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## Special Election discussed at City Council special meeting Tuesday

By **ERICA MORSE**  
 Herald Contributing Writer

The question of an August special election was delayed until next week after City Council members decided last evening to reach out to other local boards for their input. The Council met in special session to discuss – among other things – whether or not to take legal action to seek a court order for a special election in August, replacing the May 2020 primary that was postponed due to COVID-19. Mayor Shannon Thomason made a motion that the Council seek the court order; after several minutes of discussion, he withdrew the motion pending discussions with the School Board and Howard College regarding their elections. Additional concerns regarding whether the courts may drag out an order raised questions as to if the Elections Commission has enough staffing, volunteers, or time to prepare for a special August primary. Big Spring City Attorney Andrew Hagen advised the Council that – being in unprecedented waters due to COVID-19 – there is no assurance such an order would be granted. “We need to show irreparable injury to have standing,” Hagen said. “For example, the City’s laws are not being followed because Council members are serving three-year terms not in accordance with the Charter.”

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## 9th case of COVID-19 in Howard Co. confirmed

**Special to the Herald**  
 On June 1, 2020 at approximately 5 p.m., the City of Big Spring and Howard County officials were notified of a positive test result for COVID-19. The patient is a 61-year-old female. This patient is currently being treated at Odessa Regional Medical Center for her illness. The patient condition has not been released. It has been determined that this case is travel related. This is the ninth confirmed case in Howard County. Local officials continue to ask all members of the community to remain cautious through this time and take precautions to protect themselves and their family. We urge you to stay at home and limit any travel outside of Howard County. If you must travel, then please take proper protective measures. Wear a mask, wash your hands, practice social distancing, avoid large crowds, if you are sick stay home.

**COVID-19 Update:**  
*Active Cases: 3*  
*Confirmed: 9*  
*Tests performed: 983*  
*Pending: 456*  
*Negative tests: 515*  
*Recovered: 6*  
*Deaths: 1*

**Just a Note:**  
*Summer Meal Program will run through June 30. Text FOODTX to 877-877 to find a site close to you.*  
*Big Spring Graduation 2020 Ceremony June 5 at 9 p.m.*  
*Aquatic Center to open June 15 at 25% capacity*  
*Big Spring HS Prom 2020 June 13*

## BSHS Graduation set for this Friday; instruction videos posted online for graduates to view

By **NATALIE PERMENTER**  
 Herald Contributing Writer

Big Spring High School Graduation is set to take place at Memorial Stadium on Friday at 9 p.m. or Saturday, June 6 at 9 a.m. - if it rains on Friday. This will be a graduation to remember with 220-plus graduates and the very stringent outdoor ceremony requirements by the Governor and the Texas Education Agency. “As you can imagine, this year’s Big Spring High School graduation is going to be unique as we all must practice social distancing,” BSHS Principal Mike Ritchey said in the first video. “To help you better understand the process and your part in it, we have put together several short videos to help things go as smooth as possible for graduation.”



The Big Spring ISD graduation parade will travel from Comanche Trail Park to Memorial Stadium on Friday. Graduation is set for 9 p.m. A series of videos have been posted online for graduates and families to watch in order to ensure a smooth process the night of graduation. at Memorial Stadium. This parade plays a key role in getting the graduates in the proper processional order for when they arrive at the stadium and sets the tone for the whole evening. The graduate parade cars are to arrive at Memorial Stadium at 7 p.m. See **BSHS**, Page 3

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## Beautiful Lives gathering Saturday at Moss Lake Bringing people together for unity, building community

By **SAMANTHA RANEY**  
 Herald Contributing Writer

Creating unity while enjoying some fresh air is the focus of an upcoming event sponsored by Beautiful Lives Project. Moss Lake Ranch will be the site for the June 6 event, at Noon. According to Rigo Hernandez, Chapter President of the Midland -Odessa and Permian Basin Beautiful Lives Project, said this event is to bring people with disabilities together in unity to make everyone feel accepted and part of their community. The mission is accomplished by spreading joy and lifting spirits through sports, and social events for these families. These events have been shown to bring peace and happiness. Through hosting these events, Rigo has seen a day out at the lake is healthy for the spirit to strengthen souls by feeling the love of others through fun games and laughter. “I am a visually impaired person, so I know what people go through and what it feels like to be disabled,” Hernandez

said. He explained the struggles of going throughout life. Hernandez prayed and found his answer to his struggle by joining this organization in January, however COVID-19 put a damper on most of their projects. This is his first event in West Texas and he hopes to reach as many people as possible in the community and make everyone feel welcomed. “I pray for growth and the ability to grow and reach more members to come to unity and have an inclusive event for the disabled.” This event will be held on June 6, 2020, starting at noon. Everyone in the Permian Basin is invited and can bring their loved ones with disabilities. The Beautiful Lives Project’s goal is to have a joyful time and bring families from all over together after a time of panic after the pandemic. The organization’s website is beautifullives.org, more information about following events can be found on the website.

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## Obituaries

## Joan Marie LaFond

Joan Marie LaFond, 85, of McKinney, Texas, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Monday, June 1, 2020, in a McKinney hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

## George Frederick (Freddie) Watt III

On November 6, 1947, a beautiful baby boy was born in Big Spring, Texas. A selfless woman placed that baby into the loving arms of Fred and Verdell Watt. They named that beautiful baby boy George Frederick (Freddie) Watt III.

Freddie attended his school years in Big Spring. He was a proud member of the Big Spring High School Class of 1965.

Many people go through life as a jack of all trades but masters of none. That was not the case for Freddie. He was a jack of all trades but he mastered them all. Anything Freddie did he made sure he became the best. From bowling to stringing tennis racquets for Brian's tennis team, Freddie became the best. In 1987, Freddie was in the first class the DPS held in Austin to train instructors for the new concealed handgun license program. He was instrumental in helping 100's obtain their CHL license.

Freddie was also a master knife maker. He began making knives in 1982 and made some of the most beautiful knives. Of course, they had to be perfect in his eyes and they were.

On November 15, 1975, Freddie married Tammy Eberle in Midland, Texas. They made their home in Big Spring until June of 2001. You very seldom ever saw one without the other. They were soulmates.

By far his biggest and most important accomplishment was when they welcomed their only child Brian into this world on August 9, 1982. Freddie and Brian were not just Dad and Son but best buddies. They enjoyed all kinds of adventures. One of the most treasured memories was shooting 22's at Western Sportsman's Club. Freddie always said Brian could go through one thousand rounds in two minutes!

Just when he thought things could not be better Brian and Natalie gave him two precious gifts. First a Grandson, Braden Gene Watt, whom Freddie adored. Then three years later here came Brillie Nicole Watt, the little girl he had never had. He now knew what a true princess was. The years he got to

spend with Braden and Brillie were priceless in his book.

Freddie is preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents, parents, Fred and Verdell Watt, Aunt and Uncle, Shorty and Dodie Hall, cousins, LaRue Tucker, James Sims, Don Hall, Barbara Hall, Rogene Spruell; Father-in-law, Pete Mills. His many fur babies especially Gracie Jean, his sidekick for many years.

Freddie is survived by his wife of 44 years, Tammy; his son, Brian and wife Natalie; grandson, Braden and granddaughter, Brillie all of Midland. His fur babies, Sophie and Radar. He is survived as well by an incredibly special cousin, Terri and her husband Jerry Connor and their children, Chantel and Chris Tomasson and children, Abby and Katie of Odessa, Shalen and Torrey Powell of Pflugerville; Guy Compton of Frisco and Costa Rico; Mother-in-law, Rose Mills; Brother-in-law, David Eberle, wife Nancy and their children, Tyler and Evan of Midland; Lacey Rodgers, husband Kevin and their children, Callie and Leah of Rockwell; Sister-in-law, Kim Howell and husband Roger and their children, Link Lowrance, Cohen and Libby Lowrance and Scout all of Eastland; Brother-in-law, Jason Eberle, wife Amy and children, Tyler, Jackson and Morgan of Graham.

Special longtime friends, Vickie and Bill Burge of Midland, Thomas Blick of Big Spring, and Terry Robertson of Murfreesboro, Arkansas. In addition many, many other friends. Everyone has said, "Gosh now who is going to give me a hard time" no one did it better than Freddie!

Special thanks to Nancy Burillo, Martha Ramirez, Cassi Kirkpatrick and Hospice of Midland for the amazing job they did making Freddie's final days comfortable.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas Ave. Midland, Texas 79701, High Sky Children's Ranch, 8613 W. CR 60. Midland, Texas 79707 or Fannin Terrace Baptist Church, 2800 Mogford St. Midland, Texas 79705.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday, June 6, 2020 at Fannin Terrace Baptist Church in Midland.

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

## Larry Allen

Larry Allen of San Angelo died Sunday, May 31, 2020 at the VAMC. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Susan King

Susan King, 83, of Big Spring died Tuesday, June 2, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



## Gary Glenn Johnson

Gary Glenn Johnson of Ackerly, Texas passed away on May 27, 2020.

He is survived by his wife, Sherryll Johnson, of Ackerly, Texas, his daughter Jade Johnson of Denver City, Texas, and his brother Mickey Johnson of McKinney, Texas.

Gary was born in Borger, Texas on July 25, 1949, to Cleon and Joyce Johnson.

No services will be held.

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

## Margaret Fitzgibbons

Margaret Fitzgibbons, 81, of Big Spring died June 1, 2020. Visitation will be Friday from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Food pick up info

Big Spring ISD will be providing sacked meals for students while the campuses are closed. Meals will be available at three schools from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. Meals can be picked up at any of the three campuses where they are being handed out, which will be Moss, Marcy and Big Spring Junior High School. At both March and Moss, pick up will be in the bus lane behind the campus. At BSJH, pick up can be made at Door #5 on the east side of campus. Children in Big Spring ISD can also pick up meals at the following times and locations:

Bus 13-Navajo and Choctaw (9 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.)

Bus 14-Bauer (9 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.)

Bus 15: Larry and McDonald (9 a.m. -10:25 a.m.)

Bus 27: 5th and Abrams (9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)

Bus 28: 3rd and Lockhart (9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.)

Bus 28: Limestone

Ridge Apt. (9:40 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.)

Bus 77: Parkway and Hearn (9 a.m. -10 a.m.)

Bus 85: Goliad Elementary (9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.)

Bus 86: 6th and Circle (9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)

Bus 90: Southridge RV Park (9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)

Bus 96: Albrook and Randolph (9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)

Bus 13-Barcelona Apartments (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)

Bus 14-Lakeview (10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.)

Bus 14 - Knollwood Apartments (10:35 a.m. -11 a.m.)

Bus 15: Colby and Drew (10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.)

Bus 27: 8th and Lorilla (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)

Bus 28: Roy Anderson Complex (9:50 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.)

Bus 28: 14th and Main Church of Christ (10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.)

Bus 77: Airport and Mobile (10:05 - 10:55 a.m.)

Bus 85: Scott and Macauslan (10:35 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)

Bus 86: Washington Elementary (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)



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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **FARRELL RAYNE MCCULLOUGH**, 57, of 1213 17th Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **MALLORY MARIE LUNA**, 29, of 1300 Harding Street, was arrested on a charge of unauthorized use of motor vehicle.

• **MICHAEL DEAN NALL**, 41, of 1400 S. Johnson, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the area of Extension 172; 500 block of E. Fourth Street.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

• **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

• **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported at 300 block of S. Main Street.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 10000 block of Longshore Drive.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the area of NW Fifth and Gregg.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1400 block of Oriole Street.

## 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.

• **ELVIS EUGENE LANG JR.**, 20, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of evading arrest detention.

• **MALLORY MARIE LUNA**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.

• **FARELL RAYNE MCCULLOUGH**, 57, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **DEAN MICHAEL NALL**, 41, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **THEODORE E. RIOS**, 50, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of resist arrest search or transport.

• **JAMARI THREATS**, 17, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of unlawful carrying weapon.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Magnolia. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of NE 6th Street. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of March Circle. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Ohio Street. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Rosemont. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of N. Hwy 87. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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## CITY

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However, if the City Council elections are held in conjunction with the School Board and Howard College elections, the three entities would share the associated expenses.

As the Herald previously reported, in their May meeting, the Board of Trustees did approve a re-organization allowing for an extension to November 2020 for their elections. As the Board has the power to re-organize by law at any time, its members chose to table elections until November since one candidate is in a contested election.

In New Business, the Council also heard a presentation from Danny Barrett of Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins and Mott, LLP, a law firm representing government collection issues. Barrett proposed a six-month trial program of his firm to create and execute warrants

**HERALD photo/Erica Morse**  
**Jodi Duck, Howard County Elections Administrator, addressed the City Council during the Special Meeting, on staffing, supplies, and COVID-19 precautions for the proposed election date.**

and tackle delinquent property tax collections on properties with values below \$25,000 that tend to fall through the cracks. Such parcels, Barrett said, are often overlooked by city governments, resulting in lost tax revenues and aesthetic issues.

The program offers a centralized phone app to communicate with city code departments, focuses their efforts on properties not sold at auction, and provides a comprehensive marketing plan to expedite sales.

The Council was eager to partner with the firm with Council Member Jim DePauw asking, "Can you start tomorrow," as the issues of beautifying Big Spring and increasing revenues across the board continued to be a theme of the meeting. The Council approved City Manager Todd Darden's request to execute the agreement with the law firm on a six-month trial basis.

The cost of the program is \$6,000; Barrett said the City can choose to have the flat fee taken off the top of the initial revenues, meaning no up-front monies will be paid to the firm.

Finally, the Council held discussion with City department heads regarding the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget. City Manager Todd Darden cautioned that revenues are expected to be down significantly due to COVID-19, with a 55% reduction expected from hotel and motel sales tax alone.

Council members offered their input as to what they would like to see included in the upcoming year's budget, based upon feedback from inside their districts. Raul Marquez, Jr., District 1 said he joined the Council with two goals in mind: improving quality of life and infrastructure. Now that infrastructure is more solid, Marquez hopes to see a renewed emphasis on beautifying Big Spring. The District 1 Councilman also suggested a dog park be considered, as that is a highly requested from his community.

District 5 Councilwoman Camilla Strande supported Marquez's suggestion about the dog park, adding she too has received the same request. Mayor Shannon Thomason advised that a donation to the animal shelter is currently available for use, and that a dog park could be included in those plans.

Jim DePauw representing District 6, emphasized his desire to see beautification as the top priority moving into 2021.

"This is the sixth year that I have advocated to clean up those dirty and abandoned houses," DePauw said. "From an outsider's perspective, when I used to take people from out of town around the City, they would always say the same thing: 'your town is filthy'. Let's get Big Spring cleaned up."

District 4 Councilwoman Gloria McDonald asked for the pedestal at the end of the median on Main Street to be fixed after being hit more than a year ago. McDonald also requested that a barrier be placed around the pedestal to prevent future damage.

McDonald also advised that she has received requests about bringing back the boat races to Moss Creek Lake and beautifying it to entice more fishing and camping. She also asked the Council to support increasing code enforcement's weight when it comes to managing complaints with residents who continue to avoid clean-up or fines, saying their hands are currently tied.

"They write a letter, wait 30 days, write another letter, wait 30 more days", McDonald said. "I think we need to give code enforcement more teeth, more people".

City Manager Todd Darden said budgets were close to being done, and all requests from Council will be considered in the final number-crunching, but advised this will be a leaner year than most. Between COVID-19 and plummeting oil revenues, the City should prepare to see a much tighter year than originally expected.

Finally, Mayor Shannon Thomason reviewed the newest COVID-19 numbers for Big Spring/Howard County. In Big Spring, there are currently three active cases, although two are expected to be considered 'recovered' as early as today. A total of 983 tests have been conducted, with 456 results pending and 515 negatives. Nine confirmed cases have been reported, with six recovered and one fatality.

The City Council will meet next Tuesday, June 9th, in regular session beginning at 5:30 p.m. Anyone who wishes to call into the meeting via phone may do so at 432-264-2411.

## Weather



**Tonight:** Clear, with a low around 70. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 97. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 73. Southeast wind around 10 mph.

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

*Editor's Note: On Sunday, May 30-31 a photo of the Leadership Class of Big Spring ran on the front page of the Big Spring Herald. The name 'Rafel Gallego' was spelled incorrectly. The list should have appeared as printed below. We apologize for any inconvenience.*

*Courtesy photo/Bruce Schooler*

**The Leadership Big Spring Class #38 participants were able to gather for their group photo before the pandemic swept across the nation and cancelled further tours of Big Spring. The class participants include (not in order): Brandi Ditto, Rafael Gallego, Angela Grimsley, Kim Parrish, Kelli Settles, Pastor Richard Schneberger, Kristina Henderson, Greg Henry, Tara Lisle, and Frank Burgard.**

## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Leanna Rubio, infant daughter of Chasity Arguijo and Fred Rubio died May 19, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been set up to help with expenses at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Gary Johnson, 78, died Wednesday. No services will be held at this time.

Elmer Clinton, 91, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ernesto Sarmiento, 49, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Margaret Fitzgibbons, 81, died Monday. Visitation will be Friday from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 10:00 AM Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Susan King, 83, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Larry Allen 75, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## BSHS

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inside the Comanche Trail Park gates no later than 8 p.m. and tune in to KBEST 95 FM for entertainment, student interviews and most importantly, to receive instructions when the car groups are to line up for the parade. School staff will be there at the designated staging areas to direct the graduates, but they must watch the videos to know exactly how and where to get lined up in the correct group, so they will be in the proper order when they arrive at the stadium.

Each graduate is allowed to have up to 2 "significant other" guests in their parade car that will be dropped off with them at the field level of the stadium following the parade. These guests will have special seating and be able to stay on the field during the ceremony and have a photo taken with the graduate after the diplomas are distributed. The parade car is to be driven by a designated driver that will not be joining the guests at the field level. In addition, graduates are allowed five other guests that will already be seated in the stands when the Senior Processional Parade arrives at the stadium. The gates open up at 7:30 p.m. to start seating the stadium guests. The designated driver is allowed to be a part of these five guests, but it is discouraged because the five guests must enter the stadium at the same time and would have to wait outside the gate until the parade car has arrived and is

parked.

Decorations are encouraged on the cars, but not allowed on Caps and Gowns, except items provided by the school such as NHS Sashes, Honor Chords and Medallions. In fact, the cars will be judged and the "Best in Show" will win \$100. In order to be eligible to be judged along the parade route, the car must have the graduate's name on both sides and the decorations can be done with balloons, shoe polish or anything legal on the roadways.

The Senior Processional Parade is scheduled to leave the city park around 8:45 p.m. led by three Big Spring Police Cars. The parade cars will exit out of the park onto Wasson Road, turn right onto FM 700, turn left on to Goliad Street and then right onto 11th Place. Once at the stadium, the cars will be split into two groups and directed by staff to the unloading zones. Family and friends that are unable to attend in person are encouraged to go to either BSI Campuses on Goliad Street or in front of the High School from the auditorium all the way through the parking lot on 11th Place to view the Senior Processional Parade. They are encouraged to wave signs, make noise and create a lot of excitement as these graduates pass by on their way to the stadium.

Seniors must go in person to the main office of the high school on Wednesday or Thursday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to pick up their guest ticket sheet and their card indicating their parade car group and student number for the senior

processional once they arrive at Memorial Stadium. Before they are allowed to pick up their ticket sheets, graduates must also meet dress code, since this is a school related function, and pass a quiz on the six graduation instructional videos. Students must write the names of their 5 stadium guests on the ticket sheet and state that their guests have no COVID-19 symptoms.

The Big Spring Graduation parade will be broadcast live on KBEST 95.7 and on KBEST Media Facebook.

Since rehearsals are not allowed due to the COVID-19 restrictions, all 2020 Seniors and their parents need to watch all of these very important videos. These videos contain the full instructions, including what to do once at the stadium, how to exit after the ceremony and how to access the handicap section. If you have any questions or concerns, call the High School at 432-264-3641.

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# Texas Farmers and Ranchers can now apply for Financial Assistance through USDA's Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

## Online Tools and Toll-Free Number Available to Assist Producers

COLLEGE STATION, Texas, May 26, 2020 – Agricultural producers can now apply for USDA's Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP), which provides direct payments to offset impacts from the coronavirus pandemic. The application and a payment calculator are now available online, and USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) staff members are available via phone, fax and online tools to help producers complete applications. The agency set up a call center in order to simplify how they serve new customers across the nation.

"We know Texas producers are facing a tough time now, and we are making every effort to provide much needed support as quickly as possible," said Gary Six, state executive director for FSA in Texas. "FSA is available over the phone and virtually to walk you through the application process, whether it's the first time you've worked with FSA, or if you know us quite well."

Applications will be accepted through August 28, 2020. Through CFAP, USDA is making available \$16 billion for vital financial assistance to producers of agricultural commodities who have suffered a five-percent-or-greater price decline due to COVID-19 and face additional significant marketing costs as a result of lower demand, surplus production, and disruptions to shipping patterns and the orderly marketing of commodities.

"We also want to remind producers that the program is structured to ensure the availability of funding for all eligible producers who apply," Six said.

In order to do this, producers will receive 80

percent of their maximum total payment upon approval of the application. The remaining portion of the payment, not to exceed the payment limit, will be paid at a later date nationwide, as funds remain available.

Producers can download the CFAP application and other eligibility forms from [farmers.gov/cfap](http://farmers.gov/cfap). Also, on that webpage, producers can find a payment calculator to help identify sales and inventory records needed to apply and calculate potential payments.

Additionally, producers in search of one-on-one support with the CFAP application process can call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer assistance. This is a good first step before a producer engages the team at the FSA county office at their local USDA Service Center.

### Applying for Assistance

Producers of all eligible commodities will apply through their local FSA office. Those who use the online calculator tool will be able to print off a pre-filled CFAP application, sign, and submit to your local FSA office either electronically or via hand delivery. Please contact your local office to determine the preferred method. Find contact information for your local office at [farmers.gov/cfap](http://farmers.gov/cfap).

Documentation to support the producer's application and certification may be requested after the application is filed. FSA has streamlined the sign-up process to not require an acreage report at the time of application and a USDA farm number may not be immediately needed.

### Additional Commodities

USDA is also establishing a process for the public to identify additional commodities for potential inclusion in CFAP. Specifically, USDA is looking for data on agricultural commodities, that are not currently eligible for CFAP, that the public believes to have either:

suffered a five percent-or-greater price decline between mid-January and mid-April as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic,

shipped but subsequently spoiled due to loss of marketing channel, or

not left the farm or remained unharvested as mature crops.

More information about this process is available on [farmers.gov/cfap](http://farmers.gov/cfap).

### More Information

To find the latest information on CFAP, visit [farmers.gov/cfap](http://farmers.gov/cfap) or call 877-508-8364.

*USDA Service Centers are open for business by phone appointment only, and field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. While program delivery staff will continue to come into the office, they will be working with producers by phone and using online tools whenever possible. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with the FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or any other Service Center agency are required to call their Service Center to schedule a phone appointment. More information can be found at [farmers.gov/coronavirus](http://farmers.gov/coronavirus).*

## Teens at Dallas cafe make meal kits for needy amid COVID-19

By **JAMIE STENGLE**

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — Chef Chad Houser opened his downtown Dallas restaurant five years ago to help give teens coming out of juvenile detention stability, and a push toward success.

When the coronavirus pandemic threatened that mission, he found a way to not only keep the teens working -- and also give them a chance to help others.

"Our kids need us to begin with," Houser said, "but they need us even more now."

Within a week of Cafe Momentum closing to dining in March because of the pandemic, the teens who normally cycle through every job at the upscale restaurant -- from cooking to dishwashing to busing tables to serving to hosting -- had started building meal kits for needy families. Houser scrambled to raise funds so he could keep paying the teens and keep them engaged in the nonprofit's program that offers everything from counseling to education.

De'Monica Dean, 19, said thinking about the families getting the boxes she packs with everything from cans of soup to fresh vegetables and fruits motivates her each morning.

"That's my everyday wake-up. It's like, do you want to get up today? OK, we know a family has to eat, so let's get up," Dean said.

Sais Daniel, the cafe's curriculum coordinator, helps teach the teens skills ranging from restaurant work to life skills like how to create a resume. They're also learning the joys of helping others.

"Sometimes they get lost in how small their world is, but being able to sit down and pack boxes, they're like: 'Man, I'm able to see someone else struggling and I'm a blessing to them. I'm able to help them,'" Daniel said.

Cafe Momentum has been delivering 1,550 meal kits a week to families in the area through various groups. Most of the kits, which include four meals for a family of four, are being distributed in the Richardson Independent School District.

Tabitha Branum, the district's deputy superintendent, said the partnership with Cafe Momentum is "game changing" for their community, noting that over half of the district's students qualify for free and

reduced lunches.

She said that with school closed, the district is able to provide breakfasts and lunches during the week though a state program, but Cafe Momentum lets them also cover weekends.

As Texas reopens, Gov. Greg Abbott is allowing restaurants to welcome a limited number of diners inside after being restricted to takeout orders. But for now, Cafe Momentum -- a restaurant that served entrees like sweet tea-brined pork chops and coffee-rubbed steak in its sleek dining area -- will stick with providing meal kits.

Houser said he has raised enough money to keep making the kits through June. He's not sure of the next move, but he said that when it's safe and financially viable, the restaurant and catering business will resume.

The teens are ready to get back to preparing meals and serving guests. "They miss all the pats on the back and hugs that they get from guests," he said.

In the meantime, 18-year-old Anthony Aleman said preparing kits feels good, as does knowing he still has a steady paycheck from Cafe Momentum.

"They got my back," Aleman said.

*While nonstop global news about the effects of the coronavirus have become commonplace, so, too, are tales of the kindness. "One Good Thing" is a continuing series of AP stories focusing on glimmers of joy and benevolence in a dark time. Read the series here: <https://apnews.com/OneGoodThing>*

## News Briefs

### Floyd family to march in Texas as governor heads to Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — The family of George Floyd is expected to join a march in Houston on Tuesday as protests continue nationwide in response to his death and other police killings of black people.

The march will begin shortly after Texas Gov. Greg Abbott is expected to lay out in Dallas how the state plans to curb unrest and destruction that has followed largely peaceful daytime demonstrations. Dallas has imposed a curfew, and Monday night, police conducted mass arrests on a downtown bridge where protesters marched.

Dallas Police Chief U. Renee Hall said most were released after being charged with obstructing a roadway, which came after demonstrators got down on one knee. She emphasized Tuesday that most protests were peaceful but warned "if you break the law, we will arrest you."

Like many governors, Abbott has activated the national guard and sent state troopers to big cities to boost the presence of law enforcement. President Donald Trump has threatened to send in troops to American cities to "dominate the streets."

Austin police say a 20-year-old black protester was critically injured after being struck by a beanbag fired by a police officer. Police Chief Brian Manley says the officer had been aiming at another demonstrator but missed.

### Texas police believe body in dumpster is missing 2-year-old

WACO, Texas (AP) — Police found the body of a small child in a dumpster in Central Texas on Tuesday and they believe it could be a 2-year-old boy whose mother said disappeared from a park a day earlier.

Authorities in Waco issued a statewide Amber Alert Monday night for Frankie Gonzalez.

His mother reported to police Monday afternoon that she had taken Frankie to Cameron Park in Waco, about 100 miles (160 kilometers) south of Dallas. He was playing by a splash pad when she turned away briefly. When she looked back he was gone.

First responders searched the nearby Brazos River and used bloodhounds to search the park, but the hourslong search came up empty.

Waco police Officer Garen Bynum told KWTX-TV that police found the body of a young child in a dumpster outside a church a couple of miles from the park around 8 a.m. Tuesday. Investigators believe the body is Frankie but won't be sure or know a cause of death until an autopsy has been completed, he said.

Police have not identified any suspects in the child's disappearance and death, but that it was "definitely a possibility" that Frankie was taken from the park, Bynum said.

Police were combing the scene for evidence Tuesday morning and have compounded the mother's car, he said. He declined to give more details, including what led police to the body in the dumpster.

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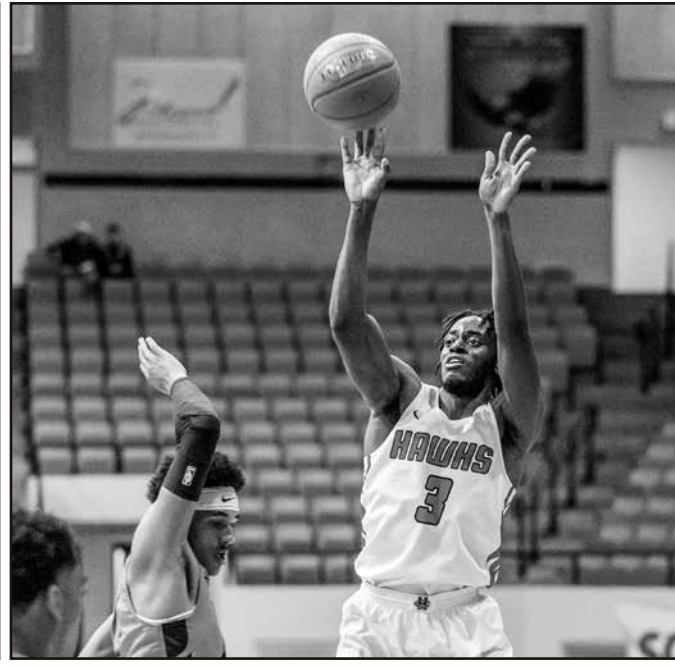
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# Howard star basketball player Klay Brown commits to St. Thomas Aquinas



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Klay Brown (3) shows off his plethora of skills on the hardwood in this series of photos. Brown is a force driving the lane (left), on the defensive side of the ball (middle), and from beyond the arc (right).

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

Following a couple of months of deliberation and a seemingly endless flow of interested programs, former Howard Hawks guard Klay Brown has finally decided where he will continue his career on the hardwood.

The versatile guard from Queens, N.Y. will be joining his third program in the past three years this fall when he makes the half-hour move north from his hometown to join the St. Thomas Aquinas Spartans.

“St. Thomas is a powerhouse right now,” Brown said. “When I was speaking to the coach and he went through their history of winning it was impressive. I’m trying to win. I didn’t have a good freshman year of winning and I didn’t have a good sophomore year of winning. I wanted to go to a winner and on top of it, it’s close to home.”

The Spartans are a perennial powerhouse at the Division II level and have won their conference in four out of the last five seasons. One of the most important factors that went into Brown’s decision was the fact that he wanted to join a winner after finishing the past two seasons as a member of a middle-of-the-pack team.

Why did the Spartans want to add Brown to their roster?

“We’re trying to add a mature, veteran guy who has got a couple years of experience,” Spartans coach Tobin Anderson said. “He’s athletic, he can defend, I think he’s versatile and can play and guard a lot of positions. He’s strong, he’s athletic and he can rebound. Everybody that I talked to about him talked about his character and what a good kid he was.”

Before he was slicing up defenses this past season, Brown began his college career at St. Peter’s

University in Jersey City, N.J. While there, Brown did not play much during his freshman year and managed to average just over 2.0 points per game. The Peacocks finished that 2018-19 season with a 10-22 record which landed them a ninth place finish in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC).

After transferring to Howard last summer, Brown started 13 games over the course of last season and averaged 11.8 points per game. He was ranked as one of the top five shooters in the entire Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) when he knocked down 43.0 percent of his shots from beyond the arc in those starts.

Over the course of the entire season, Brown ranked second on the team by converting on 40.4 percent of his deep shots. One of the biggest things to catch his new coach’s eye was Brown’s ability to keep his head down and keep improving as the season went along.

“I like the fact that he got better as the year went along,” Anderson said. “At the beginning of the season he wasn’t playing as many minutes as he would’ve liked and as the year went along he got better and better. We’re very excited to have him.”

When Brown suits up for the Spartans for the first time next season, he will be one of the most experienced players on the roster. The starting point guard for the Spartans is a former AAU rival of Brown’s and they have been in contact since the former Howard Hawk made his commitment decision. With easy-to-build chemistry between those two players and the overall skill level of St. Thomas Aquinas, the Spartans should find themselves near the top of their conference once again at the end of next season.

In fact, Anderson believes that his new high-energy two-way guard will be an instant contributor for the Spartans next season.

What does that do for Brown’s confidence?

“To have a coach that has my back and believes in me is a thing that every player wants to hear,” Brown said. “Hearing him say that is a blessing and I’m just so appreciative of him giving me the opportunity to play for him.”

After showing off his offensive prowess during the conference schedule last season at Howard, Brown has all the momentum on his side and will not back down once he steps into his first practice with the new team. One of Brown’s greatest assets on the court is his attitude and ability to flip the competitive switch into overdrive.

Even though he is joining one of the best and most consistent programs in NCAA Division II, Brown’s confidence is sky high and he thinks that he can add a new element to the Spartans that they have not had in the past.

“I’m going to bring it every day,” Brown said. “I want to push everyone. They’re winning but I know that the way I talk trash and with the way that I compete, we’re going to become a way better team.”

Brown’s recruitment was long and slow but he finally found the place he wanted to finish out his student-athlete career. He will now be just over 30 miles from his hometown and friends and family will be able to watch his home games in-person.

Back in April, and after speaking with Brown about his recruitment, this reporter knew that Big Spring would not be the last stop in Brown’s basketball journey. It is now official and the New York native will be taking his talents with him back to the northeast.

Next stop: The St. Thomas Aquinas Spartans.

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

# Texas Hunting and Fishing License, Boat Registration Offices Open for Appointments Only

AUSTIN— Starting June 1, all Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement offices statewide and the license and registration office at the Austin headquarters will reopen to the customers with appointments. Social distancing, face coverings and other public health measures will be mandatory for all customers.

Appointments will be scheduled in 15-minute increments with the first appointment beginning at 8:15 a.m. and the last appointment at 4:30 p.m. Missed appointments must be rescheduled for another time. Customers can schedule an appointment by calling the law enforcement office or license and registration office directly.

New business practices will be in effect for all offices including:

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### 2020 NBA Mock Draft (Bleacher Report)

Pick	Team	Player	Position	College
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2	Cleveland Cavaliers	LaMelo Ball	PG/SG	NBUL
3	Minnesota T-Wolves	Isaac Okoro	SF/PF	Auburn
4	Atlanta Hawks	Obi Toppin	PF/C	Dayton
5	Detroit Pistons	James Wiseman	C	Memphis
6	New York Knicks	Killian Hayes	PG	Germany
7	Chicago Bulls	Onyeka Okongwu	PF/C	USC
8	Charlotte Hornets	Deni Avdija	SF/PF	Israel
9	Washington Wizards	Devin Vassell	SF	Florida State
10	Phoenix Suns	Tyrese Haliburton	PG	Iowa State
11	San Antonio Spurs	Cole Anthony	PG	N. Carolina
12	Sacramento Kings	R.J. Hampton	SG	New Zealand
13	New Orleans Pelicans	Aaron Nesmith	SF	Vanderbilt
14	Portland T-Blazers	Patrick Williams	F	Florida State
15	Orlando Magic	Kira Lewis Jr.	PG	Alabama
16	Minnesota T-Wolves	Tyrese Maxey	SG	Kentucky
17	Boston Celtics	Theo Maledon	PG	France
18	Dallas Mavericks	Saddiq Bey	SF/PF	Villanova
19	Milwaukee Bucks	Leandro Bolmaro	SG/SF	Spain
20	Brooklyn Nets	Jaden McDaniels	SF/PF	Washington
21	Denver Nuggets	Robert Woodard	SF	Mississippi St.
22	Philadelphia 76ers	Tyrell Terry	PG	Stanford
23	Miami Heat	Nico Mannion	PG	Arizona
24	Utah Jazz	Precious Achiuwa	PF/C	Memphis
25	OKC Thunder	Jahmi’us Ramsey	SG	Texas Tech
26	Boston Celtics	Aleksej Pokusevski	PF	Greece
27	New York Knicks	Tyler Bey	SF/PF	Colorado
28	Toronto Raptors	Isaiah Stewart	C	Washington
29	Los Angeles Lakers	Josh Green	SG/SF	Arizona
30	Boston Celtics	Jalen Smith	PF/C	Maryland

# NASCAR is back and fans may be right behind

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

There is finally a break in this weird, new world of NASCAR after nine races over 16 days in three different states.

Brad Keselowski lucked into a pair of wins, new favorite son Chase Elliott lost three races (but won one), and Kyle Busch ticked off his haters simply by being himself.

Some rain interruptions aside, the racing has been good. The series is starting to find a rhythm and the story lines are strong. Even seven-time NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson has come close to winning his first race in more than three years.

But all is not entirely well.

A sport that prides itself on the access to its drivers is racing at empty tracks, most evident Sunday at cavernous Bristol Motor Speedway.



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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
**Improving the odds**

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

<b>NORTH</b>			
♠	A 10 8 4 3		
♥	6 5 3		
♦	6 4		
♣	K 7 3		
<b>WEST</b>			
♠	J 7 5 2		
♥	K 10		
♦	Q 3		
♣	10 8 6 5 2		
<b>EAST</b>			
♠	9 6		
♥	Q J 8 4		
♦	K J 10 7 2		
♣	J 9		
<b>SOUTH</b>			
♠	K Q		
♥	A 9 7 2		
♦	A 9 8 5		
♣	A Q 4		

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	

Opening lead — five of clubs.  
The refinements of good declarer play are sometimes so delicate that they virtually amount to splitting hairs.

For example, consider this deal where declarer went down one after playing the hand in what seemed to be an entirely normal fashion. However, he would have made three notrump by adopting a slightly different method of play, raising the question of whether the alternative approach was superior.

A club was led, and South could count eight winners. His best chance

for a ninth appeared to lie in spades, where he reasoned that he could score two extra tricks if the spades were divided 3-3, or if they were 4-2 and the doubleton included the jack.

So he won the club lead with the ace, cashed the K-Q of spades, led a club to the king and played the ace of spades. When East showed out, discarding a club, declarer tried to establish a ninth trick in hearts. But when that suit also divided 4-2, he finished a trick short of his goal.

A better line of play, after taking the ace of clubs and cashing the king of spades, is to lead the spade queen and overtake it with the ace! When East produces the nine, declarer concedes the ten to West's jack, establishing the 8-4 and giving him nine easy tricks.

By overtaking the queen, declarer gives himself an extra chance to make the contract. He is sure to succeed if the spades divide 3-3, or if either opponent started with the doubleton jack or doubleton nine.

But if South simply cashes the K-Q of spades, he loses when East started with the 9-x. (If West produces the nine on the queen, it is obvious to overtake the queen with the ace to assure the contract.) The extra chance of East's holding the 9-x — roughly an additional 8% — makes overtaking the queen with the ace the superior play.

Tomorrow: Abandoning the percentage play.  
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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



### Sun Settles an Argument

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** While it is difficult to see beyond the environment one is immersed in, it is absolutely essential to personal responsibility. In a sick society, the status quo can be a terrible thing to uphold and protect.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** A person who doesn't know his or her own motives can do as much harm as one who hides or is dishonest about them. To know what you want and why you want it is powerful and inspires trust.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You value intelligence and realize that there are many different kinds. You'll attract others who value intelligence and have similar or complementary kinds to yours.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** However you treat yourself, you are inviting the world, either consciously or unconsciously, to treat you this same way. To bend over backward and give yourself respect and care is completely worthwhile.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You give your love in many forms: in the support of your friendship, the generosity of your conversational style, your warmth and charm, or the forthrightness of your pursuit.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** What is keeping you from attracting the things you want? You'll give the

question some serious thought and come up with a strategy for adjusting your output to change the input.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Even though you like and accept yourself for who you are, ultimately, you want to improve and grow. So when people challenge you, it's not a deal breaker. You'll see what you can learn.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You want to help people and make them happy, but you also recognize that this is not your job, obligation or purpose. If you only make yourself happy, that's one more happy person in the world.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You show people what you value in the way you live. It is therefore unnecessary, or even detracting, to say much else about it. Your example speaks volumes.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** There's something you want to know. You could take a class. You could read up. Or you could just jump in. If the process is left to trial and error, most of the learning will come from error.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** These independent issues you're dealing with may actually be more connected than you realize. Look for patterns, with a keen eye to that old classic "cause and effect."

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** As you take care of yourself, you are taking care of all the people who love you, the ones who depend on you, and even ones you don't know but with whom you happen to share a community.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 3).** Commitment is your forte this year. You'll put your money where your heart is, your muscle where your head is, your whole self where your values are -- no wonder you keep winning. Instincts land you in lucky places. You'll make a deal and get a lifelong friend and/or partner out of it. You'll accept a generous gift in November. Cancer and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 29, 42, 24 and

11.  
**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION:** "I don't understand why I'm not being promoted at work. I'm an empath with a high level of emotional intelligence (if I do say so myself -- ha!), and I have been repeatedly praised for my ability to help my team work smoothly. I'm the one they go to when situations need to be smoothed over. I provide a safe space, am a good communicator and am generally well-liked. Please tell me why an empathic Pisces keeps getting passed over."

Ask yourself objectively what it would take to be seen as a producer in the company. What are the outcomes that would need to materialize? Get to the hard numbers. What would your department have to look like for you to be the undeniable choice for promotion?

Culture is vitally important in any team, as is a healthy, safe, nurturing work environment. You can likely have this and produce the superstar results you need to in order to move up. Just don't confuse it with productivity. Also, note that emotional intelligence isn't always about making everything smooth for all. Sometimes conflict is necessary, and bringing simmering issues to the surface goes to the core of effective management.

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## Annie's Mailbox

### Dreadful 'Dear'

**Dear Annie:** Why do strange men call women "dear" as they get a little older?

I am in my late 60s but don't consider myself an "old lady." I dress reasonably -- nice jeans/pants and a cute top. My hair is not gray, and I do not look sickly.

Yes, I have a few wrinkles, but I still feel proud of my appearance. I am not these guys' mother, wife or sweetheart. I am a complete stranger.

I have been called "dear" by cashiers, EMTs, a male dentist and others. Many women do not take this as a compliment. In fact, it is a little demeaning. When I very politely mentioned this to a couple of men, I was met with silence or a

look of disbelief. Hopefully, some of these guys will see your column. Thanks for letting me vent. -- Don't Call Me "Dear"

**Dear Don't Call Me "Dear":** You assume that "dear" is a term reserved for elderly women, when I always thought it was a term of endearment (pardon the pun) for all ages. I see the intention being key in these circumstances. Are these speakers being courteous or condescending? I'm curious to hear from other readers on this subject. When a stranger calls you "dear," are you complimented or insulted?

**Dear Annie:** In these days of the coronavirus, I have been occupied by going through some paperwork that my mother and I have saved. We found this poem by

Bruce Wilmer, which was written in 1978. I wanted to share it with your readers because it is just as appropriate now as it was 42 years ago.

- "New Beginnings"
- (SET ITAL)Each chapter that is ending
- Leads us to a new beginning
- The past that we are leaving
- Means a future we are winning
- Each change that fills the present
- Sets the stage for our tomorrow
- And how we meet each challenge
- Helps determine joy or sorrow
- In every new begin-

- ning
- Spirit plays a vital part
- We must approach tomorrow
- With a strong and steady heart
- So as we turn the corner
- Let's all apprehension shed
- And fill our heart with confidence
- As we proceed ahead(END ITAL)
- Bruce B. Wilmer (1978)
- Dear Reader:** Thank you for sending this poem. It is very uplifting, and, as you say, it is still timely.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com).

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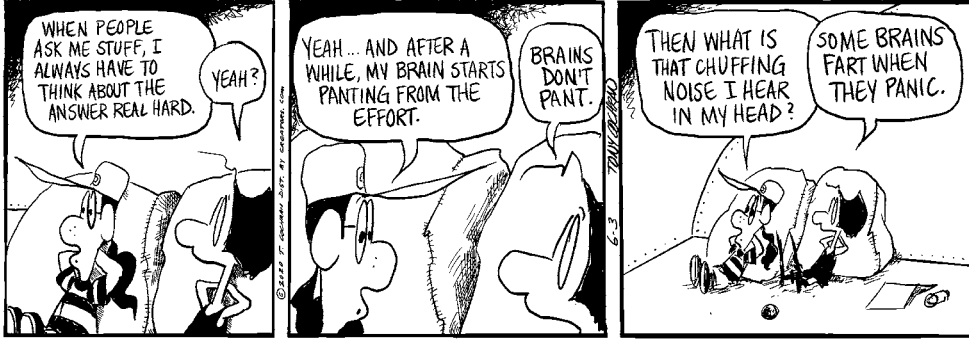


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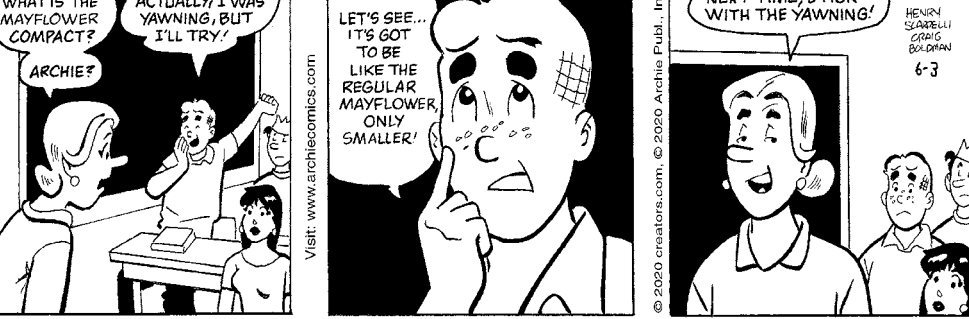
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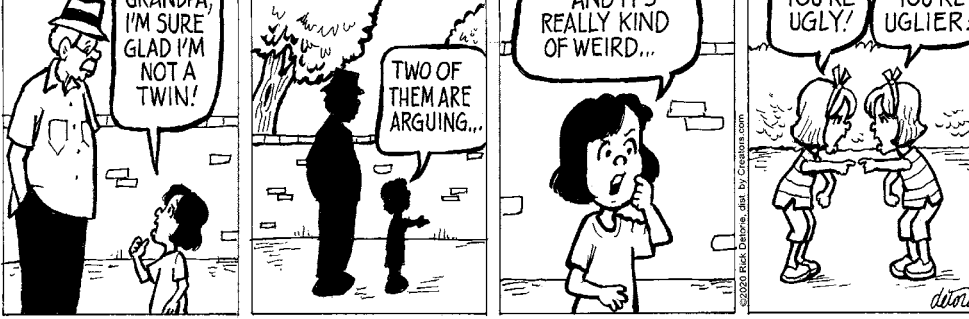
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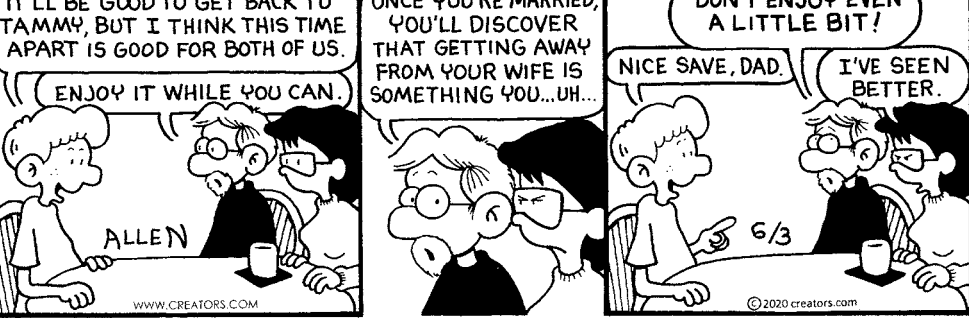
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## This Date In History

### Today in History

Today is Wednesday, June 3, the 155th day of 2020. There are 211 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On June 3, 1965, astronaut Edward H. White became the first American to "walk" in space during the flight of Gemini 4.

On this date:

In 1861, Illinois Sen. Stephen A. Douglas, the Democratic presidential nominee in the 1860 election, died in Chicago of typhoid fever; he was 48.

In 1924, author Franz Kafka, 40, died near Vienna.

In 1935, the French liner Normandie set a record on its maiden voyage, arriving in New York after crossing the Atlantic in just four days.

In 1943, Los Angeles saw the beginning of its "Zoot Suit Riots" as white servicemen clashed with young Latinos wearing distinctive-looking zoot suits; the violence finally ended when military officials declared the city off limits to enlisted personnel.

In 1948, the 200-inch reflecting Hale Telescope at the Palomar Mountain Observatory in California was dedicated.

In 1962, Air France Flight 007, a U.S.-bound Boeing 707, crashed while attempting to take off from Orly Airport near Paris; all but two of the 132 people aboard were killed.

In 1963, Pope John XXIII died at age 81; he was succeeded by Pope Paul VI.

In 1977, the United States and Cuba agreed to set up diplomatic interests sections in each other's countries; Cuba also announced the immediate release of 10 Americans jailed on drug charges.

In 1989, Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, died. On the same day, Chinese army troops began their sweep of Beijing to crush student-led pro-democracy demonstrations.

In 2004, President George W. Bush announced the resignation of CIA Director George Tenet amid a controversy over intelligence lapses about suspected weapons of mass destruction in Iraq and the September 11 terrorist attacks.

In 2008, Barack Obama claimed the Democratic presidential nomination, speaking in the same St. Paul, Minnesota, arena where Republicans would be holding their national convention in September 2008.

In 2016, heavyweight boxing

champion Muhammad Ali died at a hospital in Scottsdale, Arizona, at age 74.

Ten years ago: BP sliced off a pipe with giant shears to make way for a cap in the latest bid to curtail the worst oil spill in U.S. history. During an Oval Office face-off over illegal immigration, Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer told President Barack Obama Americans "want our border secured" while Obama underscored his objections over the tough immigration law Brewer had signed, calling it discriminatory. Joran van der Sloot (YOHR'-uhn VAN'-dur-sloht), long suspected in the 2005 disappearance of Alabama teen Natalee Holloway in Aruba, was arrested in Chile following the slaying of 21-year-old Stephany Flores in Peru. (Van der Sloot is serving a 28-year sentence for Flores' murder.) Emmy-winning actress Rue McClanahan, 76, died in New York.

Five years ago: The Pentagon disclosed that it had inadvertently shipped possibly live anthrax to at least 51 laboratories across the U.S. and in three foreign countries over the previous decade, but said that public health was not at risk.

One year ago: Launching a mostly ceremonial European trip, President Donald Trump had lunch with Queen Elizabeth and tea with Prince Charles ahead of a grand state dinner at Buckingham Palace; Trump arrived in Britain shortly after tweeting that London Mayor Sadiq Khan, a frequent Trump critic, was a "stone cold loser" who "should focus on crime in London, not me." Viewers of "Jeopardy!" saw James Holzhauer, a professional sports gambler and trivia whiz, end a 32-game winning streak by losing for the first time. Security forces in Sudan launched a violent crackdown against pro-democracy activists; protesters said at least 35 people were killed as the military cleared the main sit-in camp in the capital, Khartoum. California Gov. Gavin Newsom overruled a parole board's decision to free Charles Manson follower Leslie Van Houten; it

was the third time a governor had stopped the release of the youngest member of Manson's murderous cult.

**Today's Birthdays:** The former president of Cuba, Raul Castro, is 89. Actress Irma P. Hall is 85. Author Larry McMurtry is 84. Rock singer Ian Hunter (Mott The Hoople) is 81. World Golf Hall of Famer

Hale Irwin is 75. Actress Penelope Wilton is 74. Singer Eddie Holman is 74. Actor Tristan Rogers is 74. Musician Too Slim (Riders in the Sky) is 72. Singer Suzi Quatro is 70. Singer Deneice Williams is 70. Singer Dan Hill is 66. Actress Suzie Plakson is 62. Actor Scott Valentine is 62. Rock musician Kerry King (Slayer) is 56. Actor James

Purefoy is 56. Rock singer-musician Mike Gordon is 55. TV host Anderson Cooper is 53. Country singer Jamie O'Neal is 52. Writer-director Tate Taylor is 41. Singers Gabriel and Ariel Hernandez (No Mercy) are 49. Actor Vik Sahay is 49. Rhythm and blues singer Lyfe Jennings is 47. Actress Arianne Zucker is 46. Actress Nikki M. James is 39.

Tennis player Rafael Nadal is 34. Actor Josh Segarra is 34. Actress-singer Lalaime is 33. Actor Sean Berdy is 27. Actress Anne Winters is 26.

**Thought for Today:** "Never be haughty to the humble; never be humble to the haughty." — Jefferson Davis, Confederate president (1808-1889).

## Newsday Crossword

0-TO-7 MPH by Stella Zawistowski  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 First person in the Bible
  - 5 Fraction of a square mile
  - 9 Church wedding spot
  - 14 Read closely (over)
  - 15 Hoofbeat sound
  - 16 Piece of garlic
  - 17 "Guilty" or "Not guilty"
  - 18 Learn by \_\_\_ (memorize)
  - 19 Song sung in December
  - 20 Observe formality fully
  - 23 Draw upon
  - 24 It's north of Mex.
  - 25 Ropes that support bridges
  - 29 Large tea dispensers
  - 31 Armed conflict
  - 34 Approximately
  - 35 Pull with difficulty
  - 36 Unkind remark
  - 37 Be extra careful not to offend
  - 40 Suffix for kitchen
  - 41 Spanish cheers
  - 42 Not satisfied, as needs
  - 43 \_\_\_ Moines, IA
  - 44 The one right here
  - 45 Mascara mishaps
  - 46 Waikiki neckwear
  - 47 Wall St. debut
  - 48 Protect another from distraction
  - 57 For hours \_\_\_ (nonstop)
  - 58 Chill with ice

**DOWN**

- 1 Smartphone downloads
- 2 Foolish one
- 3 Carpeting measure
- 4 Actually have in mind
- 5 Bridging
- 6 Genetic copy
- 7 Campus marching grp.
- 8 Fencing sword
- 9 Obtain entry to
- 10 Camel's Peruvian cousin
- 11 Bull at a bullfight
- 12 Shakespeare's river
- 13 Depend (on)
- 21 Because of
- 22 Ladder steps
- 25 Cried out, as a crow
- 26 Lessen gradually
- 27 Metal fasteners
- 28 Skywalker of Star Wars
- 29 Deep desires
- 30 Dustcloths
- 31 Mrs. Flintstone
- 32 More qualified
- 33 Takes a breather
- 35 Local sandwich shop
- 36 Chromosome part
- 38 \_\_\_ game (pitcher's prime performance)
- 39 Comical quality
- 44 Easily cut, as a cutlet
- 45 Hexes
- 46 Industry slang
- 47 Poker quitter's comment
- 48 Travel aimlessly
- 49 Nullify
- 50 In good order
- 51 Rebound of sound
- 52 Hit the \_\_\_ (leave)
- 53 Web auctioneer
- 54 Smeller on your face
- 55 First son of 1 Across
- 56 Periods of history

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Answer to previous puzzle

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# Former Auburn football coach Pat Dye dies at 80

By JOHN ZENOR

AP Sports Writer

College Football Hall of Famer Pat Dye, who took over a downtrodden Auburn football program in 1981 and turned it into a Southeastern Conference power, died Monday. He was 80.

Lee County Coroner Bill Harris said Dye died at a hospice care facility in Auburn from complications of kidney and liver failure. Harris said Dye tested positive for COVID-19 after being admitted to the hospital for renal problems, but was asymptomatic.

When Dye came to Auburn, he inherited a program that was deeply divided after only three winning seasons in the previous six years. In 12 years, he had a 99-39-4 record, Auburn won or shared four conference titles and the Tigers were ranked in The Associated Press' Top 10 five times.

Dye's overall coaching record was 153-62-5 in 17 years at Auburn, Wyoming and East Carolina. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2005.

"On behalf of our family, I want to thank all of the people from around the country who have offered their support and admiration for dad these past several days," said Dye's son, Pat Dye Jr. "Dad would be honored and humbled to know about this overwhelming outreach. The world has lost a pretty good football coach and a great man. He was beloved, he touched so many lives and he will be missed by many, especially our family."

Dye's coaching career ended in November 1992 when he was forced to resign after a pay-for-play scandal rocked the Auburn program, which was placed on two years' probation.

Dye served as athletic director as well as coach for most of his career with Auburn. He remained associated with the university after his resignation and was a frequent commentator on football talk-radio shows.

Auburn was only 5-6 in Dye's first season, but it quickly turned around. In 1982, the Tigers were 9-3, defeated arch-rival Alabama for the first time in 10 years and made their first bowl trip since 1974.

By the next season, Auburn was back on top in the Southeastern Conference — a league that had been dominated for more than two decades by Bear Bryant and the team on the other side of the state, Alabama.

Over the next seven years, there would be three more SEC titles in a row, from 1987-89, and a host of individual awards for his players. Running back

Bo Jackson won the Heisman Trophy in 1985, defensive lineman Tracy Rucker took home both the Outland and Lombardi trophies in 1988, and linebacker Aundray Bruce was the No. 1 pick in the 1988 NFL draft.

In 1989, Dye realized another dream when Alabama made its first trip ever to Auburn. The Tigers won the historic game 30-20, ending Alabama's quest for a perfect record and national championship.

The "Iron Bowl" series, which had been played every year in Birmingham since 1948, began being played at Jordan-Hare Stadium every other year beginning in 1993.

"He's one of the people that changed the direction of that rivalry," said David Housel, Auburn's sports information director under Dye who eventually became athletic director. "Alabama had won nine years in a row; he broke that streak. And he was instrumental in getting the game to Auburn."

"Getting that game here has made all the difference not only for Auburn but also for Alabama. As he often pointed out, Alabama wouldn't have that fine facility they have over there (Bryant-Denny Stadium) — and it's really great — if they were still playing Auburn in Birmingham."

Auburn plays on Pat Dye Field at Jordan-Hare Stadium. The school put his name on it in 2005.

The only thing that eluded Dye was a national championship. His teams finished in the Top 10 five times but never held the top spot. In 1983, the 11-1 Tigers featuring Bo Jackson were No. 3 — and remained there despite winning their bowl game while Nos. 1 and 2 lost. Miami leapfrogged to the top of the AP poll with its thrilling 31-30 victory over then-top ranked Nebraska.

In 1990, the Tigers were the choice of some prognosticators to win it all, but they fell from the national championship picture with a tie and three losses — including the first setback to Alabama after four straight wins.

Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey recalled Dye as "a great man, coach and member of the Auburn family."

"Not only was he a phenomenal football coach, but an even better person," Ivey said. "For years, I have known Pat personally and have always valued his friendship and colorful commentary. He had great takes on both football and life."

Dye, a tough field master with a folksy drawl, was determined to make it back to the top. But tape recordings secretly made by Auburn player Eric Ramsey with coaches and others were made public, exposing a pay-for-play scandal that drew wide

media attention and landed Auburn on probation. It also cost Dye his job.

A native of Augusta, Georgia, Dye played football for Wally Butts at Georgia from 1958-60. After two seasons in the Canadian Football League, he left the playing field and went into coaching — ironically at Alabama, where he was in charge of linebackers and recruiting for Bryant.

Dye landed his first head coaching job in 1974, taking over at East Carolina. He posted a 48-18-1 record in six years and built the Pirates into a team that could compete — and win — against neighboring Atlantic Coast Conference schools.

Dye moved to Wyoming in 1980 and the Cowboys went 6-5, their first winning season in eight years. It also was to be Dye's only season in Laramie.

Auburn was looking for a coach after Doug Barfield was forced out at the end of the 1980 season. According to some accounts, the Tigers' first choice was longtime Georgia coach Vince Dooley, an Auburn alumnus who was in the process of leading the Bulldogs to their first national championship.

But Dooley decided to remain at Dye's old school and Dye took the Auburn job. By the time Dooley retired in 1988, Dye was firmly entrenched at Auburn and didn't even consider returning to his alma mater.

"We competed hard as coaches but remained good friends, and after football shared our love of plants, especially Japanese Maples," Dooley said. "Pat was a solid, fundamental football coach who related well with his players."

Fran Tarkenton, a Georgia teammate and Pro Football Hall of Famer, said he has "lost one of the best friends I have ever had."

"I never played with a greater football player than Pat Dye," Tarkenton said. "He was the ultimate teammate, and I loved the guy. He had so many assets as a player: quick, creative, as great of a competitor as I ever played with. He was instinctive, as all great players are. He just simply would not be denied."

Dye is survived by his four children, Pat Jr., Missy, Brett and Wanda; nine grandchildren; and his partner of 18 years, Nancy McDonald.

The Crooked Oaks Legacy Foundation has been established to honor Dye,

## NASCAR

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The Tennessee bullring known as "The Last Great Colosseum" can hold about 140,000 fans and once boasted a 55-race sellout streak spanning 28 years.

It was jarringly empty on a spectacular day for racing Sunday. When Elliott and Joey Logano tangled on the track with just over a lap remaining — and when Logano gave Elliott a long stare on pit road — it was eerily silent.

In the old days, before the pandemic, the crowd would have been hysterical. In the new normal, the two drivers put on their mandatory face masks and had a peaceful discussion in front of dreary, gray grandstands.

"It's kind of like, well, I guess we'll go home," runner-up Clint Bowyer said of the anticlimactic post-race dramatics. "I'm ready to have fans back. I think it's time."

Local tracks around the country have allowed spectators for at least the last two weekends. NASCAR, when it announced its second stretch of races through June 21 in Alabama, said the events would

be without fans.

The pressure will grow to get fans back in the stands, particularly as more and more local tracks open the gates with their governors' OK. If fans can attend South Alabama Speedway in Ozark, why can't they go to the big show at Talladega Superspeedway in three weeks?

NASCAR has touted a health plan it was confident could get the teams back to the track and so far it has worked. No driver has failed the temperature checks required to enter the facilities so far. But it has been barely two weeks since Darlington Raceway hosted the first race back so it's far too early to know if the plan is perfect.

Masks are still required and teams have been good sports about following the rules. But it's going to get hotter and the days are long and the masks are going to become a nuisance. Social distancing is for the most part followed, but awareness is fading and teams were in clusters along pit road waiting for the Bristol race to start.

NASCAR already made a huge decision to get back to business after postponing eight Cup Series races. Now it will face another in deciding if the comeback is complete and fans can return.

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