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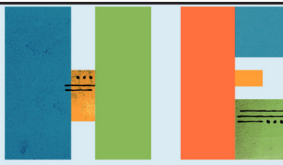
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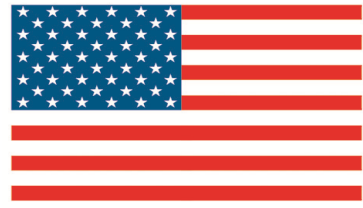
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Weather



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Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 74.

Saturday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 104.

Source: NWS, via weather.gov

Today in History

On June 9

68: Roman emperor Nero commits suicide, forcing his secretary Epaphroditus to kill him.

1959: First nuclear powered ballistic missile submarine, the USS George Washington, is launched.

1973: Secretariat wins the U.S. Triple Crown of horse racing.

Daily Quotes

"In olden days a glimpse of stocking was looked on as something shocking but now, God knows, anything goes."

— **Cole Porter**

"I have enough money to last me the rest of my life unless I buy something."

— **Jackie Mason**

"I'm an old-fashioned guy... I want to be an old man with a beer belly sitting on a porch, looking at a lake or something."

— **Johnny Depp**

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Unsafe building, argument, lead to third BSHA meeting cancellation

By **ROGER CLINE**
Herald Staff Writer

The third called meeting in a row of the Big Spring Housing Authority's board of directors was canceled Tuesday afternoon.

The board was scheduled to meet at 5:30 p.m. at the building assigned to the Housing Authority by the city of Big Spring – the former Westside Community Center at 1311 W. Fourth Street, next to ABC park.

Before the meeting was set to begin, squabbling broke out between BSHA Board President Linda Blankenburg, Vice President Patsy Nabors, and Secretary, former mayor Shannon Thomason, on one side, and a crowd of people gathered to attend the meeting, led by board member John Scott and local citizen Scott Emerson on the other.

Big Spring Police were summoned to the site to ensure the dispute didn't turn violent.

Among concerns debated during the

heated argument – which was not part of an official meeting – were:

- The unsuitable state of the building, which is plagued by rampant mold and lack of air conditioning;
- The manner of Thomason's appointment by Blankenburg as secretary and parliamentarian for the board mere days after he appointed Blankenburg and Nabors to the board during his final week as mayor;
- Plans of the board to disband the BSHA and move its clients and functions to be handled out of the Abilene Housing Authority.

Board meetings scheduled May 18 and May 27 were also canceled due to lack of a quorum when the entire board chose not to attend the meetings called by BSHA director Sharon Fritz.

Newly elected Mayor Robert Moore had sought to appoint six new members to the five-member board, boosting its numbers to 11 to ensure a quorum, but the move was discovered to be a violation of public meeting rules.

After Tuesday's meeting was canceled,

Blankenburg announced that the meeting would be rescheduled for Friday.

Items on the canceled meeting's agenda included:

- ratifying the appointment of Thomason as BSHA Secretary and Parliamentarian;
- Fritz's contract with the BSHA as Executive Director;
- a public hearing called by Mayor Moore on June 13 to discuss "...the possible revocation of one, two, three or four commissioner appointments (out of five total commissioners) to the Big Spring Housing Authority for inefficiency, neglect of duty, and/or misconduct in office...";
- a resolution to employ legal counsel to represent the BSHA and its commissioners;
- a notice from State National Bank about the upcoming closure of the BSHA account;
- a resolution authorizing board's chairperson to open a new BSHA bank account.

2nd Annual Chamber Clay Shoot a success

BY **AMANDA DUFORAT**
Contributing Writer

Mark another one in the books. The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, along with the help of the title sponsor Metal Solutions, held the 2nd Annual Clay Shoot at Moss Creek Ranch.

"We were excited to be welcomed back by Moss Creek Ranch for our clay shoot. The day was perfect weather and it appears everyone had a good time in the process," Debbye ValVerde, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, said. "This event has turned out to be a success the past two years, and we are excited to see it grow."

This year's event brought out 17 teams competing for the top spot. The



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Courtesy photos

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce held the 2nd Annual Clay Shoot this past weekend. Third Place was claimed by 4H Club; Second Place was claimed by Vital Care, and First Place was claimed by the team from Cotton Patch Farms, shown above. The Clay Shoot took place at Moss Creek Ranch.

Big Spring Center for Skilled Care seeking fan donations

Herald Staff Reports

The Big Spring Center for Skilled Care, located at 3701 Wasson Road, is asking the public for help keeping its residents cool this summer.

The Center is requesting donations of fans.

According to spokesperson Christy Brownfield, the Center will accept any type of new fans, which may be dropped off between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Center or at the Scenic Mountain Medical Center front entrance.

After hours, fans may be dropped off at SMMC's Emergency Room entrance.

Brownfield said the Center can also arrange pickup of fans; call 432-606-5012 or 432-816-2977.

While the Center will gladly accept donations any time, this particular drive will run through the month of June, ending at the end of the month.

Brownfield said the drive normally begins in July, but the recent scorching temperatures prompted her to move the drive to June instead.

City warns of street repair project on Goliad



HERALD photo/Patrick Gonzales

Big Spring road crews worked on Goliad St. between 23rd Street and FM 700 on Wednesday, doing some backfilling on the roadway.

According to a press release issued Wednesday, city workers will clean up after themselves Friday, repairing the damage with asphalt. The repairs will require the section of Goliad to be closed again, and drivers are asked to avoid the area, detouring to Nolan Street. Those with questions about the repairs can contact Public Works Director Shane Bowles at 432-264-2501.



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Obituaries

Patricia Ann Thrailkill High



Patricia Ann Thrailkill High died Monday, June 6, 2022, at Midland Memorial Hospital in Midland. Family visitation will be Friday, June 10, 2022, from 6-7:30 at Gilbreath Funeral Home, 209 St. Charles St., Stanton, Texas, 79782. Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday June 11, 2022, at the First Baptist Church of Stanton, 200 Broadway St., Stanton, Texas, 79782. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.
Pat was born on Nov. 22, 1945, in Big Spring to Robert Cudd “Bob” and Helen Francis Large Thrailkill of Lenorah. She was a 1964 graduate of Stanton High School. Retired in 2010, she had significant careers at Caprock Electrical Co-op, in Stanton, as well as Cornell Prisons and Correctional Facilities in Big Spring.

She is survived by one grandson, two step-granddaughters, a daughter-in-law, three nephews, numerous great-grandchildren, great- and great-great nieces, nephews, and cousins; and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her son, Stacy Stribling; her parents, Bob and Helen Thrailkill; and one sister, Frances Scott.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Memorial services will be held at 3:30 p.m. Friday, June 10, 2022, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Randal Clay “Randy” Crockett

Randal Clay “Randy” Crockett, 61, of Big Spring passed away peacefully June 8, 2022.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women’s meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers’ meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don’t have to talk if you don’t want to. Flexible payment options.
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran’s Healing Center.
- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.
- GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

FRIDAY

- Reformers Unanimous International is a 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. 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.

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.

Submit your Support Group information to be included or updated. Email information to editor@Big-springherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

Iconic rockers Blondie to issue first box set this summer

By MARK KENNEDY

AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Blondie has figured out where to put their heart of glass — a big 'ol box.

The iconic rockers said Wednesday they will release their first authorized collection in their 50-year history, a huge box set that includes 124 tracks, 36 of which were never issued.

“Blondie: Against The Odds 1974-1982” drops Aug. 26. The remastered music is accompanied by two volumes of liner notes, track-by-track commentary, a 120-page illustrated discography and dozens of previously unpublished photos.

“When I listen to these old tracks, it puts me there like I am a time traveler. As bad as it was sometimes, it was also equally as good. No regrets. More music,” said frontwoman and songwriter Debbie Harry in a statement.

The heart of the box set is the band's first six

studio albums: “Blondie,” “Plastic Letters,” “Parallel Lines,” “Eat to the Beat,” “Autoamerican” and “The Hunter,” with the hits “Heart of Glass,” “Atomic,” “Tide Is High,” “Sunday Girl,” “Rapture” and “Call Me.”

The set also includes four dozen demos — including the group’s first-ever recording session — as well as alternate versions and studio outtakes.

The collection, via UMe and The Numero Group, is available to pre-order now. It is be available in four formats — Super Deluxe Collectors’ Edition, Deluxe 4LP, Deluxe 8CD and 3CD editions.

Sheriff

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

Note – Official's with the Howard County Jail reported having 98 inmates at the time of this report

- **RICHARD HERNANDEZ ARENIBAZ**, 57, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of assault class c misdemeanor by threat.
- **AUSTIN CLINTON JOSEY**, 22, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of forgery of government/national institution/money, possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.
- **DAKOTA M MURPHREE**, 27, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of driving w/license invalid w/ a previous conviction/suspension, possession of a controlled a substance more than 1 gram less than 4 grams.
- **AMANDA JO NEEL**, 47, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **STEVEN DWAYNE RICH**, 44, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of illegal dumping more than 500LBS less than 1000LBS.
- **DANIEL RIOS**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault w/ a deadly weapon.
- **MICHAEL PAUL RODRIGUEZ**, 32, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2oz.
- **RAMSEY HARBI SHADFAN**, 32, was arrested by DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 28 grams, unlicensed/carrying a weapon, possession of marijuana more than 20z less than 4oz, theft of a firearm.
- **LAUAMA VAIGafa**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block Culp Ave. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE CALL** was reported in the 1800 block Hearn St. No person was transported.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block Scurry St. No person was transported.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block E 15th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the North access Rd I-20 MM 163. No person was transported.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE CALL** was reported in the 1700 block Lancaster St. No person was transported.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3800 block Hamilton St . One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on 3rd St. and Lancaster. No person was transported.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block Donley St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Take Note

• Park Place Retirement Living, 501 W. 17th St., will hold a car show for Father's Day at 1 p.m. on June 18. Call 267-1353 for more information.

• The Coahoma Freedom Parade will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 2. A celebration in the park will follow the parade. Participants in the parade should begin lining up at 9 a.m.at the Coahoma Football Stadium Parking Lot. Prizes for the most patriotic parade entries are \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place and \$25 for third place.

At the park celebration, there will be hamburger meals including chips, cookie and a drink, on sale, with proceeds benefiting the Coahoma Lions Club. Activities will include a basketball free throw contest, a bouncy house and water slide.

Caps will be available at Coahoma City Hall.

For more information contact Connie Shaw at 432-271-2041 or Lisa Duggan at 432-394-4287.

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SHOOT

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2022 1st Place Team is Cotton Patch Farms. The team is made up of the following members:

Danny Peugh, Larry Romine, Jimmy Bridges, and Casey Shands.

The event's success was made possible by the numerous Station Sponsors, which included: Expedition Royalty, Star Dodge, Delek, NuStar, Vital Urgent Care, Bulldog Steel, HEB, and Legacy Real Estate.

"One thing the Chamber can say about the community sponsors is that they are loyal. We have numerous partners throughout Big Spring and Howard County that join with us throughout the year to help grow this wonderful community we live in," ValVerde said.

After the shoot concluded, participants and volunteers were able to enjoy a hamburger lunch sponsored by Oncor and served up and prepared

by ALSA Car Club.

The gun board was made possible through the support of Big Spring Collision Center amd Price Construction/RK Hall. This was another opportunity for those wanting to help support the Chamber to do so.

The tournament results ended with the 2nd Place Team being Vital Care Urgent Care. This team is made up of Gaylon Rogers, Devin Knapp, Travis Preble, and Aerianna Preble. The 3rd Place Team was the 4H Group. Team members included: Dustin Gaskins, Wiley Gaskins, Colt Woodall, and Landon Kelley. For those who didn't walk away a top three winner, there was an opportunity to take home a door prize, which was made possible by Revival Diesel, Bulldog Steel, and Expedition Royalty.

"It was a great day for a Clay Shoot!! Not too hot, slight breeze and lots of clays busting and shells flying! A big thank you to everyone who came out and supported the clay shoot. Sponsors, teams, and more importantly the volunteers we could not have done this without you," ValVerde said. "The Cham-

ber has these non-dues events to help us continue to promote and advertise what our members are doing."

ValVerde continued, "We are constantly looking for ways to bring new and exciting events to our community. The Clay Shoot is one of those events that draws in teams from around the area, which in turn brings people to our community. A few more of our sponsors who help make this happen included, Big Mike's Farm Store, Pathway Audiology, and Big Spring Center for Skilled Care. These sponsors have supported the community in numerous events over the years."

Other Clipboard Sponsors included, HEB, Affordacare Urgent Care, Big Spring Education Employees FCU and Circle G Solutions. The 2nd Annual Clay Shoot can be marked a success. Those who may have missed out on participating this year can mark down next year's event date,

June 3, 2023. Those who are interested in being a sponsor are encouraged to call the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 432-263-7641.

Take Note (cont.)

• 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. No fee is charged for attending and visiting.

A meal will be served at the Event Center but pre-paid 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 information and a reservation form.

• 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. 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 Leonard. 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 432 517-9097.

• 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 faith-based Christian Academy and use the individualized Accelerated Christian Education Curriculum for Kindergarten through 12th grade, published in Hendersonville, Tennessee. July 20 is our startup 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 Association.

• 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/vaccine.

• 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.

• 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

• 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.

• Interim HealthCare is looking for volunteers. 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 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.

• 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 Lynn Creswell or Chavonna Parker 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.

• The Howard County Democrats meet every Monday at 5:30 p.m.at the Cactus Room at Howard College in the Student Union Building. For more information, e-mail howardcountytxdems@gmail.com.

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains.

The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Jacqueline Roland at 432-213-1221.

• Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m., with Dutch treat lunch and meeting at noon.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

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Hattie Roberts, 87, died Thursday. Visitation Thursday 5:30 PM until 7 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service Friday 11 AM at Bronte Cemetery.

Jesus Maholly, 74, died Saturday. Visitation Wednesday 9 AM until 9 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service Thursday 10 AM at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Ackerly Cemetery.

Eric Sherod Franks, 47, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Howard College Hires Women's Softball Coach



Courtesy photos

Left, Ashley Lopez is all smiles as she was recently named the new head softball coach for the Howard College Hawks. Top right, Lopez was the starting centerfielder for the Hawks softball team during her time at Howard College. Bottom right, Lopez again showcasing her skills as a batter for the Hawks. Lopez is a former Howard College Hawks softball player during the 2015 and 2016 seasons. Recently, Lopez served as an assistant coach for the Hawks for the past two seasons, before being named as the new head coach.

Special to the Herald

Howard College has made it official by naming the current interim coach, Ashley "A.C." Lopez, as the new head coach for the Hawks' softball program. Lopez will start her official duties immediately.

Before being named as interim coach in December, Lopez served as the assistant coach for the Hawks for two full seasons.

"We have a strong program with rich tradition, and we feel like Ashley is a great person to take the lead and keep our program moving in the right direction," said Dr. Amy Burchett, Executive Vice President. "She has been an active part of building that tradition and her experience playing as a Hawk as well as her time under Coach Raines have given her valuable insight to our program."

Lopez is no stranger to Howard College as she played centerfield for the Hawks in 2015 and 2016. During that time, she was part of teams claiming two conference championships, two regional championships and two trips to the

NJCAA Division I Softball National Tournament, finishing fourth in the nation in 2015.

After earning her associate degree at Howard College, Lopez transferred to Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) to take over their starting centerfielder position for two years while earning her bachelor's degree in University Studies with the emphasis in Business and Health Physical Education. Upon her graduation in 2018, she served as the graduate assistant coach at ENMU coaching outfielders for the 2019 season.

"This is a dream come true," said Lopez. "Thanks to President Sparks and Dr. Burchett for believing in me and giving me this chance to coach the Hawks. I am so excited to officially get started as the head coach and put my own mark on this program. Our goal is to keep the winning tradition alive and well in Big Spring."

For more information about Howard College and Hawk Athletics visit howardcollege.edu or hchawk.com. Sports Information contact: Cindy Smith csmith@howardcollege.edu or 432-517-0073 / 432-264-5034.

Super regional matchups are set in NCAA baseball tournament

By ERIC OLSON

AP Sports Writer

Matchups for the NCAA baseball super regionals were set Monday night after No. 2 national seed Stanford, No. 3 Oregon State, No. 8 East Carolina and eight other teams won regionals.

The best-of-three super regionals begin Friday and Saturday and will determine the field for the College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska, beginning June 17.

The matchups: Notre Dame (38-14) at No. 1 national seed Tennessee (56-7), Connecticut (49-14) at Stanford (45-15), Auburn (40-19) at Oregon State (47-16), Oklahoma (40-21) at No. 4 Virginia Tech (44-12), Louisville (41-19-1) at No. 5 Texas A&M (40-18), Texas (45-19) at East Carolina (45-19), Mississippi (35-22) at Southern Mississippi (47-17) and Arkansas (41-19) at North Carolina (42-20).

Stanford will play in a third straight super regional after coming from two runs down in the ninth inning to post a 4-3 walk-off win over Texas State. Drew Bowser and Tommy Troy hit back-to-back homers to tie it, and freshman pinch-hitter Trevor Haskins singled in the winning run.

Matthew Gretler hit a tiebreaking

homer for Oregon State in the seventh inning, and No. 1 starter Cooper Hjerpe pitched the last two innings in his first relief appearance to secure a 7-6 victory over Vanderbilt.

"I felt good, and I told them if you need me, I'm ready," said Hjerpe, who was working on two days' rest after throwing 100 pitches over 6 2/3 innings Friday.

East Carolina's eight-run seventh inning broke open a 13-2 victory over Coastal Carolina.

Auburn won a regional on its home field for the first time since 1999, beating UCLA 11-4 in the completion of a game suspended Sunday night because of rain.

Cameron Masterman's tiebreaking homer in the eighth inning sent Louisville to an 11-9 victory over Michigan and into the super regionals for the seventh time since 2013.

Southern Mississippi is back in the super regionals for the first time since 2009 after taking the lead in the ninth on a sacrifice fly to beat LSU 8-7.

Tim Elko homered three times and Kemp Alderman hit a grand slam in Mississippi's 22-6 rout of Arizona.

Gage Gillian and Davis Palermo combined to pitch 5 1/3 innings of

one-hit shutout relief to help send North Carolina to a third straight super regional with a 7-3 win over VCU.

Peyton Graham homered during a four-run eighth inning that erased a two-run deficit and Oklahoma beat Florida 5-4 to return to supers for the first time since 2013.

Connecticut held off Maryland 11-8 and became the first current Big East team since St. John's in 2012 to win a regional.

Arkansas' Hagen Smith escaped a bases-loaded jam with his team up two runs in the eighth, and the Razorbacks knocked off No. 7 Oklahoma State 7-3 to reach a fourth straight super regional. The Hogs held down an OSU offense that scored 10, 12, 29 and 14 runs in its previous four games.

RUNS APLENTY

Auburn became the first team in SEC history to score at least 50 runs in its first three tournament games. The Tigers outscored their opponents 51-18 and hit 12 doubles and 11 homers.

"Our offense was the No. 1 key. No. 2 was our three starting pitchers," coach Butch Thompson said. "It's nice when you're at this stage and

you play your best baseball of the year, and I thought we did that."

A MOUNTAIN TOO HIGH?

East Carolina is in its third straight super regional and looking to reach its first College World Series. The Pirates have played in the tournament 31 times, most of any NCAA team that's never advanced to Omaha.

The Pirates are 1-12 in their six super-regional appearances, and they mustered a combined two runs over four games in the previous two.

LET'S PLAY HOCKEY

Dan McDonnell has been using an unusual coaching ploy to motivate his Louisville team. Instead of talking baseball with his players, he talks hockey.

The tournament coincides with the NHL postseason, and McDonnell preaches to his players about competing with the same intensity as a hockey team in a Game 7 situation.

It must have worked. The Cardinals fought off elimination three times on their home field. After they wrapped up an 11-9 win over Michigan on Monday, McDonnell came out of the dugout carrying a hockey jersey.

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Coaches: Doubleheaders in WCWS semis threaten player safety

By CLIFF BRUNT
AP Sports Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma bounced back from losing a Women’s College World Series semifinal to UCLA on Monday, dominating the Bruins in a game that started 30 minutes after the first one.

Oklahoma coach Patty Gasso said the turnaround should not have been so quick.

The Sooners handled it fine, but Gasso still called it a player safety issue. She likes that the NCAA’s Division I Competition Oversight Committee added a day between the semifinals and finals, one of several popular changes made before the season. But she would give it up for time between the semi-final games.

“The last time we played a doubleheader was in March, and we are in the final four and we’re playing a doubleheader 30 minutes after -- I mean, you’re playing two games with a 30-minute break to decide who is going to play for a national championship,” she said. “I didn’t like that.”

In a schedule quirk last year, a rain delay pushed back the start times for the first semifinal games, so the NCAA moved the second semifinal games to the next day. Gasso believes that kind of arrangement should be permanent.

Texas made the most of the new format, beating Oklahoma State twice on Monday night to qualify for the best-of-three championship series. But even Longhorns coach Mike White isn’t sure that part of it is ideal.

“Winning that first game for us was huge, but not having the ability to come back and regroup can hurt some teams,” White said Tuesday. “You play all year for it. So maybe eliminating double-headers altogether would be a good thing.”

Coaches lauded the other changes the committee made before this season. In the past, the teams that won on the opening day Thursday had to play again on Friday. This time, the Thursday winners didn’t play again until Saturday.

“I know the committee is working their tails off,” Oklahoma State coach Kenny Gajewski said. “We

got this format changed. It’s awesome. I mean, it’s rewarding the winning teams, and that’s what we should do.”

With the old schedule, the teams that lost on the opening day Thursday faced elimination games in the early session on Saturday and had to play a second game in the late session on Saturday if they won. This year, no team played twice on the same day until the semifinals.

Last year, Oklahoma State played Florida State in the late game on Saturday, and it didn’t end until 2:20 a.m. local time after a rain delay pushed the start time back. Now, the schedule has the flexibility to account for those kinds of issues.

Coaches say the expansion from a maximum of seven days to a maximum of nine days has made for a better tournament.

“I’m grateful we were able to have a voice and do what’s best,” UCLA coach Kelly Inouye-Perez said. “People work too hard to get here to this point to be able to have (a poor) finish simply because you’re exhausted.”

Astros' Neris, Baker suspended after flap with Mariners

HOUSTON (AP) — Astros pitcher Héctor Neris was suspended four games and Houston manager Dusty Baker was banned one game by Major League Baseball after both were ejected from a game Monday night against Seattle in which Neris plunked one hitter and nearly hit another in the head.

Neris and Baker were also fined undisclosed amounts, MLB Senior Vice President for On-field Operations Michael Hill announced Tuesday.

Astros coaches Joe Espada, Omar López and Troy Snitker were also fined, as was Mariners manager Scott Servais.

Neris is appealing his suspension and remained active for Houston's game against Seattle on Tuesday night.

Baker planned to serve his suspension, with Espada managing Tuesday's game.

In the ninth inning Monday, Neris hit Ty France with a pitch that nearly went all the way behind the right-

handed hitter.

Servais began shouting from the bench, then led his team onto the field to confront Houston near home plate.

Servais and Baker pushed and shoved, while Servais pointed repeatedly at López, the Astros' first base coach. Both Servais and López were ejected following the fracas.

Umpires warned both teams after the melee.

Neris then threw a pitch behind the head of Eugenio Suarez, leading to automatic ejections for Neris and Baker.

Baker denied that Neris intentionally threw at either player.

“The pitch behind France, in a one-run game you’re not going to put anybody on, nobody is throwing at him,” Baker said late Monday.

“We don’t do that anyway. It was a series of bad events and I don’t want to talk about it too much more because I’m already kind of (upset).”

Angels' Mike Trout leaves game with left groin tightness

By JOE REEDY
AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Los Angeles Angels star Mike Trout was removed from Tuesday night's game against Boston with left groin tightness, but he isn't concerned about possibly being sidelined.

The three-time MVP grimaced in the third inning while running to first base after hitting a double off Red Sox starter Garrett Whitlock. Trout easily reached second but not at full speed. He tried to stretch out the leg once he got there but came out of the game after talking with trainers.

“Coming out of the box, I didn’t feel it and then I felt like a little

cramp. Then I got to second base and a little achy and tried to be smart about it. I’ll see how I feel tomorrow,” Trout said after the Angels lost 6-5 in 10 innings to tie a franchise record with 13 straight losses. “At least it isn’t nothing crazy.”

Trout was injured hours after the Angels fired manager Joe Madson with the club mired in a disastrous slump. Trout endured a career-worst 0-for-26 drought during that skid but ended the slump with a single Monday night.

Trout hit a two-run homer to center in the first inning Tuesday. It was the first time he had multiple hits in a game since May 28 at

home against Toronto. He is batting .284 and is tied for third in the American League with 14 home runs.

Trout missed the final 119 games of last season with a left calf strain. When fans saw Trout struggling with the leg, it brought up those memories.

There was no scan or MRI done after Trout left the game. Interim manager Phil Nevin remains cautiously optimistic.

“It was an easy decision to get him out of the game. He had two great at-bats. It was good to see him swing the bat like that and hopefully this isn't anything too serious,” Nevin said.

Voting starts for MLB All-Stars, starters announced July 8

NEW YORK (AP) — Fan balloting began Wednesday for the All-Star Game at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles on July 19.

A person can submit up to five votes per 24 hours during the first phase of voting, which runs through 2 p.m. EDT on June 30. The leading vote-getter in each league will get a starting position in the game and will bypass the second round.

The second phase of voting, involving the top two at each position in each league other than outfield and the top six outfielders in each league, runs from noon EDT on July 5 through 2 p.m. EDT on July 8.

A National League designated hitter also will be voted on following the decision by Major League Baseball and the players’ association in March to expand the DH to the NL.

Elected starters will be announced July 8. The 23 pitchers and reserves are announced on July 10, chosen partly by player voting and partly by the commissioner’s office.

The two-round voting system began in 2019. That agreement called for the highest vote-getter in both leagues in the first round to receive a \$15,000 bonus, a payment to the leading vote-getter at catcher and each infield position plus the top three among outfielders.

For all positions other than the outfield, the second-place finishers receive \$5,000 apiece and the third-place finishers \$2,500 each.

Stars sign Gurianov to \$2.9M contract for 2022-23 season

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Stars have signed restricted free agent Denis Gurianov to a \$2.9 million contract for the 2022-23 season.

General manager Jim Nill announced the forward's signing Tuesday, which was Gurianov's 25th birthday. The team's first-round choice and the 12th pick overall in the 2015 NHL draft, Gurianov had 11

goals and a career-high 20 assists in 73 regular-season games this season.

Gurianov has skated in 214 regular-season NHL games, with 44 goals and 50 assists. The native of Russia has nine goals and eight assists in 32 career post-season games.

When the Stars were in the playoffs during his 2019-20 rookie season

— with the postseason played inside a bubble environment in Canada because of the pandemic — Gurianov had four goals and an assist in Game 7 of their first-round series clincher against Calgary. He went without a point in the five games he played in a seven-game series loss to the Flames in the first round this year.

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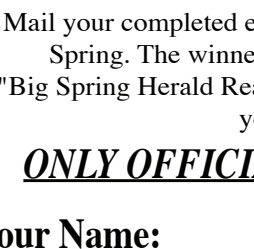
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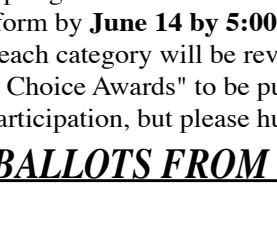
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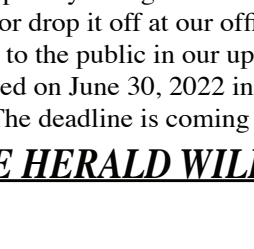
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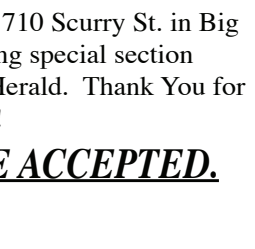
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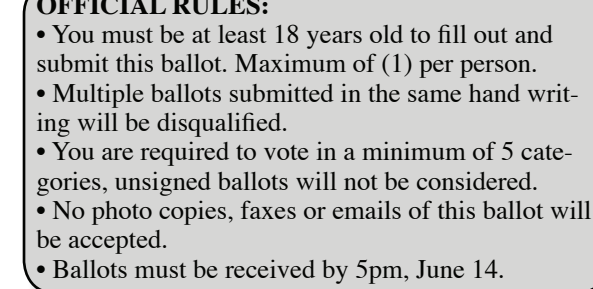
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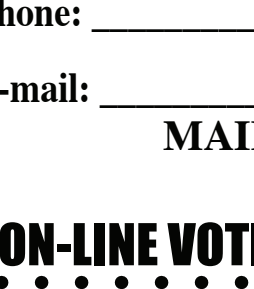
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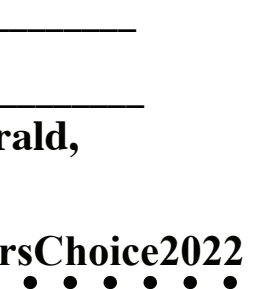
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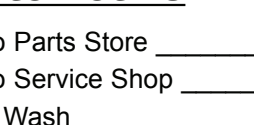
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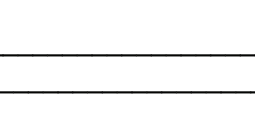


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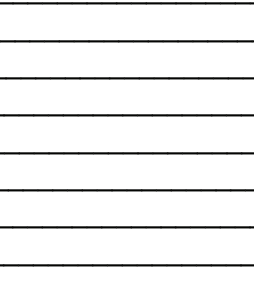
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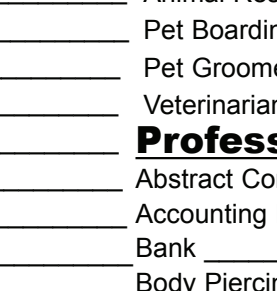
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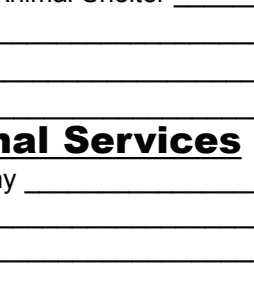
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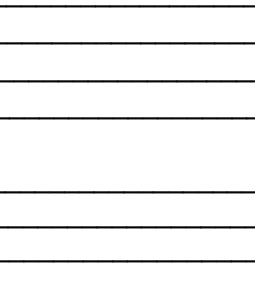
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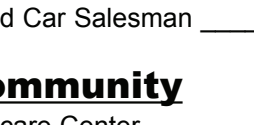
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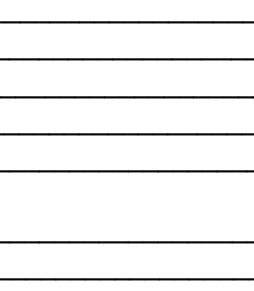
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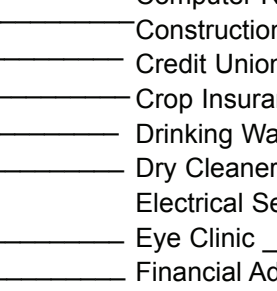
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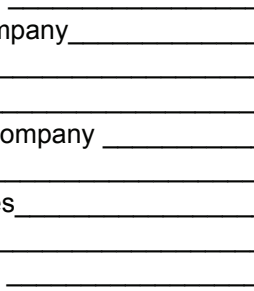
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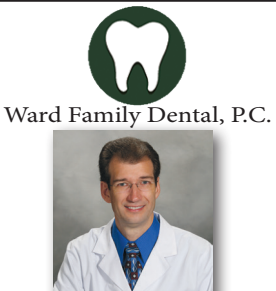
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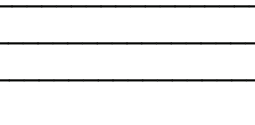


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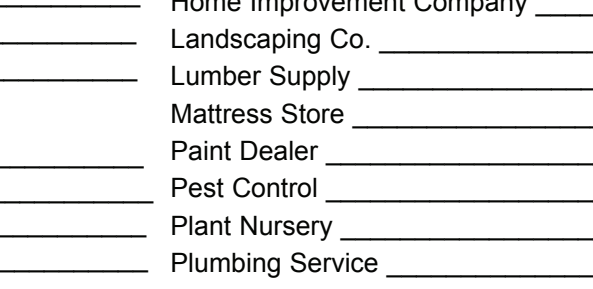
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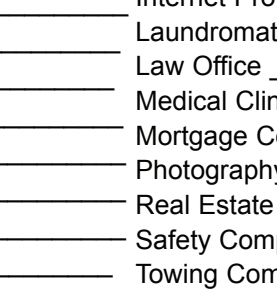
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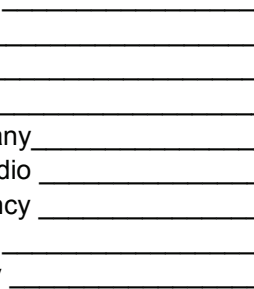
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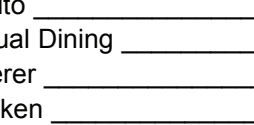


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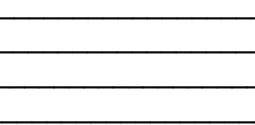


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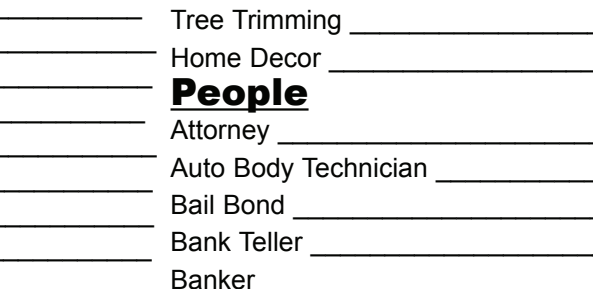
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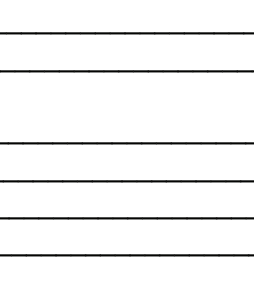
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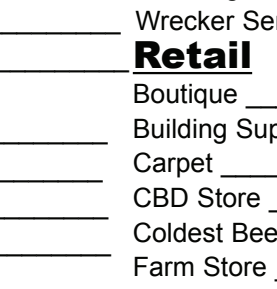
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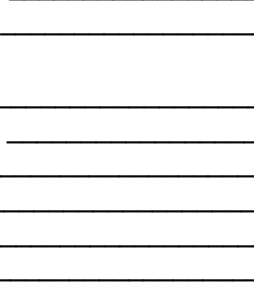
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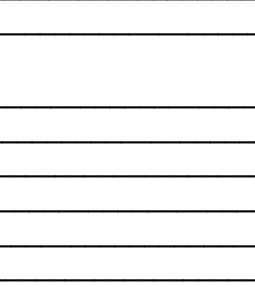
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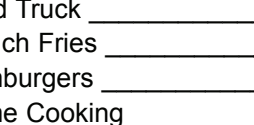
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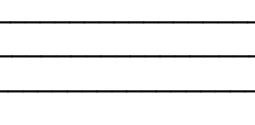


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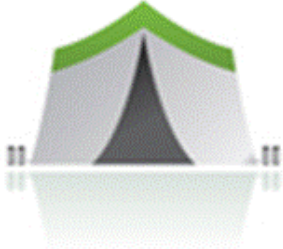
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9 :AM	The 700 Club		Wendy Williams	Kelly and Ryan	El es mi hijo (SS)	Today 3rd Hour	Eye on News	Clifford Dinosaur	Kelly Clarkson	Steve Wilkos Show	Broke Girl	NCIS: New Orleans	First Take	Get Up		Chicago Fire	Accused: Guilty	Lost Relics of
10 :AM	The View	Como dice el dicho	The Real	The Price Is Right	La casa De siones	Today-Hoda	House Words of	Go Luna	Drew Barrymore	Maury	Friends Friends	NCIS: New Orleans				Chicago Fire	Accused: Guilty	Mysteries Aband.
11 :AM	Jeopardy News	Noticiero Nosotr.	Tamron Hall	Young & Restless	Más sabe Noticias	The Good Dish	Shofar Called	Nature Xavier	The Doctors	Nick Cannon	Friends	NCIS: New Orleans	SportsCenter	First Take	Live on the Line	Chicago Fire	Interrogation Raw	Mysteries Aband.
12 :PM	GMA3: What	Hoy (SS)	TMZ Live	News Bold	Hasta que la plata	Days of our Lives	News Rocks	Molly Hero	Dateline	Hot Hot	Friends	NCIS: New Orleans	SportCtr The Point		NASCAR Race	Chicago Fire	Interrogation Raw	Mysteries of the Abandoned
1 :PM	General Hospital	Contigo sí	The People's Court	The Talk	En casa con	Blast Blast	Dollars Called	Cyber Pink	The First 48	Relative	Friends	Movie: Star Wars: The Force Awakens, Carrie Fisher (DVS)	This Just In	SportCtr The Point	World Poker	Chicago Fire	The First 48	Mysteries Aband.
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5 :PM	Big 2	Noticiero	Big Bang	CBS 7	Tele	News	The Behind	Molly Hero	King	Nick Cannon	Big Bang	Movie: Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker, Adam Driver (DVS)	SportsCenter	Daily Wager	Polaris Fish	Chicago Fire	The First 48	Mysteries Aband.
6 :PM	ABC News	Noticiero	Big Bang	CBS	Noticias	NBC	Behind	Hero	King	Sheldon	Big Bang	Movie: Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker, Adam Driver (DVS)				Chicago Fire	The First 48	Mysteries Aband.
7 :PM	Attack on the Capitol: The Investigation	La mexicana	MasterChef	Sheldon	La casa de los famosos (SS)	Law & Order News	House News	Wild Kratt	Last Man	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Movie: Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker, Adam Driver (DVS)	SportsCenter	7Innings 2022 Women's College World Series	Champ Spotlight	Chicago Fire	The First 48	Mysteries Aband.
8 :PM	Shark Tank	El último rey: El hijo	FOX 24 News at 9	Bull	Amor valiente (SS)	Law & Order: SVU	Light of Southwest	Arthur Arthur	Chicago P.D.	Legacies	Rat in the Kitchen	Full	NHL Hockey: Lightning at Rangers	W. Stu	Texas Insider	Movie: John Wick: Chapter 3 -- Parabellum	After the First 48	Mysteries Aband.
9 :PM	Big 2	Noticiero	TMZ	CBS 7	Noticias	News	Zion	Pink Elnor	Friends	Burgers	Sheldon	(18) Movie: Star Wars: A New Hope (DVS)	SportsCenter	Blood	Fish	(45) Movie: John Wick: Chapter 3 -- Parabellum (DVS)	After the First 48	Mysteries Aband.
10 :PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Noticiero	Pawn	Late Show- Colbert	Noticias	Tonight Show	Words of Hidden	Donkey	CBS 7	black-ish	Sheldon		SportsCenter	Around	Inside	Miz & Mrs SVU	Interrogation Raw	Mysteries Aband.
11 :AM	Extra	Contacto deportivo	Mod Fam	James Corden	Caso cerrado (SS)	Seth Meyers	Freedom	Tiger	Minute	black-ish	Sheldon		SportsCenter	UFC	Tennis Classics	Law & Order: SVU	Shark Meet	Hunting Atlantis
12 :AM	DailyMail	Peregrina	Mom	Drew Barrymore	Caso cerrado (SS)	News	Being Behind	Almas Xavier	Holly	Creek	Wipeout		SportsCenter	Pardon	Inside	Law & Order: SVU	Paid Prg.	Hunting Atlantis
1 :AM	Brain Fog Home	La mexicana	Broke Girl	Paid Prg.	Programa	Top Story With	Light of Southwest	Molly Jerry	Springer	Liquidator Gold	Wipeout	NCIS: New Orleans	SportsCenter	UFC	Tennis Classics	Law & Order: SVU	Paid Prg.	Hunting Atlantis
2 :AM	(:06) ABC World News Now	Vecinos	Seinfeld	(:07) CBS Overnight News	Programa	Inside Ed.	Light of Southwest	Wild Kratt	Minute	Alopecia? Summer	Wipeout	NCIS: New Orleans	SportsCenter	30 for 30		Law & Order: SVU	Shark Meet	Hunting Atlantis
3 :AM		P. Luche	Seinfeld		Programa	Blast	M:25 Called	Odd	Paid Prg.	Dormeo	Wipeout	NCIS: New Orleans	NHL Hockey: Lightning at Rangers	SportsCenter		Law & Order: SVU	Shark Meet	Hunting Atlantis
4 :AM		El gordo y la flaca	Law & Order: SVU		Noticias	Early Tdy	House	Arthur	Paid Prg.	Collagen	Matters	NCIS: New Orleans				Law & Order: SVU	Shark Meet	Hunting Atlantis
4 :AM	Morning	Noticiero	Funny	News	Programa	Early Tdy	Christ	Arthur	Paid Prg.	Skin Care	Matters					Law & Order: SVU	Shark Meet	Hunting Atlantis

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Picture bidding

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠K 8 3
♥Q 7 6
♦J 8 5
♣A K 9 2

WEST
♠10 9 6
♥J 5 3
♦Q 10 6 4
♣Q 7 5

EAST
♠7 5 2
♥8
♦K 9 3 2
♣J 10 8 6 3

SOUTH
♠A Q J 4
♥A K 10 9 4 2
♦A 7
♣A

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♥ Pass
3 ♥ Pass 4 NT Pass
5 ♦ Pass 5 NT Pass
6 ♥

Opening lead — four of diamonds.
Cuebidding as a means of exploring slam possibilities is an art that has not been sufficiently cultivated by the general bridge-playing public. As a case in point, take this deal from a team contest.

At one table, the bidding went as shown. After South's jump-shift and North's heart raise, South immediately invoked Blackwood. Upon learning that North had an ace and two kings, South had to guess which two kings his partner held. If one of them was the king

of spades, 13 tricks — six hearts, four spades, the ace of clubs, the ace of diamonds and North's second king — could be counted.

Reluctant to jeopardize the small slam, South settled for six hearts. When he saw the dummy, he chided himself for being such a pessimist.

At the other table, the auction began the same way, but on the second round, South chose not to use Blackwood immediately and instead tried to elicit more precise information from his partner:

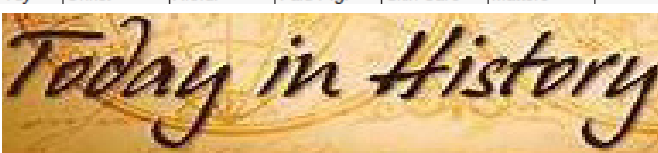
North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	5 NT	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	7 NT	

South's three-spade cuebid indicated first-round control of that suit (usually the ace) and asked North to reply in kind. North's four-club bid and South's four-diamond bid also showed first-round controls. Then came the bid South hoped to hear — four spades, indicating second-round control (usually the king) of that suit.

From then on, it was easy. South learned via Blackwood that North had an ace and two kings — just as his counterpart had — but South knew one of the kings was the king of spades, so it was easy to bid the grand slam.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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Today is Thursday, June 9, the 160th day of 2022. There are 205 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 9, 2004, the body of Ronald Reagan arrived in Washington to lie in state in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda before the 40th president's funeral.

On this date:

In 1732, James Oglethorpe received a charter from Britain's King George II to found the colony of Georgia.

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

In 1915, guitarist, songwriter and inventor Les Paul was born in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

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

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

of decency?"

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

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

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

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

In 1986, the Rogers Commission released its report on the Challenger disaster, criticizing NASA and rocket-builder Morton Thiokol for management problems leading to the explosion that claimed the lives of seven astronauts.

In 1993, the science-fiction film "Jurassic Park," directed by Steven Spielberg, had

its world premiere in Washington, D.C.

In 2020, hundreds of mourners packed a Houston church for the funeral of George Floyd, a Black man whose death during a Minneapolis arrest inspired a worldwide reckoning over racial injustice.

Ten years ago: Spain became the fourth and largest country to ask Europe to rescue its failing banks (however, the bailout was averted). Maria Sharapova (shah-rah-POH'-vah) won the French Open, defeating Sara Errani 6-3, 6-2 to complete the career Grand Slam.

Five years ago: Punching back a day after his fired FBI director's damaging testimony, President Donald Trump accused James Comey of lying to Congress and said he was "100 percent" willing to testify under oath about their conversations. Actor Adam West, TV's "Batman," died in Los Angeles at age 88.

One year ago: The sponsor of the Keystone XL crude oil pipeline said it was pulling the plug on the contentious project after Canadian officials failed to persuade the Biden administration to reverse its cancellation of the company's permit; the partially built line

was intended to transport crude from the oil sand fields of western Canada to Nebraska. The White House dropped executive orders from the Trump era that were intended to ban the popular apps TikTok and WeChat; officials said there would be a new review aimed at identifying national security risks with software applications tied to China.

Today's Birthdays: Media analyst Marvin Kalb is 92. Sports commentator Dick Vitale is 83. Author Letty Cottin Pogrebin is 83. Rock musician Mick Box (Uriah Heep) is 75. Retired MLB All-Star Dave Parker is 71. Film composer James Newton Howard is 71. Mystery author Patricia Cornwell is 66. Actor Michael J. Fox is 61. Writer-producer Aaron Sorkin is 61. Actor Johnny Depp is 59. Actor Gloria Reuben is 58. Gospel singer-actress Tamela Mann is 56. Rock musician Dean Felber (Hootie & the Blowfish) is 55. Rock musician Dean Dinning is 55. Musician Ed Simmons is 52. Actor Kee- sha Sharp is 49. Bluegrass singer-musician Jamie Dailey (Dailey & Vincent) is 47. Actor Michaela Conlin is 44. Actor Natalie Portman is 41. Actor Mae Whitman is 34. Actor Lucien Laviscount is 30.

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