

City gets time and a talking-to

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A federal judge on Wednesday granted Bristol Virginia's motion to extend deadlines for two aspects of city work at its landfill. U.S. District Judge James P. Jones first admonished the city for not anticipating potential delays before agreeing to a series of deadlines, but then granted their request to extend deadlines

Judge extends one deadline, puts second on hold

to install "adequate cover" soil over the trash. The city sought the extension due to heavy rains and a COVID-19 outbreak combining to slow the work, court documents show. The schedules were established as part of a temporary injunction in an effort to resolve a complaint filed by Bristol Tennessee over the conditions and impacts of the landfill. Bristol

Virginia will stop accepting trash in less than two weeks on Sept. 9. Jones also vacated the deadline regarding the installation of thermocouples — which are used to monitor temperatures in the waste mass — until more information was available. "Based upon the evidence before me, I find that Bristol Virginia should have anticipated the problems it now faces before agreeing to the strict deadlines of the injunction," Jones wrote in his ruling. "While there is

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— James P. Jones, U.S. District judge

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Due date, Jan. 5; Anna: Hold my bottle

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Tausha Spears and her daughter Anna Irene rest at the hospital after Anna's unexpected arrival in Tausha and David Spears' Bristol, Virginia, living room.



A rush, a tough mom and 'Andy' reruns yield healthy newborn

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Years of watching episodes of "The Andy Griffith Show" paid off for David Spears Friday morning as he helped his wife Tausha deliver their daughter Anna Irene into the world in the living room of their Bristol, Vir-

ginia home. Spears rushed home from his job eight minutes away at Goodwill off Exit 7 as his wife explained she was having the couple's third child. As he made the drive home, Spears thought he would be rushing his wife to the hospital to have the baby. But little Anna was way ahead of him — and her Jan. 5 due date. David said his wife Tausha was having some contractions before

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Pow! NASA socks a rock

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Agency hopes 14K mph impact will shift asteroid's orbit

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A NASA spacecraft rammed an asteroid at blistering speed Monday in an unprecedented dress rehearsal for the day a killer rock menaces Earth.

The galactic grand slam occurred at a harmless asteroid 7 million miles away, with the spacecraft named Dart plowing into the small space rock at 14,000 mph. Scientists expected the impact to carve out a crater, hurl streams of rocks and dirt into space and, most importantly, alter the asteroid's orbit.

Telescopes around the world and in space aimed at the same point in the sky to capture the spectacle. Though the impact was immediately obvious — Dart's radio signal abruptly ceased — it will be days or even weeks to determine how much the asteroid's path was changed.

The \$325 million mission was the first attempt to shift the position of an asteroid or any other natural object in space.

"No, this is not a movie plot," NASA Administrator Bill Nelson tweeted earlier in the day. "We've all seen it on movies like 'Armageddon,' but the real-life stakes are high," he said in a prerecorded video.

Monday's target: a 525-foot asteroid named Dimorphos. It's

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