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## MEETING ADJOURNED: Council members walk out of meeting

### COVID-19 Update:

**Active Cases:**

16

**Confirmed:**

30

**Tests performed:**

1726

**Pending:**

47

**Negative tests:**

1649

**Recovered:**

13

**Deaths:**

1

### Just a Note:

Summer Meal Program will run through June 30. Text **FOODTX** to 877-877 to find a site close to you.

Russ McEwen Aquatic Center set to open Today at 75% capacity

### Cancellations:

• *Funtastic Fourth*

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By **ERICA MORSE**

Herald Contributing Writer

Last night's City Council meeting abruptly ended mid-session, as four Council members walked out over increasing tensions with the Mayor.

Big Spring City Council members Jim DePauw, Camilla Strande, Raul Marquez, Jr., and Terry McDaniel exited the meeting during Open Session after Mayor Shannon Thomason ruled a resolution reading from Marquez as 'out of order'.

"I've had enough," District 6 Councilman Jim DePauw said directly into his microphone, as he gathered his papers and exited the meeting.

District 1 Representative Camilla Strande immediately followed. "I'm tired of playing games," she said.



HERALD photo/Erica Morse

**Four City Council members walked out in the middle of Tuesday evening's City Council meeting. With no quorum left, the meeting had to be adjourned.**

"You can't decide what rules you enforce and what you don't."

District 1 and 3 Councilmen Raul Marquez, Jr., and Terry McDaniel also walked out, leaving only the Mayor and District 4 Councilwoman Gloria McDonald remaining.

As there were not enough members left in attendance to meet a quorum, the meeting was discontinued.

"Unfortunately, our fellow Council members cannot follow Robert's Rules, so the meeting is adjourned," Mayor Thomason said.

Since 'Robert's Rules of Order' were rolled out to Council members earlier this year, discussions during Council meetings have become increasingly tense, with members feeling the Mayor is utilizing the parliamentary procedures to shut them down without allowing for proper debate.

"I don't know what he (the Mayor) is doing," Raul Marquez, Jr., said. "We're all frustrated, trying to move forward for the City. I'm just tired of being unproductive."

The issue in question was number 26 on the meeting agenda: a first reading of a resolution authorizing the creation of a new infill development program designed to facilitate private

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## Stem cell lunch-n-learn open to community

By **CARRIE HARVELL**

Herald Contributing Writer

Stem cell therapy is not something many have heard of or have experienced, but it is a healing process that is starting to make it's way to those looking for healing. Whole Life will be hosting a lunch-n-learn for those who want to find out more on Thursday at Noon at the Hampton Inn and Suites.

"Shirley Mitchell Williams has a miraculous healing testimonial that touches hearts and lives all over the world," Cindy Inderlie said. "Three years ago, she was dealing with her second round of Stage 4 breast cancer that had metastasized into her bones, organs and lymph nodes. Her liver had calcified and her kidneys were shutting down. We could all see she was dying. Her doctors told her there was not anything else they could do for her. When a friend suggested umbilical cord stem cell therapy, she was willing to try any-

thing. She had always believed in holistic medicine and did some research which convinced her it was worth a try. When she asked her doctors, they agreed it could not hurt."

Once Shirley started the treatments, according to her sister, drastic improvements could be seen. The results did not happen instantly, but over 90 days improvement was noticeable.

"She is now in remission and continues to work with her oncologist. We were all so impressed and excited about the results that we wanted to learn more. Shirley has committed her life to sharing her story and helping others," Inderlie said.

With the help of the church, family and friends, Whole Life was started with that goal in mind. A staff of medical professionals review each request and carefully explain the process. As a family, Cindy, her husband Greg and Shirley host seminars to educate and in-

form people of the benefits of stem cell therapy. Both Cindy and her husband have benefited from stem cell therapy. Before her stem cell therapy, Cindy had COPD so bad that she would be confined to her bedroom for weeks at a time on oxygen. Now, she lives a very active life and is able to work in her yard again. Her husband had suffered with back pain for more than 20 years. He had multiple back surgeries and was on very strong pain medication when the doctors informed him that new government regulations would result in them not being able to continue his pain control.

"Greg decided to try the stem cell therapy and after 60 days he was able to walk across the room without pain. Now, for the first time in 20 years he can mow his grass and enjoy life," Inderlie said.

Greg added, "I feel so much younger and stronger."

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## Big Spring EDC calls special meeting Thursday

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**

Managing Editor

The Big Spring Economic Development Corporation will be holding a special meeting on Thursday at Noon.

During this meeting, the EDC may discuss and/or take action on each of the following items before it goes into Executive Session on any item listed on the agenda in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

The meeting will begin with a segment for public comment before heading into Executive Session in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section Sec. 551.074. Personnel Matters; Closed meeting. 1. to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee. The board of directors will focus on discussion pertaining to the Executive Director Search.

The Board will reconvene after the discussion concludes from the Executive Session and take any needed action. There will be an opportunity for board comment before the meeting adjourns.

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

## Community urged to use caution as COVID-19 cases continue to rise

Herald Staff Report

Recently, Big Spring and Howard County have seen a dramatic increase of COVID-19 cases. Across Texas, confirmed cases are rising drastically. According to Governor Greg Abbott's press conference data, on Tuesday, Texas reached more than 5,000 cases in one day on Tuesday. "We believe this surge is due to people being less vigilant in preventing the spread of COVID-19," a press release from Mayor Shannon Thomason and Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman said.

The press release continued, "We strongly urge all citizens to practice caution when going out in public, and to do so only when necessary."

Tuesday afternoon the City of Big Spring issued the announcement that four more positives have been reported in Howard County. This brings the total count to 30 cases, with 16 active cases. The most recently announced include: 19-year old male, 9-year-old female, 60-year-old male, and a 27-year-old male. All are isolating at home and are currently exhibiting mild symptoms. These have been confirmed as community spread cases.

When in public areas, citizens should always wear a mask or face covering. These actions protect you and

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## Obituaries

## Robert Earl Smith

Robert Earl Smith, 72, of Big Spring passed away Friday, June 19, 2020. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Gloria Abrea Galan

Gloria Abrea Galan, 90, of Abilene, formerly of Big Spring died Friday, June 18, 2020. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Gloria was born March 24, 1930, in Big Spring to Luz and Domingo Abreo. She married Felix Galan on Nov. 12, 1949,

in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on May 5, 2007. Gloria is survived by five children: Noemi Chinchilla of Fresco, Avel Galan of Kerrville, Silbia Galan of London, Ark., Erene Akin of Abilene, and Geneva Garcia of Houston; one sister: Mary Elizabeth Rainey of Boerne; four brothers: Efren Abreo of Austin, Noel Abreo of Lubbock, David Abreo of Ft. Worth, and Jimmy Abreo of Big Spring; 15 grandchildren; and 39 great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son-in-law; four siblings.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand](http://www.myersand)

## Katie Anaya

Katie Anaya, 74, passed away on June 20, 2020, in Big Spring, Texas.

She will lie in state on Wednesday, June 24, 2020, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 16, 1945. Those who knew her well knew she would give anybody in need the shirt off her back. She was a very charismatic and entertaining person and

made friends wherever she went.

Survivors include 6 children Luanna Franco, Henry Franco (Edna), Filomeno Franco III (Kimberly), Albert Carrillo, Selina Aguado (Christopher), Victor Anaya (Kristan), a sister Wanda Goodman, 25 grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at [www.npw.com](http://www.npw.com)

*Paid Obituary*

## Randy Clark

Randy Clark, 45, of Ft. Stockton, formerly of Big Spring died Tuesday, June 16, 2020. No services will be held.

Randy was born Aug. 30, 1974, in Big Spring to Sharon and Nicky Clark.

Randy is survived by his wife: Trisha Clark of Ft. Stockton; two sons: Quelan Lancaster of Ft. Bliss, and Adam Clark of Big Spring; two daughters: Alexis Clark

of Lubbock and RyLee Clark of Ft. Stockton; two granddaughters, both of Ft. Bliss; mother: Sharon Clark of Coahoma; brother: James Clark of Coahoma; two sisters: Stormy Burdell of Coahoma and Courtney Franklin of Big Spring; and cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 83 inmates at the time of this report.

• **SIDNEY FAUNCE**, 47, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JORGE IVAN GARCIA**, 42,

was arrested by HCSO on a charge of sexual assault of a child.

• **OTIS ODELL HARDAWAY JR**, 46, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **PEDRO HERNANDEZ JR**, 45, was arrested by BSPD, on a charge of expired drivers license and criminal trespass.

• **BLUFORD ALLEN JONES**, 37, was arrested by HCSO on a

charge of arson.

• **MICHELLE RENEE SIMMONS**, 52, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of arson.

• **SCOTT MATTHEW SMITH**, 28, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault family violence.

• **LISA MARIE WHEELER**, 45, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **TRAUMA CALL** was reported in the 100 block of Terry Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of S.

Gregg Street. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of N. Service Road. Two people were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of E 3rd

Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2700 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## 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.)

## Jason Pribyla

Jason Pribyla, 34, of Big Spring passed away June 19, 2020. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Support Groups

## WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 432-517-9207 for more information.

• Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-860

## THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

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

• GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance.

13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6 to 8 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page.

You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

## FRIDAY

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

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

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# Council passes Emergency order regarding fireworks at Moss Lake

By ERICA MORSE

Herald Contributing Writer

An emergency resolution banning fireworks and glass beverage bottles was approved at last night's City Council meeting prior to a walkout by four members.

The first reading of an ordinance allowing for prompt prohibition of glass bottles and fireworks at Moss Lake, disallowing for glass beverages in all city parks and public properties -- including Comanche Trail Golf Course -- was immediately approved 7-0. Furthermore, 'Hunting, Discharge of Firearms and Hunting' was re-named 'Hunting, Discharge of Firearms and Fireworks prohibited.'

The language was tightened to allow the Big Spring Police Department to enforce the ordinance.

The 'emergency' portion of the resolution, according to City Attorney Andrew Hagen, was for the Council to approve -- and execute -- prior to the 4th of July Holiday. Since the next Council meeting falls on July 7th, Hagen explained adding the word, 'emergency' allowed for the resolution to become effective immediately.

When asked about the current fire conditions, Big Spring Fire Chief Craig Ferguson said it remains very high. "Even with the rain the good Lord has blessed us with, it remains very high," he said.

In Todd Darden's absence, Assistant City Manager John Medina delivered the City Manager's

report.

Medina advised applications are still needed for the following boards:

Board of Adjustments and Appeals, Zoning Board of Adjustments, Animal Control and Rescue Committee, Convention & Visitors' Bureau Board, Parks Recreation Board, and Citizens Advisory Board

Regarding large-item pickup for District 6, Medina was successful, with the program already collecting 178.5 tons this year, for a total of \$8,200. The program, which is normally done once per year, has already been done several times in 2020, and is already budgeted for 2021.

The Russ McEwen Aquatic Center opened on June 16, with an average of 250 guests per day. The splash pad is slated to re-open in July, and kids are already having fun but are looking forward to that re-opening.

"It will be good to see that thing back in operation," Medina said. The Aquatic Center is currently open Tuesday -- Sundays, from 1 p.m. -- 7 p.m.

Medina also advised Comanche Trail Lake was recently stocked with 3,500 Florida-strain largemouth bass, along with other attractions to make the fish bite more readily.

Amber Pedigo from the US Census Bureau also provided updates on the current response rates for the area. Big Spring proper has a current response rate of 59.8%, but the north side of the city is lag-

ging at 32.4%. Forsan currently stands at 56.7%, Coahoma at 41.4%, with Howard County overall at 47.4%.

Pedigo stressed that much-needed funding and congressional representation is based upon the population numbers and asked the Council for its assistance increasing the responses. Other suggestions were to include a reminder on water bills, and maybe even a competition between schools or with the City of Andrews, where Pedigo lives.

"We can bring back that old Big Spring-Andrews competition and make it fun", she said.

## CASES

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help decrease the spread, especially if you unknowingly have COVID-19 and take the proper precautions. It is crucial that we as a community take our health seriously and minimize the risk to our population."

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.

For those looking for safety tips or how to properly wear a mask, visit the City of Big Spring Public Information page.

## WALK

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investment towards the construction of single-family housing within the city limits of Big Spring. When Marquez presented the resolution -- with amendments changing rebate amounts and discount percentages -- he then followed with a motion to approve. Mayor Shannon Thomason abruptly ruled the motion out of order, saying the resolution did not meet the criteria based upon the Council's previous directive.

"The direction from Council was to create a program for infill development incentives on existing subdivisions," Thomason said. "I'm not opposed to this, but like I said, the direction from Council was simply for existing subdivisions. This could be used for new development, it could be used for remodeling, and it was my understanding the intent was to rebuild and fill in lots in existing subdivisions. That was the stated purpose."

At the May 26 City Council meeting, the Council approved action for City Manager Todd Darden -- and his staff -- to create a program of development incentives for infill lots in established subdivisions throughout Big Spring. Council members Raul Marquez, Jr., Terry McDaniel and Jim DePauw volunteered to participate in a committee designed to create the incentives for those homeowners.

Marquez advised Mayor Thomason that the committee decided to include new builders and subdivisions to increase revenue in Big Spring.

"We changed it," Marquez said. "The whole thing is providing the city with a better look, period. Our main goal is to increase our tax base, and since I've been on this Council, I haven't seen many things come through the pipeline on how we're going to increase our tax base."

After Mayor Thomason dismissed the motion, Council member Jim DePauw asked to appeal the Chair's decision, which the Mayor immediately denied. At that time, the members of the committee who developed the incentives -- DePauw, Marquez, Jr., and McDaniel, accompanied by Strande -- exited the building.

"The Mayor had time to call me prior to the meeting with concerns about this program," Marquez said after the meeting in an interview. "Instead, he chose to wait until Council."

Marquez said he intends to put the resolution back on the agenda for a decision; if ruled out of order again, he expects it to be appealed, then to go up for a vote.

"He doesn't really have the power he thinks he has," Marquez said.

According to Marquez, the committee discussed the addition of including new subdivisions in the program to create a bigger tax revenue.

"He ran on a 0% tax base, but I have yet to hear how he is going to provide it. There are seven of us. We can talk, too."

Marquez continued, "The only taxpayers we're getting taxes out of right now are existing homeowners. I don't think Big Spring has ever offered a program like this to increase our tax base. This

happened in Midland and Abilene, and we are creating what can work in Big Spring."

After the meeting, Council Member Jim DePauw also addressed why he initiated the walkout.

"The mayor called a motion out of order. I challenged his ruling. He said I didn't do it immediately. I didn't immediately challenge it because he wouldn't recognize me. Tyranny! I walked out," DePauw said. "Three followed. No quorum. Meeting over."

DePauw continued, "Our state of local government will be fine because we as a council will not allow this tyranny to continue."

According to the Mayor, it was a procedural issue.

"Legally, I am required to follow the directive of the Council, I really had no choice, but to rule the motion out of order."

City Attorney has provided Council with a legal brief on how to appeal a decision from the Chair, according to Thomason.

## LUNCH

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Stem cells are the bodies internal repair system. They seek out damage in the body and work to repair it. Interest in stem cell therapy has increased recently, and have become the subject of vigorous debate.

Stem cells are the body's raw materials -- cells from which all other cells with specialized functions are generated. Researchers and doctors expect stem cells to help increase understanding of how diseases occur, generate healthy cells to replace diseased cells (regenerative medicine), and test new drugs for safety and effectiveness.

Stem cells were first looked into by scientists in 1978 when it was discovered that stem cells from cord blood was essentially the building block of the body and that they could duplicate all other cells. In 1980 scientists realized these same cells were found in every tissue in the body. These life-giving cells were widely used in the treatment of leukemia, and since then more has been discovered about the benefits of stem cell therapy. The National Institutes of Health created guidelines for human stem cell research in 2009. The guidelines define what kind of stem cells may be used and how they are used.

Stem cell transplants use adult stem cells (bone marrow). They are not very versatile or durable therefore there are limits on how they can be used. In stem cell transplants, stem cells replace cells damaged by chemotherapy, disease or serve as a way for the recipient's immune system to fight certain types of cancer. Adult stem cells also are more likely to contain abnormalities due to the environment according to research.

Stem cell therapy, also known as regenerative medicine, promotes the repair of diseased, dysfunctional or injured tissue. It has also been looked at as an alternative or support for organ transplantation by using cord stem cells instead of donated organs, which are in limited supply. Stem cell therapy has

been shown to help repair muscle, bone, cartilage, tendons and more. Currently, the only stem cells that are approved for therapy by the FDA are those from cord blood. They are from donated umbilical cords and are verified by the Mayo Clinic.

"Whole Life is a nonprofit agency dedicated to providing information about stem cell therapy through education and personal testimonials. With the book "Stem Cells Made Easy" the potential benefits of stem cell therapy is explained," she said.

There are several advantages of umbilical cord stem cells including: they are immune system natural and can be used by anyone; they have the best regenerative capabilities; they seek out degeneration and have the best anti-inflammatory activity; and can be administered multiple times.

"There are numerous fraudulent companies offering stem cell therapy, the misconception is anyone can administer the therapy. Whole Life has a doctor and nurse practitioner on staff along with others who carefully explain the process. They work closely with the FDA and exceed their recommendation," she said. "Each person is different and will respond to treatment in different ways. Typical results can be seen in four to six weeks.

For those wanting to learn more about stem cell treatments, a lunch-learn will take place Thursday.

For more information, contact Cindy Inderlied at 432-386-7788.

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Randy Clark, 45, died Tuesday, June 16, 2020. No services will be held.

Gloria Abreo Galan, 90, died Friday, June 18, 2020. Visitation will be from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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# Texas A&M System Brands Buildings at Texas A&M Innovation Plaza in Texas Medical Center

## The five-acre mixed-use Texas A&M Innovation Plaza in Houston will be home to the Engineering Medicine program and more.

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — The Texas A&M University System has announced Discovery Tower, Life Tower and Horizon Tower as the names of the three buildings that comprise Texas A&M Innovation Plaza, its landmark 5-acre campus in Houston, Texas, at the prominent intersection of Holcombe Boulevard and Main Street near the Texas Medical Center (TMC). This campus sets a new standard for collaboration in engineering, medicine, research and education and is the first all-new mixed-use campus for the Texas A&M System in Houston.

The Texas A&M University System initiated the new campus by acquiring and renovating an 18-story office building at 1020 Holcombe Blvd. to be the home for EnMed, a unique two-degree program that provides students the chance to earn a master's degree in engineering from Texas A&M University and a medical degree from the Texas A&M College of Medicine. Opening later this year, this building supports EnMed and an expanded array of Texas A&M's engineering, research, innovation, medical and life science programs that are reflected in the newly announced brand: Discovery Tower.

Complementing the academic, research, discovery and innovation missions of the EnMed Building, Texas A&M Innovation Plaza will provide a welcoming, secure and vibrant experience to the

campus population and visitors alike, with generous green spaces and lifestyle amenities not commonly found in the TMC area.

With groundbreaking scheduled in late 2020, the System's public-private partnership (P3) developer is bringing additional investment of \$401 million to fulfill unmet needs in the area with two complementary towers totaling an additional 1.9 million square feet.

"EnMed is just the first example of innovation that Texas A&M System intends to bring to the Texas A&M Innovation Plaza," said Texas A&M System Chancellor John Sharp. "We are excited to have such a visible location in the Texas Medical Center."

Scheduled to be complete in June 2022, Life Tower is a 19-story, 714-bed student housing tower will overlook a scenic plaza flanked by a large garage with retail and dining at grade with convenient, affordable parking for 2,714 vehicles. Texas A&M medical students and Prairie View A&M University nursing students will be given priority for housing, but students from other institutions could fill open slots, if available.

Scheduled to deliver in January 2024 is Horizon Tower, a 17-story, 485,000 square-foot integrated building that will be built atop the 13-story parking structure. With generous, efficient floorplates and

robust building technologies, Horizon Tower will be ideally suited to life sciences, clinical, biomedical, technology and office uses.

Accessible via Main Street, Holcombe Boulevard and Fannin Street, Texas A&M Innovation Plaza is also adjacent to the METRO TMC Station, providing convenient connectivity via bus and light rail service to the TMC, Museum District and Downtown Houston.

The developer for the P3 projects is Medistar Corporation, a long-time Houston-based developer. Infrastructure investment firm American Triple I Partners, founded by Texas A&M alum Henry Cisneros, is part of the financing team.

*About The Texas A&M University System*  
The Texas A&M University System is one of the largest systems of higher education in the nation with a budget of \$6.3 billion. The System is a state-wide network of 11 universities; a comprehensive health science center; eight state agencies, including the Texas Division of Emergency Management; and the RELLIS Campus. The Texas A&M System educates more than 151,000 students and makes more than 22 million additional educational contacts through service and outreach programs each year. System-wide, research and development expenditures exceeded \$1 billion in FY 2019 and helped drive the state's economy.

## State Briefs

### Austin police delay release of footage in fatal shooting

By ACACIA CORONADO Report for America/Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The city of Austin has delayed the expected Monday release of police body camera footage showing an officer fatally shooting a man as he drove away, citing a new city policy.

The video shows the killing of Mike Ramos, a Black and Hispanic man who was shot and killed by an Austin police officer on April 24.

Austin's new policy requires the Office of Police Oversight to review videos of incidents considered "critical" before they are made public, City Manager Spencer Cronk said Sunday. That office has yet to see it and provide feedback.

The policy also allows "certain relevant parties" to privately view videos prior to public release. Ramos' family was shown the video prior to the Office of Police Oversight feedback. It was unclear when the video will be made public.

The new policy is part of a broader effort to overhaul the police department and follows weeks of protest against police brutality. The deaths of Ramos, George Floyd and others have inspired a global push for racial justice. Floyd, who is also black, died May 25 after a Minneapolis police officer used his knee to pin down Floyd's neck for several minutes as he pleaded and said he couldn't breathe.

Ramos died as police were investigating reports of people in a car, including an armed man, who were doing drugs. Austin Police Chief Brian Manley said Ramos got out of the car with his hands and shirt raised as if to show he had no gun in his waistband.

But Ramos then ignored an officer's orders to stay out of the car. He was first shot by a beanbag.

He was later found to be unarmed.

Austin Mayor Steve Adler called the shooting "disturbing" after viewing a bystander's video. He said Ramos did not appear to pose a threat to police.

### Texas Children's Hospital admits adults as virus cases soar

HOUSTON (AP) — The largest pediatric hospital in the United States said Tuesday it has begun admitting adult patients to provide more hospital capacity in Texas, where coronavirus cases and hospitalizations continue to soar.

Texas Children's Hospital said it was admitting adult patients across its campuses to free up more hospital bed space in the Houston area.

The number of COVID-19-positive hospital patients in Harris County, which encompasses Houston, has nearly tripled since May 31.

"Our power on the local level was stripped away and we started opening up," Mayor Sylvester Turner said Monday. "I said two months ago I thought we were moving too quickly, too fast, and now we find ourselves where we are today."

Also Monday, Texas reached an 11th consecutive day of record COVID-19 hospitalizations. Gov. Greg Abbott called the trend "unacceptable" but did not announce any new measures to slow the spread of the virus.

In another development, the Texas Juvenile Justice Department said late Monday that a youth at the Giddings State School tested positive for COVID-19, marking the first confirmed case of the virus at a Texas juvenile detention facility.

For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms that clear up within weeks. But for others, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, the highly contagious virus can cause severe illness, including pneumonia, and be fatal.

## Top Texas A&M Scientists Call For COVID-19 Investigation

### Bipartisan inquiry will be needed to learn from pandemic response

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — As the U.S. death toll surpasses 120,000 people, two of the nation's most influential voices in the COVID-19 fight are calling for a bipartisan, objective investigation into the nation's initial outbreak response.

"We must prevent this from happening again," said Dr. Gerald Parker, director of the Pandemic and Biosecurity Policy Program at Texas A&M's Bush School of Government and Public Service. "This is not going to be our last pandemic."

Dr. Peter Hotez, a Hagler Institute scholar at Texas A&M and a vaccine researcher at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, agreed with the need for a bipartisan inquiry.

The investigation needs to take place after the immediate, ongoing crisis has waned, they said. It should be modeled after the 9/11 Commission that followed the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

Particularly concerning in the U.S., Dr. Hotez said, is that COVID-19 transmission was allowed to go on for weeks without a major public health response -- even though the world had witnessed its devastating impact in parts of Europe and China.

"What hurt Wuhan was what hurt New York City, which is the virus

transmission went on for six weeks before there was any public health intervention," said Dr. Hotez, who is dean of Baylor's National School of Tropical Medicine.

Dr. Parker and Dr. Hotez spoke with John Sharp, chancellor of The Texas A&M University System as part of the 12th and final episode of the series, "COVID-19: The Texas A&M University System Responds."

"If the field of scientific study had rock stars, Dr. Parker and Dr. Hotez would be selling out stadiums," Chancellor Sharp said. "The nation is blessed to have their leadership in the war against COVID-19."

The discussion will air 7 p.m. Thursday on KAMU-TV in College Station and on other Texas public television affiliates. (Check local listings in Dallas, San Antonio, Austin, Waco and Amarillo.) It also is on the System's YouTube channel. <https://youtu.be/mIHRAKOy6bg>

A veterinary scientist, Dr. Parker is one of the nation's top experts on defending against emerging public health threats after serving in bio defense leadership positions at the U.S. Departments of Defense, Homeland Security and Health and Human Services. He also is Associate Dean for Global One Health at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine.

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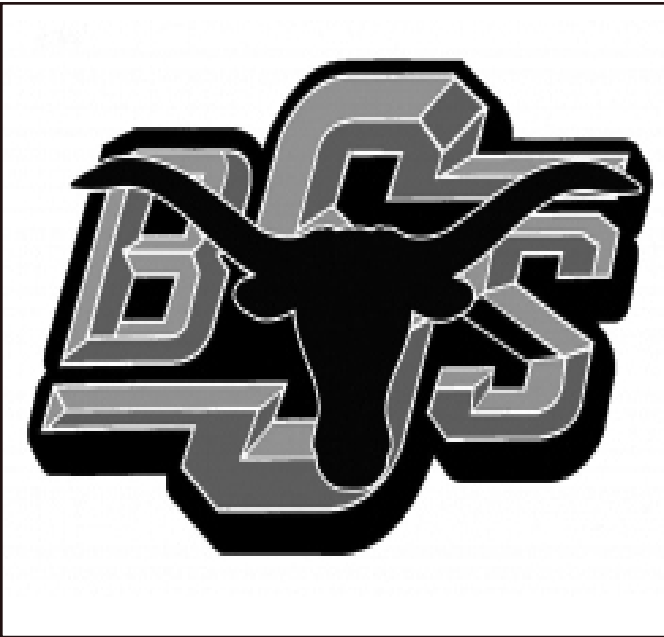
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# Big Spring suspends summer workouts in midst of spike in coronavirus cases



By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

One day after the Coahoma Bulldogs decided to suspend their summer workouts, the Big Spring Steers have done the same. Instead of the two-week time period like Coahoma is doing, Big Spring will hold off on workouts on Wednesday and re-evaluate in the afternoon. The Steers also did not work out yesterday and the surge of coronavirus cases across Texas has caused schools around the state to rethink their summer schedules.

"Until further notice: All strength and conditioning is canceled for Tuesday and Wednesday (this week)," Steers football coach Cannon McWilliams said. "This also includes any sport-specific instruction (such as football, basketball, baseball, etc.). We are erring on the side of caution for the safety of our kids and staff above all else. We will re-evaluate on Wednesday afternoon. Please stay

tuned."

There has been an uptick in coronavirus cases throughout Howard County over the past two weeks and everyone is on edge about a second wave of the virus coming. If there is one, it could threaten football season and make this fall a tough one to endure.

As of right now, the Steers are expecting to be back working out together on Thursday. Things can change quickly, as we have seen with this virus time and time again, and they may make a choice to sit out the remainder of the week.

Whatever the Steers decision may be, the *Herald* will be there to let you know about any schedule adjustments or future cancellations that Big Spring may impose.

*Shawn Moran is the sports writer at the Big Spring Herald. To contact him, e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.*

# Big Spring Steers Fall Tennis schedule released

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

Another day and another Big Spring fall sports schedule has been finalized. This fall the Steers' tennis team will be competing almost every week for two straight months across more than 10 different tournaments. The following is their 2020 fall schedule:

Aug. 4: vs. Levelland A.M. (Levelland) (9:00)  
Aug. 4: vs. Borger P.M. (Levelland) (1:00)  
Aug. 6: V/JV @ Snyder (Snyder) (9:00)  
Aug. 12: @ Abilene Cooper (Cooper) (10:00)  
Aug. 18: vs. Monahans (Home) (10:00)  
Aug. 22: vs. Odessa (Home) (9:00)  
Sep. 12: vs. Andrews/Wall (Home) (10:00)  
Sep. 12: @ Brownfield (Brownfield) (10:00)  
Sep. 15: @ Greenwood (Greenwood) (TBD)  
Sep. 17: JV @ San Angelo Lake View (Lake View)



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Lady Steer Emily Kocak prepares to return the ball in a tennis meet last fall.

(TBD)

Sep. 22: @ Sweetwater (Sweetwater) (TBD)

Sep. 24: JV vs. Sweetwater (Home) (TBD)

Sep. 29: vs. San Angelo Lake View (Home) (TBD)

Oct. 1: JV vs. Greenwood (Home) (TBD)

Sports are slowly but surely returning and the tennis team has been hard at work since the beginning of summer workouts. With about a month-and-a-half before the first tennis meet of the season, the group led by Head Coach Dana Jones should be ready to go by the time the season starts.

Be patient, Big Spring, there is just under six weeks until the Steers are back on the tennis courts in a competitive environment.

*Shawn Moran is the sports writer at the Big Spring Herald. To contact him, e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.*

# Wayland Cancels September 3rd Opener vs UTPB Falcons

Special to the Herald

UT Permian Basin Football's season opener against Wayland Baptist University has been canceled. This comes after the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) required teams to reduce their football schedules down to nine contests. This change forced the Pioneers to drop a pair of games from their football schedule.

This now gets the Falcons to the maximum 10 allowed contests for the 2020 season per new NCAA rules for this academic year. The scheduled home opener will now be September 28 against Western New Mexico at Ratliff Stadium.

In wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, all sports must meet new NCAA maximums. UTPB and the Lone Star Conference are working closely to en-

sure all 16 Falcon teams meet these new standards. Those schedules will be announced in the near future once finalized on utpbfalcons.com or on UTPB Athletics social media platforms.

### 2020 Football Schedule

September 12 - 7 PM at West Texas A&M

September 19 - 6 PM at Tarleton

September 26 - 6 PM vs Western New Mexico

October 3 - 6 PM vs Simon Fraser

October 10 - 2 PM at Texas Southern

October 17 - 6 PM vs Angelo State (in Midland)

October 24 - 6 PM at Eastern New Mexico

October 31 - 6 PM vs Texas A&M - Commerce

November 7 - 7 PM at Texas A&M - Kingsville

November 14 - 6 PM vs Midwestern State



# Audrey Dunn chosen to take over Big Spring Girls' Track & Field

Big Spring Press Release

BSISD has just named top Lady Steer assistant, Coach Audrey Dunn, as the new head girls' coach in track & field. Coach Audrey Dunn was recognized in 2019 as the Texas Girls' Coaches Association classes 1A-4A's Track & Field's assistant coach of the year. She has also served the Lady Steers' basketball program as an outstanding varsity assistant. She has played a major role in devel-

oping Lady Steer athletes from Junior High through High School. The Lady Steer track program is respected and tradition rich, and Coach Dunn has been critical in the many track successes the program has celebrated during her tenure as the assistant coach. BSISD is confident that Coach Audrey Dunn will continue to build on what is already one of the top track and field programs in the State of Texas.

# For openers: MLB tries again with short season, skewed rules

By BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — So, where were we?

Mid-March, a spring training exhibition between the St. Louis Cardinals and Miami Marlins at Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter, Florida. Even before the final out, both sides had gotten the official word: Major League Baseball was shutting down immediately because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"It felt like the most meaningless baseball game in the history of the sport," Cardinals infielder Matt Carpenter said.

So now, they'll try again.

A skewed, 60-game schedule, rather than the full plate of 162, with opening day on July 23 or 24. A shortened, contorted season ordered by Commissioner Rob Manfred on Tuesday night after billionaire owners and multimillion-dollar players couldn't come to a new economic agreement against the backdrop of the virus outbreak.

"What happens when we all get it?" Milwaukee pitcher Brett Anderson tweeted this week.

From the start, a sprint to the finish. Got to come out strong. Remember last year: The Washington Nationals began 27-33 and wound up hoisting the World Series trophy.

Perhaps it's the perfect setup for outsiders like the Padres or Mariners to sneak into the championship chase.

Let's not forget those Houston Astros, either. They were the biggest story in baseball when we last saw them, with fans taunting José Altuve, Alex Bregman and their accomplices following the trash

can-banging, sign-stealing scandal that made national headlines over the winter.

Some things, chances are, won't change when the games resume.

No minor leagues this year, tough luck there. The majors, meanwhile, give new meaning to short-season ball.

A look at what's on deck:

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An automatic runner on second base to begin all extra innings. Designated hitters in NL games. Pitchers with their own personal rosin bags.

This season will look like no other in baseball history, the price for trying to play amid a pandemic.

"So long National League. It was fun while it lasted," Cardinals pitcher Adam Wainwright tweeted.

The extra-inning rule, that's bound to bring new strategy, different stats to dissect and an innovative twist on the old game. It'll be — aw, heck, who are we kidding? It will be major league baseball meets Central Park softball.

Just hoping that experiment doesn't stick around in '21.

### MARKING THE MOMENT

To date, Bruce Maxwell is the only major leaguer to take a knee during the playing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" before a game. The backup Oakland catcher did that at the Coliseum in September 2017, following the lead of NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick.

Maxwell saw limited time with the A's in 2018, played in Mexico last year and doesn't have a job with a big league team this year.

Major leaguers have not, in general, been the first set of players in pro sports to speak out on issues of social injustice. We'll see what stances they take on and off the field when games return.

### FLY IT HIGH!

OK, say Francisco Lindor helps Cleveland win a major league World Series title. Or Christian Yelich leads the Brewers to their first flag.

Fans will certainly argue: Is it a legitimate crown or more like a prize won during some European soccer tournament?

Kay Kenealy, a 59-year-old from Waukesha, Wisconsin, who has a 20-game ticket package to Brewers games, took a meaty swing at the debate.

"The season's the season. It's kind of like with the Bucks in the running for an NBA championship. A championship's a championship," she said. "If the season's a month long, you play for that month."

"Whether it be the Brewers or the A's or someone like that that wins the World Series, I don't think that requires an asterisk. I think everybody for the next 100 years is going to know that this was a pandemic year."

### THE BIG FOUR-OH-OH

The huge stat question: Could someone hit .400 in this shortened season?

NL MVP Cody Bellinger got off to a scorching start last year, batting .376 after the Dodgers' 60th game. He finished at .305.

Chipper Jones was the most recent to top .400 through 60 — he was at .409 in 2008.

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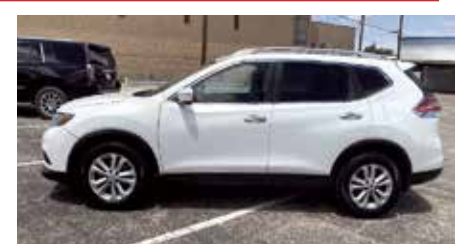
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## Annie's Mailbox

## Unwanted Clutter

**Dear Annie:** My parents and my in-laws have a habit of cleaning out their houses by bringing their unwanted things to my house. When we first moved in together, my husband and I thought they were trying to help by giving us things so we wouldn't need to buy them, but it's been over a decade, and it continues.

When asked if we want items from their homes, we always decline. More frequently, though, things are left on our porch or in

our garage. Unless it is something we think they may want back (something we know is an heirloom or expensive), we throw everything away. The things we feel like we have to keep go into the attic.

Obviously this is a minimal issue compared to most, but we are tired of being responsible for their unwanted items. Please encourage your readers, especially those downsizing, to manage their own belongings and not push them onto family without asking, and to respect the response. -- Minimalist

**Dear Minimalist:** You and your husband need to have an open and honest conversation with both your and his parents. If you tell them you don't want their items but then keep heirlooms when they are left with you, no wonder everyone is confused. While you are correct that family members should not unload their stuff on one another, it is also traditional for families to pass on heirlooms.

Perhaps you and your husband should go over to your respective parents' houses

and decide what is an heirloom and what is trash. My guess is they are unclear. One clean sweep of everyone's stuff will prevent this constant appearance of unwanted items.

**Dear Annie:** I can empathize totally with Sucker-Punched in Indiana, having had a similar experience years ago when my then husband told me he didn't love me and never had, not even on the day we married. However, he did not want a divorce since we had two young children. I lived with that pain and bitterness for

years, feeling trapped, hopeless and depressed.

Eventually, though, friends talked me into seeking therapy, which, like Sucker-Punched, I resisted at first. However, when I finally relented, it was the best decision of my life. I came out on the other side stronger, more sure of who I am and what I want, and realizing I am worth far more than what my husband made me feel I was. Like you, I strongly advise Sucker-Punched to find a good therapist who will help her learn to view her situation

with new eyes, make wise decisions and value herself again. I cannot state strongly enough how positively life-changing therapy was for me. -- Stronger and Happier From Therapy

**Dear Stronger and Happier From Therapy:** I'm sorry you coped for so long with a terrible, mean husband, though it's wonderful therapy helped you turn your life around. Love your letter!

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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

## Lady Venus Straightens Her Hair

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Sometimes your natural inclinations are not quite enough to bring the situation in order. Think ahead. Anticipate problems. What can you learn or practice to ready yourself?

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** It is good to have a broad understanding of how things work, though it is not necessary to know all about all. Once you have an overview, step back and decide which part interests you enough to drill down deeper.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Greatness behaves greatly. Smallness plays in petty sandboxes, prying too minutely into unpleasant matters. Your results will be commensurate with the scale in which you are playing.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Generosity is the mark of class. It will be noble and gallant to see what matters and overlook quite a lot else. Effectiveness requires some things be judiciously left unnoticed.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** People are doing their best. When you believe that all are acting in accordance with their own heart and understanding, it is hard to fault anyone. It is better to leave the scene than to hover around the object of your annoyance.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You have it in your head that you

owe people, although your feelings on the matter make you less than objective. What would an incredibly loving and supportive advocate say about the situation?

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Of all the things in life to be wasted or lost, time is among the most precious because you can never get it back. You'll make the most of your hours now, thinking ahead and bringing something to do while you wait.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** When you want to know what your face is like, you look in a mirror. When you want to know what your mind is like, you need a different sort of reflective agent. A friend will work beautifully for this today.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** If virtue is its own reward and vice is its own punishment, why does it feel so hard to be good sometimes? And why is it so much fun to do bad things? Moral dilemmas will be a theme.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Learning is like cardio. It activates pleasure centers

## BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



of the brain while energizing the whole body with greater health. You have not even begun to know the force of your own intellect.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Most people don't devote themselves to futile activities on purpose, but it so happens that there is futility hidden inside some activities that seem like perfectly good ideas on the surface. Look into the layers today.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Your thoughts have even more power than usual, so be careful how you focus yourself. Realities will be quickly borne of your ideas. Fill your head with enjoyable outcomes.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 24).** The year is marked by an openness, and in many ways, you will be continually renewed over the next 12 months so that, by your next birthday, you'll be younger. You'll look for inspiration and find so much of it that you'll become an inspiration to others. Schooling, charity work and novel routines are all part of the fun. Scorpio and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 10, 3,

40 and 37.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "My grandfather, a physicist, recently passed. Before he died, he was questioning his choice to devote his life to scientific pursuits, telling me that he's not sure his work wouldn't be used for evil in the end. I am now in medical school, shaken by grandfather's regrets and doubting my scientific path. Do you have any advice for a Pisces?"

Yours is one of the healing signs. It is also the sign of wisdom. You can avoid having the same regrets as your grandfather if you seek wisdom first and foremost, with knowledge in second place or even further down.

Knowledge is power. Power isn't inherently good or bad. It can be creative or destructive. You won't know how to use it well unless you are also wise. When you seek wisdom, you will gain knowledge along the way, and it will be just the knowledge you need to do the right thing.

Of course, there is no university of wisdom. And though it takes time to grow wise, age alone does not a wise man make. The only way to become wise is through experience, an open mind and heart, and a sincere desire to live in a way that is moral and ethical for all.

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## The play's the thing

South dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.  
NORTH  
♠ K  
♥ 9 5 4 3  
♦ Q 10 6 2  
♣ J 10 7 5

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

SOUTH  
♠ A J 4  
♥ A J 10  
♦ A J  
♣ K Q 8 6 2

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

Opening lead — six of spades.

You can't play bridge by rote. Take this deal where West leads a spade against three notrump. Let's say declarer wins with dummy's king and immediately attacks clubs in order to develop his longest suit.

This doesn't work out very well, though. East takes the ace and returns a spade, and South eventually goes

down one with normal play, the defense scoring five tricks before declarer can score nine.

Now let's go back to trick two and have South play the hand differently. Instead of leading a club, he leads a diamond to the jack. It might seem odd that declarer's first move is to take a diamond finesse that, even if it wins, gains him only one trick, whereas attacking clubs initially produces four tricks.

Nevertheless, a diamond to the jack at trick two is the right play because it guarantees the contract, while leading a club at trick two jeopardizes the contract.

This is because, if the finesse wins, South can next establish clubs to assure nine tricks, while if the finesse loses, West cannot safely return a spade, giving declarer time to collect at least 10 tricks.

Ordinarily, declarer tries to establish the suit that offers the best source of tricks, but this rule should not be followed blindly. In the present case, declarer should depart from the rule because a diamond to the jack at trick two cannot fail to make the contract, whether the finesse wins or loses.

Tomorrow: The hidden-trick trick.

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## SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

## Here's How It Works:

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

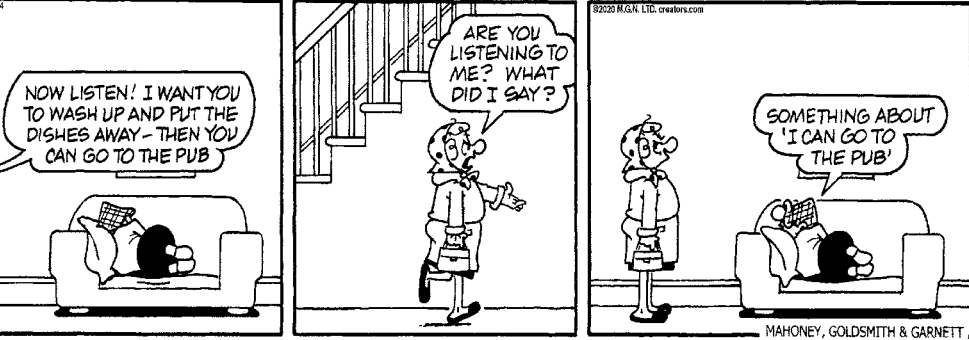
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ANSWER:



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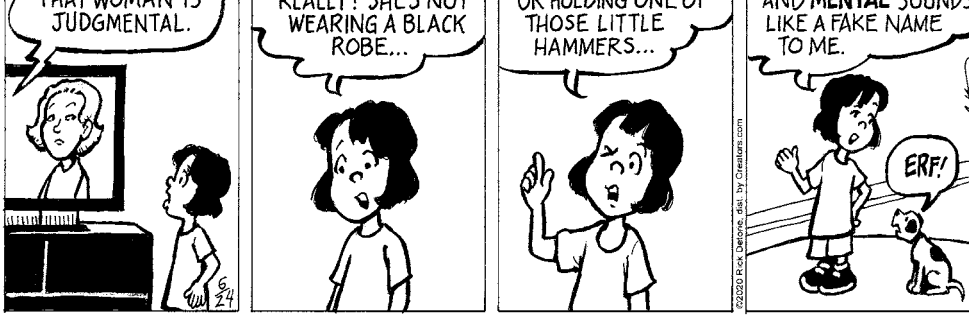
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This Date In History

Today in History  
Today is Wednesday, June 24, the 176th day of 2020. There are 190 days left in the year.  
Today's Highlight in History:  
On June 24, 1497, the first recorded sighting of North America by a European took place as explorer John Cabot spotted land, probably in present-day Canada.  
On this date:  
In 1807, a grand jury in Richmond, Virginia, indicted former Vice President Aaron Burr on charges of treason and high misdemeanor (he was later acquitted).  
In 1940, France signed an armistice with Italy during World War II.  
In 1947, what's regarded as the first modern UFO sighting took place as private pilot Kenneth Arnold, an Idaho businessman, reported seeing nine silvery objects flying in a "weaving formation" near Mount Rainier in Washington.  
In 1948, Communist forces cut off all land and water routes between West Germany and West Berlin, prompting the western allies to organize the Berlin Airlift. The Republican National Convention, meeting in Philadelphia, nominated New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for president.  
In 1957, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Roth v. United States*, ruled 6-3 that obscene materials were not protected by the First Amendment.  
In 1964, AT&T inaugurated commercial "Picturephone" service between New York, Chicago and Washington, D.C. (the service, however, never caught on).  
In 1968, "Resurrection City," a shantytown constructed as part of the Poor People's March on Washington, D.C., was closed down by authorities.  
In 1973, President Richard Nixon concluded his summit with the visiting leader of the Soviet Union, Leonid Brezhnev, who hailed the talks in an address on American television.  
In 1975, 113 people were killed when Eastern Airlines Flight 66, a Boeing 727 carrying 124 people, crashed while attempting to land during a thunderstorm at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.

In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger — carrying America's first woman in space, Sally K. Ride — coasted to a safe landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.  
In 1987, comedian-actor Jackie Gleason died at his home in Lauderhill, Florida, at age 71.  
In 1992, the Supreme Court, in a 5-4 decision, strengthened its 30-year ban on officially sponsored worship in public schools, prohibiting prayer as a part of graduation ceremonies.  
Ten years ago: President Barack Obama declared that he and visiting Russian President Dmitry Medvedev had "succeeded in resetting" the relationship between the former Cold War adversaries. Julia Gillard was sworn in as Australia's first woman prime minister. Apple's iPhone 4 was released in five countries, selling a record 1.7 million units in three days despite criticism of its new antenna design. U.S. tennis player John Isner defeated Nicolas Mahut of France 70-68 at Wimbledon in the longest-ever professional match: 11 hours, 5 minutes over three days.  
Five years ago: A federal judge in Boston formally sentenced Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev (joh-HAHR' tsahr-NEYE'-ehv) to death for the 2013 terror attacks. Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley became the first southern governor to use his executive power to remove Confederate banners, as four flags with secessionist symbols were taken down from a large monument to rebel soldiers outside the state capitol in Montgomery.  
One year ago: The driver of a pickup truck involved in a collision in New Hampshire that left seven motorcyclists dead was charged with seven counts of negligent homicide. (A grand jury later handed up indictments on 23 charges; Volodymyr Zhukovskyy is awaiting trial.)  
The U.S. Women's World

Cup soccer team advanced to a quarterfinal against France by beating Spain, 2-1. (The U.S. would go on to win its fourth Women's World Cup title.)  
Today's Birthdays: Rock singer Arthur Brown is 78. Actress Michele Lee is 78. Actor-director Georg Stanford Brown is 77. Rock musician Jeff Beck is 76. Rock

singer Colin Blunstone (The Zombies) is 75. Musician Mick Fleetwood is 73. Actor Peter Weller is 73. Rock musician John Illsley (Dire Straits) is 71. Actress Nancy Allen is 70. Reggae singer Derrick Simpson (Black Uhuru) is 70. Actor Joe Penny is 64. Reggae singer Astro (UB40) is 63. Singer-musician Andy McCluskey

(Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark) is 61. Rhythm and blues/pop singer-songwriter Siedah (sy-EE'-dah) Garrett is 60. Actor Iain Glen is 59. Rock singer Curt Smith is 59. Actress Danielle Spencer is 55. Actress Sherry Stringfield is 50. Actress Carla Gallo is 45. Actor Amir Talai (TV: "LA to Vegas") is 43. Actress-

producer Mindy Kaling is 41. Actress Minka Kelly is 40. Actress Vanessa Ray is 39. Actor Justin Hires is 35. Actress Candice Patton is 35. Actress Kaitlin Cullum is 34. Singer Solange Knowles is 34. Actor Max Ehrich is 29. Actress Beanie Feldstein is 27.

Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Honolulu's island
  - 5 Turn towards
  - 9 Fruit with a core
  - 14 In addition
  - 15 Beloved celebrity
  - 16 Prepare for a marathon
  - 17 "Filet" fish
  - 18 Titles for knights
  - 19 Needing a rest
  - 20 Holes in iPods
  - 23 Belly muscles
  - 24 Era
  - 25 Alternative to rice
  - 29 Prefix for final
  - 31 Rug cleaner, for short
  - 34 Where some worship from
  - 35 Fireplace fuel
  - 37 Nose-horned beast, for short
  - 39 Obstacles to progress
  - 42 Nervous
  - 43 In \_\_\_ of (as a substitute for)
  - 44 Strike, as with snowballs
  - 45 Insect with antennae
  - 46 Hockey puck shape
  - 48 Hordes of people
  - 50 Dollar sign shape
  - 51 Deprive of strength
  - 52 Everything that can be won
  - 59 Move effortlessly
  - 60 Artist Salvador
  - 61 Coupe or convertible
- DOWN**
- 1 Spy missions, for short
  - 2 Soother in skin cream
  - 3 1 Across dance
  - 4 One downloading apps
  - 5 Home for pet guppies
  - 6 Spanish "So long!"
  - 7 Crop on stalks
  - 8 Otherwise
  - 9 Praise for a female puppy
  - 10 Number on merchandise
  - 11 Green space with benches
  - 12 Isn't sincere
  - 13 Finish line
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  - 22 Tight spot
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  - 28 At \_\_\_ length (not too close)
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  - 30 Surface that cuts
  - 31 Bad habits
  - 32 Joint near a foot
  - 33 Financial outlays
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  - 38 Jumps on one leg
  - 40 Mattress frame
  - 41 Hitchhike
  - 47 Ending meaning "not exactly"
  - 49 PD alert
  - 50 First-bom of two
  - 51 Merchant's markdowns
  - 52 Palo \_\_\_, CA
  - 53 Maggie Simpson's sister
  - 54 Biblical paradise
  - 55 BLT spread
  - 56 Wild animal's home
  - 57 Money in Spain
  - 58 "Knock it off!"
  - 59 Chatter
  - 62 Very low number

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# Short season, no summer ball make staying sharp a challenge

By **ERIC OLSON**

AP Sports Writer

If all had gone as he hoped, Elijah Cabell and his Florida State teammates would have been playing for the College World Series championship this week.

Instead, Cabell treks to a ballfield in his neighborhood in Winter Park, Florida, most days to work on his game in solitude.

He hits baseballs off a tee into a net. He plays long toss by himself, throwing balls out to a fence until his bucket is empty, picking them up and doing it again. Sometimes his grandpa throws batting practice and they play catch. Other times, guys he grew up with stop by and hit him flyballs and grounders.

"You have to improvise," the Seminoles' outfielder said. "That's what I've been doing, staying socially distanced and I have fun doing my own thing."

College players across the country have been mostly idle since their seasons abruptly ended in mid-March as the nation began feeling the full impact of COVID-19.

They went home, took their classes online and were left to their own devices for strength and conditioning and baseball training. Though coaches stay in contact and give them programs to follow, players might not get the full benefit because gyms in their hometowns have been closed. Opportunities to get live at-bats or to face live batters are limited because most summer leagues are shut down.

Clemson coach Monte Lee said his staff's primary concern has been figuring out how to reintroduce the rhythm of baseball life to players when they return to campus, hopefully in August.

Players have said they expect fall practices to be more intense and competitive because everyone will be eager to go after the layoff.

Not so fast, Lee said.

Lee has studied how NFL and Major League

Baseball teams have prepared their players to return after seasons have been paused because of labor disputes, the closest comparison he can find to the pandemic. Ramping up should not be a quick process, Lee said, because dormant players are estimated to expend less than half the energy they normally would each day because of pandemic restrictions keeping them at home.

Lee said Clemson probably will spend eight weeks this fall simply reintroducing the fundamentals of practicing and proceed slowly in weight training.

"We're basically going to start from ground zero," he said. "We'll make sure they're ready to play baseball before we start playing baseball. Everybody is going to be gung-ho about getting right back in and playing baseball again, but if we do that, I'm afraid we're going to have a spike in injuries."

Meanwhile, some of the nation's top players do their best to stay sharp.

Oregon State second baseman Jake Dukart and his brother, Thomas, who will join the Beavers as an outfielder in the fall, lift and do baseball drills together and their dad throws batting practice at a field near their house.

Minnesota second baseman Zack Raabe works out at a family friend's home gym in Forest Lake, Minnesota, and has his dad throw BP in a cage set up in another friend's pole barn.

Florida outfielder Jud Fabian takes BP in a cage in his family's attic and catches fly balls in a vacant lot behind his house in Ocala, Florida, prompting neighbors to call the Fabians "the sandlot family."

Ohio State pitcher Seth Lonsway splits his time between Columbus and his hometown of Celina, Ohio, and drives to a Cincinnati-area training facility twice a week. He also goes back to his high school to do additional work. Lonsway said the down time is not entirely a negative thing.

"A lot of guys, myself included, save a year of

wear and tear on the body," he said. "Pro teams and college teams are looking at it like, 'OK, we missed the whole season, but players can use this time to get their bodies back to 100% and not tear up their bodies like they would in a regular season.' You can attack things you want to work on."

Raabe, Fabian and Cabell said they are lucky because they found teams to join for a short summer season.

Raabe will be with Green Bay in the Northwoods League. Fabian accepted a spot with Orlando in the Florida Collegiate Summer League. Florida State's Cabell is on a team formed on the fly by the TNXL Baseball Academy in Ocoee, Florida.

Dukart and Lonsway had planned to be in the Cape Cod League before it cancelled its season for the first time in 75 years.

Cabell was having a breakout year and Florida State was 12-5 and winner of three straight when the college season ended. One of those wins was against top-ranked Florida, the Gators' only loss, and the Seminoles expected to contend for a second straight trip to the CWS in Omaha, Nebraska.

Cabell led the team with seven home runs and 28 RBIs. He was draft-eligible, but when he wasn't selected he began pointing toward 2021 with the Seminoles.

In addition to playing with the TNXL team, Cabell will keep doing his rudimentary drills at his neighborhood field, occasionally drive the 30 minutes to Ocoee to take BP and do yoga or bodyweight workouts.

The rest of the time he spends enjoying his family, doing jigsaw puzzles, fishing, swimming or reading Christian books.

"I don't play video games and I don't like staring at the TV," Cabell said. "I try to be productive. If I do watch TV, I'm watching film of baseball because I miss it so much."

# The ESPYS focus on honors, pandemic and racial justice

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No red carpet, no nattily dressed athletes, no house band or monologue poking fun at the past year's top athletes and moments.

This was a different version of The ESPYS.

The focus of Sunday night's show on ESPN was hope and inspiration in the time of coronavirus.

NFL quarterback Russell Wilson, along with soccer star Megan Rapinoe and WNBA star Sue Bird, hosted the pre-produced show remotely from their respective homes in Seattle. Each wore Black Lives Matter T-shirts to open the show, and touched on the lives of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, who were killed by police, as well as the life of Ahmaud Arbery. Three men, including a former police officer, are charged in Arbery's death.

Rapinoe and Bird urged their fellow white athletes to "don't just listen. Help." "This is the time we've got to have their backs," Rapinoe said of Black athletes. Later in the show, Golden State Warriors coach Steve Kerr, Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban and Olympic gold-medal skier Lindsey Vonn were among those calling on white athletes to listen, learn and act.

Wilson, who is Black, added, "Our country's work is not anywhere close to being done."

Kevin Love of the Cleveland Cavaliers received the Arthur Ashe Award for Courage for sparking a national conversation about mental health. Two years ago, he wrote an online essay detailing his struggles with mental health, including having a panic attack during a game. As a result, other athletes and fans began sharing details of their own mental health challenges and sharing resources on how to get help.

Love created the Kevin Love Fund and has continued speaking out. During the COVID-19 crisis, he's shared tips on how to cope with the stress and isolation caused by the pandemic.

At home, Love opened a box with the trophy inside, proclaiming, "It's nice and shiny."

"In light of all that's going on in our country today, I accept this award as both an honor and a challenge," he said, looking into the camera. "A challenge to not only continue on my path, but to push beyond it and stay vocal even when silence feels safer."

Minnesota Twins outfielder Nelson Cruz received the Muhammad Ali Sports Humanitarian Award in a videotaped piece introduced by the late boxer's daughter, Laila. Cruz has helped his hometown of Las Matas de Santa Cruz in

the Dominican Republic build a police station, a medical clinic and acquire a fire truck and firefighting gear, as well as an ambulance.

Cruz cried and put his head in his hands before composing himself and saying, "From the bottom of my heart, my family, my foundation and my hometown, thank you."

Snoop Dogg rapped a tribute to NBA superstar Kobe Bryant, tracing his life from high school to a career with the Los Angeles Lakers. Bryant, his daughter Gianna and seven others were killed in a helicopter crash in January.

Taquarius "TQ" Wair, who as a 4-year-old survived a house fire in 2005 that killed his 6-year-old sister, was honored with the Jimmy V Award for Perseverance. Wair was burned all over his body and given just a 20% chance to live. He lost fingers on his left hand. Wair began playing football at age 7 and is now playing at a junior college in Minnesota, with a goal of playing at a four-year school and in the NFL.

Seattle Seahawks linebacker Shaquem Griffin informed Wair via laptop that he was being honored. Wair was handed a box with the trophy inside. He pulled it out and said, "Oh my goodness. Thank you."

"This is humbling for me," Wair said. "My family won't let me give up. Let's see where I can go from here. Stay tuned."

Oscar-winning actress Halle Berry introduced Kim Clavel as winner of the Pat Tillman Award for Service. The boxer from Montreal was preparing for her first main event bout on March 21 after winning the North American Boxing Federation female flyweight title last year. But the coronavirus pandemic meant the fight was canceled.

Clavel wasn't idle for long. She had previous experience as a nurse in a maternity ward before focusing on boxing, so she began working in care units across Montreal over the last three months.

Via laptop, Clavel listened as her grandmother told her she was being honored with the award named after the player who left the NFL to join the Army after the 9/11 attacks. Tillman was killed by friendly fire in Afghanistan in 2004.

"When I need motivation, I will look at this trophy," Clavel said.

From her living room, Billie Jean King announced the winners of her namesake Youth Leadership Award, given to those tackling issues in their communities. Joel Apudo, Batouly Camara, Ally Friedman, Jaronn Islar, Chelsea Quito, Elijah Murphy and Niah Woods will receive either a \$10,000 academic scholarship or a donation to the charity of their choice.

## MLB

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Larry Walker (.417) and Tony Gwynn (.403) both started fast in 1997, the Elias Sports Bureau said.

Fewer games, a lot of walks, a couple of infield knocks, yep, it's possible. But there's a reason Ted Williams remains the last player to hit the hallowed mark in a full season, batting .406 in 1941 (always splendid, he was at .407 after 60).

Also a fact: No one would treat the achievement this year on a par with Ted.

**A CAN OF CORN**

Shucks! Might not be a game in the "Field of Dreams" cornfield this summer. MLB did a great job building a diamond next to the movie site near Dyersville, Iowa, to host the Yankees and White Sox on Aug. 13, but fans can't come.

Also scrapped: Matchups in London, Mexico City and Puerto Rico. No official word yet on the All-Star Game, which was set for July 14 at Dodger Stadium.

**OUCH**

All-Star aces Chris Sale, Luis Severino and Noah Syndergaard are out while rehabbing from Tommy John surgery.

But these extra months might've given Aaron Judge, Justin Verlander, Cole Hamels and more time to fully recover. Who knows, maybe even Yoenis Cespedes has healed up.

And additional time off could've given Shohei Ohtani a cushion to build up his arm strength. Sure is neat having a two-way star to track in the majors.

**WATCH THIS**

So your family takes a road trip each summer, hitting a new ballpark every time. You want to extend your 11-year streak, but there aren't any tickets for

sale. Don't fret, just get creative.

Oracle Park in San Francisco provides a tremendous opportunity, for free. Fans can gather behind the right field wall, look through a fence and see the Giants. And if a home run sails out that way, fun to watch kayakers scramble for a Splash Shot souvenir.

The Roberto Clemente Bridge by PNC Park is a popular watching spot, the rooftops outside Wrigley Field are classic and a hotel in Toronto offers rooms with a terrific view from the outfield.

Hot dogs, however, are not included.

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