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Community urged to do their part to slow the spread

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Recently, Big Spring and Howard County have seen a dramatic increase of CO-VID-19 cases. We believe this surge is due to people being less vigilant in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

We STRONGLY URGE all citizens to practice caution when going out in public, and to do so only when necessary. When in public areas, citizens should always wear a mask or face covering. These actions protect you and help decrease the spread, especially if you unknowingly have COVID-19 and do not take proper precautions. It is crucial that we as a community take our health seriously and minimize the risk to our population.

COVID-19 remains a major concern in our community and we urge citizens to wash their hands, wear a mask, social distance and avoid travel when possible.

COVID-19 Update:

Active Cases:12 Confirmed: 26 Tests performed: 1702 Pending: 33

Recovered: 13 Deaths: 1

Negative tests: 1643

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Commissioners hear 2020 Census update

By ERICA MORSE

Herald Contributing Writer

The County's need to increase census response was the key discussion during Monday's Commissioner's Court. U.S. Census Bureau Representative Amber Pedigo presented

the county's current response numbers for the 2020 Census, asking for the Court's assistance in increasing those numbers prior to the response deadline. Due to COVID-19, door-to-door data collectors have been delayed, Pedigo reported, resulting in the Census Bureau extending the deadline to October 31, 2020.

Howard County's current response rate is 47.4%, as opposed to this time in 2010, when the response rate was 60.6%. Coahoma stands at 41.4% as of yesterday, and Forsan has a stronger return rate at 56.7%. The north side of Big Spring has the lowest response, with 32.4%, which Pedigo stated is "a bit behind" of Big Spring proper and the remainder of the county. Texas currently stands at a 56.3% response rate, compared to 64.4% in 2010.

Pedigo said she is already working with members of the Northside Movement as well as District 6 City Council member Jim De-Pauw on outreach efforts to increase the response rates through

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Budget Workshop highlights By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

The Howard County Commissioners Court convened for a Budget Workshop on Monday morning at 10 a.m. A few of the highlights from the Budget Workshop in-· Discussion regarding a mobile printing option for

implementation at the Howard County Library. The new computer lab was recently finished, however. The discussion also focused on self checkouts which would require more funding; this would also entail a new barcode and security system.

•Election equipment and new state requirements. According to discussion, \$116K is needed for new machines and three new locations are needed. An extra week of voting could be possible, but confirmation has not been announced by Governor Abbott at this time. A part-time

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Comanche Trail Lake receives fresh stock of bass Hayes Stripling Sr. endowment fund supporting stocking





The Comanche Trail Lake received a fresh stocking last week through the Hayes Stripling Sr. endowment fund. This fund was created with the hopes of allowing other families to make the memories that Stripling's family made.

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

To make an impact and leave a legacy that continues giving back to the community is a novel goal and one that was accomplished by Hayes Stripling Sr. and his family. Through the establishment of an endowment fund, funds have been designated to stock the Comanche Trail Lake in order to allow for other families to make the memories Stripling and his family did. Last week, Comanche Trail Lake received a new

stocking of bass made possible through the endowment fund.

"My grandfather, Hayes Stripling Sr., taught me to fish. We would go after the Dallas Cowboys game every Sunday and those games seemed too long to me back then," Glynna Mouton, Hayes Stripling Sr.'s granddaughter said. "Mostly we went to Moss Creek Lake, but I am told that the lake fluctuates to stock. Fishing is a wonderful skill that I love to use today and a way to connect to my grandfather who was a gentleman

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P-EBT applications due by June 30 for families

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

Parents of school age children have an opportunity to receive a little bit of relief through the P-EBT program that has been launched in wake of the coronavirus pandemic. Through the month of June, parents or guardians of children between 5-18 years of age who received reduced or free lunch meals during the recent school year, can apply at https:// yourtexasbenefits.com/Learn/PEBT.

"The P-EBT program is an additional benefit for our students that qualify for Free and Reduced meals. The benefits of \$285.00 per child can be used to purchase extra groceries for households effected by this pandemic. Some families depend on school meals to feed their children and having been out of school for an extended period may have put a hardship on some families," Judi Rodriguez, Big Spring ISD FSD Liaison, said.

Families who receive SNAP Food Benefits for the month of March 2020 or have children who attend a school that offers free meals to all students (Community Eligibility Provision or Provision 2) are also eligible. Families that received SNAP do not need to apply for children between 5 years and 18 years; benefits were loaded onto the existing SNAP card by May 22. However, for children under five years old or between 19 and 21 years of age will need to fill out the application. Those families who do not receive SNAP also need to submit an application before June 30. If approved, a P-EBT card will be loaded with benefits

and mailed to you. "With the Pandemic situation TDA has put policies into effect to help our

cally past summer programs. Meals will continue at 26 different locations until June 30. I believe this has been a much needed benefit for families without an income through this crisis," Rodriguez

The P-EBT funds are a one-time benefit for families that will be issued on an EBT card. Families can receive up to \$285 per eligible child. All funds will need to be used within one year of the date the card is issued and are non-

transferrable. "We encourage all parents to fill out this application and receive the extra assistance," she said.

Visit https://yourtexasbenefits.com/ Learn/PEBT to fill out the form or if you have questions call 833-613-6220.

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Support Groups

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- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- · A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.
- · Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member.

For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-

- Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.
- DivorceCare is a biblical support group for

There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. The next session beging Sept. 3, 2019. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information.

information on seminar dates and how you can reg-

those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconcilia-

You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for

Police blotter

ment reported the following ac-• GABRIEL LEE MARTINEZ,

The Big Spring Police Depart-

- 31, of 1611 S. Owens Street, was arrested on a charge of pubic intoxication. • BOBBY JOE LOPEZ, 34, of
- 215 NE 9th Street, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief between \$750 and \$2,500. CANDACE MONIQUE JEF-
- FREY, 35, of 1314 E. Third Street, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct language. • **JUAN JUAREZ JR.,** 53, of 1215
- Ridgeroad Drive, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication. GABRIEL LEE MARTINEZ,
- 31, of 1611 S. Owens, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication. • BOBBY JOE LOPEZ, 34, of
- 215 NE 9th Street, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief between \$750 and \$2,500.
- MATTHEW ACE DELOS-**SANTOS**, 20, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication by minor.

ed the following activity:

\$2,500 and \$30,000 (x3).

charge of parole violation.

HCSO on a charge of arson.

The Howard County Sheriff's Department report-

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail re-

• CLINT BRANDON BOLLIER, 30, was arrested

by HCSO on a charge of theft of property between

• ALVIE COOPER, 48, was arrested by HCSO on a

• MATTHEW DELOSSANTOS, 20, was arrested

• CANDACE MONIQUE JEFFREY, 35, was ar-

rested by BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct

• **BLUFORD ALLEN JONES**, 37, was arrested by

• JUAN JUAREZ JR., 53, was arrested by by

• TERESA LORENE LANG, 37, was arrested by

by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

ported having 81 inmates at the time of this report.

• MANUEL JUNIOR MATA,

- 33, was arrested a charge of warrant from other agency.
- TERESA LORENE LANG, 37, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication and possession of marijuana less than or equal to two ounces.
- ALVIE LEE COOPER, 48, was arrested on a charge of warrant from other agency.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 800 block of Timothy Lane; 200 block of NE 9th Street; 1100 block of E. 11th Place; 1900 block of Wasson Road; 1200 block of E. 15th Street; 800 block of Timothy Lane; 200 block of NE 9th Street.
- DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1200 block of Lloyd Avenue; 1300 block of E. Third; 4400 block of Connally Street; 3200 block of S. Hwy 87.
- BURGLARY OF BUILDING was reported in the 600 block of Colgate Avenue.
- HARASS-•TELEPHONE **MENT** was reported at 2500 block

\$2,500.

with vehicle.

third or more.

of Ent Drive.

- THEFT was reported in the 700 block of E. 15th Street; 1000 block of Ridgeroad Drive; 800 block of W I-20.
- WELFARE CONCERN was reported in the 1600 block of S. Lancaster Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1300 block of Tucson Street; 3600 block of W. Hwy • UNWANTED SUBJECT was
- reported in the 400 block of Birdwell; 2900 block of E I-20.
- ACCIDENT MINOR was reported in the area of 11th and Rosemont; 700 block of E. 4th Street.
- HARASSMENT was reported in the 1000 E. 14th Street.
- ACCIDENT MAJOR was reported in the area of 4th and Run
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported in the 400 block of Westo

than two ounces and public intoxication.

by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

ed by HCSO on a charge of arson.

• JIMMY RAY WIL-

LIS, 50, was arrested by

DPS on a charge of driv-

ing while intoxicated

BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• BOBBY JOE LOPEZ, 34, was arrested by BSPD

• GABRIEL LEE MARTINEZ, 31, was arrested

•MANUEL JUNIOR MATA, 33, was arrested by

• MICHELLE RENEE SIMMONS, 52, was arrest-

• LISA MARIE WHEELER, 45, was arrested by

BSPD on a charge of MTA/Evading arrest detention

on a charge of criminal mischief between \$750 and

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 Randolf (9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)

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

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

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

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

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

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in every sense of the word."

According to an article in the Big Spring Area Community Foundation newsletter, when considering the creation of a permanently endowed fund to give back to the community for all it has provided for them, their attention was immediately focused on Comanche Trail Lake. The lake and fishing held many memories of her grandfather and one of her son's frequently stopped at the lake on his way home from school to try to catch a fish or two.

"Although the lake provides a tremendous aesthetic benefit to the community, it also provides a place for everyone to enjoy America's great pastime: fishing. Out of the love and respect Glynna has for her 'Papa Hayes' they funded

the Hayes Stripling, Sr. Memorial Fund to support the fishing resource at the lake," an article in the BSACF newsletter read.

The article continued, "Their hope is that the fund will allow other grandparents, their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to experience the bond and build the memories that fishing with a child can create."

"The Moutons knew establishing this fund was a great honor to Hayes Sr. with his love of fishing and spending time with the grandkids while teaching them to fish," Greg Henry, Executive Director of Big Spring Area Community Foundation, said. "They know the fund benefits Big Spring now and in the future, by allowing other families to make memories grandchildren can carry throughout their lives."

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out the city.

Pedigo noted privacy is a key aspect of why communities choose not to respond to the Census. "They feel it's intrusive," she said.

Pedigo stressed that the data collected is locked and stored away for 72 years prior to being released for public consumption, and residents should not

fear retaliation such as deportation or warrants. "This is statistical data, not personal data, collected for financial reasons," Pedigo said. "Under Title 13, no other agency – federal or state – can access that for 72 years."

Other items discussed by the Commissioners in-

- A five-year extension, which includes a 6% discount for the extended term, for the Public Workers' Compensation Program
- A transfer of \$175,000 from the Tobacco Fund for

the construction of a new radio tower

- Bids for pharmaceutical supplies and medications for the Howard County Detention Center and the Howard County Indigent/Welfare Health Care and County Juvenile Probation Program
- A 10-year deal for the use of land for a new 911 center, contingent upon a property transfer back to the County if it is abandoned
- May financial report, invoices, and purchase requests, as well as an amended budget

In personnel matters, Kelly Seales was appointed the new JP for Coahoma, Precinct 2, to serve out the unexpired term vacated by Connie Shaw, who retired earlier this year.

In COVID-19 related news, Judge Kathryn Wiseman reported a phone call with Scenic Mountain Medical Center CEO Emma Krabill, who asked the Council to act on a mandate requiring masks be worn in public. Judge Wiseman told the Council she is uncomfortable with approving such an ordinance, although she did encourage all residents to

wear masks if they go out into public. "We need to be cognizant that we are still in trouble," Judge Wiseman said. "COVID-19 cases have gone up exponentially in Howard County. If you go into a public place, you need to be wearing a mask." Finally, Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek reported

to the Council that the two current projects are

nearly complete and will finish on-time. Klinksiek also reported a serious uptick in fire activity over the past week, citing a total of 34 fires to date for the month of June reported to the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department. Members of the Council praised the HCVFD for

their efforts, which included recent round-theclock activity to keep blazes at bay.

"Our volunteer firemen are heroes," Judge Kathrvn Wiseman said.

The next scheduled meeting of the Howard County Commissioner's Court is at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, July 6, which is the official observance day for 4th of July.

Take Note

- NazFamily Church is gearing up for 2020 Vacation Bible School. VBS is set for July 6-10 from 5:30 p.m. Until 8:30 p.m. NazFamily is located at 1400 Lancaster. For more information, call 432-267-7015.
- 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.
- 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. The website is: 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. You may contact Ray Alexander at 432-212-3533 if you have any ques-

• American Legion Post 506 will be holding a fish fry Saturday, June 26 from

11 a.m. Until 1 p.m. For delivery orders and until 2 p.m. for those wanting to pick up a plate. Plates are \$10 each and every-

one is encouraged to come out and attend. American Legion at 3203 W. Hwy 80.

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Gloria Galan, 90, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Randy Clark, 45, Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith

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position was also discussed to help the Howard County Elections Administrator. Additional funding for Court Reporters

- Landscaping and maintenance around the Howard County Courthouse
- New phone system, website • Adult probation program aimed at support with rehab, job searches, housing, etc.

Due to technical difficulties during the Budget Workshop a zoom call had to be accessed to watch the workshop.

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lowing activity:

- of Apache Drive. No transport was required. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1600 block
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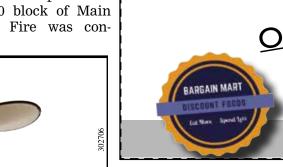
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 - MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1600 L___Expires 06-30-20 block of Lancaster. One

person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• TRASH/RUBBISH FIRE was reported in the 200 block of Main Street. Fire was contained.





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Surging US cases raise fear that progress is slipping

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Alarming surges in coronavirus cases across the South and West raised fears Monday that the outbreak is spiraling out of control and that hard-won progress against the scourge is slipping away because of resistance among many Americans to wearing masks and keeping their distance from others.

Confirming predictions that the easing of state lockdowns over the past month and a half could lead to a comeback by the virus, cases surpassed 100,000 in Florida, hospitalizations are rising dramatically in Houston, and a startling 1 in 5 of those tested in Arizona are proving to be infected.

Over the weekend, the virus seemed to be everywhere at once: Six staff members helping set up for President Donald Trump's rally in Tulsa, Oklahoma, tested positive, as did 23 Clemson University football players in South Carolina. At least 30 members of the Louisiana State University team were isolated after becoming infected or coming into contact with someone who was. Meatpacking plants were also hit with outbreaks.

"It is snowballing. We will most certainly see more people die as a result of this spike," said Dr. Marc Boom, CEO and president of Houston Methodist Hospital, noting that the number of COVID-19 hospital admissions has tripled since Memorial Day to more than 1,400 across eight hospital systems in the Houston metropolitan area.

He predicted that in three weeks hospitals could be overwhelmed, and he pleaded with people to cover their faces and practice social distancing.

"It is possible to open up at a judicious pace and coexist with the virus, but it requires millions and millions of people to do the right thing. Right now, we don't have that" because people have let their guard down, Boom said. Texas is among a number of states — including

Arizona, Alabama, Florida and South Carolina whose governors have resisted statewide mask requirements, leaving the matter to local authorities.

The number of newly confirmed coronavirus cases across the country per day has reached more than 26,000, up from about 21,000 two weeks ago, according to an Associated Press analysis of data compiled by Johns Hopkins University. Over 120,000 deaths in the U.S. have been blamed on the virus, the highest death toll in the world.

In Orlando, 152 coronavirus cases were linked to one bar near the University of Central Florida campus, said Dr. Raul Pino, a state health officer in the resort city.

"A lot of transmission happened there," Pino said. "People are very close. People are not wearing masks. People are drinking, shouting, dancing, sweating, kissing and hugging, all the things that happen in bars. And all those things that happen are not good for COVID-19."

Although he asked health officials to renew calls for people to wear masks and keep their distance, Gov. Ron DeSantis has not signaled he will retreat from reopening the state after three months of shutdowns that have damaged the economy.

In Louisiana, Gov. John Bel Edwards weighed

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — An inmate died at the

Ector County Detention Center after jail staff sub-

dued him with a stun gun, restrained his arms and

legs, and locked him in a padded cell, according to

an in-custody death report filed with the Texas At-

The report says Wallace Howell, a 38-year-old

Black man, started fighting with another inmate

when he was placed in a holding cell on June 15.

When jail staff intervened, Howell "began to charge

staff members," according to the report filed by the

Jail staff shocked Howell several times with a

Taser then placed him in a "wrap," which restrains a detainee's arms and legs, and moved him to a pad-

ded cell, where he was found unresponsive at 6:15

a.m., according to the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

The report did not list a cause of death for Howell.

The autopsy results have not yet been released to

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with Taser, restrained

torney General's Office.

Ector County Sheriff's Office.

He was pronounced dead at 7:13 a.m.

the Ector County Sheriff's Office.

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whether to proceed with any further loosening of restrictions amid a spike in cases. Some businesses have closed again because of infections among staff members or patrons. And a cluster of bars near LSU reported at least 100 customers and employees tested positive.

Countries such as Brazil, India and Pakistan are also seeing surging cases.

Dr. Michael Ryan, the World Health Organization's emergencies chief, said that the outbreak is "definitely accelerating" in the U.S. and a number of other countries, dismissing the notion that the record daily levels of new cases simply reflect more testing. He noted that numerous countries have seen marked increases in hospital admissions and deaths.

"The epidemic is now peaking or moving towards a peak in a number of large countries," he warned. In the U.S., Arizona, in particular, is seeing dis-

turbing trends in several benchmarks, including the percentage of tests that prove positive for the virus. Arizona's is the highest in the nation. The state's positive test rate is at a seven-day av-

erage of over 20%, well above the national average of 8.4% and the 10% level that public health officials say is a problem. When the positive test rate rises, it means that an outbreak is worsening — not just that more people are getting tested. At Maryland's Fort Washington Medical Center on the outskirts of the nation's capital, workers de-

scribed a scramble to find new beds, heartbreaking encounters with family members of critically ill patients and their frustration with Americans who do not believe the coronavirus threat is real. "Everybody is out lounging on the beaches. Just thinking that it's over. And it's not," respiratory therapist Kevin Cole said. "It's far from being over.

And unfortunately, it's those people that will keep this pandemic going." Meanwhile, New York City, once the most lethal hot spot in the U.S., lifted more of its restrictions, moving a big step closer to normal. Restaurants can serve diners outdoors, customers can browse

return to playgrounds. Eve Gonzalez, a 27-year-old food industry worker in New York whose job had not yet resumed, said it is too soon: "I'm dying to go out, but people's health is more important."

through stores and get a haircut, and children can

In Illinois, museums, gyms and zoos can reopen on Friday with restrictions. Indoor dining can resume at 25% capacity, and some places, such as the Lincoln Park Zoo, will require reservations.

Worldwide, 9 million people have been confirmed infected by the virus and about 470,000 have died, according to Johns Hopkins, though experts say the actual numbers are much higher because of limited testing and cases in which patients had no symptoms.

Amid the global surge, the head of WHO warned that world leaders must not politicize the outbreak but unite to fight it.

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, who has faced criticism from President Donald Trump, said dur-

Texas woman's body found in Kentucky lake identified

MADISONVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A coroner has identified the body of a Texas woman whose body was found floating in a container in Kentucky Lake, state police said.

The body of Traci L. Jones, 41, of Granbury, Tex-

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as, was found Saturday near Colson Hollow in western Kentucky, state Trooper Adam Jones said in a news release.

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ing a videoconference for the Dubai-based World Government Summit that it took over three months for the world to see 1 million confirmed infections, but just eight days to see the most recent 1 million

Tedros did not mention Trump by name or his determination to pull the United States out of the U.N. health agency but warned: "The greatest threat we face now is not the virus itself; it's the lack of global solidarity and global leadership." He added, "We cannot defeat this pandemic with a divided world." Trump has criticized the WHO over its early re-

sponse to the outbreak and what he considers its excessive praise of China, where the outbreak began, though his own administration's handing of the crisis in the U.S. has come under attack. Trump has threatened to cut off U.S. funding for the WHO. Companies around the world are racing to find a vaccine, and there is fierce debate over how to

make sure it is distributed fairly. WHO's special envoy on COVID-19, Dr. David Nabarro, said he believes it will be "2 1/2 years until there will be vaccine for everybody in the world." Brazil, with over 50,000 deaths, the second-highest toll in the world, registered a record 54,000 new coronavirus cases in its latest single-day count.

up positive, according to the WHO's Ryan, who said that the startlingly high number suggests cases are going either unreported or undetected because of a low rate of testing. India's health care system has been slammed by the virus. The caseload in the impoverished country of more than 1.3 billion people climbed by near-

And nearly 1 in 3 people tested overall have turned

13,000 deaths. After easing a nationwide lockdown, the Indian government in recent weeks ran special trains to return thousands of migrant workers to their home villages.

ly 15,000 Monday to over 425,000, with more than

In Pakistan, infections are accelerating and hospitals are having to turn away patients, with new cases up to 6,800 a day. The government has relaxed its coronavirus restrictions, hoping to salvage a near-collapsed economy in the country of 220 million people.



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Big Spring Steers 2020 Junior High Football schedule released

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

The Big Spring Steers' 2020 junior high football schedule was released yesterday and there are nine competitive games to look forward to this

There will be both a seventh and eighth grade 'A' team and 'B' team but all four squads will play on the same day. For home games the four teams will split and share Blankenship Field and Memorial

Steers' Head Football Coach Cannon McWilliams is also the head coach of these junior high teams and he will be looking to coach up and develop some of the young players so that they may be able to contribute right away once they reach high school. There is a separate junior high coaching staff but McWilliams and the other members of the varsity coaching staff always have a hand in teaching the youngsters.

"They call all the plays and run all of the practices," Steers running back coach Eric Tuttle said. "(The varsity coaches) go out and help with the junior high as well."

All games will be played on Thursday night's and the season opens with some home match-up's against Monahans. There will be no bye week for any of the Big Spring teams and the last game of the regular season will also be played at home, this time against Lake View.

In the middle of the season, all four teams will play Midland Christian in back-to-back weeks. The first week the teams face-off, the games will be played in Midland and the following week all of the games will be held in Big Spring.

Playing football at a young age can help a young man learn many life lessons and also help create friendships that will last a lifetime. While there is



a want to win every game at every level, the most important aspect of football is all of the things that

Tony Dudik is Missouri high school coaching royalty and he has one of the most powerful quotes about what football and the coaching staff can mean to these young junior high players.

"You are involved with young men at a very critical and fragile stage in their lives," Dudik said. "Football is a terrific vehicle to impart important life lessons. The scoreboard is there for a reason, but it's not the most important thing."

The following is the schedule for the Steers junior high football teams this fall:

Week One (9/10): vs. Monahans (Home) 7A & 7B: Blankenship (5:00/6:30)

8A & 8B: Memorial (5:00/6:30)

Week Two (9/17): @ Brownfield (Away) AllTeams:120EastByrumLane(4:00/5:00/6:00/7:00)

Week Three (9/24): vs. Greenwood (Home)

8A & 8B: Blankenship (5:00/6:30)

Week Four (10/1): @ Littlefield (Away)

All Teams: Stadium Avenue @ East 14th (5:00/6:30)

Week Five (10/8): @ Midland Christian

All Teams: 2001 Culver Drive (5:00/6:30)

Week Six (10/15): vs. Midland Christian

7A & 7B: Blankenship (5:00/6:30) 8A & 8B: Memorial (5:00/6:30)

Week Seven (10/22): vs. Andrews (Home) 7A & 7B: Memorial (5:00/6:30)

8A & 8B: Blankenship (5:00/6:30)

Week Eight (10/29): @ Fort Stockton (Away) 7A & 7B: Middle School (5:00/6:30)

8A & 8B: Memorial Stadium (5:00/6:30)

Week Nine (11/5): vs. Lake View (Home)

7A & 7B: Blankenship (5:00/6:30) 8A & 8B: Memorial (5:00/6:30)

The Steers have been hard at work over the past two-and-a-half weeks and are continuining to prepare for the upcoming 2020 season. There is now a little over two months before the first game of the season and Steers fans can rest assured that this young group of student-athletes will be ready to go.

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

Coahoma suspends summer workouts for precautionary reasons



By LYNDEL MOODY Coahoma ISD

With the recent rapid spread of COVID-19 cases

in Texas, the CISD Athletic Department will suspend the summer workout program for the next

"Our number one priority is the safety of our kids and No. 2 is getting to Aug. 3 healthy as a program, CISD Athletic Director Chris Joslin said. "The administration team and I have been constantly monitoring the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. "Based on current information and the increase

of Covid-19 cases in Texas, we feel it is in the best interest of our athletes, school, and community to suspend workouts, sport-specific activities, and close facilities for the next two weeks.

CISD is also canceling student physicals set for tomorrow, Tuesday, June 23, at the Coahoma ISD campus. West Texas Injury Prevention will conduct those physicals at its office, 1111 Scurry, for the same price without an appointment on Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CISD officials will continue to monitor the ongoing situation with the goal of opening back up in

"It kills us to do this with the work our kids are putting in, but I feel it is the best decision right now," Joslin said. "This is only a precaution taken because of the rapid increase of Covid-19 cases across the state, area and country over the last week. We do not have any cases at our workouts and have been cleaning our facilities thoroughly following the rules set forth."

Coahoma ISD athletics will still be able to continue summer conditioning through the CISD virtual classroom.

"Athletes, be sure and login to our athletic classrooms, and we will post workouts to continue during this time," Joslin said. "Continue to work on your own so we don't lose the work you have been doing. Stay safe and we will all get through this."

2020 TGCA Summer Clinic set for in-person & virtual clinics

By SAM TIPTON

TGCA Executive Director

The Texas Girls Coaches Association has been adjusting the 2020 TGCA Summer Clinic to meet the up-to-date guidelines set for public health and safety for our attendees to the in-person clinic. These well-needed safety measures have been developed by the Governor's Task Force, the Texas Education Agency, and the University Interscholastic League.

TGCA felt there was a need to develop a 2020 TGCA Virtual Clinic for the coaches not able to attend the in-person clinic. This will greatly help the member coaches affected by the "Travel Ban" established by some school districts. We are pleased to announce that in addition to our in-person clinic this summer, we will also offer our member coaches the 2020 TGCA Virtual Clinic.

Any registered member of TGCA for the 2020 TGCA Summer Clinic will be registered to attend the in-person clinic at the Arlington Convention Center, and will also receive an All-Access pass to the 2020 TGCA Virtual Clinic. The virtual clinic will cover sports lectures and professional development courses from the 2020 TGCA Summer Clinic. You will also be given access to over 3000 videos covering sports specific and professional development lectures. This will be available to the pre-registered members beginning July 15, 2020, but you may register on-line until the deadline of August 31, 2020. This All-Access Pass will entitle you to the virtual benefits through August 31, 2020. The Spirit Division of the TGCA may use the virtual clinic to complete UIL CCP training and have access to cheerleading videos. Cheerleading coaches will have access to additional educational training

Mandatory UIL CCP Courses will be available through the 2020 TGCA Virtual Clinic. You need to access the UIL Portal through the UIL website and update your profile. Also, make sure your TGCA membership number is correct with Register My Athlete (RMA) through the portal.

through Varsity University.

Registered attendees to the in-person or virtual clinics will receive personalized professional development hours (15 Hours) to turn in to their school district. This will be on the back of the card you receive either at Summer Clinic, or mailed to you. You will use the standard PSD card you always get at Summer Clinic. If you don't attend inperson, your card will be mailed to you as soon as we return from Summer Clinic.

We hope to see you in-person in Arlington for the 2020 TGCA Summer Clinic. The important thing is for you, as a coach of girls' athletics in the state of Texas, to receive either in-person or virtually the educational training, professional development, and UIL CCP certification to make you the best coach of women's sports. The Texas Girls Coaches Association is an association designed for coaches of girls' athletics, composed of coaches of girls' athletics, and governed by coaches of girls' athletics.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR IN-PERSON SUMMER CLINIC

Your temperature will be taken at the door of the Convention Center and at the foot of the stairs leading to the meeting rooms at the Sheraton Hotel.

We recommend you wear a face covering, but it is not a requirement, at this time.

Social distancing will be enforced, not only by TGCA, but also by the Convention Center staff. There will be hand sanitizing stations set up at

various intervals throughout the Convention Center, in the registration area, and in the TGCA booth in the Exhibit Hall, but we highly recommend you bring your own, as well.

You will be required to complete and sign an Attendee's Questionnaire simply stating you are attending of your own volition and you understand the risks of COVID-19 that are inherent in public spaces. You will not receive your clinic credentials

until the COVID-19 Attendee's Questionnaire form has been completed, signed and turned in to TGCA TGCA will take every precaution possible by wip-

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puter screens on the standalones after each use, and supplying hand sanitizer at the registration booths, including the pre-registration booths, and

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SUMMER CLINIC You MUST have registered your TGCA membership number with Register My Athlete (RMA) through the UIL Website Portal.

The virtual clinic will become accessible on July 15, 2020, and will remain accessible through Au-

VERY IMPORTANT - You will be emailed an access code to enter the virtual clinic site. It will be specific to your TGCA membership number and cannot be used by anyone else. BE SURE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS IS ACCURATE ON YOUR TGCA PROFILE. That is the only way you will receive your personalized access code. TGCA staff will not have access to that, so please guard it very closely, and DO NOT LOSE IT.

You will have access to all CCP courses given during the in-person Summer Clinic by video. Attendance will be forwarded to RMA for inclusion on the UIL Portal.

You will have access to the two concussion courses offered at Summer Clinic by logging in to the Texas Health website. The link will be on the virtual site for you to access.

You will be responsible for obtaining your concussion certificate(s) from the Texas Health web-

You will be mailed a Summer Clinic card that will contain your membership card, a receipt for payment, a PSD card with your name on it with the clinic schedule on the back. You will, as usual, circle the sessions you attended virtually and turn that in to your district for staff development credit.

You will also need to turn in to your district any concussion course certificate you receive after taking the course on-line.

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Dear Annie: I so enjoy your column, and, as usual, you are on target in your advice concerning the woman who was hurt by not being notified about her cousin's death.

Two things have caused me to be a happier person. One is dropping my expectations of others, and the other is choosing not to be offended.

People generally don't set out to hurt other people. They are encased in their own pain and trying to navigate through their own rough waters.

Those who would set out to cause pain are not worthy of our tears. I realized also that people cannot read my mind on what I want. So it's best to give them what we need, which is love. Love lavishly, including those who are unlovable. Be thoughtful. Give encouragement and sincere compliments.

I encourage this cousin to send loving words in sympathy cards to her arievina

cousins. As you said, "grief has a way of wreaking havoc on short-term memory." --Still Learning

Dear Still Learn-

ing: Thank you for your wise words. True wisdom comes when you realize how little in the world you really know and you are forever a student of life. Seeing the world through love and compassion always leads to a better

world and a happier life

for you.

Dear Annie: In response to the letter regarding a request to wear socks at a party to preserve wood floors, such a request should always be accompanied by a statement of understanding that such an act is not pos-

sible for some guests. As a wheelchair user, I could not take my wheels off my chair! And some people can't walk without their shoes, or they need to use a walker that scrapes the floor.

We will never have a welcoming society for all if hosts create home features that they value over the ability of some guests to visit and enjoy their company. This is a sad example of prioritizing things over people. I had hoped you would point that out, as an example of your usual good advice. -- Good Guest in Kansas

Dear Good Guest in Kansas: Thank you for the reminder that not everyone can take their shoes off. A wheelchair should be an obvious exception. If a host complains about a wheelchair, I say that person is not worth visiting at all!

Dear Readers:

We had some differing opinions on my response to Don't Call Me 'Dear.'

Dear Annie: I read the letter from Don't Call Me 'Dear,' and I agree with her that it is demeaning. The reason I can tell is that it did not happen in the past. People only started calling me "Honey" and "Sweetheart" once I got enough wrinkles. These "terms of endearment" are the ones we use

with children, and that is why I find it insulting. I am 66 years old, but I am not yet in my second childhood. I have asked the nurses at my doctor's office to quit referring to me this way -- to no avail.

Unfortunately, I fear there is nothing to do about this. It's just another irritation of advancing age that must be endured.

Thanks for asking our opinions on this matter.

Dear Annie: I can understand how the terms some people use (like "dear," "sweetie," "hon" or "honey") in addressing you can seem a little too familiar if they're total strangers. But in the days we're living in now, I just choose to be thankful that these people are being kind in their address, and assume that they have no other motive than just being friendly. Life's too brief to be upset by the little things.

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May 20). In the past,

when certain people

there have been times

took advantage of your

soft heart. Now you're a

little more guarded but

not jaded. Compassion

is still your best guide.

June 21). Usually, the

calm comes before the

storm, but today, the

order will be reversed.

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South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

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South

North East Pass

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

There are hands where the outcome depends entirely on how well each side performs its allotted task. Should one side slip, the chances are that the other side will reap the benefits.

Consider this deal where West, defending against four spades, cashed

the K-A-Q of diamonds before shifting to the ten of hearts. Declarer won the heart with dummy's king, led a trump and finessed the queen, on which West showed out.

This development meant South would need to take two more trump finesses to overcome East's king, which would in turn require two more entries to dummy. So South next led the seven of clubs and, after West played low, finessed the jack!

As a result, declarer made the contract. He took a second trump finesse, then overtook the king of clubs with the ace and took a third trump finesse to finish with 10 tricks.

There is no doubt that South deserves an A-plus for his effort. However, the fact remains that West could have defeated the contract had he concentrated fully on the task at hand. All he had to do to foil declarer was to play the queen of clubs when South led the seven toward dummy's A-J-2 at trick six!

This unusual play would have deprived declarer of a vital entry to dummy, and he eventually would have lost the setting trick to East's king of spades.

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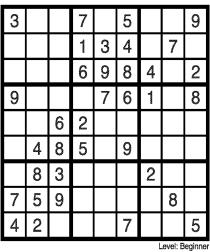
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

your life serves a purpose but not always an obvious one. When you want something for no apparent reason, per-

haps the reason is primal, soul deep, or it belongs to a future known only to your intuition.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Listening well is easier within set parameters. Be judicious. Sure, people need to be heard. But you're not the only one in the world assigned to the work of listening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Neatness is not the same as style, but when things are neat, clean and organized, it is easier to see your way to choices that could lift the scene to a stylish level.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

The surprising and silly things that happen are what make a good story. You can't force such things, but when you're open to them, they tend to land in your life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll enjoy your time alone even more than usual.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). "Someday" doesn't really exist, and that is why it never shows up. There is only today. As you make your plans and act on them, you'll line up something solid for a future "today."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're warm and welcoming, and people will be disarmed by your lack of pretention. You don't have to worry about earning respect. You'll have it automatically.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (June 23). Your cosmic birthday gift is raw, unadulterated drive. You know what you want. Your motivation is so high that whatever might have stopped you before will no longer be an issue. You will have all the support you desire. There's frivolous fun that turns into a lucrative venture. You've an excellent sense for investing. Aries and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 2, 10 and 15.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I've been thinking about getting a haircut for a

long time, but my boyfriend doesn't like short hair. Of course I want to be attractive to him, but at the same time, I don't want to alter my natural inclinations just to please. I'm a Pisces. He's a Scorpio."

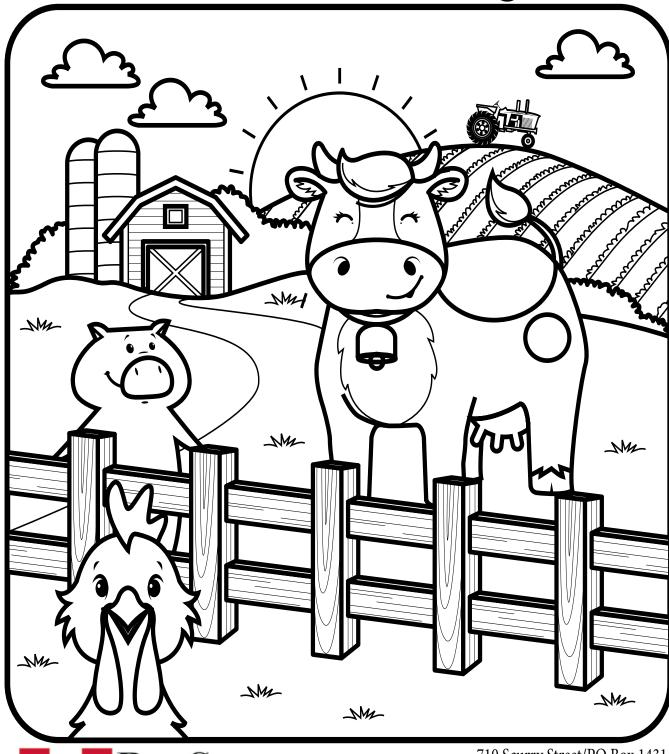
Cut it! You, dear Pisces, cannot be expected to live your life in a Scorpio-shaped box. You first have to live for yourself; otherwise you don't have a self to give to someone else. But that is not all. Scorpio has a natural tendency to push the boundaries and rules of partnership. He actually likes when his overbearing behavior is called out by a partner with a strong sense of self. He wants what he wants, but more than that, he wants a woman who knows what she wants. Additionally, Scorpios thrive on change, and a change in something as trivial as appearance will not be a deal breaker for him. Don't stop being you. Pisces and Scorpio have a lot to give each other. Just be sure to give him who you are, not who you

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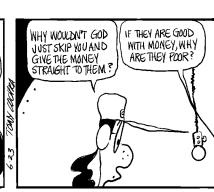
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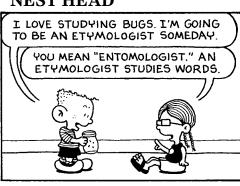


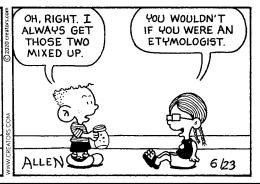






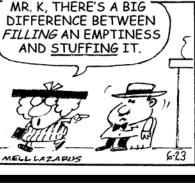
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This Date In History

Today in History Today is Tuesday, June 23, the 175th day of 2020. There are 191 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On June 23, 1888, abolitionist Frederick Douglass received one vote from the Kentucky delegation at the Republican convention in Chicago, effectively making him the first black candidate to have his name placed in nomination for U.S. president. (The nomination to Benjamin Harrison.) On this date:

In 1868, Christopher Latham Sholes received a patent for his "Type-Writer," featuring a QWÉRTY keyboard; it was the first commercially successful typewriter. In 1904, President Theodore

Roosevelt was nominated for a second term of office at the Republican National Convention in Chicago. In 1938, the Civil Aeronau-

tics Authority was established.

In 1947, the Senate joined the House in overriding President Harry S. Truman's veto of the Taft-Hartley Act, designed to limit the power of organized labor.

In 1969, Warren E. Burger was sworn in as chief justice of the United States by the man he was succeeding, Earl Warren.

In 1972, President Richard Nixon and White House chief of staff H.R. Haldeman discussed using the CIA to obstruct the FBI's Watergate investigation. (Revelation of the tape recording of this conversation sparked Nixon's resignation in 1974.) President Nixon signed Title IX barring discrimination on the basis of sex for "any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

In 1985, all 329 people aboard an Air India Boeing 747 were killed when the plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean near Ireland because of a bomb authorities believe was planted by Sikh separatists.

In 1988, James E. Hansen, a climatologist at the Goddard Institute for Space Studies, told a Senate panel that global warming of the earth caused by the "greenhouse effect" was a reality.

In 1993, in a case that drew widespread attention, Lorena Bobbitt of Prince William County, Va., sexually mutilated her husband, John, after he'd allegedly raped her. (John Bobbitt was later acquitted of marital sexual assault; Lorena Bobbitt was later acquitted of malicious wounding by reason of in-

In 1995, Dr. Jonas Salk, the medical pioneer who developed the first vaccine to halt the crippling rampage of polio, died in La Jolla (HOY'ah), California, at age 80.

In 2009, "Tonight Show" sidekick Ed McMahon died in Los Angeles at 86.

In 2018, Trump administration officials said the government knew the location of all children in its custody after separating them from their families at the border, and that it was working to reunite them.

Ten years ago: Following Gen. Stanley McChrystal's criticism of the Obama administration in a Rolling Stone magazine profile, President Barack Obama named Gen. David Petraeus to replace the Afghanistan commander. Gary Faulkner, who was detained by authorities in northern Pakistan during a personal quest to track down Osama bin Laden, was released.

Five years ago: WikiLeaks published documents it said showed the U.S. National Security Agency had eavesdropped on the last three French presidents, releasing material that appeared to capture officials in Paris talking candidly about Greece's economy, relations Germany — and, ironically, American espionage. The NHL's Board of Governors approved the proposed 3-on-3 overtime change. Actor Dick Van Patten, 86, died in Santa Monica, California.

One year ago: Democratic presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg faced criticism from angry residents of South Bend, Indiana, where he was mayor, at an emotional town hall meeting a week after a white police officer fatally shot a black man there; Buttigieg said he would call for an outside investigation. President Donald Trump told NBC's "Meet the Press"

that he'd prefer to run for reelection against Joe Biden, suggesting that the former vice president wouldn't be "great candidate" that Hillary Clinton was in 2016. Two siblings from the famed Wallendas crossed New York's Times Square on a high wire strung between two skyscrapers, 25 stories above the pavement. Nearly three months after he

was shot to death in Los Angeles, rapper Nipsey Hussle was honored with the Humanitarian Award at the BET Awards in Los Angeles. Today's Birthdays: Singer

Diana Trask is 80. Musical conductor James Levine (luh-VYN') is 77. Actor Ted Shackelford is 74. Actor Bryan Brown is 73. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas is 72. Actor

Jim Metzler is 69. "American Idol" ex-judge Randy Jackson is 64. Actress Frances McDormand is 63. Rock musician Steve Shelley (Sonic Youth) is 58. Actor Paul La Greca is 58. Writer-director Joss Whedon is 56. Rhythm and blues singer Chico De-Barge is 50. Actress Selma Blair is 48. Actor Joel Edgerton is 46. Rock singer KT Tunstall is 45. Rhythm and

blues singer Virgo Williams (Ghostowns DJs) is 45. Actress Emmanuelle Vaugier is 44. Singer-songwriter Jason Mraz is 43. Football Hall of Famer LaDainian Tomlinson is 41. Actress Melissa Rauch is 40. Rock singer Duffy is 36. Country singer Katie Armiger is 29.

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ACROSS

1 Coins and Frisbees

6 Sheet to fill out

10 Actor Alda

14 Consumed

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15 Black-and-white cookie

16 Farm tower

17 Ringo of the Beatles

18 "No ifs, ___ or buts"

19 Call from an owl

20 Reliable source

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25 Holv

27 "Let's shake on that"

32 Talks on and on and on

33 Soup can damage

34 "Darn it!"

36 Lake near Reno

39 Timeline segment

40 China pieces on saucers

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46 Family diagram

62 Anthem

beginning 64 Horse-stopping shout

65 Easy ___ (simple)

66 Front of a clock 67 Jar tops

68 Shout like "Ta-da!"

69 Went by plane

70 Shout like "Shoo!"

71 Beneath

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6 Cappuccino froth 37 Rocks taken

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9 Nearly all

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21 Soft leather

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29 Very slow speed

30 Typical Saudi

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31 Shoestrings

35 Ballerina's skirt

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Noose found in stall of Bubba Wallace at NASCAR race at Talladega Motor Speedway in Alabama

By JOHN ZENOR

AP Sports Writer

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) — A noose was found in the garage stall of Black driver Bubba Wallace at the NASCAR race in Alabama on Sunday, less than two weeks after he successfully pushed the stock car racing series to ban the Confederate flag at its tracks and facilities.

NASCAR said it had launched an immediate investigation and will do everything possible to find out who was responsible and "eliminate them from

"We are angry and outraged, and cannot state strongly enough how seriously we take this heinous act," the series said in a statement. "As we have stated unequivocally, there is no place for racism in NASCAR, and this act only strengthens our resolve to make the sport open and welcoming to all."

Wallace is the only fulltime Black driver in NASCAR's elite Cup Series. On Twitter, he said the "the despicable act of racism and hatred leaves me incredibly saddened and serves as a painful reminder of how much further we have to go as a society and ow persistent we must be in the fight against racism."

"As my mother told me today, 'They are just trying to scare you,'" he wrote. This will not break me, I will not give in nor will I back down. I will continue to proudly stand for what I believe in."

The noose was discovered on the same day NASCAR's fledgling flag ban faced its biggest challenge. The ban took effect before last week's race near Miami, but there were only about 1,000 military members admitted into that race.

At Talladega, in the heart of the South, as many as 5,000 fans were allowed in, even though rain postponed the race until Monday and visitors were barred from the infield.

There weren't any immediate reports of how many flags were confiscated or taken down at the track, if any - but the flag was present nearby. There were informal protests Saturday and Sunday alike, with cars and pickup trucks driving along nearby roads flying the flag and parading past the entrance to the superspeedway. A small plane flew overhead pulling a banner with the flag and the words "Defund NASCAR."

NASCAR did not acknowledged the plane, though executive Steve O'Donnell tweeted a picture of black and white hands shaking with the words: "You won't see a photo of a jackass flying a flag over the track here...but you will see this." Rapper Ice Cube tweeted about the plane saying, "(Expletive) him NASCAR, you got new fans in this household.'

Wallace, a 26-year-old Alabama native who drives the No. 43 for Richard Petty Motorsports, said he has found support among fellow drivers for his stance on the flag. He noted that after the noose announcement.

"Over the last several weeks, I have been overwhelmed by the support from people across the NASCAR industry including other drivers and tea members in the garage," he said. "Together, our sport has made a commitment to driving real chance and championing a community that is accepting and welcoming of everyone. Nothing is more important and we will not be deterred by the reprehensible actions of those who seek to spread hate."

Wallace's 2013 victory in a Truck Series race was only the second in a NAS CAR national series by an Black driver (Wendell Scott, 1963) and helped push him into the Cup Series, where he drives for Hall of Famer Richard Petty and is forced to scramble for sponsorship dollars.

NASCAR has spent years trying to distance itself from the Confederate flag long a part of its moonshine-running roots from the its founding more than 70 years ago. Five years ago, former chairman Brian France tried to ban flying the flags at tracks, a proposal that was not enforced and was largely ignored.

This year was different and it was Wallace who led the charge. Over the pas month as the nation has been roiled by social unrest largely tied to the death of George Floyd, Wallace wore a black T-shirt with the words "I Can't Breathe at one race and had a #BlackLivesMatter paint scheme at another.

Wallace, whose father is white, was not always outspoken about racism even after Floyd was killed last month while in police custody in Minneapolis he was not the first driver to speak out for racial equality. He has said he be gan to find his public voice on racism after watching video in May of Ahmaud Arbery's fatal shooting in Georgia. He said he now recognizes he must not let his platform as a prominent driver go to waste.

NBA star LeBron James tweeted his support to Wallace, calling the noose "sickening!" " Know you don't stand alone! I'm right here with you as well as every other

athlete," James wrote. "I just want to continue to say how proud I am of you for continuing to take a stand for change here in America and sports!" Talladega is one of the more raucous stops on the NASCAR schedule, but the

coronavirus pandemic prompted the series, like all sports, to ban or sharply limit fans for months. The scene this weekend was a dramatic departure from the Talladega norm with plenty of room for social distancing and fans asked to wear masks.

"It's weird. It's eerie," said David Radvansky, 32, from suburban Atlanta, who brought his wife and boys, 3 and 6.

Radvansky, who started coming to Talladega in the 1990s when his father

parked cars at races, applauded NASCAR's decision to ban the Confederate "I don't think there's a place for it in NASCAR, to be honest with you," the

32-year-old said. "That doesn't sit well with all the good ole boys but it is what it is." Directly across from the track, Ed Sugg's merchandise tent was flying Con-

federate flags prominently in a display alongside Trump 2020 banners and an American flag. "They're doing very well," said Sugg, a Helena, Alabama, resident who has

been selling an array of wares at NASCAR races for 21 years. "People are disappointed that NASCAR has taken that stance. It's been around for as long as all of us have been.

"I don't think anybody really connects it to any kind of racism or anything, he said. "It's just a Southern thing. It's transparent. It's just a heritage thing."

High schools push ahead for fall football amid pandemic

<u>By JIM VERTUNO</u>

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — High schools across the country are trying to figure out how and when students might return to classrooms this fall. Many are also making sure their star quarterbacks and other athletes will be in shape when they do.

While states have been easing the economic and social lockdowns prompted by the coronavirus pandemic, some are now letting high school athletes return for summer workouts before teachers have even figured out how they are going to hold classroom instruction.

In places like Texas and Florida, where the "Friday Night Lights" culture of high school football runs deep, strength and conditioning sessions are bringing thousands of athletes to school for workouts, even while those states are seeing record numbers of new cases and hospitalizations since Memorial Day.

Some schools have already been sent scrambling when a player tests positive.

At football powerhouse Arlington-Martin High

School near Dallas, about 600 athletes attended the first day of summer conditioning programs June 8. That many kids, following state social distancing guidelines, were spread out over four athletic

"It's 13 weeks since we've had an organized workout with our teams," coach Bob Wager said, "I think kids were excited to get out of the house."

Eight days later, those same fields were empty when the school suspended workouts after a student tested positive and Wager and his staff began the work of tracing all of the athletes and get everyone to quarantine. Wager's program was one of several Texas schools or districts to suspend workouts shortly after they started.

Still, dozens of states have been welcoming back high school athletes for strength and conditioning programs, according to the National Federation of State High School Associations. And it's not just football. Other sports such as volleyball and basketball, baseball and soccer can participate as well. Marching bands, too. Iowa became the first state to resume competitive high school sports when baseball and softball teams began play June 15.

In all, tens of thousands of high school athletes are working out or playing games. And with virus cases and hospitalizations rising in hot spots, their return is raising questions of whether it is too soon and too risky.

Instead of focusing only on how to return to sports, high schools should at least consider not playing at all, said Kenneth Shropshire, professor and chief executive of the Global Sport Institute at Arizona State.

"I'm really on the extreme of make things as safe as possible ... Just wait. It's not that important. Even in Texas," Shropshire said. "Could we forgo a year of high school football? Does the world come to an end?"

But the drumbeat to return to pre-pandemic "normal" is strong, from small farming communities that play six-man football to suburban and and city schools that draw tens of thousands of fans for

"What is more normal than communities cel-

ebrating and cheering while watching their sons

and daughters play sports? That's as American as it gets," said Karen Weaver, an associate clinical professor in Drexel's Center for Sport Management and a former field hockey coach at Ohio State and assistant athletic director at Minnesota. 'We also know none of this is over," Weaver said.

'We know we need to get back to school. But does it automatically mean we have to get back to sports? ... (Football) is forcing an accelerated decision because we love football so much." In Texas, the University Interscholastic League

is gearing up for its 100th season of football as the state's governing body of public high school sports. It oversees more than 1,300 schools with nearly Texas high schools played football during World

War I, the 1918 Spanish flu outbreak, World War II, the weekend after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, said Charles Breithaupt, UIL executive director. "That social structure of those games, when peo-

ple come together, it was almost a healing for them - that they can get together with their neighbors and friends, and get their minds off the problems the society they were living in was facing," Breithaupt said. Football is a money-maker for the the UIL, which

could lose more than \$1.5 million in ticket sales if it can't hold playoff games and championships, according to an analysis by The Dallas Morning

It is also a lifeblood for school bands side events such as bake sales that support various school clubs. Eliminate those, Breithaupt said, and you put enormous pressure on school and club budgets that are already under pressure with the overall economic slowdown. States allowing summer workouts are requir-

ing social distancing measures and health checks. That includes regular sanitizing of equipment, space limits between athletes, and symptom and temperature checks before arrival. Contact drills are restricted and athletes are told to avoid shaking hands and giving high fives. States do not appear to require the testing of high

school athletes, citing costs and difficulty with managing such large numbers. A 16-page guidance manual distributed by the national federation did not include recommendations for regular testing of athletes. Within two days of starting summer condition-

ing, UIL officials said they would immediately eliminate some restrictions and quickly phase out others. Staffing requirements of one coach for every 20 students to ensure social distancing was dropped. Starting June 22, athletes can gather in larger groups and workout room capacity will be

increased from 25% to 50%. Relaxing high school sports restrictions follows the broader phasing out of rules on business and public places such as restaurants and retail stores. Beyond high schools, youth sports leagues and

have been allowed to resume in Texas and other states. Still facing high schools is the question of how to play the actual games, particularly football when bodies crash into each other on every play,

and whether they can host large numbers of fans.

Acknowledging that crowds may be small or not

even allowed, the UIL recently lifted its ban on live broadcasts of Friday night games for the upcoming

Texas announced this week that schools will be open for in-class instruction this fall, with details

Wager, the Arlington-Martin High School coach, said the suspension of workouts at his school illuminated the logistical problems facing high schools across the country. He is hopeful there will be a season to play.

"Team forges a deep, oftentimes life long relationship that I think is extremely important," Wager said. "I didn't learn that in biology class, and I love we need team. Maybe now more than ever.

UIL lifts ban on Friday night live broadcasts for 2020

University Interscholastic League (UIL) Executive Director Charles Breithaupt announced last week that the ban on live broadcasts of high school football games on Friday night's has been lifted for the 2020 season. The reason for the change is because of the ever-evolving situation of the coronavirus and the cause that it may have on fans attending games this fall.

"We know this, there will be many people who stay away because they're fearful, particularly our elderly and our senior citizens," Breithaupt said in a statement. "We want to give them a chance to see the game based on what the local district allows the agreement between the two schools to broadcast the game either digitally, or on a linear product would exist just this year.'

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