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Today is the FINAL DAY of Early Voting! Howard County Courthouse 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Mail in ballots must be mailed and cannot be hand delivered to the Courthouse.

City Council 5:30 p.m. Today Council Chambers

The jury trial slated for May 12, 2021 at 9 a.m. in Judge Averette's court has been cancelled. Jury trials scheduled for other dates will proceed as planned.

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Roadwork, bids top business at Commissioners' Court meeting

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Herald Staff Writer

Howard County Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek presented several items at Monday's Commissioner's Court meeting, including three bids on road work, naming of a road for 9-1-1 identification purposes, and Texas Department of Transportation plans for work on two farm-to-market roads in the county.

The roadwork contracts, designated as RFB 2020014, 2020015 and 2020016, were each awarded to the lowest bidder, per Klinksiek's recommendations.

The 2020014 bid concerns work on County Road 32, and was awarded to Black Jack Energy Services LLC of

Big Spring. RFB 2020015 is for work on County Road 23 and 2020016 is for work on County Road 43; the latter two contracts were awarded to Cox Paving Co. of Blanco County.

Although the commissioners had printed copies of the bid amounts, those figures were not mentioned in the meeting.

"I'm perfectly fine with our low bidders. They are all qualified," Klinksiek told the commissioners. "These numbers did, fortunately, come in under my estimates. I'd like y'all to accept those, and allow me to move forward with the contracts with these contractors for the county's projects."

Commissioners approved the name "Foltz Lane" for an unnamed roadway off of Terry Lane.

"I said 'Precinct 2' and I may be wrong, it may be Precinct 4. There's a couple of spots where I get confused," Klinksiek said. "Terry Lane comes off of the South Frontage Road and proceeds back kind of south-easterly and then turns easterly. The back portion of it there is an area that was withheld for public use when the area was subdivided. The road was not accepted by the county and it has no name."

Klinksiek explained that, although the

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Texas Tenors join Big Spring Symphony & Orchestra for Saturday night performance at BSHS



HERALD photos/Michael Cole

The Texas Tenors joined with the Big Spring Symphony this past weekend to welcome live performances back to the Big Spring community. The Big Spring Symphony & Orchestra took the performance to the Big Spring High School Auditorium, from the originally planned venue, the Municipal Auditorium. Big Spring residents, and some from around the area, filled the auditorium for the performance. A special tribute to military personnel took place in recognition for the sacrifices made for freedom.

Howard College Board of Trustees approves tuition hike for fall, first since 2015

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Herald Staff Writer

Howard College students will see a small increase in their tuition cost, starting in Fall 2021.

"We determined not to do it... not to bring it back for your consideration this spring. We decided to wait. We have not increased tuition since 2015. There have been some variations in fees, but as far as tuition, we have not," Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks told the Howard County Junior College District board of trustees at its regular meeting Monday afternoon. "Also, when we look at tuition, we look at how we compare to colleges in the West Texas area. Our peer colleges, small colleges, and we try to get a good idea of how we relate. A lot of small colleges charge a lot more, but we have tried to stay -

in the West Texas area - around the state average."

Sparks said that, after much research and discussion, the college's administration had decided to seek a \$5 per credit hour tuition increase for students from within Howard College's district and a \$10 per credit hour increase for students hailing from farther away.

The increase should increase the tuition of an in-district student from \$90 to \$95 per credit hour, an increase of \$75 for a 15-hour course load. Students from Texas but outside the Howard County Junior College District will see their tuition increase from \$138 to \$148 per credit hour, or by \$150 for a 15-hour load; while out-of-state students will see their tuition jump from \$187 to \$197 per credit hour, also a \$150 hike for a

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Toasty Tuesday focusing on Wasson Road this week



Courtesy photo

Last week there were nine volunteers who gathered for Toasty Tuesday. The group picked up 18 bags of trash along Highway 80. This week Toasty Tuesday will take place on Wasson Road. The group will meet at Locals at 6:30 p.m. and clean up will be for about an hour.

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Take Note

• Interim HealthCare is looking for volunteers. Those who would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer can call 432-263-5999.

• The Howard County Democrats meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Cactus Room located in the Student Union Building of Howard College.

• Early voting has begun for the May Election. Early voting will take place in the Howard County Courthouse until April 23 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. with extended hours on April 26 and 27 from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Election Day is May 1 with polls open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. a may vote at Ryan Hall, First Baptist Church, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and Coahoma Community Center. The May Election includes City of Big Spring District 2 seat; District 4 seat; City of Coahoma Mayor.

• Howard College is offering Microsoft Excel I and II courses. The final Excel I class is set for April 22. Microsoft Excel II classes are set for April 27, 29, May 4 and 6. Questions can be answered by contacting Dee Lindsey at 432-264-5641 or by e-mail at dlindsey@howardcollege.edu.

• Uplift Big Spring Resource Fair will be taking place April 24 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. at First Church of the Nazarene, located at 1400 S. Lancaster. The Permian Basin Oil & Energy Ministry will be there for the monthly food pantry.

• Complex Community FCU in Big Spring will be hosting Community Shred Day on April 26 from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Complex Community is located at 503 E. Farm to Market 700.

• April Mental Health First Aid classes will be taking place: April 26 - Youth Mental Health First Aid; April 28 - Adult Mental Health First Aid; April 29 - Youth Mental Health First Aid

• Dylan Marquez Memorial Scholarship applications are now being accepted. The deadline to apply is set at May 1, 2021. Applications can be submitted to laverette@bsisd.esc18.net. The scholarship was created to honor high school seniors from the Howard County area who are set to continue their education after graduating. This scholarship will be awarded annually to two students: one enrolled in an accredited university and one enrolled in a technical/vocational school. Each scholarship will equal \$2,500. In the event there is no recipient from the university or technical/vocational-tract, the selection committee shall have the authority to double the scholarship awarded to \$5,000 for one recipient.

• The Vitalant Bloodmobile will conduct a blood drive from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 5, at Interim Healthcare, 1900 S. Gregg. Sign up in advance at www.vitalant.org using the Sponsor Code "Interim". Before arriving to donate, be sure to eat a good meal, drink plenty of water, and bring a picture ID. Successful donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies. MASKS ARE REQUIRED. Contact Vitalant at 877-258-4825 if you have questions about eligibility.

• Howard College is offering License to Carry Course with class date set for May 15. There is a maximum of 10 students per class; handgun and ammo not provided. Participants must be 21 years of age and have valid ID. Those taking the class will need 50 rounds of ammo and a handgun. Questions can be answered by contacting Dee Lindsey at 432-264-5641 or by e-mail at dlindsey@howardcollege.edu.

• Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center is set to open June 1 and close Aug. 7. The Aquatic Center will be open Tuesday through Saturdays from Noon until 8 p.m. and Sundays 1 p.m. until 8 p.m. and closed Mondays.

• Forsan Food Pantry will be open twice a month from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Families who are in need can pull up to the front doors of the Junior High/High School and receive a free box of pre-packed meals. If you have any questions or need to pick up a box at a different time, contact Kaci Wash at

432-457-2223 ext 821 or Jenny Sayles at jennysales@yahoo.com.

• Cub Scouts meet Monday from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Naz Family Church, located at 1400 S. Lancaster.

• Howard County Republican Club meets the second Monday of each month in the Cactus Room at Howard College. The next meeting will be held in the newly renovated Cactus Room. Everyone is welcome. The meeting takes place at Noon. For more information call 432-213-7628.

• A new group named Taking Care of Business has started in Howard County. It is made up of people of all ages and genders who want to be better than they are. The focus of the fledgling organization is to engage in meaningful discussions that promote personal growth. Additionally, the organization will plan and execute worthwhile activities within the community.

There is no membership fee and attendance is not taken. The only requirements are that you be positive or want to be more positive than you are, consider yourself to be a good person but want to be better than you are, and that you have a desire to help others be better too. Childcare is available during the discussion time if you let us know. Topics to be avoided include Religion and Politics, though we can dance around them.

Taking Care of Business meets in the Masonic Lodge on the court square. It is not necessary that you have any masonic affiliation to participate in this Growth Group. All Covid-19 safety protocols will be followed as defined by local, state, and federal authorities. At this time refreshments will not be served but you are welcome to bring your own and not share. The meetings take place at 219 South Main Big Spring, Texas. For more information write to Colonel.Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com or just come to the meeting.

• The Howard County Library meeting rooms are now open at limited capacity. Only five people are allowed in the small room and 15 in the large room.

The meeting rooms can only be used by appointment, and only by community organizations. No parties or social gatherings will be allowed at this time. For more information, call the Howard County Library.

• 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.

• Food distribution at St. Vincent de Paul takes place the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Distributions are at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

• Permian Basin Multiple Sclerosis Support Group for information, encouragement and support. The group meets monthly on the Second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express at 5321 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa. If you or someone you know has been touched by MS, or if you are just interested in more information please feel to contact Gary Tidwell at garylteagle1987@gmail.com.

• VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

• O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Norman Witcher

Obituaries

Carmen Harbour

Carmen Harbour, 71, of Big Spring, died Monday, April 26, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

David Luera

David Luera, 58, of Big Spring, died Sunday, April 25, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Marlin Roberson

Marlin Roberson, 93, of Big Spring, died Monday, April 26, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **DERRELL JUSTIN BERNAL**, 32, of 1106 E. 15th Street, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **JOSHUA LINZY OWEN**, 37, transient, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ADRIAN AGUILAR**, 27, of 2505 Carol, was arrested on a warrant from other agency.
- **REBECCA LYNN COMSTOCK**, 37, of 509 S. Johnson Street, was arrested on a charge of burglary of vehicles.
- **MARCUS EMORY STURGILL**, 32, of 1216 E. 15th Street, was arrested on a charge of deadly conduct discharge firearm individuals (x2).
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1201 Derrick Road.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported in the 100 block of Jonesboro Road.
- **WELFARE CONCERN** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.
- **HIT AND RUN** was reported in the 6800 block of E. Midway Road.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the area of Eleventh and Gregg.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1000 block of Jeffery Road.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1500 block of Chickasaw Street.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the area Third and Main.
- **WELFARE CONCERN** was reported 2600 block of Wasson Road.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1600 Martin Luther King Blvd.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1400 block of S. Main Street.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 2600 block of Rebecca Drive.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 14th and Main.

Sheriff

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 85 inmates at the time of this report.
- **ADRIAN AGUILAR**, 27, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of theft of property between \$150K and \$300K.
- **DERRELL JUSTIN BERNAL**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **REBECCA LYNN COMSTOCK**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of burglary of vehicles.
- **DONALD JOHNSON**, 33, was arrested by OTHLE on a charge of evading arrest detention with vehicle, driving while intoxicated third or more, tamper/fabricate physical evidence with intent.
- **JOSHUA LINZY OWEN**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MARCUS EMORY STURGILL**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of deadly conduct discharge firearm (x2).

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Scott. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2400 block of Alabama. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block Ohio Street. One person was transported to Scenic

Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of NW 2nd Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the FM 846 & CR 33. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 7000 block of S. Service Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **BRUSH/GRASS FIRE** was reported in the 10000 block of S. Moss Lake Road. The First was contained.

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TxDOT calls for safer driving as work zone traffic deaths rise during pandemic

AUSTIN – Even with less traffic during the pandemic, Texas work zone fatalities increased 9% in 2020 compared to 2019. That’s why TxDOT is calling on drivers to make safety their number one priority at all times and especially when passing through active construction and maintenance work zones on the roadway.

TxDOT’s “Be Safe. Drive Smart.” campaign is marking National Work Zone Awareness Week, April 26–30, with safety tips to reduce work zone fatalities. Last year, there were more than 22,000 traffic crashes in Texas work zones with 186 people killed, including four road workers.

“We know driving through work zones can be challenging,” said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass.

“There can be extra congestion, slow-moving heavy equipment, temporary barriers, and vehicles that make sudden stops. We can’t stress enough how important it is to give driving your full attention and slow down—for your own safety and that of the people who work alongside the road.”

Drivers and their passengers account for the majority of those who have died in work zone crashes. In 2020, 147 motorists and vehicle passengers were killed in Texas work zones, along with 35 pedestrians and bicyclists and four road workers.

The Texas Mutual Insurance Company, which helps employers prevent workplace incidents and their consequences, is partnering with TxDOT to promote safe driving. The “Be Safe. Drive Smart.” campaign outlines five key steps drivers can take to safely navigate a work zone:

1. Slow down. Follow the posted speed limit and drive to conditions. Unsafe speed is one of the main causes of crashes in work zones.
2. Pay attention. Avoid distractions, keep your mind on the road and put your phone away.
3. Watch out for road crews. The only protective gear they wear is a vest, a hardhat and safety boots. Remember, they want to get home safe, too.
4. Don’t tailgate. Give yourself room to stop in a hurry if you need to. Rear-end collisions are the most common kind of work zone crashes.

5. Allow extra time. Road construction can slow things down. Count on it, and plan for it.

Traffic fines double in work zones when workers are present and can cost up to \$2,000. Failure to heed the Move Over/Slow Down law can also result in a \$2,000 fine. State law requires drivers to move over a lane or reduce their speed to 20 mph below the posted speed limit when approaching a TxDOT vehicle, emergency vehicle, law enforcement, tow truck or utility vehicle stopped with flashing lights activated on the roadside.

“Be Safe. Drive Smart.” is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel such as wearing a seat belt, driving the speed limit, never texting and driving and never driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. Nov. 7, 2000 was the last deathless day on Texas roadways. #EndTheStreakTX asks all Texans to commit to driving safely to help end the streak of daily deaths.

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15-hour load.

Tuition at the South West College for the Deaf is set by the state, so the increases by the District won’t apply to SWCD students.

Howard College is planning a live, in-person graduation event this spring at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Sparks reported during her update on the status of the college’s response to COVID-19. The coliseum will be partitioned so that about 25 percent of its regular capacity will be allowed to attend the graduation ceremony, and the event will be livestreamed so that those not able to attend can watch online, she added.

“Students are going to be allowed four tickets each,” she said. “Then, what will happen, unused tickets will be redistributed as requested.”

Sparks said several COVID-related requirements will be placed on those attending the ceremony, including wearing of face masks, COVID screenings prior to entry, and social distancing. Sparks urged those displaying disease symptoms to stay home. In addition, the ceremony will feature fewer people on stage than in previous years and a heightened security presence during

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road will not fall under the county’s responsibility for maintenance, it needs a name for identification through the 9-1-1 system so that services can be directed to it in case of an emergency.

Klinksiek said landowners in the area requested the name Foltz Lane, and he did not know the origin of the name.

The county engineer reported that TXDoT informed him they would be working on FM 1785 and FM 846 in the near future.

“This is a notification to us from TXDoT that this is what they intend to do,” Klinksiek said. “They are going to ask the judge to sign on the title sheet so that they know we were informed. I don’t want this to be confused with this being agreement with

the work or them asking about the work. This is their system and this is what they intend to do, and they just want us to know that this is what they intend to do.”

Klinksiek said the road project will involve substantial detours.

“1785 runs more or less east and west and starts in Borden County and continues across to US 87. Seven miles south of there, FM 846 runs from 669 out to the end of the county line,” he said. “Their intention, on 1785, you will be allowed to go one way on that road. The easiest way I can explain it is, you can go west on 1785. You’re going to have to drop down to 846 to go back east. I believe there is a seven-mile difference between those two roads, so you will be traveling 14 miles out of your way to go east and west on those two roads.”

The TXDoT work will begin this fall, he said. Commissioners also approved the purchase of a

truckload of road repair emulsion and additional equipment for the Road Department, including a tire machine, a vehicle computer, a vehicle lift and four laptop computers, at Klinksiek’s request.

In other business, the commissioners nominated Dwain Fox to fill an unfinished term on the Howard County Appraisal District board.

The commissioners also approved several items of routine business, including personnel considerations and County Treasurer Sharon Adams’ Quarterly Report; and invoices, purchase requests, budget amendments and County Auditor Jackie Olson’s Monthly Financial Report.

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Weather



Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 82. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west in the afternoon.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

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

Support Groups

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. 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.

TUESDAY

- 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

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News Briefs

Texas health commissioner says J&J vaccines should resume

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Coronavirus vaccine providers in Texas should resume using the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, Texas health commissioner Dr. John Hellerstedt said Saturday.

"The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is an important tool in our fight against COVID-19, and the scientific review over the last 11 days has affirmed its safety and effectiveness," said Dr. John Hellerstedt.

Texas joined several other states Saturday in ordering or recommending a resumption after after U.S. health officials said Friday that they were lifting an 11-day pause on vaccinations using the J&J vaccine.

During the pause, scientific advisers decided the vaccine's benefits outweigh a rare risk of blood clot.

The state health department on Saturday reported more than 2,200 newly confirmed or probable virus cases and 49 additional deaths.

There have been more than 2.8 million confirmed or probable virus cases in Texas and 48,946 deaths since the pandemic began. The state health department reports more than 2.7 million people have recovered.

Tesla CEO Elon Musk adding SNL hosting job to his to-do list

NEW YORK (AP) — Technology mogul Elon Musk has a lined up a new gig in addition to his jobs as CEO of electric car maker Tesla and space-ship maker SpaceX. He is going to host the iconic TV show "Saturday Night Live."

Musk's scheduled May 8 appearance builds upon his recent run of success. Tesla's stock is worth nearly six times more than it was before the pandemic started, leaving Musk with an estimated fortune of \$177 billion, according to Forbes magazine. And SpaceX just a launched a mission that sent astronauts to the International Space Station.

Saturday Night Live doesn't make a habit of having business executives host its show, but Musk is far from a stuffy corporate type. He regularly jokes around on Twitter, where he has nearly 52 million followers and has gotten into legal trouble for making disparaging remarks about critics and hinting that he might lead a buyout of Tesla that resulted him getting fined \$20 million by stock market regulators.

Miley Cyrus will be the musical guest on the night Musk hosts.

Dallas-area man suspected of killing mother, sister

ALLEN, Texas (AP) — A Dallas-area man has been arrested while awaiting an airline flight out of state and charged with capital murder in the deaths of his mother and sister, police said Sunday.

Isil Borat, 51, and daughter Burcu Hezar, 17, were round knifed to death in their Allen, Texas, home on Saturday morning by police answering a reported "disturbance with weapons."

Borat's husband identified stepson Barak Hezar, 20, as the suspect, said Sgt. Jon Felty, Allen police spokesman. Police were able to trace Burak at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. Hezar was arrested while awaiting a flight to San Francisco, where his biological father lived, Felty said.

The motive for the homicides was unclear, he said.

Hezar was booked into the Collin County on a capital murder charge on \$2 million bond. Jail records list no attorney for him.

1 killed, 2 injured in plane crash at coastal Texas airfield

PORT ARANSAS, Texas (AP) — A pilot was

killed and his two passengers were hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries after a light aircraft crashed at a coastal Texas airfield, officials said Sunday.

The crash happened about 1:15 p.m. Saturday at Mustang Beach Airport in Port Aransas, about 20 miles east of Corpus Christi, according to a Texas Department of Public Safety statement.

Carrol V. Jorgenson, 76, of Corpus Christi, was the pilot and was killed in the crash, the DPS said. His two passengers, a 40-year-old man and an eight-year-old child, were ejected from the aircraft by the impact and were in serious but stable condition at Corpus Christi hospitals.

No identities were immediately released, and no cause for the crash has been determined. The Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board were investigating.

Texas per capita new COVID-19 cases still in bottom quarter

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas is seeing 165 new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population over the past two weeks, keeping the state in 40th place among the states and territories in the U.S., according to Johns Hopkins University researchers.

Over the past two weeks, Texas has averaged almost 3,400 new cases per day. Johns Hopkins data show the state also has had 174 COVID-19 deaths per 100,000 population over the past two weeks, ranking 24th in the nation.

The state health department reported 1,344 new COVID-19 cases and 20 related deaths Sunday. However, than 2,200 newly confirmed or probable virus cases and 49 additional deaths.

However, state health officials have said some jurisdictions don't report COVID-19 cases or deaths on Sundays, while some don't report over the weekend at all.

Supreme Court rejects Texas suit over California travel ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Monday refused to consider Texas' challenge to California's ban on state-funded business trips to Texas and other states deemed to discriminate against LGBTQ people.

California adopted the ban following a 2017 Texas law that allows foster care and adoption agencies to deny services for religious beliefs.

Justices Samuel Alito and Clarence Thomas said they would have allowed the lawsuit to go forward at the high court.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton sought to file the suit at the Supreme Court, which hears disputes between states. He has called the California law an effort "to punish Texans for respecting the right of conscience for foster care and adoption providers."

In 2017, then-California Attorney General Xavier Becerra said, "Discriminatory laws in any part of our country send all of us several steps back. That's why when California said we would not tolerate discrimination against LGBTQ members of our community, we meant it."

Becerra now heads the U.S. Health and Human Services Department.

Dallas Opera launches online subscription streaming service

The Dallas Opera is starting an online subscription streaming service.

TheDallasOpera.tv launched Monday with a recital by mezzo-soprano Isabel Leonard and "Vanished," a three-part

art film with tenor Russell Thomas, countertenor John Holiday and music by Gluck, Monteverdi and Janáček. In addition, "The Heart of the Song" with tenors Javier Camarena, Rolando Villazón and David Lomelí will be available from May 25-31.

Content will include full productions, including a 2019 staging of Mozart's "Die Zauberflöte (The Magic Flute)" in a 1999 Peter Hall production starring bass Morris Robinson, sopranos Andrea Carroll and Jeni Houser, and tenor Paolo Fanale. The cost is \$4.99 monthly, with premium content available on pay-per-view.

"We wanted to establish ourselves as a dual track opera company, and this gives us the ability to have not only what we have on stage at the Winspea with our main stage productions, but it also gives us an opportunity to present to a global audience," Dallas Opera general director Ian Derrer said.

Content will be available from tdo network, which launched in February last year with music-related programming that includes talk-show format interviews with music director Emmanuel Villaume, a cooking show with soprano Elza van den Heever and "Late Nite With Liz" with soprano Elizabeth Sutphen.

"We're able to give people an insight to their personal lives," Derrer said.

David Lomelí, a tenor who is the company's artistic consultant and the newly appointed chief artistic officer of the Santa Fe Opera, said about 300 hours of content will be available at the start.

"We want to address a lot of the backstage, a lot of the fandom experience," he said. "What we're planning to do is a lot of original for the digital stage commissions, either miniseries or recitals or music-making sessions that were exclusively directed for the screen."

The Dallas Opera model takes a different approach than Metropolitan Opera on Demand, an online subscription streaming service of video and audio of past performances, and the Vienna State Opera, which launched a daily stream of an opera or ballet performance.

"We wanted to try something new and we wanted to be able to host it in a way that allows us to take the content that we already had and then allow different categories for future content programing, as well," Derrer said.

Bail denied for man accused in Chicago rapper's 2020 killing

CHICAGO (AP) — A man charged in a Chicago rapper's fatal shooting has been denied bail following his recent extradition from Texas to Cook County in the 2020 killing.

Demitri Jackson, 20, was recently arrested in Fort Worth, Texas, on a murder warrant related to the June 2020 shooting death of Kentray Young, 26, in Chicago's Chatham neighborhood.

A Cook County judge denied Jackson bail on Sunday and ordered the former Chicago man back to court this Friday.

Jackson's private attorney, Thomas Hallock, had argued against denying his client bail, explaining that Jackson was cooperative with authorities and left Chicago only after his grandmother's death from cancer last fall, the Chicago Tribune reported.

But Judge David R. Navarro granted the prosecution's no bail request, adding that Jackson faced natural life in prison if convicted of killing Young, who performed as Tray Savage and had been signed to the Glory Boyz Entertainment record label.



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Cowboys Corner: What to do in the Draft?

By DUSTIN POPE

Herald Sports Writer

Hello Football fans, it's that time of the year! It's draft week; the NFL will hold its annual draft starting with the first round this Thursday night. The second and third rounds will be Friday night, followed by the final four rounds Saturday. We will focus on what the Dallas Cowboys may do in this draft.

Dallas will pick tenth overall in the first round and have ten picks in the draft. The Cowboys are coming off a disappointing year. They finished 6-10 and had one of the worst defenses in the entire NFL. Couple that with a week five season-ending gruesome broken ankle injury to starting QB Dak Prescott, it was too much for this team to overcome under first-year head coach Mike McCarthy.

Before we get into what the team should or should not do this Thursday night with that tenth pick, let's look at what moves the Cowboys made this offseason. Of course, the most significant move was the signing of franchise quarterback Dak Prescott to a four-year deal worth 160 million. He will earn a record 126 million guaranteed. The agreement has a no-trade clause. Prescott will make 75 million in his first year of the contract. Dak was having a career year until his injury. He led the league in passing yards with 1,856 in only five games. The Cowboy's offense was the top passing team in the league until the superstar QB was injured. Prescott is said to be fully recovered after the significant injury; he has had two surgeries to correct the bro-

ken ankle. Andy Dalton moved on to the Chicago Bears, where he has been told he will get a shot at being the starting QB. Dalton did a decent job filling in for the injured Prescott. As I stated earlier, the biggest weakness of this team was the horrific defense. After the woeful season, the Cowboys decided to part ways with Defensive coordinator Mike Nolan.

In will step former Atlanta Falcon head coach Dan Quinn. Quinn was the Falcons head coach for six years. He came to prominence when he was the Defensive Coordinator for the Seattle Seahawks from 2013-2014. He will bring a change of philosophy for the defense this upcoming season. Along with Quinn, the Boys had a few more changes as last year's starting safety Xavier Woods left in free agency. Safety was a needed position in the offseason, and the Cowboys did sign a few names to bring in to compete for spots. Both being former players for Dan Quinn. Keanu Neal was a former first-round pick for the Atlanta Falcons. He comes over to Dallas as a multi-position player. He has played safety in his career, but the consensus is the Cowboys will try him at Linebacker. Damontae Kazee is another former falcon that will come in to compete for the starting safety role. Brent Urban is another name that the Cowboys signed to bolster their pass rush.

Now that we have looked at what the Boys have done in the off-season let's look at this year's draft and what the Cowboys may do to better this team. Anytime You have a top ten pick, you know you're getting a quality player. OK, so let's break down a few differ-

ent scenarios that could payout for the Cowboys in the first round Thursday night. Dallas needs help in the defense, and the cornerback position is a glaring one. Second-round draft pick from last year Travon Diggs showed some promise last year, but we still need someone to play alongside him. According to the experts, the best cornerback in the draft is Patrick Surtain II. The player from the University of Alabama is the son of former NFL player Patrick Surtain. He is a Junior that has started all his three years at the college powerhouse. He also played alongside Travon Diggs. If he is indeed there at the tenth pick, I would think Dallas will draft the young cornerback. According to the scouts, he is the most "pro," ready to step in and play from day one. Watching the tape on him. He has all of the skills you want in an NFL cornerback. He has a great back pedal, does not tend to sit on the top of a route, and has great instincts at the position. The most athletic cornerback in the draft, in my humble opinion, is the South Carolina Gamecock Jaycee Horn. Horn is yet another son of a former football player Joe Horn who played wide receiver for the New Orleans Saints. The 6 foot 205 pound CB is a very talented athlete. While he lacks the natural talent that Surtain has, he makes up for it in athleticism. It would be an exciting decision for the Cowboys if both are still on the board. I tend to lean toward Surtain at pick ten. If Surtain is gone, then I think you trade down a few spots to maybe 13-15 and take Horn. OK, so another position the Boys need help at is the offensive line.

After a year riddled with injuries, The Cowboys have said that Tyron Smith and Laell Collins are healthy. Having said that, Tyron Smith is entering his tenth year in the league and has battled injuries for the last few years. The two top offensive linemen in the draft are Oregon's Penei Sewell and Northwestern's Rashan Slater. While I do not expect either one to be available at pick ten, it would be in consideration if one of them were. Now we come to the Kyle Pitts situation. Pitts is a tight end from the University of Florida. A few analysts consider the young TE to be a once-in-a-lifetime talent at the position. It has been reported that Cowboys owner Jerry Jones is "infatuated" with the player. I do not see any way that Pitts will be there at the tenth pick, meaning the Cowboys would have to move inside the top five or five to have a shot at the exceptional athlete. For me, it's a stretch for the Boys to move up that far to grab Pitts. While Pitts may indeed be a generational talent, the cost of moving up that far is just too much, in my opinion. With the defense needed and so much help, I expect this to be a defensive-focused draft. Meaning I hope the Cowboys draft a lot of Defensive players.

It will be an exciting night for the Cowboys come Thursday. They have a lot of defensive tools that I hope they can fill over the three-day draft.

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CHS track fares well at Region I 3-A meet



Courtesy Photos

Top Left: Christian Everett completes the 100 meter dash in 12.70 to finish fourth at the Region I 3-A track meet held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 23-24, at Abilene Christian University. Top Right: Vance Ott competes in the 400 meter dash wheelchair division at the Region I 3-A track meet held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 23-24, at Abilene Christian University.

Special to the Herald

ABILENE — Coahoma's Christian Everett finished the 2021 track season in fourth place in the women's 100 meter dash at the Region I 3-A meet on Saturday in Abilene.

The Coahoma High School sophomore crossed the line at 12.70, shaving off time from her regional qualifying and area championship race, which was 12.92.

In the men's track events, Sean Striegler finished seventh in the 200 meter dash finals with a time of 22.81. Both the 4x100 and 4x200 mens relay teams finished in sixth place in the finals. The 4x100 relay team of JR Emerson, Austin Perkins, Tristan Guerrero, and Striegler finished with a time of 44.31, and the 4x200 relay team of Emerson, Guerrero, Billy Bailey, and Striegler crossed the line at 1:32.21.

In the wheelchair competition, Vance Ott brought home gold in the shot put, 100 meter dash and 400 meter dash. Ott will learn sometime this week if he qualifies for the state meet set for May 7, in Austin.

In the field events, MaKynlee Overton set a personal best and broke the school record for the third time this year with a throw of 37-02.25. She placed fifth place in the women's division.

Ashton Kimball threw 44-02.25 in the men's shot put competition and ended in 10th place. Striegler placed 15th in the long jump with a distance of 20-04.25.

The Region I 3-A track prelims were held on Friday. Emerson and Julia Cox competed in the 200 meter dash in their respective divisions. Emerson finished in 11th place with a time of 23.51 in the men's division and Cox clocked 27.95 for 15th place. Only the top eight of each running event moved on to the finals.

The CHS track team has had one of its best

years in many seasons. Results from both Region and Area competition are as follows:

- Region I Track Meet
ACU, Abilene, Texas
April 23-24
- Finals
- Women's
- 100 Meters — 4. Christian Everett, 12.70.
Shot Put — 5. Makynlee Overton, 37-02.25.
- Men's
- 200 Meters — 7. Sean Striegler, 22.81.
4x100 Relay — 6. Coahoma (JR Emerson, Austin Perkins, Tristan Guerrero, Sean Striegler), 44.31.
4x200 Relay — 6. Coahoma (JR Emerson, Tristan Guerrero, Billy Bailey, Sean Striegler), 1:32.21.
Shot Put — 10. Ashton Kimball, 44-02.25.
Long Jump — 15. Sean Striegler, 20-04.25.
- Wheelchair Division
- Shot Put — 1. Vance Ott
100 Meter Dash — 1. Vance Ott
400 Meter Dash — 1. Vance Ott
- UIL Area 5&6 3-A Track Meet
April 15, 2021
Wall Hawk Stadium, Wall
(Coahoma results only)
- Boys Results
- Long Jump — 3. Sean Striegler, 19-11.75.
Triple Jump — 7. Sean Striegler, 40-01.25; 8. JR Emerson, 38-10.25.
Discus Throw — 7. Kolt Redden, 120-07.50.
Shot Put — 2. Ashton Kimball, 45-03.50.
4x100 Meter Relay — 1. JR Emerson, Sean Striegler, Billy Bailey, Austin Perkins, 44.46.
100 Meter Dash — 7. Isaiah Martin, 12.21.
4x200 Meter Relay — 1. JR Emerson, Tristian Guerrero, Billy Bailey, Sean Striegler, 1:32.70.
400 Meter Dash — 6. Tristan Guerrero, 54.48.
300 Meter Hurdles — 5. Austin Perkins, 41.97.

- 200 Meter Dash — 1. Sean Striegler, 22.72; 3. JR Emerson, 23.43.
4x400 Meter Relay — 7. Isaiah Martin, Ethan Biddison, Tristian Guerrero, Austin Perkins, Billy Bailey, Billy Starr, 3:38.07.
Shot Put wheelchair — 1. Vance Ott, 20-03.50.
100 Yard Dash Wheelchair — 1. Vance Ott, 21.20.
400 Yard Run Wheelchair — 1. Vance Ott, 1:04.39.
- Girls results
- Discus Throw — 5. Cayhill Lewis, 90-11.
Shot Put — 1. MaKynlee Overton, 36-00.00.
4x100 Meter Relay — 7., Madison Rodgers, Julia Cox, Jocelyn Torres-Mendoza, Christian Everett, 52.85.
100 Meter Dash Varsity — 1. Christian Everett, 12.92.
4x200 Meter Relay Varsity — 6. Madison Rodgers, Julia Cox, Jocelyn Torres-Mendoza, Christian Everett, 1:55.55.
200 Meter Dash — 4. Julia Cox, 27.79.
4x400 Meter Relay — 8. Jocelyn Torres-Mendoza, Isabella Cox, Karliegh Burt, Serena Dobbs, Madison Rodgers, Katelyn Johnson, 4:36.49.
Girls Team Rankings: 1. Merkel 130, 2. Sonora 88, 3. Jim Ned 86, 4. Clyde 78, 5. Crane 68.5, 6. Ballinger 46, 7. Wall 38.5, 8. Coahoma 29, 9. Brady 24, 10. San Angelo Grape Creek 12, 11. Odessa Compass Academy 9, 12. San Angelo TLC Academy 6, 13. Reagan County 5.
Boys Team Rankings - 1. Jim Ned 101, 2. Ballinger 97, 3. Sonora 79, 4. Coahoma 73, 5. Crane 61, 5. Wall 61, 7. Merkel 40, 7. Odessa Compass Academy 40, 9. Brady 18, 10. Clyde 16, 11. Stanton 12, 12. San Angelo Grape Creek 10, 12. Reagan County 10, 14. San Angelo TLC Academy 2.
Wheelchair - Team Rankings 1. Coahoma 20.

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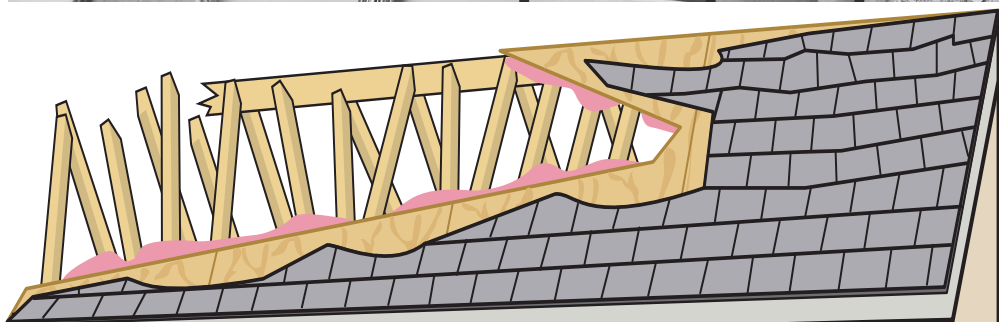
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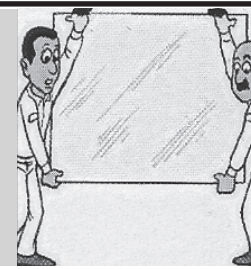
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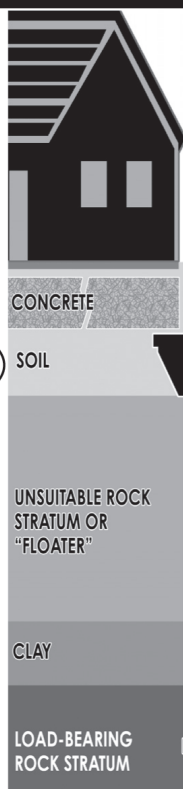
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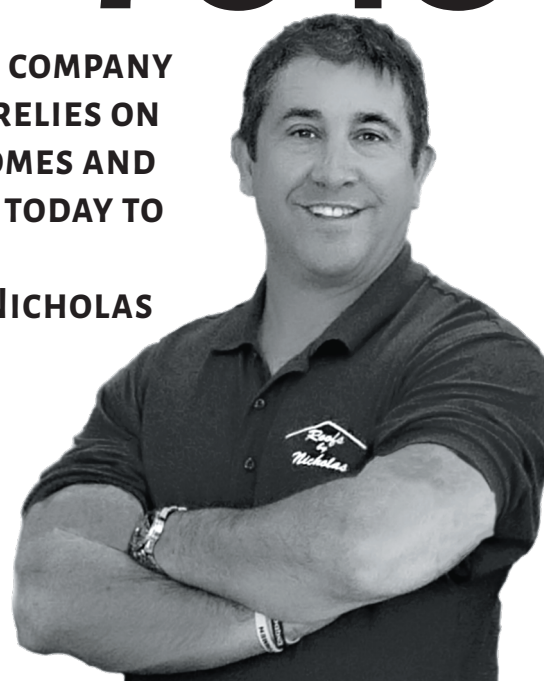
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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0329509 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Apr 14, 2021 Status/Permit No. 868565 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, May 5, 2021 Address: Railroad Commission of Texas ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit P. O. Box 12967 Austin, Texas 78711-2967 Fax: (512) 463-6780 Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

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section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 37, Bk. 32 T2N, T&P RR CO Survey, A-281, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 8.7 miles NW direction from SAND SPRINGS, Texas. PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted WITHOUT A HEARING if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at (512)463-6751. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS,

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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0329510 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Apr 14, 2021 Status/Permit No. 868567 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, May 5, 2021 Address: Railroad Commission of Texas ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit P. O. Box

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By Steve Becker

Anticipatory defense

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

- ♠ 10 8 5
♥ Q 9 6
♦ K Q 4
♣ A K 8 3

WEST

- ♠ 3 2
♥ 10 7 2
♦ J 8 7 6 3
♣ 10 9 5

EAST

- ♠ K Q 9
♥ A K J 8 3
♦ 10 5 2
♣ 6 4

SOUTH

- ♠ A J 7 6 4
♥ 5 4
♦ A 9
♣ Q J 7 2

The bidding:

Table with 4 columns: North, East, South, West. Shows bidding sequence: 1♣, 1♥, 1♠, Pass, 1NT, Pass, 3♣, Pass, 3♠, Pass, 4♣.

Opening lead — two of hearts.

Just as declarer can try to lure the defense into making a mistake, the defenders can do the same to declarer. Obviously, the best time to strike in such situations is before declarer has a chance to find the winning play on his own.

Take this case where South arrived at four spades after East had overcalled in hearts, and West led the heart deuce. East won the first heart with the jack and cashed the king, West following with the seven.

Because West had not led high-low, it was clear to East that declarer had no more hearts, so he turned his attention elsewhere.

East already had two tricks in the bank and was sure to get another in spades. However, since South had to have at least five spades headed by the ace, as well as the ace of diamonds, to justify his bidding, East was left with the question of where his side could possibly come up with a fourth trick.

The only hope appeared to lie in scoring a second trump trick. But if declarer held the A-J of spades, he was likely to lead a spade toward his hand early on and insert the jack, which would limit him to one trump loser.

Rather than wait for declarer to attack the spade suit himself, East decided his best hope was to try to lead South astray. So at trick three, he returned the queen of spades!

Declarer took the queen with the ace and led a low spade toward dummy. When West followed low, South, fearing that East might have started with the singleton queen, finessed dummy's eight!

Had West held the K-9-3-2 originally, this would have been the only way to make the contract. As it was, though, East won the trick with the nine and South went down one.

Tomorrow: The percentage play. ©2021 King Features Syndicate Inc.

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ANSWER: 9x9 grid showing the solved Sudoku puzzle.

Pluto Retrograde

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Arbitrary decisions will affect your work. Don't let this deter you. In fact, because or your stellar attitude, this wild card may be just the thing to help you shine.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll learn through such techniques as overhearing, poking around, accidentally stumbling upon and more. If it centers around someone's problem or need, it's good information to know.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). To succeed in the eyes of others only brings satisfaction if your idea of success perfectly matches theirs. It's a lot of rigamarole to get to the goal. Make things easier on yourself by prospering on your own terms.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's a definite aim, and someone will be counting on you to finish a job within a particular time frame. Success will not be easy, but success will not be denied. You like doing hard things -- it's what makes you awesome.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People want what you contribute, and there's a limited supply of it. It only makes sense that you should raise your price. This probably doesn't have to do with money. There's a more subtle exchange here.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're engaged in a pursuit

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). To carry out your daring plans, you need a crew. Seek qualified help, and avoid accepting help from those who are stretching outside of their comfort zone because they want to please you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Formal schooling is only one small part of your education because, actually, the whole world is your school. You are constantly picking up new knowledge. Today brings a prime opportunity to apply what you know.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Do you find temptation amusing? Would you rather be the tempter or the tempted? Answers to these questions and more come with your subscription to today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A good problem brings out the scientist in you. You collect data and test

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your move appears to others as daring, if not incautious, but that's not it at all. You've calculated this risk using your own complicated and secret tools, and it turns out that this is actually the safest choice.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What if you did think only of yourself? It's off-brand for you, but perhaps you could consider it an experiment. Would it help to know your personal satisfaction will favorably affect the people around you?

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



that will never stop being a lot of work for you. It's like a stair stepper that keeps producing a new step in front of you, though your elevation hardly changes. Only you can say whether it's worth it.

theories. You so easily slip into a logical mindset and order information in such a way as to assist the aim.

COSMIC QUESTION: "You say that Taurus rules the appetite, and I'm totally ruled by mine. I want what I want when I want it, and it's very hard to stop myself from doing things like overeating and generally indulging... Is that just my sign?"

You could certainly blame it on your stars, or thank them for it, whichever suits you. Because this appetite you have can also be seen as a fantastic stroke of luck. Do you know how many people in the world don't know what they want? To be so keyed into what gives you pleasure is an enormous power to work with. Your Venus-given sensuality may be the seed of your most remarkable talents!

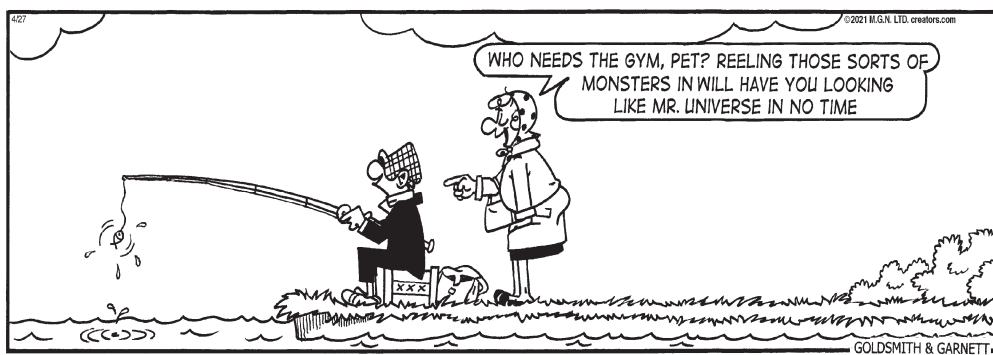
Of course, you don't feel that way when you're halfway through the pantry and still eating even though your stomach wants to pop. If you do not appreciate the way your appetites lead you, consider it as an invitation to broaden your "pleasure menu" to include two things: healthy food choices and noneating activities. What else do you enjoy? It's going to be hard to find something as satisfying and immediate as eating your favorite foods, but that's what makes the effort worthwhile. Apply your Taurus determination to cultivating new joys.

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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, April 27, the 117th day of 2021. There are 248 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 27, 1978, 51 construction workers plunged to their deaths when a scaffold inside a cooling tower at the Pleasants Power Station site in West Virginia fell 168 feet to the ground.

On this date:

In 1521, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan was killed by natives in the Philippines.

In 1791, the inventor of the telegraph, Samuel Morse, was born in Charlestown, Massachusetts.

In 1810, Ludwig van Beethoven wrote one of his most famous piano compositions, the Bagatelle in A-minor.

In 1822, the 18th president of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant, was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio.

In 1865, the steamer Sultana, carrying freed Union prisoners of war, exploded on the Mississippi River near Memphis, Tennessee; death toll estimates vary from 1,500 to 2,000.

In 1941, German forces occupied Athens during World War II.

In 1973, acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray resigned after it was revealed that he'd destroyed files removed from the safe of Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt.

In 1982, the trial of John W. Hinckley Jr., who shot four people, including President Ronald Reagan, began in Washington. (The trial ended with Hinckley's acquittal by reason of insanity.)

In 1994, former President Richard M. Nixon was remembered at an outdoor funeral service attended by all five of his successors at the Nixon presidential library in Yorba Linda, California.

In 2009, a 23-month-old Mexico City toddler died at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, becoming the first swine-flu death on U.S. soil.

In 2010, former Panamanian

dictator Manuel Noriega was extradited from the United States to France, where he was later convicted of laundering drug money and received a seven-year sentence.

In 2015, rioters plunged part of Baltimore into chaos, torching a pharmacy, setting police cars ablaze and throwing bricks at officers hours after thousands attended a funeral for Freddie Gray, a Black man who died from a severe spinal injury he'd suffered in police custody; the Baltimore Orioles' home game against the Chicago White Sox was postponed because of safety concerns.

Ten years ago: Powerful tornadoes raked the South and Midwest; according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, more than 120 twisters resulted in 316 deaths. An Afghan officer, Col. Ahmed Gul, killed eight U.S. airmen and one U.S. civilian during a routine meeting at an Afghan air force headquarters compound in Kabul; Gul died in an exchange of fire that followed his attack. Responding to critics' relentless claims, President Barack Obama produced a detailed Hawaii birth certificate in an extraordinary attempt to bury the issue of where he'd been born and confirm his legitimacy to hold office.

Five years ago: Former House Speaker Dennis Hastert was sentenced in Chicago to more than a year in prison in a hush-money case that revealed accusations he'd sexually abused teenagers while coaching high school wrestling. Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam signed a bill allowing mental health counselors to refuse to treat patients based on the therapist's religious or personal beliefs.

One year ago: In a call with governors, President Donald Trump said states should "seriously consider" reopening public schools before the end of the academic year. Attorney General William Barr told federal prosecutors to "be on the lookout" for state and local coronavirus-related restrictions that could be unconstitutional. New York canceled its June Democratic presidential primary because of the

Answer to previous puzzle

PROD	GRUB	CALL
AIDE	ROBE	AREAS
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STROLLERS	IBERS	EMPTY
ELS	STATS	
OCTAVE	DOTS	
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LITTLER	DWAGONS	
CEO	BATS	GOATS
SAPS	BOSTON	
FISHY	TIN	
MANIA	TRICYCLES	
ACTED	RITE	HEAL
NERVE	ASAP	OGRE
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pandemic. The family of Breonna Taylor, a Black woman who was shot to death in her home by officers serving a narcotics warrant, filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the city of Louisville, Kentucky and its police department. (The suit would be settled in September.) Former New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin, sentenced to 10 years in prison in a corruption case in 2014, was released early because of the coro-

navirus.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Anouk Aimee is 89. Rock musician Jim Keltner is 79. Rock singer Kate Pierson (The B-52 s) is 73. R&B singer Herb Murrell (The Stylistics) is 72. Actor Douglas Sheehan is 72. Rock musician Ace Frehley is 70. West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice is 70. Pop singer Sheena Easton is 62. Actor James Le Gros (groh) is 59. Rock musi-

cian Rob Squires (Big Head Todd and the Monsters) is 56. Singer Mica (MEE'-shah) Paris is 52. Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., is 52. Actor David Lascher is 49. Actor Maura West is 49. Actor Sally Hawkins is 45. Rock singer Jim James (My Morning Jacket) is 43. Rock musician Patrick Hallahan (My Morning Jacket) is 43. Rock singer-musician Travis Meeks (Days of the New) is 42. Country musician John Osborne (Brothers

Osborne) is 39. Actor Francis Capra is 38. Actor Ari Graynor is 38. Rock singer-musician Patrick Stump (Fall Out Boy) is 37. Actor Sheila Vand is 36. Actor Jenna Coleman is 35. Actor William Moseley is 34. Singer Lizzo is 33. Actor Emily Rios is 32. Singer Allison Iraheta is 29.

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- Give a nickname to
- Covering for a peanut
- Kitchen containers for cookies
- Bit of heredity
- Mischievous sprite
- Solo for a soprano
- Just slightly
- At __ (slanted somewhat)
- Cat's complaint
- What a caterpillar becomes
- Mammals that fly
- Foot protection in a work boot
- Boxing match ender: Abbr.
- Scratch up
- Places for beagles to trot around
- Second-year students, for short
- Cookout with ribs and burgers
- Cincinnati's state
- Felony, for example
- Jazz singer Fitzgerald
- Continuous
- Song in the Bible
- Squirrels and rats
- __ Paulo, Brazil
- "Hurray!"
- Terms of endearment
- Con game
- Sea creature that stings
- Prohibited thing
- Electric car company

DOWN

- Premiere performance
- Join forces
- Entertainer Midler
- Ancient foe of Athens
- Replace in the batter's box
- Banish
- "Pad" flower in a pond
- Allow
- Large Boy Scout gatherings
- Neighborhood
- Very funny person
- Carpentry tools with teeth
- Yaks it up
- Shade trees
- Ripped (up)
- Soviet spy org.
- River barrier
- Sch. near Hollywood
- __ and void (not valid)
- Sewn border of trousers
- Tasting like lemons
- "This is terrible!"
- The __ Piper of Hamelin
- Newlyweds' trip
- Huge
- London or Louisville
- Coworkers of MDs
- High-tech "fingerprint"
- Small horse
- Retail merchant
- "Finally!"
- Green pasta sauce
- In flames
- Digger for ore
- Lauder of cosmetics
- Wearing loafers or sneakers
- Sudden obstacle
- Pepsi or Coke
- "Opposed to" prefix
- Tennis great Billie __ King
- NFL six-point plays

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Ohtani wins for Angels in 2-way start like none since Ruth

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ARLINGTON, Texas— That was quite a two-way Sho in a big league start like none since Babe Ruth a century ago.

Shohei Ohtani struck out nine after a shaky first inning on the mound, and also scored three runs and drove in two as the Los Angeles Angels beat the Texas Rangers 9-4 on Monday night.

"A pretty complete game of baseball," Angels manager Joe Maddon said. "If you weren't entertained by watching him tonight, you can't be entertained watching the game of baseball."

A day after hitting his seventh homer to tie for the MLB lead, Ohtani (1-0) became the first home run leader to be the starting pitcher for a game since Ruth for the New York Yankees against Detroit on June 13, 1921. It was the second time this season Ohtani pitched and batted second.

After giving up four runs while throwing 28 pitches in the first inning — when he walked two, hit another batter and threw a wild pitch — Ohtani got the Angels even at 4-4 in the top of the second when he had a two-run double and then scored on a single by Mike Trout, who had four hits in his return to the lineup.

"I was able to drive in those two runs, that was huge for me, and we were able to tie the game up in the second inning," Ohtani said through his translator. "So it felt like a fresh start, I treated it like a brand new ballgame."

The Japanese right-hander retired 14 of the last 15 batters he faced in five innings, with all of his strikeouts in that span. It was his first big league win since 2018, before Tommy John surgery that kept him off the mound for all of 2019 and most of last season.

"I'm very happy for the team victory," Ohtani said. "Personally that first inning was terrible, so I can't be overly satisfied."

Ohtani drew a one-out walk and scored on Jared Walsh's single in the Angels first. He bunted against the shift for a single in the sixth and scored on Walsh's double, and was done.

"He's impressive. Clearly, he's vulnerable in the first inning, and he's shown that twice against us," Rangers manager Chris Woodward said. "But, you know, to watch him settle down ... just amazing. Then he's doing some things with the bat. You just don't see kind of what he can do."

Justin Upton and Albert Pujols put the Angels ahead to stay with back-to-back homers to start the third off Texas starter Jordan Lyles (1-2), who allowed seven runs and 10 hits in 2-

2-3 innings. José Iglesias later went deep off Hyeon-Jong Yang, the lefty from South Korea making his big league debut.

Trout also had an RBI double while raising his average to .426. He had missed three games because of a bruised left elbow after getting hit by a pitch in the series opener at Houston on Thursday.

Texas led on Nate Lowe's sixth homer, a three-run shot that gave him an MLB best-matching 21 RBIs. David Dahl's sacrifice fly made it 4-1.

In his previous start on the mound, last Tuesday at home against the Rangers when he didn't bat, Ohtani became the first starting pitcher since at least 1901 with four scoreless innings with at least six walks and seven strikeouts. He allowed only one hit in the Angels' 6-2 victory.

That was his first time on the mound since April 4 after dealing with a blister issue on the middle finger of his throwing hand. In that first start, Ohtani both smashed a 451-foot homer and pitched two-hit ball into the fifth inning against the Chicago White Sox.

Ohtani settled in needed only 47 pitches to get through the his final four innings, and was done after Maddon said he started to develop another blister. Ohtani said afterward it wasn't a big deal.

"His offensive performance tonight while he was pitching was a big contributor to our win," Maddon said.

SHORT HOPS

Upton's go-ahead shot leading off the third was his 313th career homer in his 15 MLB seasons. The 41-year-old Pujols, in his 21st season, followed with his 667th career homer — he is fifth on the MLB list, 30 from passing Alex Rodriguez for No. 4 all-time. ... Yang allowed two runs over 4 1/3 innings in his big league debut, the longest for a Rangers reliever since 1989.

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The 33-year-old Yang played 14 years with the Kia Tigers in the Korean Baseball Organization, where he was the MVP in 2017 and the league ERA champion twice. ... Rangers RF Joey Gallo extended his season-opening on-base streak to 22 games with a walk.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Angels: 3B Anthony Rendon was back in the lineup after missing 11 games with a left groin strain. He was activated from the injured list before the game. To make room on the roster, the Angels optioned infielder Luis Rengifo.

Rangers: To make room on the 40-man roster for Yang, the Rangers transferred first baseman/outfielder Ronald Guzmán (torn meniscus right knee) from the 10-day to 60-day injured list. Guzmán was placed on the injured list April 13, and is scheduled to have season-ending surgery Wednesday.

UP NEXT

Rangers RHP Mike Foltyniewicz (0-3, 5.32 ERA) and LHP José Quintana (0-1, 9.00) are the starting matchup again, like last Wednesday in a series finale at Los Angeles that the Rangers won 7-4. Foltyniewicz has given up an MLB-high eight homers, including solo shots to Ohtani, Trout and Upton last week.

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