000. She is also being held on a \$500,000 bond for the tampering

with evidence charge.

Samuel's parents had been involved in a bitter custody battle over the boy after filing for divorce in January 2020.

Balboa initially accused Samuel's mother and a man who presented himself as a police officer of taking the boy. Samuel had been living with Balboa since April 30, which was the last day he was seen at school. Authorities have not said why Samuel was staying with Balboa. Samuel's father, Dalton Olson, lived at a different address.

Balboa's roommate told investigators that Balboa called him May 10 and said the boy was dead, according to the arrest affidavit. The boy's body was kept in the bathtub of the suburban Houston apartment where Balboa lived until she and her roommate placed it in a plastic tote and hid it in a storage unit on May 13, police said.

A tip from a friend of Balboa led police to the motel room in Jasper, where officers found her with the plastic tote with the boy's body.

Jeff Bezos will blast into space on rocket's 1st crew flight

By **MARCIA DUNN**

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Outdoing his fellow billionaires in daredevilry, Jeff Bezos will blast into space next month when his Blue Origin company makes its first flight with a crew.

The 57-year-old Amazon founder and richest person in the world by Forbes' estimate will become the first person to ride his own rocket to space.

Bezos announced his intentions Monday and, in an even bolder show of confidence, said he will share the adventure with his younger brother and best friend, Mark, an investor and volunteer firefighter. He said that will make it more meaningful.

Blue Origin's debut flight with people aboard — after 15 successful test flights of its reusable New Shepard rockets — will take place on July 20, a date selected because it is the 52nd anniversary of the first moon landing by Apollo 11's Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin.

The Bezos brothers will launch from remote West Texas alongside the winner of an online charity auction. There's no word yet on who else might fill the six-person capsule during the 10-minute flight that will take its passengers to an altitude of about 65 miles (105 kilometers), just beyond the edge of space, and then return to Earth without going into orbit.

Bezos said he has dreamed of traveling to space since he was 5.

"To see the Earth from space, it changes you. It changes your relationship with this planet, with humanity. It's one Earth," Bezos said in an Instagram post. "I want to go on this flight because it's a thing I've wanted to do all my life. It's an adventure. It's a big deal for me."

Added his brother: "I wasn't even expecting him to say that he was going to be on the first flight, and then when he asked me to go along, I was just awestruck."

Bezos will step down as Amazon's CEO 15 days before liftoff. He announced months ago that he wants to spend more time on his rocket company as well as his newspaper, The Washington Post.

His stake in Amazon stands at \$164 billion, which will make him by far the wealthiest person to fly to space.

Until now, thrill-seeking billionaires have had to buy capsule seats from the Russian space program or, more recently, Elon Musk's SpaceX, which plans its first private flight in September. These orbital trips, generally lasting several days, with visits to the International Space Station, have cost tens of millions of dollars per person.

The flight by Blue Origin's New Shepard capsule, named for Alan Shepard, the first American in space, will last five minutes less than Shepard's history-marking suborbital ride aboard a Mercury capsule in 1961.

But Blue Origin's capsule is 10 times roomier with a huge window at every seat — the biggest windows ever built for a spacecraft, in fact.

The company, based in Kent, Washington, is working to develop an orbital rocket named after John Glenn, the first American to circle the Earth.

The Bezos flight will officially kick off the company's space tourism business. The company has yet to start selling seats to the public or even to announce a ticket price for the short trips, which provide about three minutes of weightlessness.

Blue Origin's launch and landing site is 120 miles southeast of El Paso, close to the Mexican border. After the capsule separates, the rocket returns to Earth and lands upright, to be used again. The capsule, also reusable, descends under parachutes.

Virgin Galactic's Richard Branson — a "tie-loathing," mountain-climbing, hot-air-ballooning daredevil — also plans to ride into space aboard his own airplane-launched rocketship later this year after one more test flight over New Mexico. Virgin Galactic completed its third test flight into space with a crew two weeks ago; the company doesn't want him climbing aboard until the craft is thoroughly proven.

The 70-year-old Branson on Monday offered congratulations to Bezos, a tame, bookish Wall Streeter by comparison. Branson tweeted that their two companies "are opening up access to space — how extraordinary!"

Like Blue Origin, Branson's company will send paying customers to the lower reaches of space on up-and-down flights, not Earth-orbiting rides.

Musk's SpaceX already has transported 10 astronauts to the space station for NASA and sold several seats on private flights. Musk himself has yet to commit to going into space, though he has repeatedly said he wants to die on Mars, just not on impact.

Until recently, Blue Origin had been criticized by some for proceeding too slowly, especially when compared with SpaceX. Bezos adopted as the company's motto "Gradatim ferociter," Latin for "Step by step, ferociously," and had it emblazoned on the so-called lucky cowboy boots he wears to his company's space launches.

"Blue Origin, admirably, has gone about it carefully and has built a reliable and less ambitious vehicle and is likely to succeed," the director of Vanderbilt University's aerospace design lab, Amrutur Anilkumar, said in an email Monday. "It is noteworthy that Bezos feels comfortable taking his brother for a ride; that is probably the best exclamation for safety and reliability."

While Blue Origin's and SpaceX's capsules are fully automated, Virgin Galactic has two pilots in the cockpit for every spaceflight. A 2014 accident left one pilot dead and the other seriously injured.

As for the seat that is being auctioned off, Blue Origin opened online bidding on May 5, the 60th anniversary of Shepard's flight. It's up to \$2.8 million.

The auction will conclude Saturday, with the winning amount donated to Club for the Future, Blue Origin's education foundation, which encourages youngsters to pursue careers in science. Nearly 6,000 people from 143 countries have taken part in the auction.

In an Instagram video posted by Bezos, Mark Bezos' reaction when his brother invited him on the flight was: "Are you serious? ... Seriously? My God!"

"What a remarkable opportunity not only to have this adventure, but to be able to do it with my best friend," the younger brother said.

US stocks claw back much of an early loss and finish mixed

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Stocks clawed back much of their early losses and ended mixed on Wall Street Monday. The S&P 500 slipped less than 0.1% and the Nasdaq rose 0.5%. The subdued opening to the week follows several choppy weeks as investors continue to gauge the economy's recovery and the risks of rising inflation.

On Thursday investors will get more information on how much consumer prices rose last month. Technology stocks, banks and industrial companies pulled the broader market lower. Health care companies made solid gains, as did cruise line operators. The yield on the 10-year Treasury edged up to 1.57%.

THIS IS A BREAKING NEWS UPDATE. AP's earlier story follows below.

Stocks edged lower in afternoon trading Monday after briefly approaching the record highs they reached a month ago.

The quiet opening to the week follows several choppy weeks as investors continue to gauge the economy's recovery and the risks rising inflation. Wall Street faces a relatively light week of economic data, though investors will get more information on how much consumer prices rose last month.

The S&P 500 slipped 0.1% as of 3:27 p.m. Eastern. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 131 points,

or 0.4%, to 34,624 and the Nasdaq rose 0.5%. Small-company stocks far outpaced the rest of the market. The Russell 2000 index rose 1.4%.

"The market is trading water right now and waiting for another catalyst to move higher," said Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist at CFRA.

Technology stocks, banks and industrial companies helped pull the broader market lower. Health care companies made solid gains. Moderna rose 7.9% after it sought a regulatory authorization in Europe to let adolescents receive its COVID-19 vaccine.

Biogen soared 40.2% for the biggest gain in the S&P 500 after the Food and Drug Administration said it approved the company's drug for treating Alzheimer's disease. Biogen's drug is the first Alzheimer's disease treatment approved by the FDA in nearly 20 years.

Treasury yields were stable. The yield on the 10-year Treasury held steady at 1.57%. Crude oil prices were little changed.

Cruise line operators made some of the strongest gains after several companies announced or confirmed plans to start sailing again this summer. The industry essentially shut down during the virus pandemic.

Norwegian Cruise Line rose 2.7% and Carnival rose 0.9%.

Corporate buyout plans moved several stocks. U.S. Concrete jumped 29.1% after construction materials company Vulcan Materials said it would buy the company. Design software company Autodesk fell 2.1% after announcing plans to pursue a buyout of Altium.

Investors will get another glimpse into the impact of inflation on Thursday with the Labor Department's consumer price report for May. Prices on everything from food to clothes and housing has been rising as the economy recovers.

Investors and economists are concerned that a steep rise in prices could crimp the recovery and prompt the Federal Reserve to withdraw some of its support for the economy such as keeping interest rates ultra-low and buying bonds.

Markets in Europe were mostly higher, while Asian markets were mixed.



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This Date in Baseball History

By The Associated Press undefined

June 8
1914 — New York's Iron Joe McGinnity posted his 14th win over the Giants beating Pittsburgh 2-0. With the win moved the Giants into first place over Chicago.
1933 — Philadelphia's Jimmie Foxx homered in his first three at bats all off Lefty Gomez as the A's beat the New York Yankees 14-10. Foxx had homered his last time up the previous day to tie a major league record of hitting four consecutive home runs. Bobby Lowe did it in 1894.
1940 — Harry Craft of Cincinnati connected for a home run, a triple, a double and two singles in seven at-bats to lead a 27-hit attack as the Reds pounded the Dodgers 23-2 at Brooklyn.
1950 — The Boston Red Sox beat the St. Louis Browns 29-4 at Fenway Park and set major league records for runs scored; most long hits, 17 (nine doubles, one triple and seven homers); most total bases, 60; most extra bases on long hits, 32; most runs over two games, 49; most hits in two games, 51, including 28 this game. Bobby Doerr had three homers and 8 RBIs, Walt Dropo hit two homers and drove in seven runs and Ted Williams added two

homers and five RBIs.
1968 — Howie Bedell's sacrifice fly in the fifth inning ended Don Drysdale's record streak of 58 2-3 consecutive scoreless innings. The Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Philadelphia Phillies 5-3.
1969 — The New York Yankees' No. 7 was retired on Mickey Mantle Day. A crowd of 60,096 came to Yankee Stadium to honor Mantle and watched the Yankees sweep the Chicago White Sox 3-1 and 11-2.
1975 — Detroit's Tom Verezky doubled with two outs in the ninth to end Oakland's Ken Holtzman's no-hitter. Outfielder Bill North misjudged Verezky's hit but was not charged with an error. Holtzman retired the last hitter for a 4-0 victory.
1986 — In the longest 9-inning game by time in AL history Baltimore's Lee Lacy went 4-for-6 with three home runs and six RBIs as the Orioles beat the New York Yankees 18-9. The game took 4:16 to complete.
1996 — Warren Morris hit a two-run homer with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning to give Louisiana State a 9-8 victory over Miami in the championship game of the College World Series.
2001 — Damion Easley became the ninth Detroit

player to hit for the cycle as the Tigers beat Milwaukee 9-4.
2010 — Stephen Strasburg exceeded expectations in his much-hyped major league debut, striking out 14 in seven innings to lead the Washington Nationals to a 5-2 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates. Last year's No. 1 overall draft pick allowed four hits, two earned runs and didn't walk a batter, piling up the most strikeouts in a debut since J.R. Richard fanned 15 for Houston in 1971.
2012 — Kevin Millwood and five Seattle relievers combined on a no-hitter, the third in franchise history, and the Mariners beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 1-0. Millwood was cruising through six innings, giving up just one walk. But while warming up for the seventh he felt a twinge in his groin and was pulled from the game. Five relievers combined to finish the no-hitter, capped by Tom Wilhelmson retiring Andre Ethier on a routine grounder to end it.
2013 — In the longest major league game in more than three years, Adeiny Hechavarria hit an RBI single in the 20th inning and the Miami Marlins outlasted the New York Mets 2-1.

Pulisic scores in extra time, US beats Mexico 3-2

DENVER — Christian Pulisic lifted a Denver for the second time in eight days, this time his first for the United States.
Ethan Horvath, back in Colorado for the first time in three or four years, expected to watch the game from the bench and found himself saving Andrés Guardado's penalty kick — in the 124th minute!
The first CONCACAF Nations League final turned on an injury and not one or two but three video reviews.
"This is the perfect way to end the year," Pulisic said after his penalty kick in the 114th minute led the United States over Mexico 3-2 Sunday night in frantic finale of the first CONCACAF Nations League.
Or as U.S. coach Gregg Berhalter put it: "One of the classic, odd U.S.-Mexico games."
A testy match that was stopped for about three minutes in second-half stoppage time because of discriminatory fan chants at Empower Field also was marred by American attacker Gio Reyna getting hit on the face by a thrown object following Pulisic's goal.
"Total lack of respect for what's happening on the field and all effort that both teams are putting into the game," Berhalter said. "I think he's going to be OK, but he did take something to the head, and it could have been a lot

worse."
Horvath, who a week earlier played his first international match since March 2019, entered in the 69th minute, seven minutes after starting U.S. goalkeeper Zack Steffen fell to the ground, clutching his left knee, after coming off his line in what seemed to be a routine attempt to grab a through pass from Héctor Herrera that was too far for Uriel Antuna.
"If you're on the bench as a keeper, you don't expect to come in the game," said the 25-year-old Horvath, who had about 20 family and friends at the match.
Jesús Corona put 11th-ranked Mexico ahead 62 seconds in after a sloppy giveaway by defender Mark McKenzie, whose poor pass into Corona's path in the U.S. penalty area allowed the Mexican to break in alone on Steffen.
El Tri appeared to go up 2-0 in the 24th minute on a header by an unmarked Héctor Moreno, but a video review disallowed it for offside after Panamanian referee John Pitti consulted VAR.
Reyna, a son of former U.S. captain Claudio Reyna, tied the score in the 27th minute with his third international goal. The 18-year-old kicked in a rebound after Weston McKennie's header from Pulisic's corner kick hit
Diego Lainez gave Mexico a 2-1 lead

in the 79th, one minute after entering, when he cut inside from Tim Ream and beat Horvath. McKennie tied the score three minutes later with a header from Reyna's corner kick for his seventh goal.
By then Berhalter had changed tactics. He started five defenders that included Sergiño Dest as a wingback, a formation that could morph into a 4-3-3, then switched midway through the second half to four in the back.
Pulisic, fresh off of winning the Champions League with Chelsea on May 29, made the decisive move when cut inside the penalty area in the 108th minute and was pulled down by Carlos Salcedo.
Pitti did not initially signal a penalty but consulted a video review and then pointed to the spot. Mexico coach Tata Martino appeared received red card, apparently for putting a hand on an official during the review, and Hirving Lozano was given a yellow card for arguing after the decision.
Pulisic sent the ball to the upper corner past the left arm of goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa for his 16th international goal.
Pitti again did not make a call in the 119th minute when Luis Romo's header went off the left arm of McKenzie, whose arm was perhaps only slightly outstretched. Another lengthy wait for a video review followed.
"It plays with your head a little bit

when it takes long for the ref to decide whether it's a PK or not," McKennie said, "and he didn't lose his head. He went with his gut and his instinct and his training."
Horvath waited to the last moment and dived right to bat away the penalty by Mexico's captain.
"It's been a tough season for him, and to come have a performance like that in his hometown was the stuff that storybooks write about," Berhalter said.
The U.S. survived an extended 11 minutes of stoppage time following the second extra period and beat Mexico in a competitive match for the first time since 2013 following a stretch of three losses and a draw, gaining confidence ahead of the start of World Cup qualifying in September.
"We're a young side and we need to learn how to win," Berhalter said. "It's really about the fight and spirit. .. They really showed the heart of champions."
Notes: Honduras beat Costa Rica 5-4 on penalty kicks after a 2-2 draw in the third-place match. Costa Rica goals from Joel Campbell in the eighth minute and Francisco Calvo in the 85th, and Honduras got goals from Edwin Rodríguez in the 48th and Alberth Elis in the 80th,

Seven for Simone; Biles claims another US Gymnastics

By WILL GRAVES

AP Sports Writer
FORT WORTH, Texas — Simone Biles toned it down. A little anyway. And soared even higher.
The 24-year-old gymnastics superstar claimed her record seventh U.S. title Sunday night, delivering another stunning — and stunningly easy — performance that served little doubt the pressure surrounding her bid to become the first woman to win back-to-back Olympic championships in more than 50 years is only pushing her to even greater heights.
Shaking off a somewhat sloppy start Friday, at least by her impeccable standards, Biles put on a four-rotation showcase that highlighted why a GOAT emblem — a nod to her status as the Greatest Of All Time — has become a fixture on her competition leotard.
Her two-day total of 119.650 was nearly five points better than runner-up Sunisa Lee and good friend and teammate Jordan Chiles. Biles' all-around score on Sunday of 60.100 was her highest since 2018 and served notice she is only getting better with the Tokyo Games less than seven weeks away.
It helped that she managed to stay inbounds (mostly) during her floor routine after stepping out three times on Friday. Blame in on the rush she gets when the lights are on and a crowd is in the palm of her hands. She was far more precise in finals save for one tumbling pass where one of her feet stepped over the white border.
Oh, well, something to work on for the Olympic trials later this month in St. Louis.
"It's so crazy because in training I never go out of bounds and I never have this much power," Biles said. "But with the adrenaline, that's where it comes."
While Biles' victory was never in doubt — it rarely has been during her nearly eight-year reign atop the sport — she remains in no mood to coast.
And to think she didn't even bother with her latest innovation, a Yurchenko double-pike vault she drilled twice at the U.S. Classic last month that caught the attention of everyone from LeBron James to Michelle Obama. Instead, she opted for two with slightly lower difficulty that she completed so casually it was hard to tell if she was in front of an arena that screamed for her at every turn or just fooling around at practice back home in Houston.
Not that it mattered. She still posted the top score on vault anyway. Just like she did on beam. Just like she did on floor. Just like she's done everywhere she's saluted the judges since the 2013 U.S. Championships.
The Yurchenko double-pike will return at trials and likely in Tokyo, where if she completes it during competition yet another element in the sport's Code of Points will be named for her. Just add it to the list of what they call "#SimoneThings."

Biles has been a lock for Tokyo from the moment she returned to training in late 2017. Chiles and Lee may also be nearing that territory. The top two all-around finishers at trials will earn an automatic spot on the Olympic team, though U.S. national team coordinator Tom Forster allowed Biles, Chiles and Lee have separated themselves from the pack.
"You can look at the scores and if the scores are anything, it looks like that," Forster said.
Yes it does.
Lee, competing on a bad ankle that sometimes left her limping around the arena, appears to be gaining momentum. Behind a bars routine that is one of the most innovative and electric on the planet, Lee fended off a strong challenge from Chiles to hold on to silver.
"I feel like people are kind of doubting me because I've been injured for a little bit," said Lee, who added she doesn't think she needs to do much more to impress the selection committee.
Chiles continued her remarkable rise over the last six months, finishing runner-up to Biles for the second time in three weeks. The 20-year-old, who started training alongside Biles two years ago, shared an emotional moment with her good friend after drilling her bars dismount. Chiles saw coach Cecile Landi sobbing, which led her to join in, which led Biles to come over and offer a hug and a reminder of how far she's come.
"(She) was telling me I deserved what I just did and I'm gifted and talented and I have the opportunity to make that team," Chiles said.
The real intrigue heading into Trials might be who else can emerge from a crowded field. Emma Malabuyo finished fourth, with Leanne Wong fifth. Jade Carey, who has already secured an individual berth to the Olympics thanks to her performance on the World Cup circuit, was sixth. Forster said he expects Carey to accept her automatic spot rather than try to make the five-woman U.S. team.
The group at the trials, however, will not include Laurie Hernandez. A two-time Olympic medalist in 2016, Hernandez did not compete after injuring her left knee on a beam dismount during warm-ups on Friday.
A pair of former world champions are also likely out. Morgan Hurd, the 2017 world champion, could petition into Trials but has been struggling with both her injuries and her form didn't finish in the top 20 on either beam or floor. Chellsie Memmel, the 2005 world champion who began a comeback last summer, saluted the crowd after ending her uneven bars routine.
The picture behind Biles and Chiles and Lee, however, remains crowded with only three weeks to go before the team is unveiled. That's not a bad thing.
"I do think the field has gotten better," Forster said.

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B. 5 9 6 20 25

Clue: Curved, pointy nails

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Annie's Mailbox

Missed the Mark

Dear Readers:

A great many of you wrote to say that I suggested that yoga and diet can cure depression. In no way, shape or form do I believe that. Depression is a disease like any other and requires medical attention, love and support. I suggested medical counseling in a previous column, but I wish I had been clearer in stating my belief that seeing a doctor for depression is absolutely essential. Here is a sampling of the feedback:

Dear Annie: I am writing to comment on the letter from "Blessed and Happy Woman," who lectured us all in an extremely superior manner about how she overcame depression with yoga and dietary

changes and some other claptrap. Sounds to me like she was less depressed and more sad.

She needs to understand that chemical depression is a very real and harmful thing that cannot be overcome by eating broccoli and doing your platitudes about how amazing you are in the mirror every morning. In fact, treatment for actual major depressive disorder has about a 65% effective rate, and the remaining 35% just suffer through life until their depression kills them by suicide or disease brought on by the stress and anxiety of depression.

Please inform your readers that to implement the "cures" that Blessed and Happy Woman suggested for

people actually suffering from depression will end in misery and disaster. I suggest Blessed and Happy Woman study depression and its effects on individuals and families, and perhaps turn her smug condescension into learning how to shut up and listen and understand the perspectives of other people. It's not all about her. -- Educated and Fuming

Dear Annie: "Blessed and Happy Woman" was a bit off. Prayer and diet cannot "cure depression." You did mention the counsel of a doctor, but I want to stress that a doctor is absolutely necessary when dealing with mental health issues.

People still have such a fear of mental illness, but it is no different than a physical illness

like diabetes or asthma. People have no fear disclosing that they have asthma and need medication for it. It's so sad that people still live in fear of disclosing their mental illness.

I'm afraid that you had an awesome opportunity to speak about the power of seeking professional help when there is an issue with mental health. You responded meekly, not with the response I expected -- that she should get her butt into counseling and anyone in the same position should as well. You dropped the ball, unfortunately. Otherwise, I do enjoy your column. -- Correcting an Annie

Dear Annie: As one who has suffered from clinical depression my whole life, I

feel your response was lacking. What "Blessed" is describing is not much different from the advice of some well-intentioned but mistaken folks that all depressed ones can pull themselves up by their bootstraps. There are different kinds of depression and depressive episodes.

Blessed seems to have entered into her depressed state after her divorce. I applaud her for doing everything she could to help her own mental state. However, for the clinically depressed and those with mood disorders, their depression was not caused by a life event. This depression is not one that goes away with a simple improvement in personal habits.

The necessary treat-

ment for one suffering from clinical depression is many times psychological counseling along with antidepressant medications, along with many of the "tips" those trying to be helpful offer. Even with all this, it is still a struggle.

I am sad that your response missed the chance to clear this up for those with the mindset of "Blessed." The clinically depressed deserve the dignity of understanding. -- Misunderstood by Many

Dear Misunderstood: Thank you for your honest and kind email. I hope it helps others who are suffering.

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

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By Steve Becker

The avoidance principle

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

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- ♠AK75
- ♥942
- ♦K93
- ♣A64

WEST

EAST

- ♠93
 - ♥QJ1085
 - ♦AJ8
 - ♣QJ7
- ♠J10842
 - ♥73
 - ♦106
 - ♣10952

SOUTH

- ♠Q6
- ♥AK6
- ♦Q7542
- ♣K83

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1♦ 1♥ 1♠
Pass 1NT Pass 3NT
Opening lead — queen of hearts.

Good technique is mostly a matter of making the right play at the right time. This is not always easy to do, as some situations can be quite complicated, but most of the time one should have no trouble spotting the correct play.

Consider this deal where West leads a heart against three notrump. Good technique requires declarer to duck the queen of hearts in order to

interfere with East-West communications.

West continues with a heart, South taking the king. There is no hope for nine tricks without establishing diamonds, so South leads a low diamond toward dummy at trick three. After West follows low, declarer must play dummy's nine to make the contract!

He doesn't expect the nine to win, and in fact it loses to the ten. He plays the nine because he can afford to lose a diamond trick to East and another one later to West, but he can't afford to lose two diamond tricks to West.

After winning the nine with the ten, East — thanks to declarer's play at trick one — does not have a heart to return. Whatever he leads, South wins, concedes a diamond to the ace and so winds up with 10 tricks.

Declarer's problem from the start is to neutralize West's hearts, and every move by South is directed toward that end. The first step is to sever defensive communications in hearts, and the second step is to take measures to try to prevent West from winning two diamond tricks.

The combination of ducking the heart at trick one and playing a low diamond to the nine at trick three does the job.

Tomorrow: Eliminating a guess.

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Soul-Searching Moon

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The ones who love your work and the ones whose work you love... these are not the same people yet. But as you dare to share what you do with those you admire, you'll earn the fans you also esteem.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). No one needs to be led through known territory. The cost of leadership is the bravery to breach the unknown. Good leaders leave the self-guided parts of life alone and focus on the great, fresh "next."

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're sensitive to people's differences, and you don't assume things about people. You ask. This lets people know they can trust you. Your influence grows.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Regarding a relationship: You are willing to hold on until the bitter end, if that's what's necessary, though the end may actually be sweet, if a little cold, like the scoop of ice cream that finishes dinner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The others have opinions about whom to work and play with. You know what you're doing, which makes you a top contender, but it's the fun you add to the mundane endeavors that will seal the deal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've met those with whom you share a similar sense of

humor, but it is the ones you knew while that sense was forming who have (SET ITAL) the same (END ITAL) humor. It's time to reconnect.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In time, everything turns over. Neighborhoods, hierarchies, families, countries... the new will overtake the old, and you wouldn't want it any other way. Don't fret about the future. Put your all into using your mighty moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It isn't easy to climb to the peak. Traveling downhill is quicker! Yet many lament the descent. Rest assured, one level is not better than another. The journey is great not despite its variants but because of them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your loved ones want to please you, but they do not know the way to accomplish it. You feel that if you have to show them, they don't know you well enough. True, but how will they know you if you do not show them?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Memories will morph into stories

that change ever so slightly with each telling. If told



enough times, the memory isn't of an event but of a story of an event. Either way, it's gleaming treasure.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It is said that ghosts go through the same rote motions they enacted in life, clueless about the ineffectiveness of it. Haunting ideas are the same. A liberating awareness will disrupt the pattern.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Friendship is, for the most part, a completely voluntary relationship. That is both the beautiful and the tenuous thing about it. You cherish your friendships, fully realizing their vulnerability.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 8). What used to hold you back now seems so trivial, a phenomenon that will repeat in three months with your current obstacle. The tools you learn in the effort to get over this one will be among the most powerful in your arsenal, and you'll apply them time and again to the work

of improving life for yourself and your loved ones. Leo and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 17, 3, 33, 5 and 42.

COSMIC QUESTION: "After five years with an incredible woman, I'm back at this place again and I can hardly believe it. Love fades. At this point, there is a lot of research that backs this idea up. Yep, I cheated; she left; and now I'm wondering if I'm ever going to be in it for the long haul again. This is one I shouldn't have let go, but I lost the feeling and then messed up. I definitely want her back, but truthfully, won't this scenario just repeat somewhere further down the line? What is the point, pray tell? It doesn't help that I'm a Sagittarius and she is a Leo."

Gotcha. The wandering Sagittarius and the royal lioness -- two fire signs and a stellar match. But once her Leo pride has been wounded, there's no going back to the way things were. On the bright side, you seem to really know yourself and have a realistic view of your relationships. Have you considered seeking love with someone who wants the same kind of relationship you do? If you had to make up your own rules, what rules do you think you could stick to? Perhaps you are not suited for the traditional model at this time in your life.

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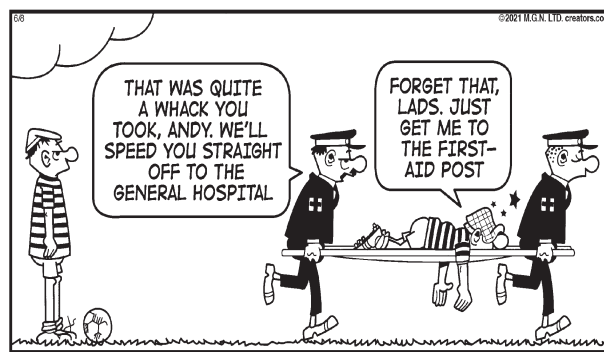
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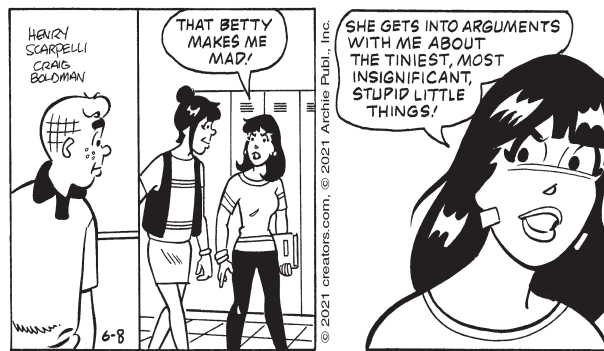
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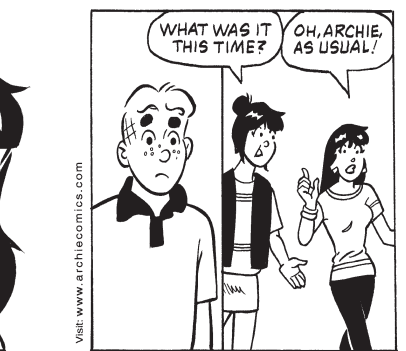
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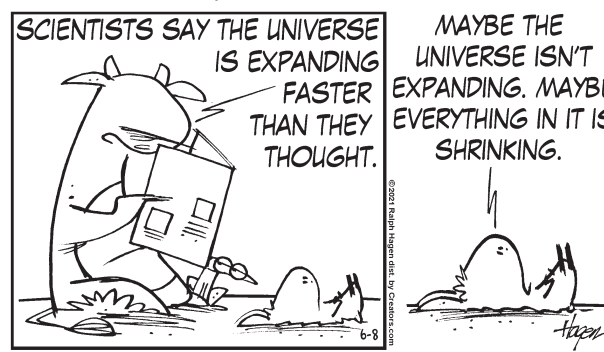
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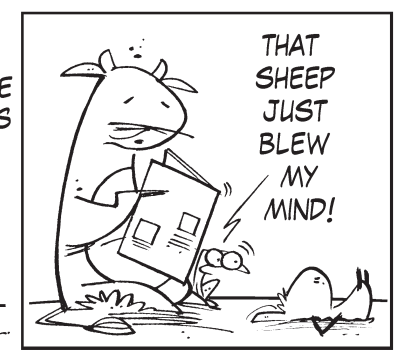
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, June 8, the 159th day of 2021. There are 206 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On June 8, 1968, authorities announced the capture in London of James Earl Ray, the suspected assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

On this date:
In 1864, Abraham Lincoln was nominated for another term as president during the National Union (Republican) Party's convention in Baltimore.

In 1915, U.S. Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan resigned over what he viewed as President Woodrow Wilson's overly bellicose attitude toward Germany following the sinking of the RMS Lusitania.

In 1953, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled unanimously that restaurants in the District of Columbia could not refuse to serve Blacks. Eight tornadoes struck Michigan's Lower Peninsula, killing 126 people.

In 1962, 20th Century Fox fired Marilyn Monroe from its production "Something's Got to Give," saying she was unreliable. (Fox later changed its mind, but Monroe died before filming could resume, and the movie was abandoned.)

In 1966, a merger was announced between the National and American Football Leagues, to take effect in 1970.

In 1967, during the six-day Middle East war, 34 American servicemen were killed when Israel attacked the USS Liberty, a Navy intelligence-gathering ship in the Mediterranean Sea. (Israel later said the Liberty had been mistaken for an Egyptian vessel.)

In 1972, during the Vietnam War, an Associated Press photographer took a picture of a screaming 9-year-old girl, Phan Thi Kim Phuc (fahn thee kim fook), as she ran naked and severely burned from the scene of a South Vietnamese napalm attack.

In 1978, a jury in Clark County, Nevada, ruled the so-called "Mormon will," purportedly written by the late billionaire Howard Hughes, was a forgery.

In 1995, U.S. Marines rescued Capt. Scott O'Grady, whose F-16C fighter jet had been shot down by Bosnian Serbs on June 2. Mickey Mantle received a liver transplant at a Dallas hospital; however, the baseball great died two months later.

In 1998, the National Rifle Association elected actor Charlton Heston to be its president.

In 2009, North Korea's highest court sentenced American journalists Laura Ling and Euna Lee to 12 years' hard labor for trespassing and "hostile acts." (The women were pardoned in early August 2009 after a trip to Pyongyang by former President Bill Clinton.)

In 2015, siding with the White House in a foreign-policy power struggle with Congress, the Supreme Court ruled 6-3 that Americans born in the disputed city of Jerusalem could not list Israel as their birthplace on passports.

Ten years ago: Rep. Allyson Schwartz of Pennsylvania became the first Democratic House colleague to call for Rep. Anthony Weiner of New York to resign after he admitted sending a lewd photo of himself to a woman via Twitter and lying about it. OPEC unexpectedly left its production levels unchanged, causing oil prices to jump as senior officials reported their meeting in Vienna had ended in disarray.

Five years ago: Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi (nah-REN'-drah MOH'-dee) told the U.S. Congress that the world's two largest democracies could anchor stability and prosperity from the Indian Ocean to the Pacific in an aspirational speech that glossed over continuing divisions in the relationship. Maria Sharapova (shah-rah-POH'-vah) was suspended for two years by the International Tennis Federation for testing positive for meldonium at the Australian Open. (The ban, which was backdated to Jan. 26, 2016, was later reduced to 15 months.)

One year ago: Thousands of mourners gathered at a church in Houston for a service for George Floyd, as his death during an arrest in Minneapolis continued to stoke protests in America and beyond over racial injustice. France's top security official said police would no longer permit chokeholds that had been blamed for multiple cases of asphyxiation and had come under renewed criticism after George Floyd's death. The police chief in Portland, Oregon, resigned, just six months into her job, amid criticism of her department's handling of protests.

New York City slowly began reopening for business; stores that were previously deemed nonessential during the coronavirus shutdown were cleared to reopen for delivery and curbside pickup. New Zealand appeared to have completely eradicated the coronavirus for the time being; health officials aid the last person known to have been infected in the country had recovered.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Millicent Martin is 87. Actor James Darren is 85. Singer Nancy Sinatra is 81. Singer Chuck Negron is 79. Musician Boz Scaggs is 77. Author Sara Paretsky is 74. Actor Sonia Braga is 71. Actor Kathy Baker is 71. Country musician Tony Rice is 70. Rock singer Bonnie Tyler is 70. Actor Griffin Dunne is 66. "Dilbert" creator Scott Adams is 64. Actor-director Keenen Ivory Wayans is 63. Singer Mick Hucknall

(Simply Red) is 61. Musician Nick Rhodes (Duran Duran) is 59. R&B singer Doris Pearson (Five Star) is 55. Actor Julianna Margulies is 54. Actor Dan Futterman is 54. Actor David Sutcliffe is 52. Actor Kent Faulcon is 51. R&B singer Nicci Gilbert is 51. Actor Kelli Williams is 51. Former U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., is 51. Actor Mark Feuerstein is 50. Contemporary Christian

musician Mike Scheuchzer (MercyMe) is 46. Actor Eion Bailey is 45. Former tennis player Lindsay Davenport is 45. Rapper Kanye (KAHN'-yay) West is 44. TV personality-actress Maria Menounos is 43. Country singer-songwriter Sturgill Simpson is 43. Blues-rock musician Derek Trucks (The Derek Trucks Band) is 42. Rock singer Alex Band (The Calling) is 40.

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Makes a choice
- 5 Mop, as a deck
- 9 Ewes' mates
- 13 Throws with force
- 15 Note from the boss
- 16 Give off
- 17 Devoured
- 18 Sandwich cookie
- 19 Tableland
- 20 Confident tone
- 23 Furthermore
- 24 Acorn bearer
- 25 MSNBC rival
- 26 Explosive letters
- 27 Family patriarchs
- 32 Poker stake
- 35 Sweet smell
- 36 Bullring cheer
- 37 Audience's accolade
- 41 Industrious insect
- 42 Slip away from
- 43 Trampled
- 44 Nightclubs' ID checkers
- 46 Friend
- 48 Either end of a wide grin
- 49 Rower's implement
- 50 Drivers' org.
- 53 Social network
- 59 Leave off a list
- 60 Neighborhood
- 61 Closes loudly
- 62 Numbers to crunch
- 63 Just for men
- 64 Banquet host

CURVED TRIO by Billie Truitt

Edited by Stanley Newman
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- 14 Soup-eating utensil
- 21 Budgetary excess
- 22 One year's record
- 26 Toe count
- 27 Diploma owners, for short
- 28 Tug-of-war need
- 29 Serve, as coffee
- 30 In addition
- 31 Plant-to-be
- 32 Typical Jordanian
- 33 Forbidden thing
- 34 Ballet skirt
- 35 Way off
- 38 Windshield sticker
- 39 Eggs order
- 40 Ocean east of the US
- 45 Bee's collection for honey
- 46 Golfer's standard
- 47 Stand up
- 49 Old enough
- 50 Have ___ up one's sleeve
- 51 Guys who write slogans
- 52 Valuable quality
- 53 Secret writing
- 54 Noncommittal reply
- 55 Solemn ceremony
- 56 "For here ___ go?"
- 57 Feeling of dread
- 58 Stately trees

Answer to previous puzzle

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Keyshawn Davis to fight at Tokyo Olympics despite going pro

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.— Keyshawn Davis' quest for Olympic gold is back on. Davis and two fellow American boxers were awarded places in the Tokyo Olympics on Monday, allowing Davis to make an improbable return to USA Boxing five months after the touted lightweight turned professional amid conflict with the national governing body.

The 22-year-old Davis won his first three pro fights over the past 3 1/2 months, and now he will be one of the favorites in the 63-kilogram division in Tokyo.

He is likely the top men's candidate for a gold medal on the U.S. team, which is sending five men to Tokyo with the additions of Davis, featherweight Duke Ragan and middleweight Troy Isley at the conclusion of the haphazard Olympic qualifying process caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

The U.S. initially qualified only two men and four women, but the late additions have brought the contingent to nine fighters, and the team is still holding out hope of getting a 10th to Tokyo.

Although Davis still can't quite fathom how it all happened, he is overjoyed to be back in a USA Boxing uniform while the team wraps up its final training camp at its home base in a vacant department

store in Colorado Springs.

"I did not expect this at all when I went pro," Davis told The Associated Press. "I was not looking to come back to the amateurs. I was happy with my decision. I was a happy fighter. I could make my own schedule, travel wherever I want and make good money. But when the Olympics came back to me, it was a no-brainer to go back."

Davis, Ragan and Isley are joining a still-undetermined number of boxers allowed to fight in Tokyo after turning pro because of rule changes enacted before the Rio de Janeiro Games allowing professional prizefighters into the Olympic field.

Initial concerns about an influx of seasoned veterans fighting amateurs have proven unfounded, and the pros headed to Tokyo are almost exclusively young prospects like Davis who got a jump on their professional careers while staying prepared for Olympic competition.

Ragan is 4-0 since turning pro last year, while Isley had one pro fight in February. Neither fighter was initially selected for Tokyo after the canceled Americas qualifier in Buenos Aires.

The combination of the pandemic and the turmoil at the top levels of amateur boxing have reduced Olympic qualifying to an award for previous accomplishments. Davis, Ragan and Isley were awarded spots because they were among the

highest-ranked boxers from the Americas in each weight class that didn't get in a quota through the first continental allotment.

Davis has dreamed of winning a gold medal since he was a child in Virginia, and he initially decided to stick with his Olympic quest when the pandemic forced Tokyo's postponement to 2021. But Davis and his national team coaches clashed over Davis' attendance at training camps for the now-canceled Olympic qualifiers.

Davis said he couldn't attend the workouts due to family obligations, particularly after his mother was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. The disputes culminated in a letter from USA Boxing to Davis telling him he had been removed from the team — "on Christmas Eve," Davis said with a laugh.

USA Boxing head coach Billy Walsh acknowledges the conflict with Davis, but the two have smoothed over their bad feelings from 2020.

"We've got the team back together again," Walsh said. "This is the team I thought I was going to have a couple of years ago, when we were planning on being one of the best teams in the Olympic Games. Davis has come back and been really enthusiastic. He's been a great team player. He's really lifted the team."

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