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Large Item Pick up is set for Wednesday, June 17. Place items to be picked up on the curb by 7 a.m. Wednesday.

Cancellations:

- Funtastic Fourth
- Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo

COVID-19 Update:

- Active Cases: 11
- Confirmed: 23
- Tests performed: 1653
- Pending: 21
- Negative tests: 1608
- Recovered: 11
- Deaths: 1

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Ports-to-Plains Highway Act introduced by Arrington, Cuellar

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

The Ports-to-Plains discussion continues, as Representative Jodey Arrington (R-TX-19) and Representative Henry Cuellar (D-TX-28) along with several other representatives at the local level, announced the issuance of Ports-to-Plains Highway Act of 2020 during a Monday morning tele-conference.

"I'm very proud to be working across the aisle with my good friend and colleague, Rep. Henry Cuellar, on this important legislation," U.S. Representative Jodey Arrington (TX-19) said. "With a stronger farm bill, a new and improved trade deal with Canada and Mexico, and one of the largest energy basins' in the world - establishing a four-lane, federal highway from West Texas through the Heartland is critical to enhancing America's agriculture and energy dominance. However you want to measure it - new jobs, economic growth, reductions in traffic and accidents - the return on investment for the Ports-to-Plains highway project is tremendous, not only for Texas, but for the entire country."

During the press conference Arrington said that establishing a four-lane, federal highway from West Texas through the Heartland is critical to enhancing America's agriculture and energy dominance. The interstate is aimed at reducing congestion on I-35 and would provide another important trade route through West Texas.

"This means for Big Spring is industrial and economic



PORTS

St. Vincent de Paul Assistance Program continues to serve Howard County this Thursday



HERALD photo/Natalie Permenter

St. Vincent de Paul continues their support services for the community this Thursday. Those needing assistance with utility bills may visit St. Vincent de Paul office between 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Herald Staff Report

St. Vincent de Paul, a local assistance program, located at 1009 Hearn, is continuing their community support outreach this month. This is the second month of support services since the coronavirus pandemic hit. Upon the arrival of the coronavirus, St. Vincent de Paul program organizers shut

the doors until proper safety protocols could be put in place. Last month, the organization re-opened and was able to assist local families with food and utility support. This month, the journey continues Thursday from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The local organization has opened back up to assist families in need in the community with modified procedures based on COVID-19 guidelines.

"The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a Catholic lay organization of men and woman who joined primarily to grow spiritually by offering services to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of it's founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam and patron, St. Vincent de Paul," Rosario Medrano, Chapter President, said.

There is a drive-through format for regular assistance days. Recipients will be required to wear masks and stay in their cars until they are instructed to register. There will be volunteers with signs to direct traffic and to verify ID's and documents. Last month the newly implemented process flowed smoothly and the organization is encouraged that it will continue.

This week St. Vincent de Paul is focusing on providing

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Howard County Commissioners approve work related travel

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

The Howard County Commissioners called a special meeting which took place Monday at 10 a.m. inside the Howard County Courthouse.

The majority of the two-hour meeting was spent in Executive/Closed session providing an opportunity for the Court to interview candidates for the JP-2 Position.

After the Commissioners reconvened, it was noted that the closed session only included discussion and no action was needed. According to Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman, the issue of personnel will also be on the next agenda for Commissioners Court.

During this meeting, while there was a segment marked for citizen

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5 new COVID-19 cases reported

Special to the Herald

On June 16, 2020, the City of Big Spring and Howard County officials were notified of five new positive test results for COVID-19. The individuals are isolating at home and are currently exhibiting mild symptoms. These new cases have been determined to be community spread.

The affected individuals are:

- A 52-year-old male;
- A 64-year-old female;
- An 18-year-old female;
- A 13-year-old female; and
- A 10-year-old female

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• American Legion Post 506 will be holding a fish fry Saturday, June 26 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. For delivery orders and until 2 p.m. for those wanting to pick up a plate. Plates are \$10 each and everyone is encouraged to come out and attend. American Legion is located at 3203 W. Hwy 80.

• The Senior Supper Club has come out of hibernation to resume its normal Tuesday evening dinners. The Come-One-Come-All group will be meeting at Spanish Inn on Tuesday June 16 at 5 p.m. and orders will be placed around 5:30 p.m. after much socializing from a distance.

The Senior Supper Club is an informal group of folks from Howard County who meet at least weekly and sometimes more for Dutch-Treat food at different area restaurants. Sometimes the group also meets for cards, dominoes, or desserts and fellowship. For more information, contact Colonel. Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com.

• 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.

• Maranatha Baptist Academy located at 903 Johnson Street, in Big Spring, Texas, is currently open and taking applications for enrollment for 20-21 School year. We are a faith-based Christian Academy and use the individualized Accelerated Christian Education Curriculum for Kindergarten through 12th grade, out of 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.

• 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 email 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. The phone registration does not guarantee your child will be attending CES for the 2020-2021 school year, but it will give the district a starting point until restrictions are lifted. Pre-registration by phone will continue through Friday, April 17, from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

To register, please call 432-394-5000, ext 2 and speak to Jessica. Pre-registration is only open for children who live in the district. Transfer requests will not be processed until after June 1. For CISD Kindergarten and Pre-K requirements, please visit the CISD website: www.coahomaisd.com

• Isaiah 58 while not open during normal business hours; will be open on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. until further notice, for the safety of their volunteers and those they serve. The change will take place June 1.

Food Pick up info

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:

Bus 13-Navajo and Choctaw (9 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.)
Bus 14-Bauer (9 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.)
Bus 15: Larry and McDonald (9 a.m. -10:25 a.m.)
Bus 27: 5th and Abrams (9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)
Bus 28: 3rd and Lockhart (9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.)
Bus 28: Limestone Ridge Apt. (9:40 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.)
Bus 77: Parkway and Hearn (9 a.m. -10 a.m.)
Bus 85: Goliad Elementary (9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.)
Bus 86: 6th and Circle (9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)
Bus 90: Southridge RV Park (9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)
Bus 96: Albrook and Randolph (9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)

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

Bus 13-Barcelona Apartments (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)
Bus 14-Lakeview (10 a.m - 10:30 a.m.)
Bus 14 - Knollwood Apartments (10:35 a.m. -11 a.m.)
Bus 15: Colby and Drew (10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.)
Bus 27: 8th and Lorilla (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)
Bus 28: Roy Anderson Complex (9:50 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.)
Bus 28: 14th and Main Church of Christ (10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.)
Bus 77: Airport and Mobile (10:05 - 10:55 a.m.)
Bus 85: Scott and Macauslan (10:35 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)
Bus 86: Washington Elementary (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)
Bus 90: Oasis and Neill (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)
Bus 96: Anderson School (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)

Student meals will also be available for pickup on the Moss, Marcy and Junior High campuses, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until Noon. Please call, 432-264-3635 if you have any questions or concerns.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **CASEY WAYNE REID**, 37, of 1713 Purdue, was arrested on a charge of possession of controlled substance between one and four grams.
• **FRANK JOE MOLINAR**, 51, of 301 E. Golf Course Rd, Midland, Texas, was arrested on a warrant from other agency.
• **INTOXICATED SUBJECT** was reported in the 1000 block of S. Birdwell.
• **DISTURBANCE** was reported

in the 1800 block of S. Johnson Street; 500 block of Westover.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 2100 block of E. 25th Street; 500 block of Westover; 100 block of Jonesboro Road.
• **FORGERY** was reported in the 300 block S. Owen Street.
• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 500 block of E. Fourth Street.
• **CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE** was reported in the 5400 block of N. Service Road.
• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 600 block of S. Nolan Street.

• **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the area of Third and Runnels.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 3000 block of E. FM 700.
• **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80 and 1200 block of Lindbergh Street.
• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way.
• **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 500 block of N. Lamesa Hwy.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of E. 15th Street. No transport was required.
• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
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• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of E 3rd Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of E. 15th Street. One person was transported to

Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Gregg. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2900 block of W. Hwy 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.



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• **FRANK JOE MOLINAR**, 51, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of murder/parole violation.
• **CASEY WAYNE REID**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession not controlled substance between one and four grams.
• **TYRE COLE WATTS**, 35, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of parole violation.

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growth. It would make Big Spring the sixth city in Texas to have crossing interstates. Any city with that advantage, industries are interested in locating. With industry comes job and economy increases. Warehousing will also be a future business. As Mexico and Canada are already partners in Ports-to-Plains and with the trade agreements already in place, that will be another advantage for growth in our area. This designation is an exciting step in the process of US-87 becoming IS-27," Gloria McDonald, Director with Ports-to-Plains, said.

According to the TxDOT impact finding for I-27 designation, there would be a 76% return on investment. In the first 20 years, \$55.6 billion would be gained in Texas GDP and \$690 million per year in Texas travel cost savings outside the corridor. The data shows a 21% decrease in crash rate for a total of \$450 million in safety improvements. The project would result in the creation of

17,710 jobs and expand regional truck delivery market and reduce travel time causing an efficient exchange of goods. The project which spans more than 1,300 miles runs from Laredo up through Texas, through Colorado, through the Midwest and into Canada.

"The findings from TxDOT's feasibility study further solidify the need for this extension," said John Osborne, chairman for the Ports-to-Plains Alliance. "The enormous benefits for Texas' economy and the safety of our travelers leave no question as to whether or not the extension is needed," John Osborne, Chairman, Ports-to-Plains Alliance, President/CEO, Lubbock Economic Development Alliance, said.

According to Arrington, the passing of HR7151 is the next step - in this already 20 years process - that will allow for this area to vie for funding in the appropriation process. Without the designation, there won't be an opportunity to get into the ring for funding dollars.

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Weather



Today: Sunny, with a high near 95. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. South wind 10 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 96. South wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 72.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 94.

(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via forecast.weather.gov)

SUPPORT

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assistance with rent, utilities, medical and gas vouchers. Those who are needing to take advantage of this line of services will be able to do so from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. In addition to a picture ID, recipients will need to bring a current lease or rental agreement - eviction notice if applicable; utility bills - termination notice if applicable, and medical bill, and proof of appointment if a gas voucher is needed.

"The message that resounds in the midst of our surrounding communities today is to 'stand together as we remain apart,'" Medrano said. "Let us also keep in mind that God is not in quarantine. He has been standing right next to each one of us all this time. When we begin to recognize Him in all of those people who have stepped forward to help, we will no longer have to fear. Let us be hope-

ful and trust in God. He said He would never leave us. Isaiah 49."

"I am excited to be gathering volunteers so families affected by these tough times can start getting the assistance they need," Medrano said. "As an international society we collaborate with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes. We are called Vincentians, all volunteers, who are striving to see only the face of Christ in those we serve."

Food distribution will take place next month on the second Thursday of the month, July 9 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The utility assistance services will take place again next month on July 16.

Funding for the program is provided by church collections from Holy Trinity Catholic Church and through private donations from the community. For more information or for an emergency need, call 432-606-5000 or e-mail SVDP2018@yahoo.com.

Governor Greg Abbott provides hospital bed update as Texas continues to combat COVID-19

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott and Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs of the University of Texas (UT) System John Zerwas, MD, today provided an update on Texas' hospital capacity. The Governor noted that despite an uptick in positive cases, there continues to be abundant hospital capacity. Governor Abbott also urged all Texans to continue to do their part to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and look out for the health of themselves and those around them.

Following the Governor's remarks, Doctor Zerwas presented an in-depth update on hospital capacity in Texas. Doctor Zerwas' presentation can be viewed here.

"As we begin to open up Texas and Texans returns to their jobs, we remain laser-focused on maintaining abundant hospital capacity," said Governor Abbott. "The best way to contain the spread of this virus is by all Texans working together and following simple safety precautions. We all have a responsibility for our own health and for the health of our loved ones, friends, and neighbors. COVID-19 still exists in Texas, and if we are to contain the spread

while getting Texans back to work, all Texans must do their part. That means making safe and smart decisions like wearing a mask, washing your hands, and socially distancing in public.

The more Texans protect their own health, the safer our state will be and the more we will be able to open up for business."

The Governor and Doctor Zerwas were joined by Texas Department of State Health Services Commissioner John Hellerstedt, MD, and Texas Division of Emergency Management Chief Nim Kidd.

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Marj Carpenter, 93, died Saturday. Visitation will be 1:00 PM until 7:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park. There will be a reception at the Settles Ballroom at 12:00 Noon Thursday.

Lonnie Nichols, 75, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

COUNTY

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input there were no comments from the public to be made.

Before heading into Closed Session, Commissioner Long did mention that conferences required for continuing education hours, for County employees and Commissioners, have begun again. Long made the motion to re-open employee work-related travel. The Commissioners voted in favor of this motion and it passed.

The meeting was conducted over video conference and is posted, along with previous Commissioner Court meetings on the Howard County Info Tech Facebook page.

The Howard County Courthouse is now open to the public and those needing to conduct business inside the courthouse can proceed with business as usual. It is still encouraged to practice social distancing, the use of masks and hand sanitizer.

The next Howard County Commissioners Court regular meeting will take place next Monday. For more information, visit the Howard County Info Tech Facebook page or Howard County website.

CASES

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These are the 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd cases of COVID-19 in Big Spring/Howard County. We now have twenty-three confirmed positives in Big Spring and Howard County to date.

Officials want to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of continuing to take proper precautions against the spread of respiratory illness. COVID-19 remains a major concern in our community and we urge citizens to wash their hands, wear a mask, social distance and avoid travel when possible.

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Above left: Trayce shows off his first-place PGA Northern Texas Section Junior Tour medals along with the plaque he won for being the 2019 Fall Series Champion of his age group. Above middle: The young golfer shows off his picturesque swing while on the course. Above right: Trayce poses with one of his clubs while decked out in some of his best golf gear.

By SHAWN MORAN
Herald Sports Writer

There is a golfer from Big Spring who has won the last eight tournaments he has played in. He is also well on his way to capturing the 2020 Northern Texas PGA (NTPGA) Junior Tour Summer Series crown and that much closer to defending his Fall and Spring titles. He has a maturity beyond his years while on the course and an ability to dominate his competition. But this golfer is not thinking about his record-setting pace or his spot in the Texas golf hierarchy. This golfer is just in it for the love of the game.

His name is Trayce Rodriguez.

Trayce is an eight-year old powerhouse that has been dominating his competition since he first started playing competitively a few short years ago. Much like his favorite professional golfer, Tiger Woods, the young linksman has begun his golf journey at a very young age and appears to have all of the potential in the world. He consistently sits atop the leaderboard of his age group and it does not appear that he will lose that spot anytime soon.

While most golfers may stress while on the course, Trayce always keeps his cool and just enjoys the competition.

"It's really enjoyable," Trayce said. "Golf is really fun to play, it teaches good sportsmanship, and I just love the sport."

Trayce has played in just under 20 events since he started playing organized golf and has never finished outside of the Top Three when playing in one of those events. He finished in first place in three events in early March before the start of social distancing and the shutdown of most golf courses because of COVID-19.

Since golf returned at the beginning of this month, Trayce has played in five events throughout West Texas and has won all of them. In fact, in one of the events he played in late last week, the young phenom scored the best round out of any age group (6-18). Even at such a young age, Trayce has picked the game up quickly and has appeared to be a natural since he took one of his first swings of a club.

"When he was about six-years old I could tell that he had a real knack for it," Trayce's father Tony Rodriguez said. "He had a real natural swing and he really picked it up."

Even though he now plays with right-handed clubs, Trayce used left-handed clubs when he first started playing golf. That is just another sign of how no matter what obstacles are put in Trayce's way, he is likely to overcome them.

Over the course of the last three months, Trayce had not been able to follow his usual daily routine of spending at least one hour practicing at the course

and perfecting his craft. However, the Rodriguez' have around two acres of land in their backyard and a homemade net for Trayce to practice on whenever he wants.

So, while most young golfers skills may have stayed stagnant since March, the young prodigy has continued to develop and refine his skills over the past few months.

"I built him a net that hooks onto our garage door so we hit golf balls and we have plenty of space behind our house so we never really stopped practicing," Tony said.

Trayce's mother Brandi added, "And he practices in the living room with foam balls. He walks around with a golf club in his hand 24/7. We were very lucky because we didn't lose any practice time."

Trayce wants to be a professional golfer when he is older and he is well on his way to achieving that goal. Ever since he first stepped onto the links, he has had a mature demeanor beyond his years and a love and passion for the game that cannot be extinguished.

Even though he has almost won every tournament he has ever entered into, winning does not get old to this prodigy. In fact, it just reinforces to Trayce how much work he has put in.

"It gives me a lot of pride and I'm always proud of myself when I finish in first place because I can see my hard work paying off," Trayce said.

So, what separates Trayce from all of these other young golfers?

"He's mentally more mature than these other kids that he's playing," Tony said. "He's always hung around me or my wife on the course, or me and my friends, and I never told him no so he always went and played. That matured him mentally and he picks up the aspects of the game. Whether it's chipping, putting or hitting irons, he understands. He's got a real knack for the sport."

While Trayce has already begun to make his mark on the history of the NTPGA Junior Tour, he is certain to keep improving and developing as he continues to grow and get older. He will be making the leap up to the next age group this winter and that will be a good barometer to see how his skills translate against some older and more experienced young golfers.

There is one thing that the citizens throughout the city and Howard County will soon realize: Trayce Rodriguez is the future of golf in Big Spring and all of West Texas.

And he plans to keep winning for years and years to come.

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By Steve Becker

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West dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ Q 7

♥ K Q 6 2

♦ 8 5

♣ A 10 6 4 2

WEST

♠ A K J 10 6 2

♥ 10 9

♦ 9 6 4

♣ K 3

EAST

♠ 8 5 3

♥ J 8 7 4

♦ 7 2

♣ J 8 7 5

SOUTH

♠ 9 4

♥ A 5 3

♦ A K Q J 10 3

♣ Q 9

The bidding:

West North East South

1 ♠ Pass Pass 5 ♦

Opening lead — king of spades.

Sylvia had only the foggiest notion

of what constituted a finesse when

she started to play at the club. There

were of course other areas of the

game in which she was equally ignorant,

but that did not stop her from

playing in the expert game.

It would certainly have made

more sense for Sylvia to play with the

less-competent players in the club.

But, regrettably, she was convinced

from the start that to master the

game, she had to play with only the

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Tomorrow: A matter of perspective.

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Ramp-up to Retro-grade

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Just as you mix new foods and environments into your life, it's important to add new faces. Different people bring out other sides of you. With change comes growth; with growth comes change.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Solving problems for others feels like a calling. There does come a point in each relationship when doing too much makes the other person helpless. Watch for that.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's easy to look back and think, "That was then. This is now." But the nature of history is repetition. If

it hasn't done that yet, it will. The question is: How ready are you?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're like the kitten that, after some sudden frenzy, finds itself high up the tree without a clue as to how to get down. Don't wait for the firefighter with a ladder. Try and do your last dozen motions in reverse.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's not enough to get it done, hit the marks, cover the bases... you want to put your stamp on it, too. This is not about approval or applause, though. This is about style, not attention.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The gossip doesn't have to be about you for you to feel hurt by it. Backbiting offends your sensibility. Go where people have nice things to say about each other.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're well aware of the ways you get off track. There's an art to redirection, a way to lead yourself back to

productivity. It will be easier to change your environment than to change your

thoughts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may feel like if you let one thing go -- a token, a possession, an idea, a relationship -- you'll lose a part of yourself, too. What's yours is yours. Trust your ability to keep what's in you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've shared enough of your inner world to know who gets you, and who doesn't and may never. Luckily, you don't require people to understand you in order to love and accept them.

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Your circle just keeps growing.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). In-screen action is fascinating to you, but it's your real-life action that is attractive to others. You'll enjoy the physical and intellectual vigor of the day as you cultivate your hobbies outside of the digital world.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are a talent to be reckoned with. To doubt, affirm or dwell on that fact will be a waste of time. Just get working. Everything comes to fruition through work, not through thinking or talking about work.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 17). This year, your crew gets closer and your network gets broader. Your days will reflect how you cherish personal relationships as they fill with thoughtful interactions and the fruition of joint plans. A personal development mission will have you adding to the bucket list, and you'll check two items off with a winter adventure. Cancer and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 44, 9, 30, 28 and 16.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "I'm a Capricorn. I recently learned that my 20-year old daughter, who I have always thought of as innocent and unworldly, has been hiding alcohol and boyfriends from me. I thought we had good communication and a great relationship. I've been a supportive and loving parent. I don't understand why she (a Gemini) would feel she needed to hide these things from me. How can I trust her now, and more importantly, why

doesn't she trust me?"

Your daughter is at an age when she may be practically and legally able to assume full responsibility for her life and destiny, but she is not psychologically or actually ready. As she experiments to find the limits of her control, part of her would like to remain the innocent child that her mother has always loved and cared for. Her need to be this person in your eyes prevents her from sharing the part of herself that is testing limits and learning about the adult world.

Try not to take her Gemini duplicitousness personally, as it has more to do with her development than what she thinks about you. It's not that she doesn't trust you; it's that she is afraid to disappoint you and change the relationship. Her Capricorn mother is the stable mast of her new adulthood.

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Annie's Mailbox

Finding Calm

Dear Annie: My mother and I usually have a very good relationship, but for the few months leading up to quarantine, and during quarantine, we have been getting on each other's nerves. Whenever one of us does something, the other criticizes it. Sometimes I have no idea what to say, and I can't control my anger toward her. When I can't control my anger, that leads to us getting into big arguments.

I realize that I have not been the best daughter at times, but I don't know what to do

to make sure that this relationship doesn't fall apart. -- Imperfect Daughter

Dear Imperfect Daughter: Keep doing exactly what you are doing. You're aware of your anger; you're aware that it triggers you; and you even acknowledge that maybe you haven't been the best daughter at times. All of that makes you a great daughter. We can't be perfect all the time and never lose our patience. The goal is to realize our shortcomings and work on them -- exactly what you are doing.

Now for the action part. Breathwork is a great way to help calm your anger. Next time you feel yourself getting worked up, go into a room by yourself and take 15 minutes to slow your breath. You can do this sitting up or lying down. Put your hands on your belly as you inhale and feel your stomach puff out. Then, as you exhale, let the natural rhythm of your breath bring your stomach down. Do this until you feel your body settling down. Eventually, you will retrain your body's response to anger and naturally be more relaxed in daily life. Who knows, maybe your mom will

see how much more relaxed you are and join in.

Dear Annie: You told Not Stinky Any-more, "Tea tree oil is completely natural, so it has a low chance of side effects." That is incorrect. First, most poisons, carcinogens and toxins I can think of are completely natural: ultraviolet radiation, asbestos, cyanide, arsenic, botulism and aflatoxin, to name just a few.

Second, tea tree oil is safe if you're not allergic to it. I saw many cases of allergic contact dermatitis to limonene, one of about 100

chemical compounds found in tea tree oil. Tea tree oil does have some antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory activity, but it clearly is not safe just because it's natural. Peanuts are natural and good for you but can kill you if you're allergic to them!

There are several good treatments, all topical, for bromhidrosis (smelly sweat) including tea tree oil, but I never used it in my practice because of the risk of an allergic reaction.

The incidence of positive patch tests to limonene (in tea tree oil) has ranged from

0.1% to 3.5 % in several studies. It would be interesting to know how many new cases of contact dermatitis there will be in the next six months in people who read your column today, but right now there are more important things to worry about. -- Skin Doctor

Dear Skin Doctor: You are correct that just because something is natural doesn't mean it can't be dangerous. Thank you for pointing that out.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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2	8	5	4	7	6	9	1	3
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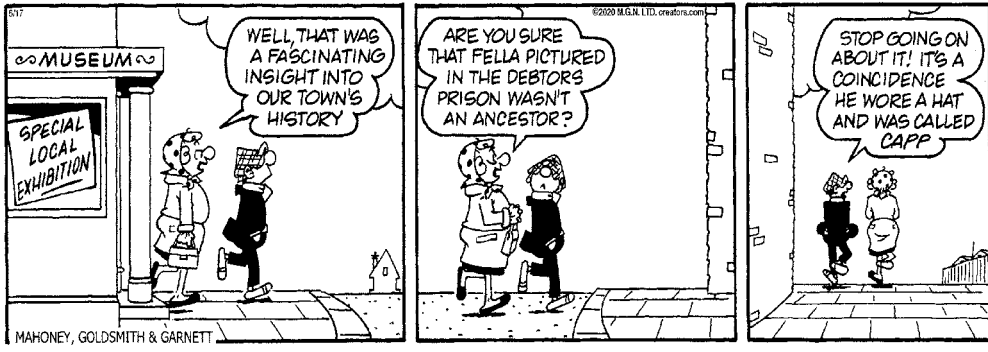
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- BEANS
- BROCCOLI
- CARROTS
- CORN
- CUCUMBERS
- EGGPLANTS
- FRESH
- HEALTHY
- LETTUCE
- PARSLEY
- PEAS
- PEPPERS
- PICK
- POTATOES
- RADISHES
- SOIL
- SPINACH
- SQUASHES
- STRAWBERRIES
- THYME
- TOMATOES
- ZUCCHINI

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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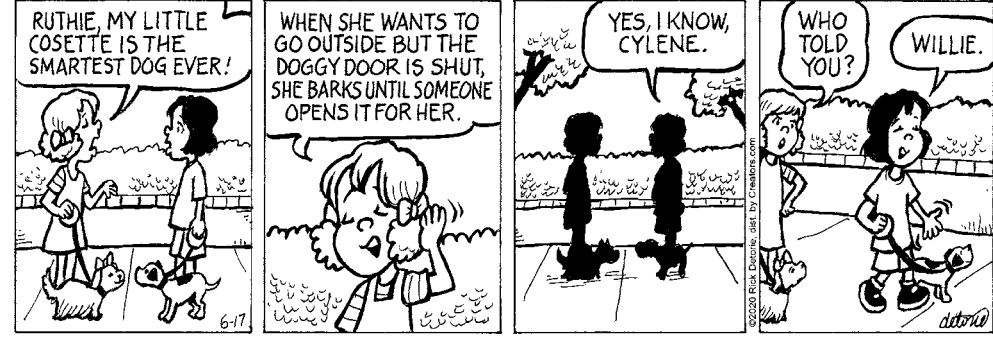
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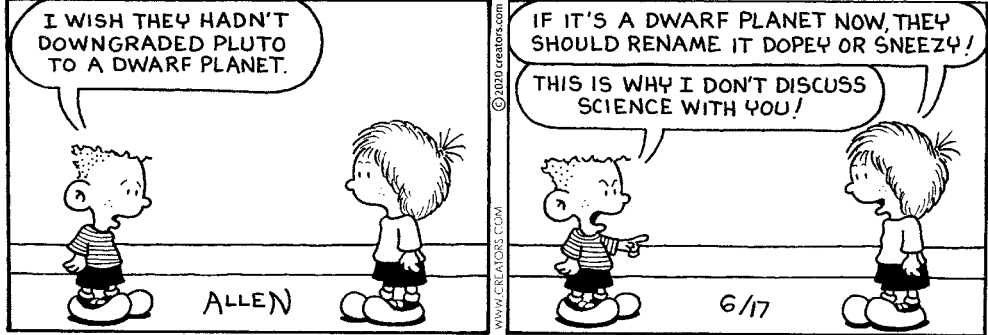
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ONE BIG HAPPY



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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, June 17, the 169th day of 2020. There are 197 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On June 17, 1972, President Richard Nixon's eventual downfall began with the arrest of five burglars inside the Democratic headquarters in Washington, D.C.'s Watergate complex.

On this date:

In 1579, Sir Francis Drake arrived in present-day northern California, naming it New Albion and claiming English sovereignty.

In 1775, the Revolutionary War Battle of Bunker Hill resulted in a costly victory for the British, who suffered heavy losses.

In 1928, Amelia Earhart embarked on a trans-Atlantic flight from Newfoundland to Wales with pilots Wilmer Stultz and Louis Gordon, becoming the first woman to make the trip as a passenger.

In 1930, President Herbert Hoover signed the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act, which boosted U.S. tariffs to historically high levels, prompting foreign retaliation.

In 1933, the "Kansas City Massacre" took place outside Union Station in Kansas City, Mo., as a group of gunmen attacked law enforcement officers escorting federal prisoner Frank Nash; four of the officers were killed, along with Nash.

In 1944, the Republic of Iceland was established.

In 1953, U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas stayed the execution of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, originally set for the next day, the couple's 14th wedding anniversary. (They were put to death June 19.)

In 1963, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Abington (Pa.) School District v. Schempp, struck down, 8-1, rules requiring the recitation of the Lord's Prayer or reading of Biblical verses in public schools.

In 1967, China successfully tested its first thermonuclear (hydrogen) bomb.

In 1986, President Ronald Reagan announced the retirement of Chief Justice Warren Burger, who was succeeded by William Rehnquist.

In 1994, after leading police on a slow-speed chase on Southern California freeways, O.J. Simpson was arrested and

charged with murder in the slayings of his ex-wife, Nicole, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. (Simpson was later acquitted in a criminal trial but held liable in a civil trial.)

In 2009, President Barack Obama extended some benefits to same-sex partners of federal employees. Nevada Sen. John Ensign resigned from the GOP leadership a day after admitting an affair with a former campaign staffer.

Ten years ago: BP chief executive Tony Hayward told a congressional hearing he was "deeply sorry" for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, but infuriated lawmakers as he disclaimed knowledge of any of the myriad problems leading up to the disaster. Israel agreed to ease its three-year-old land blockade of the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip. The Los Angeles Lakers rallied in Game 7 of the NBA finals, defeating the Boston Celtics 83-79 to repeat as champions.

Five years ago: Nine people were shot to death in a historic African-American church in Charleston, South Carolina; suspect Dylann Roof was arrested the following morning. (Roof was convicted of federal hate crimes and sentenced to death; he later pleaded guilty to state murder charges and was sentenced to life in prison without parole.)

One year ago: Iran announced that it was breaking compliance with the international accord that kept it from making nuclear weapons; the announcement meant that Iran could soon start to enrich uranium to just a step away from weapons-grade levels. The Trump administration followed Iran's announcement by ordering 1,000 more troops to the Middle East. Egypt's first democratically elected president, Islamist leader Mohammed Morsi, collapsed in court while on trial and died; Morsi had been ousted by the military in 2013 after a year in office. Gloria Vanderbilt, an heiress and artist who later became a designer jeans pioneer, died at her New York home; she was 95. Gunfire broke out,

and a stampede developed, as fans in Toronto celebrated at a rally for the NBA champion Raptors; four people were shot and thousands of others fled, just a block from the rally stage.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Peter Lupus is 88. Movie director Ken Loach is 84. Actor William Lucking is 79. Singer

Barry Manilow is 77. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich is 77. Comedian Joe Piscopo is 69. Actor Mark Linn-Baker is 66. Actor Jon Gries (gryz) is 63. Rock singer Jello Biafra is 62. Movie producer-director-writer Bobby Farrelly is 62. Actor Thomas Haden Church is 60. Actor Greg Kinnear is 57. Actress Kami Cotler is 55. Olympic gold medal speed

skater Dan Jansen is 55. Actor Jason Patric is 54. Rhythm and blues singer Kevin Thornton is 51. Actor-comedian Will Forte is 50. Latin pop singer Paulina Rubio is 49. Tennis player Venus Williams is 40. Actor Arthur Darvill is 38. Actress Jodie Whittaker is 38. Actor Manish Dayal is 37. Country singer Mickey Guyton is 37. Actor-rapper Herculeez (AKA Jamal

Mixon) is 37. Actress Marie Avgeropoulos is 34. Rapper Kendrick Lamar is 33. NHL forward Nikita Kucherov is 27. Actor Damani Roberts is 24. Actor KJ Apa is 23.

Thought for Today: "One has two duties — to be worried and not to be worried." — E.M. Forster, British author (1879-1970).

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Newsday Crossword

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Young sheep | 1 Bouncy tune |
| 6 Caterer hirer | 2 Rent-___ (airport service) |
| 10 Tummy muscles | 3 Seniors' health coverage |
| 13 Become frosty | 4 Corporate takeovers |
| 14 Broadcast's sound | 5 Sunblock letters |
| 15 Encountered | 6 Enormous |
| 16 Elongated sponge cakes | 7 Laudatory verses |
| 18 Rowboat tool | 8 "Dear ___ or madam . . ." |
| 19 Threesome | 9 Properly proportioned, as a map |
| 20 "Beware the ___ of March" | 10 One-celled creature |
| 21 Fancy pancake | 11 "Help me, bud" |
| 23 Unusual trinket | 12 View a film online |
| 25 Call in a "black sheep" rhyme | 14 Slashed conjunction |
| 26 Poetic "under" | 17 Rightmost sundial numeral |
| 28 Tall Florida tree | 22 Hard knocks |
| 31 ___ City (Nevada's capital) | 24 Letter before sigma |
| 33 Supreme Court garb | 25 Cradle sleepers |
| 34 Metal source | 26 Sgt. or col. |
| 35 Topic being discussed | 27 Basset hound's floppy feature |
| 37 Director Spike | 29 Movie legend Welles |
| 40 Response to "You are not!" | 30 "___ don't say!" |
| 42 Takes without asking | 32 "Build it somewhere else" acronym |
| 45 Watch holder | 36 Nine-digit ID issuer |
| 49 Grads | 37 National poet |
| 50 Coarse in one's talking | 38 Large shade tree |
| 51 Pilot's radio acknowledgment | 39 Double-curve letter |
| 53 Three-legged seat | 40 Analogy phrase |
| 54 In the distance | 41 Quarterback or catcher |
| 56 Beef or pork | 43 Place for a price |
| 59 Soft metal | 44 Chlorine or krypton |
| 60 Strenuous effort | 45 Marriott alternative |
| 63 "___ were you . . ." | 46 Approve, as a law |
| 64 Hawk's nail | 47 Amusingly unexpected |
| 65 Loosen, as a shoe | 48 Closed, as blinds |
| | 52 Non-profit URL ending |
| | 54 Having skill |
| | 55 Nourishment |
| | 57 Locale of Laos |
| | 58 Overflow (with) |
| | 61 Put in place, as bricks |
| | 62 Massage |

Answer to previous puzzle

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