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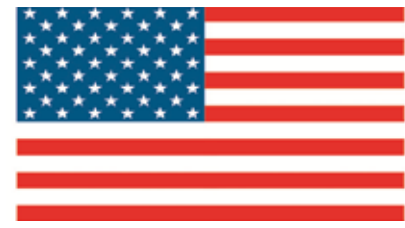
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BSPD arrests 2 suspects for Aggravated Robbery Wednesday

COVID-19 Update:

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Negative tests: 243
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Just a Note:

Coahoma Graduation
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Forsan Graduation
 Video to be released
 Friday at 6 p.m.
 Parade at 7 p.m. today

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Editor's Note: The Big Spring Police Department issued the following press release regarding a recent arrest made in connection with a recent aggravated robbery. The press release reads as follows:

Special to the Herald

On May 19, 2020, at approximately 7:43 p.m., officers of the Big Spring Police Department were dispatched to a robbery in the 1500 block of Chickasaw. Upon arrival it was reported that the victim, a 35 year-old-Hispanic male,



was walking to a friend's house when a vehicle occupied by two males pulled up to him.

The victim reported one of the males pointed a pistol at him while the other began going through the victims pockets. It was reported that while the two suspects were stealing property from the victim, he attempted to grab the pistol and the pistol was fired causing the victim to run away.

The victim was found to have suffered non-life threatening injuries during the altercation. Officers later located the suspect vehicle and suspects in the 1600 block of Avion and detectives with the Big Spring Police Department responded.

After conducting the preliminary investigation an adult male identified as Marcus Diago Pena, a black male, 17 years of age and a 16-year-old juvenile male were arrested and charged with the Felony 1 offense Aggravated Robbery.

This continues to be an ongoing criminal investigation and no further information is available at this time.

Forsan announces virtual graduation, senior parade

Senior Parade set for 7 p.m. this evening, graduation video Friday at 6 p.m.

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor
 The school year is drawing near a close and Graduation Day is only a few days away for the Class of 2020. While graduation may not look like it has in the past, due to COVID-19 and the changes that have taken place across the nation, the Class of 2020 will still be recognized as they culminate the last 13 years of their educational career. Forsan High School took to the digital world and will be releasing their graduation video on Friday at 6 p.m. Seniors will be able to take part in a diploma pick up event on Thursday, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"This graduating class is facing a different immediate future than any other recent graduating class," Randy Johnson, Forsan Superintendent, said. "Two attributes pop into my mind when I consider this: resiliency and creativity. It is my hope the resiliency they have developed during their high school career will serve them well. This is the ability to overcome, to stick it out and to even thrive when things are tough. Creativity is needed to make positive out of challenging times. Creativity includes seeing things differently, seeing the possible, seeing what is hidden to the average person. It is my hope that our graduates will be resilient and creative. Best wishes to each."

Over the past couple of weeks, Forsan

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City crews to work on water valve replacements today

Special to the Herald

On Thursday, May 21, 2020, City crews will continue water valve replacements in the following area that could possibly interrupt water service:

- East 24th Street from Scurry Street to Runnels Street

Customers could possibly experience low water pressure and/or total water interruption while replacements are made. Work will begin after 5:00 PM and continue until complete. We apologize for any inconvenience and ask for your patience while this project is completed.

Please direct any questions or concerns to the office of Shane Bowles, Public Works Director, at 432-264-2501.



Courtesy image

The Forsan Senior Celebration Parade will take place in Forsan this evening. Spectators can arrive between 6:30 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. along Ave H and the parade route. All those attending are asked to stay in their vehicles.

A little bit of nature, a little bit of Steer Nation Pride



Community Report/photo submitted by Elsa Herrera

As Big Spring resident was taking pictures one afternoon she captured a bird sitting on a pole, enjoying the day. The background of her picture also captured the Big Spring Steer logo on the water tower located on the west side of town. She submitted her photo in order to share Steer pride with the community.

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Obituaries

Larry Don Henderson

Larry Don Henderson, 76, of Big Spring died Monday, May 18, 2020. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Baptist Church with Scott Kirkland, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Larry was born July 8, 1943, in Big Spring to Marie and J. D. Henderson. He married Caryl Petree on June 16, 1962, in Big Spring. Larry worked for TX Electric and TXU for 38 years. He



was a lifetime resident of Howard County and he attended Trinity Baptist Church.

Larry loved woodworking, time at Lake Brownwood, and summer vacations in Colorado.

Larry is survived by his wife of 57 years: Caryl Henderson of Big Spring; daughter: Lana Saverence of Big Spring; grandchildren: Brylee Saverence, Landyn Saverence, and Logan Saverence all of Big Spring, and Kaidie Saverence of Flower Mound; brother: Eddie Henderson of Big Spring; and several cousins.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents.

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

Paid Obituary

Police reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JAMES ERNEST GARCIA**, 30, of 1612 Bluebird, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication and possession of controlled substance.
- **MARCUS DIAGO PENA**, 17,

of 1606 Avion Street, was arrested on a charge of aggravated robbery.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 400 block of S. Birdwell Lane.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1400 block of E. Sixth Street.
- **FOUND PROPERTY** was re-

ported in the 400 block of Ryon Street; 100 block E. 18th.

- **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 100 block of S. 5th Street, Coahoma.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1400 block of Tucson.

Take Note

- The Life Center in Big Spring is helping moms and dads with a Diaper Day Giveaway! Call for a five minute phone appointment and a pickup time for free diapers, wipes and formula. 432-606-5041

- St. Vincent de Paul will be open the following dates beginning May 2020. Food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

- Forsan Elementary has opened virtual pre-registration for 2020-21 school year. Due to COVID-19 pre-registration will be done virtually. Contact Mandy Buske with any questions at 432-457-0091 ext. 203 or by email at abuske@forsan.esc18.net. All pre-registration packets will need to be completed and returned to Mandy Buske via email or fax. A copy of the following items need to be returned with the packet: certified birth certificate, social security card, immunization record, proof of residency for district students only (utility bill), parent driver's license and proof of income (pre-k only). Age requirements are: Pre-K – must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020; Kindergarten – 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020. New transfer students (Kinder - 5th) may apply at this time.

- Pre-registration for CISD Kinder, Pre-K3 & Pre-K4 underway. Due to COVID-19, Coahoma Elementary will be handling Pre-K3, Pre-K4 and Kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 school year a little differently.

For safety precautions, district officials will only take registration by phone at this time. The phone registration does not guarantee your child will be attending CES for the 2020-2021 school year, but it will give the district a starting point until restrictions are lifted.

Pre-registration by phone will continue through Friday, April 17, from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. To register, please call 432-394-5000, ext 2 and speak to Jessica. Pre-registration is only open for children who live in the district. Transfer requests will not be processed until after June 1.

For CISD Kindergarten and Pre-K requirements, please visit the CISD website: www.coahomaisd.com

- Isaiah 58 while not open during normal business hours, will be open on Sundays from Noon until 2 p.m. until further notice, for the safety of their volunteers and those they serve. No distribution

Food pick up info

Big Spring ISD

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:

From 9 a.m. to 9:55 a.m., you can pick up at:

Bus 13-Navajo and Choctaw
Bus 14-Bauer

Bus 15: Larry and McDonald

Bus 27: 5th and Abrams

Bus 28: 3rd and Lockhart

Bus 77: Parkway and Hearn

Bus 85: Goliad Elementary

Bus 86: 6th and Circle

Bus 90: Southridge RV Park

Bus 96: Albroom and Randolph

From 10 a.m. to 10:55 a.m., you can pick up at:

Bus 13-Barcelona Apartments

Bus 14-Lakeview

Bus 15: Colby and Drew

Bus 27: 8th and Lorilla

Bus 28: Roy Anderson Complex

Bus 77: Airport and Mobile

Bus 85: Scott and Macausian

Bus 86: Washington Elementary

Bus 90: Oasis and Neill

Bus 96: Anderson School

Lunch is also available at North Side Movement for all children in the area. Meals can be picked up at Ryan Hall, located behind the church, at 605 N. Main St. To comply with Governor Abbott's mandate, all meals will be set-up drive-through style. No meals will be served inside the hall. Deliveries will depend on number of volunteers available. You can follow the North Side Movement Facebook page for additional information.

Coahoma ISD

Coahoma ISD will provide take-home lunches to all students while the campuses are closed. Students can pick up a lunch at the back door of the cafeteria, Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Today will be the last day for meal pick up.

Forsan ISD

Forsan ISD will be providing sacked meals for students while the campuses are closed. Meals are available at the following three locations: Forsan Elementary at the south entrance of the building, Special Education 87-20 Coop, or "The Pad". Breakfast is served from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Today will be the last day for meal pick up.

On behalf of the Big Spring Herald and all those who are able to receive support during this time, we say Thank You for all that you are doing.

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Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 93.

Saturday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67.

Sunday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 89.

Sunday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Monday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 81.

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

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seniors - 44 students - took part in individual celebrations with their families, the school board president and other staff members. Each senior was able to walk the stage, snap photos with their families - through the use of a green screen - and make special memories that will be compiled into the graduation video.

"The family members who attended were included in the individual ceremony. Moms were presented a flower from the school/graduate and a parent helped turn the tassel for their student," Johnson said. "We taped for more than 30 hours ... it may have been the longest graduation in history, but it was so much fun watching the families interact and be involved, in this special milestone in the life of their graduate."

Tommy Thompson, media teacher, took the 30 hours of video and compiled it into the graduation that will be released on Friday. The graduation ceremony was made possible by the combined ef-

forts of creative ideas, hard work and commitment to the students by the staff and administration at Forsan ISD. Photos were captured by Suzanne Kirkland and Megan Harrison to ensure memories were caught for the families to enjoy years from now and Mysti Mims and Kendra Tucker helped organize the event.

"Graduation this year being so different was really unique in Forsan," Thompson said. "There were no crowds and no fighting to get a good seat. It was personal for each graduate, with their family getting a great seat for pictures and video... I thought it was a great way to do graduation."

Thompson continued, "It was a lot of work and time from the office staff, principal, superintendent, and Board President Mr. Boeker, but I think it was a great, unique way to give graduates a very personal stage walk and the video of the entire graduation will look like we had a very normal graduation."

Amanda Duforat is the Managing Editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, e-mail editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

Howard County Community Health Center receives Emergency Grant from Direct Relief to bolster the healthcare safety net in Big Spring

Special to the Herald

Howard County Community Health Center (HCCHC) today announced an infusion of \$20,000 in emergency grant funding from the medical aid organization Direct Relief, in partnership with the National Association of Community Health Centers.

HCCHC was among 518 federally qualified health centers to receive funding this week through Direct Relief's \$25 million Covid-19 Fund for Community Health, which recognizes the profound effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on the finances, services, staff, and patients of community health

centers. HCCHC will use the funds to help with medication assistance for patients of HCCHC and to support frontline health worker safety.

"Access to primary care is what keeps people healthy and out of the hospital, and the frontline work of HCCHC and other nonprofit community health centers across the U.S. is more critical than ever with the onset of Covid-19," said Direct Relief President and CEO Thomas Tighe. "Direct Relief is doing everything possible to bolster the work and support the staffs at the safety-net health facilities on which so many patients and their families rely for excellent

care and trust for advice in this public health emergency."

Nearly 30 million (1 in 12) of the country's most vulnerable residents -- including 1 in 3 individuals living in poverty, 1 in 5 Medicaid beneficiaries, and 1 in 9 children -- rely on federally qualified health centers like Howard County Community Health Center for their health care. That number is expected to rise as more people lose employer-sponsored insurance.

"We are grateful for this critical and immediate support as Community Health Centers work hard to keep communities safe during an unprecedented pandemic," said Tom Van Coverden, President

& CEO of the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC). "We are also deeply appreciative of our longstanding partnership with Direct Relief in these uncertain times and their efforts to ensure that health centers confronting multiple challenges in underserved communities have the resources when and where they need them. We know that many donors and contributors have helped to make this fund possible, and we further extend our appreciation to all of them."

Take Note cont.

• Permian Basin Multiple Sclerosis Support Group for information, encouragement and support. The group meets monthly on the Second Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 12 PM 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.

• Big Spring High School will be recognizing the football team, band members and cheerleaders who participated in the first game at Memorial Stadium in the fall of 1956. The recognition will take place Friday, Sept. 4, 2020 at Memorial Stadium.

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Federal judge orders expansion of mail-in voting in Texas

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A federal judge Tuesday ordered Texas to allow any of the state's 16 million voters to cast a ballot by mail over fears of the coronavirus, paving the way for what would be one of the most dramatic expansions of mail-in voting in the country.

The decision is unlikely to be the last word. Republican Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, who in recent weeks has suggested that steering voters toward wrongly applying for mail-in ballots could result in prosecution, said the state would appeal. He called the ruling by U.S. District Judge Fred Biery a dismissal of "well-established law."

The fight in Texas is just one of several court battles across the country over efforts, mainly by Democrats, to expand access to mail-in ballots amid the pandemic. In Wisconsin, where election officials drew widespread criticism for holding its April 7 presidential primary even as other states delayed voting, a new lawsuit filed Monday argued that not enough has been done since then to ensure that the upcoming elections can be conducted safely and fairly.

Voting by mail in Texas is generally limited to those 65 or older or those with a "sickness or physical condition" that prevents voting in person. In a

lengthy ruling, Biery rejected Paxton's assertion that fear of getting the virus doesn't qualify as a disability under the law.

"Clearly, fear and anxiety currently gripping the United States has limited citizens' physical movements, affected their mental senses and constricted activities, socially and economically," Biery wrote.

He also dismissed claims that expanding mail-in voting would invite fraud in Texas, citing scant evidence.

The ruling came just days after the Texas Supreme Court, which is entirely controlled by Republicans, handed Paxton a victory by blocking a lower ruling in state court that cleared the way for widespread vote-by-mail. Officials in Tennessee are also fighting efforts to expand mail-in voting under a similar defense as Texas, saying fear of contracting the coronavirus doesn't meet medical criteria.

"It is time for a few state officers to stop trying to force people to expose themselves to COVID-19 in order to vote," said Gilberto Hinojosa, chairman of the Texas Democratic Party.

Texas is pressing ahead with one of the swiftest reopenings in the country. On Monday, Republican Gov. Greg Abbott gave permission to reopen

practically every facet of daily life in Texas, including bars and child daycare centers, lifting most full lockdown orders. He said social distancing measures must still be in place, such as limits on customers and no fans at sports events.

Texas has nearly 50,000 cases and at least 1,300 deaths related to the virus. The number of cases has climbed since Texas began lifting stay-at-home orders May 1, but Abbott has defended the speed by emphasizing that hospitalizations have remained flat and infection rates have dropped since April.

President Donald Trump has claimed mail-in voting is ripe for fraud and "cheaters," even as his reelection campaign and state allies are scrambling to launch operations meant to help their voters cast ballots in the mail. Other states have moved to expand absentee voting amid the coronavirus pandemic, including some controlled by Republicans, but Paxton has maintained that fear of getting the virus doesn't qualify as a disability under the law.

Texas will hold primary runoff elections in July. Abbott has already expanded early voting for that election, which will decide the nominees in key congressional races and which Democrat will face Republican Sen. John Cornyn.

Thousands defer plans to leave the military during crisis

WASHINGTON (AP) — Army Sgt. Antonio Gozikowski was planning to leave the military next month and head to college.

After serving for six years, the dental assistant's goal was to become a dentist, and then return to the Army in a few years with his expanded medical skills. But now, with the coronavirus forcing universities to consider virtual or reduced schooling this fall, he decided to take advantage of a new Army program and extend his military service for six more months.

Across the military, uncertainty about future jobs or college opportunities is driving more service members to re-enlist or at least postpone their scheduled departures. As unemployment, layoffs and a historic economic downturn grip the nation, the military — with its job security, steady paycheck and benefits — is looking much more appealing.

"Everything from elementary schools to universities is closing down and there's no saying how it's going to go when the fall semester opens," said Gozikowski, adding that he's hoping schools start opening up for spring semester. "This is like a safety net. I have a source of income and I'll be able to continue working."

Gozikowski, who is from Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and is serving at Fort Hood, Texas, is one of hundreds of service members who are taking

advantage of newly developed, short-term extensions being offered by the military.

As of last week, the Army had already exceeded its retention goal of 50,000 soldiers for the fiscal year ending in September, re-enlisting more than 52,000 so far. And the other services have also met or are closer than planned to their target numbers. The influx of people re-enlisting will offset any shortfalls in recruiting, which has been hampered by the outbreak. And that will help the services meet their total required troop levels for the end of the year.

"We're hiring," said Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy. "Like anything, market dynamics come into effect and people will see where the opportunities lie."

Sgt. Maj. Stuart Morgan, the senior Army career counselor, said Gozikowski was able to take advantage of a new program designed to help soldiers who were planning to leave this year but are now worried and reconsidering their options. The program allows them to delay their departure for up to 11 months to get them past the peak coronavirus period. By early last week, he said, 745 soldiers had signed up.

"What we're seeing this year, which is directly related to COVID, is we do have a population of soldiers that what they were expecting at the end of

transition has suddenly disappeared," Morgan said. "And now you have a soldier that is trying to go through a transition period that is now facing uncertainty on the outside."

The Air Force is on track to meet its recruiting goal, but expects to fall short of its effort to get recruits through the training pipeline by as much as 5,800 as a result of the virus. That gap, the Air Force said, could be filled by service members who decide to re-enlist or extend their service.

So far, the number of Air Force personnel who have withdrawn their requests to leave the service or have asked to extend their enlistment is 700 more than last year at this time, including 230 pilots and medical staff.

For one pilot, the opportunity to make that sudden change of course was a relief. In discussing his plans, he asked that his name not be used to preserve any future employment options.

Nearly two months ago, he was in Miami taking an airline certification course and getting ready for his next career. For months, he and his fellow pilots at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois had been talking about which airlines were hiring.

"Everybody was getting out," the 10-year transport aircraft pilot said in an interview from the air base. "The conversations were like, oh, who got picked up by Southwest, who got picked up by American, who got picked up by Delta. And then the whole coronavirus thing started to play its course."

Suddenly, he said, "the discussions

are more like, what are we gonna do now?"

The pilot said he was worried about the uncertainty. Even if he got a job, it might only be temporary, if the economic downturn continued.

"I need stability in my life. There's no steady income on the outside, or guaranteed income either," said the pilot, adding that in the military, he's guaranteed a job. "While other people are getting laid off and not working, we're still collecting a paycheck and going to work."

Retention is also on the rise in the Marine Corps.

Currently there are about 183,000 Marines, and the goal for the end of the fiscal year is about 184,600. The Corps has nearly reached its retention goal of about 12,600 for the fiscal year, with only about 100 or so to get by the end of September. The Navy was not able to provide retention numbers.

In addition, Marines who were planning to leave the service are being allowed to extend their enlistments by a few months, to get past the initial COVID crisis, or by a year or two.

Maj. Craig Thomas, a Marine Corps spokesman, said virus-related restrictions on recruiting and shipping new Marines to initial training will likely mean the service won't meet its goal for total force size this year. He added, however, that while it is too early to tell if the bad economy will further boost retention, the enlistment extensions could make up for the recruiting shortfalls.

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Howard County high school football teams are ready to get back to work next month



HERALD File Photos

Pictured above left: Big Spring wide receiver Jeremiah Cooley reels in a touchdown grab last season. Pictured above middle: Coahoma wide receiver Tony Hagins hauls in a long ball over a close Forsan defender. Pictured above right: Forsan quarterback Sawyer Stallings hands the ball off to running back Nathaniel Hernandez.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

Football coaches throughout the state have been putting plans together over the past couple of days for summer workouts that should begin on or around June 8. The University Interscholastic League (UIL) announced on Monday afternoon that high schools would be able to begin summer workouts in early June with some restrictions that have yet to be released.

Once those restrictions are known, coaches will be able to put together a plan that will work for their entire team. Players have been doing individual workouts for over two months now and should also be able to display some things that they learned through virtual meetings.

Big Spring was utilizing several different platforms to communicate with their players and Steers coach Cannon McWilliams has been posting at-home workouts for his players every day during the quarantine.

"The biggest thing is getting back in shape," McWilliams said. "We post those workouts but I know that some are doing them and some aren't. It's so much different when you have them all together and it's structured. Football shape is just a different type of being in-shape."

McWilliams is thrilled to get back on the field with his team and is looking forward to an improved team this fall. Now that the coronavirus has thrown off a lot of practices and competition, the Steers will need to work just as hard as ever around the state to not only get back into playing shape but also improve as a squad as well.

After weeks of using Google Classroom and other online applications like Zoom to communicate with players and assistant coaches, McWilliams will only need to wait a couple more weeks until he can spend some in-person time with his team.

"I'm excited," McWilliams said. "Ready to see our kids again."

But even with the UIL announcing June 8 as the opening date of summer workouts, there is still some skepticism and collective breath-holding coming from football coaches throughout Howard County.

"The plans are in the works, we're just waiting to see the adjustments we will have to make in order to follow the guidelines," McWilliams said.

Forsan Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Jason Phillips added, "I love (the news), but we're proceeding with caution. It could still be overruled."

The reason for this skepticism stems from earlier this spring when the coronavirus pandemic began to sweep the nation. At first, the UIL began by suspending spring sports which gave hope to those players and coaches that their season would be coming back after a delay. Instead, the UIL continued to extend the suspension until finally, the rest of those spring sports seasons were cancelled and the seniors on those teams were left without a final year of their playing careers.

"Whenever they don't come out and say definitely we're going to do this, there's a big possibility they might push the date back again," Coahoma coach Chris Joslin said.

All three of these teams will be heavily focused on strength and conditioning training when they return to workouts. There have been some whispers that the workouts will be limited to outside-only and there will be no team weight training inside of the weight room for a while longer.

Other sports such as baseball, softball and basketball will also have the liberty to begin their summer programs on the same date with the same set of restrictions as football. The summertime is when most high school athletes do the majority of their development as players and it will be important for those young student-athletes to begin training again in a team environment.

"I'm ecstatic about it and I can't wait to be back around our kids and I've gotten some messages from the players who are excited about it too," Joslin said.

Howard County coaches, players and fans will not need to wait much longer for the return of sports. Professional leagues have started to set dates for opening their facilities as well as talks to possibly finish the 2019-20 NBA season at DisneyWorld in Orlando.

Youth and professional sports can begin on May 31 in Texas with no fans allowed at any professional games until further notice. The next week, football programs across the state will be hitting the field for their first workouts of the year.

There is sure to be excitement with the return of football and other sports. Our world is slowly going back to normal and the return of football in Texas is an important step for the entire country.

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Hamlin scores 2nd win of season at rain-shortened Darlington

DARLINGTON, S.C. (AP) — Denny Hamlin won NASCAR's first Wednesday race since 1984 when rain stopped the event with 20 laps remaining at Darlington Raceway.

The Daytona 500 winner was out front but out of fresh tires and trying to hang on when he got unintended help from Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Kyle Busch. The reigning Cup champion caused Chase Elliott to crash eight laps earlier to bring out the caution.

A furious Elliott waited for Busch on the apron of the track and flipped Busch the middle finger as he passed. As NASCAR cleaned the track, it started to rain and the cars were called to pit road under red-flag.

It was an already active evening at "The Track Too Tough To Tame" as drivers were racing against the field and the weather. As the drivers sat in their cars waiting for NASCAR to pull the plug, a handful of Elliott's crew members sat on the pit wall staring down Busch.

One of Busch's crew members sat between them on the wall and NASCAR eventually ordered everyone back over the wall. Eight minutes later, the race was called and Busch was greeted by Alan Gustafson, Elliott's crew chief and Busch's former crew chief when he drove for Hendrick Motorsports, for a conversation between two masked competitors.

Busch immediately copped to the error.

"There's no question I made a mistake and just misjudged the gap," Busch said. "They're upset, they're mad. I'm not just going to fix and we're going to go have ice cream tomorrow. They're going to dwell on it and I'm sure there are repercussions of it I'm going to have down the road."

Meanwhile, a fox was scampering across the deserted track and Hamlin, wearing a mask that depicted his actual smile, was having a muted celebration in the rain.

He walked to victory lane under a large black umbrella. It was a 1-2 finish for Joe Gibbs Racing and Toyota. Hamlin has won three times at Darlington and has two wins this season.

"I got my happy face on. Made sure I brought it with me," Hamlin said of his mask. He said he also had masks made with a "sad face" but only brought the smiling masks to a track he counts among his favorite.

Hamlin thought he was in good shape when he made his last pit stop but a caution by Clint Bowyer, who won the first two stages of the race, jumbled the strategy with 34 laps remaining.

Hamlin had no choice but to stay out on the track, and his crew chief Chris Gabehart told him over the radio, "you ain't going to like it, but we're going to have to eat our vegetables here."

Hamlin, the leader because he didn't pit on the restart with 29 to go, only had to hold off traffic for one lap before the Busch and Elliott collision. The rain then came and Hamlin earned the trophy.

"It's a driver's race track," he said. "You can do different things to make (the car) handle. We got

it right."

The race marked the first time in NASCAR history that the Cup Series had two points-paying races at the same track in one week.

The start of NASCAR's second race back during the coronavirus pandemic was moved up an hour because of poor weather, but that was then delayed nearly 90 minutes because it rained most of the day.

When the action finally began, the 310-mile affair was spirited from start to finish because drivers were unsure if they were racing to the halfway point — the mark a race becomes official — or the distance.

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2020 MLB Mock Draft (CBS Sports)

| Pick | Team | Player | Position | College |
|------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Detroit Tigers | Spencer Torkelson | 1B | Arizona State |
| 2 | Baltimore Orioles | Austin Martin | SS | Vanderbilt |
| 3 | Miami Marlins | Asa Lacy | LHP | Texas A&M |
| 4 | Kansas City Royals | Emerson Hancock | RHP | Georgia |
| 5 | Toronto Blue Jays | Max Meyer | RHP | Minnesota |
| 6 | Seattle Mariners | Reid Detmers | LHP | Louisville |
| 7 | Pittsburgh Pirates | Nick Gonzales | 2B | New Mexico State |
| 8 | San Diego Padres | Zac Veen | OF | Spruce Creek HS (FL) |
| 9 | Colorado Rockies | Heston Kjerstad | OF | Arkansas |
| 10 | Los Angeles Angels | Robert Hassell | OF | Independence HS (TN) |
| 11 | Chicago White Sox | Patrick Bailey | C | North Carolina State |
| 12 | Cincinnati Reds | Austin Hendrick | OF | W. Allegheny HS (PA) |
| 13 | San Francisco Giants | Mick Abel | RHP | Jesuit HS (OR) |
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| 15 | Philadelphia Phillies | Cade Cavalli | RHP | Oklahoma |
| 16 | Chicago Cubs | Tanner Burns | RHP | Auburn |
| 17 | Boston Red Sox | Ed Howard | SS | Mt. Caramel HS (IL) |
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Let Go of First Love

Dear Annie: I've been seeing this guy, "David," on and off for almost a year and a half and we have this long-distance relationship going on. This is my very first relationship, but he's been with a few women in the past. While we can't see each other as often as we'd like, I intend to fix that this fall semester, since I'll be transferring to a college that is closer to where he lives. I'm really looking forward to watching football games together and bringing him to college parties with me.

The bottom line is that I've grown to really have feelings for him. In fact, I think I love

him. But sometimes when we talk, he reminds me that I'm not going to be the only woman in his life. He tells me that he plans to come home one day to children -- and two women.

He says he would like to start seeing someone else while still dating me. Although it kind of breaks my heart, I'd still want to be in that relationship with him. I said I'd be there for him no matter what happens because I love him so much. And I said that I'm fine with another woman. But really, I don't think I am.

There are many great things about David: He does his "boyfriend duties." He's there for

me when I'm sad, when I need to rant, when I just need to feel loved. We text each other a lot when we're both not too busy. I know he has work, and he works on recording music after work, which can make life pretty busy. So some days we don't talk to each other, which I totally understand.

I don't want to let go of him because he's become such a big part of my life already.

I want him to be happy and achieve his dream of living with two women, so I wouldn't mind if another woman is involved. And if it ever got to be too much for me, I could just leave him (and take

any children we have with me and be a single mom), right?

I don't know what I really feel. I want to be with him, but I don't want to fight for his attention. Am I selfish in a way for wanting my man to myself, to not have to share him with another woman? What should I do? -- In Between

Dear In Between: This will never work, no matter how hard you try. You are clearly not OK with the idea of Mark having a second girlfriend (and who would blame you). Break it off, and the sooner the better. You'll feel lonely for a little while, but not nearly as lonely as you would

beside someone who can never love you the way that you need.

I know this is your first relationship, and you can't imagine yourself with anyone else. But there will be someone else -- someone who will think it's a dream come true to date just you.

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New Moon Prep Phase

ARIES (March 21-April 19). What you do to keep your core self strong -- be it exercise, meditation, spiritual work or other practices -- is important to keep up with no matter what else is going on in the world.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you wait until you are stirred to do a thing, it will be too late. To take advantage of a brief window of opportunity, you'll have to move before you are ready and act before you are sure.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Accept your fixed traits, and learn to highlight them, or work around them as needed. Every personality trait has within it the potential to be a worst or best quality and will be both, depending on when you look.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sometimes you doubt the malleability of identity. But when you think about how different you were 10 years ago, it's clear that change is

inevitable and never stops. Believe in your aspirations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll object, though ultimately, you may have to accept another person's idea in order to move on to more important things. Your ability to prioritize and categorize will help you get a bigger prize.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People sometimes ask questions as a means of control. You'll love the conversation partner who asks out of sheer curiosity. You'll have splendid exchanges today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Easter is over, but it's never too late to hide treats for people to discover and pick up for a moment of delight. A Post-it note on the mirror, a rock painted with a smile, a website link that leads to a joke... sweet treasures!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The friends you've chosen and the people you admire have qualities you warm to and enjoy being around, so you

gravitate to whatever they are involved in, which today will involve a cost of entry.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are capable of successfully making commitments you have never made before. So don't be scared off by a prospect because it's new. Say yes, and get the experience.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You can't become who you want to be by doing the same activities you were doing. You'll change it up and be pleasantly surprised by what you learn about yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Intimacy is a function of being able to reciprocally share

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



vulnerabilities with people who accept those weaknesses. If only the powerful parts are shared, it is impossible to be truly connected.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's all falling into place for you. The elements are settling before you, all within your reach. Later you'll be able to jostle things around and make them fit a little better. For now, let it happen.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 21). Your kindness radiates in all directions including toward yourself, and this fortifies and emboldens you to new heights of originality. You'll fascinate, draw a crowd, sell to it and fund an

enterprise you wholeheartedly believe in. How satisfying to know you're making the kind of difference the world really needs now. Sagittarius and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 10, 33, 20 and 17.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "My sister gets everything she wants, especially guys, while I'm lucky to get a guy to talk to me. Her birthday is May 21. Mine is Dec. 19. Is this the way it will always be? Please don't include our birth years."

It's difficult to live in anyone's shadow but especially that of an older sibling. Your sister is a Gemini with Mercury and Mars in that outgoing and often flirtatious sign as well. You are a Sagittarius with Mercury, the planet influencing communication, in Sagittarius, traveling backward at the time of your birth. This retrograde motion turns the energy of that planet inward, in your case making it more challenging for you to connect with others at times. The good news is as a Sagittarius, you

are a thoughtful person, interested in education and travel. When you choose to speak up (and you judiciously pick your moments, which adds to your mystique), you come across as highly intelligent and intriguing. Remember it's not how many guys you talk to; it's finding the right guy. He's out there for you. Believe it.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Mr. T, who famously pitied fools in "Rocky III" and the 1980s television series "The A-Team," is the second youngest of 12 children. The legendary tough guy is quoted as saying, "Any man who don't love his momma can't be no friend of mine." Mr. T is a bright Gemini with four important luminaries in strong, stable, stamina-inducing Taurus.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Voyage of discovery

kids' corner

Crossword Puzzle

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THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

MAY 19

- 1568: ENGLAND'S QUEEN ELIZABETH I ORDERS THE ARREST OF MARY, QUEEN OF SCOTS.
- 1950: EGYPT ANNOUNCES THAT THE SUEZ CANAL IS CLOSED TO ISRAELI SHIPS AND COMMERCE.
- 1963: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S "LETTER FROM BIRMINGHAM JAIL" IS PUBLISHED IN THE NEW YORK POST SUNDAY MAGAZINE.

East dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ K 10 7 2
 ♥ A 9 5
 ♦ K J 6
 ♣ Q J 3

WEST
 ♠ J 8 6 3
 ♥ 7 2
 ♦ 7 5
 ♣ 10 9 8 7 4

EAST
 ♠ 4
 ♥ 10 8 6 4 3
 ♦ 9 8 4 3 2
 ♣ 6 2

SOUTH
 ♠ A Q 9 5
 ♥ K Q J
 ♦ A Q 10
 ♣ A K 5

The bidding:
 East South West North
 Pass 3 NT Pass 7 NT
 Opening lead — ten of clubs.

A player doesn't often get the chance to bid seven notrump at his very first turn, but that's what happened to North on this deal. Considering the circumstances, though, he was on very firm ground. South's three-notrump bid indicated 25 or 26 high-card points, which in turn meant that the most East-West could have

was one point, so North could hardly have done less than raise to seven.

West led the ten of clubs, and South could see at once that he had 12 absolutely sure tricks, with a probable 13th in spades.

But since either opponent might have been dealt four (or five) spades to the jack — which could easily be overcome if declarer knew which opponent had the spade length — South had to play carefully. He began by cashing three club tricks, learning that West had started with five cards in that suit.

Then, continuing the exploratory process, South next cashed three heart tricks and three diamond tricks, revealing in the process that West had been dealt exactly two hearts and two diamonds. These developments proved conclusively that West had started with four spades.

Accordingly, South next played the A-Q of spades, East showing out, as expected, on the second spade. It was then a simple matter to lead another spade toward dummy and score the K-10 to bring in the grand slam.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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FOOD FACT!

THIS TYPE OF CUISINE IS OFTEN SLOW-COOKED.

ANSWER: BARBECUE

ACROSS

- Slope of land
- Petaled plant part
- Sweet liquid
- Soil fertilizer

DOWN

- Places to grow plants
- Knob for tuning
- Pick crops
- Short for ampere

Answers:
 Across: 1. Grading 4. Flower 5. Nectar 7. Compost
 Down: 1. Gardens 2. Dial 3. Harvest 6. Amp

New Word

BASTE

pour juices or melted fat over meat during cooking to keep it moist

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

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

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 Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

ANSWER:

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Charcoal
SPANISH: Carbón vegetal
ITALIAN: Carbone
FRENCH: Charbon de bois
GERMAN: Kohle

Did you know?

FALL-OFF-THE-BONE RIBS ARE ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR FOODS SERVED AT BBQ RESTAURANTS.

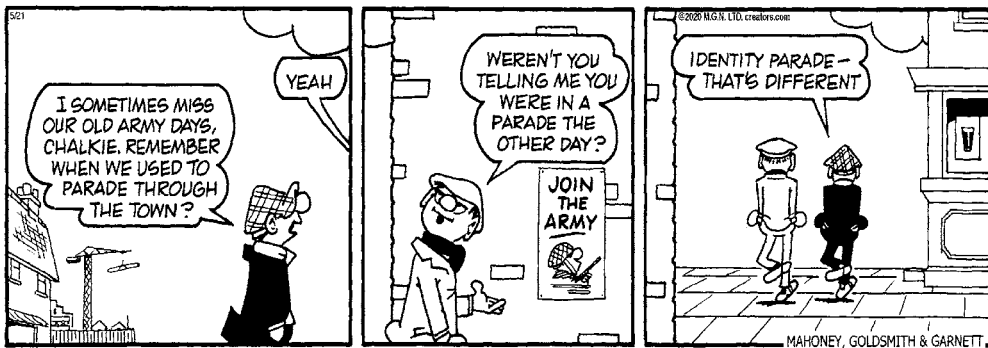
GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: BARBECUED FOOD

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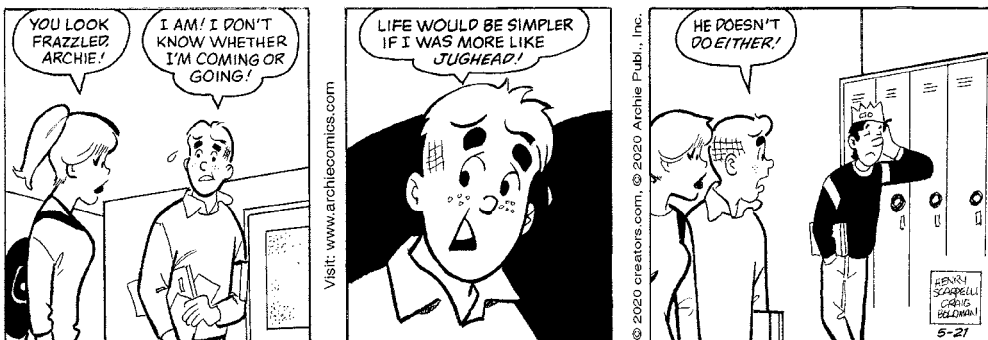
ANDY CAPP



AGNES



ARCHIE



ONE BIG HAPPY



NEST HEAD



MOMMA



This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Thursday, May 21, the 142nd day of 2020. There are 224 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On May 21, 1927, Charles A. Lindbergh landed his Spirit of St. Louis monoplane near Paris...

was assassinated during national elections by a suicide bomber. In 2018, Syria's military captured an enclave in southern Damascus from Islamic State militants after a monthlong battle...

number of House Democrats pushed for impeachment proceedings against Trump. Sherpa mountaineer Kami Rita extended his record for successful climbs of Mount Everest...

Rock musician Hilton Valentine (The Animals) is 77. Musician Bill Champlin is 73. Singer Leo Sayer is 72. Actress Carol Potter is 72.

Rock singer-musician Mikel Jollett (Airborne Toxic Event) is 46. Rapper Havoc (Mobb Deep) is 46. Rock musician Tony LoGerfo (Lukas Nelson & Promise of the Real) is 37.

enworth is 30. Actress Sarah Ramos is 29. Thought for Today: "Being frustrated is disagreeable, but the real disasters of life begin when you get what you want."

Newsday Crossword

DOUBLE-TEAMED by Greg Johnson Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

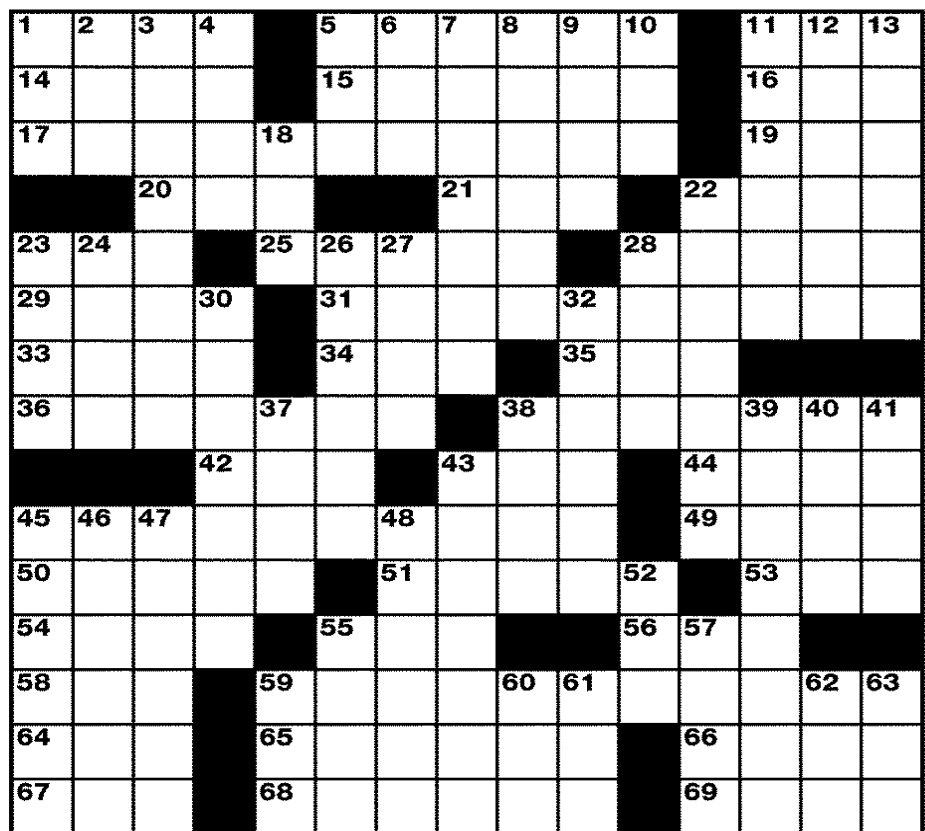
ACROSS

- 1 Charleston-era style
5 Triangular home style
11 Fueled, as a fire
14 Aloha Tower locale
15 Legal release document
16 Suffix for stock
17 Yellowstone beast (NBA, NFL)
19 Triangular sail
20 14 Across side dish
21 Atlanta-based network
22 In ___ (where found)
23 "See other side": Abbr.
25 Western Pacific nation
28 Follow, as a hunch
29 Part of some free app names
31 Striped sea hunter (MLB, NHL)
33 It's w. of Arkansas
34 Poetic praise
35 "What's this now?"
36 After-dessert discards
38 Imports from Honshu
42 Common company name conclusion
43 Terse affirmation
44 Word-of-mouth knowledge
45 Young predatory feline (NFL/NHL, MLB)
49 Smack real good
50 For all to hear
51 "In our opinion..."
53 Sister channel of 21 Across
54 Husky voice

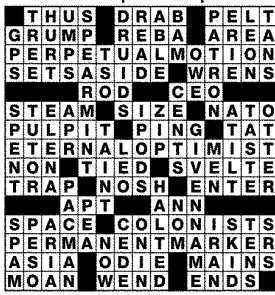
- 55 Banyard sound
56 Antonym of 'neath
58 Approximate-time suffix
59 Falkland Islands nonflier (NHL/NBA, NHL)
64 End of many fights
65 Sum people
66 Two-thirds of dodeca-
67 Veer as you steer
68 Tantalizes
69 Deviate from straight
DOWN
1 With 2 Down, bookmark of a sort
2 See 1 Down
3 Hot sauce pepper
4 Tropic liquor
5 Tool for piercing

- 6 Novelist Weldon
7 Chest protector
8 Urban way
9 Intended to be hurtful
10 Do wrong
11 Tex-Mex wrap
12 Postproduction VIP
13 Expose as a fraud
18 Nothing at all
22 Instructs
23 Small splash
24 ___ torch (luau light)
26 Immediately
27 Canning supplies
28 Like doused campfires
30 Totally love something
32 Robot vacuum brand
37 How some MLB games are aired
38 Cross-shaped letters

- 39 Roadside assistant
40 Many a North African
41 Jazz club segments
43 Glacial periods
45 Value equivalence
46 It has thousands of glaciers
47 Absent acceptee
48 Tanzania neighbor
52 Bard's "over there"
55 Linger
57 They love to be flattered
59 Kit ___ ("four-fingered" candy)
60 What K often follows
61 Road zigzag
62 Ending in geology
63 Pronto



Answer to previous puzzle



NCAA to lift moratorium on football, basketball workouts

By **STEVE MEGARGEE**

AP Sports Writer

The NCAA Division I Council voted Wednesday to lift a moratorium on voluntary workouts by football and basketball players effective June 1 as a growing number of college leaders expressed confidence that fall sports will be possible in some form despite concerns about the coronavirus pandemic.

This decision clears the way for individual workouts by athletes, mostly on their own, subject to safety and health protocols decided by their schools or local health officials.

NCAA officials noted that the workouts could go on as long as all local, state and federal regulations are followed. The status of voluntary workouts for other sports will be determined later.

"We encourage each school to use its discretion to make the best decisions possible for football and basketball student-athletes within the appropriate re-socialization framework," Penn athletic director and council chair M. Grace Calhoun said in a statement. "Allowing for voluntary athletics activity acknowledges that reopening our campuses will be an individual decision but should be based on advice from medical experts."

From Notre Dame to LSU and more, a number of schools have announced plans to reopen campuses for the fall semester and conferences have begun setting up plans for how to play football amid the pandemic. The latest came this week with the Florida State system announcing plans for its 12 schools and more than 420,000 students.

Many questions remain, including specific safety protocols and whether fans would be allowed if games proceed.

Ohio State athletic director Gene Smith said in conference call Wednesday that he believes the Buckeyes could safely play home games with 20,000 to 30,000 fans in its 105,000-seat stadium.

"I think we can get there," Smith said.

Smith said he hadn't figured out yet how those 20,000 to 30,000 spectators would be chosen. He said masks and other precautions would be required to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Smith added that Ohio State is ready to open the 15,000-square-foot Woody Hayes Athletic Center to athletes starting June 8 if the NCAA allows it. About 10 players at a time would be allowed to work out on staggered scheduled with social-distancing and other hygiene precautions in place. Some coaches returned to the complex on a limited basis this week.

Other schools also are looking into ways they can hold workouts as safely as possible.

Middle Tennessee athletic director Chris Massaro said his school plans to take the temperature of players daily and make sure they are wearing masks.

Massaro has even discussed moving some equipment from the weight room to the Red Floyd Stadium concourse to make sure workouts allow social distancing.

"We're a little bit kind of almost like guinea pigs," Middle Tennessee coach Rick Stockstill said. "We're the ones that are coming back first, football's coming back first all across the country. So we've got to make sure we're doing our part so there's not a setback, and it's going to take all of us buying in and doing whatever we can to keep everybody else healthy and safe."

The presidents of Miami and Notre Dame said in separate interviews they expect the football season to be played.

Notre Dame President Fr. John Jenkins told MSNBC he expects to have clarity on how — or if — the football season can happen in the next few weeks.

"The team itself, I feel we can manage that one," Jenkins said. "Then the question is people in the stands. We have an 85,000-person stadium. Can we get 85,000 people in there? That will be a big challenge to do that. But could we get a smaller number -- 10,000, 15,000, 20,000? I don't know."

Miami President Julio Frenk told CNN he hopes the Hurricanes can play this fall and that safety would be the top priority.

"They will probably play in empty stadiums, like so many other sports," Frenk said.

Scott Woodward, the athletic director at defending national champion LSU, has said that his school was preparing to welcome back its athletes after the Southeastern Conference's closure of athletic facilities to students is slated to end May 31.

LSU will offer summer classes online and doesn't have plans to reopen its campus to the general student population at least until the fall semester.

The Division I Council also passed a series of waivers that included suspending the minimum football attendance required of Football Bowl Subdivision members for two years.

Most athletic departments need the revenue generated from football to fund their other sports. Hundreds of schools are reeling financially from the effects of the pandemic. Athletic departments, particularly at smaller schools and in Division II, have already cut a number of sports.

The NCAA this week lowered the minimum and maximum number of games Division II schools are required to play in all sports next year. The move includes a 33% reduction in the minimum number of games needed for sponsorship and championship qualification in most sports.

Under the plan, D-II schools must play at least five football games to maintain NCAA sponsorship and at least seven games to be eligible for playoff consideration. The maximum number of allowable games is 10.

The requirements would return to normal in 2021-22.

NFL studying helmet face guard that works like surgical mask

By **PAUL NEWBERRY**

AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — With an eye toward getting back on the field during a pandemic, the NFL is working on a helmet face guard that might provide the same sort of protection as a surgical mask.

Atlanta Falcons president Rich McKay, who heads up the league's competition committee, said the issue was raised during a conference call about a month ago.

"A lot of players have played with a clear shield to protect their eyes," McKay said Tuesday during a video conference call with Atlanta media. "This would be extended even further."

Thom Mayer, the medical director of the NFL Players Association, said league engineers and sports equipment company Oakley are testing prototypes of a modified face mask that might contain surgical or N95 material.

"I had suggested that we should consider novel and emerging ways to handle the helmets and the face masks and the spread of the virus," Mayer said on a podcast with ESPN's Adam Schefter. "These guys got the bit between their teeth."

Work on the face mask is far enough along that "there will probably be a recommendation" to use it when the league begins its preseason schedule in August, according to Mayer.

Cleveland Browns center JC Tretter, who also

serves as president of the NFLPA, welcomed any attempt to improve player safety.

"There are no bad ideas at this point," he said. "You kind of have to think outside the box. Just because it is an idea does not mean things are definitely going to happen, but you need to explore it and you need to understand it."

Falcons cornerback Isaiah Oliver withheld judgment until he's able to check out a prototype.

"I haven't seen anything like that," Oliver said Wednesday. "I would have to look into it to see what it looks like."

Oakley is already contracted by the NFL to provide visors that some players use on their face masks. The company also has developed durable eyeglasses for the military that are designed not to fog up — technology that may prove useful in its latest project.

The new coverings would likely have to cover the entire face mask.

"They've got some prototypes," Mayer told Schefter. "Some of them, when you first look at them, you think, 'Gosh, no' because you're not used to seeing it. You're just not used to seeing it. But they're looking at every issue you can imagine, including when it fogs up. What do we do with that? But these guys are used to dealing with this stuff."

McKay said he expects the new face masks would quickly gain acceptance, assuming they meet two

main standards.

"They've got to be comfortable for the players," he said. "And they've got to be safe."

While McKay has never been a fan on the tinted visors that some players already use, he's learned to accept that look.

"I understood that some players needed it because of their eyes," McKay said. "In this instance, if this is what the doctors in the medical field think is needed, then we should look into it."

Tretter said the NFL is "probably going to look a little different this year," and modified face masks might be part of the changes.

"You have to focus on fitting football inside of this world of coronavirus and not get caught up in trying to fit coronavirus inside of this world," he said. "You can't expect just to throw football back in and think that the virus is going to kneel down to football. You have to look through different ways of making sure people stay healthy."

College Football Preseason Top 25 (Sporting News)

| Rank | Team |
|------|----------------|
| 1 | Clemson |
| 2 | Ohio State |
| 3 | Alabama |
| 4 | Georgia |
| 5 | LSU |
| 6 | Oregon |
| 7 | Oklahoma |
| 8 | Notre Dame |
| 9 | Penn State |
| 10 | Florida |
| 11 | Auburn |
| 12 | Minnesota |
| 13 | Texas |
| 14 | Oklahoma State |
| 15 | Michigan |
| 16 | Wisconsin |
| 17 | Texas A&M |
| 18 | Utah |
| 19 | North Carolina |
| 20 | Cincinnati |
| 21 | Arizona State |
| 22 | Louisville |
| 23 | Kentucky |
| 24 | UCF |
| 25 | Boise State |

Stephen F. Austin gets postseason bans, forfeits wins

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Stephen F. Austin received postseason bans for having low scores on the NCAA's Academic Progress Rate and agreed Wednesday to several sanctions including probation, scholarship reductions and the forfeiture of wins for the improper certification of 82 student-athletes.

The football team won't be allowed to participate in the 2020 postseason, the men's basketball team can't participate in the 2021-22 postseason and the baseball team will be prohibited from participating in the postseason in the spring of 2021.

Along with the bans for the low APR scores, the school agreed with the NCAA to several sanctions because of the improper certification of 82 student-athletes for competition from 2013 to 2019, meaning they competed while ineligible, a Level 1 violation. The school also acknowledged that it failed to exercise institution control when it did not detect or remedy the errors in a timely manner.

The three teams from the school in Nacogdoches were on a nationwide list released Tuesday that faced bans for posting a four-year score below 930. The scores are based on academic eligibility, graduation and retention. Athletes receive one point a semester by remaining academically eligible and another if they graduate or come back to school for the next term.

Stephen F. Austin's men's basketball team had the lowest

score of any team in Division I at 810 and its football program was one of six other Division I teams nationwide that fell below 900, at 894.

The school's baseball team also fell below the 930 mark.

The most severe of the sanctions from the improper certification includes three years of probation, a public reprimand and censure, and a fine of \$5,000 plus half of 1% of the total budget for men's basketball and football.

Stephen F. Austin also agreed to return 50% of its financial share earned from participating in the 2016 NCAA Tournament and forfeited 289 victories in four sports where ineligible student-athletes participated. That includes 117 victories by the men's basketball team from 2014-2019, 112 wins in baseball from 2015-2019, 29 wins in football from 2013-19 and 31 softball victories in 2018.

By vacating those wins, the men's basketball team forfeits three conference championships and its victory in the first round of the 2016 NCAA Tournament. The school will remove banners recognizing those accomplishments from its coliseum.

Stephen F. Austin must reduce its scholarships for football in the 2020-21 and 2021-22 seasons by 2.5% and cut its baseball scholarships by 5% in either the 2020-21 or 2021-22 season.

NASCAR

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NASCAR returned to action Sunday at Darlington after a 10 weeks off by using a strict health protocol and limiting those in attendance to only the most essential for conducting a race.

Health screenings were required to enter the track and each of the 40 cars were allowed just 16 team members.

Fox Sports again broadcast the race primarily from a studio in Charlotte, North Carolina, with just one pit reporter at Darlington. For its prerace show, drivers used varying technology to make brief appearances while sitting alone in their motorhomes.

Drivers had to travel to the track alone, pass through a health screening and then isolate before the race. They are required to wear face masks.

NASCAR has an ambitious return plan of 20 races spanning its three national series between Sunday's return and June 21. Spectators are not expected to be permitted to any of the events in this span.

Rain disrupted the schedule Tuesday night when the Xfinity Series was washed out. That race is now scheduled to be held Thursday afternoon.

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