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Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 55. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming southeast after midnight. Thursday: Sunny, with a

high near 92. South wind 10 to 15 mph. Thursday Night: Clear,

with a low around 64. Friday: Sunny, with a high

Source: NWS, via weather.gov

## Today in History On May 25 1787: U.S. Constitutional

Convention opens Philadelphia with President George Washington presiding.

1961: In a famous speech, President John F. Kennedy announces the United States' goal of putting a man on the moon before the end of the

## **Daily Quotes**

"Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful. for beauty is God's handwrit-

— Ralph Waldo Emerson "Everything is copacetic"

- Bill "Bojangles" Robinson "If you are in trouble any-

where in the world, an airplan can fly over and drop flowers, but a helicopter can land and save your life." - Igor Sikorsky

"My theory is that all of Scottish cuisine is based on a dare."

- Mike Myers

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## Commissioners enact sales tax rule

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By ROGER CLINE

Herald Staff Writer

es are now responsible for filing for reimbursement of the sales

Howard County employees making taxed purchas-

tax. The item was decided at the County Commissioner's meeting Monday afternoon. "A county employee that makes a purchase that includes sales tax

will be responsible for obtaining the refund of the sales tax within 10 days, or the employee must reimburse the county for the tax,' County Auditor Jackie Olson read the proposal, which was approved unanimously by the commissioners. "By the time it gets to our office, it's

pretty difficult to get that sales tax back. It needs to be done up front,' Olson told the commissioners.

The meeting began with the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags, followed by

a time for public comment, but no one chose to address the commissioners.

County Treasurer Sharon Adams presented personnel matters and her monthly report for April. Adams also presented an item regarding Time Value Investments, a public entity investment firm, but the item was tabled to give commissioners more time to look over documents relating to the matter. County Auditor Jackie Olson presented invoices,

purchase requests in the amount of \$36,993.20, and budget amendments, as well as an item transferring \$100,000 from the county's "rainy day" fund to the radio system fund to cover a negative balance of \$75,892. The commissioners approved the items unanimously.

Following Olson's portion of the meeting, commissioners adjourned into closed session. Two items for executive session are listed on the agenda, both regarding personnel matters. No action was taken on the items when the commissioners returned to open session.

County Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek requested permission to purchase a load of emulsion. Commissioner Cline questioned

whether the Road and Bridge Department had money for the purchase in its fund, and Klinksiek responded affirmatively. The commissioners approved the purchase unani-

Klinksiek also requested permission to purchase an ice machine for the Road and Bridge Department at a cost of about \$5,000; commissioners unanimously approved the item.

## No quorum at BSHA board meeting again



Big Spring Housing Authority board members (l-r) Scott Emerson, Danielle cia Nabors, Royce Savory, Castillo, John Scott, T.J. Stewart and Margaret Cervantes await the start of a Willie Rangel and Melinda board meeting Monday night. The meeting was called off due to lack of a quorum, Stapp – boycotted the proas six board members - Roy Perkins, Royce Savory, Linda Blankenburg, Patricia ceedings. Nabors, Willie Rangel and Melinda Stapp - were absent.

By ROGER CLINE

Herald Staff Writer

The continued existence of the Big Spring Housing Authority is in question due to political manipulation aimed at closing the BSHA office and transferring its duties out of Howard County.

"(Former Big Spring Mayor) Shannon Thomason would like to disband the local Housing Authority. It's that simple,"

Moore said. "He would like to do away with it. Have the entire function performed locally here, sent to Abilene. That's what this is all about. It's no great mystery to it, he want's to do away with it. I don't feel like that's in the interest of the citizens of Big Spring, particularly the ones that are serviced locally here by that board."

Last week, a meeting of the BSHA board called by Housing Authority Director Sharon Fritz for Wednesday, May 18, was canceled when the five board members - including HERALD photo/Roger Cline Linda Blankenburg, Patri-

> Fritz called a new meeting for Monday night. Dur-

ing the interval between the two meetings, Mayor Moore appointed six new board members, extending the size of

See BSHA, Page 3

## Flores honored at HC board meeting

Marquez sworn in and seated

By ROGER CLINE Herald Staff Writer

The Howard County Junior College District Board of Trustees said farewell to longtime member Michael Flores during its meeting Monday. Flores has served on the Howard County board for 27 years.

Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks read a resolution and presented Flores a framed copy of the resolution, a medal and his nameplate from his place on the board to him during the meeting. The

resolution praises Flores' "thoughtful insights" and consideration during his years of service.

Sparks also announced that a bench outside the Big Spring campus' Charles O. Warren Center would be named in honor of Flores. After the honors present-

ed to Flores, incumbent board members Mark Morgan and Marisha Beck, as well as new board member Raul Marquez, took the oath of office and were welcomed to the board.

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Michael Flores, center, retired from the Howard College board Monday, Shown with Flores are the other board members and College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks.



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## **Sheriff**

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

Note – Official's with the Howard County Jail reported having 96 inmates at the time of this report

- COURTNEY FELICIA AUSBIE, 37, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled more than 1 gram less than 4 grams. AMANDA GARCIA, 39, was arrested by HCSO
- on a charge of accident involving damage to a ve-• TYLER RAE KIRCHOFFER, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled
- **KEITH PAUL LANCE**, 53, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property more than

substance less than 1 gram, unlicensed carrying of

- \$2500 less than \$30,000.
- CRYSTAL BROKKE MESLER, 41, was arrested by BSPD on a charge theft of drivers license/ID/ certificate, theft of property more than \$100 less
- JOSH NOBLE, 35, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of duty on striking structure/fixture/high-
- MATTHEW CASEY O'BRIEN, 43, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault w/a deadly weapon.
- KEVIN LORENZO ONTIVEROS PORRAS. 23, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of driving
- JACKIE DOYLE RICHEY, 59, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of illegal dumping more than 5 pounds less than 500 pounds, knowingly/intentionally unauthorized disposal lead acid.

• The Borden County All-School Reunion will be held Saturday, June 11, in Gail, Texas. All former students, faculty, and friends are invited to attend

**Take Note** 

No fee is charged for attending and visiting. A meal will be served at the Event Center but prepaid reservations are required. Deadline to order a meal is May 25. An adult meal ticket is \$18 and \$10 for children 8 years and older. Contact Lisa Dennis Mahler at bordenexes@gmail.com for additional

 Food distribution at Three Angels Food Pantry is held every third Tuesday of the month at the Big Spring Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at 4319 Parkway Rd. Food is provided by the West Texas Food Bank.

information and a reservation form.

People will need to bring ID and plastic bags or a box, and answer a few questions - such as how many people live in the household - to pick up food. The food pantry also has a Facebook page where they will post any updates. https://www.facebook. com/healthynuggetsofgold44.

• Everyone welcome! Western swing by Michael

New Life mature adult dance at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive, every month on the third Friday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Entry fee is \$5. Bring snacks to share. Refreshments are provided. For more information call 432 517-

- Ready for Home School or individualized education in school? Maranatha Baptist Academy, located at 903 Johnson Street, in Big Spring, Texas, is currently open and taking applications for enrollment for the 2022-23 School year. We are a faithbased Christian Academy and use the individual ized Accelerated Christian Education Curriculum for Kindergarten through 12th grade, published in Hendersonville, Tennessee. July 20 is our startur date, and applications will be accepted year-round. Someone will take your call for information at 432-213-1046. Please leave a message and we will get back with you.
- The Big Spring Art Association is looking for community businesses to display pieces of their artwork. In an effort to build awareness for the importance of the arts and highlight local talent, the Big Spring Art Association displays different art pieces across the community. If you would like a piece of art work displayed in your business lobby contact any member of the Big Spring Art Associa-
- Drive-through COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics are held from 3-6 p.m. each Thursday afternoon at Whatley Plaza, located on the northwest part of the Scenic Mountain Medical Center campus, 1601 W. Martin Luther King Boulevard, also known as 1601 W. 11th Place. The vaccination is free. For more information, visit www.scenicmountainmedical.org/
- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the basement of the Howard County Library, Come join us, we would love to have you. For more information, call 432-263-4155; Michelle Worthan at 325-227-3911; Kay Smith at 432-213-1153; or Ruby Bruns at 432-664-1943.
- 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.

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- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 700 block W I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1400 block N Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1900 block MLK. No person was transported.
  - MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2000

block N Monticello. No person was transported. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 700 block

- E 11th Place. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 9600 block Jay Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 900 block S Main St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 1200 block of N FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 900 block E 15th St. No person was transported.

## **Support Groups** · Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meet-

## WEDNESDAY

 Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-8600.

## **THURSDAY**

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.
- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call
- GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

## **FRIDAY**

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

## **SATURDAY**



These financial institutions will observe the following holiday hours in honor of Memorial Day:

Monday, May 30, 2022

**Citizens Federal Credit Union CLOSED State National Bank CLOSED** 

ing, 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

## MONDAY

 Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees It, 615 Set tles, 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.
- Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Set-
- DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD 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.

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the board to 11 members. The newly appointed members include Scott Emerson, Danielle Castillo, John Scott, T.J. Stewart, Margaret Cervantes and Roy Perkins. "I really thought the board at that time was not

being responsive to the best interest of the community. That's the reason I appointed six additional members," Moore said. "All of them had indicated in the past either service on the board or desire to serve on the board, an interest in the Housing Authority and what was best for Big Spring." Although Moore's new appointees would have

constituted a quorum, Perkins was unable to attend. When the commissioners who made up the board prior to Moore's appointments once again boycotted the meeting, it failed once again due to lack of a quorum. A press release sent out Monday prior to the meet-

ing by Thomason disputes the validity of Moore's new appointments. The release's title reads "Big Spring Housing Authority chair cancels illegally called meeting.

"On May 18, 2022, Mayor Robert Moore appointed six additional members to what has been a five-member board since the Big Spring Housing Authority's inception. We are currently looking into the legality of this action," Thomason quotes Blankenburg as saying in the press release. "In a conversation on Wednesday, May 18, Mayor Moore flatly refused to disclose to me the identities of the additional appointees and referred me to the City Secretary."

In the release, Thomason also quotes Blankenburg disputing Fritz's authority to call meetings of the board.

"Ms. Fritz is not an employee of the Big Spring Housing Authority but is a contractor who was contracted to provide 'Public Housing Authority Administration'. In fact, Paragraph 14 of Ms. Fritz's contract specifically prohibits her from representing the Big Spring Housing Authority in any manner and requires her to disclose to third parties that she does NOT represent the Big Spring Housing Authority," Thomason quotes Blankenburg as

Thomason also quotes Blankenburg as taking exception to new board member T.J. Stewart's signature on the meeting announcement. "The meeting announcement was signed by one of

the supposed new appointees to the board, one T.J. Stewart. The Big Spring Housing Authority has not been made aware of the identities of any new appointees and has no evidence that any of the new appointees had been sworn into office at the time of the meeting posting," Blankenburg said, according to Thomason. "Given the highly questionable and likely illegal tactics taken by Ms. Fritz and Mr. Stewart, I have no choice but to cancel the meeting posted for this evening (Monday) at 6 p.m.' In the press release, Thomason quotes Blanken-

burg as congratulating him on his hire by the Big Spring Housing Authority. "Also I'm pleased to announce the hiring of Mr.

Shannon Thomason for the position of 'Interim Sec-

retary' to the board. In addition to the statutory duties of Secretary to the board, I have also requested that Mr. Thomason serve as Parliamentarian for the Board. Mr. Thomason's salary as interim Secretary shall be set at \$1 per year," Thomason quotes Blankenburg as saying in the press release. "Just because Shannon Thomason says some-

thing is so doesn't make it so," Moore said. "He has his opinion about things and he's entitled to that, but just because he says a meeting is or isn't illegal doesn't mean that's the final determinate of that." Items on the agenda for the meeting called Mon-

day night included public comment; recognition of new commissioners; election and approval of a new chairperson and vice chairperson; discussion and action regarding a resolution to move the HCV/Section 8 program from the Big Spring Housing Authority to the Abilene Housing Authority; discussion and action approving a letter of engagement to David A. Boring CPA for an upcoming audit of BSHA activities; discussion and action on relocation of the BSHA office; consideration of adding BSHA commissioner John Scott to the BSHA checking account and deposit assistance account at State National Bank; discussion and action on setting a regular date and time for the BSHA board meetings on the third Tuesday of every month; and an executive session.

Moore said the item regarding transferring BSHA business to the Abilene Housing Authority needs to be discussed thoroughly.

"As far as I'm concerned, it's never really had a fair hearing," he said. "Mr. Thomason has been churning in this for months now. That's really all I have to say about it. That's the bottom line. Whether that's in the best interest of Big Spring is up to debate, but there's never really been any real debate about it. Mr. Thomason has determined that that's what he's going to do, and in an attempt to remain relevant, that's what he's going to continue to try to do."

The five board members prior to Moore's recent appointments - Savory, Blankenburg, Nabors, Rangel and Stapp - have missed two called board meetings. An ordinance in city code indicates commissioners may be removed from office if they miss three consecutive meetings. Also, the ordinance says the Mayor may remove commissioners from office for "...inefficiency, neglect of duty, or misconduct in office."

"Of course the question becomes then, they can say, 'Well, it wasn't a validly called meeting anyway, so no penalty.' This thing gets more and more convoluted and complicated by the day. Every time I think it can't get more complex, it does. They throw a new twist into it," Moore said. "We have questions of Is anybody validly appointed tot he board? Who can call a board meeting? What happens if they don't show up? Who can complain about that? Sorry to say, but it's a mess. The only way it's going to be settled is if cool heads prevail and we sit down and determine if we really want the Hosuing Authority to remain in Big Spring, and if so, what steps need to be taken necessary to that goal, or if we just throw up our ands and say, 'Mr. Thomason wins and we'll no longer have a Housing Authority in Big Spring. It's that simple."

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At the start of the meeting, the board held a public hearing on a tax abatement agreement with Recover Howard LLC. No one spoke during the public The board approved routine matters, including minutes of its April 25 meet-

ing, financials for April, monthly reports of auxiliary services, personnel matters and the internal audit report. The board approved the tax abatement agreement with Recover Howard

LLC. The agreement will cover a period of 10 years, and will provide tax abatement of 100 percent for the first two years, then reduce by 20 percent each additional two years; 80 percent for years three and four, 60 percent for years, 5 and 6, 40 percent for years seven and eight, and 20 percent for years nine and 10. Recover Howard LLC is an oilfield waste disposal company.

Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Director Mark Willis said the incentive was a good deal for the area. "The more I've got to know about the process, the more enthusiastic I am

about this project," Willis said. "This really makes oilfield waste easier to manage, recovers material that previously has not been recovered. It's a really good project." The resolution for Flores and swearing in of Morgan, Beck and Marquez

came next on the agenda, followed by election of board officers. The board voted to maintain its current officers, including Dr. John E. Freeman, chairman; Maxwell Barr, Vice Chairman; and Adrian Calvio, secretary. The board appointed board members to campus foundations. The board vot-

ed to leave board members on the foundations they've been serving on, with Marquez taking the place of Flores, along with Ben Zeichick, on the Southwest College for the Deaf Foundation. Board members Maxwell Barr and Mark Morgan serve on the Big Spring Campus Foundation, Marisha Beck and Adrian Calvio serve on the San Angelo Campus Foundation.

Dr. Sparks presented the college's regular COVID-19 status report. Sparks reported that the college is still operating under a "yellow" status with regard to the disease.

Howard's Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs Amy Burchett noted that contact hours at the college remain down for Quarter 2 due to CO-VID-19 and the additional reduction due to the closing of GEO's federal prisons in Big Spring, which ended the college's prisoner education programs in those facilities.

Director of Student Support Bryan Stokes presented the quarterly invest ment report and results of the Survey of Entering Student Engagement (SEnSE). Stokes noted that Howard College has made progress in some areas, and fell back in others.

"We've done really well in 'Early Connections' and 'Clear Academic Plan," he said. "'Again, the 'Engaged Learning' seems to be an area we can focus on. We see that Engaged Learning seems to be a trouble issue. We again saw that in the SEnSE report that we presented earlier this year."

Sparks reported that the college's concealed carry policy has been reviewed and updated for the handbook and catalog.

The board approved memoranda of understanding with the various College Foundations.

Howard College's Special Projects Officer Terry Hansen and Chief Operations and Safety Security Officer Fabian Serrano reported that roofing projects at the Big Spring campus is nearing completion, and the cleanup of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum – at a cost of about \$800,000 – is complete.

Renovation at the Big Spring campus' Library and Music Building are proceeding well, and asbestos abatement at several SWCD buildings, as well as demolition of one building at the college, should be completed over the course of about eight days this summer.

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 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 9:30

- a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.
- Those who would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer can call 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 locat-

ed at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who

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## Coahoma Youth Baseball League announces its 2022 All-Star teams

League set to host its first All-Star tournament June 11th

By PATRICK GONZALES

Herald Sports Writer

The Coahoma Youth Baseball League will wrap up its regular season schedule this week, but have announced its 2022 All-Star teams for the 8U, 10U, and 12U divisions. The Coahoma Youth Baseball League is also set to hosts it first ever Small Town Classic All-Star Tournament which is set for June 11th and 12th. The three All-Star teams along with surrounding area towns will play in the tournament. Here are the All-Star teams for their respective divisions. Congratulations to all the kids that made the team!

8U All-Stars: Lincoln Wells, Rhett Froman, Noah Gonzales, Brantley Montley, Kynglsey Montez, Paxtyn Acosta, Jordan Mendoza, Maddox Nolan, Brooks Stewart, Kalan Kilpatrick, Grayson Rubio, Justin For-

10U All-Stars: Dax Rye, Cade Born, Riley Long, Korbin Ditto, Anthony Aguilar, Drezdyn Molina, Read Berry, Landon Leggett, Nico Bose, Everett Stevenson, Ayden Villanueva, Kynzler Grant.

12U All-Stars: Masen Pierce, Myles Pierce, Owen Crawford, Kelton Froman, Mikey Garcia, Noah Garcia, Kaden Bratcher, Bear Nichols, Ryan Dunlap, Austin Molina, Josh Dials, Ricky Rico.

## Ramírez homers, McKenzie sharp as Cleveland downs Astros 6-1

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — After Triston McKenzie stymied Houston's powerful offense Monday night, Cleveland manager Terry Francona lauded the young pitcher for his splendid out-

"Their lineup is potent and they're dangerous and he really pitched well," Francona said. "He really did. He was aggressive with his fastball, good off-speed, basically really

José Ramírez homered with four RBIs and McKenzie pitched seven sharp innings to help the Guardians to a 6-1 win over the Astros.

It was the fourth consecutive quality start for the 24-year-old who has a 2.07 ERA with 20 strikeouts in that span.

"We just stuck with the plan," McKenzie said. "I really just trusted myself and trusted (catcher Luke) Maile back there and just executed my pitches. Using the fastball early and then kind of just mixing in some curveballs later and just trying to keep them off balance."

Ramírez had two hits, highlighted by a tworun shot in the fifth inning that pushed the

McKenzie (3-3) allowed just three hits as he pitched a season-high seven innings for his second straight start. The only run he allowed came on a solo homer by Alex Bregman to start the seventh.

Houston starter Luis Garcia (3-3) allowed five hits and four runs, two of which were earned. but the other two came because of his throwing error in the third.

There was one out in the third when Maile and Myles Straw hit consecutive singles. Amed Rosario then reached on a fielder's choice on a grounder hit to Garcia. The pitcher badly overthrew second base for an error that allowed Maile to score and the two other runners to advance a base.

A groundout by Ramírez scored Straw to make it 2-0 before Garcia struck out Owen Miller to end the inning.

Maile walked to start the fifth before Ramírez smacked his homer to the bullpen in right center. José Siri tracked it to the wall and leaped to try and catch it, but it sailed just out of his

It was the 10th homer this season for Ramírez. "This kid's one the best players in the game," Francona said. "He just does it every day. He's a joy to watch.'

McKenzie walked Yordan Alvarez with no outs in the second but didn't allow a hit until Martín Maldonado singled with one out in the third. Jose Altuve grounded into a double play to end the third and McKenzie retired the next eight batters after that. He got some help on the first out of the sixth

when shortstop Andrés Giménez snagged a grounder hit by Siri and spun around to make a nifty throw that beat the speedy outfielder to Houston couldn't get much going offensively

aside from Bregman's homer. They had just four hits and went 0 for 6 with runners in scor-"Sometimes you get beat and get outplayed,"

Bregman said. "They played really well

Altuve doubled off the wall in center field with two outs in the sixth before Michael

Brantley hit a fly out to end the inning. The Guardians tacked on two runs in the seventh inning with the help of some more sloppy defense by the Astros. Maile singled with no outs and took second on a wild pitch by Bryan Abreu. Straw walked before a single by Rosario loaded the bases.

Ramírez then grounded into a force out that left Rosario out at second. But rookie shortstop Jeremy Peña overthrew first for an error on the play and two runs scored to make it 6-0.

"We gave them three runs today," Houston manager Dusty Baker said. "We were operating with low energy."

## WELCOME BACK

Straw, who spent 3½ seasons in Houston before being traded to Cleveland last July, was honored with a video tribute before the game. Manager Dusty Baker raved about Straw's contributions to the team and many Astros visited with the outfielder Monday during batting practice.

## UP NEXT

Houston's Framber Valdez (3-2, 2.68 ERA) opposes Zach Plesac (1-3, 4.42) when the series continues Tuesday night.

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**May 25** 

**1948** — Ben Hogan wins the PGA championship, beating Mike Turnesa in the final round, 7 and

1965 — Muhammad Ali knocks out Sonny Liston a minute into the first round in the controversial rematch for Ali's heavyweight title. Listed as the fastest knockout in a heavyweight title bout, Liston goes down on a short right-hand punch.

1975 — The Golden State Warriors become the third team to sweep the NBA finals, beating the Washington Bullets 96-95 on Butch Beard's foul shot with 9 seconds remaining.

1978 — The Montreal Canadiens defeat the Boston Bruins 4-1 in Game 6 for their third straight Stanley Cup.

1980 — Johnny Rutherford wins his third Indianapolis 500 in seven years and becomes the first driver to win twice from the pole position.

*1987* — Herve Filion becomes the first harness racing driver to win 10,000 races. Filion reaches the milestone driving Commander Bond to victory in the third race at Yonkers Raceway.

1991 — The Pittsburgh Penguins, 1996 Tour are linked to doping led by Mario Lemieux, win the Stanley Cup for the first time with an 8-0 rout of the Minnesota North Stars.

1998 — Princeton punctuates its claim as one of college lacrosse's great programs by beating Maryland 15-5 for its third straight NCAA Division I title and fifth in seven years.

2002 — Boston sets an NBA record, overcoming a 21-point fourth-quarter deficit in a 94-90 win over New Jersey. The Celtics outscore the Nets 41-16 in the quarter.

2003 — Juli Inkster shoots a 10-under 62 tying the lowest finalround score by a winner in LPGA Tour history to beat Lorie Kane by four strokes in the LPGA Corning Classic.

**2007** — Bjarne Riis is the first Tour de France winner to admit using performance-enhancing drugs to win the sport's premier race, further eroding cycling's credibility after a series of doping confessions. His admission means the top

three finishers in the

with two admitting to cheating.

2008 — Seven crashes and spinouts mar the first Indianapolis 500 since the two warring openwheel series (CART and IRL) came together under the IndyCar banner. Scott Dixon stays ahead of the trouble to win the race.

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CAUSE NO. 55354

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## Legals

SUBJECT PROPERTY IN THIS PROCEEDING, Defendants.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS 118™ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

## **NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS FOR PUBLICATION**

Pursuant to Rule 21.016(d)(3), Texas Property Code, the Special Commissioners hereby issue this Notice of Hearing in connection with their Order Setting Hearing entered this same day.

## **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**

THEDA JOANNE NEILL, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WITH AN IN-TEREST OR CLAIM AGAINST THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IN THIS PRO-CEEDING, to be served by publication pursuant to § 21.016(d)(3) of the Texas Property Code and

You are hereby notified that on the 29th day of June, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the **Grand Jury Room of the Howard County** Courthouse, located at 312 Scurry Street Big Spring, Texas, 79720 the undersigned Special Commissioners appointed by the Judge of the 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas, will convene a hearing to assess the damages occasioned by the condemnation by the City of Big Spring, as Condemnor, to acquire the

## Legals

subject property described below in fee simple for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a sewer lift station to be installed, operated, and maintained upon and across the property identified as a 1.417 acre tract of land, out of the Northeast Quarter of Section 44, Block 32, T-I-N, T. & P. Railroad Company Surveys, Abstract No. 631, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, and being out of a tract of land described in a deed from J.G. Amett etux to G.W. Neill, dated January 28,1924, and recorded in Volume 54, Page 215, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas, said tract having a municipal address of 1505 East 2nd Street Big Spring, Texas

These are proceedings in eminent domain in a case styled: CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS v. GEORGE WILMASNEILL, III, RALPH JAMES NEILL, JR., THEDA JOANNE NEILL, TERRY DEAN NEILL, WILLIAM REID WHEELER, MARY LYNN CAYLOR, BRYAN ALLEN WHEELER, KRISTINA JOY NEILL SHUGART, AND ALL UN-KNOWN PERSONS WITH AN INTEREST OR CLAIM AGAINST THE SUB-JECT PROPERTY IN THIS PROCEEDING, Cause Number 55354, filed in the 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas. The undersigned, having heretofore duly selected such time and place for hearing as required by law, will proceed to hear said parties and receive evidence on damages and to act thereon in the manner direc-

## Legals

ted by law.

The preceding Notice to be served via publication has been APPROVED and ISSUED the 22 day of April,

**SPECIAL** COMMISSIONERS: /s/ Stefanie Wilkerson /s/ Jim Lasater

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION** FOR STATIONARY **COMMERCIAL SOLID AND OIL GAS** WASTE RECYCLING **FACILITY PERMIT** 

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THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HOWARD

sued out of the 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas in Cause No. 6981 and Cause No. 6935 on the 4th day of May, 2022; and Cause No. 6652 on the 9th day of May, 2022 by the Clerk thereof, and to me as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 10:00 a.m. on the 7th day of June, 2022 at the North entrance of the Howard County Courthouse lawn, in Big Spring, Texas, the properties described below:

Legals

**CAUSE NO** 6981 STYLING City of Big Spring, et al vs. Owners of Various Properties Located Within the City Limits of Big Spring, Texas LEGAL DESCRIPTION Tract 1. Lot Two (2), in Block One Hundred and Sixteen (116), of the Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas (R000008783) (209 NF<sub>2nd</sub>) Tract 2. Lot Two (2), in Block

One Hundred and Sixteen (116), of the Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas (R000008784) (209 NE 2nd) Tract 3. South Part (S/Pt) of Lots Eleven (11) and Twelve (12), in Block Nine (9), Jones

Valley Addition, to the City of

Big Spring, Howard County, Texas (R000005589) (511 Galveston) Tract 4. South Part of Lots Eleven (11) and Twelve (12), in Block Nine (9), Jones Valley Addition, to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas (R000005590) (1008

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ginal Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas (R000008653) (615 Sargent Paradez) Tract 6. A 161' x 50' tract of land out of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Twenty-six (26), in Block Thirty-three (33), T 1 N, T & P Ry. Co Survey, Howard County, Texas as more particularly described in a Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 406 and Page 88 of the Deed Records of Howard County, Texas (R000049636) (902 Ohio) Tract 7. Lot Ten (10), in Block Seven (7), Brown Addition, to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas (R000001194) (1607 Meadow) Tract 8. Lot Eleven (11), in Block Seven (7), Brown Addition, to the City of Big Spring,

(R000001195) (16009 Mead-Tract 9. Lot Twelve (12), in Block Seven (7), Brown Addition, to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas (R000001196) (1611 Meadow) Tract 10. Lot Five (5), in

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Spring, Howard County, Texas (R000009226) (19 Channing) Tract 11. Lot Eleven (11), in Block Eighteen (18), Cole & Strayhorn Addition, to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas (R000002408) (603 E 16th) Tract 12. Lot Eight (8), in Block Forty-nine (49), of the Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas (R000008301) (601 Goliad) Tract 13. Lot Four (4), in Block E, Moore Addition, to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas (R000007395) (907 NW 4th) Tract 14. Lot Two (2), in Block Four (4), Belvue Addition, to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas (R000000830) (1503 Tucson) Tract 15. A tract of land containing 0.161 acres, more or less, out of Section Twentysix (26), in Block Thirty-three (33), T 1 N, T & P Ry. Co Survey, Howard County, Texas (R000049606) (812 Father Delaney) Tract 16. A tract of land containing 0.177 acres, more or less, out of Section Forty-two (42), in Block Thirty-two (32),

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County, Texas (R000010060) (200 N Benton) CAUSE NO 6935 **STYLING** Howard County, et al vs. Andrea Marsch, et al LEGAL DESCRIPTION Tract 1. Lots Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14), in Block Four (4), Wrights Airport Annex No. Two (2), an Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas (R000011162) (1215 Utah) **CAUSE NO** 

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**STYLING** Howard County, et al vs. CC Nix Estate, et al **LEGAL DESCRIPTION** Tract 1. Lot Eight (8), in Block One (1), South Haven Addition. Howard County, Texas (R000013065) (5210 Was-

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DITURE A By Steve Becker

## The secret of good defense

South dealer. East-West vulnerable. NORTH

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> ♦ 8 4 **♣**K Q J 8 2 **WEST**

**♠** 6 4 2 ♥AJ6542 ♥K973 ♦ A 10 6 5 3 ♦Q972 **♣**10 7 3

**EAST** 

**SOUTH ♠** A K 9 8 7 **♥**Q8

♦ K J **♣**9654

The bidding:

West South

North East Pass 4 🏚 Opening lead — two of diamonds.

A competent defensive pair will often transmit highly valuable information to one another through the judicious use of signals. Such signals, properly interpreted, can sometimes spell the difference between the making and breaking of a contract. Consider this deal where South's

one-spade opening was raised to four by North. East had no safe way to enter the bidding at this point, and he passed. It was later discovered that East-West, who never bid, could have made a small slam in hearts or diamonds. West led a diamond, won by East

with the ace. East then cashed the ace of clubs, on which West played the ten, and was faced with the problem of how to put West on lead in order to get a club ruff. East found the winning solution

by leading a low heart. West won with the ace and returned a club, and South went down one. Had East led a diamond at trick

three, hoping West had the king, South would have made the contract. It might seem that East was lucky to hit on the heart return, but actually his play was much more than a shot in the dark. In a potential ruffing situation, it

is often possible to use a suitpreference signal to solve a problem. In the given case, when West played the ten of clubs on East's ace at trick two, he was signaling that his entry card was in hearts rather than diamonds. Had West held the king of diamonds instead of the ace of hearts, he would have played the three of clubs on East's ace instead.

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## Today in History Court's 1954 Brown v. Board Today is Wednesday, May

25, the 145th day of 2022. There are 220 days left in the

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 25, 2020, George Floyd, a Black man, was killed when a white Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee on Floyd's neck for about 9 1/2 minutes while Floyd was handcuffed and pleading that he couldn't breathe; Floyd's death, captured on video by a bystander, would lead to worldwide protests, some of which turned violent, and a reexamination of racism and policing in the U.S.

On this date:

In 1787, the Constitutional Convention began at the Pennsylvania State House (Independence Hall) in Philadelphia after enough delegates had shown up for a quorum.

Jordan) became a kingdom as it proclaimed its new monarch, Abdullah I. In 1961, President John F.

In 1946, Transjordan (now

Kennedy told Congress: "I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to the earth."

In 1964, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Griffin v. County School Board of Prince Edward County, ordered the Virginia county to reopen its

public schools, which officials

had closed in an attempt

to circumvent the Supreme

of Education of Topeka desegregation ruling.

In 1968, the Gateway Arch in St. Louis was dedicated by Vice President Hubert Humphrey and Interior Secretary Stewart Udall.

In 1977, the first "Star Wars" film (later retitled "Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope") was released by 20th Century Fox.

In 1979, 273 people died when an American Airlines DC-10 crashed just after takeoff from Chicago's O'Hare Airport.

In 2008, NASA's Phoenix Mars Lander arrived on the Red Planet to begin searching for evidence of water; the spacecraft confirmed the presence of water ice at its landing site.

In 2011, a judge in Salt

Lake City sentenced street preacher Brian David Mitchell to life in prison for kidnapping and raping Elizabeth Smart, who was 14 at the time of her abduction in 2002. A judge in Tucson, Arizona, ruled that Jared Lee Loughner, the man accused of wounding U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and killing six in a shooting rampage, was mentally incompetent to stand trial. (Loughner would later plead guilty; he was sentenced to seven life terms in prison.)

In 2016, actor Johnny Depp's wife, Amber Heard, filed for

divorce in Los Angeles, citing irreconcilable differences after 15 months of marriage.

In 2018, Harvey Weinstein was charged in New York

Secrets with rape and another sex felony in the first prosecution to result from the wave of allegations against him. (Weinstein was convicted of rape and sexual assault; he is serving a 23-year prison sentence.)

In 2020, a white woman, Amy

Cooper, called 911 to claim

she was being threatened by "an African American man," Christian Cooper, who had confronted her for walking her dog without a leash in New York's Central Park. (After a video of the confrontation was widely circulated, Amy Cooper lost her job with investment firm Franklin Templeton and was charged with filing a false police report; the charge was dismissed after she completed a counseling program.)

company SpaceX made history as its Dragon capsule docked with the International Space Station. In Syria, more than 100 people were killed in one day in a cluster of villages in central Homs province; U.N. investigators blamed pro-government gunmen for at least some of the killings, but the Syrian regime denied responsibility and blamed rebels for the Five years ago: Surrounded

Ten years ago: The private

by stone-faced allies, President Donald Trump rebuked fellow NATO members for failing to meet the military alliance's financial benchmarks. Republican Greg Gianforte won a special election for Montana's sole U.S. House seat a day after being charged with assaulting a reporter.

One year ago: The White House confirmed that President Joe Biden and Russia's Vladimir Putin would hold a summit in June in Geneva.

Prince SVU Catch The family of George Floyd met at the White House with President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris on the first anniversary of Floyd's death during his arrest by police in Minneapolis. Former Republican Sen. John Warner of Virginia died at the age of 94; the former Navy secretary was married to film star Elizabeth Taylor when he first ran for the Senate in 1978, and he held that Senate seat for 30 years.

Today's Birthdays: Actor

Ann Robinson is 93. Former

White House news secretary Ron Nessen is 88. Actor Sir Ian McKellen is 83. Country singer Jessi Colter is 79. Actor-singer Leslie Uggams is 79. Movie director and Muppeteer Frank Oz is 78. Actor Karen Valentine is 75. Actor Jacki Weaver is 75. Rock singer Klaus Meine (The Scorpions) is 74. Actor Patti D'Arbanville is 71. Playwright Eve Ensler is 69 Musician Cindy Cashdollar is 67. Actor Connie Sellecca is 67. Rock singer-musician Paul Weller is 64. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., is 62. Actor-comedian Mike Myers is 59. Actor Matt Borlenghi is 55. Actor Joseph Reitman is 54. Rock musician Glen Drover is 53. Actor Anne Heche (haych) is 53. Actors Lindsay and Sidney Greenbush (TV: "Little House on the Prairie") are 52. Actor-comedian Jamie Kennedy is 52. Actor Octavia Spencer is 52. Actor Justin Henry is 51. Rapper Daz Dillinger is 49. Actor Molly Sims is 49. Actor Erinn Hayes is 46. Actor Cillian Murphy is 46. Actor Ethan Suplee (soo-PLEE') is 46. Rock musician Todd Whitener is 44. Actor Corbin Allred is 43. Actor-singer Lauren Frost is 37. Actor Ebonee Noel is 32. Musician Guy Lawrence (Disclosure) is 31. Olympic gold medal gymnast Aly Raisman is 28.

Horoscopes By Holiday

WEDNESDAY May 25, 2022

## **Mercury's Unlucky** Luck

Mercury retrograde can be an agent of chaos or a slight annoyance, a hiccup in the procedure or the traffic jam that makes us late. In all cases, it's a chance to shine, as people prove their mettle under pressure. This Mercury trine of Pluto offers character reveals. The best way to know a person's character is when it's tested before your eyes.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you ask a question, you actually want to know the answer. You'll field questions asked for different reasons -- for instance, out of politeness, a need for validation or to fulfill an agenda.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Reacting to triggers and following impulses takes very little energy when compared with the energy required to exercise restraint. Honor and reward yourself for the things you didn't do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When the show is running right, the spotlight operator follows your performance around the stage. Unfortunately, the tech is asleep. Don't worry, this can still work; you just have to go to where the light is.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The atmosphere lends profundity to your plot. When things work out the way you want, it feels like destiny. When they don't, that also feels fated, like a hundred tiny arrows pointing you in a better direc-

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Love yourself. The command is difficult because it is open. Its nonspecificity leaves a question mark on your to-do list, and maybe there is nothing to be done. You can love yourself without action. Make it a mood, a state of mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Appetite can be a gift. Some temptations aren't worth the energy they take to resist. Temptation is proof that you're vital, alive, curious, interested in life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In movies, you can see a whole lifespan in two hours. Time moves differently in the movies you make in your mind as well. You'll do some mental time travel today to work out a problem.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Add happy thoughts to your endeavor. Encourage yourself and go where others are likely to cheer you on. Protect the dream by avoiding anyone who might be jealous or critical

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). They'll give you the fantasy version of a story. You'd rather know facts, but fictions can be very revealing, too, as you listen closely and read between the lines.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You teach people around you how you like to be treated. Keep principles of consistency in mind. Actions that create the same results repeatedly facilitate quick learning.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People make books, and books make people. You'll mold yourself through reading and other mostly unconmedia. sciously, as the attractive ideas and traits of characters will stick to you.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). No matter how good your routine may be, if it's all you do, it will hold you back. Vitality craves variety. Anything that gets you up and out of your comfort zone will be good for your well-being.

TODAY'S **BIRTHDAY** (May 25). Stars gift you with amazing portion control in all aspects of life. Ambitions are achieved as you take on just the amount of deliciousness that will fill you and fuel you without weighing you down. You don't need approval, but you'll get props anyway as you earn the trust and loyalty of many. Leo and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 3, 39, 2 and 18.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** From "Saturday Night Live" to Shrek to Austin Powers. Mike Myers brightens the world with versatile wit and effervescent humor. Gemini, ruled by Mercury, is a master communicator. At the heart of Myers' comedic talent is the desire to communicate feeling. Myers has several huge projects on his plate, including a Netflix production, a creative collaboration with director David O. Russell and the much-anticipated "Austin Powers 4."

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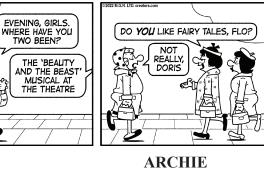
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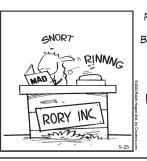
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## Newsday Crossword

## **ACROSS**

- **1** Sports org. for tall females
- 5 "\_\_ there, done that"
- 9 Be a cast member of
- **14** 1 Across target
- 15 Volcanic flow
- **16** Less desirable **17** Bug spray
- 20 Electric
- carmaker
- 21 Any stage-set
- accessory 22 "We should do
- that"
- 23 Tax agcy.
- **25** Star Wars
- princess
- **27** NASA
- technician **35** Square-mile
- fraction 36 "Slippery" fish
- **37** Aromatic
- furniture wood
- 38 Winnie- -Pooh
- 39 Skill at being
- sneaky 42 Have
- existence
- 43 Standing tall 45 3, on a sundial
- 46 Sect of Islam 47 Insurance
- reimbursement option
- **51** Conducted by
- talking
- **52** Excessively **53** Arctic ice mass
- **56** Healthful
- resorts 59 "Golden" song
- **63** Seat-belt usage demonstrator
- **66** One submitting
- a tax return 67 Male deer
- **68** Cupid alias
- 69 Bits in an apple core

**70** Hang \_\_\_ (keep)

- 2 Second to \_\_\_
- 3 Supervisor
- 5 Crunchy lunch,
- westerns
- 7 At any time
- 8 Italian city, to
- tool
- report's pages
- hangout
- everything"

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- **1** Least bit

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- 6 Wyatt of
- 9 Hole-punching

## **DOWN**

- (the best)
- 4 Resembling
- King Kong

- natives
- 10 Sort, as a
- 11 Squirrel's
- 12 "Money

- **13** Circus safety gear
- 18 Have empathy
- **19** Olympic sword
- 24 "Don't delete"
- notation
- **26** Rainfall
- measure
- 27 Film critic,
- frequently **28** Leaf colour in
- autumn
- 29 Crawl like a tot
- **30** Realize 31 Make an
- assertion
- 32 It's west of
- Montana **33** Gowns of India
- 34 Buy dinner for
- **39** Sky light 40 Make an
- untrue assertion 41 Windshield

coloring

- **TENDINGS** by Jerry Clarkson Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com
  - **44** Needing clearing, as a
    - drain
  - **46** Bawled out 48 On-camera
  - crew 49 Texas border
  - city 50 Character in
  - animation
  - **53** Permanent pals, 4 short
  - **54** Author Wiesel
  - 55 Antagonize **57** Mail-routing
  - abbr.
  - 58 TDs or 64 Down
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  - scheme
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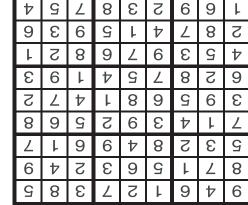
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Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure 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!

## **CROSSWORD** Today's Answers





## World News

## Search for Supreme Court leaker falls to former Army colonel

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — When Gail Curley began her job as Marshal of the U.S. Supreme Court less than a year ago, she would have expected to work mostly behind the scenes: overseeing the court's police force and the operations of the marble-columned building where the justices work.

Her most public role was supposed to be in the courtroom, where the Marshal bangs a gavel and announces the entrance of the court's nine justices. Her brief script includes "Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!" — meaning "hear ye" — and concludes, "God save the United States and this Honorable

Earlier this month, however, Curley was handed a bombshell of an assignment, overseeing an unprecedented breach of Supreme Court secrecy, the leak of a draft opinion and apparent votes in a major abortion case. Leaks to Politico suggest that the court seems ready to overturn Roe v. Wade, the 1973 decision that women have a constitutional right to abortion. That has sparked protests and round-the-clock security at justices' homes,demonstrations at the court and concerns about violence following the court's ultimate decision.

People who know Curley, 53, described the former Army colonel and military lawyer as possessing the right temperament for a highly charged leak investigation: smart, private, apolitical and unlikely to be intimidated.

"I'm confident that if the truth can be found out here, she'll find it out and present it in an unbiased manner," said retired Army Brig. Gen. Patrick Huston, her direct supervisor at the Pentagon in her last military job before the Supreme Court. Huston said he was incredibly impressed by Curley and that she had a tremendous reputation as a leader, but even as her boss of two years he didn't know if she had a spouse or children.

Through a court spokeswoman, Curley declined an interview request. She is the court's 11th Marshal and the second woman to hold the post. She is also in some ways constrained in her investigation by her position, which was created just after the Civil War, in 1867. Experts say leaking the draft opinion likely wasn't a crime, and Curley's investigative tools are limited. She could theoretically hire an outside law firm to assist, and in other judicial records cases the FBI has been called in. But it isn't clear if she or others have the power to issue subpoenas to get material from journalists or the fewer than 100 people in the court — including justices — with access to a draft opinion. The investigation doesn't appear to have any

real precedent. In 1973 the outcome in the Roe case leaked several hours ahead of its announcement. The chief justice at the time was furious and threatened lie detector tests, but the leaker quickly came forward and explained it had been an accident. Even if the circumstances are different, over-

seeing an investigation isn't new to Curley. In her military career she routinely oversaw a dozen or more criminal and administrative investigations and supervised large numbers of attorneys and paralegals, Huston said. She was an authority on international law and laws surrounding armed conflict, but the investigations she oversaw throughout her career could range broadly, from criminal matters involving service members to contract issues. Huston described her as "not the sort of person who would ever be intimidated by anything." Curley began her military career at West

Point, where just under 10% of her 1991 graduating class was women. Lisa Freidel, a member of the same 25-member company as Curley, remembered her as kind and studious but also a "pretty serious person." "She didn't like the tomfoolery of some of the boys, some of the guys, in our company. They

were young men. They do stupid stuff. She did not like that," Freidel remembered, adding Curley "wanted to be surrounded with intellectuals, people that were smart to challenge her." Curley was dubbed "Swirlin' Curl" in West

Point's yearbook, which listed her hometown as Baltimore. She was something of an introvert, Freidel said, adding that she never met Curley's parents, just an aunt and uncle, and couldn't remember her talking about siblings. In school, Curley was interested in American

politics and government, an interest that coincided with one West Point requirement: being knowledgeable about current affairs. The New York Times was delivered every morning and cadets were supposed to be able to talk about four articles in the paper every day, Freidel re-

membered.

"You had to make sure your shoes were shined, your belt buckles were all shined and everything before formation and try to memorize the paper," she said. Still, Curley found time for extracurricular ac-

tivities. A domestic affairs club she was a member of took a trip her senior year to Washington that included a meeting with Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. "See you in the White House someday!" her yearbook entry reads.

After graduating, she joined the Army's Signal Corps, which is responsible for setting up communication systems in the field.

"I've been very fortunate in my career," Curley said of that time according to a 2017 news article. "As a young Army signal officer I was able to lead a large platoon in Europe during my first assignment ... that was at a time when women were not allowed to serve as platoon leaders in certain jobs."

She eventually went on to earn a law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law and become an Army lawyer. Her career took her around the United States but also to Afghanistan for a year. Later, she spent three years in Germany as the chief legal adviser to the commander of U.S. Army Europe, first Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges, who is now retired, and then Lt. Gen. Christopher Cavoli. Cavoli, now a four-star general, was nominated earlier this month to serve as the Supreme Allied Commander for NATO.

In Germany, Curley was the senior Army attor ney overseeing some 300 legal officials through out Europe. She also provided "legal review and advice on the millions of things we were doing, Hodges said in an interview.

"I don't know if I've ever met anybody more with more integrity," Hodges said, adding that Curley also had a sense of humor and "a real dose of humility."

The three-star general said because he liked and respected her so much, he would sometimes tease her. She had no problem holding her own, he said.

'She had the confidence of knowing that her IQ was about 40 points higher than mine," he said. "And so she could afford to be self-confident."

## Ukraine: 200 bodies found in basement in Mariupol's ruins

ment building in Mariupol found 200 bodies in the basement, Ukrainian authorities said Tuesday, as more horrors come to light in the ruined city that has seen some of the worst suffering of the 3-month-old war.

The bodies were decomposing and the stench hung over the neighborhood, said Petro Andryushchenko, an adviser to the mayor. He did not when they were discovered, but the sheer number of victims makes it one of the deadliest known attacks of the war.

Heavy fighting, meanwhile, continued in the Donbas, the eastern industrial region that Moscow's forces are intent on seizing. Russian troops intensified their efforts to encircle and capture Sievierodonetsk and neigh-

Mariupol was relentlessly pounded during a nearly three-month siege that ended last week after some 2,500 Ukrainian fighters abandoned a steel plant where they had made their stand. Russian forces already held the rest of the city, where an estimated 100,000 people remain out a prewar population of 450,000, many of them trapped during the siege with little food, water, heat or electricity. At least 21,000 people were killed in the siege, according to Ukrainian

authorities, who have accused Russia of trying to cover up the horrors by bringing in mobile cremation equipment and by burying the dead in mass During the assault on Mariupol, Russian airstrikes hit a maternity hos-

pital and a theater where civilians were taking shelter. An Associated Press investigation found that close to 600 people died in the theater attack, double the figure estimated by Ukrainian authorities.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy accused the Russians of waging "total war" and seeking to inflict as much death and destruction as possible on his country. "Indeed, there has not been such a war on the European continent for 77

years," Zelensky said, referring to end of World War II. Moscow-backed separatists have fought Ukrainian forces in the Donbas for eight years and hold large swaths of territory. Sievierodonetsk and neighboring cities are the only part of the Donbas' Luhansk region still

under Ukrainian government control. Russian forces have achieved "some localized successes" despite strong Ukrainian resistance along dug-in positions, British military authorities

Moscow's troops also took over the town of Svitlodarsk and raised the

Workers digging through the rubble of an apart- Russian flag there, Ukrainian media reported. Svitlodarsk is about 50 ki lometers (31 miles) southeast of the strategically important city of Krama-

Two top Russian officials appeared to acknowledge that Moscow's advance has been slower than expected, though they vowed the offensive would achieve its goals.

Nikolai Patrushev, secretary of Russia's Security Council. said the Russian government "is not chasing deadlines." And Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu told a meeting of a Russia-led security alliance of former Soviet states that Moscow is deliberately slowing down its offensive to allow residents of encircled cities to evacuate — though forces have repeatedly hit civilian targets.

As Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, recovers from weeks of weeks of relentless bombardment, residents formed long lines to receive rations of flour, pasta, sugar and others staples this week. Moscow's forces withdrew from around Kharkiv earlier this month, pulling back toward the Russian border.

Galina Kolembed, the aid distribution center coordinator, said that more and more people are returning to the city. Kolembed said the center is providing food to over 1,000 people every day, a number that keeps growing.

"Many of them have small kids, and they spend their money on the kids, so they need some support food," she said.

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## DWD: Driving While Distracted

people killed by distracted driving in 2019.

(NHTSA)

The National Safety Council reports that cell phone use while driving leads to crashes each year

(NSC)

Texting while driving is more likely to cause an accident than drinking and driving.

(arrivealivetour.com)

About of the people who died in crashes involving a distracted driver in 2018 were not in vehicles-they were walking, riding bikes or outside of a vehicle.

(CDC.gov)

9 % of fatal crashes,

5% of injury crashes and 5% of all

police-reported traffic crashes in 2019 were due to distracted driving. (NHTSA)

Nearly

injuries occur each year from accidents caused by texting while driving. (NHTSA)

In 2019, there were people injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers

(NHTSA)

people will die from the results of distracted driving, while texting & driving is the main culprit.

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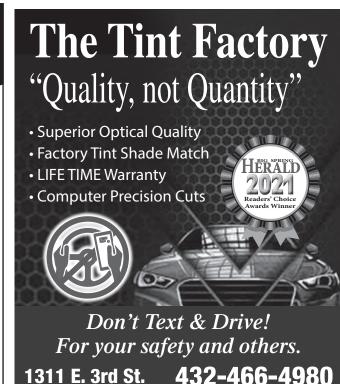
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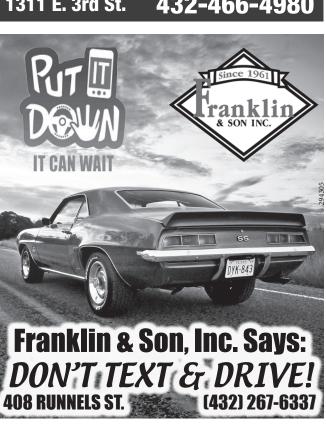
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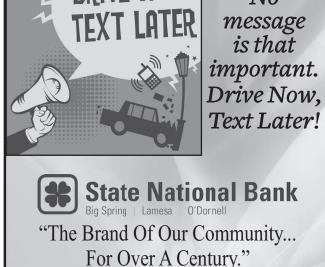
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