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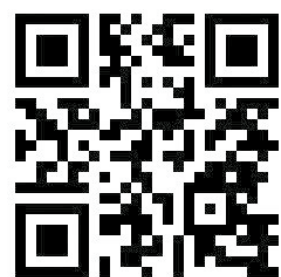
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Tax Rate, annual budget, public hearings top City Council agenda

Emergency reading of ordinance calling special election on recall for Councilwoman Strande to be heard by Council

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

Recognitions will take place during Tuesday's City Council meeting, as the August Star Employee is recognized and a donation from the First Christian Church to the Big Spring Police Department, for the purchase of new medical equipment for self aid/buddy aid (SABA) kits.

Tax rate and the annual budget will be one of the main focuses as the Council heads into the Tuesday

meeting. City Secretary Don Moore will present the tax rate for the 2019-2020 Fiscal year and lead discussion calling for a public hearing on the proposed 2020-2021 annual budget for Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Also to be held on Aug. 25 will be a public hearing on the proposed tax rate. Both of these hearings will take place at 307 E. 4th Street.

The Council will hear an emergency reading of an ordinance calling for a special

election to be held on Nov. 3, 2020 for the purpose of voting for or against the recall of Councilmember Camilla Strande, representing District 5; designating a polling place; authorizing the Mayor to execute the notice and have the notice posted for the purpose of notifying the public of said election.

The Council will hear the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 6 of the Big Spring City Code entitled "Amusements and Entertainment" Section 6-2 "Defini-

tions" to add a new definition for "Skill or pleasure coin-operated machine" and a new section 6-13 entitled "Restriction of skill or pleasure coin-operated machines" in order to restrict skill or pleasure coin-operated machines within 300 feet of a church, school, or hospital. The reading and supporting information will be presented by Public Works Director Rick Bowles.

The final reading of a resolution amending Chapter IX

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A Moment in Time:

Fishin's good at the dam: Lake J.B. Thomas Part 2

By **TAMMY SCHRECENGOST**
 Heritage Museum

The first three concession stores at Lake J.B. Thomas were Lake Thomas Lodge, owned by Ned Sanders and located at the south end of the dam. Lem Gresham's bait shop and store were on the north side of the lake and Claude Hodnett had the Sportsman's Paradise at the southwest end of the dam. Claude ran a successful business for several years while providing lake concessions, boat rentals, fishing lure and advice. Claude retired in 1980 and closed the Sportsman's Lodge. He endured the feasts and famine the longest at Thomas.

Ned Sanders had the claim for the first concessions store at the lake. He had opened Lake Thomas Lodge at the south end of the dam as soon as property was open to lease. By May 1954, Ned had plenty of pleasure boats ready to lease for summer fun at the lake. He also rented out



Courtesy image/Heritage Museum

Pictured above is an ad promoting Lake J.B. Thomas concession stores.

cabins and boat storage. He had a grocery and restaurant. He had recently built a home on the lake and "planned to spend the rest of his life there in par-

adise" he was once quoted. Ned had many ideas on how he was going to improve on his business however, the 41-year old's dreams were tragically interrupted on Friday evening June 13, 1958. Ned and his friend John Carlisle, along with both men's sons, went to a stock tank on the south side of the lake. They were catching minnows for the bait shop when Ned began to have trouble in the water. He and his son began to swim back to shore but Ned went under water and never resurfaced. Mr. Carlisle tried to rescue him, but it was too late, and Ned died at the age of 41.

To hear of a drowning on the lake, would send fear through every parent's soul. The murky red water along with the under currents did not make for a safe swimming environment CRM-WD stressed the importance of not going into the water without

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Big Spring Symphony Association announced delay for 2020 season

Editor's Note: The Big Spring Symphony issued a media release on Friday afternoon regarding the upcoming September concert. The media release stated the season would be postponed and will not be kicking off in September. Below is the announcement as it was released and as it appears on the BSSO Facebook Page.



HERALD file photo
 The Big Spring Symphony has announced the postponement of the September concert.

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Special to the Herald

With the major surge of COVID-19 cases in surrounding areas and out of an abundance of caution, we have made the very tough decision to delay the start of our

Toasty Tuesday cleaning up Big Spring one week at a time



Courtesy photo

Keep Big Spring Beautiful is moving forward with weekly clean ups around Big Spring, as Toasty Tuesday continues to call for volunteers. This week will be focused on cleaning up around Howard College dorms, as students prepare to head back to a new semester. The group will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Howard College Men's dorms parking lot. Last week nine volunteers picked up 24 bags of trash.

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Take Note

• Coahoma Lion's Club Trade Day will be held Sept. 26 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Downtown Coahoma. There will be food, arts & crafts, antiques, collectibles, clothing, and more. This will be in conjunction with Coahoma City Wide Garage Sale. Please practice social distancing at six feet and face masks are recommended. For more information, call 432-394-4287.

• 2020 Virtual Grain Sorghum Program is set for July 22 at 7 a.m. This is a Zoom based meeting and producers in the Howard County area are welcome to sign up for the program. To sign up for the program, contact your local County Extension Office at 432-264-2236.

• The Life Center in Big Spring is helping moms

tunity for the youth to get out and enjoy a little outdoor activity, in the evening hours. Starting Tuesday night, the Big Spring YMCA will be opening the water slides in the evening. The schedule will be as follows: Tuesday through Thursday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday from Noon until 2 p.m. and Sunday from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

• 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 on Tuesdays 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.

• Isaiah 58 will be open on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. further notice, for the safety of their volunteers and those they serve. Those receiving services are asked to enter the parking lot on 9th Street and exit onto Scurry. Please bring a form of identification with you to pick up food. Masks are required and those receiving food boxes will need to place boxes in their own vehicles until further notice. All these efforts are being put in place to help slow the spread and ensure the safety of those volunteering and those receiving services.

• Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Economic Development Corporation and Leading EDG understand the serious challenges our country faces as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. In response to this crisis, the Small Business Administration ("SBA") has created new programs geared towards financial relief for affected businesses.

The Economic Injury Disaster Loan ("EIDL"), is currently available, but only by applying directly to the SBA via the online portal: <https://www.sba.gov/disaster/apply-for-disaster-loan/index.html>. It only takes a few minutes to fill out.

Another option, The Paycheck Protection Program, ("PPP"), has been approved by Congress. If you want to apply for the "PPP" loan contact your local lender.

Information changes daily so make sure you are checking the SBA website regularly.

• City of Big Spring announces water office number change. Effective immediately, the temporary phone numbers used to contact the Big Spring Water Office are no longer in effect. Customers can contact the water office at the following phone numbers: 1. Pay online at www.mybigspring.com. Click ONLINE BILL PAY. Pay via the automated phone system by calling 833-227-1752. Payment can be placed in the Drop Box at 305 South Johnson. Staff checks the box daily. Pay over the phone by calling the Water Office directly at the phone numbers listed above. Water Office staff are available to assist customers Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5:00 PM, by phone or in the office located at 305 South Johnson Street.

• City of Big Spring offices will remain open by appointment and electronic means only effective Sunday, March 22, at midnight. These offices include: City Hall (432-264-2401); Finance Department (432-264-2513); Public Works Department (432-264-2501); Human Resources Department (432-264-2346);

Obituaries

Robert Sanchez

Robert Sanchez, 56, of Big Spring, died Saturday, August 8, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

MONDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees It, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

• Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

• Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible?

There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. The next session begins Sept. 3, 2019. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

WEDNESDAY

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

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.

Weather



Today: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 102. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 76. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 102. Southeast wind around 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 76. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

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

Wednesday Night: Clear, with a low around 77.

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

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 76.

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

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 75.

Saturday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 102.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 74.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 99.

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LAKE

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knowing how to swim. Between 1952-1977 there were 25 drownings on the lake with the first drowning (on record) occurring in October 1954, when Bruce Woodson "failed to use his life jacket." This prompted a look at water safety measures. After the drowning of Bruce Woodson, Big Spring Police Chief, E.W. York stated there was a new rescue idea being implemented called the "spare tire rescue." He pointed out that all motorists had the means of rescue in their trunk by simply unbolting the spare tire and rolling it into the water. He continued "by grabbing onto the steel rim of the tire, a victim could hold on for quite some time." Later, someone came up with an idea of removing the inner tube from the tire and using it as a floatation device. The third and youngest drowning victim, at lake Thomas, occurred on August 29, 1955, when seven-year-old Marylynn Beckham was swimming with her parents at the Bull Creek Channel. She had slipped through the center of her inner tube and never resurfaced.

Not all drownings were accidental. My grandmother, Effie Mae Montgomery, had often told about an occurrence that haunted her. It happened Sunday, May 10, 1964 when a young lady came into the Lakeview Café with her little seven-year-old boy. She ordered a grilled cheese sandwich for the little boy. The lady was short on money and the little boy proudly pulled some change out of his pants to pay. Both of their bodies were later discovered in the water by the dam where they had drowned. They had allegedly left their home in Seminole at 9:00 pm that Saturday evening. A witness had stated that the lady's car had been located Monday morning at a different location than where the car was initially parked on Saturday. An unsolved mystery, was it murder, suicide or did the little boy get too close to the water, fall in, and his mother drowned trying to rescue him?

As soon as final plans were being developed for the lake project, discovery of a reef production was made in the future lake basin in 1948. The District could not afford mineral rights on the property and others were saying the water reservoir could not be built over the reef. J.B. Thomas said he belonged to the school of thought that if you could pump oil from deep in the earth to the top of the ground, you can also pump it just a little higher to the top of a mound. Freese and Nichols agreed, and later would forward plans for a series of earthen islands or mounds, protected by rock riprap. Fifteen island mounds were constructed to raise the wellheads of producing wells above the water level of the reservoir. The mounds served the same purpose as offshore platforms at sea, permitting the wells to be

operated "in the dry." A barge was purchased by CRMWD, at the cost of \$44,000, to ferry the pumpers to the islands.

The Yacht Club opened on White Island on July 12, 1965. A group of sailboat enthusiast organized and built the yacht club with the intent to race sailboats on the lake with no other boats being allowed at the facility. The club members were from surrounding areas including, Midland, Odessa, Big Spring, Lubbock, and Snyder. The Clubhouse was one of the most beautiful and modern buildings on the lake. The building was perched 30 foot above water level with floor to ceiling widows permitting an incredible view of the lake. A mosaic design, of the lake's image, was inlaid on the gallery floor. The building included a private concrete dock that was limited to sailboats only. The life of the yacht club was brief. As fast as the lake filled to overflow capacity, it went dry just as quick.

October 1960, the lake ran over the spillway for the first time since the lake's inception. September 1962, Lake Thomas reached a maximum level of 2259.85 feet after an 8.57-inch deluge. This was the third and last time that Lake J.B. Thomas ran over the spillway according to Joe Pickle with CRMWD. As lake levels decreased the salt cedars and mesquites made an increase. Both require a large amount of water for their existence. Only one acre of Salt cedars can consume up to 7.3 acre of water per year while the mesquites consume 10,000-acre feet of water annually. CRMWD had to experiment with solutions to control and eradicate the situation. Then, the Fishermen began to complain that the population of carp and rough fish were increasing much faster than game fish. Regardless of careful selections by the Texas Game and Fish Commission, stock tanks invariably overflowed and washed in rough fish. Not only were there rough fish but there were water snakes. As the lake levels went down, the water snakes started appearing and lay sprawled across the docks along with other trash and lake debris. Once the dry lake basin was exposed, treasure hunters hurried to the area with their metal detectors. Supposing there was a safe that had been dumped into the waters after some thieves had taken it from Snyder. Once the lake waters receded, the empty safe was discovered.

As the lake levels decreased, the abandoned cabins were on the rise. They were left to deteriorate along with uncontrolled overgrowth surrounding the property. Property owners were no longer going to the lake and many cabins were being vandalized. It became a serious fire threat, as the properties started going up in flames especially in the dry winter months. The water district purchased a water transport truck to aid in firefighting. There was no other equipment or water outlets available in the area. The residents that lived full time at the lake became the unofficial volunteer firefight-

ers and had to rely on whatever they had available. Occasionally, the clouds would gather and fill the lake with a few feet of water, but the rain was not consistent and hardly calculable in this dry climate. With each drought period, the hopes and dreams of Lake Thomas remaining full went dry along with the people who depended on the lake for income. Business' started closing and most of the lake residents packed up and moved on. The mesquites and cedars took back their land as the water receded back towards the dam. The oilfield pumpers no longer needed a barge to reach the islands, they drove their vehicle as roads were being cut out in the empty basin.

CRMWD Directors met and agreed to discontinue water supply to oil companies with the expressed intentions of preserving the water supply. The cut off went into place on November 1, 1970. This was an exceedingly difficult decision to make as the water district profited from the sale of the water to the oil companies. The lake water levels remained low however, in June 1987, after heavy rains, the elevation was recorded at 2240.18 and the highest seen for the previous 19 years.

The water district stopped pumping water out of Thomas in December 2008. On January 15, 2011, CRMWD's General Manager, John Grant announced the lake level was at 6% capacity. In 2011, I spoke with CRMWD Engineer, Pascal Odum and I asked him "What would it take for Lake Thomas to fill again. Is there a reason it won't retain water?" Pascal said, "what we need is a large amount of rain in a short period of time positioned over the watershed." He added "It has nothing to do with the big ranches diverting water, it just has to rain!" As simple as that solution appeared to be, there were those doubters and naysayers. Suggestions were being made that the lake basin needed to be cleared of brush and perhaps the reason the lake was not filling was due to the big ranches north and west of the watershed. Accusations were made that the ranchers were diverting the water for their needs and not allowing it to flow on to Thomas. These speculations were proven wrong when on May 2015 the skies opened and lake J.B Thomas soon reached its highest water level since 1964. The lake had been measured at 1% water capacity in April 2015 before the hard rain fell directly over the watershed! Lake Thomas's water level shot up at 77% filled capacity. The Lake seemed to come alive again with fishermen, pleasure boats, and campers. Maybe this would be the year for Thomas to go over the spillway one more time. But the rains stopped and here we are again, repeating the past. As of August 2020, the Lake Thomas water capacity is at 20% and water elevation at 2225.59. The only thing left to do is pray for a "large amount of rain in a short period of time positioned over the watershed."

CONCERT

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39th Season, "The Versatile Big Spring Symphony". The health and safety of our patrons, musicians and our board members is our number one priority. We have high hopes of starting our season on October 17th with "Bohemian Rhapsody," the music of Queen, performed by Jeans 'n Classics. This is the rescheduled April Pops Concert that was postponed due to the quarantine. We will honor tickets purchased prior to the original date in April 2020.

We will continue to monitor the situation and make changes as needed. You can follow us on our Big Spring Symphony Facebook Page or go to our website at www.bigspringsymphony.org to keep up with the latest information on our concerts, guest artists and ticket info.

You can reach us by phone or text at 432-816-5196. You can also email us at bigspringsymphonyassociation@gmail.com.

We thank this wonderful community for your ongoing support despite these difficult times and hope you and your family stay safe and healthy!

CITY

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of the Big Spring Personnel Policy entitled "Conduct" to add a new section 7 entitled "Relations with Mayor and City Council" in order to establish standards for relations between City Council and staff will be heard by Council. The council will also hear the final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 1 of the Code of Ordinances entitled "Administration" Section 1-170 City Council subsection C "Parliamentary Standard" to allow the City Attorney to participate in City Council discussions but not granting the City Attorney the right to vote, both of these final readings will be brought before the Council by Councilmember Jim DePauw.

Councilmember Gloria McDonald will bring the final reading of a resolution asserting that two legal memoranda on interpretation of the Charter with regard to recall of officers are no longer subject to confidentiality, privilege, or work product immunity.

As part of the City Manager's Report, presented by Todd Darden, the Council will hear an update regarding the large item pick up along with an update from the LP-Texas Convention.

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City of Stanton to hold regular meeting

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

The City of Stanton has announced a regular meeting set for today at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers, located at 102 W. School Street.

The council will consider and take action on The Order of Election to be held on Nov. 3 for the following: re-authorization of the local sales tax and use tax rate of ¼ of 1% to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets.

Consideration and possible action will be taken by council on appointing Helen Floyd, election judge for the Nov. 3 City Election and have election held at the Martin County Election Building, with the days of extended hours for early voting begin-

ning on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020 through Friday, Oct. 30, 2020. Extended hours (7 a.m. - 7 p.m.) for the following dates: Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2020 and Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2020 at the Community Center - 301 N. St. Theresa, Stanton, Texas 79782.

The 2020-2021 Budget and approving Ordinance adopting the budget for FY 2020-2021 will be up for considerations and possible action may be taken. The discussion will also surround 2020-2021 Proposed Tax Rate.

The council will also consider setting a public hearing on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2020, at 7 a.m. for Proposed Tax Rate and adopting 2020-2021 Tax Rate.

The purchase of Mission Communications SCA-DA system for \$26,100 and an annual fee of \$1,437 will be up for discussion along with consider-

ation of a bid from Parkhill Smith & Cooper bid of \$252,544.20 for seal coating.

The 2020 TML Conference will also be up for discussion and possible action could be taken to send City Manager, Council members and their spouses to the conference which will be held in Grapevine, Oct. 14-16, 2020.

Also on the agenda are the following:

- Economic Development Reports and Projects
- City Administrator and Chief of Police reports
- July bills

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State Briefs

3 state employees killed in West Texas helicopter crash

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Three Texas Parks and Wildlife employees died after their helicopter crashed in a West Texas wildlife preserve, the department announced Sunday.

The group was surveying desert bighorn sheep in the Black Gap Wildlife Management Area on Saturday when the helicopter went down, according to a statement from the agency.

It was not immediately clear what caused the crash, which Gov. Greg Abbott called a "tragic accident." It killed Dewey Stockbridge, a wildlife biologist, Brandon White, a department technician, and Dr. Bob Dittmar, a veterinarian. The helicopter's pilot, a private contractor, survived and was taken to El Paso for treatment, according to the department.

The Black Gap Wildlife Management Area is near the U.S.-Mexico border in Brewster County, some 300 miles (482 kilometres) southeast of El Paso.

The Texas Department of Public Safety, the Federal Aviation Administration and the Texas Game Wardens are investigating the crash.

The National Transportation Safety Board said it is investigating the crash of a Bell 206B helicopter but staff are not traveling to the site.

Texas reports 4,879 new coronavirus cases, 116 more deaths

DALLAS (AP) — Texas has 4,879 newly confirmed COVID-19 cases and another 116 deaths due the disease caused by the novel coronavirus, state health officials reported Sunday.

The Texas Department of State Health Services said there are now 486,362 confirmed cases in the state and 8,459 fatalities.

The true number of coronavirus cases in Texas is likely higher because many people have not been tested, and studies suggest people can be infected and not feel sick.

The number of Texans hospitalized with the disease fell again to 7,437 Sunday. But state health officials on Saturday reported that more than one in five tests for the virus came back positive over the last week.

For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia and death. The vast majority of people recover.

Texas governor extends disaster declaration for coronavirus

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Gov. Greg Abbott on Saturday extended a statewide disaster declaration he first issued in March to allow the state to better respond to the coronavirus pandemic.

"Renewing this Disaster Declaration will provide communities with the resources they need to respond to COVID-19," Abbott said in a statement. "I urge Texans to remain vigilant in our fight against this virus. Everyone must do their part to slow the spread of COVID-19 by wearing a mask, practicing social distancing, and washing your hands frequently and thoroughly."

State health officials on Friday reported 481,483 people with the virus that has left at least 8,343 dead. The true number of cases in Texas is likely higher because many people have not been tested, and studies suggest people can be infected and not feel sick.

Health officials also reported 7,872 people hospitalized.

For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia and death.

Restrictions loosened slightly on visits to care centers

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — State officials have loosened slightly their prohibition on visitors to some long-term care centers as the number of new confirmed COVID-19 infections continues to slowly but steadily decline.

In a policy shift announced late Thursday, Texas Health and Human Services said physical contact between visitors and residents will still be prohibited. However, limited indoor and outdoor visits to long-term care centers will be allowed at centers that haven't had an infected staff member in two weeks and where there are no residents currently sick from the disease. Indoor visits will require a plexiglass barrier.

Outdoor visits will be permitted at nursing homes that test staff weekly.

The state had banned indoor visits to nursing home and long-term care center residents when the outbreak began of the new coronavirus that causes COVID-19. The Houston Chronicle reported that a coronavirus outbreak at a Missouri City nursing home has left 17 residents dead.

President Trump signs four Executive Orders on Saturday

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

President Donald Trump held a press conference Saturday afternoon and signed four Executive Orders that are aimed at offering relief to the nation as the coronavirus pandemic continues.

At the beginning of the press conference President Trump touched on the expansion of veterans services through the VA health care system. Veterans who are dealing with blindness in both eyes are now eligible for coverage. President Trump also offered a few remarks regarding the proper treatment of veterans and the standard of care they should be receiving, along with the repercussions of not providing that treatment.

The rest of Saturday's press conference was focused on the unending, back and forth conversations between Democrats and Republicans when it comes to reaching a deal offering aide to the nation battling the pandemic.

Due to the lack of an agreement by Friday, President Trump took matters into his own hands and signed four Executive Orders extending support and protection to those dealing with financial burdens brought by the pandemic.

The four Executive Orders signed by President Trump included:

- Payroll Tax Holiday to go through the end of 2020. During the press conference, President Trump mentioned that if re-elected on November 3, he would be looking into terminating the payroll tax all together. This is expected to take effect on September 1, but could possibly be retroactive to Aug. 1.
 - Eviction Protection - Renters and Homeowners will now have protection from eviction. Through the Executive Order financial assistance will be offered through HHS. This protection will also run through the end of 2020.
 - Unemployment Benefits - \$400 per week payment will be put into place, after the \$600 payment came to a close on July 31. The states will be responsible for 25% and the Federal Government will cover 75% of the cost.
 - Student Loan relief - Student loan rates have already been dropped to zero percent, but student loan payments are suspended through the end of the year.
- President Trump said citizens will be seeing this relief very soon.

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Darden will also address the animal shelter A/C issue that was brought up at the last City Council meeting, after several concerned citizens had voiced concerns about the conditions animals were living in. Also included in the City Manager's update will be information pertaining to the aquatic center 2020 season, Census 2020 and substandard structures.

As the school year approaches - Big Spring ISD set to start classes on Aug. 19 - Darden will also bring to the attention of City Council a school zone reminder along with lead discussion and consideration of Kentwood School Traffic Control devices.

Other items on the agenda include:

- Council input
- Approval of Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Board of Director's Minutes for the regular meeting of June 16, 2020 and special meeting of June 25, 2020; City Council minutes of regular meeting of July 28, 2020 and Special Meeting of Aug. 2, 2020.
- Warranty gift deed of the property located at 501 Runnels Street to West Texas Community Mediation Center and authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute any necessary documents

- Agreement with Cap Rock Holdings, LLC; with Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission
- Award bid for Stop Loss for the 2020-2021 play year to ISU/Companion

Life and authorizing City Manager or designee to execute necessary documents.

- Vouchers for 07/30/2020 and 08/06/2020

• Final reading of ordinance amending Chapter 13 "Health, Safety, and Nuisances" article 3 "Abandoned, inoperative, or junked vehicles" to re-align the subject regulations with state law and ensure due process

Those wanting to attend the meeting in person can do so at the Council Chambers and those wanting to watch from home can tune into Channel 17 on Suddenlink or through the

live stream on the mybigspring.com website. The agenda is also posted on the City website and can be viewed before, during and after the meeting.

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As the Permian Basin Grows, Reinke Remains the Rock of Falcon Baseball

Special to the Herald

A lot has changed in the Permian Basin in recent years. The oil boom brought an influx of people to Odessa-Midland area causing rapid growth all across the Permian Basin.

Now entering his 15th year as Head Coach of UT Permian Basin Baseball, Brian Reinke has been around to experience the major changes to the UTPB campus and surrounding areas. When he took the job back in 2005 campus was little more than a few buildings and lacked many of the amenities of traditional college campuses.

"The exponential growth on campus is phenomenal," said Reinke. "You look at an aerial photo from 15 years ago versus now and you'd be surprised at what we didn't have back then and the school has done a great job fixing that, just adding things like student housing and dining hall. The new (D. Kirk Edwards Family) Human Performance Center brings us to the top of Division II and goes a long way with recruiting."

Projects like the D. Kirk Edwards Family Human Performance Center became possible with the increase in involvement from the Permian Basin community. With the increased community involvement, the department has grown as well. Additional projects like the Champions Fund have helped not only baseball grow but all the UTPB Athletics programs.

"One of the major influential changes in my time here is the growth in the people in the community associated with the programs," said Reinke. "The support in the community has definitely changed and you can see how it's helped a lot of the programs for the better."

Back in his playing days, Reinke was an All-American at Division II Augustana University where he is still the program's all-time leader in on base percentage by a wide margin. Reinke had a sensational junior season with a .452 batting average and eye-popping .606 on base percentage. He followed it by setting the Augustana single season record with 40 walks as a senior.

With his historic collegiate career in the rear-view mirror, Reinke moved to the ranks of coach-



ing. He bounced around for a few years before he came to the Permian Basin taking the assistant baseball coaching job at the newly started program at Midland College. Five years later the top job at UTPB opened and Reinke knew he was the perfect fit for the young program.

"What really intrigued me was the department was transitioning to Division II and played Division II myself," said Reinke. "It's a great level for a lot of different reasons. Between that and my wife Leticia working at the University at the time it seemed like a great opportunity and that was just the beginning of it."

When Reinke was named the Head Coach in 2005, he took over a program in just its second year and preparing to transition to the NCAA. He needed a plan to build a competitive team as quickly as possible and started by keeping players home in West Texas.

"It took a lot of guys to buy into this new baseball school that before was never an option," said Reinke. "We did a great job building to get eligible our first year in the NCAA and have success. We convinced some guys to stay or come back home. UTPB became a place where guys could transfer and have a chance to play ball."

It worked out as Reinke and the Falcons hit the ground running upon jumping to the NCAA. The Falcons had a good first year, winning 35 games

and finishing towards the top of the conference but they were hungry for more. Powered by the Heartland Offensive Player of the Year Logan Forest and a top-flight line-up the Falcons won 39 games and the conference championship to reach the NCAA Tournament the next year. Forest was one of the early local players to take a chance and join the young program.

"It started with Will Basom coming here," said Reinke. "I recruited him at Midland but he went elsewhere for junior college but came here to finish his career and he ended up all over the record books. That got guys like Logan (Forest) to come and buy into what we were doing too."

Along with the local products, Reinke took a chance on a few players looking for one last chance to play. Reinke turned many lives around, but no story is more famous than that of future World Series champion Evan Gattis. Drew Kendrick, a Division I transfer and the stepbrother of Gattis, was part of the 2009 conference champions. Off the heels of an NCAA Tournament appearance, Gattis, the formerly highly-touted prospect, decided to give baseball one more chance.

"Drew and Evan talked after the 2009 season and Evan heard how much fun he was having here playing baseball," said Reinke. "The rest you can say is history."

That decision led to one of the greatest seasons in UTPB history. Gattis hit .400 with 12 home runs and 54 RBI as the Falcons reached the Heartland Conference Championship round. The Falcons were snubbed for the NCAA Tournament despite according to Reinke, being one of the top 10 teams in the country. Injuries hampered the 2011 team, which Reinke calls the most talented team he ever had, but those years will be remembered forever for the comradery and relationships they built to this day.

Everyone wants to win a national championship but you need to reach the postseason first and go from there. Accomplishing that goal leads you to bigger things moving forward."

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Trey Bosco Wins 111th Texas Amateur at Boot Ranch



Courtesy Photo

Bosco poses with his championship trophies following his win this weekend in Fredericksburg at the Boot Ranch Golf Club.

Special to the Herald

FREDERICKSBURG – Trey Bosco won the 111th Texas Amateur late Sunday afternoon after carding a final round 2-under-par 69 at Boot Ranch Golf Club. The 18-year-old from Austin captures the victory with a 72-hole total of 5-under 279.

Sunday at Boot Ranch played much like the third round. Fast and firm greens complemented by swirling winds made the Hal Sutton-designed championship golf course challenging yet again. Playing in the final group, Bosco showed little nerves from the outset. He split the fairway with his opening drive on No. 1, found the putting surface and drained an 18-foot birdie putt. He quickly pulled within one shot of the 54-hole leader

Caleb Hicks.

Bosco, Hicks and Andres Acevedo, the third player of the final group, battled throughout the front nine. By the time they made the turn, all three players were over par for the round. The leaderboard was stacked and 10 players were within two shots of the lead.

Bosco, who begins his collegiate golf career at Baylor this fall, showed poise on his closing nine. He birdied the par-5 11th, but followed it with a bogey on the par-3 12th.

After pars on holes 13 and 14, he knew he needed to make a charge.

"Coming down to 15, 16, 17, I was like, OK, might need to turn on the jets a little bit," Bosco said. "I made a bomb on 15, and then from there I just had this tunnel vision to where all the putts just seemed to drop."

He birdied the long par-5 16th and par-3 17th for three consecutive and led the field by two shots with one hole to play. Bosco finished with a routine par to clinch the biggest amateur title in his young golf career.

"It's still kind of sinking in, but it means the world," Bosco said. "I've had kind of a rough summer with the whole quarantine and all that stuff, so

to get this before I go off to college is a dream come true for sure."

Bosco is the second straight Bear to hoist the H.L. Edwards Memorial Trophy. Ryan Grider, a redshirt junior at Baylor, won last year at Dallas Athletic Club's Blue Course. Bosco's name will also be etched alongside the likes of Ben Crenshaw, Charles Coody, Mark Brooks, Scott Verplank and a host of other Texas legends who have won the Texas Amateur.

"Being a Texas Am Champion, you get to go down in the record books," Bosco said. "It brings me a lot of confidence. It means that I can play with all these guys and I can compete with all the top college players."

Finishing runner-up was Hicks, who led the field through 54 holes. The UT Arlington junior struggled on the front side en route to a 4-over 39. However, he didn't let up his fight. Hicks carded a bogey-free 3-under 33 on the back nine including a birdie on the 72nd hole to finish just one-shot off Bosco's 5-under.

Four players shared third place at 2-under 282. Tommy Morrison, a 2023 University of Texas commit, fired the low round of the day. The 15-year-old carded five birdies and an eagle on Sunday to climb 23 spots up the leaderboard.

"I knew this morning something low had to happen," Morrison said. "Me and my caddie just went out there and figured we had nothing to lose."

Morrison's closing 5-under 66 was

enough to hold the clubhouse lead until the final group finished. Also at 2-under par for the championship, were Jimmy Lee, a sophomore at Texas A&M, Jacob Sosa, a 2022 Texas commit, and Andres Acevedo, a senior at Seton Hall.

Reid Davenport of Austin finished seventh at 1-under-par 283. Austyn Reily of Pottsville and Stephen Campbell Jr. of Richmond tied for eighth at even-par 284. Defending Texas Mid-Amateur champion and last year's runner-up Chris Wheeler of Addison rounded out the top-10 at 1-over 285.

The TGA extends sincere appreciation to Boot Ranch, its attentive staff and engaged membership, as well as our volunteers for all their help and support ahead of and during the 111th Texas Amateur.

In May of this year, the TGA was forced to reschedule the Texas Amateur from its original mid-June dates after the COVID-19 crisis preempted the ability to conduct statewide events. The TGA and Boot Ranch worked together to ensure a safe and competitive championship was held in 2020.

Extra special thanks to General Manager Emil Hale, Head Golf Professional Alex Rhyne, Golf Course Superintendent Patrick Joy and his amazing grounds crew, Director of Club Operations Monica Kendrick and Executive Chef Casey McQueen. The 111th Texas Amateur would not have been possible without their efforts.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Warden Field Notes

Special to the Herald

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife law enforcement reports:

A-B-C, It's Easy as 1-2-3

A Hamilton County game warden and Johnson County game warden were patrolling Lake Pat Cleburne when they conducted a water safety check on a pontoon boat that had three women, one man and two dogs on board. The boat had expired registration, no throwable flotation device and the captain of the boat had a freshly opened 16 oz. can of beer next to his seat. During the water safety check, the warden could smell alcohol on the man and noticed he had a hard time keeping his balance standing.

The warden asked the captain, "How much have you had to drink? Have you had anything to eat today?" The captain said, "I've had about 5 beers and I had some watermelon earlier." The warden then asked the man to say his ABC's and he missed several letters. During the standard field sobriety test on shore, the man said under his breath, "I can't even do this sober." The captain was placed under arrest for Boating While Intoxicated. He consented to provide a

breath specimen, which produced a result of 0.182 g/210L blood alcohol content. The captain was booked into the Johnson County Jail.

Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

A game warden was traveling back to Bell County from Lake Travis when he heard several deputies, several volunteer fire fighters, Temple technical rescue and Starflight in route to a call near a river. The warden called the local dispatch for more information and learned that the minivan operating an ATV and went off a sheer 35-40 ft. cliff into the Little River. Additional assistance was requested because the terrain was difficult to navigate and needed a four-wheel drive vehicle.

The warden reached out to another warden also in the area and they responded to the scene. Upon arrival, Temple Fire Department's technical team prepared a repelling system pulley system and various personnel from seven different agencies assisted in recovering the patient, two of his friends and several rescuers up the sheer 35-40 ft. cliff.

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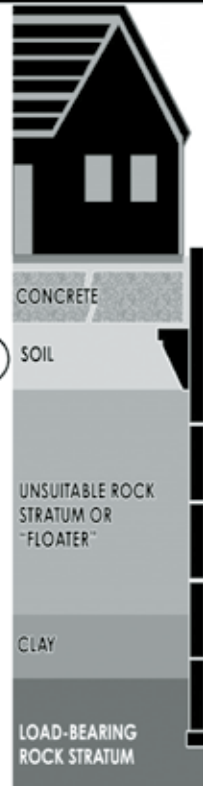
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Contract Bridge

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Famous Hand

South dealer.
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NORTH
♠ A 7 4 2
♥ Q 10 7 5 4 2
♦ 5 4
♣ K

EAST
♠ K 10 8 6 3
♥ J 9 3
♦ Q J 6
♣ J 5

SOUTH
♠ Q 9 5
♥ A 8
♦ A K 9 2
♣ 10 7 6 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1♦ 2♣ 2♥ Pass
2NT Pass 3NT

Opening lead — eight of clubs.
Many players think that a bridge expert makes one sensational bid or play after another and wins most of his points that way. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The fact is that the expert's reputation stems primarily from one source — he makes fewer mistakes than his opponents do. Sceldom does he do anything really dramatic — rather, he just quietly goes about his business making precisely the right bid or play in hand after hand.

The expert's judgment is not
Tomorrow: You can win but you can't lose.

clouded by extraneous influences — he reasons everything out very carefully. If logic leads him to a play that appears sensational, that is not why he makes the play — he does so simply because he believes it's the winning play under the circumstances.

Today's hand features perfect defense of the kind that many would term spectacular. It occurred many years ago in a tournament in Asheville, N.C. South got to three notrump as shown, and West (Margaret Wagar, one of the top women's players of all time) led her fourth-best club.

Dummy's king won, and on it East (Hal McDonald) played the jack! Declarer then led a low heart to the ace, and on it Wagar played the king!

These extraordinary plays fixed South's wagon beyond repair. He could do no better than continue with hearts, but when East took his jack and returned the five of clubs, South went down two.

Note that if McDonald had failed to play the club jack at trick one, the suit would have become hopelessly blocked. Note also that if Wagar had not dropped her king of hearts on the ace, East could not have gained the lead for the killing club return.

Both plays were absolutely necessary to defeat the contract, but we would prefer to think of them simply as mandatory rather than sensational.

SUDOKU

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

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

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Annie's Mailbox

Bring Your Info with You

Dear Annie: I often go to a large pharmacy to pick up prescriptions. They see hundreds of customers daily, so there is no way the several pharmacists would recognize me. Since I wear a mask and must speak through the plastic shield between us, sometimes they cannot understand me when I say my name and birthday.

I've found a simple solution: to write my name and birthday clearly on a piece of paper before I go into the pharmacy and then hold it up for them to see. When I did this, one pharmacist said, "I wish more people would do this."

It's bad enough having to hear properly with the mask and plastic wall, but sometimes the speech of the person in line is not very clear, making the situation worse. This takes more time to get the information across. By everything writing down in advance, it helps you and the pharmacist, eliminates frustration

and speeds along the whole process. -- Jungle Jim in Indiana

Dear Jungle Jim: What a wonderful idea! Thank you for sharing it.

Dear Annie: Recently, my wife of nearly 50 years confessed to having had an affair that lasted more than two years with her supervisor at the time, who was twice her age.

The timing of this affair -- more than 30 years ago -- led me to question the paternity of our daughter. My wife was positive that I am the father, and I believed her. However, a reputable and duplicated DNA test confirmed that I am not our daughter's biological father. I am devastated, and my wife is in shock and broken.

I love her too much to do anything but continue to love her. However, in my opinion, my wife's inability at the time to think things out has led us to ask, what do we do now? Does not the biological father, now in his 80s, have a right to know he

has another daughter and granddaughters? Does our daughter have the right to know her father? How do we tell her? Are there legal issues? We have a strong, healthy and now Christian family, and nobody will believe this of my wife. I feel lost in space. -- A Broken Dad

Dear Broken Dad: Your love for your wife and ability to forgive her after all these years is beautiful. Your daughter will always be your daughter, no matter what a DNA test says. Having built your family on a strong Christian foundation doesn't mean that you or your wife never made mistakes. No matter your faith, we are all humans, and no one is perfect. Admitting your mistakes and saying you're sorry is what builds character. Start with being honest with your daughter. Consider going to a family therapist or counselor to help work through all of these new emotions. And please consult a lawyer for any legal questions. There are resources to support you and your

family. Best of luck.

Dear Readers: During this unprecedented time, I wanted to share that I am thinking about you and your loved ones and sending you well wishes for health, safety and love.

Recently, I was devastated to read that the Villages retirement community in Florida was hit hard by COVID-19. Some of my best letters were sent from people in the Villages. Please know that I care about your health and safety. Wear a mask in public and please keep physically distanced as much as possible.

Remember, this won't last forever. There will be a vaccine. Please keep hope alive. The more we stand united in taking preventative actions and in sharing our love and gratitude with others, the faster these trying times will, eventually, be a part of our history, just like the Spanish flu of a century ago.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Cosmic Fighting Words

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You wanted someone's love, and you weren't the only one trying to get it. This taught you more about competition than anything you've done since. There's an art to getting the right kind of attention. You're nailing it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Practical matters fade back and what comes to the fore is a poetic aspect to the day in which a hope or justice is expressed perfectly to reflect this artistic and emotional journey you are on.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If your primary value is something quantifiable, then you will always need more of it. But when you value abstract qualities like freedom or playfulness, you don't have to chase. You just embody the thing and have won.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It is natural to go easy on those you love most. Do the same for yourself. When you're giving your best effort, accept that it's all you can do. Expecting yourself to do more is

not only silly; it's unkind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Money has no inherent value, only the value we assign to it. You think you know what gets exchanged inside of a dollar, but give it more consideration today, and you'll have a new realization.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have known the joy of surprise and have been knocked out by some big gestures from people trying to impress you. Even so, the gifts you most treasure have been small and simple. You'll pay it forward today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). To experience something new with another person is to create an unforgettable bond. Today, it's more fun if what you're doing is novel to you both.

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS SCORPIO



SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You try to be temperate, but it doesn't always work out that way, and rightly so.

You have a wide range of feelings to express, many loving and kind, and some that are appropriately angry. No one is patient all of the time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Being close to a person sometimes means that you speak up, or argue even. You love a person, and you want that person to thrive. The moments of conflict that arise are born out of this love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Like a good story, this day comes with a gradual rise of tension. There's the temptation to fix it all as you go. Resist. Some things are better left unresolved for now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The essence of strategy is using time, space and resources well. Consider that resources and space can be renewed, replaced, reconfigured. As for time, there's no way to make up for its vanishing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't always choose the enjoyable route, and today you'll ask yourself why. Many reasons could factor in including ambition, social pressure or fear of an unmet expectation. Tonight is for deciding if it was worth it.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 10). You give yourself over to the worthiest pursuits and also to people who do not have to do a single thing to deserve your unconditional love. As for the rest, you will be very careful, stingy even, with your attention. Rightly so. This is a year for doing what matters. February and June bring large dividends. Libra and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 1, 5, 30 and 40.

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5 :PM	Big 2 ABC	Noticiero	Broke Girl	CBS 7	Tele	News	Christ	(DVS)	Flintstone	Burgers	Fam. Guy		NBA	SportsCenter	NBA	Chicago P.D.	Hoarders	Tyson vs. Jaws
6 :PM	News	Rosa de Guadalupe	Big Bang	CBS 7	Exaltón Es-tados Unidos (SS)	News	Families	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Movie: The Accountant, J.K. Simmons (DVS)	NBA Basketball: Raptors vs Bucks	WNBA Basketball: Mercury vs Wings	NBA Basketball: Mavericks vs Jazz	Chicago P.D.		Shark Lock-down
7 :PM	The Bachelor: The Greatest Seasons -- Ever!	Te doy la vida	9-1-1 (DVS)	Neighbor		The Titan Games	News	Antiques Roadshow	Andy G.	Whose? Who's?	Fam. Guy		To Be Announced	Rangers Pregame	WWE Monday Night RAW	Hoarders	Abandoned Waters	
8 :PM	Amor eterno	Como tú no hay dos	FOX 24 News at 9	Bull	Enemigo Intimo (SS)	American Ninja Warrior (DVS)	Light of Southwest	Antiques Roadshow	G. Pyle	Penn & Teller	Fam. Guy	NBA Basketball: Nuggets vs Lakers	WNBA Basketball: Sky vs Storm	MLB Baseball: Seattle Mariners at Texas Rangers			Intervention	(:01) ShaqAttack
9 :PM	Big 2	Noticiero	TMZ	CBS 7	Telemundo 20	News	News	POV	Heroes	Seinfeld	American		NFL Live	Postgame	Mod Fam	Hoarders	Expedition Unknown	
10 :PM	J. Kimmel	Noticiero	Mom	Late Show- Colbert	Titulares	Tonight Show	Words of House	Amanpour-Co	C. Burnett	black-ish	Conan			Camp	Mod Fam	Hoarders	Abandoned Waters	
11 :PM	Nightline	Contacto deportivo	Funny	James Corden	Cennet (SS)	Seth Meyers	Dollars	Antiques Roadshow	Twil. Zone	Gold	Conan	NBA Basketball: Nuggets vs Lakers	Johnsonville ACL Corn-hole	MLB Baseball: Seattle Mariners at Texas Rangers	Mod Fam	Intervention	(:02) Jaws Awakens	
12 :AM	Extra	Inocente de ti	Two Men	Holly	Caso	Late-Lilly	News	Creation	Alfred Hitchcock Hr.	Millionaire	Brooklyn			MLB Baseball: Mariners at Texas Rangers	Mod Fam			
1 :AM	Mel Robbins	Papá a toda madre	Simpsons	Holly	Caso	Late-Lilly	Light of Southwest	POV	Mannix	Immortals	Brooklyn			MLB Baseball: Giants at Rockies	Mod Fam			
1 :AM	Paid Prg.		Pawn	ET	Programa	Inside Ed.				Copper	Brooklyn							

ANDY CAPP

OH, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL MORNING!

OH, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY!

FOR SOME OF US

URGH!

THUMP! THUMP!

AGNES

I FOUND A CASE OF HOT DOGS! THERE MUST BE FIFTY OF 'EM!

WERE THESE IN THE DUMPSTER?

YES, BUT NOT FOR A WAY LONG TIME... MOST OF THEM WERE STILL COOL TO THE TOUCH!

GREAT! IF THEY HAD BEEN OUT THERE A LONG TIME, THEY'D BE ALL HOT AND STINKY AND FULL OF BUGS.

ABSOLUTELY! YOU SHOULD HAVE SMELLED THE HARD-BOILED EGGS THAT WERE MIXED IN WITH 'EM!

WHY WOULD ANYONE THROW THESE AWAY? I HEARD THAT HOT DOGS CAN'T ROT.

ARCHIE

HOW'S THE PAINTING BUSINESS GOING?

WE'VE FINISHED OUR FIRST TWO ASSIGNMENTS!

HAVE BRUSH WILL PAINT!

WHAT WAS THE SECOND?

PANSKY'S!

ONE BIG HAPPY

HOW WAS THE BIRTHDAY PARTY, RUTHIE?

IT WAS AWESOME FUN!

APRIL MAE HAS LIKE, A MILLION COUSINS, BUT MY FAVORITE ONE WAS ELISE...

HER BELCHIN' COUSIN!

BELCHING COUSIN?

BELGIAN COUSIN.

THE BARN

FREE RUBBER GLOVES

MY, WHAT A THOUGHTFUL GESTURE!

MOMMA

I'M FILLING OUT A JOB APPLICATION, MOMMA!

GOOD! WHAT HAVE YOU GOT SO FAR?

SO FAR? MY FAVORITE COLOR IS BLUE... MY FAVORITE FOOD IS POPCORN... MY FAVORITE...

This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Monday, Aug. 10, the 223rd day of 2020. There are 143 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On August 10, 1944, during World War II, American forces overcame remaining Japanese resistance on Guam.

On this date:

In 1680, Pueblo Indians launched a successful revolt against Spanish colonists in present-day New Mexico.

In 1861, Confederate forces routed Union troops in the Battle of Wilson's Creek in Missouri, the first major engagement of the Civil War west of the Mississippi River.

In 1921, Franklin D. Roosevelt was stricken with polio at his summer home on the Canadian island of Campobello.

In 1945, a day after the atomic bombing of Nagasaki, Imperial Japan conveyed its willingness to surrender provided the status of Emperor Hirohito remained unchanged. (The Allies responded the next day, saying they would determine the Emperor's future status.)

In 1962, Marvel Comics superhero Spider-Man made his debut in issue 15 of "Amazing Fantasy" (cover price: 12 cents).

In 1969, Leno and Rosemary LaBianca were murdered in their Los Angeles home by members of Charles Manson's cult, one day after actor Sharon Tate and four other people were slain.

In 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed a measure providing \$20,000 payments to still-living Japanese-Americans who were interned by their government during World War II.

In 1991, nine Buddhists were found slain at their temple outside Phoenix, Arizona. (Two teenagers were later arrested; one was sentenced to life in prison, while the other received 281 years.)

In 1993, Ruth Bader Ginsburg was sworn in as the second female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1995, Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols were

charged with 11 counts in the Oklahoma City bombing (McVeigh was convicted of murder and executed; Nichols was convicted of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter and sentenced to life in prison).

In 2006, British authorities announced they had thwarted a terrorist plot to simultaneously blow up 10 aircraft heading to the U.S. using explosives smuggled in hand luggage.

In 2016, Lonnie Franklin Jr., the Los Angeles serial killer known as the "Grim Sleeper," was sentenced to death for the murders of nine women and a teenage girl. Franklin was found dead in his cell on March 20, 2020.

Ten years ago: The House pushed through an emergency \$26 billion jobs bill that Democrats said would save 300,000 teachers, police and others from layoffs; President Barack Obama immediately signed it into law. Hollywood producer David L. Wolper, 82, died in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Five years ago: A draft of a secret study obtained by The Associated Press found that air traffic controllers' work schedules often led to chronic fatigue, making them less alert and endangering the safety of the country's air traffic system. A power plant operator in southern Japan restarted a nuclear reactor, the first to begin operating under new safety requirements following the Fukushima disaster.

One year ago: Jeffrey Epstein, accused of orchestrating a sex-trafficking ring and sexually abusing dozens of underage girls, was found unresponsive in his cell at a New York City jail; he was later pronounced dead at a hospital. (The city's medical examiner ruled the death a suicide by hanging.)

Today's Birthdays: Actor Rhonda Fleming is 97. Singer Ronnie Spector is 77. Actor James Reynolds is 74. Rock singer-musician Ian Anderson (Jethro Tull) is 73. Country musician Gene Johnson (Diamond Rio) is 71. Singer Patti Austin is 70. Actor Daniel Hugh Kelly is 68. Folk singer-songwriter Sam Baker is 66. Actor Rosanna Arquette is 61. Actor Antonio Banderas is 60. Rock musician Jon Farriss (INXS) is 59. Singer Julia Fordham is 58. Journalist-blogger Andrew Sullivan is 57. Actor Chris Caldovino is 57. Singer Neneh Cherry is 56. Singer Aaron Hall is 56. Former boxer Riddick Bowe is 53. Actor Sean Blakemore is 53. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lorraine Pearson (Five Star) is 53. Singer-producer Michael Bivins is 52. Actor-writer Justin Theroux is 49. Actor Angie Harmon is 48. Country singer Jennifer Hanson is 47. Actor-turned-lawyer Craig Kirkwood is 46. Actor JoAnna Garcia Swisher is 41. Singer Cary Ann Hearst (Shovels & Rope) is 41. Rhythm-and-blues singer Nikki Bratcher (Divine) is 40. Actor Aaron Staton is 40. Actor Ryan Eggold is 36. Actor Charley Koontz is 33. Actor Lucas Till is 30. Reality TV star Kylie Jenner is 23. Actor Jeremy Maguire is 9.

Newsday Crossword

GOOD BREEDING by Sally R. Stein
Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Smart-mouthed, in a "marinara" way
 - 6 Store's discount event
 - 10 Similar (to)
 - 14 ___-Bits (letter-shaped cereal)
 - 15 All-even sports scores
 - 16 Walk through water
 - 17 Enter, as an auto
 - 18 "That's too bad"
 - 19 Frequently, informally
 - 20 Small, thick-coated dog
 - 23 Cob of corn
 - 24 So far
 - 25 ___hound (droopy-eared dog)
 - 29 Bottom of a pedestal
 - 31 Verbal cleverness
 - 34 Jai ___ (fast-moving sport)
 - 35 Adam and Eve's garden
 - 37 Serious play
 - 39 Blonde-coated dog
 - 42 Enroll for a contest
 - 43 Triple-decker cookie
 - 44 Having no clutter
 - 45 ___ Miz (musical play)
 - 46 Poisonous African snakes
 - 48 Fruits of an oak
 - 50 PC's "bailout" key
 - 51 ___-friendly (good for the environment)
 - 52 Dog from a cold region of Russia
 - 59 T. Rex, for short

- DOWN**
- 1 Begin to droop
 - 2 Actor Baldwin
 - 3 ___-the-minute (current)
 - 4 Stylish
 - 5 Big Apple baseballer
 - 6 Ringo of the Beatles
 - 7 Feels poorly
 - 8 ___ year (year with a February 29th)
 - 9 Opinion pieces
 - 10 Be patient for
 - 11 Leafy cabbage
 - 12 Much-admired celebrity
 - 13 Tennis court barrier
 - 21 All gone, as one's dinner
 - 22 "___ say more?"
 - 25 Hard roll with a hole
 - 26 Without any assistance
 - 27 Seasonings in shakers
 - 28 ___ dish (potato or rice)
 - 29 Foamy bar beverages
 - 30 Cost to play a poker hand
 - 31 Sway to and fro
 - 32 "Let me explain..."
 - 33 Small fruit pies
 - 36 Tiny bit of water
 - 38 Nevada casino city
 - 40 Clear a blackboard
 - 41 Urban insect
 - 47 Hits the road
 - 49 Mountain lion
 - 50 Novel that's downloaded
 - 51 All finished
 - 52 Farm's grain tower
 - 53 Take ___ account (consider)
 - 54 Baghdad's country
 - 55 Well-ventilated
 - 56 Cola or root beer
 - 57 Pretzel's twisted shape
 - 58 Days of ___ (olden times)
 - 59 Dapper ___ (well-dressed guy)
 - 62 Get married

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Players unite in push to save college season, create union

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AP College Football Writer

Michigan defensive back Hunter Reynolds saw the tweets from Trevor Lawrence and other college football players, pushing for the opportunity to play this season, despite the pandemic.

Reynolds, one of the organizers behind a players' rights movement in the Big Ten, didn't like the way some on social media seemed to be pitting Lawrence's message against the efforts of #BigTenUnited and #WeAreUnited.

"There was a lot of division," Reynolds told AP early Monday morning.

Reynolds got on a call with Lawrence and the star quarterback's Clemson teammate, Darien Rencher, and within a matter of hours the summer of athlete empowerment found another gear.

College football players from across the country united Sunday in an attempt to save their season and ensure they will no longer be left out of the sport's biggest decisions.

Lawrence, Ohio State quarterback Justin Fields, Oklahoma State All-America running back Chuba Hubbard, Alabama running back Najee Harris and numerous other players from Florida State to Oregon posted a graphic on social media with #WeWantToPlay and #WeAreUnited.

"We came to the conclusion, We Want to Play, their message might have been conveyed differently but at the end of the day the message wasn't too far off from what Big Ten United wanted to promote," Reynolds said. "Which is we all want to

play sports this fall. Every athlete, I'm pretty sure, wants to play their sports. They just want to do so safely."

The #WeAreUnited hashtag was used a week ago by a group of Pac-12 players in announcing a movement they say has the support of hundreds of peers within their conference. They have threatened mass opt-outs by players if concerns about COVID-19 protocols, racial injustice in college sports and economic rights for athletes are not addressed.

#BigTenUnited arrived on the scene a couple days later, a movement that claimed the backing off 1,000 Big Ten football players. Their demands were more targeted, strictly related to health and safety in dealing with COVID-19.

Sunday night, the call with Reynolds, Rencher and Lawrence led to a Zoom meeting — of course — with some of the Pac-12 players involved in "WeAreUnited."

Washington State defensive lineman Dallas Hobbs got to work on a graphic and now the movement is officially nationwide.

"Just started bouncing ideas off each others' heads and kind of discussing where we go from here and we ended up coming up with that statement," said Reynolds, a senior from South Orange, New Jersey.

Under the logos of each Power Five conference — ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-12 and SEC — the players pronounced their platform:

—We all want to play football this season.

—Establish universal mandated health & safety procedures and protocols to protect college athletes against COVID-19 among all conferences through-

out the NCAA.

—Give players the opportunity to opt out and respect their decision.

—Guarantee eligibility whether a player chooses to play the season or not.

—Use our voices to establish open communication and trust between players and officials: Ultimately create a College Football Players Association.

All of this capped a weekend during which the adults who run college sports seemed to be moving toward shutting it all down because of the pandemic.

A day after the Mid-American Conference became the first of the major college football leagues to cancel the fall season, Power Five conference commissioners met Sunday. They discussed mounting concerns about whether a season can be safely conducted with the pandemic still not under control in the United States.

Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said no decisions on the season have been made, but conceded the outlook has not improved.

"Are we in a better place today than two weeks ago? No, we're not," he said.

Bowlsby cited "growing evidence and the growing pool of data around myocarditis."

Myocarditis is inflammation of the heart and it has been found in some COVID-19 patients. There is concern it could be a long-term complication of contracting the virus even in young, healthy people, a group that has usually avoided severe cardiovascular symptoms.

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Due to the excellent teamwork and communication the operation was successful, and the patient was transported to the hospital in stable condition with a few broken bones.

Strike a Pose

A Houston County game warden was patrolling Houston County Lake when he noticed a man in possession of a slot limit bass. The man said he was going to take a photo with the fish and then release it back into the lake. The warden asked to see the fish and when the man removed it from the live well, the warden saw that it was dead and beginning to turn stiff. Case pending.

Curiosity Caught the Cat

A game warden received a call from an Andrews County deputy asking about the legality of shooting mountain lions in Texas. After explaining the regulations, the deputy told the warden someone had claimed to have seen several mountain lions hanging around an old abandoned house near the state line. The warden contacted the individual who had allegedly seen the cats and located where he had spotted them. The warden spoke to the landowners in the area and found out the individual did not have permission to be on their property. After investigating further, it was determined that four individuals were trespassing on the ranch. Appropriate charges were filed and are currently pending.

Punch Buggy! Wait...That's MY Buggy!

A Polk County game warden was patrolling an area recently hit with several burglaries when he noticed an unoccupied UTV. While searching the UTV for a serial number, a person pulled up in a truck screaming for help. The person claimed that someone had just broke into their property, then said "Hey! That's my buggy!" The thief had used the UTV to transport stolen goods from the burglary that morning. Trail cameras, which were also stolen, sent partial images of the thief to the owner's cell phone. The next day, the warden visited a nearby house that was being worked on to see if anyone recognized the subject. One of the workers said, "Yes, that guy borrowed my phone, he said

his buggy broke down." The warden saw the text messages the subject sent and was able to gather their name and address. The case was handed to Polk County Sheriff's Office due to subject being part of an organized crime ring in Polk, Liberty and San Jacinto Counties. Multiple warrants have been issued.

We Found Dove in a Hopeless Place

Two game wardens responded to a call regarding individuals shooting birds near a gun range in Donna. With the wardens approaching the area from opposite directions, two men were found exiting a brushy area carrying a rifle and piece of plywood with a target affixed, while a third man was sitting under a blue tent near his pickup truck. The wardens confronted the men and asked if either of them owned the property or had the landowner's permission to be there. They readily admitted that they did not have permission, although one offered that he had hunted there a couple of years before. They were then asked if they had been hunting birds, but categorically denied it. Unfortunately for them, the Wardens were able to find the seven white-winged dove they had hidden in a bait bucket. After consulting with the landowner, it was determined that "Criminal Trespass - Agricultural Land" and "Hunting During Closed Season" would be the charges filed. In addition, the individual claiming to have killed the birds was assessed the civil restitution value for each of the white-winged dove.

We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together

A Montgomery County game warden received a complaint from a woman saying her boyfriend and his friend had killed a deer a couple of days ago and still had it hanging in the garage. The warden arrived at the location and found the deer had gone to waste. The boyfriend admitted to shooting the deer from a public road at night and was arrested for a Felony Warrant, Hunting at Night and Failing to Retrieve or Keep in Edible Condition. The next day, the warden contacted the friend who had admitted to helping the boyfriend kill the deer and leaving it hanging in the garage without processing it completely. After further investigation, the warden found that the friend also had a felony warrant. He was arrested for the Felony Warrant, Hunting at Night and Failing to Retrieve or Keep in Edible Condition.

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"They're the closest group of friends I've ever seen," said Reinke. "They still go to each other's weddings and hang out when they come to the alumni game. Different eras, different times, but that group was just special."

Reinke earned a second Heartland Coach of the Year honor in 2015 as the Falcons won 30 games for the fourth time. David Lee was named the Conference Player of the Year after batting .428 with 59 hits and 32 RBI. After a few more solid seasons and with expansion in the Athletics Department it was time for a change. The school announced a transition to the Lone Star Conference starting in 2017. The Falcons struggled initially against the new competition comprised primarily of public schools with more scholarships.

"Moving to the Lone Star was hard," said Reinke. "We were in a position to compete and be competitive where we were in the Heartland. We went from one of the top schools in the Heartland and

two years later struggled."

Things are on the upswing as over the last two years the Falcons have answered the call and asserted themselves as a contender in the LSC. The Falcons squeaked into the postseason in 2018 on the last weekend of the year before winning 20 games in 2019. The Falcons enjoyed the fifth biggest turnaround of any Division II school.

Things were looking even brighter in 2020 before the COVID-19 outbreak. The Falcons were coming off their first sweep of an LSC opponent. They beat a ranked team for the first time since 2015 and had just concluded a 24 inning shutout streak, the longest in program history. The pitching staff led Division II with five shutouts and the offense was starting to heat up before the remainder of the season was canceled.

"Over the last couple of years we've been knocking on the door on where we want to be," said Reinke. "Right before this season ended I thought we were really close to breaking down some barriers and getting to the next level."

That next level is winning a Lone Star Conference championship and being one of the teams that

gets to play in the NCAA Tournament, which Reinke identifies as the goal of every season.

"Only 54 teams get in the Division II tournament," said Reinke. "Winning the conference automatically gets you into that field and gives you a chance."

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