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Cancellations:

- Funtastic Fourth
- Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo
- Pops in the Park 2020

Calderon arrested for Illegal Voting in Howard County March primaries

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

An arrest had been made in Howard County in reference to illegal voter fraud. On June 16, 2020, Isabel Calderon, 46, of Big Spring, was arrested after an investigation took place by the Texas Rangers.

According to a press release issued by the Howard County Sheriff's Office, on March 13, 2020, Ranger Tod Reed requested assistance from the Howard County Sheriff office with an illegal voting investigation. The complete investigation was turned over to the Texas Rangers due to the conflict of Sheriff Stan Parker being on the election ballot in the impacted election. Ranger Reed learned that Howard County was contacted by the Secretary of State Elections Division in reference to the suspect identified as Calderon having duplicate ballots issued. According to records received, Calderon voted in the early voting for the primary election - which was held at the Howard County

Courthouse - and once again in the primary election, on Election Day.

"After each election, an audit is conducted to ensure voting activity is documented for each voter. Even though the ballot is secret, the day, party affiliation, and voting location is noted for each voter," Jodi Duck, Howard County Elections Administrator, said. "It was discovered that one voter had duplicate activity for the March Primary Election held March 3, 2020."

According to Duck, once the determination had been made that a voter had indeed voted twice by personal appearance, the Howard County Attorney was contacted for direction on how to proceed with this matter and from there the issue was turned over to the Texas Rangers. Ranger Reed conducted an interview with Calderon who confessed to



Isabel Calderon

voting twice in the 2020 primary election. An arrest warrant was issued for Calderon who was arrested and formally charged with illegal voting.

"Illegal voting is a Second Degree Felony. This person allegedly voted during early voting, then also voted at a polling place on election day. I hope this was an honest mistake," Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman said. "This incident should remind all of us of the importance of safeguarding our precious right to vote here in the United States. I am encouraged that the extra vote was quickly caught.

The fail safes that guard our voting process here in Howard County clearly work."

Due to the oversight, new procedures

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COVID-19 Update:

Active Cases: 9

Confirmed: 23

Tests performed: 1662

Pending: 28

Negative tests: 1609

Recovered: 13

Deaths: 1

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Re-opening amidst a pandemic

Herald offices open to the public

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

As the State of Texas enters Phase 3 and extends capacity to 75%, more businesses are choosing to open their doors and get operations flowing again. The Big Spring Herald has re-opened the lobby with CDC (Centers for Disease Control) guidelines in place.

"While we never stopped working during the pandemic, we did take the step to close our doors to the public in an effort to slow the spread and protect our employees, as the nation fought against the coronavirus," Rick Nunez, Big Spring Herald publisher, said. "However, we are excited to have our doors back up and welcome the community back in to our office."

In keeping with CDC guidelines, the Big Spring Herald has placed plexiglass at the front counter in order to protect the employees and visitors. A hand sanitizing station has been set up at the main entrance, and masks are available upon request.

"We understand that while the state has started to open up, and while we are ready to get back to business as usual, the coronavirus is still here and

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BSPD pursuit through town ends in arrest



HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat

Three police units converged upon Dancer in the 400 block of Hillside after a chase through town.

Special to the Herald

On June 17, 2020, at approximately 9:10 a.m., Big Spring Police Department officers were dispatched to the 1800 block of Settles for suspicious activity.

Upon arrival in the area officers observed a 2011 Harley Black occupied by Corey Dale Dancer, a

black male, 36 years of age.

Corey immediately took off away from the residence on the motorcycle. Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop, but Corey refused to stop and a pursuit was initiated. Officers pursued Corey

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Downtown three-car accident results in DWI arrest



Courtesy photo

A three car accident took place Downtown Big Spring - Third Street and Main - on Tuesday around 11 p.m. No major injuries were reported. According to Big Spring Police Department, the vehicle southbound disregarded the red light which contributed to the accident and the driver of that vehicle was arrested for DWI.

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Obituaries

Betty Joyce Gray Denson

Betty Joyce Gray Denson was born to Orra Mae and Jewel Earl Gray on Nov. 8, 1928, in Warren, Arkansas, and passed away on Sunday, June 14, 2020, in Tyler, Texas.



"B.J." graduated from Warren High School in 1946 and Texas State College for Women in 1950 in Denton, Texas.

She taught in Hamburg, Arkansas, in 1950-1951, before moving to Big Spring, Texas, in July of 1951 where she continued her teaching career for twenty years. She taught at Washington and Park Hill elementary schools and Goliad Jr. High School.

In 1971 she and her husband, Jack McVay Denson, whom she married in 1964, moved to Tyler, Texas, when he was transferred there as district manager for American Petrofina. "B.J." resumed her teaching career at Bell Elementary School. When the targeted gifted classes were added to the T.I.S.D. curriculum, she joined their staff.

"B.J." was active in community and school activi-

ties and her professional organizations. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an honorary teacher society, and served in the Beta Kappa chapter in Big Spring and the Theta Nu chapter in Tyler, where she received their annual Achievement Award in 1988.

After retiring from her teaching career in 1982, she worked as a consultant in gifted education and participated in Camp Mind's Eye, a summer camp for gifted children.

She retired again in 1986 to start a business of her own, designing and selling customized and personalized sweaters, a career she enjoyed until 1998.

B.J. and Jack were members of the Marvin United Methodist Church in Tyler, Texas.

B.J. was preceded in death by her husband, parents, younger brother, Jewel Earl Gray Jr. older brother, Richard Edward Gray and wife Emily Jane Gray, of Warren, Arkansas.

She is survived by her nephew Christopher Richard Gray, wife Karen and their two daughters, Lauren and Emily, of Shreveport, Louisiana.

Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery in Warren, Arkansas under the direction of Frazer's Funeral Home on Saturday at 2 p.m. June 20, 2020 in Oakland Cemetery.

Paid Obituary



Lonnie Nichols

Lonnie Nichols, 75, died Sunday, June 14, 2020. No services will be held.

Lonnie was born Feb. 14, 1945, in Big Spring to Myrta and Oliver Nichols, Sr. He was a veteran of the Army, having served in Vietnam.

Lonnie is survived by two brothers: Dick Nichols of Big Spring and Jerry Nichols of Seminole; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother and one sister.

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

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of E. 15th Street. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
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- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of E. 15th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Gregg. One person was transported to Scenic

Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2900 block of W. Hwy 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Police

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **CASEY WAYNE REID**, 37, of 1713 Purdue, was arrested on a charge of possession of controlled substance between one and four grams.
- **FRANK JOE MOLINAR**, 51, of 301 E. Golf Course Rd, Midland, Texas, was arrested on a warrant from other agency.
- **INTOXICATED SUBJECT** was reported in the 1000 block of S. Birdwell.
- **DISTURBANCE** was report-

ed in the 1800 block of S. Johnson Street; 500 block of Westover.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 2100 block of E. 25th Street; 500 block of Westover; 100 block of Jonesboro Road.
- **FORGERY** was reported in the 300 block S. Owen Street.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 500 block of E. Fourth Street.
- **CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE** was reported in the 5400 block of N. Service Road.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 600 block of S. Nolan Street.

ed in the 1800 block of S. Johnson Street; 500 block of Westover.

- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the area of Third and Runnels.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 3000 block of E. FM 700.
- **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80 and 1200 block of Lindbergh Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 500 block of N. Lamesa Hwy.

Sheriff

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 81 inmates at the time of this report.
- **FRANK JOE MOLINAR**, 51, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of murder/parole violation.
- **CASEY WAYNE REID**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession not controlled substance between one and four grams.
- **TYRE COLE WATTS**, 35, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of parole violation.

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.)

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

- 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.)
- Bus 90: Oasis and Neill (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)
- Bus 96: Anderson School (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)

Student meals will also be available for pickup on the Moss, Marcy and Junior High campuses, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until Noon. Please call, 432-264-3635 if you have any questions or concerns.

Support Group

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to.

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Coahoma Board of Trustees scheduled to meet Thursday

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

The Coahoma ISD Board of Trustees will meet this evening at 6 p.m. in the Elementary Board Room, located at 400 Ramsey Street in Coahoma.

There will be a State Comp Ed Evaluation public hearing at the beginning of the meeting, after roll call and establishment of a quorum is determined.

Once the public hearing has concluded the Board of Trustees will move into the consent agenda items which will include discussion on the TIPS Interlocal agreement, Employee and Student handbooks and the 2020-2021 school calendar. The Student Code of Conduct will also be brought for discussion to the board.

An annual review of school programs will take place and include the School Health Advisory Com-

mittee (SHAC), Dyslexia program and the Gifted and Talented (GT) program.

The Board of Trustees will be presented with the district goals and HB3 Requirements for the 2020-2021 school year. The top of school uniforms will also be discussed during the meeting.

Before the meeting concludes board meeting dates will be discussed followed by the Superintendent Report. A discussion will also take place regarding Budget Prep for 2020-2021. A COVID-19 report will also be provided along with a Guardian update.

The board will also be provided information between ESSER Grant along with the Bond Project Roofing following by board committees.

An executive session will be called to discuss per-

sonnel issues. Once the executive session discussion concludes the board will reconvene to discuss personnel and the consideration and action to offer employment contract as recommended for the 2020-2021 school year and resignations.

Other routine agenda items include:

- Budget amendments
- Approve minutes of May 26 and June 1 meetings
- Approve quarterly investment report
- Enrollment/ADA/WADA Report
- Financial reports



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ARREST

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Corey Dale Dancer

down city streets which eventually ended in the 400 block of Hillside.

Officers found the Harley Davidson had stalled at an intersection which gave officers enough time to take Corey into custody. Officers subsequently found Corey to be in possession of a handgun. Corey was found to have a previous warrant for evading officers and was also charged with evading arrest/

detention with a vehicle and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Officers responded back to the 1800 block of Settles and handled the suspicious activity call which was found to be residents accumulating large item pick up items intended for the city dump and taking the items back to their own residence.

VOTE

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have been put in place, more training will be conducted, and equipment replacement that will help mitigate any future circumstances of illegal voting, whether intentional or voter error, will be used in the upcoming election.

“Election security and integrity is the foundation to fair elections. We work very hard to maintain the trust of our county. It was absolutely necessary to come forward with this information and to allow for outside review of the situation. It was an unfortunate circumstance and I

am taking the steps to ensure our volunteers are prepared as well as educating our voters on the law,” Duck said.

Due to the secret nature of the ballot, the votes have been canvassed and the results for the election stay the same. According to Duck, an instance of voter fraud or illegal voting has not happened in the past 12 years in Howard County.

“I believe that this incident shows the checks and balances built into our electoral system work. It is my understanding that the attempted illegal voting was taken very seriously and reported immediately. It was investigated and an arrest was made,

as it should have been,” Mayor Shannon Thomason said. “The citizens of Big Spring and Howard County should be reassured by this arrest that our elections are being conducted in a free and fair manner, and that our Elections Administrator is doing a great job to ensure that continues. Any reports of anyone trying to tamper with our elections process will be taken very seriously and reported to the proper authorities.”

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AARP Foundation Tax-Aide update

The National AARP Tax-Aide officials have notified us that they will not allow many of the local sites to reopen for tax preparation this year. They made the decision using a map that shows the growth of positive COVID-19 cases at this time. Since the numbers in Howard County have recently increased, our Big Spring site will not be allowed to reopen for 2020.

There is a free government site that you may use to complete your own taxes, irs.gov/freefile. The deadline for filing is July 15, 2020.

We appreciate the cooperation of the City of Big Spring for trying to help us get safe procedures in place to meet the national guidelines, and we are very disappointed that we are not allowed to help our citizens with this importance service.

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Marj Carpenter, 93, of Big Spring died Saturday, June 13, 2020. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park. There will be a reception at the Settles Ballroom at 12:00 Noon Thursday.

Lonnie Nichols, 75, of Big Spring, died Sunday, June 14, 2020. No services will be held.

Weather



Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 95. South wind around 15 mph.

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

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

OPEN

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we want to make sure our employees and customers feel safe while they are doing business in our facility,” Nunez said.

In addition to sanitation station and masks, social distancing practices have also been implemented. Periodic cleaning and sanitizing practices are taking place throughout the facility, including doors and counter space. For those who would like to drop off their payments and limit interaction with staff, there is a drop box inside the foyer for payments still available.

“We appreciate the patience and understanding from our readers and community as we navigate through this unprecedented time,” Nunez said. “We are still here to provide local, qual-

ity, relevant news online and through our print version.”

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Texas county orders use of face masks to fight COVID-19

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Officials in the San Antonio area on Wednesday ordered people to wear face masks in public when social distancing isn't possible and warned that businesses could face fines of up to \$1,000 for failing to comply with county health policies in the next five days.

Shortly after the local order was issued in one of Texas' most populous counties, Republican Gov. Greg Abbott said other local governments are free to do the same. Abbott had previously refused to include mask requirements in his earlier statewide orders.

The executive order from Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff came amid hospitalization rates as Texas continues to reopen during the coronavirus pandemic.

San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg joined Wolff in a press conference to say they are concerned younger people will get infected with COVID-19 and take the virus home to older family members. People younger than 40 are showing the most infections in the area, the mayor said.

"What we are doing here is to protect the life and safety of the San Antonio community," Nirenberg said.

The local order comes a day after Abbott acknowledged that many Texans have become lax about wearing masks and social distancing as his statewide virus restrictions have been lifted. He urged them to take greater personal responsibility

for stopping the spread but said he would not require the general public to wear masks.

In May, Texas Republican Attorney General Ken Paxton lashed out at the cities of San Antonio, Dallas and Austin over what he called "unlawful" local orders that are tougher than restrictions prescribed by Abbott, and threatened lawsuits if the cities don't back off.

In an interview with television station KWTX, Abbott said his state order would have allowed this move by Bexar County long ago, adding county officials had "finally figured that out."

"We want to make sure individual liberty is not infringed upon by government and hence government cannot require individuals to wear masks," Abbott said.

"Local governments can require stores and businesses to require masks They've always had the opportunity and ability, just like they can require people to wear shoes and shirts, these businesses can require people to wear face masks."

Nine mayors of Texas' largest cities, including San Antonio and Dallas, sent a bipartisan letter yesterday to Abbott, a Republican, asking for local governments to have the authority to enforce the use of face coverings.

Texas hit a record high for COVID-19 hospitalizations Wednesday with 2,793, an 85% increase since Memorial Day. The state has set a record for hospitalizations nine of the last 10 days. Abbott insisted

Texas hospitals can handle the rising numbers of patients and the Republican has routinely touted available hospital space and intensive care beds as proof hospitals won't be overwhelmed.

On Wednesday, Texas health officials reported 13,815 hospital beds available overall with 1,473 ICU beds.

Texas Supreme Court Justice Debra Lehrman said Wednesday her symptoms while battling COVID-19 were "quite severe" but she is now recovered.

Lehrman is one of nine judges on the state's highest court for civil law. She announced May 21 that she and her husband Greg tested positive for the coronavirus despite being diligent about following social distancing guidelines. She is the highest-ranking state official in Texas known to test positive for the virus.

"Greg & I are so thankful for the many kind thoughts and prayers that undoubtedly helped us through this challenging time. Although my symptoms became quite severe, we are both fine with negative test results. Now, on to donating our plasma to help others!" Lehrman tweeted in announcing recovery.

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US Supreme Court halts Texas execution over clergy question

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court granted a reprieve Tuesday to a Texas inmate scheduled to die for fatally stabbing an 85-year-old woman more than two decades ago, continuing a more than four-month delay of executions in the nation's busiest death penalty state during the coronavirus pandemic.

The justices blocked Ruben Gutierrez's execution about an hour before he could have been executed. Gutierrez's attorneys had argued his religious rights are being violated because the prison system won't allow a chaplain to accompany him in the death chamber.

The Texas prison system last year banned clergy from the death chamber following a Supreme Court ruling that halted the execution of another inmate, Patrick Murphy, who had requested a Buddhist adviser be allowed in the chamber. In response to the ruling in Murphy's case, the Texas prison system changed its policy, only allowing prison security staff into the execution chamber.

"As a devout Catholic, Mr. Gutierrez's faith requires the assistance of clergy to help him pass from life into afterlife. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice changed its policy for its own convenience, but spiritual comfort at the time of death is not a convenience; it's a protected legal right," Shawn Nolan, one of Mr. Gutierrez's attorneys, said after the stay was granted.

The Supreme Court said it granted the stay pending a ruling by the high court on Gutierrez's petition on the issue of whether to allow a spiritual adviser to accompany him in the death chamber. A decision on the petition was expected at a later date.

The Supreme Court said if it were to rule in favor of Gutierrez, it would ask a lower court to "determine, based on whatever evidence the parties provide, whether serious security problems would result if a prisoner facing execution is permitted to choose the spiritual adviser the prisoner wishes to have in his immediate presence during the execution."

A trial in Houston federal court on Murphy's case and whether his religious rights were violated is also still pending.

Prosecutors said Gutierrez, 43, was attempting to steal more than \$600,000 that Escolastica Harrison had hidden in her home in Brownsville, located in Texas' southern tip, when he killed her in 1998.

If Gutierrez's execution had been carried out, he would have been the first inmate in Texas to receive a lethal injection since Feb. 6 and the second U.S. inmate to be put to death since states began to reopen after the pandemic shut down much of the U.S. After the country began to reopen, Missouri resumed executions on May 19.

Six executions scheduled in Texas for earlier this year were postponed by an appeals court or judges because of the outbreak. A seventh was delayed over claims of intellectual disability. Gutierrez's attorneys had also sought a coronavirus-related delay but were turned down Friday by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

While the number of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations continues to increase in Texas, state prison officials said they put safety measures in place to help executions go forward, including taking the temperatures of participants and providing them with personal protection equipment.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Friday had overturned a stay in the case tied to Gutierrez's request for DNA testing he says could point to the real killer and his claims his religious rights are being violated.

The Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops filed a brief with the high court in support of Gutierrez.

"To deny a prisoner facing imminent execution access to spiritual and religious guidance and accompaniment is cruel and inhuman," said Bishop Daniel Flores of Brownsville.

Gutierrez has long maintained he didn't kill Harrison. His attorneys say there's no physical or forensic evidence connecting him to the killing. Two others were also charged in the case.

"The state has fought such (DNA) testing at every turn, but surely the public interest would be best served by allowing DNA testing while the (Supreme Court) considers Mr. Gutierrez's case, in order to prevent a wrongful execution in the future," Nolan said.

Authorities said Gutierrez befriended Harrison, a mobile home park manager and retired teacher, so he could rob her. Prosecutors said Harrison had a mistrust of banks and hid her money underneath a false floor in her bedroom closet.

Cameron County District Attorney Luis Saenz said he was disappointed the Supreme Court delayed the execution as the victim's family "has once again been denied justice."

"As a prosecutor, this changes nothing. It only delays his ultimate fate," Saenz said in a statement.

Prosecutors have said the request for DNA testing is a "ruse" and Gutierrez was convicted on various pieces of evidence, including a confession.

Gutierrez would have been the third inmate put to death this year in Texas and the seventh in the U.S.

News Briefs

Statue of Confederate soldier removed from Houston park

HOUSTON (AP) — A statue of a Confederate soldier has been removed from a downtown Houston park, and a second Confederate statue is expected to be removed soon, officials said.

The "Spirit of the Confederacy" statue was removed late Tuesday from Sam Houston Park and will be housed in the Houston Museum of African American Culture, under a plan announced last

week by Mayor Sylvester Turner.

A second statue, of Confederate artillery commander Richard W. "Dick" Dowling, is also slated for removal. Initially, the Dowling statue was to be moved from Hermann Park to the Sabine Pass Battleground State Historical Site near Port Arthur.

But officials said Tuesday that the Dowling statue will instead be placed in a warehouse, at least temporarily, after leaders in Port Arthur expressed opposition, the Houston Chronicle reported.

DALLAS (AP) — Vice President Mike Pence will visit Texas later this month for a "Celebrate Freedom" event at a Dallas megachurch, officials said Wednesday.

Pence's office said the vice president will travel to Dallas on June 28 and will visit First Baptist Church. He will also speak at the church's event, which is described as "an annual celebration of America's freedom and spiritual foundation."

Robert Jeffress, the pastor of the 14,000-member, Southern Baptist church, is one of President Donald Trump's leading allies among conservative evangelical Christians.

Pence to visit Texas for 'Freedom' event at megachurch

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Former Forsan basketball star Kobe Richardson set to join Mary Hardin-Baylor



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Richardson made his mark on the Forsan basketball program during his time as a Buffalo. After redshirting his freshman year at Howard, the local standout athlete will now be taking his talents to his next stop as a member of the Mary Hardin-Baylor Crusaders.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

Following a redshirt freshman year as a member of the Howard Hawks basketball program, former standout Forsan athlete Kobe Richardson has decided to continue his athletic and academic career at Mary Hardin-Baylor University.

It will be a new experience for the local athlete as he will now move five hours East to his new home in Belton. Richardson has never lived that far away from home before but is looking forward to an authentic college experience.

"I'm excited to get a full college experience," Richardson said. "I'm going to miss my mom's home cooking and doing my laundry over there but I think it's going to be pretty fun."

On the court, the Mary Hardin-Baylor Crusaders are a great program that will be led by a brand new head coach. Clif Carroll took over the job a couple of months ago after spending five years as the Head Coach as Sul Ross State. While there, he compiled a 78-55 record along with an American Southwest Conference Championship (ASC) and three ASC West Division titles.

For Richardson, the main reason he decided to choose Mary Hardin-Baylor was because of Carroll. After spending a year learning behind the scenes in Scott Raines' system, Richardson wanted to get back to a system similar to the one he excelled at in high school.

"When I went to Mary Hardin-Baylor on my visit and talked with Coach Carroll and really liked Coach Carroll," Richardson said. "The way he goes about things and the way he handles everything. I think the way he coaches and the kind of person that he is is really going to help my style of play very well."

During his freshman year at Howard, there was so many outstanding athletes that he was forced to redshirt and sit out the entire year. Of course, that is never the preferred route for someone as competitive as Richardson but he took it on the chin and kept working while trying to perfect his craft.

The season did not end how the Hawks would have wanted, but there was so much raw talent on that team that almost the entire roster has now moved on to play at four-year programs. Playing and practicing against ballers of that skill level will only have helped Richardson take his own skills to the next

level.

After spending his high school career as the go-to guy that could score with ease, Richardson described his one year at Howard as a "learning experience" and believes the caliber of players he went up against last year will help him be successful at his next stop.

"The guys that I played with at Howard were some ridiculous athletes and probably some of the best players that I'll ever play against in my life and getting the chance to play and practice with them on a daily basis, two times-a-day, that helped my basketball a lot. My time at Howard just really taught me things that playing in high school couldn't teach you."

Richardson has been in the gym this offseason working on scoring closer to the basket. With the size of athletes he now goes up against, it is important to know how to score all over the court and how to handle contact when going through the paint. Even though he was a high-scoring weapon during his time at Forsan, Richardson knows that skill alone will not cut it anymore and he must find out new ways to get on the court.

While there is no telling right now how much Richardson will see their court next season, he is more than thrilled to be continuing his playing career learning under Coach Carroll. The guard knows that he shared the same mindset as his new coach when it comes to the hardwood: win the game.

"I know that he likes to win and he hates to lose and that's exactly how I am," Richardson said. "I know that our ultimate goal together is going to be a National Championship."

After an extremely successful high school career at Forsan and a year spent dipping his toes in the junior college water at Howard, Richardson is now ready to take his next step onto the parquet of a Division III program.

Over the next few months, Richardson will be training hard and refining his skills before he heads off to his new campus. Locals have watched him play for their favorite teams for years but now it is time for this local sports star to head off to his new home.

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

2020 TGCA Summer Clinic/Honor Awards Banquet Update

Special to the Herald

The Texas Girls Coaches Association is proud to announce the 2020 TGCA Summer Clinic will be held at the Arlington Convention Center in Arlington, Texas on July 6-9. TGCA feels there is a need to offer an in-person clinic. Coaches, this clinic is especially designed for coaches of girls' athletics.

TGCA is continually monitoring and working with our partners in Arlington to insure the local, state, and national protocols concerning COVID-19 are of utmost importance to insure the health and safety for all attendees and staff. To see the safety protocols regarding COVID-19 put in place by the Arlington Convention Center, the Sheraton Hotel, the Hilton Arlington Hotel, and the Crowne Plaza Hotel, please visit the TGCA website, www.aus-

tintgca.com, and click the appropriate links for the hotels.

The Texas Girls Coaches Association will not be conducting All-Star games, demonstrations, or the TGCA Honor Awards Banquet at the 2020 TGCA Summer Clinic. Our coaches and athletes have been following University Interscholastic League health and safety guidelines established by the Texas Education Agency and the Governor's office. TGCA has been involved with in-depth discussion with athletic directors, superintendents, and the UIL concerning all issues concerning our coaches. TGCA has decided, with the protocols now in place, it is better to not pursue holding the games and demonstra-

tions, or the Honor Awards Banquet.

An updated agenda is now online at the TGCA web-site, www.austintgca.com. Registration is open for all coaches renewing their membership, and registering for the 2020 TGCA Summer Clinic, in-person or virtual. Registration for Summer Clinic with membership renewal will give you access to the in-person in Arlington and the virtual. Details will follow regarding the virtual. The 2020 TGCA Virtual Clinic is being offered mainly for those coaches unable to attend in-person, or coaches in districts imposing "Travel Bans".

Little League Baseball season is underway in Big Spring



HERALD Photo/Amanda Duforat

Sports have returned to Big Spring and Howard County this week with the start of the 2020 Little League Baseball season. Normally a spring sport that extends into the summer months, the season had been delayed for months because of the coronavirus. Pictured here is a duel between two Teenage-level teams, the Red Sox and Rangers, on Tuesday night. The Red Sox prevailed 18-1 in dominant fashion.

NASCAR Standings				
Standing	Driver	Points	Behind	Wins
1	Kevin Harvick	463	0	2
2	Chase Elliott	455	-8	1
3	Joey Logano	434	-29	2
4	Brad Keselowski	412	-51	2
5	Ryan Blaney	411	-52	0
6	Martin Truex Jr.	410	-53	1
7	Denny Hamlin	395	-68	3
8	Alex Bowman	380	-83	1
9	Kyle Busch	359	-104	0
10	Kurt Busch	338	-125	0
11	Jimmie Johnson	322	-141	0
12	Clint Bowyer	316	-147	0
13	Aric Almirola	303	-160	0
14	Matt DiBenedetto	301	-162	0
15	William Byron	291	-172	0
16	Austin Dillon	281	-182	0
17	Tyler Reddick	279	-184	0
18	Erik Jones	273	-190	0
19	Chris Buescher	233	-230	0
20	Bubba Wallace	231	-232	0
21	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	218	-245	0
22	John H. Nemechek	209	-254	0
23	Michael McDowell	206	-257	0
24	Christopher Bell	196	-267	0
25	Ryan Newman	191	-272	0
26	Cole Custer	181	-282	0
27	Corey LaJoie	161	-302	0
28	Ty Dillon	159	-304	0
29	Ryan Preece	136	-327	0
30	Matt Kenseth	130	-333	0
31	Kyle Larson	121	-342	0
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Annie's Mailbox

Show Interest During an Interview

Dear Annie: I've been applying for jobs but having no luck. I did interview at two places this month. It did not work out at either. I'm wondering about one part of the interview. When they ask if I have any questions for them, what am I supposed to say? I really need work and, honestly, don't need to know anything except whether I have the job. I tend to blank out and say no, thanking them for their time. Any advice you can offer would be appreciated. -- Striking Out

Dear Striking Out: You're interviewing them as much as they're interviewing you. You may not feel like it, especially in a tough economic climate. But act like it anyway. It will imbue you with a sense of confidence that is far more alluring to employers than an air of desperation.

Here are old standbys that are perfectly appropriate to ask: "Is there room for growth here?" "What do you feel is the most challenging part of this position?" "Are there opportunities for evaluation?"

Then there are some that are less common but perhaps even more compelling, e.g., "Do you have any concerns about my qualifications?" or "Would you be able to share an example of someone who excelled in this role? Or an example of someone who wasn't a good

fit and why?" Bring a notepad with keywords jotted down to jog your memory, and take notes on their responses. Employers want to know that you're interested. Most importantly, remember to breathe and smile. You've got this.

Dear Annie: We are spending the spring-time at home with just a few others, not at all what we expected to be doing. Normally, there would be proms, sports, religious gatherings, graduations, weddings and so many other events with family and friends. The Key Idea, a community arts organization is collecting postcard stories about quarantine experiences. There are some challenges, but lots of wonderful things are happening as well.

People of all ages are invited to be a part of this community art project by documenting firsthand experiences during this historic time.

What is your quarantine experience and how are you coping? Send us the good, the bad, the sad, the funny and the ironic. You can make a postcard on paper or digitally. Share your ideas and strategies for coping and have your postcard featured on our site.

Mail cards to: The Keys to Coping, PO Box 304, West Hyannisport, MA 02672. Or email them to thekeyidea@gmail.com. Find out more on thekeyidea.org. -- Lenore Lyons, founder, The Key Idea

Dear Ms. Lyons: What a fun idea, and it's important to document this time in history for future generations to look back on. I'm happy to print the address here and encourage readers to share their stories.

Dear Annie: I just read the letter and your answer to "Excuse You," whose new boyfriend frequently burps. I used to wonder what was wrong with my husband, too. Then we discovered that he is gluten-sensitive! He cut out the gluten, and he's had no burping or gas since. That could be the case here. -- You're Excused

Dear You're Excused: Thanks for sharing this possible explanation. Indeed, gluten sensitivity often causes gas, which can manifest as belching. According to the nonprofit patient advocacy group Beyond Celiac, other symptoms of non-celiac gluten sensitivity include abdominal pain, diarrhea or constipation, nausea, headache, brain fog, joint pain, numbness in the legs, arms or fingers and fatigue.

If you have these symptoms, consider asking your doctor to run a test for gluten sensitivity or celiac disease. For more information on gluten sensitivity and celiac disease, visit <https://www.beyondceliac.org>.

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By Steve Becker

A matter of perspective

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH: A 8 6, 7 6 4, A 6 4 2, 7 5 3. WEST: 10 7 5 3 2, J 10 9 5 3, 10 7, 8. EAST: Q J 9, 8 2, 9 8 3, K 9 6 4 2. SOUTH: K 4, A K Q, K Q J 5, A Q J 10.

The bidding: East 3 NT, South Pass, West 6 NT, North Pass. Opening lead — jack of hearts.

The rubber-bridge player tends to look upon the duplicate-bridge player with some measure of disdain. Rubber bridge, he says, is the real test of skill, the true battleground for imagination and ingenuity. The partscore situations, the gambling element that challenges the intestinal fortitude of the participants, the reorientation to changing partners and opponents — these are the elements that appeal to the rubber-bridge devotee.

The duplicate player is an entirely different breed. He is a boxer, not a slugger. He competes on every deal

against other contestants who play exactly the same cards. He strives for the best score on each deal, no matter how small the margin of difference. There is artistry in this form of the game. Each deal is a veritable poem, where everything rhymes and the meter is perfect.

Today's deal provides a case in point. The bidding is the same at both forms of the game. North adds his eight points to South's presumed 25 or 26, and promptly bids a slam. In rubber bridge the play is over very quickly. South wins the first heart, leads a diamond to the ace and takes a club finesse. He then crosses to the spade ace and takes another club finesse. He cashes his remaining winners, loses a club to East's king at the end and moves on to the next deal.

This is sacrilege to the duplicate player. Anyone can make six on these cards. The idea is to make seven. So he goes into deep thought and emerges with a gleam in his eye.

First he cashes the K-Q of diamonds, then leads the jack to the ace. A club finesse is followed by the five of diamonds to the six, and another club finesse is taken. South next crosses to the ace of spades and takes a final club finesse to make seven.

Is the overtrick really worth all the extra energy South expended? That decision, dear reader, is left to you.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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SUDOKU

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in.

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ANSWER: 9x9 grid with the solved Sudoku puzzle.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mercury Retrograde

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Be on the lookout for ways to repurpose the past. Discarded scraps from one project/relationship/era can be reworked and turned into something new.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Giving is the theme. Give to the point where it feels good, and then go further. It shouldn't hurt a lot, but it needs to hurt a little. The spiritual benefit of sacrifice can't come if no sacrifice has been made.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Study and cultural exploration will bring you good fortune. You will feel determined to do your unbiased research, and you will refrain from forming an opinion until you have all of the facts.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). All superheroes know that most of the gig is hiding your identity until it's time to shine. You've enormous strength and power; that's a given. Knowing when to use it is the art.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll have ideas, and you need the right people to bounce them off of. People who absorb your energy and agree with you are not good bouncing prospects. Look for the hard and deflective types.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You can acknowledge your emotions without slavishly

following their impulses. Your maturity allows you to objectively witness yourself. Your feelings will indicate how in line you are with your ethics and ideals.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Though it feels safe and secure when others agree with you, it's not going to help you grow. You'll sharpen your wits and strengthen your case when you run up against those who disagree.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Albert Camus said it's necessary to fall in love, "if only to provide an alibi for all the random despair you are going to feel anyway." Today's events pose the question: Which comes first, the circumstance or the feeling?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There is something you are tired of carrying by yourself. Someone else can help you lug the burden, or even better, cast it off. But you must be willing to share it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



research suggests that improving your weaknesses, while noble in intent, is far less effective than leveraging your

adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 12, 20, 3 and 33.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "I'm an Aries, and I'm 14. I'm really confused about whether the people telling me they are my friends are for real. They always make me feel stupid and useless. I pity myself, but on the other hand, my family is always there to make me feel special and talented. Please help me, I feel emotionally and spiritually ill."

Aries is the "only child" of the zodiac because it is the first sign that the universe birthed. Every first child gets to be the only child until the others come along. Part of the "only child syndrome" is a feeling of not fitting in -- of being different than one's peers. At your age, this can be extremely painful. In fact, right now you are willing to accept feeling bad and being mistreated because you perceive this to be better than the alternative, which is to feel alone, awkward and shunned. As a rule, friends lift one another. You should feel lifted by friendship. If you don't, then it's not friendship. Give this downer crowd up and you will free yourself to find friends who emotionally and spiritually support you.

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CRYPTO FUN

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to gardening. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 8 = e)

A. 15 12 1 3 8

Clue: Cut back

B. 13 8 8 4 20

Clue: Uninvited plants

C. 11 8 12 22 6 19 6 17 8

Clue: Feed plants

D. 16 21 12 6 8 22 14

Clue: Different options

Answers: A. prune B. weeds C. fertilize D. variety

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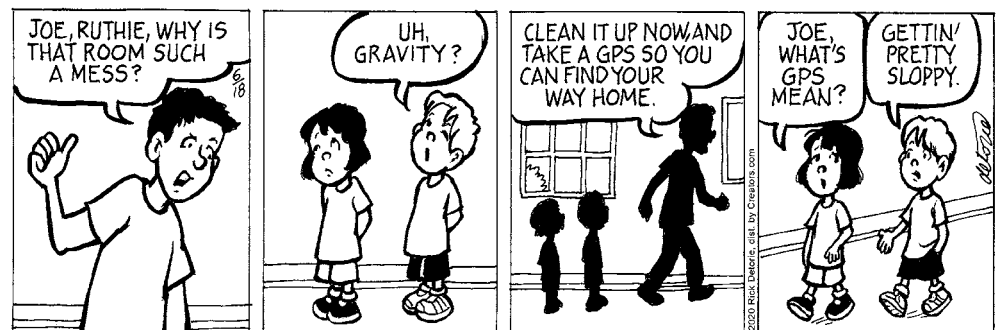
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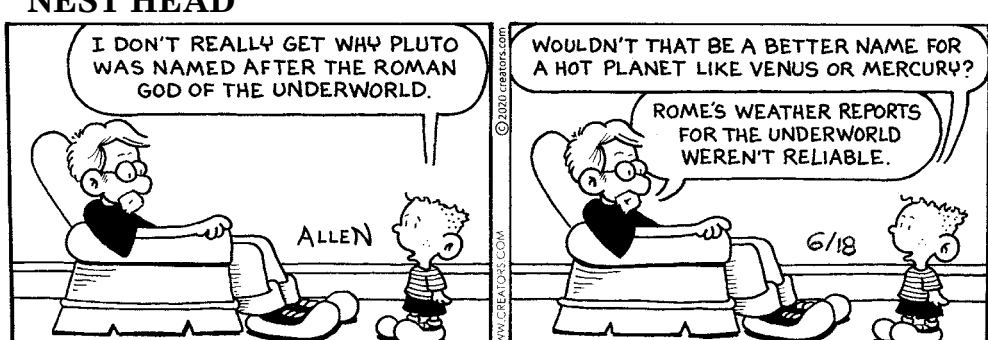
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ONE BIG HAPPY



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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Thursday, June 18, the 170th day of 2020. There are 196 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On June 18, 1983, astronaut Sally K. Ride became America's first woman in space as she and four colleagues blasted off aboard the space shuttle Challenger on a six-day mission.

On this date:

In 1812, the War of 1812 began as the United States Congress approved, and President James Madison signed, a declaration of war against Britain.

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte met defeat at Waterloo as British and Prussian troops defeated the French in Belgium.

In 1940, during World War II, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill urged his countrymen to conduct themselves in a manner that would prompt future generations to say, "This was their finest hour." Charles de Gaulle delivered a speech on the BBC in which he rallied his countrymen after the fall of France to Nazi Germany.

In 1945, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower received a tumultuous welcome in Washington D.C., where he addressed a joint session of Congress.

In 1953, a U.S. Air Force Douglas C-124 Globemaster II crashed near Tokyo, killing all 129 people on board. Egypt's 148-year-old Muhammad Ali Dynasty came to an end with the overthrow of the monarchy and the proclamation of a republic.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson and Japanese Prime Minister Hayato Ikeda spoke to each other by telephone as they inaugurated the first trans-Pacific cable completed by AT&T between Japan and Hawaii.

In 1971, Southwest Airlines began operations, with flights between Dallas and San Antonio, and Dallas and Houston.

In 1979, President Jimmy Carter and Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev signed the SALT II strategic arms limitation treaty in Vienna.

In 1992, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Georgia v. McCollum, ruled that criminal defendants could not use race as a basis for excluding potential jurors from their trials.

In 1996, Richard Allen Davis was convicted in San Jose, California, of the 1993 kidnap-murder of 12-year-old Polly Klaas of Petaluma. (Davis remains on death row.)

In 2007, nine firefighters died in a fire at a furniture store and warehouse in Charleston, South Carolina.

In 2018, President Donald Trump announced that he was directing the Pentagon to create the "Space Force" as an independent service branch. Troubled rapper-singer XXXTentacion (ex ex ten-ta-see-YAWN) was shot and killed in Florida in what police called an apparent robbery attempt.

Ten years ago: Death row inmate Ronnie Lee Gardner died in a barrage of bullets as Utah carried out its first firing squad execution in 14 years. (Gardner had been sentenced to death for fatally shooting attorney Michael Burdell during a failed escape attempt from a Salt Lake City courthouse.)

Five years ago: In dueling decisions about free speech, the Supreme Court upheld Texas' refusal to issue a license plate bearing the Confederate battle flag and struck down an Arizona town's restrictions on temporary signs put up by a small church. Texas death row inmate Gregory Rousseau was executed for the 2001 slaying of James Syvertson, a 75-year-old East Texas auto repair shop owner, during a crack cocaine binge.

One year ago: President Donald Trump officially kicked off his reelection campaign at a rally attended by thousands in Orlando, Florida; he told the crowd that he'd been "under assault from the very first day" by a "fake news media" and an "illegal witch hunt." Trump announced that Acting Secretary of Defense Patrick Shanahan was withdrawing his nomination to lead the Pentagon, and that the Secretary of the Army, Mark Esper, would be the new acting secretary. (Esper was confirmed in July as secretary of defense.) Pacific Gas & Electric agreed to pay \$1 billion to 14 local governments to cover damage from

a series of deadly wildfires caused by its downed power lines.

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W. Va., is 83. Baseball Hall of Famer Lou Brock is 81. Sir Paul McCartney is 78. Actress Constance McCashin is 73. Rock musician John Evans is 72. Former Sen. Mike Jo-

hanns, R-Neb., is 70. Actress Isabella Rossellini is 68. Actress Carol Kane is 68. Actor Brian Benben is 64. Actress Andrea Evans is 63. Rock singer Alison Moyet is 59. Rock musician Dizzy Reed (Guns N' Roses) is 57. Figure skater Kurt Browning is 54. Country singer-musician Tim Hunt is 53. Rock singer-musician Sice (The Boo Radleys) is 51. Rhythm and

blues singer Nathan Morris (Boyz II Men) is 49. Actress Mara Hobel is 49. Singer-songwriter Ray LaMontagne is 47. Rapper Silk the Shocker is 45. Actress Alana de la Garza is 44. Country singer Blake Shelton is 44. Rock musician Steven Chen (Airborne Toxic Event) is 42. Actor David Giuntoli is 40. Drummer Josh Dun (Twenty One Pilots) is 32.

Actress Renee Olstead is 31. Actor Jacob Anderson is 30. Actress Willa Holland is 29.

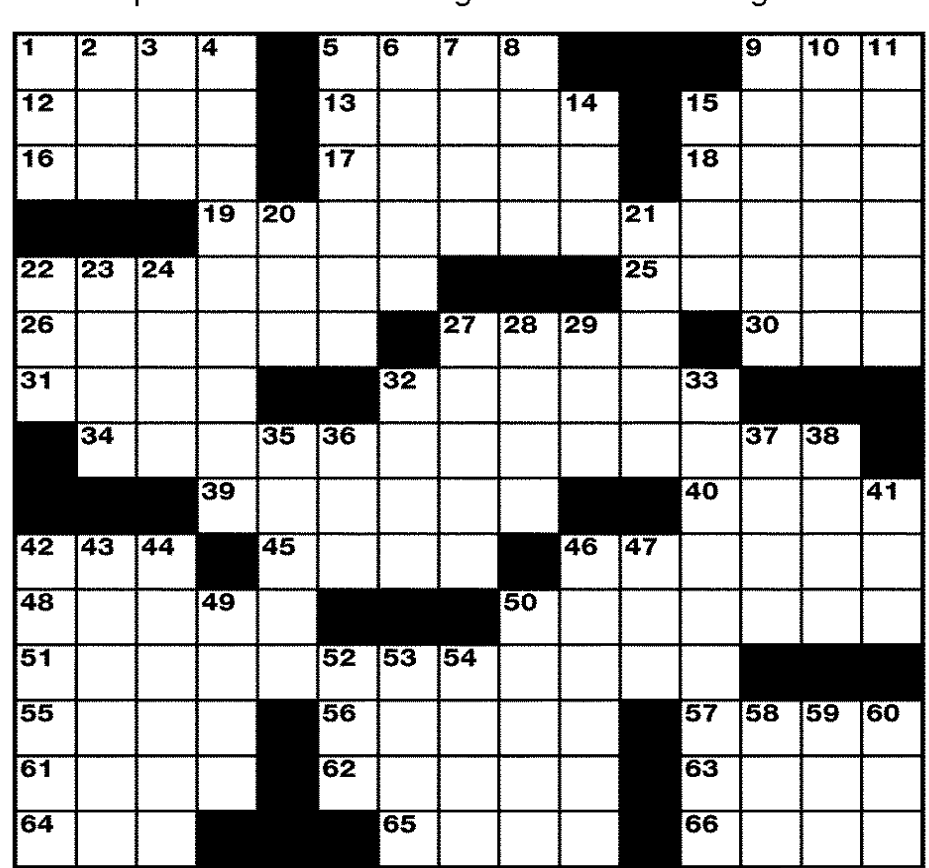
Thought for Today: "Most of the successful people I've known are the ones who do more listening than talking." — Bernard M. Baruch, American businessman and statesman (1870-1965).

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Fried rice morsels
- 5 Bjorn Borg contemporary
- 9 Collegian's no.
- 12 Actor Gyllenhaal
- 13 Online exchanges
- 15 Tribulations
- 16 Magi's "GPS"
- 17 French restaurant menu
- 18 Midmonth day
- 19 Closely resembling
- 22 Tragic Theban king
- 25 Polar personnel
- 26 Groups of regional animals
- 27 Timely blessing
- 30 Flyers, frequently
- 31 Easily broken: Abbr.
- 32 Owl's weapons
- 34 Decorating choices
- 39 Lewis Carroll beasts
- 40 Drop like ___ potato
- 42 Part of UNLV
- 45 Yuletide poem opener
- 46 Midwestern capital
- 48 Pop up
- 50 Maine thing
- 51 Frankfurter topper
- 55 Points of convergence
- 56 Highly principled
- 57 Osbourne of rock music
- 61 Previously enjoyed
- 62 Horror film goo
- 63 Little fly catcher
- 64 Manhole cover, essentially
- 65 Top-billed role
- 66 Soaks (up)
- DOWN**
- 1 Nightwear, for short
- 2 Get fed
- 3 Alias introducer
- 4 In the role of
- 5 Gain interest
- 6 ___ Rebellion (1780s revolt)
- 7 Maltreatment
- 8 Phrase associated with the 18 Across
- 9 Legendary horsewoman
- 10 Got a sneak preview
- 11 Size up
- 14 Champagne descriptor
- 15 Strong determination
- 20 Energy Star org.
- 21 Reddish dye
- 22 Not quite right
- 23 1920s mentor for John Wayne
- 24 Two-purpose
- 27 River walls
- 28 Henry Ford contemporary
- 29 Cartoon "Ouch!"
- 32 Fictional Atlanta estate
- 33 Certain album fillers
- 35 Covert ops accumulation
- 36 Rustic refusal
- 37 President Arthur's nickname
- 38 Symbol of bondage
- 41 Bat-handle application
- 42 Antsy baby, to a sitter
- 43 Operatic passages
- 44 Urged to attack, with "on"
- 46 Worked like Cinderella
- 47 OED abbr.
- 49 Slip and slide
- 50 Camel cousin
- 52 Grp. of CPR experts
- 53 50 wrapped pennies
- 54 Lake beside Huron, Ohio (really!)
- 58 Vet employer
- 59 Sci-fi weapon sound
- 60 NFL gains



Answer to previous puzzle
LAMB HOST ABS
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Coaches, players make best of NFL's 1st virtual offseason

By **TERESA M. WALKER**

AP Pro Football Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Turns out there's only so much that can be done virtually.

Six teams decided to end their offseason programs even with the NFL allowing two more weeks to keep working: the Bears, Titans, Rams, Texans, Cardinals and Redskins.

With coaches and players scattered and team facilities shut by the NFL because of the COVID-19 pandemic, video meetings helped the league act as if business was continuing as usual. Some coaches decided their teams had done everything possible until players are allowed to join them inside team headquarters and on the practice fields.

That won't happen until July at the earliest when training camps are set to open, with coaching staffs trying to make up for lost time. Rookies face the biggest challenge having missed an estimated 400 repetitions on the field during a normal offseason.

"Walking through and practicing is the best way to teach," Tampa Bay coach Bruce Arians said. "So those are valuable reps missed. I don't know how we'll make them up. Hopefully we'll get some extra time in practice in camp; a few extra days would help."

Players have been working out — yes, including that new guy in Tampa, Tom Brady. With so many states reopening, quarterbacks are getting teammates together for workouts at a time they might've been in a final minicamp to cap the offseason program.

This very different offseason has allowed players to slow down a bit, focus on communication, and learn more than when everyone is together in person.

"It actually probably has provided a better opportunity to kind of share your input of 'this is why I did this' or 'maybe on this route, do this,' or 'this is what you're trying to make this look like.' Things like that," Vikings wide receiver Adam Thielen said.

San Francisco cornerback Richard Sherman has

seen a ton of growth out of the 49ers.

"This time everybody has to step back in and slow it down and take their time," he said. "Guys are learning more and understanding more than they ever have."

The last time the NFL had a disrupted offseason was 2011 when clubs locked out players during labor negotiations. Players didn't have access to coaches or playbooks then, though they could work out together.

Now players have access to coaches thanks to technology. But workout options are so limited for some players that Bills special teams coordinator Heath Farwell said he was disappointed when he saw a video of what wide receiver/returner Andre Roberts lifted in place of weights.

"What is he a 10-plus year veteran and doesn't have workout equipment?" Farwell said. "He's literally lifting a couch. It's crazy to me. But that's finding a way to do it."

Five NFL teams have had to be very creative with new coaches. Imagine having a new team and nothing on tape with their new players. Washington coach Ron Rivera credits his assistants with finding clips and cut-ups of video showing their style of play to help install his own offensive and defensive schemes.

Rivera had hoped to be in the second or third phase with players on the field by June. It never happened.

"The hard part, too, is we're getting a little bit repetitive, a little redundant," Rivera said. "It's been almost to a point where we're going to over-saturate these guys. We have to be careful with that."

Video chats don't quite replace being able to pull a coach aside for an extra 15 minutes after a meeting. To Redskins quarterback Dwayne Haskins, that's been the biggest challenge while preparing for his second NFL season, this one with a new coach.

"I've been able to do my own type of routine to get ready for the season," Haskins said. "It's not always on the time that we're doing (together) because, we do things as a team and I need things differently for

myself, so, this virtual offseason I feel actually has helped me tremendously."

Bills offensive coordinator Brian Daboll likes FaceTime, which allows him to see his players.

"You have to think outside the box to initiate conversation, to teach new methods, to learn new testing systems with what we have," Daboll said. "And you know, we have to do the best that we can do with the technology that we have, and we have. Again, how that translates we'll find out. This is a unique situation for all of us."

Technology also has let coaches test rookies and free agent signees. The Titans used a study tool and flashcard app called Quizlet.

"You go on there, you press in their code and then all of a sudden everybody is on there," Vrabel said. "They're going against each other and you get points for time and getting it correct. We do a great job of being creative and testing the players each week."

Video also helps make up for not meeting in person. Those video meetings are recorded, which doesn't happen in a normal offseason.

"Now, it is in a library," Browns offensive coordinator Alex Van Pelt said. "You can always go back to install three. You can pull up the recordings again and refresh yourself. There are some benefits to it, but it has been different and unique. I think we are getting the most out of it that we can."

How all this worked will be tested once teams report for training camp. Coaches hope for extra time, which must be agreed upon by both the NFL and the players association. Currently, most teams are allowed to report 47 days before their season opener.

"It's crazy how I almost feel like 2020 just started, but we're almost right to that time where we're a month from camp," 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan said. "It's been weird just being stuck in here, but I know our guys are as ready as they can ever be mentally and we'll see how they are when they show up at camp."

Commissioner Rob Manfred says baseball season in jeopardy

By **RONALD BLUM**

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred says there might be no major league games this year after a breakdown in talks between teams and the players' union on how to split up money in a season delayed by the coronavirus pandemic.

The league also revealed several players on big league rosters have tested positive for COVID-19.

Two days after union head Tony Clark declared additional negotiations futile, Manfred reversed his position of last week when he said he was "100%" certain the 2020 season would start.

Deputy Commissioner Dan Halem sent a seven-page letter to players' association chief negotiator Bruce Meyer asking the union whether it will waive the threat of legal action and tell MLB to announce a spring training report date and a regular-season schedule.

These were just the latest escalating volleys in a sport viewing disagreements over starting the season as a preliminary battle ahead of bargaining to replace the labor contract that expires on Dec. 1, 2021.

"It's just a disaster for our game, absolutely no question about it," Manfred said during an appearance on ESPN. "It shouldn't be happening, and it's important that we find a way to get past it and get the game back on the field for the benefit of our fans."

Spring training was stopped because of the pandemic on March 12, two weeks before opening day, and the sides reached an agreement March 26 on how to revise their labor deal to account for the virus.

Since then, the hostility has escalated to 1990s levels as the sides exchanged offers. MLB claims teams can't afford to play without fans and pay the prorated salaries called for in the March deal, which included a provision for "good-faith" negotiations over the possibility of games in empty ballparks or neutral sites.

"The proliferation of COVID-19 outbreaks around the country over the last week, and the fact that we already know of several 40-man roster players and staff who have tested positive, has increased the risks associated with commencing spring training in the next few weeks," Halem wrote in his letter

to Meyer, which was obtained by the AP.

Halem sent Meyer a letter with a sarcastic tone Friday accompanying MLB's latest offer, and Meyer responded with a hostile timbre Saturday as the sides memorialized positions ahead of a possible grievance before the panel chaired by independent arbitrator Mark Irving. Halem's letter Monday asked the union for many clarifications of its positions.

"I note that both the NBA and NHL, two leagues which you repeatedly reference in your letter, do not intend to resume play until about Aug. 1, and both intend to resume play at a limited number of sites with a quarantine approach," Halem wrote. "Please let us know the association's views on quarantining players in league-approved hotels (like the NBA's Disney World model) when they are not at the ballpark if conditions worsen over the next few weeks."

Clark had issued a statement Saturday that told MLB: "It's time to get back to work. Tell us when and where." The union then said it might file a grievance seeking additional economic documents and money damages that could total \$1 billion or more.

"Players are disgusted that after Rob Manfred unequivocally told players and fans that there would '100%' be a 2020 season, he has decided to go back on his word and is now threatening to cancel the entire season," Clark said in a statement Monday.

"This latest threat is just one more indication that Major League Baseball has been negotiating in bad faith since the beginning," Clark added.

"This has always been about extracting additional pay cuts from players and this is just another day and another bad faith tactic in their ongoing campaign."

Manfred said ahead of last week's amateur draft that the chance of a season was "100%."

He reversed his position Monday. "I'm not confident. I think there's real risk; and as long as there's no dialogue, that real risk is going to continue," Manfred said on ESPN. "The owners are 100% committed to getting baseball back on the field. Unfortunately, I can't tell you that I'm 100% certain that's going to happen."

Players think Manfred is delaying to shorten the schedule — and their pay.

"So, Rob, explain to us how you can be 100% sure that there's going to be baseball but not confident there will be baseball at the same time?" Cincinnati pitcher Trevor Bauer tweeted. "The tactic is to bluff with 'no season' again and delay another 2-3 weeks."

Halem asked the union for written permission to go ahead with the season.

"Rob Manfred and the owners are walking back on their word... AGAIN," tweeted Washington pitcher Max Scherzer, a member of the union's eight-man executive subcommittee. "The fans do not deserve this. So I'll say it one more time, tell us when and where."

MLB has made three economic offers, the last offering to guarantee players 70% of their salaries as part a 72-game schedule beginning July 14 and increasing the total to 80% if the postseason is completed.

Players previously offered two proposals, holding their position that no additional pay cuts were acceptable beyond the prorated salaries for 2020 that they had agreed to in March. That deal called for \$170 million in salary advances and a guarantee of service time credit if no games are played this year.

Manfred had threatened a shorter schedule, perhaps of about 50 games. The union could respond by filing a grievance, arguing players should be paid for the season of 119 games they initially proposed. The union's first plan would result in salaries of nearly \$3 billion.

Players are angry following five years of flat salaries, a lost grievance claiming the Chicago Cubs manipulated the service time of star third baseman Kris Bryant in violation of the labor contract and allegations several teams did not properly use revenue sharing proceeds, which the union called "tanking."

Players hope to see documents detailing regional sports networks' agreements with teams, financial interests of MLB owners in RSNs and real estate ventures adjacent to ballparks, plus MLB affiliated companies such as the MLB Network, MLB Advanced Media and BAM Tech. During a grievance, they would ask Irving to order document production.

In their March agreement, the sides vowed to "work in good faith to as soon as is practicable commence, play, and complete the fullest 2020 championship season and post-season that is economically feasible, consistent with" a series of provisions.

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