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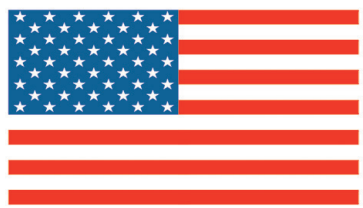
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Announcements

SMMC will host a Drive-thru vaccine clinic Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m.

Found object Art Show and Sale Heritage Museum Sept. 4 - Oct. 28 Entries being accepted now

City Council Meeting Tuesday 5:30 p.m. Council Chambers

Aug. 27 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. C. Larson Blood Drive

15th DAV 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony 4 p.m. Spring Creek Fellowship

Dove Hunt Sept. 17 Community invited to honor veterans

School is back in session. Please be alert while in or near School Zones.

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PBALC offering classes at First Church of Nazarene

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

The Permian Basin Adult Literacy Center will be hosting English Language Learners classes in Big Spring, at First Church of the Nazarene, beginning Aug. 31 at 6:30 p.m. Classes will meet until Nov. 30.

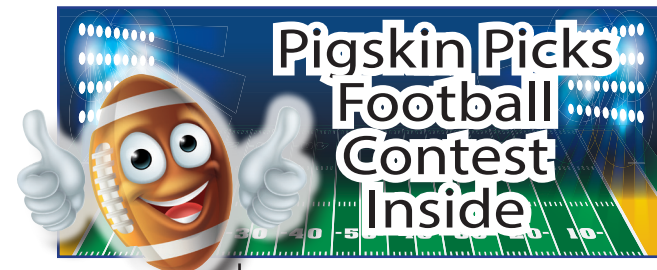
“Our main location is in Midland, but we are working to expand services throughout the Permian Basin through satellite locations in partnership with other organizations and online classes,” Andrea De Jong, Development Outreach Coordinator for Permian Basin Adult Literacy Center, said. “We know there is a big need for lit-

eracy education in the Permian Basin and we are doing whatever we can to help meet the need.”

Adults 18 years and older can enroll until Sept. 9. Those enrolling will need to complete a student orientation with PBALC staff prior to starting classes. There is a cost to purchase the workbook along with a yearly enrollment fee. The first round of classes took place in the Fall of 2019 and included English Language and Digital Literacy.

“We had a small group of consistent students who attended and we were hopeful

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Tuesday accident results in fatality

HERALD Staff Report

The Texas Department of Public Safety reported a fatality accident that occurred Tuesday morning in Howard County, 17 miles north of Big Spring on FM 846.

A 2012 Peterbilt, driven by William H. Brandon, a 66-year-

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Big Spring D.A.V. Chapter 47 presents new appreciation signs



Courtesy photos

DAV Chapter 47 presented Dove Hunt supporters with a special sign of appreciation during a recent meeting. Four local supporters were recognized - Wishbone Ranch, Moss Creek Ranch, Al's BBQ and Texas Parks and Wildlife. Matt Woodall is pictured accepting the sign for Wishbone Ranch and Matt Bagwell is pictured accepting the sign for Al's.

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

One idea can serve as the catalyst for positive change, but add community support, caring hearts, and a group of people who are willing to achieve the same goal, and

the impact is limitless. A group of community organizations, families and businesses have come together over the past eight years to show their support for veterans.

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Howard College welcomes new English Professor Wade Thompson

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Herald Staff Writer

Howard College's new English professor is a published poet.

“I'm a published poet. I am published in that genre. I'm looking forward to the semester and being a part of the community,” said Dr. Wade Thompson, who will be teaching English Composition at Howard this fall.

“I'm from Southeastern Oklahoma, a small town called Colbert, right on the Red River on the Texas border,” Thompson said. “I got my undergrad from the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, USAO for short, and did my Masters and Ph.D. work at Texas A&M Commerce, where I graduated with a Ph.D. in English. I'm the new associate



Professor Wade Thompson

professor of English, and I teach composition courses.”

Dr. Thompson taught previously at Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth, and at University of Texas at Arlington.

In his five composition courses, students will start writing about what they know – themselves, said Dr. Thompson.

“My Comp 1, we start out with a personal essay, then we work our way up to literary analysis, and then to a beginning research paper,” he said. “Then in Comp 2, we work on argumentation, rhetoric, the philosophy of rhetoric, and four advanced forms of argumentation.”

Thompson doesn't believe in bad writing.

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COVID-19 Updates

According to the Texas Health Department. Covid case count as of Aug. 25 is as follows:

- Confirmed: 3,132
- Probable: 1,930
- Fatalities: 106
- Active: 214
- Recovered: 4,742

Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be hosting vaccine clinics every Thursday from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. in the parking lot.

A vaccine clinic will also take place at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum East Room Aug. 26 from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

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- **REX ANTHONY MOORE**, 60, of 409 S. Midway, was arrested on a charge of unlawful possession firearm by felon.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 400 block of S. Midway Road.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 1800

block of S. Gregg Street; 300 block of Tulane Avenue.

- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Hwy 87; 500 block of S. Birdwell Lane.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 2200 block of S. Runnels Street.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the area of Courtney Place.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 200 block of Moore Road.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 5200 block Dawson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of W. 6th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Grimes Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of S. Gregg Street. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 6100 block of N. Service Road. One person was transported to

Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of E. 11th Place. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of E I-20. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3600 block of Boulder Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 6400 block of S. Service Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **ROAD FREIGHT/TRANSPORT VEHICLE FIRE** was reported in the area of N. CR 33. The fire was contained.

Take Note

• The Big Spring Symphony is celebrating 40 years. Their season will include: Sept. 25 'A Breath of Fresh Air' which will take place at the Big Spring High School Auditorium; Nov. 20 will feature 'The Music of Queen'; Dec. 8 "Holiday Spectacular"; Feb. 19 "Winter Wonderland"; and Spring Pops Concert on April 23. The concerts will take place at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium except for the opening performance. Tickets can be purchased in season passes or per concert.

• Howard County Fair is coming Sept. 17-19. Submissions for the Art and Photo contest will need to be submitted Sept. 14 from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. The Special Subcategory this year is Cactus or Birds or combination of both. Submissions can be fine art or photography. For more information, call Sandra Lockhart at 432-263-4155.

• Trinity Baptist Church will host a 13-week Grief Share session, beginning Aug. 26.

• The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County is gearing up for the annual kick off event and golf tournament. The golf tournament will be August 28 and 29 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course; the concert will take place at the amphitheater on Aug. 29 with Micky and the Motorcars and Spur 327.

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

• Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna – a two dose and Janseen – a single dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18. Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic. The staff will to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@sprhs.org

• Maranatha Baptist Academy is now enrolling for 2021-2022 School year. We offer summer session of 4 weeks in the middle of summer. We begin August 2, 2021, and are a year round school. We service home school as well as in-house school for Kindergarten through High School graduation. In operation for 40 years, we understand the spectrum of curriculum necessary for a good foundation for careers and college education. Please contact Dr. Lillian Bohanan at 432-213-1046 for further information about tuition, hours, and anything else you might want to know about our education successes, or come by and see us at 903 Johnson Street, Big Spring, Texas.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you. Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more. To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

• St. Vincent de Paul food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

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

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

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as

Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

• O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Mike Tarpley at 432-556-2227.

• Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

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

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

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

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

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

Small Taxing Unit Notice

The Permian Basin UWCD will hold a meeting at 12:00 pm on September 3, 2021 at 708 W. St. Peter Street, Stanton, Texas, 79782 to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2021.

The proposed tax rate is \$0.003802 per \$100 of value.

Obituaries

Maxine Faye Shaffer

Maxine Faye Shaffer, 97, longtime resident of Big Spring passed away Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021. A visitation with family present will be held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 27, 2021, at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at Trinity Baptist Church burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Services are under direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



Maxine was born April 8, 1924 in Big Spring, Texas to Jim Robert "Bob" Hull and Clara Mae Nabors Hull. She was second youngest of six daughters, she attended the Midway School until the untimely death of her mother and three years later, her father. She and her younger sister went to live with their Aunt and Uncle, Fannie and Mack McFarland. They were very strict but loving and Uncle Mack was insistent that she and her sister, Dorothy get a good education. Therefore, she attended school and graduated from Big Spring High School.

Maxine met and later married the love of her life, Howard Shaffer in November 1947, they were married for 55 years at the time of his death in June of 2002.

She was very proud that she had worked 40 plus years during her life and she only had two employers. Maxine went to work for Montgomery Ward in 1943 during her senior year of High School on Saturdays, she started on the floor and later moved to the business office. A number of years later she accepted a job for the City of Big Spring working at the Water Department and later moved on to the Finance Department. After she retired from the City of Big Spring where she had worked for 20+ years, she and Howard moved to Robert Lee where they worked with their son, at Shaffer Funeral Home for ten years. After retiring once again they moved back to Big Spring, into the house that they purchased in 1955 and where they had raised their family and where she lived out the remainder of her life.

Maxine was a loving and devoted wife, mother and Memom, she was so proud of her family. She was a longtime member of Trinity Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School for many years. She often talked about the children that she had in her classes.

Maxine is survived by a daughter, Barbara Pender and husband, Tom; a son, Gary Shaffer and wife Della; six grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; nine great great grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Neva Shaffer; numerous nieces and nephews

Paid Obituary

Johnny Sherrod

Johnny Sherrod, 77, of Big Spring, died Monday Aug. 23, 2021. Memorial Service will be 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Johnny was born Oct. 8, 1943, in Big Spring, Texas.

Johnny is survived by his wife: Patricia Sherrod of Big Spring, one daughter, Tina Grote of Bennington, OK; one son, John R. Sherrod of Big Spring; one grandson.

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

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 107 inmates at the time of this report.

• **LAHOMA RENEE GOODBLANKET**, 43, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **JUAN SERGIO MENDEZ**, 26, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of capias-theft property between \$100 and \$750.

• **REX ANTHONY MOORE**, 60, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of unlawful possession of firearm by felon.

• **JOSHUA ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ**, 28, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of discharge firearm within city.

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Support Groups

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- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

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

FRIDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM

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

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

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

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring.

DPS

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old from Lamesa, was traveling north on FM 846 approaching a curve in the roadway at an unsafe speed. Brandon lost control of the vehicle and rolled, according to the preliminary report. At the time of the accident the weather was clear and dry.

TEACH

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"I tell students that there's no such thing as a bad writer. There's always room for improvement, of course – and that goes for anybody, including professors and people who do this for a living," he said. "You know, writing, the big thing is, it's a process. It's something you have to do every day in order to improve. You have to really work at it. So I tell students that the biggest thing about writing is communicating your thoughts across. So in that realm, there is no such thing as bad writing. There's just writing that could be improved. I think students look at writing in a negative light because they've been told

to, or they've been told they're bad writers, but I honestly don't believe that. I think that it's merely a place that we could all improve."

Thompson said he's excited to be in Big Spring. "I like the landscape. I love the desert. I really love the campus here, the school. The people are very welcoming and kind, and made me feel like I'm a part of it," he said.

Samples of Dr. Thompson's poetry and writing can be found at www.pikerpress.com/authors/showauthor.php?aid=199.

Welcome to Big Spring, Dr. Thompson! Have a great school year.

Editor's note: This is the second in a series of stories introducing our readers to new faculty members at Howard College.

DAV

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In a recent meeting of Big Spring's DAV, Chapter 47, those businesses were recognized for their contributions to the annual Dove Hunt.

The idea originated from an outreach effort with the Purple Heart Hunt in Eden. The group presented a sign of appreciation to supporters; Mike Tarpley – organizer of the Big Spring Dove Hunt – was intrigued by the idea and brought it back to the local chapter. Tarpley and Martinez presented the idea and the idea passed with 100% agreement on the vote.

"I have been a part of The Purple Hearts Hunt in Eden, Texas, since 2012, and fellow Chapter 47 DAV member, Danny Martinez has been a part of it for a few years. The Purple Heart chapter 1919, which Martinez and I are both members of as well, presented signs to the supporters of the event this past November."

The signs were designed as a sign of appreciation for supporters in the community of the DAV and veterans, but also as a way to show the partnership between the

business and the local Chapter 47 DAV.

"We hope the recipients of these signs will place them in a place that will show their pride in being

a part of honoring our heroes. The more people who see the sign is better for the DAV and the recipients," Tarpley said. "Hopefully, the people that see the sign will take a moment to remember a hero."

Tarpley continued, "The support we receive from the community is the only way we can have funds to support our heroes ... every dollar is important and every dollar stays local. The community needs to know there are businesses and individuals who support our heroes. Hopefully, they will give their support to the ones that support us."

The first set of signs were presented to those who have been contributors to the Dove Hunt – Wishbone Ranch, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Moss Creek Ranch and Al's BBQ. The signs will be presented to other loyal contributors, but with the Dove Hunt right around the corner, it was perfect timing to have the first set presented to contributors of the annual hunt. The local Dove Hunt is headed into the eighth year and Moss Creek Ranch along with

Texas Parks and Wildlife Officer Matt Woodall has been a supporter since the beginning; Al's BBQ joined the cause in the second year and the Wishbone Ranch.

"As we presented the signs to our partners each was very much appreciative. The signs were well received. The bigger test will be the weekend of the Dove Hunt when the honorees see the signs as they are honored for the weekend," Tarpley said. "We will be honoring more business and individuals in the meetings to come. Thanks to the support of the community we have been able to help several veterans in a variety of ways."

Tarpley continued, "We appreciate each and every person, business, organization that has stepped up and helped us over the years. Every dollar makes a difference in a veteran's life. The support we continue to receive helps us continue our mission and allows us to show our veterans the gratitude they so rightly deserve."

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

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Mark Rocha, 45, died Sunday, Funeral Mass at 10 AM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel

Ronald Lucas, 64, died Monday, Funeral service at 4 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Johnny Sherrod, 77, died Monday. Funeral service at 2 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel

Victor Martinez, Jr. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home

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overtime we could continue growing the classes. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we put our in person Big Spring classes on hold in early Spring 2020. At that time, we invited Big Spring students to take part in our online classes until we were able to meet again in person," she said.

The more awareness the PBALC can raise about the services and classes offered in the community, the better. Those looking to learn or improve English skills in a small group environment can benefit from the classes being offered. De Jong encourages the community to help spread the word about upcoming classes. There is currently a beginner level and an intermediate level English class, both running from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. All students will be offered access to online classes.

"We are grateful to the Big Spring community for supporting us in our efforts to improve the literacy of Permian Basin adults," she said. "At this time no additional classes are planned, but that may be reassessed based on the success of the Tuesday night class."

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De Jong continued, "Classes like this are important in the community because they provide an inviting learning opportunity where students are able to improve their literacy skills in a non-intimidating environment. Improving literacy levels is one of the single most impactful ways to improve nearly every aspect of the community. It puts the individuals who participate in the position to gain access to better career opportunities, further their education, and allows them to positively impact their children's literacy skills as well."

To sign up for classes visit <https://pbalc.org/permian-basin-adult-literacy-students/>. For more information, contact Andrea De Jong at adejong@pbalc.org or call 432-682-9693.

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Howard County Bowl: Forsan v Coahoma

By DUSTIN POPE

Herald Sports Writer

So, football fans, it is that time of year; it's time for the one and only Howard County Bowl! Of course, football has always had its main rivalries. Michigan and Ohio State, Texas and Oklahoma, Florida and Georgia, Notre Dame and Florida State, Florida vs. Florida State, and Minnesota vs. Wisconsin are just a few of the great rivalries in all football.

This Howard County Bowl ranks right up there when you, as some of the locals. This game pits Howard County rivals the Forsan Buffaloes against the Coahoma Bulldogs. This will mark the eight-time these two teams have faced off against one another. So far, this rivalry has been somewhat one-sided as the Coahoma Bulldogs have won five of the seven previous matchups.

This always kicks off the year of football for both teams, and of course, neither team wants to start the season with a loss, so the level of football is second to none. Both teams will always show up to battle one another. Both teams look forward to this

game the second the game ends.

For Forsan, it has been a year of waiting as they narrowly lost last season when a final second field goal didn't hit the mark.



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Last year's game was what we in the business call a barn burner; both teams played their tail off, and the Coahoma Bulldogs once again topped the Buffaloes. I can only imagine how long the Forsan Buffaloes have looked forward at this shot. This is like the Super Bowl for both teams, and while both coaches are friends, trust me, they want to beat one another.

So how does this version of the Howard County Bowl matchup? The Bulldogs come in with the series momentum and have the mental edge of being

up in this series. So how does that help this season? This will be a very close game. Both of this year's teams are good. Both have worked hard all off-season to put on a show this year. I believe that the Bulldogs have the talent edge as far as a positional element. The Bulldogs are very loaded all over the field and play well as a team. However, this Forsan team has a definite speed advantage. They will be the faster team when they are on the field and should exploit mismatches all over the field. The Buffs' speed could be the deciding factor in this game because you can't coach speed. So, who am I picking? Well, I cover both teams, so I'll excuse myself from that conversation. What I will tell you is these shapes are up to be one heck of a competitive game? I can say to you this coming Friday night will be a heck of a game. I'm sure both teams will lay it all out on the field and try their best to win this big-time game. I'm looking forward to taking in my first-ever Howard County Bowl. Still, most of all, I'm just looking forward to covering my first football game for this area.

Football is king down here, so I'm looking forward to being able to bring all of you good coverage for this entire season.

US Open glimpse of future sans Serena, Roger, Rafa

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

It's been nearly a quarter of a century since Serena Williams, Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal all sat out the same Grand Slam tennis tournament.

That changes next week, when the U.S. Open will start at Flushing Meadows without any member of that distinguished and dominant trio. Williams, whose 40th birthday is in September, withdrew on Wednesday, joining Federer, who turned 40 this month, and Nadal, who is 35, on the sideline because of injuries. Williams' older sister, 41-year-old Venus, also pulled out of the field Wednesday.

Everyone knows they can't play forever, of course, and that this grand era will end at some point. Now fans, other players, the tour, tournaments, sponsors, TV executives and the rest of the world are getting a glimpse of what the probably-not-too-distant future holds for tennis.

Is that as daunting as it sounds?

"We have been asking ourselves that question for many years. They've defied the odds with their legacy and their dominance of the sport well beyond other champions. Without question, our sport does go through the passing of the baton," U.S. Open tournament director Stacey Allaster said in a telephone interview from New York after Serena's announcement but before Venus'. "The athletes that are here, they're ready for it. We're starting to see who those potential next Grand Slam champions will be. We've gone through this cycle before, and our athletes have risen to the

occasion and they've stood on all champions' shoulders and taken the sport to the next level."

That certainly can be said of the Williams sisters, Federer and Nadal, who all managed to become global superstars and remain relevant for long past the usual time frame in tennis. Not since the Australian Open in 1997, the year Venus Williams made her major debut at the French Open, has any Grand Slam tournament been contested without at least one of the four.

Because the right hamstring she tore at Wimbledon in late June is not sufficiently healed, Serena again will not be able to pursue what would be a 24th Grand Slam singles title, tying Margaret Court for the most in the sport's history. (As it is, Serena holds the Open era mark of 23, because more than half of Court's total came before professionals were permitted to enter major tournaments in 1968).

Since returning from maternity leave in 2018, Serena has reached four Slam finals, going 0-4. Her 2017 Australian Open title while pregnant at age 35 makes her the oldest woman to win a major singles championship in the Open era. Ken Rosewall set the men's mark of 37 at the 1972 Australian Open.

Federer, the first man to reach 20 Slam trophies, is done for 2021 because he needs a third operation on a right knee that was repaired twice last year. Nadal, who matched his rival's total by getting his 20th major at the 2020 French Open, is also done for the season, troubled by recurring left foot pain.

What no one knows for sure, right now, is when — or, truthfully, if — each will return.

In Serena's social media post Wednesday about her withdrawal from the U.S. Open, she closed with this pledge: "I'll see you soon."

In Federer's announcement 10 days earlier, he spoke about wanting "to give myself a glimmer of hope, also, to return to the tour in some shape or form."

Nadal, the youngest of the group, vowed last week that he still has "a couple of beautiful years" left in his career.

"I've always thought — each and every year, as their careers got into the twilight years — every time we had them here in the U.S. Open, we were incredibly fortunate," Allaster said. "They have done so much for our sport and for this tournament."

Now, though, there will be even more attention on Novak Djokovic as he tries to complete the first calendar-year Grand Slam by a man since Rod Laver in 1969 and break his tie with Federer and Nadal by claiming a 21st major title.

And extra attention on reigning U.S. Open champion Naomi Osaka as she returns to Grand Slam action for the first time since pulling out of the French Open, then Wimbledon, for a mental health break.

"We are disappointed for our fans. How could they not be disappointed? They're fan favorites, without question. They are just such exceptional champions," Allaster said about Serena, Federer and Nadal. "At the same time, the show goes on."

Surprise, surprise: Jaguars make Trevor Lawrence starting QB

By MARK LONG

AP Pro Football Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Urban Meyer figured Trevor Lawrence would be his starting quarterback long before he even took the Jacksonville job.

But Meyer insisted Lawrence earn the spot, whether his goal was to send a message to his young team or set a tone for his NFL tenure. So Meyer staged a sometimes laughable "competition" during offseason workouts, training camp and the preseason.

Meyer finally ended the charade Wednesday by naming Lawrence the team's starter for the season opener at Houston on Sept. 12, one of the least surprising decisions in franchise history.

Meyer gave Lawrence the nod over third-year pro Gardner Minshew after two preseason games and a month of training camp. Meyer expects Lawrence will never have to earn a starting job in the NFL again.

"You can capitalize that if you want. Underline it. Cap it," Meyer said.

Now, Lawrence will try to become the first quarterback selected No. 1

overall to win his first NFL start since Houston's David Carr in 2002. Among those who have failed to do so since: Eli Manning, Cam Newton, Andrew Luck, Kyler Murray and Baker Mayfield.

Lawrence, the top pick in the 2021 NFL draft, and Minshew, a two-year starter in Jacksonville, split repetitions with the first-team offense during camp. Meyer wanted "healthy competition" at every position, including quarterback.

Nonetheless, just about everyone outside Minshew's camp expected Lawrence to be Jacksonville's starter in Houston. Lawrence was the top college prospect in nearly a decade, and outperformed Minshew at every turn during camp.

Meyer also said Lawrence will start Jacksonville's preseason finale at Dallas on Sunday.

"It doesn't really change anything, though," Lawrence said. "Still got the same task in front of us, got to get a lot better, individually, as a team, as an offense. Just looking forward to going to work this week. It brings some clarity, which is nice, going forward. But it really doesn't change much,

but, yeah, I'm really excited for the opportunity, grateful for it."

Lawrence has completed 20 of 32 passes for 184 yards in two exhibitions, both losses. He started each game, was sacked three times, and led the offense to just a field goal in six series.

"It's frustrating, but also we just got to stick together and keep playing," Lawrence said. "We're going to figure it out. I'm really confident in that. We got a bunch of guys that are putting the work in and we're going to do everything it takes to get on the right track."

Lawrence went 34-2 at Clemson, re-

cording the third-best winning percentage by a starting quarterback (minimum 30 starts) in college football since 1978. He finished his college career undefeated in regular-season play and led the Tigers to the national championship as a freshman in 2018.

After a loss to the offseason, Lawrence had surgery to repair a torn labrum in his non-throwing shoulder in February and then was hampered by a strained hamstring in organized team activities — he looked every bit as advertised in camp. Teammates raved about his arm, his mobility, his touch on deep passes and his command of the huddle.

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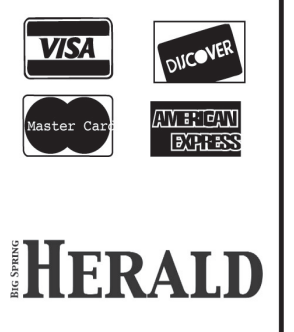
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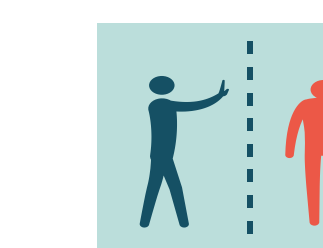
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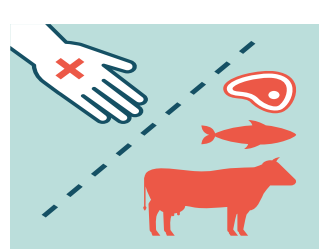
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10:AM	The View	Como dice el dicho	The Heal	The Price Is Right	Caso De siones	Today-Hoda	House Words of	Go Luna Nature	Drew Barrymore	Maury	Friends	Supernatural			MLB Baseball: Rangers at Indians	Law & Order: SVU	Kids Behind Bars	Homestead Rescue
10:30																		
11:AM	Jeopardy	Noticiero	Tamron Hall	Young & Restless	Más sabe Noticias	The Dr. Oz Show	Shofar Cost	Nature Xavier	The Doctors	Maury	Friends	Supernatural	SportsCenter	First Take		Law & Order: SVU	Kids Behind Bars	Homestead Rescue
11:30																		
12:PM	GMA3: What	Hoy (SS)	TMZ Live	News Bold	Pasión de gavilanes	Days of our Lives	News Rocks	Molly Hero	Dateline	Hot	Friends	Supernatural	SportsCenter		Texas High School Football Classics	Law & Order: SVU	Kids Behind Bars	Homestead Rescue
12:30																		
1:PM	General Hospital	La madrastra	The People's Court	The Talk	En casa con	Blast	Dollars Called	Cyber Pink	The First 48	Medicare Inogen!	Friends	Supernatural	Jalen	SportsCenter	Question	Law & Order: SVU	Kids Behind Bars	Homestead Rescue
1:30																		
2:PM	Rachael Ray	Amor eterno	Judge Mathis	Let's Make a Deal	(1:58) Suelita la sopa	Ellen DeGeneres	Light of Southwest	Elinor	Monk	Jerry Jerry	Friends	Bones	2021 Little League World Series	Jalen	Texas High School Football Classics	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Homestead Rescue
2:30																		
3:PM	Jdg Judy	El gordo y la flaca	The List Mom	Kelly Clarkson	(2:58) Al rojo vivo	Dr. Phil	Light of Southwest	Donkey Curious	Maury	Jerry Springer	American American	Bones				Law & Order: SVU	First 48: Tracking	Homestead Rescue
3:30																		
4:PM	DailyMail Jeopardy!	Primer impacto	Broke Girl	CBS 7 News	En casa con	News	Creation	Curious	25 Words	Divorce Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Bones	Around Pardon	Football	Focused	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Homestead Rescue
4:30																		
5:PM	Big 2 ABC	Noticiero	FamFeud	CBS 7 Noticias	News	Behind	Hero	King	King	Burgers Big Bang	Big Bang	Bones	2021 Little League World Series	Bark in the Park	MLB Baseball: Texas Rangers at Cleveland Indians.	Chrisley	The First 48	Homestead Rescue
5:30																		
6:PM	News	Rosa de Guadalupe	Big Bang	CBS 7 ET	La casa de los famosos (SS)	News	House	Wild Kratt	Last Man	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Bones				Chrisley	The First 48	Homestead Rescue
6:30																		
7:PM	Holey Moley	Disefiando tu amor	MasterChef	Big Brother		Brooklyn	Master	Odd	Dateline	Coroner	Big Bang	Movie: Law Abiding Citizen (DVS)	Heisman	Movie: Turner & Hooch, Craig T. Nelson	Postgame Rangers	Chrisley	Accused: Guilty	Homestead Rescue
7:30																		
8:PM	When Nature Calls	Si nos dejan	Kat	Neighbor B Positive	Hercai: amor	Making It	Light of Southwest	Arthur	Law Order: CI	The Outpost	The Cube	Movie: Contraband, Ben Foster (DVS)	Heisman	Special SportsCenter	AKC National	Football Prev.	Chrisley	(:05) Cold Case Files
8:30																		
9:PM	The Hustler	La de-salmada	FOX 24 News at 9	Bull	Café con aroma de	Law & Order	Light of Southwest	Cyber Pink	Mike Mike	News Gold	The Cube	Movie: Contraband, Ben Foster (DVS)	Heisman	Special SportsCenter	AKC National	Football Prev.	Chrisley	(:05) Cold Case Files
9:30																		
10:PM	Big 2 Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Noticiero	Mom	Late Show- Colbert	Noticias	Tonight Show	Words of	Hidden	Donkey	CBS 7	black-ish	Full	SportsCenter	Heisman	World Poker	Chrisley	(:03) The First 48	Homestead Rescue
10:30																		
11:PM	Nightline	Contacto deportivo	Funny	James Corden	Sin Senos Si	Seth Meyers	Freedom	Tiger	Jokers	black-ish	Seinfeld	Wipeout	Movie: Contraband, Ben Foster (DVS)	SportsCenter	Special	MLB Baseball: Texas Rangers at Cleveland Indians.	Chrisley	Kids Behind Bars
11:30																		
12:AM	Extra	Un gancho al amor	Two Men	Simpsons	Drew Barrymore	News	Behind	Xavier	Forensic	Seinfeld	Wipeout	Movie: Contraband, Ben Foster (DVS)	SportsCenter	Around Pardon	NFL Live	Chrisley	Accused: Guilty	Homestead Rescue
12:30																		
1:AM	Home Outages	La madrastra	Pawn	Pawn	Paid Prg.	Programa	Light of Southwest	Molly Hero	Jerry Springer	Short List	Wipeout	Movie: Contraband, Ben Foster (DVS)	SportsCenter	Special	UFC	Chrisley	Accused: Guilty	Homestead Rescue
1:30																		
2:AM	(:06) ABC World News Now	Vecinos	Paid Prg.	(:07) CBS Overnight News	Programa	Today-Hoda	Light of Southwest	Wild Kratt	Minute	Get Home Title Lock	Wipeout	NCIS: New Orleans	SportsCenter	UFC	Postgame	(:02) Dateline	(:05) Cold Case Files	Homestead Rescue
2:30																		
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3:30																		
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4:30																		

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A double-edged sword

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠AJ
♥KQ98
♦KQ10
♣AQ84

WEST
♠Q10863
♥3
♦J7542
♣102

EAST
♠K952
♥54
♦983
♣KJ76

SOUTH
♠74
♥AJ10762
♦A6
♣953

The bidding:
South West North East
2♥ Pass 2NT Pass
3♦ Pass 6♥

Opening lead — six of spades.

It's not difficult to make six hearts on this deal after West leads the six of spades. You win the spade with the ace, play the K-Q of trump and cash three diamonds, discarding your spade loser on dummy's third diamond.

Next you trump the jack of spades, lead a low club toward dummy and, if West follows low,

play the eight. In the actual case, East wins the eight with the jack but is then forced to return a club into dummy's A-Q or yield a ruff-and-discard by returning a spade. Either way, you're home free.

By clearing your own hand and dummy of spades and diamonds at the outset, you ensure that you cannot be defeated regardless of the location of the king, jack or ten of clubs. The element of luck is totally eliminated.

Now let's suppose that West's opening lead had been the ten of clubs instead of a spade. This would have foiled your chance to endplay East in the manner shown, but it still wouldn't stop you from making the slam. You'd win the club with the ace, cash the K-Q of trump and A-K-Q of diamonds, discarding the five of clubs from your hand, then lead the four of clubs toward your only remaining club, the nine.

East would win the club with the jack and could safely return a spade, but you'd still have the Q-8 of clubs in dummy to lead through East's K-6. This would enable you to establish a club trick in dummy on which you'd eventually discard your spade loser, and in that way you would also make the slam.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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Annie's Mailbox

Husband Has a Wandering Eye

Dear Annie: I cannot believe I am asking for advice. Here goes! My mom, with whom I was very close, passed away 21 months ago. Annie, my life has never been the same.

I cared for Mom when she became unexpectedly ill. I witnessed her last breath. By all accounts, I should be happy that I was the loving daughter and did right by Mom and the family.

I was attending a hospice grief group; then COVID-19 happened. Since then, my life has spiraled downward and out of control. I no longer find peace, happiness or contentment within myself -- or anything else, for that matter. I have dived back into an unhealthy lifestyle of sex addiction, from which I had been in recovery for seven years. I use false intimacy with strangers to mask my pain. I'm married to a wonderful man, but I have taken up with an emotionally toxic man who is also an alcoholic. I'm living

in two separate worlds. And yes, I am under the care of a psychiatrist and take medication for my depression and bipolar disorder, to no avail.

How do I stop running and face my mom's death head on? I fear I am stuck in the anger stage of mourning. I read your advice column every day. I am hoping you can give me some sound advice. -- Missing Mom

Dear Missing: Please, friend, stop telling yourself that you "should be happy." Honor your grief. You lost your mom. Of course you're devastated. Grief is the natural response when someone we love dies.

You mentioned that you're seeing a psychiatrist. I'd also encourage you to see a therapist who specializes in grief and addiction. It sounds as though the hospice group was helpful to you in the past. While in-person options are still limited, consider exploring online grief support communities, such as the forums at <https://www.grieving.com>.

Depending on your age, you might also like to check out The Dinner Party, which is an online platform that connects people in their 20s and 30s who are grieving the death of a loved one (<https://www.thedinnerparty.org>).

Also, I encourage you to read the book "It's OK That You're Not OK," by grief counselor Megan Devine. You might also get something out of "Wild," a memoir by Cheryl Strayed, about her journey through addiction and recovery in the years following the loss of her mother. Words can't express how sorry I am for the death of your dear mom.

Dear Annie: My husband and I are both in our mid-60s and retired. He has a habit that is really starting to irk and hurt me the last few years. When we're out together and he sees attractive women, he always looks twice at them. He apologizes but then, after a couple of weeks, does it again! I have told him, repeatedly, that it is disrespectful and that if I don't do it for him anymore, he should go get what he is looking for -- but that he shouldn't expect to be able to come back afterward. He says that I'm jealous and immature. I say that he should know better. What do you say? -- Weary of Watching Him Watch Them

Dear Weary: Leering is one thing; just looking is another. If your husband is merely taking quick second glances at women, let it go. It's normal -- healthy, even -- to take momentary notice of attractive people. It doesn't mean he finds you any less attractive. As long as he's being faithful to you, physically and emotionally, that's what matters.

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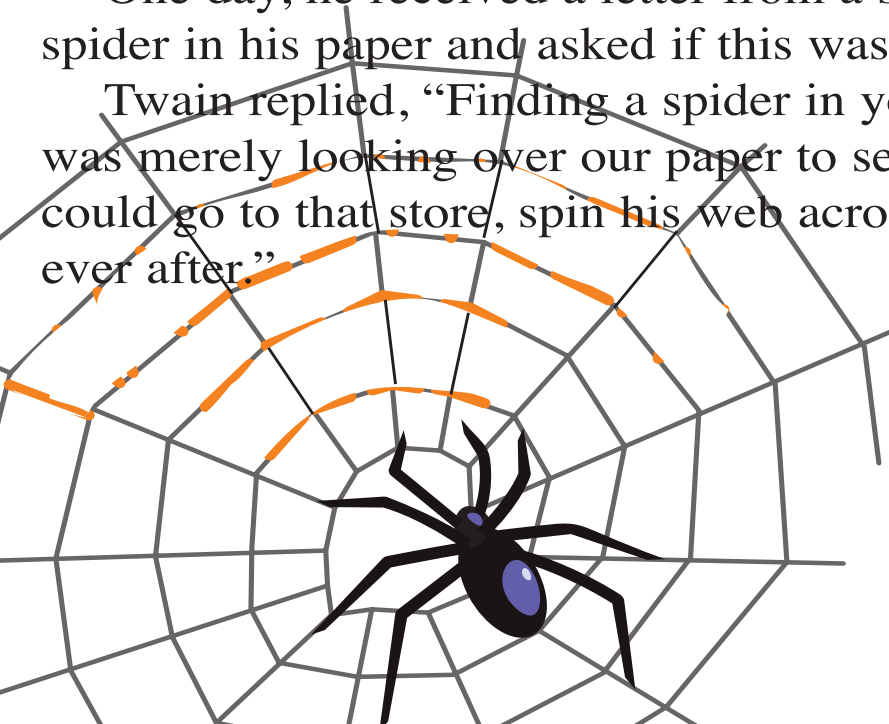
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The Spider

During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was the editor of a small Missouri paper.

One day, he received a letter from a subscriber stating that he had found a spider in his paper and asked if this was an omen of good or bad luck.

Twain replied, "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever after."



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Today in History

Today is Thursday, Aug. 26, the 238th day of 2021. There are 127 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing American women's right to vote, was certified in effect by Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby.

On this date:

In 1817, the University of Michigan was founded.

In 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa began cataclysmic eruptions, leading to a massive explosion the following day.

In 1939, the first televised major league baseball games were shown on experimental station W2XBS: a double-header between the Cincinnati

Reds and the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field. (The Reds won the first game, 5-2, the Dodgers the second, 6-1.)

In 1944, French Gen. Charles de Gaulle braved the threat of German snipers as he led a victory march in Paris, which had just been liberated by the Allies from Nazi occupation.

In 1957, the Soviet Union announced it had successfully tested an intercontinental ballistic missile.

In 1968, the Democratic National Convention opened in Chicago; the four-day event that resulted in the nomination of Hubert H. Humphrey for president was marked by a bloody police crackdown on antiwar protesters in the streets.

In 1972, the summer Olympics opened in Munich, West Germany.

In 1985, 13-year-old AIDS patient Ryan White began "attending" classes at Western Middle School in Kokomo, Indiana, via a telephone hook-up at his home -- school officials had barred Ryan from attending classes in person.

In 2004, the nation's supply of vaccine for the impending flu season took a big hit when Chiron Corp. announced it had found tainted doses in its factory, and would hold up shipment of about 50 million shots.

In 2017, Hurricane Harvey spun into Texas, unloading extraordinary amounts of rain. (The hurricane killed nearly 70 people, damaged more than 300,000 structures and caused an estimated \$125 billion in damage.)

In 2015, Alison Parker, a reporter for WDBJ-TV in Roanoke, Virginia, and her cameraman, Adam Ward, were shot to death during a

live broadcast by a disgruntled former station employee who fatally shot himself while being pursued by police.

In 2018, a gunman opened fire on fellow gamers at a video game tournament in Jacksonville, Fla., killing two men and wounding 10 others before taking his own life. Playwright Neil Simon, whose comedies included "The Odd Couple" and "Barefoot in the Park," died at the age of 91.

Ten years ago: More than 2 million people along the Eastern Seaboard were ordered to move to safer ground as Hurricane Irene approached the coast. A Boko Haram sect member detonated a car loaded with explosives at the United Nations headquarters in Nigeria's capital Abuja, killing 25 people and wounding more than 100 others.

Five years ago: San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick remained seated

on the team's bench rather than standing for the national anthem before the Niners played host to the Green Bay Packers in an exhibition game, saying he believed the United States was oppressing African Americans and other minorities.

One year ago: Seventeen-year-old Kyle Rittenhouse was arrested in Illinois in the shooting deaths of two people and the wounding of another during a third night of protests in Kenosha, Wisconsin, over the police shooting of a Black man, Jacob Blake. (Rittenhouse, who said he was defending himself after the three men attacked him, is awaiting trial on charges including two homicide counts.) On the third night of their convention, Republicans led by Vice President Mike Pence aggressively defended law enforcement; the convention unfolded amid new protests against racial injustice. The U.N. children's agency said at least a third of children

around the world couldn't access remote learning when the COVID-19 pandemic closed schools. All three scheduled NBA playoff games were postponed, with players choosing to boycott in their strongest statement yet against racial injustice. (The games resumed three days later, after players and owners agreed to expand initiatives, many tied to increased voting awareness and opportunities.)

Today's Birthdays: Pop singer Vic Dana is 81. Former Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge is 76. R&B singer Valerie Simpson is 76. Pop singer Bob Cowill is 72. Broadcaster journalist Bill Whitaker is 70. Actor Brett Cullen is 65. Former NBA coach Stan Van Gundy is 62. Jazz musician Branford Marsalis is 61. Country musician Jimmy Olander (Diamond Rio) is 60. Actor Chris Burke is 56. Actor-singer Shirley Manson (Garbage) is 55. Rock musician Dan Vickrey (Counting Crows) is 55.

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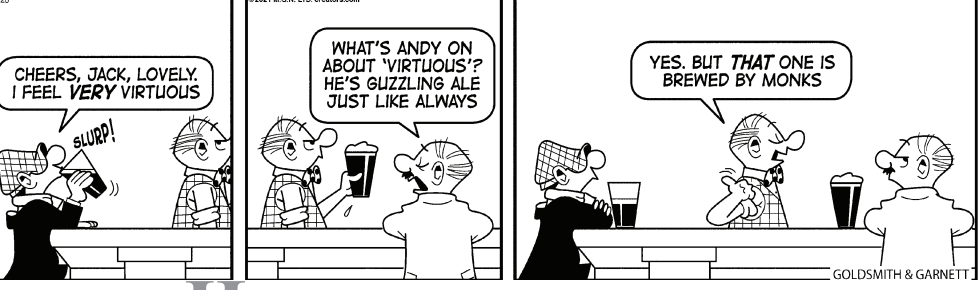


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ONE BIG HAPPY



Horoscopes By Holiday

THURSDAY August 26, 2021

Pluto Offers an Emotional Ride

A lunar square to Pluto begs the question: (SET ITAL)Am I being manipulated? Seduced? Triggered?(END ITAL) It's said no one makes another person feel any sort of way without their buy-in. This premise gets tested as we get the impression we're being set up for some kind of emotional ride. Mercury in Virgo swoops in with mindfulness that just could save the day.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Like an expert salesperson, you'll focus on your hot-prospects list and save time and energy by prioritizing your most likely customers. One thoughtful move will make money for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The theme centers on the Latin prefix "re," meaning "back" or "again." Prepare for reunions, renovations, remixes and remodels. All things old will be new again.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The question of standards will come up. You'll set the bar. Look around; do your research; understand the full range of what's possible, especially on the lower side.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Though you can't change history, you can change which parts of it you focus on, the way you tell it, and what it means to you. Today gives you an interesting excuse to reflect.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). "Whoever obeys the gods, to him they particularly listen," stated the Greek classic "The Iliad." You'll notice the same power dynamic on a smaller scale as favoritism will be shown by the powerful to the attentive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Those who appreciate gifts are given more of them. The opposite is also true. You'll wisely temper your reaction to receive less of something you don't want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll experience the need for harmony and beauty in your environment. This is typical for you, but it's stronger and more urgent than usual today, likely causing you to purge the old and bring in the new.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll understand a situation that baffles the others. Explaining it is the hard part. Consider skipping that and just acting on your knowledge. They'll catch up later.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The special fondness between you and your people gets the spotlight as you laugh and share stories, many retold for the 100th time. This is how a legacy gets cemented.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). To show up and handle responsibilities is the very least you're willing to do

for your loved ones. You're proactive, thinking about the future and driving the action according to your vision.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your firsthand knowledge of the grind gives you a deep appreciation for the instances in which you are paid to do something you love. Such an exchange will happen today and is deserving of celebration!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your diligence comes from strength, but if you appear to be working harder than anyone else, it will instead be interpreted as weakness. Delegate to take the pressure off so you can be cool, relaxed and in control.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 26). The dance of relationships is one of stepping back to get closer. You'll love your freedom and cherish togetherness as you honor your own needs for space and fall in tune with the needs of others. You become powerfully in control of your finances and make savvy investments. You'll be entrusted with coveted keys. Sagittarius and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 22, 5, 7 and 19.

COSMIC QUESTION: "I have an inappropriate crush on the teacher of one of my children. I'm single; he's not. No one knows how I feel. The problem is that I just can't seem to shake the thought of him. I cyberstalk him by going on a social networking sight and looking at the pictures he's uploaded. I'm so intrigued by him, and every little bit of information makes me want to know more. How do I stop this silliness? He's a Sagittarius, and I'm a Virgo."

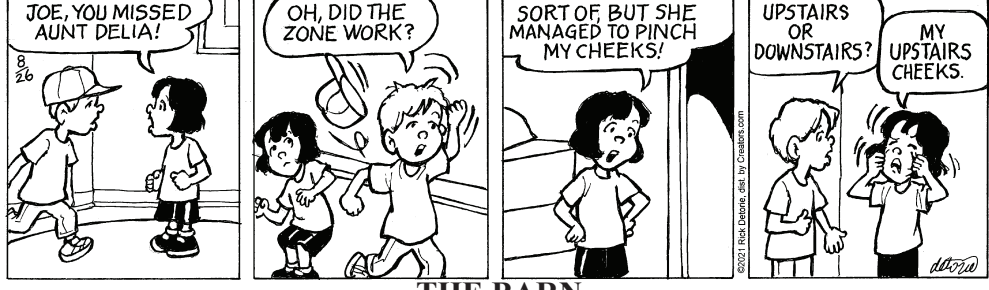
Sagittarius is worldly, friendly, curious and sophisticated. Consider all of the ways he's captured your imagination, and make a list of the qualities you find attractive in him. Whatever your list boils down to, ask yourself how you might begin to embody those characteristics yourself, because that is what this is really about.

In time, your feelings will fade, and you'll be over your crush, happy that you never acted on it. Practical Virgos usually don't have a problem staying vigilant and self-restraining because they are so good at taking care of themselves and doing what it takes to support a healthy life and reasonable aims.

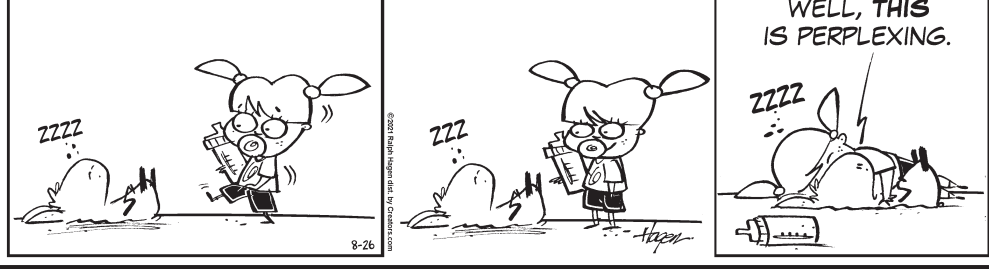
CELEBRITY PROFILES: Melissa McCarthy started out as a stand-up comic before charming fans as Sookie St. James of "Gilmore Girls" and moving on to rule the movie star A-list. McCarthy was born when Mars was in entertaining Leo and has her natal Moon in caring Cancer. This hardworking Virgo has a full lineup of projects for the near future, including the upcoming Mar-

vel movie "Thor: Love and Thunder."

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Newsday Crossword

FULL HOUSE by Steve Faiella
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ACROSS

- 1 A whole bunch
- 6 "Ready" assets
- 10 Relaxation destinations
- 14 Fifth word of the Koran
- 15 Tulsan, affectionately
- 16 Ice cream purchase
- 17 Heat source
- 19 Oscar actor Jared
- 20 Espied
- 21 Be admitted
- 22 Noble global goal
- 26 Oxygen, essentially
- 31 Keep an ___ (monitor)
- 32 Acting sulky
- 34 JAMA subscribers
- 35 Aladdin prince
- 38 Run smoothly, as an engine
- 42 Fenced-in farm spot
- 43 Actress Vardalos
- 44 Burst of speed
- 45 Twine fiber
- 47 One-up
- 48 Walter Scott contemporary
- 53 "Please repeat"
- 54 War and Peace heroine
- 60 Ninny
- 61 Tough and stubborn
- 64 Ending like mini-
- 65 Swordplay tool
- 66 Get to know
- 67 About 225 in a Venusian year

DOWN

- 1 Loses buoyancy
- 2 Put your hands together
- 3 "Just like that . . ."
- 4 Senseless
- 5 Boarded up
- 6 Resort region rental
- 7 Alias introducer
- 8 [Uncorrected]
- 9 Haw's partner
- 10 Peevish temper
- 11 Michelangelo masterwork
- 12 Prone to mischief

ACROSS

- 13 Ring thing
- 18 DVR remote button
- 21 Main mail ctr.
- 23 Gave out new hands
- 24 Heavenly strings
- 25 Workplaces
- 26 Tour bus gear
- 27 Talk well of
- 28 Music City show, for short
- 29 Orbiter that fell in 2001
- 30 NBC satire series
- 33 Knife brand of infomercials
- 35 Keep ___ (persist)
- 36 Expect back
- 37 Absorbed with
- 39 Coupes from Korea

DOWN

- 40 Wall St. news
- 41 Capote nickname
- 45 Confiscates
- 46 Big name in spy fiction
- 48 Hard to impress
- 49 Upset tummy
- 50 Smartly dressed
- 51 All over now
- 52 Confiscate
- 55 Pinball problem
- 56 Suited to ___
- 57 Draw for a drama
- 58 Half a matched set
- 59 Mrs. Shakespeare
- 61 Haw's partner
- 62 Big lug
- 63 ___ Faire (reenactment venue)

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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

Today's Answers

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

CROSSWORD Today's Answers

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ETI EEP LERN
DIT HARDBIT ZIT
ANAVAN
JANAVSTEN
ODD
SIS
STANAV
PURNKAVIT
MOPING DRS
AL
ATOMS
WORLDPEACE
SPOTLED
GAIN
GASFAKRE
OTOLE
ALLAK
SADS GASN

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6. Stanton
7. May
8. Grady
9. Pittsburgh Steelers
10. Buffalo Bills



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2. Coahoma
3. Sterling City
4. Roby
5. Westbrook
6. Grape Creek
7. Borden County
8. Highland
9. Carolina Panthers
10. Greenbay Packers



Porter's

1. Big Spring
2. Forsan
3. Garden City
4. Sands
5. Westbrook
6. Grape Creek
7. Borden County
8. Grady
9. Pittsburgh Steelers
10. Buffalo Bills



Sonic

1. Big Spring
2. Forsan
3. Sterling City
4. Sands
5. Westbrook
6. Stanton
7. Borden County
8. Grady
9. Pittsburgh Steelers
10. Greenbay Packers



Wild West Wingz

1. Big Spring
2. Coahoma
3. Sterling City
4. Sands
5. Westbrook
6. Stanton
7. Borden County
8. Grady
9. Pittsburgh Steelers
10. Greenbay Packers

Official Game Rules:

Find this week's games between the merchant's ads on this page. Choose the teams you think will win, and fill in the official entry form on this page with your team choices. Clip the entry form out of the page and drop it in the Pigskin box at one of the listed merchants.

Do not drop your entry form at the Big Spring Herald office.

*The entry with the most correct picks will win \$50!

You must be 18 to enter. *No photo copies accepted.*

*In the event of a tie, the tie breaker will determine the winner.

For the tie breaker, the entry with the correct team will win.

If both entries have guessed the same team, the second tie breaker will be the one closest to the total points.

*Decisions of the judges are final.

*Employees and family of the Big Spring Herald are ineligible.

*All entries must be received at one of the participating merchants by 1pm Friday of the week played.

*Winners will be announced on the next week's Pigskin Contest Page.

Pigskin Picks Entry Form

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
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6. _____
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8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____

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Western nations warns of possible attack at Kabul airport amid airlift as people flee

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KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Western nations warned Thursday of a possible attack on Kabul's airport, where thousands have flocked as they try to flee Taliban-controlled Afghanistan in the waning days of a massive airlift. Britain said an attack could come within hours.

Several countries urged people to avoid the airport, where an official said there was a threat of a suicide bombing. But just days — or even hours for some nations — before the evacuation effort ends, few appeared to heed the call.

Over the last week, the airport has been the scene of some of the most searing images of the chaotic end of America's longest war and the Taliban's takeover, as flight after flight landed to pull out those who fear a return to the militants' brutal rule.

Already, some countries have ended their evacuations and begun to withdraw their soldiers and diplomats, signaling the beginning of the end of one of history's largest airlifts. The Taliban have so far honored a pledge not to attack Western forces during the evacuation, but insist the foreign troops must be out by America's self-imposed deadline of Aug. 31.

But overnight, new warnings emerged from Western capitals about a threat from Afghanistan's Islamic State group affiliate, which likely has seen its ranks boosted by the Taliban's freeing of prisoners during their blitz across the country.

British Armed Forces Minister James Heapey told the BBC on Thursday there was "very, very credible reporting of an imminent attack" at the airport, possibly within "hours."

Heapey conceded that people are desperate to leave and "there is an appetite by many in the queue to take their chances, but the reporting of this threat is very credible indeed and there is a real imminence to it."

"There is every chance that as further reporting comes in, we may be able to change the advice again and process people anew, but there's no guarantee of that," he added.

Late Wednesday, the U.S. Embassy warned citizens at three airport gates to leave immediately due to an unspecified security threat. Australia, Britain and New Zealand also advised their citizens Thursday not to go to the airport, with Australia's foreign minister saying there was a "very high threat of a terrorist attack."

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid denied that any attack was imminent. "It's not correct," he wrote in a text message after being asked about the

warnings. He did not elaborate.

On Thursday, the Taliban sprayed a water cannon at those gathered at one airport gate to try to drive the crowd away, as someone launched tear gas canisters elsewhere. While some fled, others just sat on the ground, covered their face and waited in the noxious fumes.

Nadia Sadat, a 27-year-old Afghan woman, carried her 2-year-old daughter with her outside the airport. She and her husband, who had worked with coalition forces, missed a call from a number they believed was the State Department and were trying to get into the airport without any luck. Her husband had pressed ahead in the crowd to try to get them inside.

"We have to find a way to evacuate because our lives are in danger," Sadat said. "My husband received several threatening messages from unknown sources. We have no chance except escaping."

Gunshots later echoed in the area as Sadat waited. "There is anarchy because of immense crowds, she said, blaming the U.S. for the chaos.

Aman Karimi, 50, escorted his daughter and her family to the airport, fearful the Taliban would target her because of her husband's work with NATO.

"The Taliban have already begun seeking those who have worked with NATO," he said. "They are looking for them house-by-house at night."

Many Afghans have felt the same in the wake of the Taliban's takeover. The hard-line Islamic group wrested back control of the country nearly 20 years after being ousted in a U.S.-led invasion following the 9/11 attacks, which al-Qaida orchestrated while being sheltered by the group.

Amid concerns about attacks, military cargo planes leaving Kabul airport already use flares to disrupt any potential missile fire. But there are also worries someone could detonate explosives in the teeming crowds outside the airport.

"We received information at the military level from the United States, but also from other countries, that there were indications that there was a threat of suicide attacks on the mass of people," Belgian Prime Minister Alexander De Croo said, talking about the threat around Kabul airport.

Senior U.S. officials said Wednesday's warning from the embassy was related to specific threats involving the Islamic State group and potential vehicle bombs. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss ongoing military operations.

The Islamic State affiliate in Afghanistan grew out of disaffected Taliban members who hold an even-more extreme view of Islam. Naming them-

selves after Khorasan, a historic name for the greater region, the extremists embarked on a series of brutal attacks in Afghanistan that included a 2020 assault on a maternity hospital in Kabul that saw infants and women killed.

The Taliban have fought against Islamic State militants in Afghanistan. However, their advance across the country likely saw IS fighters freed alongside the Taliban's own. There are particular concerns that extremists may have seized heavy weapons and equipment abandoned by Afghan troops who fled the Taliban advance.

Amid the warnings and the pending American withdrawal, Canada ended its evacuations as European nations did or prepared to do the same.

Lt. Col. Georges Eiden, Luxembourg's army representative in neighboring Pakistan, said that Friday would mark the official end for U.S. allies, though some have stopped earlier.

"The Americans want to take advantage of the last four days they have left and were given by the Taliban to bring out a maximum of Americans," he said.

French Prime Minister Jean Castex also told RTL radio said his country's efforts would stop Friday evening.

Danish Defense Minister Trine Bramsen bluntly warned: "It is no longer safe to fly in or out of Kabul."

Denmark's last flight has already departed, and Poland and Belgium have also announced the end of their evacuations. The Dutch government said it had been told by the U.S. to leave Thursday.

The Taliban have said they'll allow Afghans to leave via commercial flights after the deadline next week, but it remains unclear which airlines would return to an airport controlled by the militants. Turkish presidential spokesman Ibrahim Kalin said talks were underway between his country and the Taliban about allowing Turkish civilian experts to help run the facility.

The Taliban have promised to return Afghanistan to security and pledged they won't seek revenge on those who opposed them or roll back progress on human rights. But many Afghans are skeptical.

Fueling fears of what Taliban rule might hold, a journalist from private broadcaster Tolo News described being beaten by Taliban. Ziar Yad said the fighters also beat his colleague and confiscated their cameras, technical equipment and a mobile phone as they tried to report on poverty in Kabul.

"The issue has been shared with Taliban leaders; however, the perpetrators have not yet been arrested, which is a serious threat to freedom of expression," Yad wrote on Twitter.

Half of US workers favor employee shot mandate: AP-NORC poll

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NEW YORK (AP) — Half of American workers are in favor of vaccine requirements at their workplaces, according to a new poll, at a time when such mandates gain traction following the federal government's full approval of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine.

The poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research shows that about 59% of remote workers favor vaccine requirements in their own workplaces, compared with 47% of those who are currently working in person. About one-quarter of workers — in person and remote — are opposed.

The sentiment is similar for workplace mask mandates, with 50% of Americans working in person favoring them and 29% opposed, while 59% of remote workers are in favor.

About 6 in 10 college graduates, who are more likely to have jobs that can be done remotely, support both mask and vaccine mandates at their workplaces, compared with about 4 in 10 workers without college degrees.

Christopher Messick, an electrical engineer who is mostly working from home in Brunswick, Maryland, said he wrote to his company's human resources department to ask that employees be required to get vaccinated before they are recalled to the office.

Messick, who is vaccinated, said he doesn't just worry about his own health. He said he also doesn't want to worry about getting a breakthrough infection that could land an unvaccinated co-worker in the hospital.

"I don't want sit an office for eight hours a day with someone who is not vaccinated," said Messick, 41. "The people who are anti-vax, I see them as selfish."

So far, many vaccine requirements are coming from private companies with employees who have mostly been able to work from home during the pandemic. The companies, including major tech companies and investment banks, have workforces that are already largely vaccinated and consider the requirement a key step toward eventually reopening offices. Goldman Sachs joined that trend Tuesday, telling employees in a memo that anyone who enters its U.S. offices must be fully vaccinated starting Sept. 7.

In contrast, few companies that rely on hourly service workers have imposed vaccine mandates because the companies are concerned about losing staff at a time of acute labor shortages and turnover. Exceptions include food processing giant Tyson Foods and Walt Disney World, which reached a deal this week with its unions to require all workers at its theme park in Orlando, Florida, to be vaccinated.

The AP-NORC poll was conducted before the FDA granted full approval of Pfizer's vaccine, which some experts and employers are hoping will persuade more people to get the shot and support mandates.

Drugstore chain CVS said this week that pharmacists, nurses and other workers who have contact with patients will have to be inoculated, but the company stopped short of requiring the vaccine for other employees such as

cashiers.

The AP-NORC poll showed high support for vaccine mandates among those who say they work in person in a health care setting, with 70% approving of vaccine requirements at their workplace.

The poll also showed divisions along racial lines.

Seventy-three percent of Black workers and 59% of Hispanic workers — who are more likely than white workers to work in front-line jobs — support mask mandates at their workplaces, compared with 42% of white workers. In addition, 53% of Black and Hispanic workers support vaccine mandates at their workplaces, as do 44% of white workers.

Despite mixed support for mandates among in-person employees, 71% of those workers said they themselves are vaccinated.

Mike Rodriguez, a maintenance worker at an auto dealership in Florida, said he got the vaccine in the spring after a diabetes diagnosis gave him a sense of urgency. But he said he leans against supporting a vaccine mandate at his job and does not mind that masks are not required.

"I don't like being told what to do. Never have," said Rodriguez, 54. "I'm going to wear mine no matter what. Just like whenever I go into a store. That's my choice."

Many large retailers, grocery store chains, food manufacturers and other companies have aggressively encouraged vaccinations with bonuses, time off, information campaigns and on-site vaccination access.

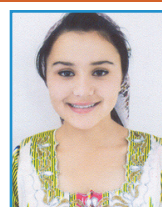
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