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# **BIG SPRING** VOLUME 116, NUMBER 224

<u>Upcoming Events</u>

Big Spring ISD School Board Meeting 5:15 p.m. Thursday

Large Item Pick Up District 6 *June 16* Schedule pick up by *June 14* 

Veterans of Comedy Fundraiser Show for DAV of Big Spring Friday at 7 p.m. at the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Rd. Donations accepted at the door

Scenic Mountain Medical Center will have first doses available Thursday from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo June 17-19 8 p.m. nightly

> Rodeo Parade Saturday  $10 \ a.m.$ **Downtown**

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# Community responds to BSISD Public Forum held Monday night majority of that money."

By ROGER CLINE

Herald Staff Writer

rum hosted by the Big Spring ISD at Big Spring High School Monday night. The meeting's purpose was give local citizens a chance to offer input on the district's plans for the third installment of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) grant.

About 50 people attended a public fo-

During the presentation, Superintendent Jay McWilliams said the district will receive \$9,619,918 from the federal government as a result of the grant. Two-thirds of that amount - or \$6,413,321 - is currently available, while the remaining 1/3 will be available once the federal government has approved the State of Texas' plan for disbursement of the funds.

The district recently received funds from the ESSER II grant in the amount of \$4,283,433, McWil-

liams said. The grant was approved April 28 but the district received the funds last week, he added.

"This is what was released last Thursday. We have not even dove in yet to the guidelines, because Ms. (Debbie) Park is up to here right now in ESSER III," McWilliams said.

The district also received \$907,547 last year from the ESSER I grant. "The funding for this grant was based

on our Title I funding," McWilliams said. "We've already received that money and have already used a large

In a PowerPoint presentation at the meeting, McWilliams presented the allowable uses for the ESSER III grant. Those include funding for:

· Coordination of preparedness and



response efforts to the coronavirus with the state and local health departments;

- · Addressing the needs of low-income students, students with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and foster care youth;
- Purchase of supplies to sanitize and clean the district's facilities;
- Planning for future long-term closures, including providing meals to eligible students, providing technology for online learning, and maintaining ongoing educational services during such

 Purchasing educational technology, including hardware, software and connectivity, for students that aids in educational interaction between students and teachers. This includes low-income

students and students with disabilities, and may include assistive technology or adaptive equipment.

- · Mental health services and sup-· Summer learning, including sum-
- mer classroom instruction or online learning during summer months, and supplementary after school programs, especially for low-income students, students with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities. students experiencing homelessness, and foster care youth;
- Repairs and improvements to school facilities to reduce the risk of coronavirus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards;
- Improvements to air quality in school facilities, including inspection, testing, repair, replacement, and upgrades to mechanical and non-mechanical heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems, filtering, purification, and other air cleaning, fans, control systems and window and door repair and replacement;
- · Developing strategies and implementing public health protocols including, to the greatest extent practicable, policies in line with CDC guidelines;

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# Shopping extravaganza highlighting local business

Let's all go shopping!

Summer has arrived; school is out and local boutiques and shops are open, and businesses are starting to get back to normal. Keeping in stride with the summer tradition, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is once again partnering

with 10 local boutiques to

host the 2021 Summer Shop-

ping Extravaganza. "Our small businesses are an important piece of our community, and we want to do what we can to support them," Debbye ValVerde, Big Spring Area Chamber rector, said. "This summer a chance to do that as well. shopping event is a way to show our small businesses that we are here to support them, especially after the last year."

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has joined forces with local boutiques to host a shopping opportunity supporting local businesses this Thursday. Whether you want to do some shopping in Downtown Big Spring where five of the participating boutiques are located. Those wanting to do a little bit of shopping for their home décor, or possibly even purchase a special gift or

"The boutiques that are opening their doors for the Summer Shopping Extravaganza are excited to welcome the community back in. This is a great opportunity to visit places in town you may not have before and meet new staff in the process," Val-Verde said. "This is the first of our shopping events this summer. Our business owners are going to be staying open later than normal for this event and with the rodeo right around the corner this is a great opportunity to find that rodeo outfit."

However, if your outfit is

By AMANDA DUFORAT of Commerce Executive Diseased some flowers, will have already picked out, there is still an opportunity to search

supporting local business we

are supporting Big Spring.

but we are supporting our

neighbors and our friends."

for new home décor. "The best thing about Summer Shopping Extravaganza is it's an opportunity to get out and support local business," ValVerde said. "This is an opportunity to find out what is right here. The majority of the businesses participating are owned by families who live right here in Howard County, Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma. By

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# Budget amendments, turf replacement topping **BSISD Thursday Board Meeting agenda**

By ROGER CLINE

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The Big Spring ISD board of trustees will consider a \$150,000 budget amendment and expenditure for replacement of turf at Memorial Stadium when it meets Thursday evening. The board will meet at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the board room at Big Spring High School, 707 E. 11th Place. In addition to consideration of approval of the stadium turf,

the board will hold a public hearing on ESSER III funding and a budget workshop for 2021-22. The school district held a discussion meeting Monday evening regarding the federal coronavirus-related funding. In other business, the board will consider approval of vari-

ous donations and consider an interlocal agreement with 1 Government Procurement Alliance for cooperative purchas-

The board will also consider approval of Year 5 of its current five-year contract with Aramark, the company that provides dining services for the district.

Five tax properties are up for possible sale by Texas Communities Group, and the board will consider approval of the sale. The properties include 1303 Mesquite to Frank Rodriquez for \$4,000; 309 Sgt. Paredez to Ruben V. Gamboa Jr. for \$2,500; 105 N.E. Third St. and 707 W. Seventh St. to Joanna Aguirre for \$3,000 each; and 203 N.E. Eighth St. to Juan Carlos Murillo for \$2,500.

The board will also consider personnel issues and hear Superintendent Jay McWilliam's report on employment, resignations and retirements; his COVID-19 update, and other district updates.

Following McWilliams report, the meeting will be ad-



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# **Obituaries**

Dorothy "Dot" Gilbreath
Dorothy "Dot" Gilbreath, 98, of Big Spring, passed away Monday, June 7, 2021. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, June 11, 2021, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Graveside services will be 4 p.m. Friday at the Barbee Cemetery in

Dot was born Aug. 3, 1922, in Dublin, Texas, to Thomas Edison Cook and Lina Pearl Lloyd Cook. Survivors include her daughter, Sue Bagwell; three grandsons; six great-grandchildren; and one sister.

Dot was also preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, and four sisters.

The family suggests memorials to the Barbee Cemetery Association, 116 N. Camden St., Dublin,

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

vided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more

· Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the

Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tues-

day 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

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

DivorceCare is a biblical support group for

those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD ses-

sion features nationally respected experts, such as

Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group dis-

cussions 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 reconcilia-

There is no charge for attendance. 13-week semi-

nars are held two times per year on Tuesday eve-

nings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in

Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC

You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for

· Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Meth-

odist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m.

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information on seminar dates and how you can

Facebook page for information.

Larry Simmons
Larry Simmons, 71, of Big Spring, died Sunday, June 6, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home

# **Support Groups** charge for the course, and a workbook will be pro-

information.

Letz at 267-1628.

tion possible?

register to attend.

**WEDNESDAY** 

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 at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.
- GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

# **FRIDAY**

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faithbased addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.
- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

# **SATURDAY**

· Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

# **SUNDAY**

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

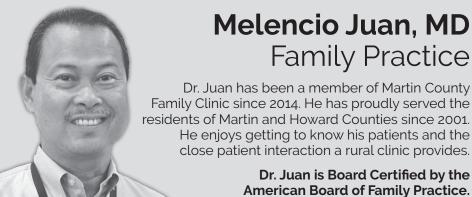
# **MONDAY**

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees It, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

# **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



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# Fire/EMS

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- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2500 block of Joshua Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 300 block
- of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 200 block of Kinsey Road. No transport was required. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 400 block
- of E. 22nd Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2600
- block of Ent Drive. No transport was required. MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3200
- block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2000
- block of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. • TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of Avondale and Crestline. No transport was
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 700 block of E. 16th Street. One person was transported to

Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1200 block of E. 11th Place. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 4200 block of W. Hwy 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

# Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- BRANDON ANTHONY MORAN, 31, of 2515 Albrook Drive, was arrested on warrant from other agency (x2).
- · CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1500 block of S. Runnels Street; 1900 block of N. Hwy 87.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 900 block of Willia Street; Guitar Ranch Entrance.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 7000 block of N. Service Road.
- BURGLARY OF BUILDING was reported in the 9700 block of N. Service Road. • **DISTURBANCE** was reported around RR 33/
- Nichols. • ACCIDENT MINOR was reported in the 200
- block of E. Third Street. • SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported in the area of Loop Road/ N. Birdwell.

# **VETERANS OF**

# **COMEDY AND FRIENDS** Comedy Show

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# **Take Note**

- First Annual Hospital Corps Birthday Party will be held in Big Spring at Moss Creek Ranch, 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

1601 S. Moss Lake Road on June 17, 2021.

- 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 - with a meal at 5:30 p.m. and a small group at 6 p.m. The group will meet in NazFamily Fellowship Hall.
- · Big Spring ISD summer lunch services will begin June 1 and run through July 30. Breakfast will be 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;

budget would dedicate

\$5 million to air qual-

ity upgrades across all

district campuses; \$2

million to academic in-

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personnel; \$479,000 to re-

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Questions raised dur-

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John Sparks said those

items are included in

the planned air quality

Tracie Moss, theater

teacher at Big Spring

about the possibility of

using part of the money

to upgrade or improve

the school's theater.

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\$9,479,000,

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High School from June 1 through June 24; Junior High from June 7 – June 24.

 Forsan Food Pantry will be open twice a month from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Families who are in need can pull up to the front doors of the Junior High/ High School and receive a free box of pre-packed meals. If you have any questions or need to pick up a box at a different time, contact Kaci Wash at 432-457-2223 ext 821 or Jenny Sayles at jennysales@ yahoo.com.

The requirements also include setting aside at least 20 percent of the grant award to mitigate learning loss due to the coronavirus-related school closure

McWilliams presented an rough initial budget prepared by school staff for use of the money. The

Weather

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Some of the storms could be severe. Sunny and hot, with a high near 101. South wind around 10 mph.

**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 74. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Thursday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 104. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 75. South wind around 15 mph.

Friday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 105.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with

a low around 72.

**Saturday**: Sunny, with a high near 99.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy,

with a low around 71.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy,

with a low around 69.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near

92. **Monday Night**: Partly cloudy,

with a low around 69.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near

90.

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"You know where I am. I'm wondering about the facilities. You know what I'm thinking," she said. "I was just wondering. I could use about \$500,000 over

"I could use about a million about every other year," McWilliams joked in response. "I wish I could say 'yes', but I will tell you this: That's going to help with next year's budget, and that is on the radar. Your deal, as well as, there are a couple of other things on the radar that we're working on, or we will be working on, if we can save money here that we can use next year on some-

Moss said lighting and sound equipment are the most urgent things in the school's theater.

"What I'm looking at is lighting and sound replacement, because we really don't have anything," she said. "Kids have to train on that to do UIL because they have to run it. It's training them in a technological field."

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Raemi Thompson, fielded a question about whether the money could be used to purchase electronic textbooks.

"A lot of our programs all have digital access, so it just depends," she said. "Some people still like a physical book to touch and read, but all of our programs have digital access. Some are tired of being in front of a screen. Some of our teachers - we're screened out. We'd love to have people. (Mr. Mc-Williams) talked about paying for tutors...we need people to help kids."

Another question asked about extra help for students who missed out on reading instruction during the COVID shutdown.

"They're having a little bit of trouble reading because they didn't get the reading lessons," the questioner asked, who said her son is in second grade. "I mean there are kindergartners this year that I saw who can read almost as well as, or perhaps better than my son sometimes. So do you have a plan for those kids as well."

"That's a great feedback," Thompson said. "I probably don't have a plan available to address those. I would have you contact your campus principal, though, and find out what programs we might have available for the summer. I'm going to write that down and make a note of that, to provide some enrichment activities."

McWilliams said he will present information from Monday evening's forum to the Big Spring ISD school board when it meets Thursday evening.

# **MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

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

Margaret Sumner, 71, died Sunday. Viewing will be Friday, 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Saturday, 2:30 PM, at Life Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Rogelio (Roy) Perez, 68, died Sunday. Virtual services will be held at a later date.

Larry Simmons, 71, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

High School,

Continued from Page 1

In addition to the extended business hours – each shop staying open until 8 p.m. - there will be door prize opportunities, food and refreshments and more available throughout the night.

"We just want to encourage the community to get out and see what our town has to offer. For the most part, when it comes to looking for a gift idea or finding a little retail therapy, there is no need for us to travel outside of town. We are lucky to have these locally owned businesses providing quality products, but we need to support them, just like any other industry," ValVerde said.

To find a complete list of participating businesses, visit the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce office or follow the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook Page.

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# Home Country: Visiting with Mamie in her yard



Slim Randles

t was sure nice, Windy thought. Just sitting out here in Mamie's yard with my dog, Ramses, and some refreshments Mamie brought out that did not include raw meat or vegetables no one could pronounce.

"Don't that there sun feel good, Mamie?" She smiled and nodded and drank more tea.

"Afore you know it, them ol' bears'll be out and wrasslin' around fer somethin' to eat. Gotta be careful in the woods, ya know. Take a rifle along. What? Oh, a thirty-ought six should be plenty, I'm thinkin'. 'Course ya hafta place yer shot right. Nothin' worse than a wounded bear."

Mamie thought something less than killing the bear should work right.

"Well, Mamie," said Windy, "there's two schoolers of thought on that one and one of 'em's wrong. Ya see, the hippy dippy folks carry a spray 'em can of pepper juice with 'em in the woods. And they wear these here little bells on their belt loops."

Mamie smiled and nodded.

"The idear bein' that little bell a dingiedongin' 'round will tell the bear, hey, thass a hooman bein' and you better watch out cuz he's smarter'n you are. But les' jest say that ol' bear's got hisself a hearin' problem and

that bell don't mean nothin' to him. Wellsir thass where that danged pepper spray comes in handy. Yep, ol' Organtic Woodsman hisself pulls out that can and jest lets her rip right in the bear's face. I'll jest bet that smarts some

thin' awful, too. "But later, you know, when they're trackin that bear down, he makes hisself easy to tell from other bears, cuz his poop smells like pep-

per and its got little bells in it. "Yep. Thirty-ought six should be enough."

Brought to you by Sweetgrass Mornings, by Slim Randles. See it at www.unmpress.com.

# The Postscript by Carrie Classon

# "The Homes of Dead People"

cousin of mine reportedly said, "I can't imagine living in a house where other people have lived!" I don't know if she really said this,

as I heard the story secondhand. But it stuck in my mind

because every home I've owned has been lived in by other people, and a few people have died in them as well. So far, this has not bothered me in the least.

I'm used to living in the homes of dead people.

The first house I bought was owned by a woman named Ruby. She was still

living when I bought it, but she wasn't doing very well. She had outlived two husbands in the house, so I suppose there's a better-than-even chance at least one of them died there.

Ruby finally had to move to a nursing home after she showed up at the neighbor's door a few times without clothes. As she had no children, the responsibility for finding her more suitable accommodations fell to her niece. I have no children, so I expect my niece, Isabelle, might be performing this duty for me sometime in the

(She recently turned 18 and has that to look forward to.)

My only other real home is the one I've been living in with my husband, Peter. The neighbors say "three witches" lived in the house before the man we bought it from. I don't know if this is true, and no one seems to know much about them.

But now we are moving into a new condo, and I know much more about it because it had only had one other resident. Her name was Elizabeth and, like Ruby, she lived there alone, although unlike Ruby, there is no record of any husbands, dead or alive.

Elizabeth bought the condo when

it was built, more than 40 years ago, and she died in it. I know this because I looked up her obituary, and it said she "died at home," so I have to suppose she died in the home we now

Elizabeth seems like a lovely person, judging from her obituary. Of course, most people sound nice in their obituaries.

'm going to have to ask Isabelle to say something nice about me when she gets around to writing mine. (A person doesn't turn 18 without acquiring some responsibilities.)

I've been thinking about Ruby and Elizabeth as Peter and I work to renovate this new condo. The walls had been painted and some new flooring put in, but pretty much everything else was as Elizabeth left it. The appliances are old. We've already replaced the countertop and had the cabinets repainted and put in shiny new sinks. I don't think Elizabeth would recognize the place. But I hope she'd be

Because, unlike my cousin, I very much like the idea of Elizabeth living in my home before me. I like that she was so happy here that she never chose to leave. I'm glad she didn't show up at the neighbor's naked and have to find another home. (Although I don't know this for sure. It's possible she just didn't have a dutiful niece like Ruby did and I do.)

And even without the yellowing 1980s bath fixtures and the chipped countertop, I would like to think there is a little of Elizabeth around. It makes me feel as if I have an invisible friend, looking at the same sun shining in the same windows, seeing the same view, living our overlapping lives without ever getting the chance to meet.

Till next time,

Carrie Classon's memoir is called "Blue Yarn." Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

# News Briefs

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# Autopsy: Texas boy's cause of death ruled a homicide

HOUSTON (AP) — 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 has been officially identified and his cause of death has been ruled a homicide, authorities said

The identity of Samuel Olson was confirmed following an autopsy conducted by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences in Houston.

"The cause of his death is homicidal violence with blunt head trauma," the institute, which conducts all autopsies in the county, said in an email. The institute did not provide additional details on the boy's death and a spokeswoman didn't immediately return an email seeking comment.

Theresa Raye Balboa, 29, who was the girlfriend of Samuel's father, has been charged with tampering with evidence, a human corpse.

Prosecutors have said they plan to file additional charges against Balboa. Andrea Beall with the Harris County District Attorney's Office said during a court hearing Monday that a murder investigation

Bob Scott, Balboa's attorney, declined to comment Tuesday. Balboa is jailed on bonds totaling \$600,000. Samuel's body was found June 1 inside a plastic tote in a motel in Jasper, about 135 miles (215 kilometers) northeast of Houston. Prosecutors have said Balboa was on her way to Louisiana.

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

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.

Samuel's parents had been involved in a custody

battle over the boy after filing for divorce in Janu-

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 and the plastic tote with the boy's body.

# Spacecraft buzzes Jupiter's mega moon, 1st close-up in years

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA's Juno spacecraft has provided the first close-ups of Jupiter's largest moon in two decades.

Juno zoomed past icy Ganymede on Monday, passing within 645 miles (1,038 kilometers). The last time a spacecraft came that close was in 2000 when NASA's Galileo spacecraft swept past our solar system's biggest moon.

NASA released Juno's first two pictures Tuesday, highlighting Ganymede's craters and long, narrow features possibly related to tectonic faults. One shows the moon's far side, opposite the sun.

"This is the closest any spacecraft has come to this mammoth moon in a generation," said Juno's lead scientist, Scott Bolton of the Southwest Re-

search Institute in San Antonio. "We are going to take our time before we draw any scientific conclusions, but until then we can simply marvel at this celestial wonder - the only moon in our solar system bigger than the planet Mercury."

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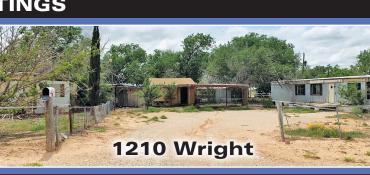
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# Cowboys Corner: Talking OTA, and the start of Mini-Camps for the upcoming season

By DUSTIN POPE

Herald Sports Writer

Welcome back to Cowboys Corner where we talk everything and anything Dallas Cowboys. Today I want to concentrate on introducing OTA's, the previous mini Rookie camp and just a few random thoughts I have on this squad, and maybe some under the radar players for next season.

OTA's (Organized Team Activities) have begun for the NFL. Basically, these are just early practices with the new rookies and a chance for some veterans to get on the field for the first time together for the season. So apparently I'm not cool enough to get that invite to the OTA practices, but I know a few guys who are there so I'm going off of their conclusions. Ok so the significant story is starting QB Dak Prescott was back on the field for the first time since the season ending injury on October 11 against the New York Giants. Now 225 days later the resilient QB was back on the field going through drills and likewise taking part in 7 on 7 drills. From speaking to the buddies who were there and examining some of the footage, Prescott looks pretty good for a guy who had a gruesome season ending injury. While the Cowboys are undoubtedly continuing to take it easy with how much Prescott will take part in any team activities this off season. All reports are it was a major first step on a long journey back.

Damontae Kazee was another participant that captured a few people's attention this week. Kazee is a guy who has played for new defensive coordinator Dan Quinn in Atlanta. In the 2020 season Kazee suffered a ruptured Achilles Tendon and sat out the rest of that season. Kazee can be that ball hawking safety the Cowboys have been missing for a while now. In the 2018 season he had seven interceptions on the season. It has been a tough last seven months for Kazee who was in the last year of his four-year rookie deal when he ruptured his Achilles. The injury prompted a lot of skepticism for him heading into free agency. With an uncharted future ahead of him and months of rehab in his path, Kazee got right to work with his rehab and now it shows. The safety took most of the starting snaps at the position and showed the ability to change directions quickly as well as his speed using good angles to get to the ball. The Cowboys got a bunch of heat for not addressing the need for safety in the draft, but after communicating to the guys who watched him maybe this was a glimpse of why they didn't. Maybe the Cowboys front office believe a healthy Kazee will be a starter for seasons

Bradlee Anae looks to have packed on some pounds during the off season. With the size gain, he looked way more explosive and a lot stronger. He displayed several pass rushing moves he has been working on. Another trait that was pointed out was his balance off the line. Last year Anae struggled to get off the first block to cause any disruption. The Defensive lineman will look to improve his all around game and be a staple of this improved defensive unit. Anae was a fifth round pick for the Cowboys in the 2020 draft. I thought this guy was a steal where they got him, but last year the DE struggled to adjust to the pro game. His lack of size and hand fighting skills kept him off the field for the most part. Having addressed his flaws this could be a breakout season for the fifth round pick out of Utah.

Free agent signing Brent Urban also looked good in the early practices. Urban is entering his seventh year in the NFL and this is his first as a Cowboy. The former fourth round pick by the Baltimore Ravens came over as a under the radar signing for Dallas this off season. Urban has had a solid career to this point. His size and stature will be a presence for the Defensive line. He plays with an excellent base and good footwork; He uses the club move effectively and also seems to have a wonderful change of direction. With his good size he can get leverage and shed block to get to the ball effectively. I think Urban will be an adequate addition to the teams defensive line.

Another guy who is being counted out is CB Anthony Brown. In the 7 on 7 drills Brown lined up opposite of second-year corner back Trevon Diggs. I was told Brown looked comfortable driving on receivers and displayed an exceptional base in his back pedal that allowed him to jump several routes. Brown also displayed the ability to shade receivers taking away the inside move all along maintaining outside leverage. Brown had a rib injury last year that limited his ability to extend and get a good punch on the receiver at the line of scrimmage. Now fully healthy, his punch seems to be back. With Brown it could come down to a numbers game on whether he will make this team. The Cowboys drafted Kelvin Joseph in the second round and added some other CB who will factor in if he makes this team. So far all accounts are that he may be playing for his job and so far it looks like Brown has risen to the

From one corner back to another Jourdan Lewis hopes to have found a roll as a slot corner

on this team after they resigned him to a threeyear deal worth 16.5 million. Lewis is entering his fifth season as a Cowboy they took him in the in the third round of the 2017 NFL draft. While Lewis is not the prototypical Dan Quinn CB because of his size the guy has excellent coverage ability and will not shy away as a tackler. One of the key attributes that Lewis has is he a tough guy. Lewis tested the receivers by Clawing pushing and bumping receivers off there routs. Lewis made it a fight for a receiver on every single yard. He does a good job at getting under the receiver's skin by persistent pressure and being pesky at the line. One thing about Lewis is he is a competitor on every play.

Donovan Wilson is a player I am eager to look at this year, The former Texas A&M product showed moments of playmaking ability last season. With his ability to attack and be the hardhitting safety the Cowboys have lacked for years I believe the future could be bright for Wilson. It does not scare the safety to put his helmet on guy and he has explosive power when he engages in tackling. In 14 games last season he showed a knack of putting himself in the proper position to make plays. Wilson finished the season with 71 total tackles, 3.5 sacks, two tackles for loss, three passes defended, two interceptions, three forced fumbles and three QB hits. He does lack of coverage skills from time to time, but with the addition of Kazee he should be freed up to do what he does best, line up in the box and cause disruption, by blitzing and attack the running back. If you look at his numbers almost every time he was allowed to blitz the guy made something happen I expect under Dan Quinn he will get plenty of more chances to blitz this season. While there is no guarantee that Wilson wins the starting job, I believe he has earned the right at the first shot at being the stater. With him and Kazee playing the safety positions and second year CB Trevon Diggs paired with whoever wins that second corner back position, the Cowboys secondary should

be much improved this season. So there a few of the players that were pointed out to me that caught some attention at these OTA's. While OTA's can be overblown from time to time, it can be a good gauge at who has been investing in the work this off season.

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# Tauchman slam, Crawford 2 HRs as S.F. Giants beat Texas Rangers 9-4

# By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Baseball Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas— Brandon Crawford was in for a special night just by taking the field at shortstop for the San Francisco Giants. His two home runs and a big slam by Mike Tauchman just made the planned postgame champagne toast even

Tauchman hit a go-ahead grand slam between the two homers by Crawford, who set the Giants' franchise record for most games as a shortstop in San Francisco's 9-4 win over the slumping Texas Rangers on Tuesday night.

"One of the cooler accomplishments of my career," Crawford said. "Growing up a Giants fan, and seeing so many great shortstops come through the organization, and be able to pass a Hall of Famer, it's a very cool accom-Crawford hit a three-run homer in

the ninth after his tiebreaking solo shot in the sixth inning of his 1,326th game at shortstop, which broke a tie with Hall of Famer Travis Jackson, a shortstop in 1,325 games for the New York Giants from 1922-36.

Since his big league debut with the Giants in 2011, Crawford has been a three-time Gold Glove winner, a twotime All-Star and part of two World Series titles early in his career.

Manager Gabe Kapler said the latest milestone "is right up there with any of them, and one that I think he deserves to be proud of. And to have a night like he had tonight, both on defense and then at the plate. It just was a true performance and really enjoyable to watch for everybody in the

Tauchman's first career slam came with two outs in the eighth inning to put the Giants in front for the third and final time. San Francisco, whose 38-22 record is the best in baseball, had loaded the bases with a hit and two walks off Joely Rodriguez (1-3).

Josh Sborz got an out before Tauchman, with only six hits and 16 strikeouts over his previous 44 at-bats in an 18-game span, pulled a 3-1 liner into the first row of seats near the right field corner.

It was the first grand slam by a Giants batter in the eighth inning or later when trailing by multiple runs since July 1980.

"(Tauchman) has really good at-bats. He swings at the appropriate pitches, he only attacks pitches that he feels like he can drive," Kapler said. "He hasn't been rewarded for that very often since he's been a Giant. ... I thought he grinded and prepared for that moment, and then showed up in a big way."

Joey Gallo homered for Texas before leaving the game in the eighth as a precaution because of right groin tightness. The Gold Glove right fielder also threw out a runner at the plate for the Rangers, who lost for the 12th time in 13 games.

Jose Alvarez (2-1), the fourth of six Giants pitchers, retired the only two batters he faced to end the seventh.

Crawford's 13th homer of the season put the Giants up 2-1 in the sixth, but the Rangers scored three times in the bottom of the inning. Adolis Garcia had an one-out RBI double that chased starter Alex Wood before Nick Solak went to a knee to pull a two-run double into left field for a 4-2 lead.

Wood benefited from four double plays in the first five innings but has gone four starts without a win since opening 5-0 through his first six games for the Giants after signing as a free agent in January.

Texas starter Jordan Lyles threw a season-high 100 pitches while allowing two runs (one earned) over six innings.

"It's a tough loss. We've got a lot of young guys in the bullpen that are learning right now," Texas manager Chris Woodward said. "They have pitched well at times. They've had to

probably pitch in bigger roles than we would like at times. ... They've got

to learn from it." RANGERS WOES

It was the second game in a row the Rangers lost while giving up seven runs over the final two innings. ... Texas is 0-9 vs. NL teams this season and has lost 13 consecutive interleague games, the longest such stretch in club history.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Giants: Alex Dickerson, who started

at DH, was lifted for a pinch-hitter in the third inning because of back tightness. Dickerson appeared to be in discomfort after swinging at strike three in his only at-bat. ... 1B Brandon Belt was reinstated from the 10-day injured list after missing 11 games with a left oblique strain. He walked and scored on an error in the second, and later added three singles.

Rangers: OF David Dahl, who has been out since May 26 because of a bruised left rib cage, has since experienced midupper back discomfort.

General manager Chris Young said Dahl was undergoing further testing on the back issue that has impeded his recovery from the initial injury.

**UP NEXT** 

AL ERA leader Kyle Gibson (4-0, 2.06 ERA) has allowed only 10 earned runs in his 10 starts since giving up five runs and retiring only one batter on opening day for the Rangers. RHP Zack Littell (0-0, 1.65) will make his first start of the season for San Francisco and his first in the majors since

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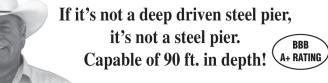
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# **Distant Daughters-in-**

Dear Annie: For years, I have tried to have a relationship with my two daughters-inlaw, and at some point, I finally gave up. Now, when we get together, the family gatherings are not horrible. But at best, they are superfi-

It is very difficult to have conversations when they text nearly the entire time -- which I never address -- or converse back and forth between each other and ignore me, even when I interject into conversations. It is as if I'm invisible or in a cone of silence.

When the holiday or event is over, then it's goodbye with a kiss and a hug and out the door until the next major birthday or holiday. I have, in the early years, tried to meet them for lunch -- on my dime -- or go shopping, but they have always respectfully declined.

This apathy has carried over into my grandchildren. All of them are so close and personable with the other grandparents, who are wonderful people, and I do understand how daughters are just naturally close to their moms,

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so it stands to reason that the grandchildren would be closer to them since more time is spent there.

I am a grieving mom and grandmother who has tried, to no avail. I feel loved at a distance and pray for a better connection and relationship. I am thankful for the moments I have had, even with the feeling of distance. At least they haven't gone out of my life completely. --**Grieving Grandmother** 

**Dear Grieving** Grandmother: You are wise to be grateful for the good moments you have had. If you focus on what you

appreciate, you will attract more of that. In the meantime, where are your sons? I would suggest that you take them to lunch, rather than your daughters-inlaw, and let them know that you are feeling left out.

Along the same lines, if your daughters-in-law are texting and ignoring you during a holiday dinner, why not use that as an opportunity to talk to your sons and grandchildren?

Dear Annie: I am a woman in my 50s who always thought I had good manners. Recently, I have had several appointments with a

new physician, who is in her 30s. She knew she had been recommended by my friend and next-door neighbor, who is a physician of the same specialty but does not see private patients.

She immediately addressed me by my first name, which I thought was friendly and lovely. When I reciprocated and called her by her first name, she informed me that it was not appropriate for a patient to call a doctor by her first name.

Did I miss something in my junior high etiquette classes, or did she? Is there a rule about how people in a professional relationship should address each other? -- Just Wondering

## **Dear Wondering:** Since she was referred

to you by your neighbor, who is a doctor and who, I assume, you call by her first name, it is understandable that you addressed this young physician by her first name. However, as a general rule, it is better to err on the side of caution and address doctors as "Dr." until they tell you otherwise.

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Eliminating a guess

**EAST** 

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West

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North dealer. Neither side vulnerable. **NORTH** 

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**♦** 10 3 **♣**Q 5 2 SOUTH

**♥**A4

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The bidding:

East North

South 1 🔻 2 ♦ Pass 4 NT 5 NT Pass

Pass 6 • Opening lead — eight of hearts.

When a top-flight declarer is confronted with a guessing situation, he often solves the problem by avoiding the guess altogether. Here's a typical example.

West's opening heart lead was covered by the ten, queen and ace, leaving South with a potential loser in hearts and another in clubs. Making the slam thus appeared to depend upon guessing the location of the

queen of clubs. In fact, if declarer knew which opponent to finesse against, he might even make all 13 tricks.

However, South was not inclined to rely on his powers of clairvoyance. Another possibility existed, and he decided to explore it before subjecting himself to a club guess.

So at trick two, he cashed the ace of spades, then crossed to the queen of diamonds and ruffed a spade. A diamond to the ace, extracting the missing trump, was followed by the queen of spades. When East produced the king, the final piece in declarer's plan fell into place; instead of ruffing, he simply discarded the four of hearts!

This left East in an untenable position. He had to lead a club or a heart, and either would hand declarer his 12th trick. A club return would be immediately fatal, while if East led the king of hearts, South would ruff, cross to dummy and discard a club on the heart jack. And if East returned a low heart, declarer would discard a club then and there.

Guessing situations are an integral part of the game, and sometimes a guess cannot be avoided. But as declarer ably demonstrated on this deal, why guess when you don't have

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# Tomorrow's Horoscope

**New Moon Prepara**tions

ARIES (March 21-April 19). One quest that's worthy of you is the quest to become masterful at reading the room. Even the most familiar rooms have more to offer once you tune into their particular frequency and adjust your own accordingly.

**TAURUS (April** 20-May 20). The action won't be controlled. This scene has a force too strong for one person to thwart or even steer, but it can be influenced, nudged along in a way that will make a difference.

**GEMINI (May 21-**June 21). You'll use different words and make updates to the way you present yourself both in person and in the digital realm. Your fresh style will bring social and professional opportunity.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Disappointment isn't an appointment worth keeping. The way to avoid it is to set your expectations well. This takes both awareness and research. Who are you dealing with? What patterns exist already?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Belief is the code that programs the mind. Once a thing is believed, the perceived world automatically organizes around that belief, which becomes like sheet music that the world plays its song



rarely presents in such a glamorous way. The truth is more likely to be uncomfortably blurted out, its arittiness taking nothing away from its power.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People flock to the ocean, pay more to live near it, travel great distances to see it. Its enormity, ceaseless movement and unfathomable danger make it mesmerizing. Romantic love is mesmerizing for the same reasons.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's easier to be philosophical about a thing when you're the one in control of the decisions around it. When decisions are made by others that affect your world, it's action, not philosophy, that puts things right.

**SAGITTARIUS** 

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Whether or not you land a certain job will depend partly on luck and other circumstances, but keeping it or leveraging it into some-

thing even better will be

gent on what you give to the work.

> CAP-RI-**CORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People who say

need a fast answer or the offer goes away are using scarcity tactics. If you already know what you want, you don't have to be squeezed for the deal to close.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People are drawn together out of mutual need, and they typically drift apart when those needs either aren't met or are no longer needs. Lasting relationships depend on periodic updates and renewals.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Socializing is a dance you're good at, as you easily tune into other people's rhythms. You know when to go forward, pull back, sidestep and more. Because of this, you'll be a sought-after partner.

**TODAY'S BIRTH-**DAY (June 9). Your cosmic birthday gift is enough restlessness to fuel a big, beautiful adventure! Emboldened by change, you'll dive into strange environments and come away

with many boons and

benefits. Developments in your personal life give you a sense of security. You'll be appointed to a position in 2022. Scorpio and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4,

# 33, 2, 40 and 15.

**NEW MOON PRE-**

SHOW: One way to get

ready for the social opportunities coming our way with tomorrow's new moon is to have a number of icebreakers and fun topics in our conversational bag. Try these on for size: ARIES: Your animal is obvious, but maybe not theirs: (SET ITAL) What animal would you choose to be?(END ITAL) TAURUS: The sign of appetites wants to know: (SET ITAL) If you had to eat the same meal every day, what would it be?(END ITAL) GEMINI: This one's a classic that never goes out of style and focuses the conversation delightfully: (SET ITAL)What do you do for fun?(END ITAL) CANCER: The sign of home would like to know: (SET ITAL)If money was not object, what would your dream home be like?(END ITAL) LEO: For the sign that rules children, it is so interesting to find out: (SET ITAL)When you were a child, what did you want to be

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when you grew up-

?(END ITAL) VIRGO:

As the sign that creates

nurturing environments

this one is a no-brainer:

(SET ITAL)What was it like where you grew

up?(END ITAL)

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3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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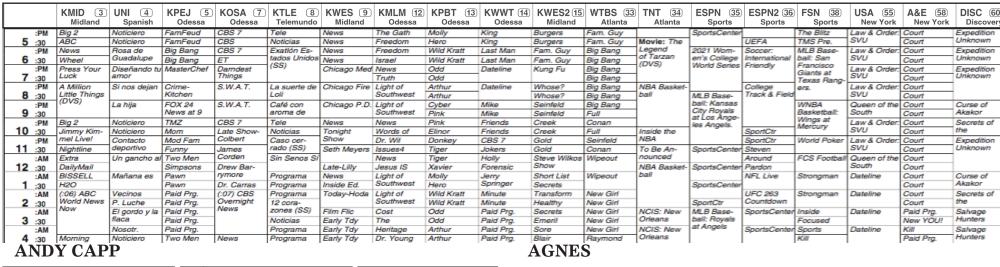
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Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku

savvy to the test!

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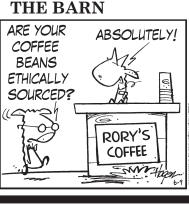




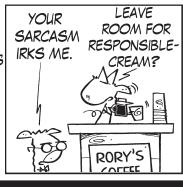












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# This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, June 9, the 160th day of 2021. There are 205 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in **History:** 

On June 9, 1969, the Senate confirmed Warren Burger to be the new chief justice of the United States, succeeding Earl Warren.

# On this date:

In 1588, construction began on the present-day Rialto Bridge in Venice, Italy, with the laying of the first stone; the structure was completed in 1591.

In 1870, author Charles Dickens died in Gad's Hill Place, England.

In 1940, during World War II, Norway decided to surrender to the Nazis, effective at midnight.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Current Tax Payment Act of 1943, which reintroduced federal income tax withholding from paychecks.

In 1954, during the Senate Army-McCarthy hearings, Army special counsel Joseph N. Welch berated Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., asking: "Have you no sense of decency, sir? At long last, have you left no sense of decency?"

In 1972, heavy rains triggered record flooding in the Black Hills of South Dakota; the resulting disaster left at least 238 people dead and \$164 million in damage.

In 1973, Secretariat won the Belmont Stakes, becoming horse racing's first Triple Crown winner in 25 years.

In 1978, leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints struck down a 148-year-old policy of excluding black men from

the Mormon priesthood. In 1980, comedian Richard Pryor suffered almost fatal burns at his San Fernando

Valley, Calif., home while

freebasing cocaine.

In 1983, Britain's Conservatives, led by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, won a decisive election vic-

In 2004, the body of Ronald Reagan arrived in Washington to lie in state in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda before the 40th president's funeral.

In 2008, retail gas prices rose above \$4 per gallon.

Ten years ago: The entire top echelon of Newt Gingrich's presidential campaign resigned in a mass exodus that left his bid for the Republican nomination in tatters; the former House speaker vowed defiantly to remain a candidate. (Gingrich would remain in the race until May 2012.) Alabama passed a tough law against illegal immigration, requiring schools to find out if students were in the country lawfully and making it a crime to knowingly give an illegal immigrant a ride. (Federal courts later blocked parts of the law.)

Five years ago: President Barack Obama endorsed Hillary Clinton to succeed him and urged Democrats in a web video to line up behind her.

One year ago: Hundreds of mourners packed a Houston church for the funeral of George Floyd, a Black man whose death during a Minneapolis arrest inspired a worldwide reckoning over racial injustice. In a primary election plagued by hourslong lines, voting machine malfunctions and provisional ballot shortages, Georgia Democrats chose Jon Ossoff to face Republican Sen. David Perdue in November. (Perdue finished 88,000 votes ahead of Ossoff in November, forcing a January runoff that was Answer to previous puzzle

won by Ossoff.) The Senate unanimously confirmed Gen. Charles Brown Jr. as chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force, making him the first Black officer to lead one of

the nation's military services. The Paramount Network said it was dropping the long-running reality series "Cops" after 33 seasons on the air.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Jackie Mason is 93. Media analyst Marvin Kalb is 91. Former baseball manager and player Bill Virdon is 90. Sports commentator Dick Vitale is 82. Author Letty Cottin Pogrebin is 82. Rock musician Mick Box (Uriah Heep) is 74. Retired MLB All-Star

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Dave Parker is 70. Film composer James Newton Howard is 70. Mystery author Patricia Cornwell is 65. Actor Michael J. Fox is 60. Writer-producer Aaron Sorkin is 60. Actor Johnny Depp is 58. Actor Gloria Reuben is 57. Gospel singeractress Tamela Mann is 55. Rock musician Dean Felber (Hootie & the Blowfish) is

54. Rock musician Dean Dinning is 54. Musician Ed Simons is 51. Actor Keesha Sharp is 48. Bluegrass singer-musician Jamie Dailey (Dailey & Vincent) is 46. Actor Michaela Conlin is 43. Actor Natalie Portman is 40. Actor Mae Whitman is 33. Actor Lucien Laviscount

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# Newsday Crossword

# **ACROSS**

- 1 Blacken a bit on a grill **5** Applies liniment
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- "up' 24 Telepath's claim,
- for short
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- melting clocks
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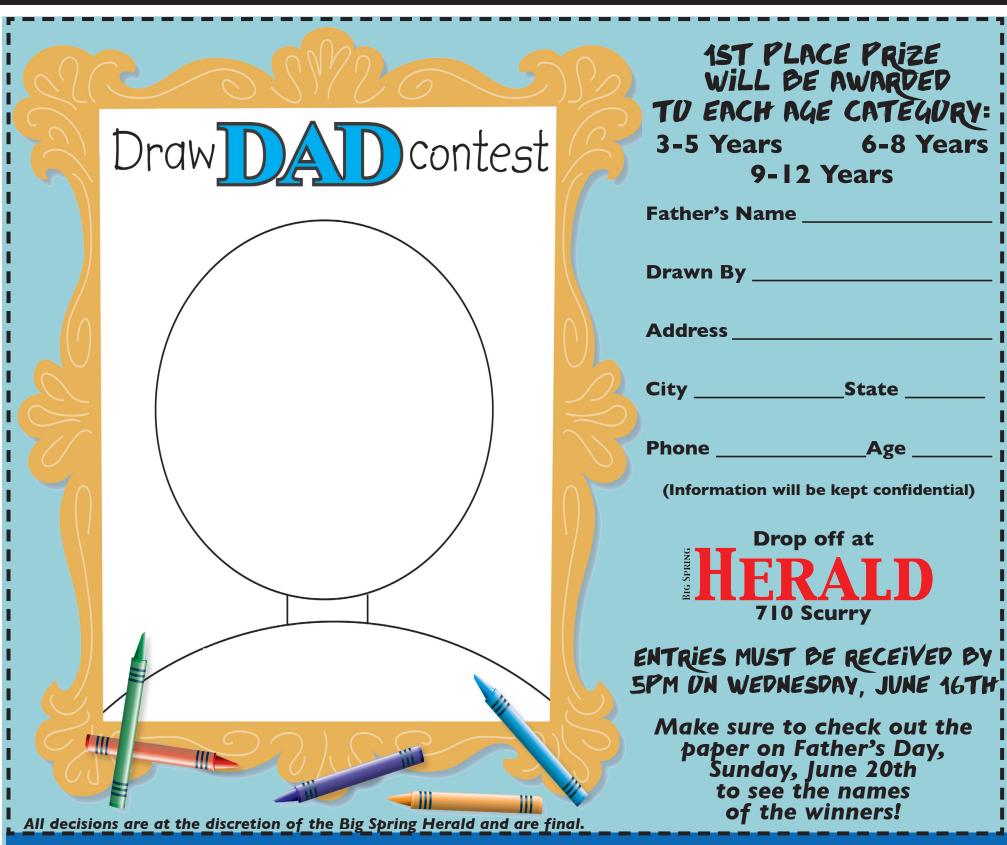
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