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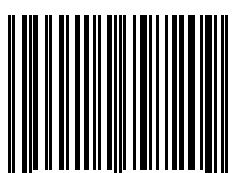
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2020-21 Budget, 2% Tax Rate increase approved by Howard College Board

By **IRIS RANGEL**
 Herald Staff Writer

A public hearing for the 2020-2021 Howard College Budget was held Monday afternoon in the Fireplace Room on the Howard College campus. Hearing no public comment, as no attendees registered to speak, the Trustees closed the public hearing and moved into the regular meeting agenda.

After approving routine agenda items, the Board of Trustees moved into approval of the proposed 2020-21 fiscal year budgets and proposed tax rate.

After hearing a condensed breakdown of the proposed budgets, as it had been discussed and prepared from direction received during the budget workshop, heated discussion ensued as public comment was interjected before the vote took place.

The proposed budget for Howard College, including separate budgets for the Big Spring, San Angelo, and Lamesa campuses was set at \$53.3 million which included

the insurance money for the roof project that is meant to take place later this year. According to Dr. Cheryl Sparks, this would mean the Big Spring budget for next year would be less. The proposed SWCD budget was \$6.7 million. The SWCD budget is not included in the Howard College budget, as it is a special item for Howard College with a separate budget. Howard College's unrestricted budget was set at \$32.4 million; SWCD's unrestricted budget is \$4 million. The combined Howard College budget and the SWCD budget do include both the restricted and unrestricted sides. The combined deficit budget for Howard College is \$1.943 million.

According to Sparks, all four budgets were proposed and balanced for daily operations and included step raises for some staff according to tenure at the Budget Workshop. The budgets also included a 4% to 11% raise for several nonexempt positions that have been reappointed to increase their base salary. Also within the budget, some



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Howard College Board of Trustees met Monday to host a public hearing on the 2020-21 Budget. Following the public hearing, the Board went into a regular meeting where they approved the budget and tax rate.

faculty positions have been frozen due to the altered state of the country with hopes to be able to fund them again at a later date.

"The debt rate was going to be going up regardless. That debt rate obligation was something that was approved back when our bond was approved in 2007. So, until that bond is paid off, we will have that be our debt. We're

asking the tax payers to pay more because of what's happened with our debt rate which is based on a tax rate calculation worksheet" Dr. Sparks said.

At the Aug. 20 Budget Workshop, trustees considered increasing the Maintenance and Operation (M&O) rate to address deferred maintenance by 3%.

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Voter registration, mail in ballot request deadline nearing for November General election

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

Election Day – Nov. 3 – is right around the corner and as the days roll by, deadlines are nearing closer to ensure voters are registered to cast their ballot. For those who are needing to request a ballot by mail the deadline is Oct. 23.



Jodi Duck

"The ballots by mail requests must be received by this date; do not wait. Request an application from the elections office now," Jodi Duck, Howard County Election's Administrator said.

Those who are requesting a ballot by mail must be 65 or older, disabled or expected to be out of the country on Election Day and be able to provide an out of country address. The ballots will be mailed the last week of September and will need to be returned by Nov.3. Due to a change made in 2017, there will not be straight party voting in this year's

General Election. While the change was made in the last legislative session, this is the first election where it will be

implemented.

Also, due to the Governor's Proclamation issued on July 27, voters are able to hand deliver their own ballot to the office as long as it's received by 7 p.m. Nov. 3 (Election Day). The ballot will need to be delivered to the voting clerk at the Courthouse and a photo ID must be shown when turning in the ballot.

"Sample ballots will be available around mid-September for those wanting to look over the ballot before Election Day," Duck said. "Sample ballots will be able to be brought to the voting booths, but no cell phones will be allowed past the designated area. Voters can bring notes or sample ballots when voting, but no electronic devices can be used while casting their vote. Refrain from wearing candidate or election slogans, as it is unlawful to campaign in the polling locations."

Early voting is set for Oct. 13 through Oct. 30, which is extended from previous years due to the Governor's Orders and the emergency declaration due to the current pandemic. Voting will take place weekdays from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. from Oct. 13 through Oct. 28 and from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Oct. 29 and Oct. 30. Early voting will be taking place in the Third Floor Courtroom at the Howard County Courthouse, in order to allow for social distancing to be practiced as well as more

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Being proactive: Promoting situational awareness

BSPD reminding the community to be vigilant in public

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

Over the past few weeks, there has been an increase in discussions about human trafficking, along with numerous Amber Alerts or Missing Person notices issued in the surrounding areas. In the interest of keeping the community educated and in proactive measures, the Big Spring Police Department has offered a few safety tips regarding the issue.

"I do not remember an actual, true abduction occurring in the past 25 years, in Big Spring, where a person was taken that did not know their kidnapper," Big Spring Police Chief Chad Williams said. "We do have occasional reports of domestic or child custody issues, in which charges of kidnapping or interference with child custody have been filed."

Chief Williams continued, "The biggest tip we encourage people to keep top of mind is to have situational awareness while out in public. This does not mean you have to be paranoid; it simply means you need to be aware

of your surroundings and have a level of alertness without distractions."

In today's society, it has become common practice to be occupied on the phone – phone call or text – while walking from your vehicle to inside a store or home and walking alone is not uncommon for many people.

"Being vigilant from point A to point B is important. We encourage people to put their cell phones up while walking and encourage walking in groups, especially at night or low light areas," Chief Williams said. "One of the things we encourage people to do is lock the vehicle once you get out and make sure you get the visual and audible confirmation."

While out in public, especially in unfamiliar places, it is important to keep an eye on your surroundings and those around you. While it will be easier to spot something unusual in places where you frequent, such as hometown grocery stores or children's schools, it is important to be alert and pay atten-

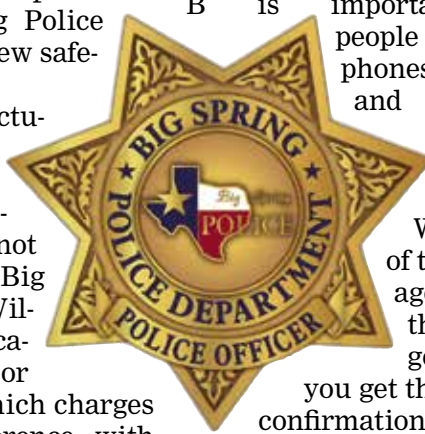
tion to behavior that makes you uncomfortable regardless of where you are.

"If you notice someone making unusual actions, someone who makes you feel uncomfortable, or someone who just seems out of place or exhibiting aggressive or erratic behavior, it is important to contact local authorities," he said. "It's important to create distance from the situation and leave the area if possible, while you are calling the authorities."

For those who feel that they are being followed, a call to the police is the first step that is encouraged. Once you are able to get on the phone with a dispatcher the caller should stay on the phone until law enforcement can arrive on the scene and if you are driving while being followed, Chief Williams encourages to drive toward the police station or a well-populated area such as a mall, grocery store or other high traffic areas.

"The more detailed description a caller is able to give us the better. Whether it be the make and model of the car, any distinguishing features of the vehicle and distinguishing features of the person or persons who may be following or

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Obituaries

Shirley Faye Cobb

Shirley Faye Cobb (née Abney), 76, of Big Spring, Texas, passed away Saturday, Aug. 29, 2020 at home surrounded by her family. The family will receive friends Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2020, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held at the Coahoma Cemetery on Wednesday Sept. 2, 2020, at 11 a.m., with Richard Lee officiating.

Shirley Faye Abney was born Nov. 20, 1943, in New Boston, Texas, to David and Mary Elizabeth Abney. She married Ken Cobb on Dec. 14, 1963, in Big Spring, Texas. Shirly owned and operated The Coahoma Beauty Center in Coahoma, Texas, for many years, prior to working for the Big Spring ISD Cafeteria for 10 years. She was a homemaker and raised six children. Shirly was a member of Midway Baptist Church of Sand Springs, Texas. Her greatest delight in her later years was interacting with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who affectionately called her Grandma.



Shirly is survived by her six children: Shanna Roberts-Taylor and husband Scott of Coahoma; Ken Cobb, Jr. and wife Lisa of Big Spring; Lara Cobb Stubbs and husband Wesley of Clint; Melanie Glidwell and husband Shannon of Plano; Katie Lee and husband Richard of Wylie; and Michael Cobb and wife Amye of San Angelo. She is also survived by one sister: Daisy Sudduth of Lubbock, Texas; fifteen grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Shirly was preceded in death by her husband, Ken; by her parents; her brother Horace Abney; two sisters; Esther Farley and Laverne Lockwood; and a son-in-law: Terry Roberts.

Pallbearers will be Lance Roberts, Corey Roberts, Bannon Lee, David Lee, Jacob Cobb, Luke Smith and Jace Cobb.

The family suggests memorials to Cal Farley Boy's Ranch at Cal Farley's, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, TX 79174-0001.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Paid Obituary

Donald Ray Hodnett

Donald Ray Hodnett, 79, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Aug. 30, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Gilbert Rubio

Gilbert Rubio, 58, of Big Spring died Monday, Aug. 31, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Bob Wegner

Bob Wegner, 87 of Big Spring passed away on Sunday, Aug. 30, 2020.

Graveside Services will be held on Friday, Sept. 4, 2020, at The Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 3, 2020, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Linda Calvert

Linda Calvert, 56 of Odessa formerly of Big Spring passed away on Saturday, Aug. 29, 2020. Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2020, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ALBERT PRESTON DAYLONG JR.**, 28, of 3716 Hatch Street, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to one gram less than four grams.)
- **JOHN LEE CARTMILL**, 48, of 3304 W. Highway 80, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ANTHONY ALPHONZO LEWIS**, 48, of 1507 Sycamore Street, was arrested on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid-no insurance, and assault causes bodily injury family member.
- **KAYDRA NICOLE FRANCO**, 30, of 1200 Lamar, was arrested on charges of manufacture delivery of a controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to four grams less than 200 grams) (x2), and warrant - other agency.
- **VERONICA LOUISA MORELION**, 37, of 2501 Kelly, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance penalty group one (less than one gram), possession of marijuana (less than or equal to two ounces), failing to identify-fugitive give false information, and accident involving damage to vehicle (greater than \$200.)
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 100 block of North

Avenue, Coahoma, Texas.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2600 block of Coronado Avenue.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 500 block of Ray Road.
- **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 1800 block of Sunset Avenue.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1300 block of Tuscon Street.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1200 block of Cypress Street.
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 900 block of Debra Lane.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2700 block of Wasson Road.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2000 block of S. Gregg Street.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 300 block of Tulane Avenue.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of 3rd and Gregg Street.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1200 block of State Street.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Harding. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of SW 2nd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of S. Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Albrook. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Peterson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Westover. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Road. No transport was required.

Take Note

• West Region Cotton Marketing Update: U.S. Market Outlook is set for Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 7 a.m. To find out more information or to register, contact the Howard

County Extension Office for more details or for assistance with these meetings.

• 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

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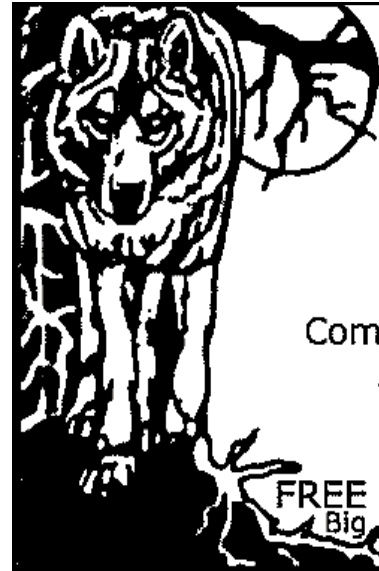
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machines to be utilized.

“The election action plan safety procedures will be in place as they were for the runoff election this summer as they proved to be effective,” Duck said. “Curbside voting will be held on the north side of the courthouse. For those voters who are unable to enter the polling place without assistance or likelihood of injury to his or her health, the voter is eligible for curbside.”

While all early voting will take place at the Courthouse, there will be seven polling locations available for the General Election.

Polling locations for the Nov. 3 General Election will be:

- Prairie View Baptist Church – 1004 W. FM 2230
- Ryan Hall/St. Thomas Church – 605 N. Main Street
- First Baptist Church – 705 W. FM 700
- Dorothy Garrett Coliseum – 1001 Birdwell Lane
- Salem Baptist Church – Co. Road 26/8911 Old Colorado Hwy
- Coahoma Community Center – 306 N. Avenue, Coahoma
- Forsan Baptist Church – 201 Main Street, Forsan

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According to Trustees, the Big Spring campus is the oldest campus, which results in it being the campus with the most repairs and maintenance needed. Some funds to pay for the Big Spring campus operations come from the state, however, according to Trustees, the state has been providing less and less funds to community colleges overall and will not pay for brick and mortar, which would mean the deficit deferred maintenance costs would need to come from local funds. However, with the SWCD campus, any projects and maintenance are paid for primarily with state funds. The deferred

maintenance list for every campus is prepared annually and presented and can be found at Howard College’s Budget Workshop.

“The taxes are only for this campus [Big Spring], that’s it. The Big Spring campus only. SWCD is funded by the state, San Angelo is funded by the people in San Angelo, tuition and fees, as is Lamesa. So, your taxes are not going out of this city. You’re not funding San Angelo, Lamesa, and SWCD,” Board Chairman President John E. Freeman said.

As the heated conversation continued, Trustees and those attending the meeting went through different scenarios before Budgets and Proposed Tax Rate were taken to a vote.

“The budget for this year is down on every campus. The budget this

year is smaller on every campus. It’s down for the entire college district by \$973,000. The college is projecting to spend \$973,000 overall and it is down in varying amounts across every campus. So, when people say, ‘Well everything just goes up,’ the total budget is actually shrinking this year. It isn’t that the college isn’t trying to cut the budget where it can. But if the state gives us less, then the taxpayer has to pay that. But, the total is down and, to me, that’s a good thing. So if we didn’t have a decrease in the total, the taxes would go up even more,” said Trustee Ben Zeichick.

According to Dr. Sparks, community colleges are funded through tuition and fees, state appropriations, and local tax dollars. As the state appropriation funding decreases with

each passing year and with the current decline of enrollment and contact hours, the situation is leading to the Board to look at cutting budgets and increasing taxes at the local level in slight increases. While step raises have been an area of cutting in the past, according to Dr. Sparks, budgets salaries as a whole are an area that needs to be looked at in order to stay competitive with public education and other industries.

“We must address the salaries. Reality of the competitiveness of being able to attract people, have faculty, bring people in – we don’t have a lot of people that have some of the credentials that are needed in our community, so we try to bring those people in.

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trying to cause harm,” he said.

Chief Williams advised while adults may be able to follow the tips mentioned above, it’s important to also encourage those safety practices with children, especially those who are walking to and from school on their own. Another safety measure when it comes to children is to know your children’s friends and their parents. Social media accounts are a high traffic area for dangerous instances to begin and parents are encouraged to monitor social media accounts, as an added level of safety.

“When it comes to social media and even video games, children and young adults may not know who they are talking to on the other end. It’s real easy to disguise yourself when you can’t see the other person,” Chief Williams said. “Parents should not only monitor social media accounts, but also speak with their children about playing online games only with those they know and the importance of paying attention to conversation that may not feel right. We also tell parents it is a good idea to know their child’s username and password on social media accounts.”

While Big Spring has not had any instances of abduction for more than 20 years, it doesn’t mean it’s not possible and awareness should always be top of mind. Being proactive is one of the best preventive measures and could make all the difference should a situation arise.

In Texas, since 1996, the additional support of the AMBER Alert has been put into place. The AMBER Alert system is designed to aide in finding children 17 years of age and younger whose whereabouts are unknown and whose disappearance law enforcement has determined to be unwilling which poses a credible threat to a

child’s safety and health; and if abducted by a parent or legal guardian was the abduction in the course of an attempted murder or murder. Also if the child is 13 years of age or younger, who was taken willingly or unwillingly without permission from the care and custody of a parent or legal guardian by someone unrelated and more than three years old or another parent or legal guardian who attempted or committed murder at the time of the abduction.

According to the AMBERAlert website, the AMBER - America’s Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response - Alert System was first launched in Dallas-Fort Worth when broadcasters teamed up with local police to develop an early warning system to help find abducted children. The system was created as a legacy to 9-year-old Amber Hagerman who was kidnapped while riding her bicycle in Arlington and then brutally murdered. The program has since been implemented across the nation through various versions depending on the state.

“The AMBER Alert System is also used if there is reason to believe the child is in immediate danger of sexual assault, death or seriously bodily injury; if preliminary investigation has verified the abduction and eliminated alternative explanations for the child’s disappearance; and if there is sufficient information available to disseminate to the public to help locate the child, a suspect, or the vehicle used in the abduction,” Chief Williams said.

According to statistics on the AMBER Alert website, as of May 2020 there have been 988 children rescued specifically because of AMBER Alert and 66 children rescued because of Wireless Emergency Alerts. There are 86 AMBER plans throughout the United States as of Sept. 2019.

“While we are in a small town

we have the benefit of being in the situation of everyone knows everyone, for the most part,” Chief Williams said. “Also, the way our local law enforcement officers work together, along with the partnerships with surrounding communities is a plus. If an AMBER alert goes out, it will go out state wide through the TCIC system which alerts all agencies within Texas. If there is reason to believe the child may have been taken across state lines, we have the ability to work with other state and federal agencies.”

Should a situation occur, or is suspected, Chief Williams encourages the community to call local law enforcement and report.

“The best advice we can give is to give us a call if you suspect something. If something doesn’t feel right, someone is acting unusual, we can dispatch an officer and check it out,” he said. “We would rather our community be safe and alert our officers to the situation that way we can ensure the community is kept safe.”

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In aftermath of Hurricane Laura, residents worry about help

LAKE CHARLES, La. (AP) — In a matter of hours last week, Hurricane Laura tore through the tire shop Layla Winbush's family started just under a year ago, reducing most of it to rubble and scattering hundreds of tires across the lot. The storm also damaged her home, which now reeks of mold.

Federal and state officials are now on the ground to help residents with home repairs and hotel stays. But Winbush said she feels alone, particularly after seeing a video of President Donald Trump, who visited the area Saturday, joking with Gulf Coast officials that they could sell copies of his signature for \$10,000.

"We can't depend on the president. We can't depend on nobody," she said. "We'll just take what we have and get it done."

As evacuated Lake Charles residents began returning home, many worried that they wouldn't have enough support from the both the federal and state governments as they face a rebuilding process certain to take several months, if not longer.

Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards on Sunday warned that residents were in for a long recovery.

"We're going to be working really, really hard on the power outages, on the water systems, on the housing," he said at a news conference. "But none of this is going to be easy. It's not going to happen as quickly as most people would like for sure."

Crews were starting to take chain saws to fallen trees and patch roofs, but most homes in Lake Charles wrecked by the storm were still untouched. The Category 4 hurricane, which made landfall Thursday just south of Lake Charles near Cameron, Louisiana, before abating nearly 12 hours later, packed 150-mph (240-kph) winds and a storm surge that officials said was as high as 15 feet (4.5 meters) in some areas.

So far 18 deaths in Texas and Louisiana have been

attributed to the storm; more than half of those people were killed by carbon monoxide poisoning from the unsafe operation of generators.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency sent hundreds of workers to the region to help with search and rescue and other efforts. As of Sunday, more than 52,500 people had applied for FEMA assistance, and the agency had conducted over 200 home inspections and distributed more than \$650,000 in assistance, said Tony Robinson, FEMA's administrator for the region. The Louisiana National Guard, meanwhile, had handed out hundreds of thousands of bottles of water and meals and about 14,000 tarps, the governor said.

But the needs were substantial. In hard-hit Calcasieu Parish, some waited hours in line for tarps, water and other supplies at distribution sites, said parish spokesperson Tom Hofer. The entire parish had been without power, and in many areas, including the parish seat of Lake Charles that's home to more than 78,000 people, water had not been flowing from taps, he said. Several residents Sunday said the water supply was still intermittent.

Crews will have to rebuild hundreds of transmission towers along with resetting downed power poles and lines, clearing debris and assessing damage, said Scott Aaronson, vice president of security and preparedness for the Edison Electric Institute, the association of investor-owned electric companies in the U.S. The association said roughly 409,000 customers were still without power late Sunday as a result of the storm.

Insured losses to properties in the U.S. will be near \$9 billion, according to projections from a Boston-based disaster modeling firm. That includes wind and storm surge damage to residential, commercial and industrial properties and automobiles, Karen Clark & Co. said. There were an estimated

\$200 million in insured losses in the Caribbean, the company estimates.

In Lake Charles, many people in were still staying outside town. But James Townley said he would remain in his home, as he did during the storm.

The front of his trailer had been blown away, leaving a single toilet exposed to the elements.

Townley lay on a sofa in front of a fan — connected to a neighbor's generator — circulating hot, humid air. The 56-year-old's shirt was off, revealing scars from the open-heart surgery he had several years ago. He said he was out of medication for his heart and kidneys and had requested aid from FEMA — but not heard back.

"I'm just going to sit here and do what I can do," he said. "Maybe I'll make it, maybe I won't."

One silver pickup truck winding through Lake Charles' streets carried four generations of a single family — six people inside the cab and three riding on the flatbed along with suitcases and bags filled with belongings. The family was visiting the homes where they each lived for the first time since the storm, assessing what they had lost and what had been spared.

Driving the pickup was 53-year-old Patricia Mingo Lavergne. She was worried about how her home had fared, but also where everyone would sleep Sunday night.

When Lavergne parked outside the house she shares with her husband, a duplex just north of the train tracks bisecting the city, several family members began to pray and wipe away tears.

The pecan tree that long shaded her front yard had cracked and fallen in front of the front door. Insulation had burst through the ceiling and fallen in tufts over one bedroom. In another room, she pulled out two drawers filled with neatly folded clothes saved for her daughter's child.

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So, that is something that has been a struggle for us and is something that we're trying to work on and improve," Sparks said.

Discussion then moved toward the future of education after Covid with online learning becoming the more and more popular for students across the country.

According to Sparks, several conversations have been held with students who are online and have also taken in person classes, the majority of students would prefer to stay on campus and attend in-person classes if they could. A study conducted by UT Austin was also referenced in the meeting, with the majority of students voicing their opinion in support of face to face classes.

"The goal is: we're going to get back to normal. We're optimists. We're trying to plan for when we come out of this fog and what can we do to get people trained and ready and into new jobs. We want to do what we can for the people we serve in Howard County and the 12 other counties we serve," Dr. Sparks.

As the atmosphere calmed, discussion circled back to the proposed budgets, and Trustees headed into a vote to adopt the annual budgets for 2020-2021. The Howard College/SWCD budgets, as presented, were passed unanimously.

After approving the budget, Trustees were then provided several tax rate options for the Howard College Big Spring budget including:

- A 3% increase in M&O equaling a total tax rate of \$0.218525, for a total 3.74% increase in the total tax rate/considered at the Workshop and in the Public Notice
- A 2% increase in M&O equaling a total tax rate of \$0.216675, for a total of 2.87% increase in the total tax rate
- A 1% increase in M&O equaling a total tax rate of \$0.214824, for a 1.99% increase in the total tax rate
- No-new-revenue in M&O equaling a total tax rate of \$0.212974, for a 1.11% increase in the total tax rate

A motion was made by Trustee Maxwell Barr to approve a 2% increase in M&O for a total tax rate of \$0.216675. Trustee Patricia Bennett then seconded. The motion passed in a 6 to 1 vote with Trustee Michael L. Flores opposing. Last year's total tax

rate was \$0.210637 and the total tax rate proposed is \$0.216675, an increase of 2.87%.

Sparks also provided an update on how Howard College is responding to Covid-19 with their fifth Open Howard College Update. So far, coronavirus cases within the Howard College service area have seemed to increase since last month with Howard County having 132 cases last month and increasing to 276 this month; Glasscock County had six cases last month, and remained steady this month; and Tom Green County reported 1,505 cases last month, and is up to 2,004 cases this month.

Classes for Howard College began Aug. 17 and according to Dr. Sparks, there is a decline in enrollment district wide. Discussion on enrollment numbers began with the comparison of summer one and two enrollment for years 2019 and 2020. Overall, there was a steady decrease in summer one enrollment, however, summer two enrollment proved to have a lower decline in enrollment than compared to summer one. Graphs providing this summer enrollment information can be found on howardcollege.edu underneath the Board of Trustees tab.

Dr. Sparks also covered preliminary numbers regarding overall enrollment of Howard College and provided a few projected numbers that would be certified at the next meeting. According to Dr. Sparks, there is a projected 11% drop in enrollment across the entire Howard College district. For the last five years, Howard College has had over 4,000 students enrolled, however, there could be a recent projected drop to about 3,800 students. This projected number of enrollment is similar to Howard College enrollment back in 2008.

"We feel like we have a lot of success right now because we're here. We're having classes and we're doing what we can, and we are moving through this interesting time. Our students are trying to comply with the changes. They're doing a good job and they're doing their part. So we feel like we are being successful that way," Sparks said

Trustees then began to discuss a few of their upcoming activities during the President's Report such as:

- Deaf Awareness Week
- Scrimmages for soft-

ball to begin in the fall

• All athletic game schedules have been condensed to the spring

• Howard College Rodeo is Sept. 24 - 26

Other routine items below were approved and discussed during the meeting:

• Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting Aug. 3, 2020, Budget Workshop/Special Meeting Aug. 20, 2020, and Tax Hearing held on Aug. 27, 2020

• Financials for July, 2020

• Monthly Reports of Auxiliary Services

• Personnel Matters

• Internal Audit Report

• Updates/progress of Big Spring Area, Lamesa, San Angelo, and SWCD

• Handbook and Catalog Changes

• Annual Review of Investment Policy/Changes to Public Funds Investment Act

• Agreement for Assessment and Collection of Taxes

• Auditor Services

• Conflict Disclosure

• Community College Association of West Texas Trustees Webinar

• Legislative and General Updates

The next Howard College Board of Trustees meeting will take place on Sept. 28 at 12:30 p.m.

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2020 Texas League Play Playoffs Recap

Special to the Herald

The 2020 Texas League Play Playoffs featured 10 teams competing in a single-elimination, bracket-style tournament.

The first round took place at Horseshoe Bay's Apple Rock course, with 4 teams competing in the first round. The other 6 teams received byes into the quarterfinal round. The first match of the day saw The Hills Country Club from Austin take on Rolling Hills Country Club of Arlington. The first points of the day were won by Rolling Hills' Brian O'Dwyer and Craig Thorpe, who won their match to put their team up 2-1 early. The Hills answered in their second match as Tim Deck and Bill Parr swept Rolling Hills to take a 4-2 lead. Colin Peck and Wick Comegys from The Hills won their match 2-1 to extended The Hills overall match score to 6-3. Teammates Tye Grissom and Warren Smith won the final match to seal The Hills' victory 8.5-3.5.

Thursday's second match featured Nutcracker Golf Club of Granbury and Odessa Country Club (Links). Nutcracker took a commanding lead early by Cody Barrington and Darryl Woods winning the first match 2-1. The rest of Nutcracker's Team did not disappoint as the last three matches swept Odessa's Links Team. Nutcracker won their overall match 11-1 to get them into the quarterfinals.

Advancing teams returned to Apple Rock on Friday for the quarterfinal matches. The first match of the day took place between Tierra Verde Golf Club of Arlington and The Hills Country Club. Bret Mason and Randy Stephens of Tierra Verde came away with 2.5 points in the first match. Doug Foster and James Lloyd of Tierra Verde followed suit by winning the second match 2-1. The Hills' Colin Peck and Wick Comegys answered back and won the third match 2.5-.05. Carson Gooch and Ben Hicks of Tierra Verde won their match, which gave Tierra Verde a 7-5 victory and advanced them to the semifinal round.



Courtesy Photo

The Nutcracker Golf Club of Granbury and Odessa Country Club pose with their trophy after winning the 2020 Texas League Play championship.

The second match of the day featured Eagle Point Golf Club of Mont Belvieu and Nutcracker Golf Club. Both teams tied in the first match, but Mitchell Cole and Casey Barrington of Nutcracker got 2.5 points in the second match to give Nutcracker a 4-2 lead. Both clubs split the third match and final match 1.5-1.5, giving Nutcracker the 7-5 win and a spot in the semifinal round.

Friday's third match took place between River Crest Country Club of Fort Worth and Van Zandt Country Club of Canton. Matthew Bobo and Garrett Essl of River Crest started strong by sweeping the first match, and the rest of the River Crest team followed their lead. River Crest won 12-0 over Van Zandt clinching a spot in the semifinal round.

Friday's final match had the Golf Club of Houston against Odessa Country Club (Old). Mark Jones and Sterling Swack of Odessa took all 3 points in the first match giving them a good start to the day. Odessa's Brandon Warne and Darren Seglem won the second match giving Odessa a 5.5-0.5 lead. Jim

McNeil and Robert Rigney clinched the semifinal spot for Odessa by tying the third match giving Odessa the 7-5 victory, despite Golf Club of Odessa's Ross Vlachar and Brett Lalor sweeping the final match.

Saturday's semifinal rounds continued at Apple Rock, and the first match of the day was between Odessa Country Club and Tierra Verde Golf Club. Odessa's Mark Jones and Sterling Swack swept the first match giving Odessa an early 3-0 lead. Brandon Warne and Darren Seglem kept the momentum going by winning the second match 2.5-.05 increasing Odessa's lead to 5.5-.05. Both teams tied the third match, and Brian Madison and Luke Groves of Odessa won the fourth match 2-1 giving Odessa a victory of 9-3 and advancing them to the championship round.

The second semifinal match took place between Nutcracker Golf Club and River Crest Country Club. Cody Barrington and Darryl Woods from Nutcracker won all 3 points in the first match, but Jeff Needham and Dee Kelly of River Crest answered back with winning the second match 2.5-.05. Nutcracker's Mark Barrington and Dustin Sherrill swept the third match giving Nutcracker the 6.5-3.5 lead and giving Nutcracker a spot in the championship round, even though River Crest's Reid Parrish and Scott Hargrove won the very close fourth match 2-1.

Apple Rock course at Horseshoe Bay played host to Sunday's championship round between Odessa Country Club and Nutcracker Golf Club. Mark Jones and Sterling Swack of Odessa got the team off to a good start by sweeping the first match. However, Mitchell Cole and Casey Barrington responded by sweeping the second match leaving it a close 3-3 tie. Nutcracker's Dustin Sherrill and Marc Barrington captured 2.5 points in the third match, and Matt Sommerfield and Jared Harp of Nutcracker won the final match 2.5-.05, capturing the 2020 Texas League Play championship over Odessa 7.5-3.5.

Cowboys Corner: Latest news surrounding America's Team

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

Cowboys practice at AT&T Stadium on Sunday

Dallas held a normal practice on Sunday at AT&T Stadium with a few regular season scheduling wrinkles thrown into the day's plans. There was no scrimmage at the practice but each side of the ball, along with special teams, had plenty of reps to prepare themselves for the amount of conditioning that a normal Sunday this fall will take.

"It's going to look like a normal practice to what you've seen," Mike McCarthy said to ESPN reporter Todd Archer leading up to Sunday. "There will be more team periods but we're doing all the game day mechanics leading up to it as far as the pre-game meal, the bus ride out there. So we're really actually using the time-frames that are going to be similar to our first game out there in Los Angeles. It's more about getting those components in order."

McCarthy said that in an average game, the offense and defense will average around 68 plays apiece during the duration of 60 minutes. On special teams, there will be about 22 total plays in a normal game. Dallas was able to get off just shy of 80 plays (79) for the offense and defense at Sunday's practice and also were able to fit in 16 plays on special teams. "I thought the stress of the conditioning and the communication was excellent for our team," McCarthy told reporters after practice. "We're at the point of camp where we really need to hit that target."

The day at AT&T Stadium was the first for McCarthy as Head Coach of the Cowboys and returned some special memories for the former Green Bay Packers' coach, who won Super Bowl XLV in Jerry World.

"AT&T Stadium will always be special obviously because of the success from the past, but I'm really looking forward to having great success there moving into the future," McCarthy told Archer.

ESPN ranks top Achilles' heel for top contenders

ESPN's Bill Barnwell is known for his in-depth rankings and analytical views of the NFL season. He recently released his list for "20 contenders for the 2020 NFL season, 20 big weaknesses: Ranking the Achilles' heels". Barnwell has defined the list as "the 20 teams with the best chances of making it to January per ESPN's Football Power Index. Some of these concerns are driven by injuries suffered during the preseason or COVID-19 opt-outs; others are a product of roster construction or ill-advised commitments."

Dallas was ranked at No. 16 (meaning they have the fifth best odds of overcoming their big weakness, according to Barnwell) on the list with their biggest weakness being the cornerback position. He picks the expected starter for the one cornerback spot that is up for grabs as Jourdan Lewis. The division rival Philadelphia Eagles were ranked at No. 17 with left tackle being their weakest position.

Barnwell writes about Dallas, "Where the Eagles go, the Cowboys typically follow close behind. Dallas was able to retain wide receiver Amari Cooper and upgrade its defensive line this offseason, but it took a step back at cornerback after losing Byron Jones to the Dolphins in free agency. The Cowboys re-signed Anthony Brown, who should start in the slot, and Chidobe Awuzie will likely return as a starter on one side, but they're hoping to replace Jones by having someone emerge from a committee."

Lewis is the favorite on paper to emerge as the starter, but minor injuries to Lewis and Awuzie have created an opportunity for second-round pick Trevon Diggs. Veteran Daryl Worley and fourth-round pick Reggie Robinson could also figure in the mix, although both have seen some snaps at safety in camp. Diggs still needs some refinement and might give up a big play or two early in the year if forced into the lineup, but he has the most upside of the bunch and figures to be a regular by the end of the season.

Update on possible Earl Thomas signing

The former Texas Longhorn was cut last week by the Baltimore Ravens following an altercation with a teammate at practice. It is not the first time that the _-time All-Pro safety has found himself in the negative news cycle this summer and is currently looking for a new NFL city to call home. His interest in playing for Dallas has been well-documented in the past but there does not seem to be any immediate sign of action from Dallas.

"I would be open to having him, but I like the guys we got also," franchise running back Ezekiel Elliott said last week on 105.3 The Fan.

McCarthy added last week, "We're very confident in where we are (with) the 80-man roster... I have nothing really to report."

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MLB Schedule

Monday Results

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
Miami Marlins	@ New York Mets	5-3, Marlins
Baltimore Orioles	@ Toronto Blue Jays	4-3, Orioles (11)
Seattle Mariners	@ Los Angeles Angels	2-1, Mariners
St. Louis Cardinals	@ Cincinnati Reds	7-5, Cardinals
Tampa Bay Rays	@ New York Yankees	5-3, Rays
Washington Nationals	@ Philadelphia Phillies	8-6, Phillies
Atlanta Braves	@ Boston Red Sox	6-3, Braves
Pittsburgh Pirates	@ Milwaukee Brewers	6-5, Brewers
Cleveland Indians	@ Kansas City Royals	2-1, Royals
Chicago White Sox	@ Minnesota Twins	8-5, White Sox
San Diego Padres	@ Colorado Rockies	6-0, Padres

Tuesday Games

Away Team	Home Team	Time of Game
St. Louis Cardinals	@ Cincinnati Reds	5:40 p.m.
Toronto Blue Jays	@ Miami Marlins	5:40 p.m. (FS1)
Tampa Bay Rays	@ New York Yankees	6:05 p.m.
Washington Nationals	@ Philadelphia Phillies	6:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs	@ Pittsburgh Pirates	6:05 p.m.
Atlanta Braves	@ Boston Red Sox	6:30 p.m.
New York Mets	@ Baltimore Orioles	6:35 p.m.
Detroit Tigers	@ Milwaukee Brewers	6:40 p.m.
Cleveland Indians	@ Kansas City Royals	7:05 p.m.
Texas Rangers	@ Houston Astros	7:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox	@ Minnesota Twins	7:10 p.m. (ESPN+)
San Francisco Giants	@ Colorado Rockies	7:40 p.m.
Arizona Diamondbacks	@ Los Angeles Dodgers	8:40 p.m.
Oakland Athletics	@ Seattle Mariners	8:40 p.m. (FS1)

NBA Playoff Schedule

First/Second Round

Monday Results

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
Miami Heat (1)	@ Milwaukee Bucks (0)	115-104, Heat
Houston Rockets (3)	@ Oklahoma City Thunder (3)	104-100, Thunder

Tuesday Games

Away Team	Home Team	Time of Game
Boston Celtics (1)	@ Toronto Raptors (0)	4:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Utah Jazz (3)	@ Denver Nuggets (3)	7:30 p.m. (ABC)

NHL Playoff Schedule

Second Round

Monday Results

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
Boston Bruins (1)	@ Tampa Bay Lightning (4)	3-2, Lightning
Dallas Stars (3)	@ Colorado Avalanche (2)	6-3, Avalanche

Tuesday Games

Away Team	Home Team	Time of Game
New York Islanders (3)	@ Philadelphia Flyers (1)	6:00 p.m. (NBCSN)
Vancouver Canucks (1)	@ Vegas Golden Knights (3)	8:45 p.m. (NBCSN)

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Summertime with Family

Dear Annie: I have been struggling with an issue for a while and need some perspective. My son married a truly wonderful woman, and they now have two sons under the age of 6, whom my husband and I adore. They live in another state, about a 12-hour drive or an one-hour flight from us, and we try to see them every two months or so.

Every summer, they come to our beloved family vacation home at the beach where my

kids and their cousins spent their summers. It makes us so happy that our son and daughter-in-law love this special place, as do their kids. That just fills our hearts.

The difficult part for my husband and me is that our son has about a week of vacation and only wants us and his in-town sibling and kids to join them for a few days. We rent a separate home so that they can have the family home to themselves, but it breaks our hearts that they aren't more anxious to spend more time with us, as I'm

sure they know how much we want to see them and our grandsons.

We have many friends who rent a place at the beach and spend an entire week with their whole family. Our son loves us and loves seeing us with his children, but we often get the feeling that we are intruding or not completely welcome. This happens in his own home at times. My husband and I do our best to be respectful of boundaries and are truly in awe of their parenting and only have praise to offer. I know

our daughter-in-law loves us and often says she feels lucky to have us as in-laws. There really are no complicated issues or resentments.

I believe our son's need for closeness and time together is different from ours. How do I reconcile this? I'd like to be less sad and hurt by this. But it's hard when other families seem to be so anxious to spend as much time as possible together.

I'm hoping for some advice or perspective that helps me just to accept this and not resent it. -- Trying to Be

An Adult

Dear Trying to Be An Adult: On the one hand, it is understandable that you want to spend as much time as possible with your son and grandkids. On the other hand, it is understandable that your son only has a limited amount of time off due to work and wanting to spend time with his wife and kids. This is a case where you can look at the glass as half full or half empty. The more you focus and appreciate the time that your son and his kids are there, the more they will want to be there. It

is an interesting thing about gratitude: What we appreciate appreciates.

As far as your friends whose kids seem to spend more time with them, always remember that comparison is the thief of joy. Don't let comparing with others steal your joy. It's more important and meaningful to have quality time with your family than some arbitrary quantity of time.

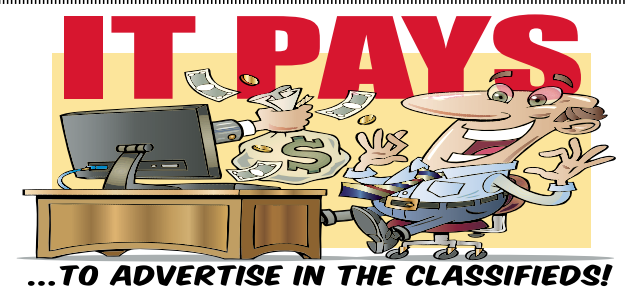
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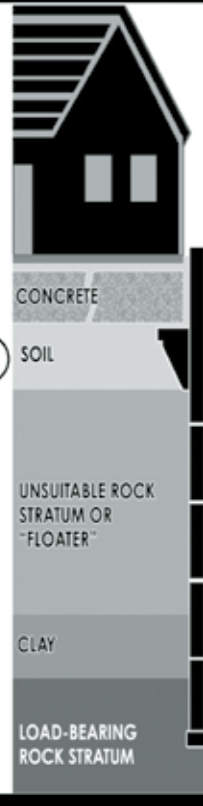
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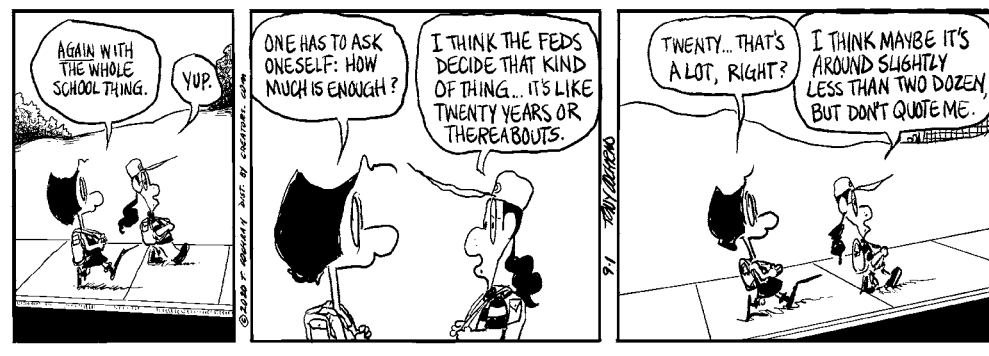
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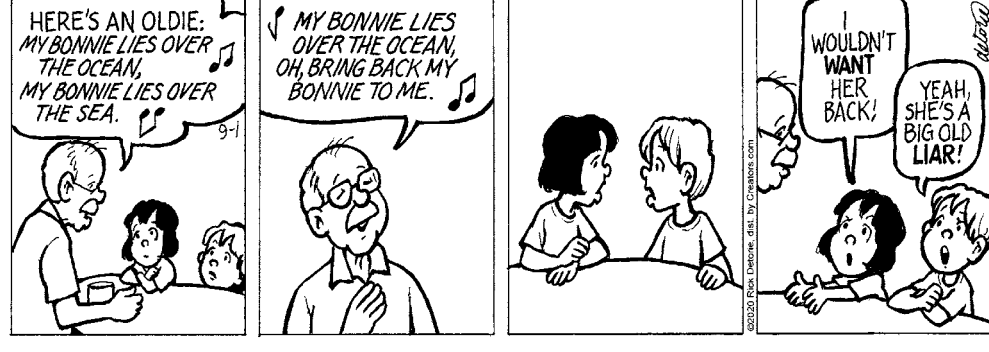
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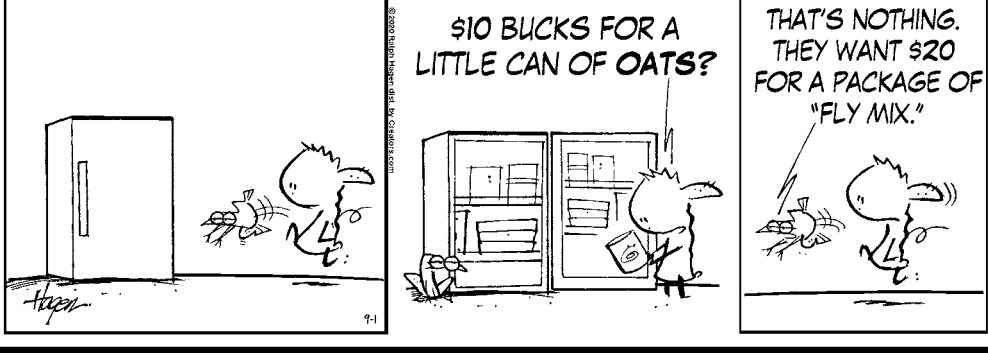
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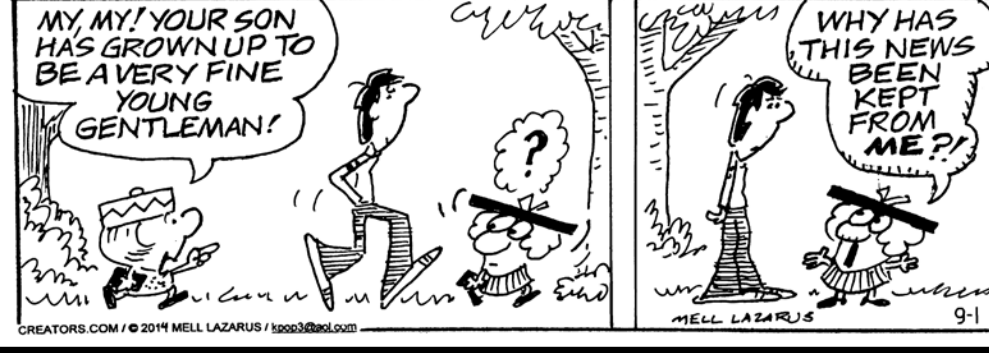
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 1, the 245th day of 2020. There are 121 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On September 1, 1945, Americans received word of Japan's formal surrender that ended World War II. (Because of the time difference, it was Sept. 2 in Tokyo Bay, where the ceremony took place.)

On this date:

In 1894, the Great Hinckley Fire destroyed Hinckley, Minnesota, and five other communities, killing more than 400 people.

In 1923, the Japanese cities of Tokyo and Yokohama were devastated by an earthquake that claimed some 140,000 lives.

In 1939, World War II began as Nazi Germany invaded Poland.

In 1941, the first municipally owned parking building in the United States opened in Welch, W. Va.

In 1942, U.S. District Court Judge Martin I. Welsh, ruling from Sacramento, Calif., on a lawsuit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of Fred Korematsu, upheld the wartime detention of Japanese-Americans as well as Japanese nationals.

In 1969, a coup in Libya brought Moammar Gadhafi to power.

In 1972, American Bobby Fischer won the international chess crown in Reykjavik (RAY-kyuh-vik), Iceland, as Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union resigned before the resumption of Game 21. An arson fire at the Blue Bird Cafe in Montreal, Canada, claimed 37 lives.

In 1983, 269 people were killed when a Korean Air Lines Boeing 747 was shot down by a Soviet jet fighter after the airliner entered Soviet airspace.

In 1985, a U.S.-French expedition located the wreckage of the Titanic on the floor of the Atlantic Ocean roughly 400 miles off Newfoundland.

In 2005, New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin issued a "desperate SOS" as his city descended into anarchy amid the flooding left by Hurricane Katrina.

In 2009, Vermont's law allowing same-sex marriage went into effect.

In 2018, at a nearly three-hour memorial service for the late Arizona Republican Sen. John McCain in Washington, McCain's daughter and two former presidents led a public

rebutal of President Donald Trump's divisive politics and called for a return to civility among the nation's leaders.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama convened a new round of ambitious Middle East peace talks at the White House as he hosted Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in the first face-to-face negotiations in nearly two years. A man upset with the Discovery Channel's programming took two employees and a security officer hostage at the network's headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland; police shot and killed the gunman, James Jae Lee, and all three hostages escaped safely.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama stared down a melting glacier in Alaska in a dramatic use of his presidential pulpit to sound the alarm on climate change. Invoking "God's authority," Rowan County, Kentucky, Clerk Kim Davis denied marriage licenses to gay couples again in direct defiance of the federal courts, and vowed not to resign, even under the pressure of steep fines or jail. Lt. Charles Joseph Gliniewicz, a police officer for Fox Lake, Illinois, was found shot to death after reporting he was pursuing a group of men; authorities eventually concluded that Gliniewicz's death was a suicide. Actor Dean Jones, 84, died in Los Angeles.

One year ago: Hurricane Dorian struck the northern Bahamas as a catastrophic Category 5 storm with record 185 mph winds that ripped off roofs and overturned cars. South Carolina's governor ordered a mandatory evacuation of the entire coast of the state amid the threat from Dorian. The United States and China put into effect their latest tariff increases on each other's goods; the 15% U.S. taxes applied to about \$112 billion of Chinese imports. Actor and comedian Kevin Hart suffered a serious back injury when the vintage muscle car in which he was riding went out of control on a Southern California highway, careening down an

embankment and into a tree. Thousands of people who were gathered in St. Peter's Square for the traditional Sunday noon appearance by the pope were left waiting for several minutes; Francis explained that he had been stuck in an elevator. Justin Verlander pitched his third career no-hitter, striking out 14 to lead the Houston Astros past the

Toronto Blue Jays, 2-0.

Today's Birthdays: Actor George Maharis is 92. Conductor Seiji Ozawa (SAY'-jee oh-ZAH'-wah) is 85. Attorney and law professor Alan Dershowitz is 82. Comedian-actor Lily Tomlin is 81. Actor Don Stroud is 77. Conductor Leonard Slatkin is 76. Singer Archie Bell is 76. Singer Barry Gibb is 74. Rock musician

Greg Errico is 72. Talk show host Dr. Phil McGraw is 70. Singer Gloria Estefan is 63. Former White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers is 59. Jazz musician Boney James is 59. Singer-musician Grant Lee Phillips (Grant Lee Buffalo) is 57. Country singer-songwriter Charlie Robison is 56. Retired NBA All-Star Tim Hardaway is 54. Rap DJ Spigg Nice (Lost

Boyz) is 50. Actor Ricardo Antonio Chavira is 49. Actor Maury Sterling is 49. Rock singer JD Fortune is 47. Actor Scott Speedman is 45. Country singer Angaleena Presley (Pistol Annie) is 44. Actor Boyd Holbrook is 39. Actor Zoe Lister-Jones is 38. Rock musician Joe Trohman is 36. Actor Aisling (ASH'-ling) Loftus is 30.

Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- Gelatin garnish for meats
- Mountains of Switzerland
- Segments of stage plays
- Lightweight modeling wood
- Hand out the cards
- Safari or cruise
- Smooths (out)
- Spanish artist Salvador
- Office note
- Slang term for a Marine
- Part of mph
- Written promise to repay
- Most crowded
- Formed a mental image of
- Bring in, as a harvest
- Suffix meaning "sort of"
- Poisonous
- Correct a pencil error
- Double-___ (type of touney)
- Enjoy very much
- Apple's tablet
- Equip anew
- Rams and roosters
- What a yolk comes from
- Back of an envelope
- Dangerous whip-tailed fish
- Idle drawings
- Hair gel or wet tar
- Caterer's big coffeepot
- Fluffy treat at a carnival

DOWN

- Cain's brother
- Rescue
- "Not guilty," for one
- "So true, right?"
- Redeem all one's chips
- Mail's destination: Abbr.
- Low in fat
- Drained of color
- Cheese-cutting machine
- S&L's outdoor device
- Crinkly party streamer stuff
- Measures with a stopwatch
- Baseball or golf
- Coins in France and Spain
- Joint to bounce a baby on
- Dress of India
- Ship's docking area
- Mauai or Ireland
- Dessert with meringue filling
- School test
- Female opera stars
- Young stallion
- Epic tale
- Feeling tense
- Not at all spicy
- Occupy a throne
- Bath powder
- Cinema chocolate candy with white speckles
- Women and children
- Leave the base illegally
- Began eating
- Make a speech
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- Cousin of a frog
- "Goodness!"
- California wine valley
- Slow faucet leak
- Longings
- Bring to a close

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Howard Lady Hawks' basketball adds Weatherford transfer Sumaiyah Abdur-Rahim to 2020 recruiting class



Courtesy Photo

Abdur-Rahim makes her way up the court last season as a member of the Weatherford Lady Coyotes.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

Earlier this month, the Howard Lady Hawks added one more recruit to their roster for the upcoming

Paul has 28, helps Thunder force Game 7 against the Rockets

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Chris Paul and the Thunder had their backs to the bubble wall, a tougher spot than usual when facing elimination.

This time meant lots of packing, getting ready for a potential return home after a long time away. They weren't interested in their trip — or their season — ending.

"We're not ready to go yet," Paul said.

He made sure they wouldn't.

Paul gave the Thunder at least one more game at Disney, scoring 15 of his 28 points in the fourth quarter for a 104-100 victory over the Houston Rockets on Monday night in Game 6 of a Western Conference first-round series.

Paul made two free throws with 13.1 seconds left and the game tied at 100, and Danilo Gallinari added two more after a turnover by Russell Westbrook to finish it off.

Game 7 will be Wednesday night, with the winner advancing to face the top-seeded Los Angeles Lakers. James Harden said the Rockets' mindset won't change.

"To go win," he said. "It's simple."

It gives the West two Game 7s, with Denver and Utah set to play

theirs on Tuesday.

In a game that was close all the way — neither team led by double digits — the Thunder bounced back from a blowout in Game 5. And nobody handles close games better than Paul, who led the NBA with 150 points in clutch situations, defined as the last five minutes of a game in which the point differential is five or fewer points.

"We expect him to make those shots, especially at the end of the game," Gallinari said.

Gallinari added 25 points.

Harden had 32 points, eight rebounds and seven assists for the Rockets, while Robert Covington had 18 and Westbrook 17 in his second game back from a right quadriceps strain.

But they combined for 12 of the Rockets' 22 turnovers, saying Houston has lost the close games more than Oklahoma City won them.

"It's kind of been on us, to be completely honest," Westbrook said.

Houston got its most dominant playoff victory in Game 5, winning 114-80 after holding Oklahoma City to 31.5% shooting. But the Thunder shook that off, just as they did a 2-0 deficit in the series.

ing shortened 2020-21 season. The season is slated to begin in January and the addition of an experienced junior college player is a tremendous late-offseason addition by Head Coach Earl Diddle and his Assistant Coach Meesha Wade.

Sumaiyah Abdur-Rahim is an upcoming sophomore guard from Mansfield who played her high school ball at Lake Ridge High School. She was a member of the Weatherford Lady Coyotes in the 2019-20 season but was buried on the depth chart and averaged just over two minutes on the court per game (2.3).

Even in her limited time on the court, Abdur-Rahim was able to average 6.9 points per game while shooting 33.2% from the floor. She was not very successful from beyond the arc (23.4%), but she may be able to improve on and

increase her chances of making threes in Diddle's offensive system.

By her stat-line, Abdur-Rahim appears to be a pass-first point guard that has the ability to facilitate and open up opportunities for her teammates on the floor to score. She averaged just over two assists per game (2.1) coming off of the bench last year and was also a pest on the defensive side of the ball. Diddle loves his defense and Abdur-Rahim's ability to swipe the ball away from the opponent was surely one of the reasons he decided to recruit her.

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MLB Standings (Through 8/31/20)

AMERICAN LEAGUE									
EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	HOME	AWAY	RS	RA	
Tampa Bay Rays	25	11	.694	-	12-5	13-6	188	147	
New York Yankees	19	14	.576	4.5	13-6	6-8	162	139	
Toronto Blue Jays	18	15	.545	5.5	8-5	10-10	158	144	
Baltimore Orioles	15	19	.441	9	6-13	9-6	157	175	
Boston Red Sox	12	23	.343	12.5	6-12	6-11	162	215	
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	HOME	AWAY	RS	RA	
Chicago White Sox	22	13	.629	-	11-9	11-4	184	139	
Cleveland Indians	21	14	.600	1	9-7	12-7	143	104	
Minnesota Twins	20	16	.556	2.5	12-4	8-12	159	135	
Detroit Tigers	16	16	.500	4.5	9-10	7-6	152	173	
Kansas City Royals	14	21	.400	8	7-7	7-14	141	159	
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	HOME	AWAY	RS	RA	
Oakland Athletics	22	12	.647	-	13-4	9-8	164	128	
Houston Astros	19	14	.576	2.5	14-5	5-9	176	153	
Seattle Mariners	15	22	.405	8.5	7-8	8-14	156	199	
Texas Rangers	12	21	.364	9.5	9-10	3-11	120	178	
Los Angeles Angels	12	24	.333	11	7-11	5-13	171	193	
NATIONAL LEAGUE									
EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	HOME	AWAY	RS	RA	
Atlanta Braves	20	14	.588	-	12-4	8-10	175	149	
Miami Marlins	15	15	.500	3	1-8	14-7	128	139	
Philadelphia	15	15	.500	3	11-9	4-6	168	166	
New York Mets	15	20	.429	5.5	6-10	9-10	151	168	
Washington	12	20	.375	7	6-13	6-7	155	162	
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	HOME	AWAY	RS	RA	
Chicago Cubs	20	14	.588	-	12-8	8-6	161	148	
St. Louis Cardinals	13	13	.500	3	8-7	5-6	107	101	
Milwaukee Brewers	16	18	.471	4	7-9	9-9	135	163	
Cincinnati Reds	15	20	.429	5.5	7-10	8-10	140	155	
Pittsburgh Pirates	10	22	.313	9	5-9	5-13	128	173	
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	HOME	AWAY	RS	RA	
L.A. Dodgers	26	10	.722	-	11-5	15-5	204	114	
San Diego Padres	22	15	.595	4.5	12-6	10-9	211	168	
Colorado Rockies	17	18	.486	8.5	8-11	9-7	168	188	
San Francisco	17	19	.472	9	9-8	8-11	172	191	
Arizona D'Backs	14	21	.400	11.5	9-9	5-12	148	178	

Former athletes, sports shows take lead on social justice

By JOE REEDY

AP Sports Writer

Chris Webber's emotional comments last week in support of NBA players, who boycotted the playoffs after the shooting of Jacob Blake, generated millions of views because they came from the heart and addressed sensitive topics.

But for Webber and other Black commentators who discussed this week's call to action throughout the sports world, it wasn't unusual to discuss such subjects. The only difference is that this time he spoke in front of a live TV audience.

"These are conversations I have had with my mom since I've been 5 years old. This is nothing I haven't said a thousand times before, but no one heard it," Webber said by phone from the NBA bubble at Walt Disney World in Florida. "These are the same conversations and hopefully something gets done."

On-air conversations about race have been common in sports media because it is more diverse, particularly with more Black on-air talent, than the rest of the news media, where many organizations have pledged this year to hire more minorities. Former athletes have a pipeline to advance into sports media as commentators, and many popular shows feature a Black man or woman as a host.

Amid a dizzying week of news that included the Republican National Convention, the coronavirus pandemic and protests following the shooting of Blake by a police officer in Kenosha, Wisconsin, sports networks devoted large chunks of their programming to discussions of social and racial injustice. Boycotts by players in several leagues — games canceled in the NBA, NHL, Major League Baseball and Major League Soccer, and NFL players not practicing — presented an opportunity for sports on TV to deviate from the usual script.

Those conversations took different forms. TNT's Kenny Smith showed solidarity with players by walking off the "Inside the NBA" set on Wednesday. On Thursday, NFL Network was slated to air the Los Angeles Chargers' first workout at SoFI Stadium. Instead, it turned into a forum for players to express their feelings about racial and social issues after practice was canceled.

Talk shows on ESPN and FS1, normally devoted to debates about teams, players and coaches, became forums to discuss experiences with racism.

"I have young nephews and I've had to talk to them about death before they've even seen a movie," Webber said in his comments on TNT on Wednesday.

CBS studio host James Brown, who has been a part of network television for 36 years, said his conversations with players and executives have

shown that athletes feel like they're at a crossroads.

"They don't get the impression that anything significant is being done by leadership across the country and that they're not serious about changes," Brown said. "Athletes also feel a moral obligation to represent the marginalized and to advocate strongly for that until they see serious changes."

Former NFL linebacker Emmanuel Acho has tried to create some of those changes himself. Along with interviewing athletes on FS1's "Speak for Yourself," he has started a YouTube series called "Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man." Acho is scheduled to release a book with the same title in November.

"I fervently believe that if the white person is your problem, only the white person can be the solution," Acho said in his first episode.

His guests have included actor Matthew McConaughey and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

"There are topics that can be intimidating for others, but for me, being able to address them is the most fulfilling," Acho said. "I've seen a lot of encouraging discussions throughout different shows this week. You have to tackle issues that pertain to everyone's lives. You are talking about life and death, not wins and losses."

ESPN commentator Jalen Rose, who was Webber's college teammate at Michigan, said conversations about social justice and race relations can be emotionally and physically draining, but he believes they are signs of progress.

"To use a sports analogy, I look at it as trying to gain field position. If you look up at the scoreboard it is 465 years (since slavery) to zero and it's the first quarter and you know you aren't going to win the game, but you have to go out there and play your best and move the ball forward for the people that come behind you," Rose said. "You might get four or five first downs and then get a pass interference call but when you punt you are still gaining field position. It has to be about the marathon and the long game which can be frustrating but those are the cards we've been dealt."

Brown, who also hosts the NFL Broadcasting Boot Camp for players each year, said current and former athletes are getting more respect and attention when they speak about issues outside sports.

"It's hurtful — because I am an older athlete — to say all we can do is play ball and not be engaged. We're husbands and grandfathers. To marginalize athletes is wrong. The nexus between sports and civic action is there," Brown said.

Brown added that athletes who speak out need to be articulate, informed and mindful that their

words have staying power.

It was just two years ago that Jimmy Pitaro took over as president of ESPN and issued a "stick to sports" edict for the network's on-air talent. But the interpretation of those words has evolved. When social unrest intersects with sports, ESPN won't ignore the topic.

For Rose, the era of athletes sticking to sports is over — in part because President Donald Trump hasn't been shy about criticizing NBA and NFL players who disagree with him.

"If he's acknowledging NFL players who are kneeling and he says, 'They deserve to be fired that now becomes a sports topic. If one of the owners of the Atlanta Dream talks about the Black Lives Matter movement in derogatory terms, that now becomes a topic. When Herschel Walker or Brian Urlacher say what they want to say about politics, then that's going to become a topic," Rose said. "You understand there are going to be people who are unhappy, but I do applaud the NBA, ESPN and national media outlets that allow people to express themselves both ways."

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