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Upcoming Events

SMMC is hosting a Drive-thru vaccine clinic Thursday at 3 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Alive in Christ Blood Drive Aug. 15

Alive After 5 Expedition Royalty Aug. 19 5-6:30 p.m.

There will not be a Toasty Tuesday this week, but community members are encouraged to find time to pick up in their own neighborhood.

United Way Kick-off and Golf Tournament set for Aug. 28

Howard College Board Meeting Monday Noon Howard College Campus

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Howard College Board of Trustees to review preliminary budget, and discuss tax rate

By **ROGER CLINE**

Herald Staff Writer

The Howard County Junior College District's board of trustees will review a preliminary budget and discuss the tax rate for the 2021-22 fiscal year when it holds a special meeting Monday.

The meeting will be in Howard College's Fireplace Room at 12:30 p.m.

Prior to the meeting, the board will hold a budget workshop, starting with a closed executive session at 10 a.m., while the workshop's open session is scheduled to begin at 10:15 a.m.. The board will break for lunch at 11:45 a.m. before convening at 12:30 for the special meeting.

Following the invocation and recognition of guests, the board will review insurance policies and premiums be-

fore delving into the budget for Howard College's entire system, including the campuses in Big Spring, Lamesa and San Angelo, and the South West College for the Deaf, for the upcoming year.

The board will likely select a preliminary budget and preliminary tax rates for the Howard College system as a talking point for future discussion.

The board also plans to schedule a day and time for public hearings on the budget and tax rate.

In other business, the board will hear an update on the Open Howard College plan, the college's strategy for dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

The board will also consider changes to the colleges' handbook and catalog for the upcoming school year, and consider San Angelo Health and Area Foundations grant submittals.

A resolution addressing faculty retirement will also be up for consideration.

Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks will report on upcoming activities and recognitions, and the board will hear a updates on recent and pending legislation, as well as on other general matters.

At the close of the meeting, the board will evaluate the session and have a chance to suggest and discuss future agenda items, and Board Chairman Dr. John Freeman will present his chairman's report before the meeting adjourns.

Members of the public may attend the meeting either in person, or by telephone using the toll-free phone number 1-888-204-5987 and entering the Access Code 314842# .

Thank a Veteran Day

Answering the call to serve, more than once



Courtesy photo

Danny Martinez, U.S. Army Veteran, holds his Purple Heart. Martinez served his country for 23 years.



Courtesy image/KBest Media

"WHEREAS, the City of Big Spring, in recognition of the courage, honor, devotion and sacrifice of our service men and women, hereby establish the 15th day of every month as "Thank a Veteran Day", and this day shall forever stand as a day to honor those that have selflessly served each citizen of this Great Nation."

The Big Spring Herald stands in support of all Veterans. The above is part of a proclamation presented by the Big Spring City Council in honor of everyone that has served our Country. Please take a moment today to thank a Veteran. This proclamation was presented by Mayor Larry McLellan on behalf of the Big Spring City Council on Tuesday, April 10th, 2018. God Bless our veterans!

If you know a veteran we should recognize, please send the information to editor@bigspringherald.com.

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**

Managing Editor

Those who answer the call to protect and to serve don't do it for the accolades. The desire and commitment to serve the country in which they live, to protect their family and friends, and to do a duty that less than 1 percent of the population has signed up for is a special calling is a calling that is sacred and one that bears attention and extension of gratitude.

One local Veteran Danny Martinez served in the U.S. Army three times over 23 years. He originally did his first three years, and then was called up to active duty during the Gulf War and then another time until he retired. During his time in the service, Martinez received numerous commendations and awards, from the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War On Terrorism Medal, Army Noncommissioned Officer

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City of Big Spring
COVID-19 UPDATE
August 13th, 2021

ACTIVE COVID-19 CASES: 193

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------|-------------------------------|--------|
| Tests Performed | 26,182 | Cases Closed | 4753 |
| Results Pending | 6 | Region J Hospitalization rate | 12.64% |
| Total Positives | 4946 | Patient Fatalities | 104 |
| Negative Tests | 21,230 | | |

* Tests performed includes ALL PCR and Antigen testing in Howard County.

The City of Big Spring has started to issue Covid-19 updates again, as cases are once again rising. There are currently 193 active cases, with six results pending. The community is encouraged to social distance, use hand sanitizer and wear a mask when possible to help slow the spread. If you are experiencing any symptoms related to Covid-19 it is advised that you quarantine and visit your primary care provider. There are numerous locations in town to get testes, and SMMC will be holding vaccine clinics on Thursday for the next several weeks.

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Obituaries

Omalee Anderson Pritchard

Omalee Anderson Pritchard, 84, of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Wednesday, July 14, 2021.

A Memorial Service for Omalee will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at Trinity Church Chapel with Pastor David Savage Officiating. A private family burial will be Saturday, Aug. 21 - 3 p.m. in Rule, Texas.

Omalee was born to Homer Lee and Winnie Loe Anderson on Jan. 31, 1937, in Rochester, Texas. The family later moved to Lamesa, Texas, where Omalee graduated from Lamesa High School. She also attended Texas Tech University. Omalee married James Pritchard, who was the love of her life, on March 30, 1963. They made Lubbock their home where they raised their four children.

Omalee loved singing, dancing, and movies.

Nelson Hallford

Nelson Hallford, 78, of Hermleigh formerly of Big Spring, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2021, in Snyder. Visitation will be Monday 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. with family receiving friends from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.. Graveside service will be Tuesday 10 a.m. at Trinity Memorial Park in the Peace Chapel.

Nelson was born April 12, 1943, in Big Spring to Gertrude May Johnson & Hoyt Hicks Hallford.

He married Kaye Hayes on May 25, 1970, in Cambridge, Ohio.

He spent most of his life in Big Spring until moving to Midland and later to Hermleigh. He was a veteran of the US Army and stationed in Italy. For most of his life he was a truck driver for Enron over 25 years. Then being a truck driver for BML & Steere.

After retiring he moved to Hermleigh & started farming.

Donna Beth Burch Millaway

Donna Beth Burch Millaway went to be with the Lord on Aug. 11, 2021.

She was born July 8, 1960, in Abilene, Tx to Owen Curtis Burch and Mary Elizabeth (Burch) Nix. She has a sister Fonda Estes of Abilene, Tx.

She is preceded in death by both her parents many aunts and other family members. She is survived by her loving husband Joe Millaway of Monument, NM and 2 children, Jessica Wall of Livingston, and Justin Millaway of Monument as well as 4 grandchildren Camron Welch of Lovington, NM, Ethan Flowers of Canadian, Tx, Jaden Wall & Blake Wall of Livingston, Tx and a niece Courtney

Yvonne Qualls

Yvonne Qualls, 78, of Big Spring, passed away Thursday, Aug. 5, 2021. Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16, 2021 at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Oct. 12, 1942 in Rule, Texas to Flora Swillary Coburn and Charlie Eugene Gaither.

Yvonne enlisted in the Navy and was stationed in San Francisco, California and came to Big Spring in 1975 from Rule.

She had worked as a caregiver for many years. She volunteered for numerous organizations and especially enjoyed volunteering at the Salvation Army.

Yvonne never met a stranger and was not shy about giving out hugs and talking about God.

She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

She is survived by her brother and sister, Da-

vid Dail and Betty Jo Pearson both of Abilene; her children, Ricky Payne of El Paso, Elvis (Ramona) Payne of Port Arthur, Terry (Mickey) Payne of Coahoma, Brandon Rushin of Big Spring, Melody (Mike) Rushin of Hurricane, UT, and a granddaughter she raised, Jennifer (Christopher) Egert; her grandchildren, Ronald (Bekah) Weisner, Blake (Sarah) Payne, Bobby Payne, Casey Rushin, Stephen (Liana) Brady, Regina (Anthony) McAlpine, Colby (Joanne) Adams-Brady, and Wendy Davis; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Flora Coburn-Dial and her father, Charlie Gaither; her Stepfather, Bill Dial; her husband, Johnny Qualls; a daughter, Regina Payne; and granddaughters, Amy Payne and Stephanie Brady.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Paid Obituary

Nelson loved woodworking, flying drones, his pet cattle, but most of all playing with his grandkids.

Nelson is survived by his wife; Kaye Hallford of Hermleigh; 1 son: Jody Bean & wife Sherri of Roseville, GA; 2 daughters: Melanie Sullivan and Susan Couch & husband Johnny Dewayne of Midland, TX; 2 sisters: Carolyn Howerton of Tyler and Florence Hoffman & husband Lewis of Vanderbilt, TX; and 1 brother; Hoyt Hallford & wife Jacque of Norman, OK.

9 grandkids: Maleri Pena, Jessica Hallford, Amber Edmonds, Kalan Norman, Keara Webb, Dennis Nelson Bean, Hannah Couch, Katie Bean, & Nelson Zane Couch.

And 15 great grandchildren

In addition to his parents, Nelson is preceded in death by 2 sons: Johnny Wayne Hallford & Shonie Wayne Bean, 9 Brothers & Sisters: Sonny Hallford, Frankie Hallford, Ruth Miller, Bo Hallford, Jean Armstrong, Lillian Hallford, Mary Ann Lancaster, James Hallford & Billy Hallford

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

Paid Obituary

Estes and nephew Brian Harris. She was always grounded in the Lord with everything she did and said. When you looked at her you saw God. She had a heart like no other. She would always help whoever needed help no matter how little or big if she had it, she would give it. We are so blessed to have a MOTHER like you, you are one in a million and You're one of kind. Thank you for everything.

Love you forever mom

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 18 at 1 p.m. MST/ 2p.m. CST at the Christian Center in Hobbs, NM. Family and friends are welcome to pay their respects that morning from 10 a.m. MST/ 11 a.m. CST at the church. Burial will be held on Thursday, August 19, at the Abilene Municipal Cemetery at 10a.m. MST/ 11 a.m. CST.

Paid Obituary

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A nursery is available.
Operation KidsZone is a fun time for children grades 1-5.
Youth, grades 6-12, also have a Bible Study.

For more information, call 267-1639.

Tanna Thompson

Tanna Thompson, 53, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2021, at her home after a lengthy battle with cancer. A memorial service will be Monday at 2 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Tanna was born April 14, 1968, in Odessa to Marian "T" Olenick & Tommy Joe Thompson.

Tanna is survived by her son; Joshua Ryan Thompson of Big Spring, her mother Marian "T" Olenick of Big Spring, her father

Tommy Joe Thompson of Kingsland, a brother Travis Joe Thompson of Hobbs, N.M., a sister Lori Edwards of Big Spring, a granddaughter; a grandson; two stepdaughters, a stepbrother. Donations can be made to Humane Society in honor of Tanna.

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

Margaret Ridgway

Margaret Ridgway, 84, of Big Spring, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2021 in Carrollton, Texas. Memorial Services will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021, at the 14th & Main Church of Christ. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 110 inmates at the time of this report.

• NATIVIDAD CEBALLOS, 43, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of bail jumping and fail to appear.

• AUSTIN LEE FAIR, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• SAMUEL HERNANDEZ-ROMO, 25, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• BARRY MCKNIGHT, 35, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of credit card or debit card abuse.

• LOUIS ISIAH OLIVAREZ, 21, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of no driver license when unlicensed, use of vision reducing matter, violate promise to appear.

• GARRETT BRYAN WALKER, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated BAC greater than or equal to 0.1.

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Lunch Menus

Forsan ISD

Forsan Elementary Breakfast

Monday: French toast sticks with sausage or cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice and milk.

Tuesday: Pancake wrap with cheese stick or cereal, apple slices, fruit juice and milk.

Wednesday: Waffles with bacon or cereal, mandarin oranges, fruit juice and milk.

Thursday: Honey bun with cheese stick or cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice and milk.

Friday: Breakfast pizza or cereal, applesauce cup, fruit juice and milk.

Forsan JH/HS Breakfast

Monday: Cheese omelet with yogurt cup or cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice and milk.

Tuesday: Pancake wrap with cheese stick or cereal, apple slices, fruit juice and milk.

Wednesday: Dutch waffle with bacon or cereal, mandarin oranges, fruit juice and milk.

Thursday: Egg, sausage, and cheese tornado with cheese or cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice and milk.

Friday: Breakfast pizza or cereal, applesauce cup, fruit juice and milk.

Forsan Lunch

Monday: Pizza calzone or ravioli with breadstick or PB&J sandwich, tots, baby carrots, strawberry cup, fresh fruit and milk.

Tuesday: Soft tacos or tamales or turkey and cheese sub, fries, Bush's baked beans, snowball salad, fresh fruit and milk.

Wednesday: Pizza or turkey chef salad or PB&J sandwich, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, applesauce cup, fresh fruit and milk.

Thursday: Asian bowl or chicken and waffles or turkey and cheese sub, savory green beans, baby carrots, grapes, fresh fruit and milk.

Friday: Cheese sticks with marinara or hot dog (elementary), chili cheese dog (JH/HS) or PB&J sandwich, corn, tots, strawberry cup, fresh fruit and milk.

Coahoma ISD

Coahoma Breakfast

Monday: Pancakes with bacon or cereal with toast, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast taquito or breakfast strudel, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast pizza or muffin with yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Oatmeal with cinnamon toast or breakfast cookie with yogurt or breakfast strudel with cheese stick, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Friday: Donut holes with sausage or cereal with toast, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Coahoma K-8 Lunch

Monday: Country fried steaks, gravy or fish sticks, potatoes, okra, roll, strawberries, milk.

Tuesday: Tex-Mex stack or chicken fajitas, beans, carrots, salsa, hot cinnamon apples, sherbet cup, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken alfredo with breadstick or meatball subs, savory green beans, garden salad, peaches, milk.

Thursday: Ranchero wrap or Tex-Mex quesadilla, corn, crunchy broccoli salad, fresh apple slices, dessert, milk.

Friday: Texas basket or hot dog, potatoes, tomato

cup, snowball salad, milk.

Coahoma 9-12 Lunch

Monday: Country fried steaks with gravy or fish sticks, potatoes, okra, roll, strawberries, milk.

Tuesday: Tex-Mex stack with rice or chicken fajitas, beans, carrots, salsa, hot cinnamon apples, sherbet cup, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken alfredo with breadstick or meatball subs, savory green beans, garden salad, peaches, milk.

Thursday: Ranchero wrap or Tex-Mex Quesadilla, corn, crunchy broccoli, salad, fresh apple slices, dessert, milk.

Friday: Texas basket or hot dog, potatoes, tomato cup, snowball salad, milk.

Senior Center

Monday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, mixed fruit, rolls, milk.

Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian vegetables, pineapple, garlic bread stick, milk.

Wednesday: Butter beans and ham, braised cabbage, muffin, cornbread, milk.

Thursday: Green chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomato, FF ranch, cookies, milk.

Friday: Battered fish, tarter sauce, french fries, pinto beans, Jello-O, milk.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Tanna Jolene Thompson, 53, died Wednesday. Memorial service will be Monday at 2:00 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Jimmy Ray Sims, 78, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Nelson Hallford, 78, died Wednesday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home with the family receiving friends from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Graveside service will be 10:00 AM Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **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 400 block of S. Main Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of S. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Crow Road. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Settles. No transport was required.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of E. Central. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the area of 18th Street and Gregg. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Cherokee. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Tulane. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Aylesford. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **NATURAL VEGETATION FIRE** was reported in the 1100 block of Thorpe. The fire was contained.

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Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon and Army Overseas Service Ribbon. In addition he received the Purple Heart during his combat patrol in southern Afghanistan.

"I am proud that I served my country and have many awards and decorations but the Purple Heart isn't one that I brag about. I am grateful that I am alive and able to talk about it but too many of my close friends were not so fortunate," Danny Martinez, U.S. Army veteran and Purple Heart recipient, said.

Martinez continued, "To me it reminds me of comradery. I received my Purple Heart during a combat patrol in southern Afghanistan. My vehicle struck an Improvised Explosive Device (IED), but that wouldn't be the only IED my team hit. Through all the adversity, our team remained strong."

Throughout the year, there are days marking moments to show appreciation, from Vetearns Day to Memorial Day, and while not federally recognized, Purple Heart Day.

"Purple Heart Day, like Veterans Day and Memorial Day, are great opportunities to remember the men and women who have served and continue to serve our great country," he said. "I would love to see Americans go back the days shortly after 9/11. People would go out of their way to thank you for your service. We don't serve for the recognition, but it is nice when someone thanks you for your service. Purple Heart veterans are like any other veteran; we are all very proud and privileged to serve our country some just have deeper and more scars."

When it comes to down to it, as a community showing an extension of gratitude for the sacrifice is very much warranted for all the brave men and women who answered the call. There are numerous ways out there to show your support for their sacrifice, but each person must find their own way to say "Thank You".

"I don't like to ask people to help veterans; you either have it in your heart or you don't. Lis-

ten to your neighbors, fellow employees, business owners and you'll see how there are quite a few people that already support veterans. Ask them questions and it will lead to you being involved with veterans," Martinez said.

Those who have served will say there are moments they don't want to talk about. For many they entered their time in the service as a young kid, but no matter how many years they served, they saw things that changed them. The scars run deep, as Martinez mentioned, and the impact that their battles won't soon fade.

"I tell everyone it made me into the man I am today; patriotic, well disciplined, a loving husband, a very proud father and grandfather," Martinez said. "My dad was a Korean War veteran so he taught me these values early in my life. I passed this tradition onto my son who is still serving active duty in the Army."

Answering the call to serve is nothing new to Martinez. Even after retiring from the military, he has chosen a couple of avenues that allow him to continue to serve the brave men and women who also answered the call.

"When I retired, I wanted to give back to my community in particular to veterans. The DAV is a great way for me to talk to veterans and share stories. I am proud to speak on behalf of our DAV chapter and say we have

helped and continue to help veterans in Howard County and surrounding area," Martinez said. "When I started working at the VA, I wasn't sure this would be a good fit for me but after five years of being an employee, I wouldn't change it if I could. I love that I have a chance to speak to veterans every day."

In his day to day activities of serving veterans and reaching out in the community, there is one message that Martinez continues to share with fellow veterans:

"What would you like to say to your fellow veterans: Be proud of your service regardless of branch; you earned it," he said. "I tell veterans be proud of their service; it's the one thing no one can ever take away from you."



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| Total Instructional Days 171 PD/Comp Days 16 Total 187 | Total Instructional Days 171 PD/Comp Days 16 Total 187 |

First Semester (81 Total)
(80 Regular, 1 Early)

Second Semester (87 Total)
(85 Regular, 2 Early)

- State Testing Days
Dec 8-11 EOC retest
April 6-9 Staar/EOC testing
May 4-7 EOC/STAAR testing
May 11-14 Staar testing
June 22-25 EOC retesting
June 22-23 Staar 5-8 retesting
- Begin 6 wks
- End 6 wks
- New Teacher Compliance/Academy
- Teacher Workday/New Staff CKH
- Professional Dev / Student Holiday
- Staff Summer PD/Student Holiday
- Staff / Student Holiday
- K-4 Parent Conf. - Early Release 12-12:15p
- State Testing
- Early Release - ALL - 12:00 - 12:30 pm
- Good Friday/Bad Weather Day

Graduation 2022: May 27
Dorothy Garrett Coliseum
8:00 p.m.
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Coahoma ISD 2021-2022

School Calendar

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2nd Semester - 84 days (38,380 min)
01/05/22-03/11/22 44 days (20,180 min) 03/21/22-05/19/22 40 days (18,200 min)
Total Instructional Minutes - 77,470 Professional Development Waiver Minutes - 2100 Total Minutes - 79,570

- School Day - 7:50 AM-3:40 PM (470 MIN)
Friday Release @ 3:00 PM (430 MIN)
- AUG 2-3** Professional Development (PD) Comp
 - AUG 4-10** Staff PD
 - AUG 11** First Day of Classes
 - SEPT 6** Labor Day - Student/Staff Holiday
 - OCT 1** Staff PD/Student Holiday
 - OCT 25** Student/Staff Holiday
 - NOV 22-26** Staff PD Comp/Student Holiday
 - DEC 20 - JAN 4** Christmas Holiday
 - JAN 4 & 14** Staff PD/Student Holiday
 - JAN 17** Staff PD Comp/Student Holiday
 - FEB 18** Staff PD Comp/Student Holiday
 - FEB 21** Student/Staff Holiday
 - MARCH 14-18** Spring Break Holiday
 - APRIL 1** Staff PD/Student Holiday
 - APRIL 15** Good Friday Holiday
 - APRIL 22** Staff PD/Student Holiday
 - APRIL 29** Student/Staff Holiday
 - MAY 19** Last Day of Classes/Early Release/Graduation
 - MAY 20** Teacher Workday

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| DECEMBER '21 | JANUARY '22 |
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Student Days
1st Semester 83
2nd Semester 92
TOTAL 175



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ARCHIE'S DETERMINED TO WRITE THE PERFECT POP SONG!

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WAIT! I THINK I'VE GOT SOMETHING HERE!

IF I SWITCH THESE CHORDS AND CHANGE THE TEMPO...

THE BRIDGE NEEDS MORE WORK, BUT IT'S GETTING THERE!

I'VE SPENT THE ENTIRE WEEK WORKING ON THIS, BUT I THINK IT'S PAID OFF!

ARCHIE, THAT'S GOLD! A SUREFIRE HIT!

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HENRY SCARPELLI
GRAIG BOLLMAN
8-15

MOMMA by MELL LAZARUS

I THINK I'LL SURPRISE MOMMA AND DROP IN ON HER FOR A VISIT!

ON THE OTHER HAND, WHY CREATE A PATTERN...?

8-15 LAZARUS.

AGNES BY TONY COCHRAN

WANT TO PLAY MONOPOLY?

SURE!

NOW KEEP IN MIND THERE ARE SOME PIECES MISSING. THERE'S ONLY ONE MARKER, NO DICE, ONE HOTEL AND ONE HOUSE... AND THEY ARE ALREADY MINE.

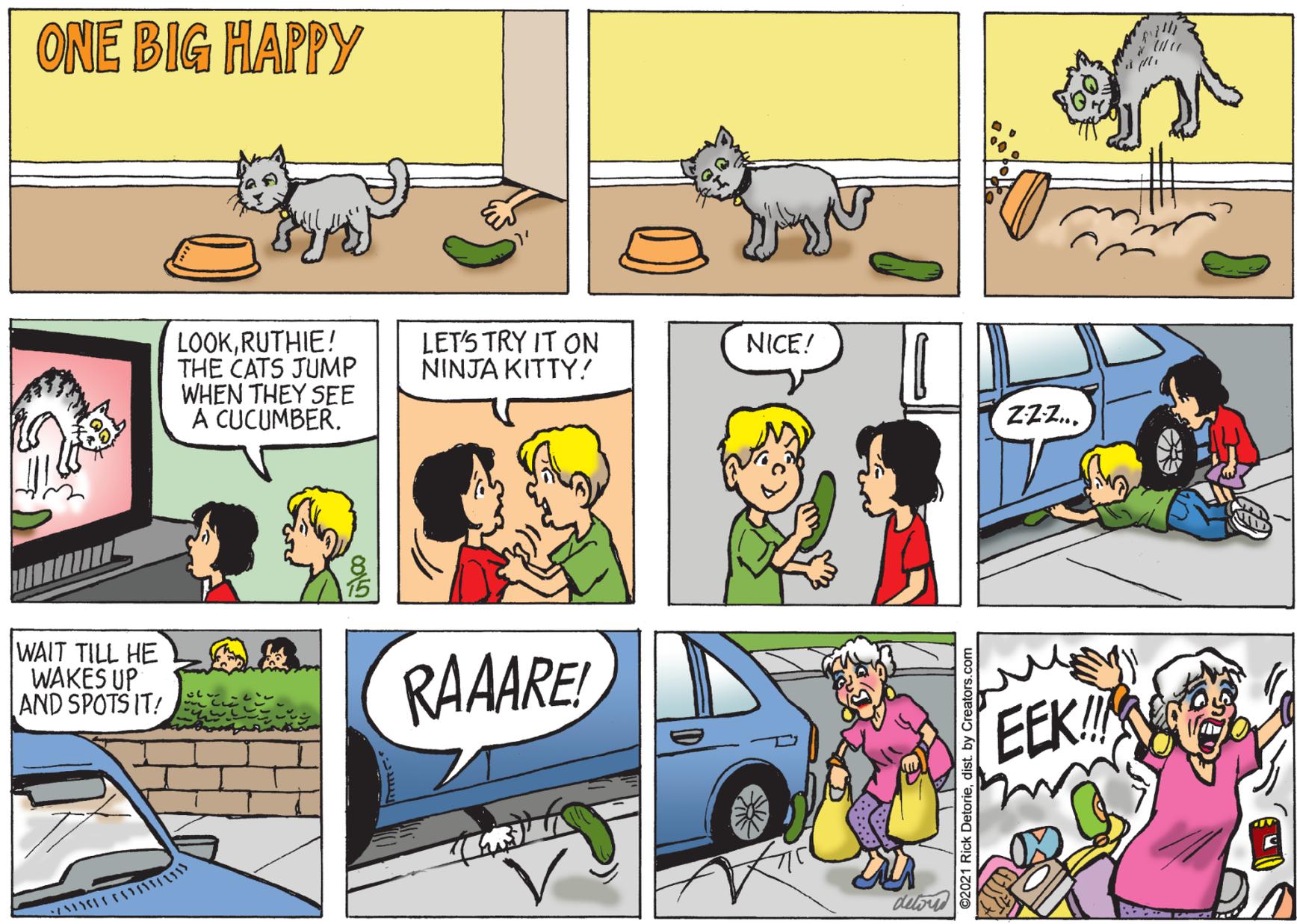
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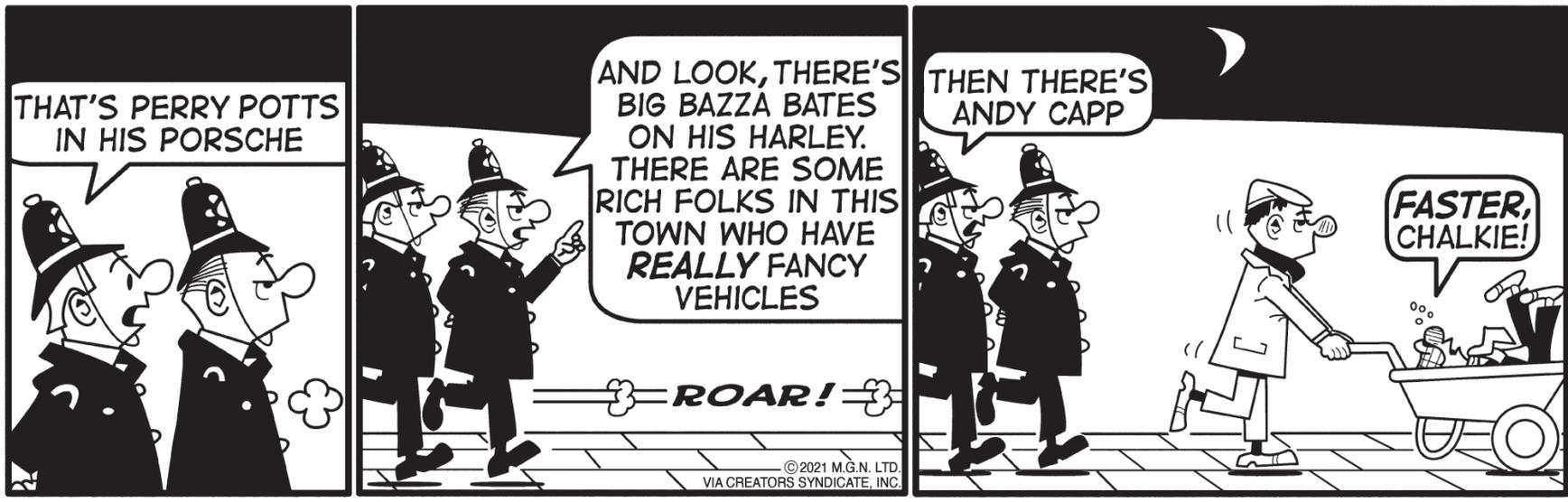
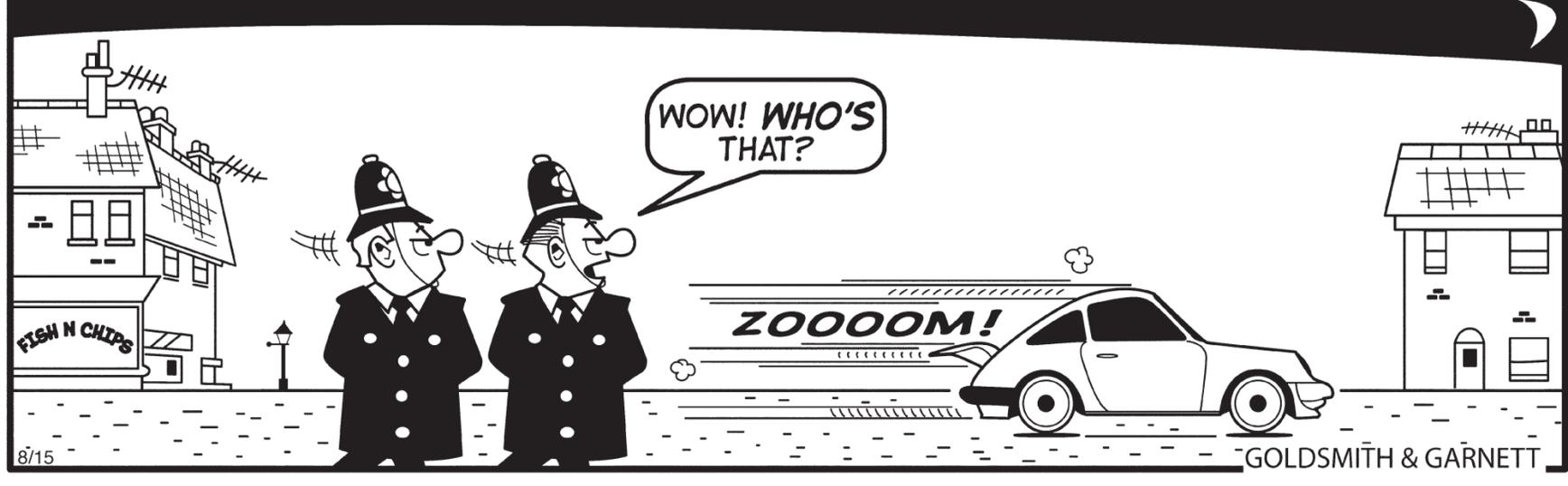
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Matured Mayfield leading Browns amid 'Super' expectations

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — Baker Mayfield has grown up. There was no other option.

"I had to hit rock bottom for a little bit," he said.

He's rising, and judging by last season, so are the Browns.

As he picked at lunch during a break last month while shooting commercials at FirstEnergy Stadium, Mayfield exuded some of that chip-on-his-shoulder confidence that transported him from college walk-on to NFL starting quarterback.

That will always be on display, defining him, driving him. The brashness, though, has been muted.

While discussing the stuttering start to his pro career, his future in Cleveland and expectations that this season during a sit-down interview with The Associated Press, there was something noticeably different about Mayfield.

He's changed.

It's not a 180-degree turn by any means, but Mayfield is more measured with his actions and words: business Baker. More of a leader, a role model, franchise quarterback.

"Experience," he said, "definitely teaches you."

Mayfield crashed after a record-setting rookie year, only to bounce back in 2020 under first-year coach Kevin Stefanski. On the eve of his fourth training camp, he was relaxed and reflective as he prepared for a season Browns fans have awaited for a generation.

Mayfield helped Cleveland end the

playoff drought. Next challenge: the Super Bowl, which the Browns never have reached.

He's physically fit, having dropped "bad weight," and in a good place mentally. He's found inner peace, and the 25-year-old feels a strong connection with this football-crazed city and its fans. Cleveland is where he wants to play his entire career.

"We've talked about it, Emily and I," Mayfield said, referring to his wife, who co-stars with him in those TV ads for Progressive Insurance. "It wouldn't be the same if we lived in a city where they didn't live, breathe and die football. That's the atmosphere we want — and it's here."

There's an unmistakable bond between this Ohio city and this Oklahoma quarterback. Both underdogs, they've been through good years and bad ones. Knocked down and counted out, they've fought back.

"When I say that my work ethic and mentality fits right in here," he said. "I genuinely mean that."

Even before being drafted first in 2018, Mayfield sensed Cleveland was where he belonged.

"If anybody's going to turn that franchise around it would be me," he boasted at the combine that year.

He was right.

The Browns went 1-31 in two seasons before he arrived and spent two decades discarding quarterbacks and coaches at dizzying speed. In Mayfield, they have seemingly found the leader missing since Bernie Kosar led Cleveland to three AFC title games from 1986-89.

He's eligible for a contract extension,

but to this point his agents and the Browns have not had formal talks.

It's possible the team wants Mayfield to replicate his strong 2020 — or the Browns are spooked by the massive deal Buffalo gave Josh Allen, who signed a six-year, \$258 million package.

Mayfield is under contract for two more years and insists his focus is solely on winning, another sign of development.

For a while, though, it looked as if he might be another bust.

After breaking Peyton Manning's rookie record for TD passes and going 7-8-1, Mayfield took things for granted. He didn't spend nearly enough time working on his craft, got heavy and threw nearly as many interceptions (21) as TDs (22) in 2019.

Picked to contend for the AFC North title, the Browns disintegrated. They went 6-10, fired coach Freddie Kitchens and Mayfield's critics circled with sharpened knives.

"For the first time in my life, I was kind of listening to the outside noise and I let that affect me too much," he said. "I was so worried about what type of picture I needed to portray as a franchise QB because everybody was telling me I had to be a certain way, instead of just doing how I've always done it — which is how I'm here."

Mayfield quickly interjects he doesn't want to "sound cocky or conceited." It's just that others wanted him to be someone he's not.

"Aaron Rodgers and Tom Brady aren't the same people," he said. "I listened to too much of that for too long, had a few losing seasons and then re-

alized, OK, I've got to find a peace on the inner side before I can lead this team to where it needs to go."

While it would have been easy to blame Cleveland's ceaseless dysfunction, Mayfield held himself accountable.

"The whole 2019 season was just kind of a miserable year," he said, glancing at a "Believe In Yourself" tattoo on his left forearm. "I expect a lot of things out of myself and I just didn't play well. That was a humbling experience."

Then came 2020's strangeness. But in the midst of masks and mandates, Mayfield found stability and kinship with Stefanski, his third coach in three years. Shortly after being hired, Stefanski visited Mayfield in Texas, not imagining he wouldn't see him again in person for five months.

Although most of their interactions came over Zoom, coach and QB bonded.

"He's a sports junkie and not the biggest guy ever," Mayfield said, smiling when asked about their connection. "We agree on the work-ethic mentality. You can't just show up. He loves the grind and so do I. When you put two people together with the same inner values and drive, that's pretty special."

Expectations for the 2021 Browns are enormous, even excessive. Mayfield says he isn't fazed by them.

"It would bring the great tradition back," he said. "It's a football town because of what it's been in the past, and what it deserves to be. It would mean a ton to me, but I wouldn't be satisfied at just stopping at one."

Anderson HR for Chisox, walkoff end in Field of Dreams game

By DAVE CAMPBELL

AP Sports Writer

DYERSVILLE, Iowa — Tim Anderson recently admitted he has never watched "Field of Dreams." Well, he just submitted a pretty good script for a sequel.

Anderson hit a two-run homer with one out in the ninth inning into the cornfield to end the Field of Dreams game in cinematic fashion, as the Chicago White Sox outslugged the New York Yankees 9-8 Thursday night in their first Major League Baseball game in Iowa.

"The fans came to see a show, and we gave them a show," Anderson said.

Anderson, who had an earlier RBI double, hit the first pitch from Zack Britton (0-1) for his 13th homer of the season.

Clearly having as much fun as anyone in attendance, Anderson danced his way around the bases after the showstopper of a hit and wiggled his hands near his neck as he headed for home and the celebratory dousing at the plate from his teammates.

"Being able to walk it off was definitely one of the best moments of my career, for sure," said Anderson, who sent the crowd of 7,832 back through the corn and to their cars — after a light and fireworks show — at the made-from-scratch stadium.

Aaron Judge and Giancarlo Stanton each hit two-run homers for the Yankees in the top of the ninth off All-Star closer Liam Hendriks (7-2), as the movie-themed throwback event became a home run hitting contest into the cornfield.

This was precisely the thrill many players hoped aloud for prior to the night. There were eight longballs in all, two by Judge.

It had a Hollywood finish, too, with the game-clinching shot by Anderson. So what if it was more "The Natural" than "Field of Dreams"?

"He's been the energy, the man, of our team. What a leader," said White Sox acting manager Miguel Cairo, who filled in for Tony La Russa.

They played next to the filming site of the beloved 1989 movie starring Kevin Costner, Amy Madigan, Ray Liotta and James Earl Jones, and even the Yankees fans who made the trek could hardly have headed home anything but happy with the experience.

Starting pitcher Andrew Heaney, who was tagged for seven runs in five innings in another struggle with his new team, was having a hard time reflecting on the memories in the aftermath.

Still, even though the Yankees fell into fourth place in the AL East — and in the race for two wild-card spots — there will be no forgetting this trip for the rest of their careers.

"That was as special and breathtaking a setting for a baseball game as I've ever been part of," manager Aaron Boone said.

José Abreu hit the first drive into the sea of green stalks, and teammates Eloy Jiménez and Seby Zavala followed him with homers for the White Sox on this vintage summer night in farm country with the teams

in 1919-style uniforms to match.

Judge wore custom-painted cleats to commemorate the film, with the famous line "If you build it, he will come," printed on the tongues and cornstalks on the sides.

League ERA leader Lance Lynn sidestepped a three-run homer by Judge and a solo shot from Brett Gardner to finish five innings for the White Sox, remaining unbeaten in his last eight starts.

Costner started the evening with a star's entrance, slowly walking out of the cornrows — like Shoeless Joe Jackson and his ghost-like teammates did in the film — before turning to watch the players do the same for their made-for-TV pregame introductions. Costner's address to the fans included the obligatory question in ode to the famous line from the movie, "Is this heaven?"

No, it's Iowa, but MLB will be back, as Commissioner Rob Manfred promised for 2022, the teams still to be determined.

"I wish we had a little time here to kind of take it all in and really appreciate it," Gardner said, "but the season moves along in a hurry."

FAMILY FIRST

La Russa missed the game to attend the funeral for his sister's husband in Florida. The 76-year-old La Russa would've fit right in at the site, with his team in vintage wear.

"I was raised to embrace the history of the game, and I think too often we lose parts of it," he said earlier this week. "'Field of Dreams' is a great movie, and it embraces everything about family and all the game's all about."

NOT QUITE MOONLIGHT GRAHAM

Both teams were allowed a 27th man on the roster, so the Yankees chose outfielder Estevan Florial and the White Sox summoned outfielder Danny Mendick. Florial was about as close as a player could come to Moonlight Graham, who got into only one major league game with the New York Giants in 1905, became a doctor in Minnesota and had a significant role in the Yankee plot. The 23-year-old Florial had 28 prior plate appearances for the Yankees this season.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Yankees: RHP Gerrit Cole and LHP Jordan Montgomery, both on the COVID-19 list since Aug. 2 and 3, respectively, rejoined the team in Iowa and could be slotted back in the rotation this weekend.

White Sox: RF Adam Engel left the game in the eighth with tightness in his right groin.

UP NEXT

After an off day on Friday that was built into the schedule as a contingency for rain, the Yankees and White Sox travel east to Chicago to finish the three-game series.

RHP Jameson Taillon (7-4, 3.82 ERA) pitches for the Yankees on Saturday night, with RHP Dylan Cease (9-6, 3.99 ERA) taking the mound for the White Sox.

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DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord, We are calling out to you as a community. Hear our prayers, reach down, and do what only you can do.

Amen

Palo Duro Canyon is Texas size

The Palo Duro Canyon is the second largest canyon in the United States. It is 1,200 feet deep, 120 miles long and over 20 miles wide in some areas. It covers parts of four counties in the panhandle and the number of visitors is increasing.

“Its popularity grows by leaps and bounds,” says Eric Miller, a tourist expert in Amarillo, “especially now that the pandemic is on the decline and people are starting to travel again.” He goes to the canyon weekly and has studied it for years.

“The canyon has caves and columns of weathered rock called hoodoos. The major landmark that people want to see is called the Lighthouse. It’s a sandstone structure about 300 feet tall. You have to take a 6-mile round trip hike to get to it. In the summer

heat you better take precautions like some sort of headgear, sunscreen and plenty of water. The sun can really sap your energy. Morning is the best time to go.”

The canyon is believed to be 90 million years old. The name Palo Duro is from an Indian term meaning hard stick.

“The legend is that Coronado led some conquistadors to the area in about 1540. It was his group that discovered the juniper cedar trees that are still there on the walls of the canyon. Juniper trees have an incredibly hard wood.”

Indians made arrows from juniper wood. There are several hiking trails in the canyon. One is called the Rock Garden Trail.

“It starts on the floor of the canyon and goes all the way up to the rim, so it’s nearly a quarter of a mile gain in elevation going up”

The canyon has a replica of a dugout like the one Charles Goodnight, a pioneer rancher used in 1876, two years after the Indians left. He moved 1,800

head of cattle into the canyon in partnership with John Adair and founded the JA Ranch,

There is a state park that covers a small part of the canyon. Concessions include jeep rides, a zip line and the outdoor musical drama TEXAS that begins in May and runs through mid August. It has special lighting and sound effects.

“The lightning at the end of the first act will have you believing that it’s raining.”

Eric thinks the canyon is a special place.

“Palo Duro is my go-to place because it just recharges me. There is a deep serenity that comes with breathing in the clear panhandle air.”

The canyon is on the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River in Briscoe, Armstrong, Randall and Swisher counties and was created by water erosion. At the rim it has an elevation of 3,500 feet. The floor of the canyon is 2,380 feet above sea level. It was one of the last Indian strongholds on the plains. The Palo Duro State Park is east of Canyon, Texas.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

An announcement

I have an announcement to make.

It has been my great honor to serve as your HOWARD COUNTY CONSTITUTIONAL JUDGE for the past few years. On the last day of 2022, my service in this role will be complete; I will not run for a third term.

I have been employed with the County of Howard since 1999. In 2002 I was elected to serve as a Texas Justice of the Peace here in this County and served in that capacity for 11 years. In 2014 I won the honor of Howard County Judge in the Primary.

I am thankful you allowed me this great honor.

I am announcing my intentions today because it is time for you, the citizens of Howard County, to look for the best candidate for this important position. That person will have to file to run for the position this November.

I am asking each of you to carefully consider who you support, and who gets your vote for this important office.

Choose someone who loves this Community. Choose someone who strives for cooperation between City and County Offices to best take care of the needs of the people of Howard County.

Choose someone who understands that Authority comes from Service. Choose someone who will pray for God’s care and blessing on our Community. Choose someone you will be proud to call your Howard County Judge.

I have tried to be all of this during my tenure as Howard County Judge. Thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve.

*Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman
Big Spring*

Your weight and fate

Perhaps the most current evidence that August falls into the “dog days” category appeared in “neighborhood news” the other day. Most of us “slog” through these stifling days, and media folks scrounge around for news stories when little seems to be happening.

For example, a woman in our neighborhood appealed for household scales that she might “borrow or buy.” Many folks responded, proving yet again that neighbors generally like to help when needs are identified.

In a nutshell, she explained that her scales-purchased for around \$60 a few years ago-weigh items and people differently when used in different rooms.

Such a mystery invites head-scratching, doesn’t it? Many suggestions poured in, including the obvious, like insertion of fresh batteries and careful placement of scales on level floors. She tried everything to no avail.

She believes that her scales have many years of life left, if only she could figure out why placement in different rooms produces different readings.

Perhaps this is an “August thing,” when one is running out of ideas about what to do when there’s nothing to do. Placing two scales side-by-side could make the puzzlement even worse, but she wants to try.

(Thankfully, a reader said she has an extra scale and will drop it off.)

All considered, though, until we feel the fall crispness of an autumn night gently cooling

oppressive heat, we’ll continue

to challenge that “summer-time song” about “living being easy.”...

The subject of scales jogs my memory. In my childhood, tall scales stood in most stores, offering our “weight and fate” for a penny.

When we had one, we’d hop on the scales, already aware of our weight, but curious about the “fate” part.

One could hardly expect to seek a fortune teller for one-hundredth of a dollar. Never mind that the

cards harmlessly prophesied sparkling personalities, good jobs and much happiness. A friend remembers a guy waiting to board a bus to Albuquerque. He had time to spare and decided to hop on a “weight and fate” scale.



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Out came a card that he weighed 180 pounds, had blue eyes and held a ticket for a bus

ride to Albuquerque. The man was astounded that the machine knew so much.

He still had time and several more pennies.

So, he inserted two more coins, with identical results.

In a stupor exceeded only by his curiosity, he decided to spend one more penny to see if his “fate” varied at all. After all, he was thoroughly entertained at a cost of only four cents.

The final card read:

“You weigh 180 pounds, have blue eyes and a bus ticket to Albuquerque. However, the bus left the station one minute ago.”...

My Uncle Mort recalls an August conundrum several years

ago, when his “stubborn old truck” wouldn’t start when he bought vanilla ice cream, but kicked right off if he chose chocolate.

He shared his concern with a mechanic.

He asked Mort to take him along on a couple of ice cream trips.

Sure enough, the truck wouldn’t start if they had vanilla, but kicked right off if they chose chocolate. The mechanic was stymied.

Eureka! The “vanilla purchase” (noted: “soft serve”) was quick, so the engine was still hot.

The chocolate, however, was frozen hard, thus requiring a few more minutes, during which the engine cooled. Mort didn’t say how much the mechanic charged, but it may have been the price of a couple of ice cream cones.

As I’ve so often claimed, Mort’s “wheeling” is exceeded only by his “dealing.”

The “weight and fate” story reminded him of a long-ago aunt who was such a heavyweight, a recorded message said,

“One of you will have to get off the scale.” Doctors tired of recommending weight-loss measures.

As both her years and pounds increased, they suggested that she should simply “practice being jolly.”

Oh, well.

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Tre Jones lifts Spurs with go-ahead layup and steal

LAS VEGAS— Tre Jones made a layup with less than a second remaining to give San Antonio the lead, then had a steal to prevent Charlotte from taking a final shot in the Spurs' 106-105 victory over the Hornets on Thursday night in the NBA Summer League.

Jones, a second-round pick in 2020, scored 34 points and had nine assists and eight rebounds.

James Bouknight, the No. 11 overall pick in the NBA draft, led Charlotte with 23 points and eight assists, while often matched against Jones.

"We had a lot of fun," Jones said. "That was our first time going at it. Hopefully, we'll keep going and better our games and go at it again somewhere down the line."

Jaylen Morris added 20 points for the Spurs.

J.T. Thor, a second-round pick, had 10 points and seven rebounds for Charlotte. Kai Jones, the No. 19 overall pick, had 10 points, including a powerful jam in the second period.

Jones, who made each of his nine free throws, said he has been asked to take a leadership role as a player more experienced than the rookies in the Summer League.

"The coaches told me try to be that vet for us in Summer League this year," Jones said. "I'm extremely blessed to be in the position I'm in, to go through a full season and to be able to come into the summer league with a little experience."

CELTICS 108, MAGIC 71

Sam Hauser scored 21 points while making six of nine 3-pointers as Boston enjoyed a hot shooting night from long range in its third consecutive win. The Celtics made 19 3s.

Jalen Suggs, the No. 5 overall draft pick by Orlando, had six points in 11 minutes before landing hard on a drive to the basket. The Magic announced Suggs had a sore left hand and would not return to the game.

Aaron Nesmith had 18 points and nine rebounds for Boston. Payton Pritchard had 17 points, nine assists and three steals while making four 3s.

Tahjere McCall led Orlando with 12 points.

RAPTORS 92, ROCKETS 76

Rookie forward Ish Wainwright scored 20 points to lead Toronto past Houston.

Jalen Green, No. 2 overall draft pick who bypassed college basketball to play in the G League, had 13 points in only 12 minutes for Houston before leaving the game with a sore hamstring. Josh Christopher led the Rockets with 14 points.

Toronto's David Johnson, a second-round pick, left the game with a shoulder sprain. Precious Achiuwa had 19 points for the Raptors. Scottie Barnes, the No. 4 overall pick, had eight points, five blocks and four rebounds.

NETS 84, WIZARDS 81, 2OT

Rookie Cam Thomas beat the shot clock with a 3-pointer to lift Brooklyn past Washington in sudden-death double overtime.

Thomas scored 31 points and has led the Nets in each of the team's three summer league games.

Thomas lost his dribble before recovering, glancing at the shot clock and sinking the 28-foot jumper.

"That's what big-time players do," said Thomas, the point guard from Louisiana State who was the No. 27 overall pick in the draft. "Big-time players make big plays. That's what I wanted to do."

Another Nets' first-rounder, center Day'Ron Sharpe, had 12 rebounds, two blocks and four points.

Corey Kispert, Washington's first-round draft pick, sank a 3-pointer to force the first overtime, tied at 74-all. Thomas hit a 3 to end the first overtime tied at 81.

According to summer league rules, the first basket wins in double overtime.

Rookie Jaime Echenique led Washington with 17 points.

76ERS 96, HAWKS 88, OT

Tyrese Maxey scored six of his 31 points in overtime, and he blocked Sharife Cooper's layup attempt with under a minute to play as Philadelphia closed on an 8-0 run to beat Atlanta.

Maxey put Philadelphia ahead 81-80 with 1:35 remaining in regulation — its first lead since 4-2. He opened the two-minute overtime with a basket and the 76ers led the rest of the way.

Maxey was 11 of 23 from the field, including 1 of 8 from distance, and 8 of 8 at the free-throw line. Isaiah Joe added 21 points and Paul Reed had 20.

Cooper, a second-round selection, had 21 points and 12 assists for Atlanta. Skylar Mays scored 20 and Jalen Johnson, selected No. 20 from Duke, had 13 points and 11 rebounds.

TIMBERWOLVES 78, BULLS 59

Jaden McDaniels scored 15 points and Jaylen Nowell added 14 as Minnesota beat Chicago. Patrick Williams led Chicago with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Rookie center Marko Simonovic, who had 10 points, was the Bulls' only other scorer in double figures.

The Timberwolves outscored the Bulls 48-27 in the second half.

PACERS 97, TRAIL BLAZERS 64

Rookie Chris Duarte scored 19 points and had six assists, four steals and four blocked shots to lead Indiana to a dominant win over Portland.

Duarte, the 6-foot-6 guard who was the No. 13 overall pick from Oregon, led six scorers in double figures. The Pacers outscored the Trail Blazers in every quarter and led by as many as 38 points.

Antonio Blakeney led Portland with 15 points. Greg Brown III had 12.

SUNS 90, NUGGETS 84

Jalen Smith scored 21 points, going 4 for 7 from distance, and grabbed 11 rebounds, and Phoenix used a big fourth-quarter run to top Denver.

Phoenix went on a 16-3 run — with 3-pointers from Smith, Michael Frazier II and Nate Mason — to take a 83-76 lead.

Kyle Alexander and Jaleen Smith each added 15 points for Phoenix.

Bol Bol led Denver with 18 points, six rebounds and three blocks. Nah'Shon Hyland, the No. 26 pick out of VCU, made four 3-pointers and scored 15.



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In 'Homeroom,' an unprecedented school year caught on film

By JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Oakland filmmaker Peter Nicks had already made two well-regarded documentaries capturing the flawed institutions of his city and their role in shaping local lives: 2012's "The Waiting Room," about a public hospital, and 2017's "The Force," about the Oakland Police Department during a wave of shootings and protests.

To complete his Oakland trilogy, Nicks turned to Oakland High, a public school with a diverse student body of mostly Asian American, Black and Latino children. Nicks' interest wasn't just in rounding out his city-surveying series. It was personal. His teenage daughter, Karina, had been going through a difficult time. In making a movie about the hardships of growing up as a teenager of color in Oakland, he was, in a way, making a movie about her.

"A lot of films have explored the inner-city high school experience. I was more interested in something akin to 'The Breakfast Club' but for kids of color," Nicks said in an interview. "A lot of that was driven not just to complete the trilogy, but we had really been struggling with our daughter and we're a family with resources. Navigating the mental health system was very difficult, and I started thinking: What's it like for families without resources?"

Just as Nicks was beginning filming in September 2019, Karina died sud-

denly at the age of 16. He decided to keep going with the film, even though that meant immersing himself in the lives of kids a lot like his daughter. The movie, "Homeroom," is dedicated to her.

"It was hard. The essence of it is holding your grief and holding the beauty that these kids represented and why we were there and what we were trying to capture. Having those two things coexist simultaneously was just something I had to get used to," says Nicks. "The one thing I do carry and hold very dearly is that this is a film that honors her spirit. She was really like these kids in the film. In whatever way she's doing it, she's been pushing us along because it's a miracle the film ever got finished."

Yet "Homeroom" got made, through personal tragedy and pandemic. The movie, which debuted Thursday on Hulu, won an editing prize at the Sundance Film Festival and is executive produced by "Black Panther" filmmaker Ryan Coogler. It follows a class of students through a school year that, for a while, bears no sign of the cataclysm to come. Figuring he had some time, Nicks was just narrowing down to the kids that would be the film's central characters when the pandemic hit the Bay Area. One student is seen disinfecting a bag of Cheetos. Soon, the students are sent home.

"I had the name picked out years ago. The fact that the kids ended up in home at the end was kind of serendip-

itous," Nicks says of "Homeroom." "Shortly after that it was like: What are we going to do? How are we going to possibly finish this movie? Are we going to do it over Zoom? That was a shock, but it forced us to look at what we had captured."

Nicks and his crew discovered a rich thread. Since the beginning of the school year, some students had been working to have police removed from the school campus. Their presence, they argued, was an impediment to a good learning environment, and potentially triggering to those who lived with the threat of police brutality.

Nicks dug into the footage that had once seemed a more minor plot line. When many of the students took to the protests that followed the police murder of George Floyd, "Homeroom" became a portrait of 2020 in microcosm: A year interrupted, then a galvanizing sense of purpose.

"Homeroom" takes a verité approach -- "Wiseman with words," Nicks calls his style, referencing the pioneering nonfiction filmmaker Frederick Wiseman -- predicated on intimacy. He wanted to stick rigorously to the perspective of the kids: "No adult voices at all," he says. "Zero. Like Peanuts: Wah wah wah wah."

Most of the students as seen in "Homeroom" aren't headed to Ivy League colleges, and their intelligence isn't likely to register chart-topping SAT scores. But by patiently

observing them, "Homeroom" shows the smarts, social-media savvy and strength of a multiracial generation in the midst of finding its voice.

"We have a distorted sense of how we judge potential in our society," says Nicks. "These young people aren't going to Harvard and Yale for the most part and they're not getting perfect scores on their SATs, and yet they're in possession of these remarkable skills and resilience that will serve them extremely well in life."

Nicks plans to continue to focus on Bay Area stories — including a just-announced documentary on Golden State Warriors star Steph Curry — with his production company Openhood and Proximity Media, a company he co-founded with Coogler. In a statement, the fellow Oakland filmmaker calls Nicks "a master filmmaker with an uncanny ability to bring us closer to subjects that are important to our social fabric but so often overlooked."

On Hulu, "Homeroom" will sit alongside both "The Waiting Room" and "The Force." But Nicks' wife, Vanna Sivilay, and son, Paolo, haven't seen it yet. It's too difficult.

"What the kids did in that movie, those are things my daughter will never have the opportunity to do," says Nicks, remembering Karina marching as a young girl in 2014 after the deaths of Michael Brown and Eric Garner. "These kids leave you a lot to be hopeful for."

Grammy-winning folk singer-songwriter Nanci Griffith dies

By KRISTIN M. HALL

AP Entertainment Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Nanci Griffith, the Grammy-winning folk singer-songwriter from Texas whose literary songs like "Love at the Five and Dime" celebrated the South, has died. She was 68.

Her management company, Gold Mountain Entertainment, said Griffith died Friday but did not provide a cause of death.

"It was Nanci's wish that no further formal statement or press release happen for a week following her passing," Gold Mountain Entertainment said in a statement.

Griffith worked closely with other folk singers, helping the early careers of artists like Lyle Lovett and Emmylou Harris. She had a high-pitched voice, and her singing was effortlessly smooth with a twangy Texas accent as she sang about Dust Bowl

farmers and empty Woolworth general stores.

Griffith was also known for her recording of "From a Distance," which would later become a well-known Bette Midler tune. The song appeared on Griffith's first major label release, "Lone Star State of Mind" in 1987.

Her 1993 album "Other Voices, Other Rooms," earned a Grammy for best contemporary folk album. Named after a Truman Capote novel, the album features Griffith singing with Harris, John Prine, Arlo Guthrie and Guy Clark on classic folk songs.

In 2008, Griffith won the Lifetime Achievement Trailblazer Award from the Americana Music Association.

Country singer Suzy Bogguss, who had a Top 10 hit with Griffith's song "Outbound Plane," posted a remembrance to her friend on Instagram.

"I feel blessed to have many memories of our times together along with most everything she

ever recorded. I'm going to spend the day reveling in the articulate masterful legacy she's left us," Bogguss wrote.

Darius Rucker called Griffith one of his idols and why he moved to Nashville.

"Singing with her was my favorite things to do," he wrote on Twitter.

Keeping in line with the tradition of folk music, Griffith often wrote social commentary into her songs, such as the anti-racist ode "It's a Hard Life Wherever You Go," and the economic impact on rural farmers in the 1980s on "Trouble in the Fields."

"I wrote it because my family were farmers in West Texas during the Great Depression," Griffith told the Los Angeles Times in a 1990 interview. "It was written basically as a show of support for my generation of farmers."

Griffith gained many fans in Ireland and Northern Ireland, where she would often tour.

New Zealand loses its precious 'Rings' series to Britain

By NICK PERRY

Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — New Zealand has long been associated with "The Lord of the Rings" but with the filming of a major new television series suddenly snatched away, the nation has become more like Mordor than the Shire for hundreds of workers.

In a major blow to the nation's small but vibrant screen industry, Amazon Studios announced Friday it would film the second season of its original series, inspired by the books of J.R.R. Tolkien, to Britain.

"The shift from New Zealand to the U.K. aligns with the studio's strategy of expanding its production footprint and investing in studio space across the U.K., with many of Amazon Studios' tentpole series and films already calling the U.K. home," the company said in a statement.

The move came as a blow to many in New Zealand. The production is one of the most expensive in history, with Amazon spending at least \$465 million on the first season, which just finished filming in New Zealand, according to government figures.

The series employed 1,200 people in New Zealand directly and another 700 indirectly, according to the figures.

"This is a shock to everyone," said Denise Roche, the director of Equity NZ, a union representing performers. "I really feel for all the small businesses, the tech people who invested in this for the future. No body had any inkling."

Roche said people feel let down by Amazon, although she added that the industry was resil-

ient.

Amazon said the as-yet untitled series takes place on Middle-earth during the Second Age, thousands of years before the events depicted in Tolkien's "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings" books and the subsequent films directed by Peter Jackson.

Filming began last year but was delayed due to the coronavirus. Post-production on the first season will continue in New Zealand through June before the show premieres on Prime Video in September next year.

The move to Britain comes just four months after Amazon signed a deal with the New Zealand government to get an extra 5% rebate on top of the 20% — or \$92 million — it was already claiming from New Zealand taxpayers under a screen production grant.

Many locations around the world compete for productions by offering similar, generous rebates.

At the time of the deal, New Zealand's Economic Development Min-

ister Stuart Nash said the production would bring economic and tourism benefits to the country for years to come and create "an enduring legacy for our screen industry."

Nash said Friday the government had found out only a day earlier that Amazon was leaving and he was disappointed by the decision. He said the government was withdrawing the offer of the extra 5%.

Amazon said it no longer intended to pursue collecting the extra money. But it will still walk away with at least \$92 million from New Zealand taxpayers.

"The international film sector is incredibly competitive and highly mobile. We have no regrets about giving this production our best shot with government support," Nash said.

"However, we are disappointed for the local screen industry."

New Zealand became synonymous with Tolkien's world of orcs, elves and hobbits after Jackson directed six movies in the South Pacific nation. "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy and "The Hobbit" trilogy combined grossed nearly \$6 billion at the box office.

When Amazon Studios first announced it would film in New Zealand, it said the pristine coasts, forests, and mountains made it the perfect place to bring to life the primordial beauty of early Middle-earth.

The large ensemble cast includes Cynthia Addai-Robinson, Morfydd Clark, Ismael Cruz Córdova, Sophia Nomvete and Lloyd Owen.



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Hydrogen-powered vehicles: A realistic path to clean energy?

By **MARK GILLISPIE** and **TOM KRISHER**

Associated Press

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — Each morning at a transit facility in Canton, Ohio, more than a dozen buses pull up to a fueling station before fanning out to their routes in this city south of Cleveland.

The buses — made by El Dorado National and owned by the Stark Area Regional Transit Authority — look like any others. Yet collectively, they reflect the cutting edge of a technology that could play a key role in producing cleaner inter-city transportation. In place of pollution-belching diesel fuel, one-fourth of the agency's buses run on hydrogen. They emit nothing but harmless water vapor.

Hydrogen, the most abundant element in the universe, is increasingly viewed, along with electric vehicles, as one way to slow the environmentally destructive impact of the planet's 1.2 billion vehicles, most of which burn gasoline and die-

sel fuel. Manufacturers of large trucks and commercial vehicles are beginning to embrace hydrogen fuel cell technologies as a way forward. So are makers of planes, trains and passenger vehicles.

Transportation is the single biggest U.S. contributor to climate change, which is why hydrogen power, in the long run, is seen as a potentially important way to help reduce carbon emissions.

To be sure, hydrogen remains far from a magic solution. For now, the hydrogen that is produced globally each year, mainly for refineries and fertilizer manufacturing, is made using natural gas or coal. That process pollutes the air, warming the planet rather than saving it. Indeed, a new study by researchers from Cornell and Stanford universities found that most hydrogen production emits carbon dioxide, which means that hydrogen-fueled transportation cannot yet be considered clean energy.

Yet proponents of hydrogen-

powered transportation say that in the long run, hydrogen production is destined to become more environmentally safe. They envision a growing use of electricity from wind and solar energy, which can separate hydrogen and oxygen in water. As such renewable forms of energy gain broader use, hydrogen production should become a cleaner and less expensive process.

Within three years, General Motors, Navistar and the trucking firm J.B. Hunt plan to build fueling stations and run hydrogen trucks on several U.S. freeways. Toyota, Kenworth and the Port of Los Angeles have begun testing hydrogen trucks to haul goods from ships to warehouses.

Volvo Trucks, Daimler Trucks AG and other manufacturers have announced partnerships, too. The companies hope to commercialize their research, offering zero-emissions trucks that save money and meet stricter pollution regulations.

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Airbnb cuts 2Q loss to \$68 million, COVID clouds forecast

By **DAVID KOENIG**

AP Business Writer

Airbnb said Thursday that it narrowed its second-quarter loss to \$68 million and gave a bullish forecast for revenue, but the company warned that new variants of COVID-19 will make future bookings and cancellations harder to predict.

Airbnb said vaccinations, the containment of COVID-19 variants and restrictions on global travel will affect bookings for the rest of the year.

"We do not yet know

how willing people will be to travel in the fall as compared to summer," the company told shareholders.

The San Francisco-based home-sharing company's stock fell nearly 5% in extended trading.

Airbnb's business has picked up along with the recovery in travel that, at least in the U.S., began early this year as Americans began to get vaccinated against the coronavirus. Many vacationers have looked to avoid crowds and steer clear of hotels, creating

an advantage for Airbnb and rival Vrbo.

The home-sharing companies are less reliant than hotels on business travelers, who have been much slower to get back on the road.

However, like airlines, the home-rental companies face new uncertainty because of the recent surge in COVID-19 infections. Last week, Expedia Inc., which owns Vrbo, reported that travel dipped and cancellation rates rose in July, and that the outlook for travel remains uncertain.

Despite the precarious state of the pandemic, Airbnb expects to post record revenue in the third quarter, "well above" the 2019 peak of \$1.65 billion. That is based on a sharp rise in unearned fees, or revenue that — based on bookings — the company expects to receive after customers check in.

The company is spending heavily to recruit new hosts. CEO Brian Chesky said it is tweaking its product to appeal to people who

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Kansas City Southern rejects new bid from Canadian Pacific

By **JOSH FUNK**

AP Business Writer

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Kansas City Southern railroad is trying to keep its \$33.6 billion merger with Canadian National on track by rejecting a competing \$31 billion bid from rival Canadian Pacific earlier this week.

Kansas City Southern said Thursday that its board unanimously decided to continue backing Canadian National's higher offer. KCS shareholders are scheduled to vote whether to accept CN's offer on Aug. 19, but the U.S. railroad said it may now delay that vote if the U.S. Surface Transportation Board doesn't issue its decision on a key part of Canadian National's acquisition plan before Tuesday.

The STB said earlier this week that by Aug. 31, it will issue its decision on Canadian National's proposal to use a voting trust

that would acquire Kansas City Southern and hold the railroad during the STB's lengthy review of the overall deal. Failure to get that key approval would likely derail the deal.

Canadian Pacific officials have said they don't think CN's deal can get approved. They argue that the acquisition would hurt competition across much of the central United States because those railroads operate parallel rail lines connecting the Gulf Coast to the Midwest. CP officials have also said that CN's plan would add to rail congestion in the Chicago area, and it would likely inspire other railroads to attempt mergers.

Canadian National has said it believes it can address the competitive concerns through its operating plan and by selling 70 miles (113 kilometers) of track between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where Kansas

City Southern's network directly overlaps with CN's tracks. Canadian National said that after the merger it would also maintain its connections with other railroads to allow customers to ship goods using a combination of different railroads if they choose.

It's not clear how the Surface Transportation Board will rule because its current merger rules haven't been tested. The new rules were adopted after a series of service problems snarled shipments and the industry was left with six huge players in North America after several railroad mergers in the 1990s.

Regulators have said that any deal involving one of the nation's six largest railroads needs to enhance competition and serve the public interest in order to get approved. The board has also said it would consider whether any deal would destabilize the industry and prompt additional mergers.

DoorDash's Q2 orders hit record high but revenue gains slow

By **DEE-ANN DURBIN**

AP Business Writer

DoorDash booked a record number of orders in the second quarter even as its revenue growth slowed from pandemic-induced highs.

The San Francisco-based delivery company said its total orders rose 69% to 345 million in the April-June period from the same span in 2020. Non-restaurant orders — from new partners like 7-Eleven, PetSmart

and the grocery chain Albertsons — grew faster than restaurant orders, DoorDash said.

DoorDash's revenue was up 83% to \$1.24 billion, surpassing Wall Street's expectations. Analysts polled by FactSet had forecast revenue of \$1.1 billion for the quarter.

But the growth was lower than the double- and even triple-digit percentage revenue gains DoorDash saw over the prior four quarters as the pandemic juiced de-

mand for delivery.

One issue: Many cities, including New York and Los Angeles, have temporarily capped the fees DoorDash can charge to merchants in an effort to help small businesses during the pandemic. DoorDash said those price caps cost the company \$26 million in the second quarter.

Last month, DoorDash sued the city of San Francisco over its 15% fee cap per order, which was made permanent in

June.

"They're very harmful, in the sense that they are hurting the audience they're trying to help," DoorDash CEO Tony Xu said Thursday during a conference call with investors. DoorDash charges more for delivery in areas with fee caps, which cuts down on orders, he said.

DoorDash reported a net loss of \$102 million for the quarter as it continued to invest heavily

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HYDROGEN

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In Germany, a hydrogen-powered train began operating in 2018, and more are coming. French-based Airbus, the world's largest manufacturer of airliners, is considering hydrogen as well.

"This is about the closest I've seen us get so far to that real turning point," said Shawn Litster, a professor of mechanical engineering at Carnegie Mellon University who has studied hydrogen fuel cells for nearly two decades.

Hydrogen has long been a feedstock for the production of fertilizer, steel, petroleum, concrete and chemicals. It's also been running vehicles for years: Around 35,000 forklifts in the United States, about 4% of the nation's total, are powered by hydrogen. Its eventual use on roadways, to haul heavy loads of cargo, could begin to replace diesel-burning polluters.

No one knows when, or even whether, hydrogen will be adopted for widespread use. Craig Scott, Toyota's head of advanced technology in North America, says the company is perhaps two years from having a hydrogen truck ready for sale. Building more fueling stations will be crucial to widespread adoption.

Kirt Conrad, CEO of Canton's transit authority since 2009, says other transit systems have shown so much

interest in the technology that SARTA takes its buses around the country for demonstrations. Canton's system, which bought its first three hydrogen buses in 2016, has since added 11. It's also built a fueling station. Two California transit systems, in Oakland and Riverside County, have hydrogen buses in their fleets.

"We've demonstrated that our buses are reliable and cost-efficient, and as a result, we're breaking down barriers that have slowed wider adoption of the technology," Conrad said.

The test at the Port of Los Angeles started in April, when the first of five semis with Toyota hydrogen powertrains began hauling freight to warehouses in Ontario, California, about 60 miles away. The \$82.5 million public-private project eventually will have 10 semis.

Hydrogen fuel is included in President Joe Biden's plans to cut emissions in half by 2030. The infrastructure bill the Senate approved passed this week includes \$9 billion for research to reduce the cost of making clean hydrogen, and for regional hydrogen manufacturing hubs.

The long-haul trucking industry appears to be the best bet for early adoption of hydrogen. Fuel cells, which convert hydrogen gas into electricity, provide a longer range than battery-electric trucks, fare better in cold weather and can be refueled much faster than electric batteries can be recharged. Proponents say the short

refueling time for hydrogen vehicles gives them an edge over electric vehicles for use in taxis or delivery trucks, which are in constant use.

That advantage was important for London-based Green Tomato Cars, which uses 60 hydrogen fuel cell-powered Toyota Mirai cars in its 500-car zero emission fleet to transport corporate customers. Co-founder Jonny Goldstone said his drivers can travel over 300 miles (500 kilometers) on a tank and refuel in three minutes.

Because drivers' earnings depend on fares, Goldstone said, "if they have to spend 40, 50 minutes, an hour, two hours plugging a car in in the middle of the working day, that for them is just not acceptable."

For now, Green Tomato is among the largest operators of hydrogen vehicles in what is still a tiny market in Europe, with about 2,000 fuel cell cars, garbage trucks and delivery vans on the roads.

About 7,500 hydrogen fuel cell cars are on the road in the U.S., mostly in California. Toyota, Honda and Hyundai produce the cars, which are priced thousands more than gasoline-powered vehicles. California has 45 public fueling stations, with more planned or under construction.

Unlike with buses and heavy trucks, experts say the future of passenger vehicles in the U.S. lies mainly with electric battery power, not hydrogen. Fully electric vehicles can travel farther than most people need to go on a

relatively small battery.

And for now, hydrogen production is adding to rather than reducing pollution. The world produces about 75 million tons a year, most of it in a carbon emission-creating processes involving steam reformation of natural gas. China uses higher-polluting coal.

So-called "blue" hydrogen, made from natural gas, requires an additional step. Carbon dioxide emitted in the process is sent below the earth's surface for storage. The Cornell and Stanford study found that manufacturing blue hydrogen emitted 20% more carbon than burning natural gas or coal for heat.

That's why industry researchers are focused on electrolysis, which uses electricity to separate hydrogen and oxygen in water. Hydrogen mixes with oxygen in a vehicle's fuel cell to produce power. The amount of electricity generated by wind and solar is growing worldwide, making electrolysis cleaner and cheaper, said Joe Cargnelli, director of hydrogen technologies for Cummins, which makes electrolyzers and fuel cell power systems.

Currently, it costs more to make a hydrogen truck and produce the fuel than to put a diesel-powered truck on the road. Hydrogen costs about \$13 per kilogram in California, and 1 kilogram can deliver slightly more energy than a gallon of diesel fuel. By contrast, diesel fuel is only about \$3.25 per gallon in the U.S.

AIRBNB

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are increasingly flexible about when and where they travel and who combine work and leisure for long trips.

Airbnb said that stays of at least 28 days are its fastest-growing category.

"Flexibility is now a permanent part of travel," Chesky said on a call with analysts. "We are going to continue to see more and more longer-term stays, and I think this is going to help us smooth out our seasonality over the coming years."

In the second quarter, Airbnb's loss compared with same-quarter losses of \$576 million last year and \$297 million in 2019. It worked out to a loss of 11 cents per share.

Revenue rose 10% over 2019, to \$1.34 billion, beating analysts' forecast of \$1.26 billion.

The average daily rate for an Airbnb rental rose 41% from a year ago, to \$161, which the company said partly reflected a higher percentage of bookings occurring in North America. It said price increases by hosts in high-demand destinations also boosted the average price.

DOORDASH

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to grow in new markets, like Japan. DoorDash Chief Financial Officer Prabir Adarkar said the company also spent more to sign up new drivers after struggling to fulfill orders in the first quarter. DoorDash said a record 3 million people drove for DoorDash during the second quarter.

The loss, amounting to 30 cents per share, was far wider than Wall Street's expectation of a 6 cent per share loss.

DoorDash said it anticipates seasonal declines in restaurant deliveries in the third quarter as more people go out to eat. But sales could rise if worries about increasing U.S. coronavirus cases keep people at home.

"There's plenty of unknowns here," Adarkar said.

Still, DoorDash raised its full-year outlook based on its order growth in the second quarter.

The company said it now expects full-year gross order volumes in the range of \$39 billion to \$40.5 billion, up from \$35 billion to \$38 billion previously.

RECORDS

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Marriage Licenses

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Michael James Pugh, 32, and Krista Leigh Kerby, 31, both of Big Spring.

District Court Filings

Plaintiff: Axis Insurance Company as subrogee of Chris Evans Inc. dba Lee's Rentals
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Type of Case: Injury/Damage - Motor Vehicles
Date: Aug. 6, 2021

Plaintiff: Bianca Martinez
Defendant: Johnny Juarez Jr.
Type of Case: Protective Order - No Divorce
Date: Aug. 6, 2021

Plaintiff: Abraham Wright
Defendant: Jana Wright
Type of Case: Divorce - No Children
Date: Aug. 9, 2021

Plaintiff: Jennifer Caudill
Defendant: Joshua Caudill
Type of Case: Divorce - Children
Date: Aug. 10, 2021

County Court Judgements

Defendant: Avery Lee
Offense: Possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.)
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$270 court costs, \$60 reimbursement fee; time served
Date: Aug. 6, 2021

Defendant: Steven Rich
Offense: Theft of property (\$100 to \$750)
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$270 court costs, \$120 reimbursement fee, time served.
Date: Aug. 4, 2021

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Sackie Brito
Grantee: Eric Kuenzer and Sannon Kuenzer
Property: Lot 2, Blk. 3, Ridgelea Terrace Addition
Date: Aug. 2, 2021

Grantor: Richard Thurman
Grantee: Karen Thurman
Property: Surface estate only of a 1/2-acre tract in SE/4 Sec. 43, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Aug. 2, 2021

Grantor: Fidel H. Lopez
Grantee: John Michael Purcell and Stacie Leigh Anne Purcell
Property: Tract 1: Lots 6 and 7, Blk. 5, Original Town of Big Spring; Tract 2: E/20 feet of W/2 of Lot 7, Blk. 15, Original Town of Big Spring.
Date: Aug. 4, 2021

Grantor: Abigail Brewer and Aaron Brewer
Grantee: Frank Buck and Kourtney Buck
Property: A 2.23-acre tract in NE/4 Sec. 6, Blk. 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Aug. 5, 2021

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien

Grantor: Santa Rita Builders LLC
Grantee: Kayla Renna Luster and Darren Wayne Teel
Property: Lot 14, Blk. 7, Monticello Addition
Date: Aug. 2, 2021

Grantor: Bryan C. Huff and Kimmy Huff
Grantee: Rodney Tubb
Property: A 1.564-acre tract in SE/4 Sec. 48, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Aug. 3, 2021

Grantor: Austin Starkey and Tiffanie Starkey
Grantee: Mary Gonzales
Property: Tract 8 of Paul W. Miller Subdivision, 8.25 acres in a 40 -acre tract in E/2 Sec. 44, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Aug. 4, 2021

Grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum by his agent and attorney in fact Shannon DeVore
Grantee: Eric D. Andrews and Amy Leann Andrews
Property: Lot 1, Blk. 4, Clawson Subdivision, Coahoma

Date: Aug. 5, 2021

Grantor: Joshua Junkin and Sara Junkin
Grantee: Trent Logan Hunter
Property: Lot 9, Blk. 4, West Cliff Addition
Date: Aug. 5, 2021

Grantor: Grayson M. Gray and Shelby Gray
Grantee: Stetson Paul Hillger
Property: A 3.98-acre tract in SE corner of Sec. 28, Blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
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Grantor: Russell Don Baker and Jessica Baker
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Legals

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♣ J 7 4
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♠ 6
♥ J 9 7 3 2
♦ Q 10 7 5 2
♣ A 6
EAST
♠ A Q 10 8 7 5 2
♥ 10
♦ J 9 6 3
♣ 2
SOUTH
♠ K 4
♥ A 8 5
♦ 4
♣ K Q 10 9 8 5 3

The bidding:
East 3♠ South 4♣ West Pass North 5♣
Opening lead—six of spades.
Adjectives such as “brilliant” are used far too often in bridge. After all, if someone makes the correct play, one that everyone should make, he is hardly deserving of unbridled adulation. All he has done, really, is make the right play.
Take this case where South wound up in five clubs after East had opened with three spades. West led the six of spades to East’s ace, and the contract seemed destined to go down one, since West could ruff the spade return.
But South, who was perfectly aware that West could ruff the second

spade, was not about to give up without a fight. And so, when East took the ace of spades at trick one, South casually dropped the king!
This left East in a quandary. From where he sat, South appeared to have started with the singleton king of spades and West with the doubleton 6-4. It therefore seemed pointless to return a spade, particularly with the jack in dummy.
So East turned his attention instead to his singleton heart. If West happened to hold the ace—certainly not an impossibility—a heart ruff would sink the contract. Accordingly, East shifted to the heart ten.
Having gained a reprieve, South won the heart, cashed the A-K of diamonds—discarding his remaining spade—and then led a club. West won with the ace, but when East was unable to ruff the heart return, declarer had the rest of the tricks.
South’s play at trick one is certainly worthy of admiration. East was highly likely to have a seven-card spade suit, and a ruff was imminent. East would have had no trouble diagnosing the situation if declarer followed to the ace with the four, so the only chance was to try to fool East by dropping the king.
But was this play brilliant? Hardly, because it was the right play under the circumstances.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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come together more easily than you anticipate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are fancier and trendier ways to solve problems, but new isn't always better. The old tool works; use it until it doesn't. You'll save time and money not having to deal with a learning curve.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There will be something or someone driving you crazy all day, making you yearn for peace and quiet. As a result, you'll be motivated to do remarkable things.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Love is intense and transformative. Love overshadows, overtakes and renders all prior messages and mistakes insignificant. Love is a reset

never more than a few sentences away from striking the chord of familiarity. Harmonious dealings will be your trademark. You'll highlight commonalities, bridge differences and inspire brilliant collaborations of prosperity and healing. Aquarius and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 44, 1, 18 and 30.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: An infinite number of elements must come together in order to make possible the simplest beauty. Flowers are born from flower seeds but couldn't be possible without minerals, hydrogen, oxygen and radiant beams of sun. The idea of crediting a single source for a flower -- or for any creation at all -- is absurd, and yet there are proud gardeners, parents, artists, teachers, entrepreneurs and the like who crave the credit and feel that without their contributions, there would be nothing there. They may very well be right. The luckiest thing to do this last full week of the Leo sun is to give credit where credit is due. Be generous with attribution, acknowledgment

and gratitude. Venus has been on an improvement mission in Virgo, the sign of hard work and perfection. The negative side of improvement is the implication that it's a rejection of the way things are now. If it is possible to love the present and still move on to try new incarnations, the Libra passage of Venus will light the way. Venus is most at home in Libra; the sign of art, aesthetics, peace and harmony on all levels.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Among the several Jennifer Lawrence projects slated for release in the months to come is the much-anticipated true crime drama "Mob Girl," based on the experiences of mob wife Arlyne Brickman who became an FBI informant. Lawrence is a versatile Leo, born when the sun and Venus were both in the sign of entertainment and three hard-hitting outside planets were in the sign of goal-getting, business-minded Capricorn.

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Last Day of Venus in Virgo

As we savor the last day of Venus in Virgo, there's an awareness of experiencing life with more than just our five senses. Our memory informs us -- as does our perception of context -- of place and time; beliefs around status; prejudices and preferences; and a million other subtleties that shape how we'll move through this puzzle of a day.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). To ready yourself for something new, you must first reset. You can't try again until after you've hung up. Put in new numbers all you want, but it won't start a new call until you disconnect the old one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). One thing leads to another. You'll soon find yourself sorting through a mystery with an uncomfortable awareness of the risk factor. This is the start of an ongoing adventure.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have something to say, though it will benefit you to hold back. Ask

another question. Listen hard. There's more to learn and at least one key piece of information that will have you changing your mind or your strategy.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You did what they wanted last time -- and the time before that, and before that. It's your turn to do it your way and in the timing you'd prefer to.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll get puzzled looks and field questions that can't be answered. Sometimes, the moral of the story is that there is no story -- just a list of things to figure out before a foundation can be laid.

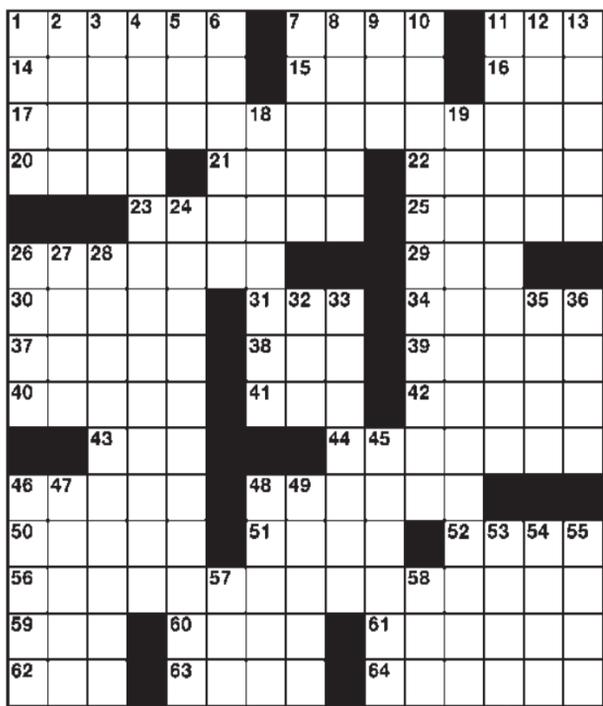
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Getting to know people is your forte and pleasure. You've a talent for drawing out the real story so you can better understand who people are and their motivating passions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may be able to execute a solo mission cheaper and faster, but it won't be nearly as useful as what you do in a team. Collaborations will net the best results and

Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Greg Johnson
Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Unlikely Employee of the Month
 - 7 Scrubbed-off stuff
 - 11 Something laid down
 - 14 Restrict access to, in a way
 - 15 Rescue equipment
 - 16 "Sharp" starter
 - 17 '70s kids' educational animated-short series
 - 20 What grass is made from
 - 21 Punny lyric before "It's off to work I go"
 - 22 High grade at high tea
 - 23 Winner at blackjack
 - 25 Puts in stitches
 - 26 Create, as a space with fencing
 - 29 Halogen suffix
 - 30 Put on a pedestal
 - 31 Most often, in the OED
 - 34 Flower bud's protector
 - 37 Part of a Yoda rebuke
 - 38 Feathery galloper
 - 39 Southeast Asian ethnic group
 - 40 Common quarterback instruction
 - 41 It's far from a yacht
 - 42 Medicare coverage for outpatient care
 - 43 Name forever linked to Harrison
 - 44 Score fourth
 - 46 Climbs, as a 15 Across
- DOWN**
- 1 Negative suffix
 - 2 Not to be repeated
 - 3 Want it so badly it hurts
 - 4 Major leaguers' road-game per diem
 - 5 Finding something funny
 - 50 About 591 drops
 - 51 Verb related to "mayhem"
 - 52 Go with the wind
 - 56 App you can't download
 - 59 Pursuit requiring subjects
 - 60 Peace Prize and Grammy winner
 - 61 Sweet handled in summer
 - 62 Grass variety
 - 63 Lanolin source
 - 64 Becomes a thing of the past
 - 5 Kabuki center of yore
 - 6 What some projections and pitchers provide
 - 7 Oscar actor from Wellington
 - 8 Capital of Normandy
 - 9 Makes greater
 - 10 Savory Chicago specialty
 - 11 Common grade-school homework
 - 12 Freeman, at the end of *Shawshank*
 - 13 Playground participants
 - 18 Reason for sockless sleeping
 - 19 Taunt for a hand
 - 24 Wildflower named for its boll-like cluster
 - 26 Editor's order
 - 27 Bit of neurology
 - 28 Uranium ore, from the Latin for "violet"
 - 32 It's near the LBJ Library
 - 33 Rounds around rounds
 - 35 Play money
 - 36 Rainbow flag quartet
 - 45 Drop-box legend
 - 46 At present + before
 - 47 Respond to pressure, perhaps
 - 48 *... mio (termine di affetto)*
 - 49 Animal lab equipment
 - 53 Liechtenstein topography
 - 54 Something solid that sounds like it's liquid
 - 55 Draws from
 - 57 Manicure outdoors
 - 58 Early TV brand



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Answer to previous puzzle
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RADIO TOE MIXED
IRISHSHORTBREAD
DESPITE ILLDRY
ART TAE ATE
STYLISHSHOES
ADDLES DIE ANTE
SAVOR HIS FLUTE
OLDS CEO CLOSED
FISHSHAMPOOS
PAD OAT STL
BOLERO STICKLE
ENGLISHSHILLING
DEBIT OIL LINGO
ESTEE WXY APSES

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Annie's Mailbox

Addiction Affects Everyone

Dear Annie: A few years ago, my son's wife decided to divorce him because she didn't love him anymore. We accepted that and showed our support for her despite her decision. Shortly thereafter, she was arrested for a heinous crime that I won't elaborate. It impacted her children.

My son does not keep her parents from attending events that the kids are in because they are their grandparents. The issue that we are dealing with is: Her parents are ignoring their daughter's crime and constantly talk about her to us. My son is now dating a wonderful woman, and she's been a victim of these conversations as well.

Is there a polite way to tell them that we do not want to hear about their daughter as she awaits her trial, which has been delayed because of COVID-19? -- Former Daughter-in-Law's Parents

Dear Parents: The polite thing to do is to say directly that you don't feel comfortable talking at length about their daughter. Change the subject if

they continue. You can also use body language and give them a cold shoulder. Remember you are giving them the gift of your time by listening to them, and that is something they should respect. If you feel uncomfortable, then walk away; just as their daughter walked away from her marriage to your son.

Dear Annie: I have never written to an advice columnist before, so please pardon my ignorance.

We have a beautiful 29-year-old daughter with a serious alcohol problem. She has gone through one marriage and several boyfriends. Now she is living at our home. Her current boyfriend is a good fellow. She makes excuses and finds alcohol somehow. We stopped funding her completely. Today, she stole from her boyfriend and drank. He is pretty upset.

She has been to a number of rehabs for help. Her liver was very damaged, and she saw a liver specialist for a possible transplant.

We have spent a lot of money already since she was 18. We are getting older -- ages 67

and 63. We are both physicians.

We are at our wit's end. Any suggestive help is appreciated. My wife and I have lost all our peace of mind as to how to deal with her. -- At Our Wit's End

Dear Wit's End: I am so sorry that you and your wife have had to live through the nightmare of your daughter's disease. The truth is that everyone involved is at their wit's end because of her drinking -- including your daughter. That will continue to be the case until she hits bottom and decides to get help. Stay the course and continue to be a loving and supportive parent while making sure you do not enable her behavior. Look into attending Alcoholics Anonymous meetings in your area. There are many others who have loved ones who are suffering from this disease.

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New Book, 'Drunk Talk' is an emotional roller coaster ride with a twist of humor

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Authors Mike Davis and TL Banks are announcing their new book "Drunk Talk" (ISBN: 979-8675709625). "Drunk Talk" is a true original that keeps you laughing all the while being intrigued. "Since nobody listens to drunks, we decided to turn our rants into an entire book," says Davis. Along with being extremely hilarious and shocking, "Drunk Talk" is an epitome of what's going on in today's world, with all discussions being current and relevant for today's times.

Included are 48 short discussions about different aspects of life with a twist of humor, your drunken fortune, and unique quotes to keep you focused. Those who think they have heard it all, better think again.

Published by Club Lighthouse Publishing, "Drunk Talk" is a collaboration project with a variety of diverse topics for anybody to enjoy. Our goal as authors is to offer readers a brand-new perspective and insight all the while being entertained.

Written in Las Vegas, Nevada, which helped inspire the title, "Drunk Talk" holds true to its name, as there was no shortage of alcohol consumption during production of the book.

"Drunk Talk" was inspired by a lot of things.

Jenner campaign: No book, TV deals tied to recall

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Caitlyn Jenner kicked off a monthlong campaign tour Thursday in her bid to become California's next governor and raised fresh questions about her motive for entering the contest.

The former Olympian and reality TV personality sidestepped questions about whether she had lined up any lucrative book or TV deals connected to the September recall election that could remove Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom from office.

"I've never worked so hard for nothing in my life," Jenner told reporters in Los Angeles' Venice Beach neighborhood, after being asked about inking any money-making side ventures. She then steered around a second question about possible deals.

But later in the afternoon, her campaign issued a statement saying "she has not pursued any money-making ventures in connection with the campaign."

On behalf of Jimmy Marin and his family, we would like to thank ALL of you from the bottom of our hearts for making the golf benefit a huge success!

A special thank you to Billy Pineda and Sammy Reyna, who had the vision for the tournament and spent countless hours organizing the event. A sincere thank you to all who played, donated, volunteered, cooked, and attended. Also, a very big thank you to all of the Sponsors.

Without all of you, this event would not have been possible. We are truly blessed to have family, friends, and a community with such caring, kind, and loving hearts. We truly appreciate all of the prayers and support you have provided during this time and we thank God for placing you in our lives.

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