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On Thursday, May 21, 2020, City crews will continue water valve replacements in the following area that could possibly interrupt water service:
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 Customers could possibly experience low water pressure and/or total water interruption while replacements are made. Work will begin after 5:00 PM and continue until complete. We apologize for any inconvenience and ask for your patience while this project is completed.
 Please direct any questions or concerns to the office of Shane Bowles, Public Works Director, at 432-264-2501.

Just a Note:
 Coahoma Graduation
 May 21 at 4 p.m.
 Bill Easterling
 Memorial Stadium

Forsan Graduation
 Video to be released
 Friday at 6 p.m.

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Coahoma ISD announces top students for the Class of 2020

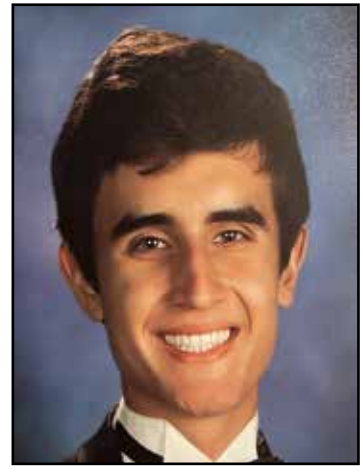
Rinard named Valedictorian, Martinez named Salutatorian

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — The top two students of the Coahoma High School Class of 2020 are Sydney Rinard and Marcus Martinez.
 Sydney, the daughter of Jim and Tasha Rinard, has been named the class valedictorian and will further her education at Angelo State University. She plans to major in kinesiology. After completing her bachelor's degree, Sydney plans to earn her doctorate at Parker University located in Dallas.



Sydney Rinard
 Valedictorian



Marcus Martinez
 Salutatorian

"In the future I plan on becoming a chiropractor and eventually someday opening up my own clinic," Sydney said. "It has always been really important to me that whatever I do for the rest of my life has something to do with science and giving back to the community. Since my freshman year of high school, I have been set on becoming a chiropractor and that is exactly what I plan to do within the next five or six years."

Marcus, the son of Levi Burchett and Isaac Martinez, is the class salutatorian

and will head to Waco after graduation to attend Baylor University and pursue a career in dentistry.

During their years at CHS, both Sydney and Marcus have participated in band, athletics and the National Honor Society. Sydney has been a member of the FFA and student council and some of her non-school activities include First Priority and the Midway Baptist Church youth group.

"I always take my responsibilities seriously and have done my best in any

leadership role I was given the honor of serving," Sydney said. "These roles included being a drumline captain, FFA chapter officer, NHS president, Student Council officer, leader of First Priority, and also the leadership that just comes with being a senior in athletics and in my youth group."

Both Marcus and Sydney were named a CHS top ten scholar. Sydney received the Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists Award of Excellence and is a member of the Texas FFA Lone Star Degree National Honor Society.

The soon-to-be graduates offered the following advice to Coahoma students.

"If I could give a younger student advice, I would tell them to focus on what makes them happy, regardless of what anyone says," Marcus said.

"My advice to any younger student at Coahoma is that you will definitely have more fun and enjoy your life so much more if you just be yourself and

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Shotwell donates to local business, first responders

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

When one door closes an opportunity often arises. Shotwell Hydrogenics – an industrial chemical manufacturing industrial company – has taken the production downturn as an opportunity to shift their focus and offer a helping hand to surrounding communities. Shotwell switched their focus from oilfield production to hand sanitizers and has chosen to donate the sanitizer to West Texas first responders, healthcare professionals, and other essential businesses who are in need of the product. The Big Spring Fire Department, Big Spring Police Department, Howard County Sheriff's Office and the Big Spring Herald were the first of the Howard County donations.

"We feel that we are here for the whole Permian Basin area. We wanted to make sure we had



Shotwell representatives delivered hand sanitizer to local first responders - Howard County Sheriff's Office, Big Spring Fire Department and Big Spring Police Department - along with other local businesses recently. In addition to the hundreds of bottles of sanitizer dropped off a few weeks ago, Shotwell dropped off another donation to first responders last week.

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St. Vincent de Paul continues support services



St. Vincent de Paul kicked off their food assistance program last week, serving about 60 families. This Thursday they will continue with their support services and focus on financial assistance from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

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Obituaries

Sharon Marie Donaghe

Sharon Marie Donaghe passed away peacefully in her home, surrounded by her family on Monday, May 18, 2020 at the age of 75. She was born Feb. 15, 1945, in Freer, Texas, to the late Odem and Francis Wright.

Sharon lived a life full of love and happiness. She spent most of her life in the Big Spring/Odessa area where she worked for CRMWD. The past 20 years she has called Pleasanton her home and has retired from Capital Farm Credit.

Sharon enjoyed sewing and gardening, but most of all, working with "Helping Hands" at Cowboy Fellowship Church, where she was also a faithful member. She loved spending time and playing with her grandchildren, she also loved to cook and bake. She found so much joy through her cooking that she would make people their favorite pie or cake for their birthday as a gesture of love and

Marshall V. Day

Marshall V. Day, 91, of Big Spring, died Sunday, May 17, 2020. Graveside services will be 10 a.m., Friday, May 22, 2020, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park, with Rev. Derrell Patterson, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. To 7 p.m., Thursday, May 21, 2020, at the funeral home.

He was born May 5, 1929, to Burton Day and Cuba Brooks Day in Synder, Texas.

Marshall V. Day served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

Survivors include one daughter, Marsha Bishop-

appreciation. She was a great example of showing Christs love to others in a practical way.

Sharon leaves behind her loving husband, Morrison Donaghe; Son Jason Donaghe and his wife Julie; daughters, Tiffany and her husband Ricky Bedwell, Shannon Donaghe and her husband Gentry Almendarez; grandchildren, Jace and Jaret Donaghe, Meaghan and Joseph Manguso, Colby Bedwell, Robert Almendarez, Baila Almendarez and Emmalyn Almendarez; great-grandchildren, Hunter Bedwell, Lillie and Owen Evans and Ash Manguso.

In Liu of flowers donations may be made to The Cowboy Fellowship "Building Fund" in her memory.

A Celebration of Life in honor of Sharon will be conducted at a later date. Anyone wishing to leave condolences for the family, share memories or sign the online guest book, you may do so at www.hurleyfuneralhome.com

Paid Obituary

Lane Hoyt Bond

Lane Hoyt Bond passed away on Thursday, April 30, 2020, in Corona, California, three weeks after a fall that resulted in a broken hip. His overall health and mental capacity had been in decline for several months. He was 86 years old.

Lane was born on December 25, 1933 in Cooper, Texas. He spent his youth in Big Spring, Texas, graduating from Big Spring High School in 1952.

He earned a Bachelor's degree from Hardin-Simmons University where he met and married Lawanda Porter Bond, his first wife and the mother of his two daughters, Lanelle and Elaine. Later, he graduated with a Master of Divinity degree from Southwestern Theological Seminary.

Feeling called into the ministry at a young age, Lane became a Southern Baptist pastor, serving churches first in Texas, and later in San Diego, California. He supplemented his pastoral income by working as a painting contractor for many years. After retiring from these pursuits, he became a web designer and photographer.

Some years after his first marriage ended, Lane went to a high school reunion in Big Spring where he reconnected with a high school friend, Janice Rosson. They soon married and Lane returned to

Big Spring as a resident, where he was actively involved in the community. Lane was known as a kind, loving man with a zest for life and a desire to serve. He was always the life of the party, bringing joy to others wherever he went. He was also an avid dancer, going to dances two or three times a week well into his eighties. Lane was in Big Spring until June, 2019, when his daughters moved him to Corona, California, to better watch over his care.

Lane is survived by his two daughters and their husbands, John and Lanelle Gordin and Phil and Elaine Lewis; by his grandchildren, April Mann, Kelly Ward, Jared Ward, Rachel Borkar and her husband Ashish, and Sara Dexter and her husband Thomas; and by his great-grandchildren, Kyndall Mann, Kaitlyn Mann, and Trulee Rae Dexter. He was predeceased by both wives.

Because of the restrictions of the COVID-19 virus pandemic currently in effect, it is not possible to have a traditional memorial service. A video memorial has been compiled and is available for distribution.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial donations to Big Spring High School Exes Association, P.O. Box 1688, Big Spring, Texas 79720 in honor of Lane.

Paid Obituary

Wanda Jo Murphy

Wanda Jo Murphy, 85, of Big Spring, passed away Sunday, May 17, 2020. No services are planned at this time.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ISAAC JAMES TARIN**, 27, of 1907 S. Main Street, was arrested on a charge of unauthorized use of motor vehicle and evading arrest/detention previously convicted.
- **ROBERT EARL MIKULA**, 36, of 1813 E. 25th Street, was arrested on theft of property between \$30K and \$150K all other and resist arrest search or transport.
- **CHASITI CODI MCDANIEL**, 35, transient, was arrested on fail to identify - fugitive giving false information, possession of drug paraphernalia and warrant from other agency.
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 300 block of Vicky Road
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1000 block of S. Birdwell; CR 646; 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported in the 300 block of S. Owens
- **THEFT OF FIREARM** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 3200 block of S. Hwy 87.
- **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported in the area of 18th and Benton.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 79 inmates at the time of this report.

- **JAMES ERNEST GARCIA**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication and possession of controlled substance between 1 gram and 4 grams.
- **CHASITI CODI MCDANIEL**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of FTA/secure execution document, fail to identify fugitive intent; possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **ROBERT EARL MIKULA**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property between \$30K and \$150K and resist arrest search or transport.
- **ISAAC JAMES TARIN**, 27, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of evading arrest detention with previous conviction and unauthorized use of vehicle.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Apron Drive. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2400 block of E F 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of E. 17th Street. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Elm. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of 18th and Benton. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Alamesa. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Runnels. No transport was required.

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Food Pick Up Info

Big Spring ISD

Big Spring ISD will be providing sacked meals for students while the campuses are closed. Meals will be available at three schools from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. Meals can be picked up at any of the three campuses where they are being handed out, which will be Moss, Marcy and Big Spring Junior High School. At both March and Moss, pick up will be in the bus lane behind the campus. At BSJH, pick up can be made at Door #5 on the east side of campus.

Children in Big Spring ISD can also pick up meals at the following times and locations:

From 9 a.m. to 9:55 a.m., you can pick up at:

- Bus 13-Navajo and Choctaw
- Bus 14-Bauer
- Bus 15: Larry and McDonald
- Bus 27: 5th and Abrams
- Bus 28: 3rd and Lockhart
- Bus 77: Parkway and Hearn
- Bus 85: Goliad Elementary
- Bus 86: 6th and Circle
- Bus 90: Southridge RV Park
- Bus 96: Albrook and Randolf

From 10 a.m. to 10:55 a.m., you can pick up at:

- Bus 13-Barcelona Apartments
- Bus 14-Lakeview
- Bus 15: Colby and Drew
- Bus 27: 8th and Lorilla
- Bus 28: Roy Anderson Complex
- Bus 77: Airport and Mobile
- Bus 85: Scott and Macaousian
- Bus 86: Washington Elementary
- Bus 90: Oasis and Neill
- Bus 96: Anderson School

Lunch is also available at North Side Movement for all children in the area. Meals can be picked up at Ryan Hall, located behind the church, at 605 N. Main St. To comply with Governor Abbott's mandate, all meals will be set-up drive-through style. No meals will be served inside the hall. Deliveries will depend on number of volunteers available. You can follow the North Side Movement Facebook page for additional information.

Coahoama ISD

Coahoma ISD will provide take-home lunches to all students while the campuses are closed. Students can pick up a lunch at the back door of the cafeteria, Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 21 will be the last day for meal services.

Forsan ISD

Forsan ISD will be providing sacked meals for students while the campuses are closed. Meals are available at the following three locations: Forsan Elementary at the south entrance of the building, Special Education 87-20 Coop, or "The Pad". Breakfast is served from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 21 will be the last day for meal services.

CHS

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find confidence in your own personality," Sydney said. "If you don't think you're 'normal', that's a good thing, and you will just live a better life if you stop trying to be someone that you're not!"

Sydney also shared one of her favorite Bible verses.

"My favorite verse for a while now has been Psalm 16:8 and it says 'I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken,'" she said. "This verse has really spoken to me personally because I have been through quite a lot in my few years on this planet and sometimes it can be hard to stay happy and focused.

"In my head, this verse told me that it doesn't matter how much we may think we are falling apart or how much we think we can handle, God

Obituary

Larry Don Henderson

Larry Don Henderson, 76, of Big Spring died Monday, May 18, 2020.

Visitation will be Wednesday 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Baptist Church with Scott Kirkland, Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Take Note

• The Life Center in Big Spring is helping moms and dads with a Diaper Day Giveaway! Call for a five minute phone appointment and a pickup time for free diapers, wipes and formula. 432-606-5041

• St. Vincent de Paul will be open the following dates beginning May 2020. Food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

• Forsan Elementary has opened virtual pre-registration for 2020-21 school year. Due to COVID-19 pre-registration will be done virtually. Contact Mandy Buske with any questions at 432-457-0091 ext. 203 or by e-mail at abuske@forsan.esc18.net. All pre-registration packets will need to be completed and

returned to Mandy Buske via email or fax. A copy of the following items need to be returned with the packet: certified birth certificate, social security card, immunization record, proof of residency for district students only (utility bill), parent driver's license and proof of income (pre-k only). Age requirements are:

Pre-K - must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020; Kindergarten - 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020. New transfer students (Kinder - 5th) may apply at this time.

• Pre-registration for CISD Kinder, Pre-K3 & Pre-K4 underway. Due to COVID-19, Coahoma Elementary will be handling Pre-K3, Pre-K4 and Kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 school year a little differently.

For safety precautions, district officials will only take registration by phone at this time.

DONATE

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donations in all the areas to our first responders and those who are putting themselves at risk, to do something to give back to the community," Michael Puckett, Shotwell Director of Manufacturing, said. "It's all of West Texas communities that help us in our business."

The hand sanitizer is produced by Shotwell Hydrogenics and sent to a co-packer who facilitates bottling and packaging. The Howard County donation was only one of many that has been made in the Shotwell service area. The City of Stanton, Crane and other surrounding areas are also receiving donations. According to Shotwell representatives, more sanitizer will be distributed to healthcare facilities in Big Spring soon.

"We feel it's a great thing to give back anyway that we can, and we have been very blessed," Puckett said. "Our employee pool has been great, they have been volunteering time to help bottle the product. We are blessed and very fortunate to be able to make the product and give back."

Shotwell was established a little over three years ago and began the first chemical production in April 2017. The nine member team focuses the majority of

their service to customers in the oil and gas industry throughout the Permian and other basins in the community. The facility will continue to meet current customers needs while adding the hand sanitizer product to their portfolio.

According to Tom Stevens, Chief Operating Officer with BPS, the company has more sanitizer on hand ready to be bottled and dispersed in the communities. The next round of donations will be going out soon.

"We are committed as a company to give away one percent of our production," Puckett said. "We have another 660 gallons set aside to be donated. We just ask that the product is used to help others; the first responders, those caring for others and are in jeopardy of the virus spreading because of the lack of availability of the product."

He continued, "We feel very blessed and we want to give back."

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UIL announces summer strength & conditioning can begin June 8

By SHAWN MORAN
Herald Sportswriter

It has been a satisfying last couple of days for athletic directors, coaches and players around Texas. Over the weekend, Gov. Greg Abbott announced that professional sports could return to the state without any fans in attendance on May 31. It was also announced that youth sports could return on the same date as long as parents follow social distancing guidelines.

Tuesday brought more good news with the University Interscholastic League (UIL) relaying that they are "working with the appropriate state officials to allow schools to begin limited summer strength and conditioning on June 8."

This is welcome news for coaches and players throughout Howard County who have been itching to get back into the weight room and back onto the field with their team. It is also another move in the right direction for the re-opening of the state and a return to normalcy.

Big Spring's Cannon McWilliams has already scheduled the first workouts of the year for the morning of June 8. The Steers' coach has been chomping at the bit to get back into workouts with his squad and is not going to wait any longer than he needs to be to get back to work with his guys.

McWilliams will not be the only Head Coach to start their summer workouts at the earliest possible time and there will only be a little over two months before the first kickoff of the fall. There will be some restrictions that McWilliams and the rest of his coaching staff will have to work around and the coach plans to release a workout schedule once the UIL decides just what those restrictions will be.

"I can't wait to get back to work and be back with our kids," McWilliams posted to his Twitter account on Tuesday afternoon. McWilliams also added a string of exclamation points and capitalizations to his status update to express his happiness with the decision.

Football coaches are not the only ones to benefit from this announcement.



University Interscholastic League logo

Big Spring basketball's Kris Hise is also thrilled about the UIL's decision because he will now be able to play some summer ball with his team.

"We're still waiting on limitations of how many people can be there and stuff like that, but for boys basketball we're going to have a basketball camp and basketball practices with our kids who are going to play," Hise said. "Been itching at it for a long time and everyone I've been talking to is ready to go. Whether it's an open gym or anything, the kids are just ready to go."

Now that the majority of the nation has been without sports for over two months and every athlete and coach is ready to get back to practice. Hise has been sending his players six videos every week for them to study and work on in the meantime to try to flatten the learning curve.

There will surely be a learning curve, especially for incoming freshman, and a reintegration period so that everyone can get back into shape together.

However long that period will be has yet to be announced but there should be more information from the UIL in the next few days. Players who have been benefitting from the virtual meetings that McWilliams has been holding will also benefit from the first face-to-face meetings and workouts of the year.

"The only way to get into football shape is by playing football," McWilliams said when recently asked about when workouts would resume.

The same could be argued for any sport but these coaches are just thrilled to have a date to look forward to. These have been uncertain times for everyone and a return to a regular schedule will help everyone find a sense of balance and normalcy.

The good news for Big Spring Athletics and the other athletic programs around Howard County is that they will only need to wait two-and-a-half more weeks before they are back with their team.

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Sainz Jr. wins TPX Communications Championship at Clubs of Kingwood with great performance over last few days

Special to the Herald

KINGWOOD, TEXAS (MAY 19, 2020)—Carlos Sainz Jr., Teaching Professional at GolfTEC – Upper Kirby, claimed the title at the TPx Communications Championship presented by US Foods, Perry Weather, and PGA TOUR with rounds of 63-66 for a final 36-hole score of 129 (-15).

Sainz Jr. was tied with Ben Kern, PGA Head Professional at Georgetown Country Club coming into today's final round. During Round Two, he recorded a score of 66 with four

birdies on the back nine, securing him the win.

"If you have good weather like today and the wind is not blowing, there's a lot of birdies to be made, so that's the mentality I had," said Sainz. "Obviously, Ben was right there with me, so I tried not to play 'match play' right from the start. My goal was to just play golf for the first nine and see where I was at."

The championship also included a Senior Division where 17 Professionals ages 50 and older played for a separate

purse. Omar Uresti, PGA Life Member had a two-day total of 131 to finish the Championship at 13 under-par.

"I hit the ball really well with my irons both days, and gave myself a lot of opportunities," said Uresti "I had some solid rounds of golf. You have to play a little smarter golf on this course than I'm used to playing back home."

Originally planned as a match play tournament, the TPx Communications Championship was changed to be contested on the 7,058-yard Forest Course at The Clubs of Kingwood as

a 36-hole stroke play championship to ensure the safety of participants amidst the coronavirus pandemic.

The TPx Communications Championship marks the first major championship for the Southern Texas PGA Section following the postponement of the Spring Classic earlier this year. The Spring Classic will now be the second major championship for the Section and will be played Monday, June 15 - Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at Miramont Country Club in Bryan, Texas.

Belmont set for June 20 without fans, leads off Triple Crown

By STEPHEN WHYNO

AP Sports Writer

Horse racing's Triple Crown will look different this year from start to finish.

The Belmont Stakes will be run before the Kentucky Derby and Preakness for the first time and take place at a shorter distance. It will lead off the Triple Crown on June 20 in New York with no fans in attendance and at a distance of 1 1/8 miles instead of the 1 1/2-mile "test of the champion" that has been the race's trademark for nearly a century.

"The way it fits in the calendar, it's a completely different race than the traditional Belmont would be," New York Racing Association president and CEO Dave O'Rourke said Tuesday. "I think we're going to have a big field. I think it'll be a really competitive field. I think the dynamics of the race are different."

The three Triple Crown races will be run out of their traditional order for the first time since 1931. The Kentucky Derby was moved from May 2 to Sept. 5 and the Preakness from May 16 to Oct. 3 amid the coronavirus pandemic that has upended the sports calendar.

"I'm just happy we get to run," two-time Triple Crown-winning trainer Bob Baffert said. "I'm just fortunate that they didn't cancel any of them. A couple months ago, it didn't look good."

An out-of-order Triple Crown presents another set of challenges and would be a different kind of accomplishment than the one competed by the 13 past champions. The Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont are usually run during a five-week span in the spring, and 3-year-olds are more mature by the summer and fall.

"It's going to help some, it's going to hurt others," trainer Mark Casse said. "You're going to see a lot stronger, probably a bigger, stronger horse from

May."

The Belmont is only being run two weeks after it was scheduled, but the shorter distance changes the complexion of the race and the Triple Crown. It has been run at 1 1/2 miles each year dating to 1926 and last ran at 1 1/8 miles in 1894.

It's not the same going before the Kentucky Derby.

"The Belmont, running after that, the 'test of champions' is: 'How tough is your horse? How can he handle it?'" said Baffert, who trained 2015 Triple Crown winner American Pharoah and 2018 winner Justify. "Now, a mile and a half, they can handle it easier the first time. It wouldn't be as difficult as it would be after running those other two races."

Barclay Tagg would have been fine with running top contender Tiz the Law at 1 1/2 miles, and Baffert plans for elite 3-year-olds Nadal and Charlatan to go to the Belmont.

NYRA officials said in a release that the distance adjustment was made "to properly account for the schedule adjustments to the Triple Crown series and overall calendar for 3-year-olds in training." O'Rourke said there wasn't much debate about shortening the race, and all comers are welcome.

"You wouldn't get that many horses going a mile and a half right now," Baffert said. "We would've gone a mile and a quarter, mile and a half. I don't care what the distance was. We're going to be there."

The Belmont was originally scheduled for June 6. But racing in New York was halted in late March after a backstretch worker tested positive for COVID-19, and Gov. Andrew Cuomo didn't give the green light to resume until Saturday.

O'Rourke said NYRA had been in touch with the Stronach Group that owns Pimlico Race Course since the Kentucky Derby was rescheduled so they could coordinate the timing of the Preakness and Belmont. With little desire for squeezing in the Bel-

mont in October before the Breeders' Cup Nov. 6-7, the focus was on June or July while awaiting government approval.

"We didn't have dates for a while. Every day seemed like a week," O'Rourke said. "As long as we were able to start at Belmont the first week of June, we thought we could hold to this June 20 date with a different race in a sense of desperation."

Live racing is gradually ramping up operations across North America because tracks feel they can operate safely and still make money without fans on site because of online betting and TV revenue. More than \$90 million was wagered off track last year on Belmont day, and NYRA gets a cut of that money along with revenue from NBC.

Racing will return to Belmont Park in Elmont, New York, on June 3 and go through July 12. The Belmont will be the highlight of that meet, even with the purse reduced from \$1.5 million to \$1 million as a result of the pandemic-related closures of racetracks and casinos in New York.

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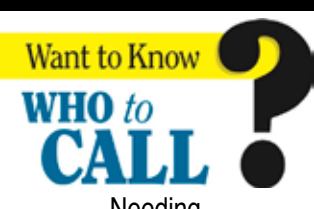
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Dear Annie: I am a USPS mail carrier. My husband was sent home six weeks ago, with pay, while I head out every morning to the possibility of contracting COVID-19.

I've been angry and resentful, and scared. It was most acute about two weeks ago, and, after some tears and talks, I've calmed down somewhat. I just keep looking ahead and can't wait for this to end. -- Husband at Home

Dear Husband at Home: Your fear and anger are very understandable. And yet you have been going out there and delivering our mail anyway. That is called courage. Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather, it is having fear and doing it anyway. You are a hero and we thank you very much for your service to humanity.

Dear Annie: I wanted to inform the grandfather who was resentful about waiting in lines at the amuse-

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the pass to avoid the lines.

I would never have known this, but my grandson is one of the children who needs this assistance and would not have been able to tolerate the line otherwise.

Your answer was spot on, but there can be more than meets the eye as a reason for "cutting the line"! Thinking outside the box is another great skill to instill in your children and grandchildren, as well as tolerance for those

less fortunate. -- Thinking Outside the Box

Dear Thinking Outside the Box: Thank you for your letter. It highlights a very important lesson. We can't judge a book by its cover. There could be so much more going on.

Dear Annie: I used to have uncontrolled underarm odor for decades no matter what I did. I finally asked my doctor. His advice: Use tea tree oil (over the counter at drugstores). Use about 10 drops in

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Dear Not Stinky Anymore: Thank you for sharing your suggestion. Tea tree oil is completely natural so it has a low chance of side effects.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Gemini Sun Day 1

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are willing to feel an unpleasant thing if it's what's necessary to obtain a benefit far more important. This doesn't make you a martyr; it makes you an adult.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The difference between a competent performance and a struggle is often the attitude one launches from. Believe you'll succeed. If you can't believe, pretend to believe until one day you do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There is always a chance of thinking more clearly and perceiving things differently, because the human brain is capable of rewiring itself. Adaptation is the natural tendency. Let this work for you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You can't really solve an emotional problem with logic. It's the wrong tool, and no matter how many ways you turn it, it just won't work. Feelings need to be felt, worked through, experienced. There's no shortcut.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). However massive a project or problem may be, it's doable when you break it down into small enough steps. Repeat the action until it is easy for you, and then build on that.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). While it's nice to get the feedback you desire, you won't get it every time. No one does. You don't need approval when you already approve of yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Often what we think will be the solution to the problem is only a different side of the problem. Hint: The root of the problem, by definition, is the part that no one sees. It's in the ground, the psyche, the heart.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You might feel a little uneasy about a new course of action, but that only means you're the brave sort who is always moving forward. You'll get more confident in your skills every time you use them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Do what you can to set yourself up for inevitable success. If you don't know what that is, it's usually something so small that the only reason you don't do it is you think it's not enough. Untrue! Momentum builds.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Have you ever packed your bags, arrived at your destination and wished you'd packed (SET ITAL) more (END ITAL)? Likely no. In the same way that packing less makes for a lighter journey, saying less makes for lighter emotions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Self-es-

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



teem is irrelevant to your success today. Once you get into action, you won't even be listening to your own opinions of your-

self, so they don't matter. Action is what matters.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When you're doing what you're good at, you do without much doubt. Stretch into the some-doubt zone. You can take it. Doubt is uncomfortable, but it's a necessary part of growth.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 20). You'll decide what you want and go after it daily; like the river that cuts through rock, this is not about power but persistence. You'll have several fascinating partners for your various projects. There's someone you'll provide with care. These efforts favorably shape your character and your fortunes. A whim begins an adventure. Aries and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 25, 14, 33, 12 and 6.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "I am an atheist. Do you think astrology is a religion? Is Magick a religion? Is paganism a religion? These groups seem more like part of the pop culture."

Scholars of religion characterize paganism

as a religious movement that may include several other categories such as Wicca, neopaganism and certain occult practices related to Magick. Historically, astrology has been enmeshed with religious practice, but in its modern form, it is not a religion so much as a collection of beliefs, discoveries and mythologies that formed alongside astronomy until the 17th century and the Age of Reason, when they became two separate disciplines.

Your question brings up an interesting point. It is often difficult to tell the difference between a culture and a religion because they can involve similar behaviors, practices, rules, dress, rituals, language and more. The main difference between culture and religion is not in the "how" but the "why." At the heart of religion is a belief that certain behaviors are pleasing or displeasing to a deity, while a community engages in behaviors for the purpose of furthering the interests of the group.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: The sun moves into a new zodiac sign at a slightly different time each year. Some babies born today will be Taurus babies. Those born a little later in the day will be Gemini. Cher is born under Taurus, the sign that rules the vocal cords, though the superstar has Gemini energy running through her natal chart. She's scheduled to play a Vegas show in July and August.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A commonsense solution

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass
2♠ Pass 4♥ Pass

Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

Strength-showing bids take many forms. One of the most common ways to show extra strength is to jump during the bidding, but there are many other means by which extra power can be represented without skipping a level of bidding.

South's two-spade bid is an example of a strong bid without a leap. It tells North that South is interested in game in hearts and asks North to take into account any values — honors or shortness — that he may hold in spades. This type of bid is sometimes called a "help-suit" game try.

In the given case, North's K-J-4 of spades and ace of diamonds figure to be just what South needs to make game a reasonable proposition, so he leaps to four hearts at his second turn rather than attempt to discourage South by retreating to three hearts.

The play emphasizes an important principle that is occasionally overlooked. Declarer notes that he has two inescapable club losers, so the outcome depends on not losing two trump tricks. He therefore focuses all his thoughts on the trump suit.

Declarer wins the diamond opening in dummy and leads a low trump to the ace, on which West produces the jack. The critical point of the play has now been reached. If South makes the mistake of cashing the king of hearts, East scores two trump tricks and the contract goes down one.

Declarer should instead consider the possibility that West's jack may be a singleton and look for a way to deal with that eventuality if it exists. If he leads a low heart to dummy's ten instead of cashing the king, he makes the contract in the actual deal because he can later take a finesse against East's 9-7. True, this may cost South an overtrick if West was dealt the doubleton Q-J, but that is a minor consideration when a game is at stake.

The safety play of a low heart at three trick assures the contract and is therefore the correct play.

Tomorrow: Voyage of discovery.
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SUDOKU

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		1						3
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Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

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

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!

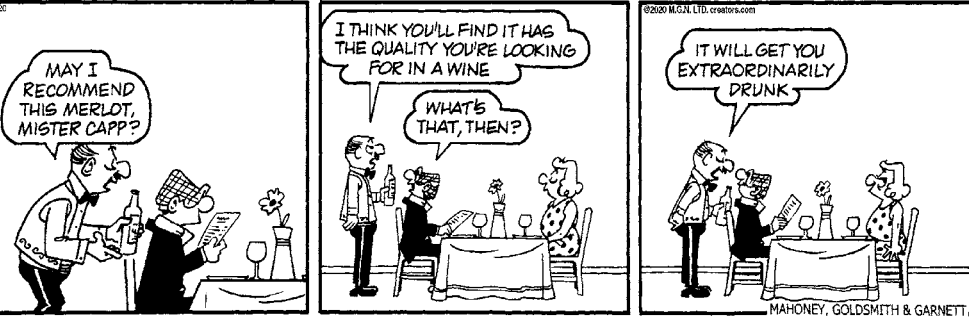
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7	6	8	5	5	6	8	7	4
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9	5	2	6	7	1	3	4	8
4	8	7	3	2	2	9	1	6
3	1	6	9	4	8	7	2	5

ANSWER:



Time	KMID (3)	UNI (4)	KPEJ (5)	KOSA (7)	KTLE (8)	KWES (9)	KMLM (12)	KPBT (13)	KWTT (14)	KWES2 (15)	WTBS (33)	TNT (34)	ESPN (35)	ESPN2 (36)	FSN (38)	USA (55)	A&E (58)	DISC (60)
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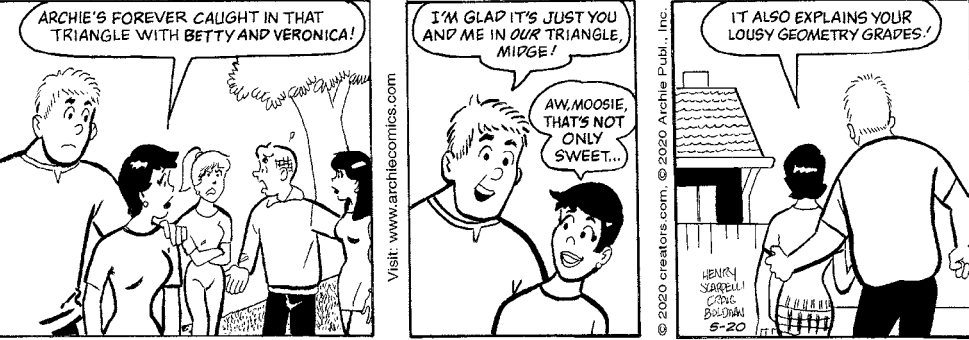
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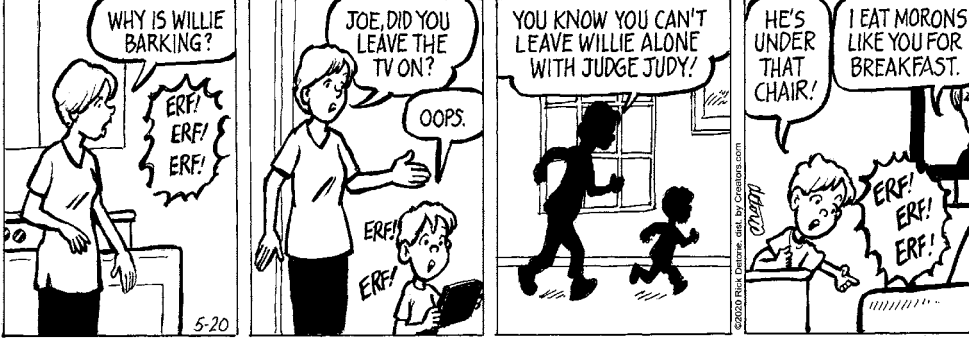
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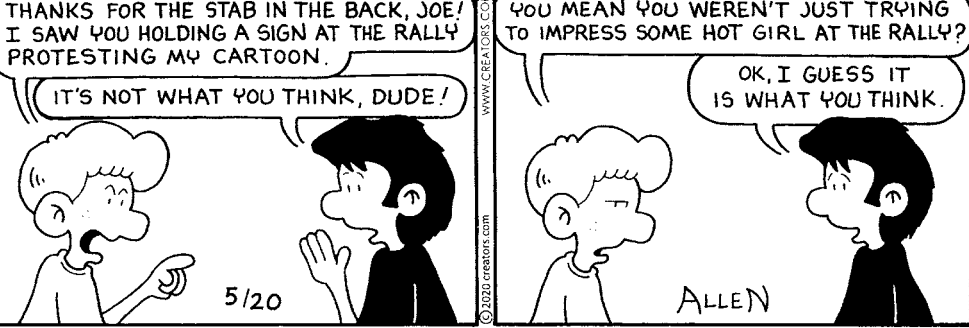
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This Date In History

Today in History
Today is Wednesday, May 20, the 141st day of 2020. There are 225 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History: On May 20, 1961, a white mob attacked a busload of Freedom Riders in Montgomery, Alabama, prompting the federal government to send in U.S. marshals to restore order.
On this date:
In 1506, explorer Christopher Columbus died in Spain.
In 1873, Levi Strauss and tailor Jacob Davis received a U.S. patent for men's work pants made with copper rivets.
In 1899, taxi driver Jacob German was pulled over and arrested by a police officer riding a bicycle for speeding down Manhattan's Lexington Avenue in his electric car at 12 miles an hour at a time when the speed limit was 8 mph; it was the first recorded speeding arrest in U.S. history.
In 1927, Charles Lindbergh took off from Roosevelt Field on Long Island, New York, aboard the Spirit of St. Louis on his historic solo flight to France.
In 1932, Amelia Earhart took off from Newfoundland to become the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic. (Because of weather and equipment problems, Earhart set down in Northern Ireland instead of her intended destination, France.)
In 1939, regular trans-Atlantic mail service began as a Pan American Airways plane, the Yankee Clipper, took off from Port Washington, New York, bound for Marseille, France.
In 1948, Chiang Kai-shek (chang ky-shehk) was inaugurated as the first president of the Republic of China (Taiwan).
In 1956, the United States exploded the first airborne hydrogen bomb over Bikini Atoll in the Pacific.
In 1959, nearly 5,000 Japanese-Americans had their U.S. citizenships restored after choosing to renounce them during World War II.
In 1985, Radio Marti, operated by the U.S. government, began broadcasting; Cuba responded by attempting to jam its signal.
In 1995, President Bill Clinton announced that the two-block stretch of Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House would be permanently closed to motor vehicles as a security measure.

In 2009, suspended NFL star Michael Vick was released after 19 months in prison for running a dogfighting ring to begin two months' home confinement.
Ten years ago: Under pressure following security lapses, retired Navy Adm. Dennis Blair resigned as national intelligence director. Mexican President Felipe Calderon took his opposition to a new Arizona immigration law to the U.S. Congress, telling lawmakers it ignored "a reality that cannot be erased by decree." Floyd Landis admitted for the first time that he was guilty of doping for several years before being stripped of his 2006 Tour de France title.
Five years ago: Four of the world's biggest banks — JPMorgan Chase, Citigroup's banking unit Citicorp, Barclays and the Royal Bank of Scotland — agreed to pay more than \$5 billion in penalties and plead guilty to rigging the currency markets. Islamic State extremists captured the ancient desert city of Palmyra (pahl-MEER'-uh) in central Syria, a stunning triumph for the group only days after it had captured the strategic city of Ramadi in Iraq. Mary Ellen Trainor, 62, a character actress and philanthropist who'd appeared in "The Goonies" and "Lethal Weapon" films, died in Montecito, California.
One year ago: Nuclear officials in Iran said the country had quadrupled its uranium-enrichment production capacity amid tensions with the U.S. over Tehran's atomic program. A 16-year-old boy from Guatemala died while in U.S. Border Patrol custody in Texas, becoming the sixth child in the past year to die after U.S. border agents detained them; an autopsy found that Carlos Hernandez Vasquez had died of complications of the flu. Ukraine's new president, former comedian Volodymyr Zelenskiy, was inaugurated and then immediately disbanded parliament, which was controlled by allies of the man he defeated. President Donald Trump directed former White House Coun-

sel Donald McGahn to defy a congressional subpoena, citing a Justice Department legal opinion maintaining that McGahn would have immunity from testifying about his work as a close Trump adviser.
Today's Birthdays: Actor-author James McEachin is 90. Actor Anthony Zerbe is 84. Actor David Zerkel is 78. Singer-actress Cher is 74. Ac-

tor-comedian Dave Thomas is 72. Rock musician Warren Cann is 70. Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, is 69. Former New York Gov. David Paterson is 66. Delaware Gov. John Carney is 64. Actor Dean Butler is 64. TV-radio personality Ron Reagan is 62. Rock musician Jane Wiedlin (The Go-Go's) is 61. Singer Susan Cowsill is 61. Actor John Billingsley is

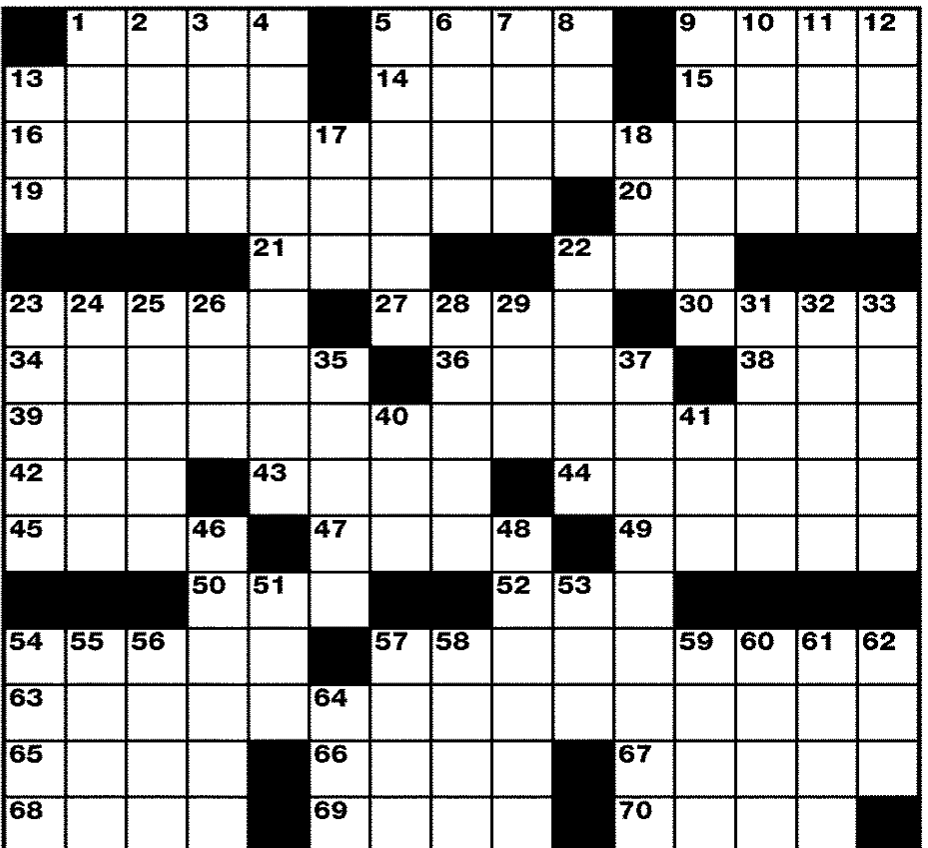
60. Actor Tony Goldwyn is 60. Singer Nick Heyward is 59. TV personality Ted Allen is 55. Actress Mindy Cohn is 54. Rock musician Tom Gorman (Belly) is 54. Actress Gina Ravera is 54. Actor Timothy Olyphant is 52. Former race car driver Tony Stewart is 49. Rapper Busta Rhymes is 48. Actress Daya Vaidya is 47. Rock musician Ryan Martinie is 45. Actor

Matt Czuchry (zoo-KREE') is 43. Actress Angela Goethals is 43. Actress-singer Natuuri Naughton is 36. Country singer Jon Pardi is 35.
Thought for Today: "A flow of words is a sure sign of duplicity." — Honore de Balzac, French author (born this date in 1799, died in 1850).
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Newsday Crossword

EVERLASTING by Fred Ohles
Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS**
- 1 "Therefore . . ."
 - 5 Dull in color
 - 9 Strike with snowballs
 - 13 Grouchy person
 - 14 Singer McEntire
 - 15 Neck of the woods
 - 16 Physicist's "everlasting" quest
 - 19 Puts in reserve
 - 20 Little songbirds
 - 21 Fishing pole
 - 22 Top person at a co.
 - 23 Vapor from an iron
 - 27 58 extra long, for one
 - 30 Western defense alliance
 - 34 Preacher's podium
 - 36 ___-Pong
 - 38 Body art, for short
 - 39 "Everlasting" hoper
 - 42 Prefix for sense
 - 43 Secured with a knot
 - 44 Graceful and slender
 - 45 Sandy golf hazard
 - 47 Quick snack
 - 49 "Come in!"
 - 50 Suitable
 - 52 Raggedy doll
 - 54 Sufficient room
 - 57 Our earliest settlers from Europe
 - 63 "Everlasting" pen
 - 65 Vietnam's continent
 - 66 Garfield dog
 - 67 Large water pipes
- DOWN**
- 1 Sycamore or chestnut
 - 2 Feeling offended
 - 3 Callers of balls and strikes
 - 4 Flavor of gum
 - 5 Priestly group of old Britain
 - 6 Peruse
 - 7 Having the skill
 - 8 Explosion sound
 - 9 Store's customer
 - 10 Southernmost Great Lake
 - 11 Explorer Ponce de ___
 - 12 Shades of brown
 - 13 Navigation device: Abbr.
 - 17 General on Chinese menus
 - 18 Need to pay
 - 22 Pennies and quarters
 - 23 Paid cash for
 - 24 One-on-one instructor
 - 25 Justice Kagan
 - 26 Tax return mo.
 - 28 Portable music players
 - 29 Number on an envelope, for short
 - 31 On ___ (leaning somewhat)
 - 32 Small sample of food
 - 33 Playful river mammal
 - 35 Make impure
 - 37 Abraham, to Lincoln
 - 40 Zodiac roarer
 - 41 Fellows
 - 46 Early dot-eating video game
 - 48 Brought to a stop
 - 51 Pod veggie
 - 53 ___ de plume
 - 54 Junk email
 - 55 Mexican money
 - 56 Contralto's solo
 - 57 Transfer legally
 - 58 From here ___ (henceforth)
 - 59 Nation bordering Pakistan
 - 60 Lose traction
 - 61 Bills with Hamilton
 - 62 Students in their last yr.
 - 64 Presently



Answer to previous puzzle
RATS GODS RARE
EXIT ARIA EDITS
ALMA SEAN TONTO
DEER COLDTURKEY
HANTWAS ORE
HANDIN ESPN CAT
ALIAS ANTI TALE
DONTHAVEACOWMAN
THEELIMB PIERS
OAR BODY CALLME
SOS DALI
COUNTSHEEP GOAT
UPSET ORAL HARE
PEDAL RILE THIN
CAKE NEST
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NFLPA pres Tretter says "hurdles" remain before NFL's return

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — Browns center JC Tretter is cautiously optimistic the NFL season — at least some version of it — will take place in 2020. He's just not certain when it will start.

The newly elected president of the NFL Players Association, Tretter said Tuesday that the COVID-19 virus outbreak has hatched so many unknowns and created such a fluid situation it's impossible to predict when football will be back — or what it will look like.

"This is a contact disease, and we play a contact sport," Tretter said during a Zoom video conference.

Voted in by his peers just days before the global pandemic brought the sports world to a standstill in March, Tretter said he's solely focused on the health of the league's players, who have remained in virtual contact during an offseason none of them could have imagined.

Tretter is encouraged that some teams have reopened their facilities, but he acknowledged there's a "long list of hurdles" to be cleared before players can get back together to prepare for a season that remains uncertain and strangely distant.

The 29-year-old Tretter, who graduated from Cornell with a degree in industrial labor relations, has been deeply involved in discussions ranging from scheduling to players with pre-existing medical conditions and other safety considerations.

Everything is in play. Nothing is

higher on Tretter's checklist than the well-being of players who are facing a ruthless, invisible opponent with an ever-changing game plan.

Although he's a relative rookie when it comes to football diplomacy, Tretter gave several noncommittal answers Tuesday like a seasoned politician.

"There's no bad idea at this point, and you kind of have to think outside the box," Tretter said when asked about the potential of players wearing modified face masks with surgical materials. "And just because it's an idea doesn't mean things are definitely going to happen, but you need to explore it, and you need to understand it."

"You have to focus on fitting football inside of this world of coronavirus and don't get caught up in trying to fit coronavirus inside this world. The way coronavirus has kind of changed how every industry is working, you can't expect just to throw football back in and think that the virus is going to kneel down to almighty football."

Tretter said the union has been holding bi-weekly conference calls for players and their spouses to answer questions and address concerns. He said communication and information are equally vital.

For players to feel confident outside their homes, Tretter said they'll need guarantees that every precaution has been taken to minimize the chance of infection.

"The way this thing passes along is through contact, and that's what we do for a living," he said.

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