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COVID-19 Update:

- Active Cases: 44
- Confirmed: 75
- Tests performed: 2195
- Pending: 25
- Negative tests: 2095
- Recovered: 30
- Deaths: 1

Cars, Stars, Handlebars 2020 has been cancelled.

Howard County is under a burn ban. High fire danger.

Stay hydrated when outdoors with the extreme heat temperatures.

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Relay For Life 2020 goes virtual

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

Virtual reality, zoom meetings, and other new forms of technology have been gaining traction this year as the nation battles against the coronavirus pandemic. While many events thus far have been cancelled, Relay For Life of Glasscock and Howard County is moving forward ... virtually. A virtual Relay event is set for Aug. 29, with final details being worked out in the next few weeks.

While there may not be a first lap to walk, the sentiment is still there and together - virtually - that first lap will be walked as a trip down memory lane is taken. Relay committee members are requesting survivors submit photos to be included in a video that will mark the beginning of Relay, just as the Survivor Lap traditionally does. Cancer survivors are encouraged to hold up a sign in the submitted photos and celebrate their journey.

"This year especially since our world has been shut down, we haven't had a lot of exposure (for Relay) and we need to do what we can, in our community, to keep Relay going," Beverly Grant, Co-Chair for Glasscock and Howard County Relay for Life, said.

For the past several years, according to Grant, the local Re-



HERALD file photo

Relay For Life 2020 is going virtual and is looking for photos from previous events. If you have photos from previous years, please reach out to a Relay For Life team member or committee member and share those photos.

lay has been one of the most successful in the area and she hopes to continue that tradition this year. Teams who have already registered are encouraged to contact Grant or Julie

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8 new cases of COVID-19 in Howard County

Special to the Herald

On July 15, 2020, the City of Big Spring and Howard County officials were notified of eight (8) new positive test results for COVID-19 over the weekend. The individuals are isolating at home and are currently exhibiting mild symptoms, such as headache, low-grade fever and a cough. These new cases have been determined to be community spread.

The demographic information of infected individuals is:

- 27-year-old female
- 62-year-old female
- 36-year-old female
- 64-year-old female
- 32-year-old female
- 55-year-old female
- 54-year-old female
- 28-year-old female

These cases have been reported by local clinics only and

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Howard County Fair Board announces cancellation for 2020 Howard County Fair

Special to the Herald

On July 14, 2020, the Howard County Fair Association held a lengthy meeting to discuss the upcoming 2020 Howard County Fair.

The Fair Association was presented with some extremely difficult situations when determining if a fair could be held this year, including the carnival being canceled and requirements that would be in place as precautions due to COVID-19. After discussion it was determined, it would not be financially feasible for the fair to be held this year.

The Fair Association is very sad to have to make this decision; however, we look forward to providing a premium event in 2021.

We appreciate all the support of the community.

We have done a lot of major improvements to our grounds and facilities and can not wait until we are able to open up the fair in 2021 for you all to see and enjoy.

Community outreach providing support Victims Services has served Howard Co. since 1984

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

Howard County residents have access to three non-profit organizations whose main focus is to provide support to abuse victims - adult and children. With the recent pandemic and more families staying home together for extended periods of time, nationally domestic abuse numbers are projected to have increased, but the lack of reporting is evident.

Victims Services of Big Spring, was established in 1984 and is one of three organizations, who offer support and resources for those who are a domestic abuse victim or sexual assault victim.

"Our agency focuses on providing the necessary assistance and direct quality service to all crime victims in order to speed their recovery from their victimization," Linda Calvio, Victim Services Executive Di-

rector, said.

Victim Services serves six counties - Martin, Glasscock, Mitchell, Borden and Dawson, in addition to Howard County. Since 1998, the organization has served more than 5,000 victims or crimes. Since the beginning of 2020, Victim Services has supported more than 100 primary and secondary victims.



Linda Calvio

After victimization occurs, there are several steps that are part of the recovery process. Crisis intervention and emotional support are main factors in traveling this journey and Victim Services offers support in both.

"Our staff and volunteers provide follow-up contact to track the victims' progress and provide further emotional support and guidance," Calvio said. "We can also offer information and referrals to inform the victim of services and support available."

During the legal process it is important to have a support system to lean on.

Advocacy is available throughout the legal and criminal justice process, which includes preparing for court, assistance for the victim impact statement, ensuring the victim stays informed of the case status and even escorting the victim to court so they do not go through it alone. Assistance in filing Crime Victims Compensation is given to every eligible victim, according to Calvio.

"There is emergency financial assistance support for the victim in locating emergency monies within the community including food, shelter, clothing or even relocation travel," she said. "We also help prepare applications for protective orders, temporary orders, and final protective orders."

Agency services are available 24/7/365. Trained staff and volunteers are accessible through vsob.org or by calling 432-263-3312.

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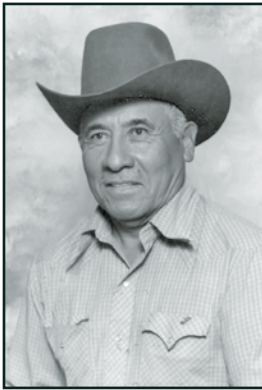
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Obituaries



Jose Hernandez

Jose Hernandez, 102, died Monday, July 13, 2020.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Thursday with a Vigil service at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Jose was born March 19, 1918 in Mexico to Ramona and Antonio Hernandez. Jose is survived by his wife: Socorro

Hernandez of Big Spring; two sons: Rogelio Castro Vasquez of Indiana and Juan Javier Castro Vasquez of Big Spring; daughter in law: Erika Hernandez of Big Spring; three grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Jose was preceded in death by one son: Jose Hernandez and one daughter: Rosa Hernandez.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Gwen 'Ma' Collins



Gwen "Ma" Collins, 77, of Big Spring died Sunday, July 12, 2020. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Gwen was born October 30, 1942 in Harrisburg, Illinois.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Feb. 3, 2015.

Gwen is survived by two

sons: Andre Collins of Ducktown, Tennessee and Travis Collins of Lubbock; two daughters: Lavin Starlin of Buda and Lavon Collins of Kyle; two sisters: Karen Verhusen of Decatur, Illinois and Rhonda Tyson of Riverton, Illinois; 13 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents: Lidora and Henry Dickey, Gwen was preceded in death by her husband: Arnold Collins; one son: Curtis Collins; two brothers: Douglas and Ronald Dickey and two grandsons.

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

Aaron Abelardo Rodriguez



Aaron Abelardo Rodriguez, 40, died Monday, July 13, 2020.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Prayer Service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Aaron was born February 9, 1980, to Sylvia and Juan Rodriguez, Jr. in Big Spring.

Aaron is survived by his daughters: Ariana Amaris Rodriguez and Adonica Adaliz Rodriguez; Father: Juan Rodriguez; brothers: Juan Rodriguez, III. Gabriel Ponciano Rodriguez, Israel Fransisco Rodriguez, David Abel Rodriguez and Joshua Isaiah Rodriguez.

Aaron was preceded in death by his mother: Sylvia Hilario Rodriguez.

A fund has been established at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to help with expenses.

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

Take Note

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

• The Big Spring YMCA is now offering an opportunity for the youth to get out and enjoy a little outdoor activity, in the evening hours. Starting Tuesday night, the Big Spring YMCA will be opening the water slides in the evening. The schedule will be as follows: Tuesday through Thursday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday from Noon until 2 p.m. and Sunday from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

Police, Sheriff reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **TERESA LORENE LANG**, 37, of 2912 Cherokee Street, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid/previous conviction.

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

• **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**

was reported in the 2900 block of Cherokee Street; 700 block of Pine Street.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80; 1600 block of E. FM 700.

• **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the area of Third and San Jacinto.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 600 block of S. Goliad Street.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 85 inmates at the time of this report.

• **MICHAEL HEATH ANDERSON**, 43, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of operate unregistered motor vehicle, no drivers license when unlicensed.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of MM 172 W I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of E. 25th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Joshua Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical

Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Westover. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of E. 15th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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• **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 2500 block of Joshua Drive. No transport was required.

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William Gonzalez

William Gonzalez, 90, of Big Spring, passed away Wednesday, July 15, 2020, in a local hospital.

His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Support Groups

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. Flexible payment options.

• Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

• GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6 to 8 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

FRIDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

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Weather



Today: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 103. Northeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south in the morning.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 77. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Friday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 102. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 75.

Saturday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 100.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 74.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 99.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 73.

Monday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 100.

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

Take Note cont.

- The Senior Supper Club has come out of hibernation to resume its normal Tuesday evening dinners. The Come-One-Come-All group will be meeting on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and orders will be placed around 5:30 p.m. after much socializing from a distance. The Senior Supper Club is an informal group of folks from Howard County who meet at least weekly and sometimes more for Dutch-Treat food at different area restaurants. Sometimes the group also meets for cards, dominoes, or desserts and fellowship. For more information, contact Colonel.Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com.

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

- Maranatha Baptist Academy located at 903 Johnson Street, in Big Spring, Texas, is currently open and taking applications for enrollment for 20-21 School year. We are a faith-based Christian Academy and use the individualized Accelerated Christian Education Curriculum for Kindergarten through 12th grade, out of Hendersonville, Tennessee. July 20, is our startup date and applications will be accepted year-round. Someone

will take your call for information at 432-213-1046. Please leave a message and we will get back with you.

- Isaiah 58 will be open on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. further notice, for the safety of their volunteers and those they serve. Those receiving services are asked to enter the parking lot on 9th Street and exit onto Scurry. Please bring a form of identification with you to pick up food. Masks are required and those receiving food boxes will need to place boxes in their own vehicles until further notice. All these efforts are being put in place to help slow the spread and ensure the safety of those volunteering and those receiving services.

- Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Economic Development Corporation and Leading EDG understand the serious challenges our country faces as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. In response to this crisis, the Small Business Administration ("SBA") has created new programs geared towards financial relief.

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Edith Baker, 72, died Saturday. Funeral services will be at 10:00 AM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Jose Hernandez, 102, died Monday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Thursday with a Vigil service at 7:00 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside services will be at 10:00 AM Friday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Gwen "Ma" Collins, 77, died Sunday. Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Aaron Rodriquez, 42, died Monday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Prayer Service will be at 7:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

CASES

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the daily report from emergency management reflects those local reports. The Texas DSHS website at this time is reporting a total of 71 cases for Howard County, they show 36 active cases and 30 people recovered.

RELAY

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Alvarez and let them know how fundraising is going. "There is still time for teams to register. We would like to have all teams registered by August 1, but we want to hear from all teams and let us know how things are going," Grant said. "We are also still accepted sponsors for this year's Relay."

Since this year's event is going to be virtual, photos from previous year's Relay are requested, especially any from the 2019 season. The Luminaria ceremony will still take place this year and those who have lost the fight against cancer will be remembered in a video. Those wanting to honor a loved one can send photos and names to Grant or Alvarez.

"We want our cancer survivors to know we still care and we are bringing Relay home with another successful event," she said.

The week leading up to Relay will include a Spirit Week and an online auction. Donations are still being accepted. Photos, donations and team registration information can be sent to bgrant@homehospicewtx.com. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 432-270-8762 or 432-264-7599.

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Editor's Note

In the Wednesday edition of the Big Spring Herald, the Thank a Veteran spotlight had the wrong name listed under the photo. The featured veteran is Sgt. Chevy - Manuel Chavarria. We apologize for the error and we extend our sincere gratitude for Mr. Chavarria's service and to all those who have served our country.

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Pictured above left: Marcy Place's Garden Club residents are pictured left to right: Dorothy Gilbreath, Garden Advisor; Loma Gene Wynn, Vice President; and Clea Satterwhite, President, as they show off the peppers that they have been growing. Pictured above right: Emma Doe and Dani Ramirez take a moment for a photo op during their day at Marcy Place. Pictured right: Elzy Davis, a Marcy Place resident, gets ready to enjoy some of the activities at Marcy Place.



Courtesy photos

Pictured above left: Emma Doe is the Resident Ambassador at Marcy Place. Pictured above right: Cassandra Sanders, Administrator, Mary Rosson, a Marcy Place resident and Dani Ramirez, LEC, pose for a little funtime photo.

Patrick reports \$15.4 Million in campaign war chest

HOUSTON – Texas Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick will report raising \$2,624,150 million on his July 15, 2020 Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) report. This brings his campaign war chest total to \$15,458,849, once again breaking the record of any Lt. Governor in Texas history.

"I am continuing to build a robust war chest for my re-election campaign in 2022 against the Democrats, fighting to stop the socialist, job-killing, energy-hating, tax-increasing, pro-abortion, anti-gun left-wing liberals from gaining any ground in Texas. As in 2018, I will be working to help re-elect Republicans who are running this year for re-election to the Texas Senate.

"Texans know that Republican leadership is key to keeping Texas strong, even in these uncertain times. I suspended fundraising for several months earlier this year, which makes me even more grateful for another record breaking fundraising report.

"The 2020 election will decide the future of our nation – and the world. Right now, violence is breaking out in our cities, law enforcement is under attack and our values and principles are being trampled by the intolerance and ignorance of those who seem not to know or care what America stands for and what has made us great. I intend to work tirelessly to ensure they do not prevail."

Lt. Governor Patrick serves as Chair of President Donald J. Trump's re-election campaign in Texas. In 2018, he spent over a million dollars in support of Republicans running for the Texas Senate.

DPS reminds Texans to take extra safety precautions as summer heat continues to blaze across the state

AUSTIN – As the dog days of summer continue and temperatures across the state top triple digits, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) wants to remind all Texans to take extra safety precautions, as the heat can pose an increased danger for at-risk populations — including children and the elderly — particularly in vehicles

"We know extreme temperatures place children at a greater risk for injury, and even death, when they are left unattended in a vehicle, and that's why we want to remind Texans to take every precaution possible and do their part to help ensure no children are left unattended in vehicles this summer," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Extreme heat brings many dangers, and those dangers should not be taken lightly. Heat-related injuries and deaths are often preventable, and we must all be vigilant in taking the necessary steps to protect ourselves and others."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), vehicular heatstroke is one of the leading causes of fatalities — that is not crash-related — among children. In 2019, 52 children died in the U.S. due to heatstroke from being left in vehicles.

Temperatures inside of a vehicle can rise by more than 20 degrees in 10 minutes. If it is a comfortable 60 degrees outside, it can be a sweltering 110 degrees inside a vehicle. Leaving windows partially rolled down doesn't help. Additionally, the younger the child, the more severe the effects of heat on their body because of their inability to regulate internal temperature.

DPS offers the following tips to prevent vehicular heatstroke, and for staying safe and managing the heat:

- Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle, and always check the back seats or cargo areas of a vehicle before walking away.
- Establish reminders that help ensure you remove children from the ve-

hicle. This can include leaving your bag, lunch or cell phone in the back seat with the child's car seat.

- If you see a child alone in a car, call 9-1-1, and emergency personnel will provide guidance.

- Teach children not to play in vehicles, and make sure to place keys out-of-reach when not in use.

Drink plenty of water throughout the day even if you do not feel thirsty; you may not realize you're dehydrated until it's too late. Also avoid alcohol and beverages high in caffeine or sugar during periods of prolonged outdoor exposure.

Pay attention to your body. Heat-related illnesses such as heat exhaustion and heat stroke can develop quickly. Know the warning signs and seek medical attention if necessary.

Check on others, especially the elderly, sick, very young and those without air conditioning.

Don't forget pet safety. Animals are also susceptible to heat-related injury or death — don't put your pets in these dangerous conditions.

Monitor local weather updates and stay aware of any upcoming changes in the weather.

Limit exposure to the sun and stay indoors as much as possible. If possible, avoid strenuous outdoor activity during the hottest part of the day.

Light-colored, loose-fitting clothing and a hat are recommended while spending time outdoors.

Wear sunscreen. Sunburns can affect your body's ability to cool down.

Be extra careful when cooking outdoors, building campfires or driving off-road to avoid igniting dry vegetation. Also, stay aware of burn bans in your area and always abide by restrictions on outside burning.

For additional information on preventing heatstroke in vehicles, visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Additionally, Ready.gov, the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and the National Weather Service also have helpful tips on staying safe in the heat.

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Big Spring High set to debut new-look basketball court this winter

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

Making uniform adjustments, switching up the game-plan, and upgrading the weight room are all common changes that high school athletic departments make often. Some changes can breathe a breath of fresh air into an athletic program.

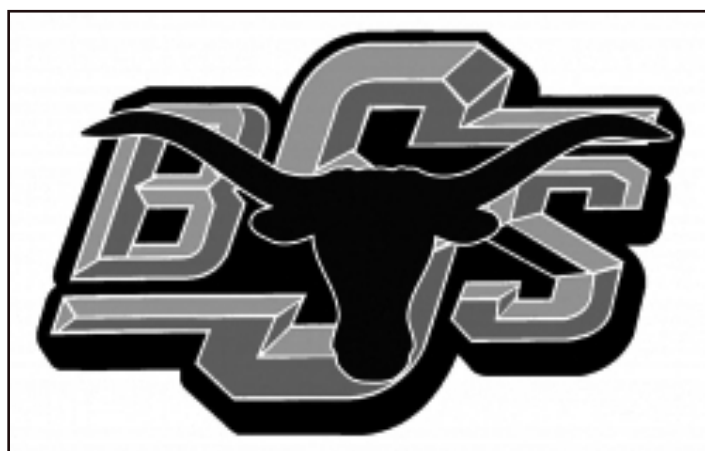
That is exactly what Big Spring High School is looking for with their new and improved basketball court. Even after knowing about the design plans, both Big Spring basketball coaches were still in awe of the new court the first time that they saw it.

"Man, I thought it was awesome," Showtime Steers coach Kris Hise said. "No one around here has a court like that."

Jim added, "I thought it was a nice, refreshing look. Whenever we're able to get back onto the court and play again I think it will be a nice and refreshing feel for the kids."

Big Spring will now have one of the newest and most creative basketball courts throughout the state. After Big Spring ISD decided that they would be upgrading the court, there were many options to decide between.

Before long, Showtime Steers' coach Kris Hise approached Big Spring ath-



letic director Mike Ritchey with an idea for the court design. Ritchey was immediately on-board with Hise's idea and the Steers began the process of switching their hardwood to match one of the most renowned college courts in the nation.

"UCF (University of Central Florida) has a floor and they're our colors," Hise said. "We ought to look into this one right here. I was at another black and gold school one time and I brought it to them but they thought it was too dark. (Ritchey and Superintendent Jay McWilliams) didn't think that."

The idea was then brought to the girl's team coaches who also loved it.

Hall of Fame NFL player Deion Sanders once said, "If you look good, you feel good, and if you

feel good, you play good."

Many coaches and players live by that rule and agree with it wholeheartedly. How much do the Big Spring coaches buy-in to that mentality?

"One hundred percent," Hise said.

Jim added, "It does feel good when you have a great facility to play in. I feel like getting this nice stuff is fully rewarding but I think that it needs to be worked for."

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NHL's older coaches debate wearing masks, taking precautions

By STEPHEN WHYNO

AP Hockey Writer

After two days behind a mask and off his skates, Bowness returned to his natural habitat on the ice with air inside the rink blowing against his face.

"You get out there and you miss it," the Dallas Stars coach said. "You realize how much you enjoy being out there."

The NHL's oldest head coach still worries about COVID-19 but not enough to stop doing his job. It's a risk-reward proposition coaches and executives around sports are weighing, and while Florida assistant Mike Kitchen is the only one to so far opt out of hockey's return, plenty of others are considering masking up behind the bench and taking other precautions in the middle of a pandemic.

"It's a different world out there," Bowness, 65, said. "I'm going to have to adjust to it, there is no question. I just want to make sure I'm cautious, which we've been since this virus started, and I will continue to do that. My health — hey, I'm a grandfather now, my first grandkid. I intend on playing some golf with that kid down the road. I intend on being here a lot longer. So, yeah, am I going to be careful? Absolutely."

The World Health Organization said the disease can be more severe in people 60 and over, and the NHL has more head coaches and a handful of assistants in that age range. The average age of the 24 head coaches in the playoffs is just under 54, the second-oldest behind the NBA among North America's four major professional sports leagues.

With that life experience comes meetings like New York Islanders coach Barry Trotz held with his staff this week to talk about whether to don a mask for games and practices.

"I don't know exactly what I'm going to do," Trotz said Wednesday on his 58th birthday. "I'm not too concerned. I'm in pretty good health, but it affects everybody differently if you do get it. I don't want to get it, so there's a good chance I could have a mask behind the bench, but I haven't decided yet. I should say I don't want to give it to anybody if I have it, but I don't."

Coaches are relying on frequent testing at training camp and in the hub cities of Toronto and Edmonton, hoping before going into quarantine that players and their families can avoid contracting the virus that halted the season in March. All team staff are tested every other day for now and will be daily once games start.

"We're all doing everything we can not to bring it into our locker room," Bowness said. "Give our players credit, as well, because this is a big sacrifice for everyone and they're looking after themselves."

The NHL reported 43 players tested positive during voluntary workouts from June 8-July 12. At least three of those cases came from the Tampa Bay Lightning and one from the Boston Bruins, though the league took over reporting statistics in the name of privacy and anonymity.

Outside practice facilities, coaches' comfort levels might vary from a hotspot such as Texas to the

Canadian province of Manitoba, where there have been zero reported cases in 13 of the past 14 days.

"It was possibly easier for me, because of the fact that I was pretty darn safe right from the start,"

53-year-old Winnipeg Jets coach Paul Maurice said. "I'm really confident in what goes on in our building, tested every second day, I don't feel particularly exposed."

The only coach taking part in the NHL's return older than Bowness is 67-year-old Pittsburgh assistant Jacques Martin, who was on the ice for camp practices this week like normal. Columbus' John Tortorella, 62, Florida's Joel Quenneville, 61, and Montreal's Claude Julien, 60, also all felt comfortable enough to get back to work.

Tortorella, who along with Philadelphia's 59-year-old Alain Vigneault and Boston's 55-year-old Bruce Cassidy is a finalist for the Jack Adams Award as coach of the year, brushed aside a question about himself and said, "Safety is the priority" for all involved.

Kitchen made what he called "a difficult decision to say the least, but the right decision for me and my family" in opting out, and Quenneville said he wished his longtime right-hand man nothing but the best.

Much like players, only a handful of whom decided not to play, coaches had to make their own determinations.

"I think this to be an individual thing," Bowness said. "We're all going to deal with it in our own way. ... We're all going to have to make that call."

Preseason High School Juniors All-American Football Team (MaxPreps)

First Team Offense		
Position	Player	School
QB	Quinn Ewers	Carroll (TX)
QB	Jacurri Brown	Lowndes (GA)
QB	Gunner Stockton	Rabun County (GA)
RB	Raleek Brown	Mater Dei (CA)
RB	Kaytron Allen	IMG Academy (FL)
RB	Emmanuel Henderson	Geneva County (AL)
WR	Tetairoa McMillan	Servite (CA)
WR	Kevin Coleman	St. Mary's (MO)
WR	C.J. Williams	Mater Dei (CA)
TE	Donovan Green	Dickinson (TX)
OL	Ernest Greene	St. John Bosco (CA)
OL	Tyler Booker	IMG Academy (FL)
OL	Kam Dewberry	Atascocita (TX)
OL	Julian Armella	Columbus (FL)
OL	Devon Campbell	Bowie (TX)
AP	Braylin Presley	Bixby (OK)
AP	Travis Hunter	Collins Hill (GA)
K	Carter Brown	Dawson (TX)

First Team Defense		
DL	Shemar Stewart	Monsignor Pace (FL)
DL	Aaron Wilson	St. Frances Academy (MD)
DL	Nate Burrell	St. John Bosco (CA)
DL	Malick Sylla	Katy (TX)
DL	Enai White	Imhotep Charter (PA)
LB	Jeremiah Alexander	Thompson (AL)
LB	Shawn Murphy	Stonewall Jackson (VA)
LB	Cyrus Moss	Bishop Gorman (NV)
LB	Daniel Martin	Marietta (GA)
DB	Domani Jackson	Mater Dei (CA)
DB	Denver Harris	North Shore (TX)
DB	Kamari Wilson	IMG Academy (FL)
DB	Keenan Singleton	St. Joseph's Prep (PA)
AP	Terian Williams II	Lee (FL)
AP	Terian Williams II	Grayson (GA)
P	Alex Bacchetta	Westminster (GA)

Second Team Offense		
Position	Player	School
QB	MJ Morris	Carrollton (GA)
QB	Maalik Murphy	Serra (CA)
QB	Noah Fifita	Servite (CA)
RB	Gavin Sawchuk	Valor Christian (CO)
RB	Emeka Megwa	Nolan Catholic (TX)
RB	Gi'Bran Payne	La Salle (OH)
RB	Trevor Etienne	Jennings (LA)
WR	Luther Burden	Cardinal Ritter College Prep (MO)
WR	Denylon Morrisette	Nazareth Academy (IL)
WR	Kyion Grayes	St. Frances Academy (MD)
WR	Kyion Grayes	Chandler (AZ)
OL	Lucas Taylor	St. Paul's Episcopal (AL)
OL	K.J. Miles	St. Peter's Prep (NJ)
OL	Jaylen Early	Duncanville (TX)
OL	Dave Iuli	Puyallup (WA)
OL	Addison Nichols	Greater Atlanta Christian (GA)
AP	Deyon Bouie	Bainbridge (GA)

Second Team Defense		
DL	Omari Abor	Duncanville (TX)
DL	Derrick Moore	St. Frances Academy (MD)
DL	Travis Shaw	Grimsley (NC)
DL	Khurtiss Perry	Park Crossing (AL)
LB	Jaishawn Barham	St. Frances Academy (MD)
LB	Ty Kana	Katy (TX)
LB	Wesley Bissainthe	Central (Miami) (FL)
LB	Malaki Hamrick	Shelby (NC)
DB	Bryan Allen Jr.	Aledo (TX)
DB	Zion Branch	Bishop Gorman (NV)
DB	Marquis Groves-Killebrew	Brookwood (GA)
DB	Jaeden Gould	Bergen Catholic (NJ)
DB	Khamauri Rogers	Holmes County Central (MS)
AP	Bryce Anderson	West Brook (TX)
AP	Dance McCullough	Blue Valley North (KS)

Astros planning to be without reliever Smith this season

HOUSTON (AP) — Manager Dusty Baker doesn't expect reliever Joe Smith to play for the Houston Astros this season.

Smith has not reported to camp because of what general manager James Click called concerns for the safety of his family. Smith was placed on the restricted list Tuesday night, but he has not said publicly if he is opting out of the season, which starts for the Astros on July 24.

"He's welcome to come back," Baker said Wednesday. "But right now we're planning to go on without Joe. He's a big part of this club. The guys miss Joe. But we know that ... every man has to do what they have to do."

Players have the option of not playing this season amid the coronavirus pandemic, but will only receive their salary and service time if they are labeled high-risk.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You don't have to be involved in a grand effort or lofty project to make a

difference. Simple acts of kindness and the warmth that emanates from you has impact beyond what you know.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Rituals assist and power you. Doing the same thing over and over is a kind of magic spell. There's an aim you'd like to accomplish and it's time to develop some repeatable daily actions to help you get there.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You (and everyone you know) are vulnerable to dis-

traction. Each time your attention goes to something other than what you meant to be doing, it costs you. Take preventive measures to stay on track.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Lateral moves are seldom painful but the rewards they offer will be mild to say the least. More often than not, the way forward is through discomfort. Your willingness to endure it allows for your blossoming.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you want to hook into a new habit, figure out what's in it for you and what feels good about it. Otherwise, you'll be pushing and struggling

and it will be impossible to keep up the willpower for very long.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 16). You'll learn techniques and approaches that make life run better. For instance, you'll develop greater objectivity and your performance at work and in relationships improves. You'll stop personalizing certain aspects of your behavior, opting instead to accept yourself wholly. You'll achieve healing and attain goals. Gemini and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 2, 22, 16 and 10.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My ascendant is in Sagittarius, moon in Gemini and sun in Taurus. Well, I'm having career issues this year (wanting to actually get one). I was wondering if there was any astrological advice I could receive that would help me make my final approval or knock some off a list. I've always chose jobs that have called out to me or haven't tied me down. Now, I'm thinking about

joining the army but I'm a single parent with a 7-year-old daughter. Her ascendant is in Cancer, moon in Gemini, and sun is in Sagittarius. I don't want any negative outcomes that would have a lasting effect on her."

Your Sagittarius daughter would be suited to the travel that might come with your military career. However, overall, I wouldn't advise this choice at this early juncture in your daughter's life. Her Cancer ascendant tells me that your daughter is extremely sensitive, even though she doesn't always show it. If she has to, she'll put on a brave face and keep her problems to herself. As a rule, she needs you more than she lets on. I also think that with your Taurus sun and moon in intelligent Gemini, you have many other options to explore and can always come back to the army in a few years.

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Lingering Energy from the Planetary Tug of War

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You think that other people are helping you, but what's really helping is your outstanding attitude, which they find irresistible. You're fun to give things to -- money, help, attention -- and so you'll get your fill.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Inspired by the people around you, you'll learn something new to please or entertain them. Everything beautiful in the day comes from your desire to make other people smile.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). With certain demands, it's best just to give into them without fanfare. Letting the other person win doesn't mean you lose. You'll be at the service of others, and yet, it is you who will be served the most.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). New friends have the potential to powerfully affect your life. A gesture of

goodwill is in order. You never quite know how you'll be received, and that risk is what makes the exchange meaningful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Life is not fair by human standards, but you'll get the feeling that there's some other standard in effect today as disparate elements come together in a beautiful balance you would not have predicted.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll come to a point in which you really don't know what to do next. Don't fret; any move will do. Once you're in motion, you'll fall into the groove that eventually leads to the next move.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Whether you have a knack for today's task or not matters very little. Action teaches you and allows your natural talents to emerge at the same time, if you have them. And if you don't -- well, the deed will get done either way.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

East dons his thinking cap

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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♠ K Q J
♥ J 9 4
♦ 10 7 6 2
♣ K Q 3

WEST
♠ 10 5 4
♥ 8 3 2
♦ Q 8 5
♣ 10 9 8 2

EAST
♠ 9 8 7 6 2
♥ A Q 10 6
♦ 4
♣ A 6 5

SOUTH
♠ A 3
♥ K 7 5
♦ A K J 9 3
♣ J 7 4

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — ten of clubs.

There is no question that declarer has a natural advantage over the defenders because he sees all of his side's assets while each defender can see only half of his side's resources. Nevertheless, a thoughtful defender can give a good account of himself if he makes use of all the information available to him.

Take this case where North-South reached three notrump as shown and West led the ten of clubs. Declarer played low from dummy, and East's first problem was to decide whether to take the ace.

After careful thought, East took

the trick and returned the queen of hearts! This was certainly an unusual play, but it rendered South helpless as the cards lay.

If declarer covered the queen with the king, East's A-10-6 would become a tenace over dummy's J-9 and later bring about defeat when West gained the lead with the diamond queen. And if South did not cover the queen, a low heart continuation by East would produce the same result.

Observe that any other sequence of plays by East to the first two tricks allows the contract to be made. The question, therefore, is, How can East tell that this defense will prove effective?

The answer is that he cannot know for sure, but that given the circumstances, his first two plays offered the only realistic hope for the defense. East could see a total of 22 points in his own hand and dummy, which, added to the 15 to 17 points presumably held by declarer, left West with at most two or three points.

If West had one or no points, there was no hope of stopping the contract. But if West had the queen or king of diamonds and declarer could not collect nine tricks without establishing that suit, the defense had a chance. Since a low heart return would not do the job if South had the K-x-x, East returned the queen and reaped a just reward soon afterward.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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Annie's Mailbox

No Room Offered

Dear Annie: I am a widow, 78 years old. I have a daughter who's been married for 30 years or more, no children. Next month, we have several family get-togethers planned for a weekend out of town. My daughter and I had planned to travel together for the events. She lives a bit closer to where these events will take place, so the plan is for me to get to her city the night before, and then we'll travel together the next day. Well, it seems that my daughter expected me to stay in a motel. She has a large home, including a guest room and bathroom.

I made the decision to ask her if I had done something to offend her. I haven't seen her since Christmas due to COVID-19. I couldn't think of anything I might have done to offend her since then. She replied that her house was not presentable for me to

visit, and that's why she didn't invite me to stay there. She has known about the events for several weeks. If she truly wanted me to stay with her, then she had time to prepare. I think she used that as an excuse.

I have always loved and treated my children equally. I feel it was not important enough to her to invite me to stay with them. My feelings are hurt. In fact, it has been five years since I last went to her home. When they come to visit, they always stay at my home rather than with my son-in-law's family. I make sure that I have food they like, that the room they stay in is clean, that there are clean linens on the bed, etc.

She's my child. I know it would not be right for me to have resentment toward her. I will pray about it. On a human level, how do I get past this? I feel that when I do see her,

I will not be comfortable around her. -- Concerned Mother

Dear Concerned: Your daughter didn't clean her house in time for your visit. That doesn't mean she doesn't love you or care about you. All it means is that she didn't clean her house in time for your visit.

Of course, the more gracious thing for them to have done would have been to invite you to stay; I'm not disagreeing with that. But don't read their lack of hospitality as hostility.

Perhaps she has a serious clutter problem; perhaps it's been a very busy few weeks at work and she hasn't had time for a deep clean. Maybe she or her husband find having any sort of overnight company extremely stressful.

That said, you can express, toward the end of this trip, that

you'd love to stay with her sometime. Keep the focus of the conversation on your feelings, avoiding accusations and assumptions.

Dear Annie: I hear a lot about sneezing into your elbow. How do you sneeze into your elbow? I can't touch my elbow with my nose let alone sneeze into it. So, I was just wondering. -- Reader of the Inyo Register

Dear Reader: I'm not sure if you wrote this with a wink and a nudge, but I take your point nonetheless. They don't mean to sneeze on the outside of your elbow, but into the crook of the elbow -- which I've just discovered is called the cubital fossa or elbow pit. You learn something new every day!

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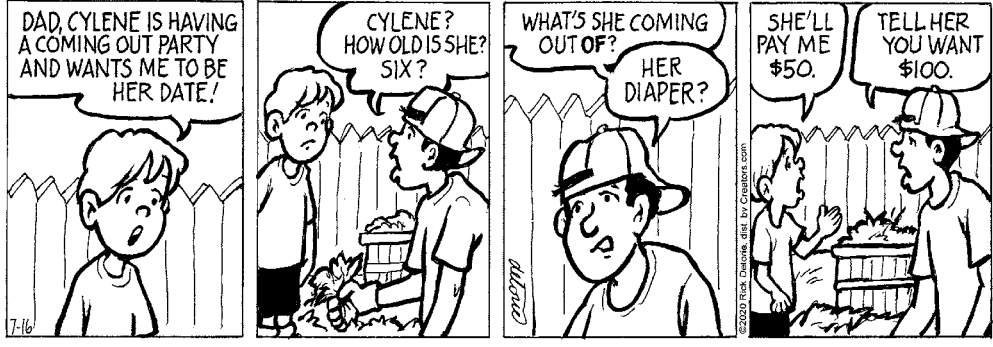
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Thursday, July 16, the 198th day of 2020. There are 168 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 16, 1945, the United States exploded its first experimental atomic bomb in the desert of Alamogordo (ahl-ah-moh-GOHR-doh), New Mexico; the same day, the heavy cruiser USS Indianapolis left Mare (mar-AY) Island Naval Shipyard in California on a secret mission to deliver atomic bomb components to Tinian Island in the Marianas.

On this date:

In 1557, Anne of Cleves, who was briefly the fourth wife of England's King Henry VIII, died in London at age 41.

In 1790, a site along the Potomac River was designated the permanent seat of the United States government; the area became Washington, D.C.

In 1862, Flag Officer David G. Farragut became the first rear admiral in the United States Navy.

In 1964, as he accepted the Republican presidential nomination in San Francisco, Barry M. Goldwater declared that "extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice" and that "moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue."

In 1969, Apollo 11 blasted off from Cape Kennedy on the first manned mission to the surface of the moon.

In 1973, during the Senate Watergate hearings, former White House aide Alexander P. Butterfield publicly revealed the existence of President Richard Nixon's secret taping system.

In 1980, former California Gov. Ronald Reagan won the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in Detroit.

In 1994, the first of 21 pieces of comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 smashed into Jupiter, to the joy of astronomers awaiting the celestial fireworks.

In 1999, John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife, Carolyn, and her sister, Lauren Bessette (bih-SEHT'), died when their single-engine plane, piloted by Kennedy, plunged into the Atlantic Ocean near Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts.

In 2002, the Irish Republican Army issued an unprecedented apology for the deaths of "noncombatants" over 30 years of violence in Northern Ireland.

In 2004, Martha Stewart was sentenced to five months in prison and five months of home confinement by a federal judge in New York for lying about a stock sale.

In 2008, Florida resident Casey Anthony, whose 2-year-old daughter, Caylee, had been missing a month, was arrested on charges of child neglect, making false official statements and obstructing a criminal investigation. (Casey Anthony was later acquitted at trial of murdering Caylee, whose skeletal remains were found in December 2008; she was convicted of lying to police.)

Ten years ago: Retired intelligence analyst Kendall Myers, the 73-year-old great grandson of Alexander Graham Bell, was sentenced to life in prison without parole for quietly spying for Cuba for nearly a third of a century from inside the State Department; his wife, Gwendolyn, was sentenced to 5 1/2 years. American sprinters who'd been stripped of their 2000 Olympics relay medals because teammate Marion Jones was doping won an appeal to have them restored.

Five years ago: A gunman unleashed a barrage of fire at a recruiting center and another U.S. military site a few miles apart in Chattanooga, Tennessee, killing four Marines and a sailor before he was shot to death by police; authorities identified the gunman as Kuwaiti-born Muhammad Youssef Abdulazeez of Tennessee. A jury in Centennial, Colorado, convicted James Holmes of 165 counts of murder, attempted murder and other charges in the 2012 Aurora movie theater rampage that left 12 people dead.

One year ago: Retired Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens, who had unexpectedly emerged as the court's leading liberal, died in Fort Lauderdale, Florida at the age of 99 after suffering a stroke. The House voted to condemn what it called "racist comments" by President Donald Trump aimed at four congresswomen of color, despite Trump's insistence that he didn't have "a racist bone in my body." After years of silence on the case, federal prosecutors said they would not be bringing charges against a white New York City police officer in the 2014 chokehold death of a Black man, Eric Garner. A federal judge ordered singer R. Kelly to be held without bond, after

a prosecutor warned that the singer accused of having sex with minors would pose an extreme danger to young girls if he were to be set free. HBO's "Game of Thrones" picked up a record-setting 32 Emmy nominations for its eighth and final season. South African musician Johnny Clegg, who had performed in defiance of apartheid, died at the age of 66.

68. Playwright Tony Kushner

alczyk (koh-WAHL'-chek) (Live) is 49. Rock singer Ryan McCombs (Drowning Pool) is 46. Actress Jayma Mays is 41. Actress AnnaLynne McCord is 33. Actor-singer James Maslow is 30. Actor Mark Indelicato is 26. Pop singer-musician Luke Hemmings (5 Seconds to Summer) is 24.

Today's Birthdays: Former U.S. Attorney General Dick Thornburgh is 88. Soul singer William Bell is 81. International Tennis Hall of Famer Margaret Court is 78. College Football Hall of Famer and football coach Jimmy Johnson is 77. Violinist Pinchas Zukerman is 72. Actor-singer Ruben Blades is 72. Rock composer-musician Stewart Copeland is

64. Actress Faye Grant is 63. Dancer Michael Flatley is 62. Actress Phoebe Cates is 57. Actor Paul Hipp is 57. Actor Daryl "Chill" Mitchell is 55. Actor-comedian Will Ferrell is 53. Actor Jonathan Adams is 53. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Barry Sanders is 52. Actress Rain Pryor is 51. Actor Corey Feldman is 49. Rock musician Ed Kow-

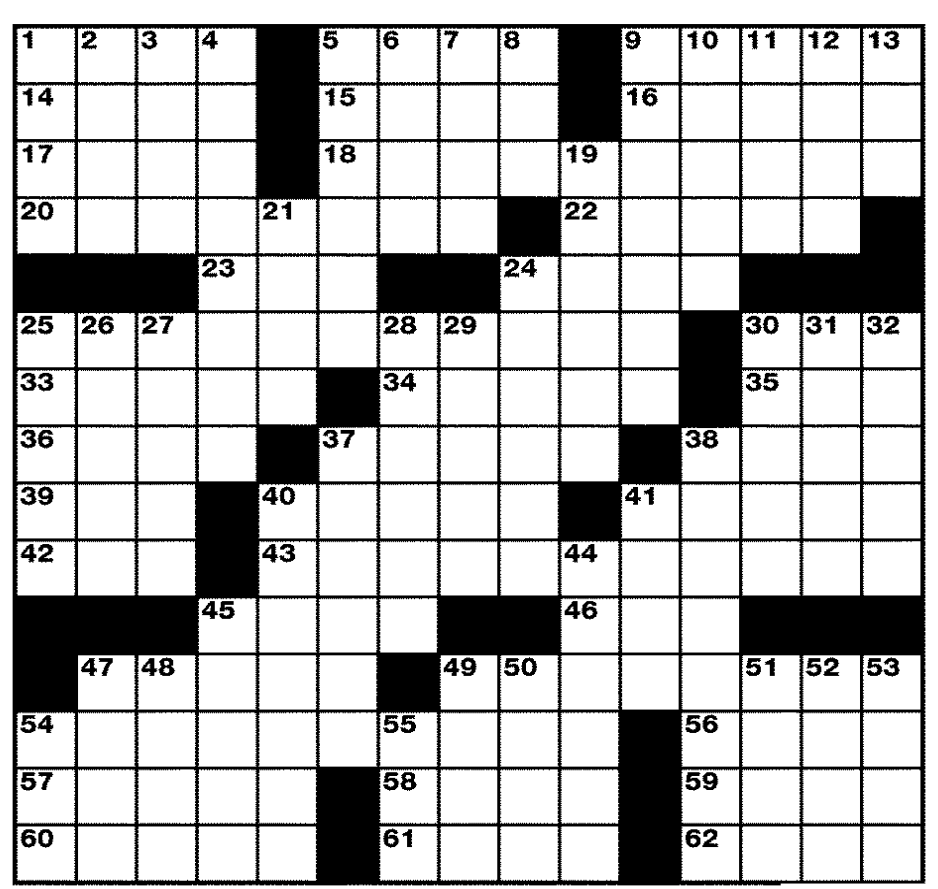
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Newsday Crossword

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| ACROSS | DOWN | | |
| 1 During | 1 Throws in | 11 Reindeer's foot | 37 Like aloha shirt designs |
| 5 Amenity at a fancy hotel | 2 Sir's counterpart | 12 Comment from Dr. Watson | 38 Motorcycle appendages |
| 9 Not with it | 3 Insubstantial | 13 Most preferred | 40 Conspicuous and annoying |
| 14 Early word for baby | 4 Application without restriction | 19 Not at all alert | 41 The Bishop of Rome |
| 15 Qatari dignitary | 5 Remove from the books | 21 Infusions that may have jasmine | 44 Dance company |
| 16 Snare element | 6 Five-star General Bradley | 24 Protective coating | 45 Song of praise |
| 17 Artist who worked with Hitchcock | 7 Pieces' partner | 25 According to | 47 Flat highland |
| 18 Coast Guard cutter, e.g. | 8 Go off course | 26 Peachy-keen | 48 Part of the eye |
| 20 Ore processors | 9 Set free | 27 Triage pro | 49 "Knight of the road" |
| 22 Muscular | 10 2009 honor for 28/29 Down | 28 With 29 Down, president born in the '60s | 50 Nocturnal predators |
| 23 Vote for passage | | 29 See 28 Down | 51 Floor measurement |
| 24 Bibliography abbr. | | 30 Too principled for | 52 Lay on the line |
| 25 Year-end reward | | 31 Clear, as car windows | 53 Page One identifier |
| 30 Modifying wd. | | 32 Alternative to a Civic | 54 Cornfield sound |
| 33 Lorax creator | | | 55 Dismissive shout |
| 34 Discombobulate | | | |
| 35 One known for bumbling | | | |
| 36 Cut back on | | | |
| 37 House's "bones" | | | |
| 38 p, to a pianist | | | |
| 39 Sci-fi film extras | | | |
| 40 Culpability | | | |
| 41 Turning point | | | |
| 42 Expensive spread | | | |
| 43 Barrio store | | | |
| 45 Place to picnic | | | |
| 46 LummoX | | | |
| 47 Japanese two-seater | | | |
| 49 Stud poker secret | | | |
| 54 What might be filled with flakes | | | |
| 56 Diva's delivery | | | |
| 57 Like most people | | | |
| 58 Fully equipped | | | |



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Cowboys' Prescott doesn't get deal to replace franchise tag

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

Dak Prescott will play whatever becomes of the 2020 season under the one-year franchise tag after the Dallas Cowboys and their star quarterback couldn't agree on a long-term contract.

Clubs had until Wednesday afternoon to reach multiyear deals with players given the franchise tag. Of the 14 tagged in March, two have agreements, including NFL rushing leader Derrick Henry with Tennessee just before the deadline.

Two more — Cincinnati receiver A.J. Green and defensive end Yannick Ngakoue of Jacksonville — haven't signed the one-year contract that goes with the tag. They can stay away from team activities without the risk of being fined. Ngakoue has said he won't play for the Jaguars and wants to be traded.

Prescott signed his \$31.4 million contract in June. The 2016 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year earned slightly more than \$4 million total in the four years of his rookie contract after being drafted in the fourth round.

The Cowboys and Prescott have been working for more than a year on a long-term contract for a two-time Pro Bowler who has started every game of his career.

Prescott replaced an injured Tony Romo during the 2016 preseason and led a franchise-record 11-game winning streak that carried the Cowboys to the top seed in the NFC playoffs. Romo, a 10-year starter, never got his job back.

Dallas owner Jerry Jones has said repeatedly he considers Prescott a franchise quarterback for years to come. If so, his fate will be different than the other two QBs who have played under the franchise tag.

Drew Brees won a Super Bowl and became the NFL's all-time passing leader in New Orleans after playing under the tag with San Diego in 2005. Kirk Cousins went to Minnesota after tagged seasons with Washington in 2016-17.

For now, the third \$100 million-plus contract in Dallas history — Romo had

the first — will have to wait until at least 2021, when the Cowboys could put the franchise tag on Prescott again at nearly \$38 million.

Henry and the Titans agreed on a multiyear deal a day after Kansas City secured Pro Bowl defensive end Chris Jones on a four-year contract that could be worth up to \$85 million. Henry's deal is reported to be at \$50 million over four years.

The Bengals used the \$17.9 million tag on Green despite the seven-time Pro Bowler missing all of last season with an ankle injury.

The move means Green is likely gone after this season, when he will be 32. Cincinnati drafted Tee Higgins in the second round out of Clemson in April, making him the heir apparent as the No. 1 receiver.

Leonard Williams of the New York Giants is set to play on the \$16.1 million tag for a defensive tackle, although the union has filed a grievance intended to classify him as a defensive end earning \$17.8 million.

Williams was acquired from the Jets in October for two draft picks. He has 17 1/2 sacks in five seasons, but finished with a career-low half sack last year.

Matthew Judon of Baltimore is set to earn \$16.8 million as the midpoint between linebacker and defensive end, according to the NFL Network. The 2016 fifth-round pick led the Ravens with a career-high 9 1/2 sacks last season.

NFL sacks leader Shaquil Barrett of Tampa Bay and Pittsburgh's Bud Dupree are classified as linebackers (\$15.8 million), but the NFL Network has reported that both have filed grievances seeking the defensive end salary of \$17.8 million.

Barrett had 19 1/2 sacks in his first season with the Bucs after signing a \$4 million, one-year contract. In his first five NFL seasons with Denver, Barrett totaled 14 sacks. Dupree broke through in a "prove-it" season with a career-high 11 1/2 sacks.

LA Chargers tight end Hunter Henry is set to earn \$10.6 million. He was one of Philip Rivers' most reliable targets last season, finishing with 55 catches for 652 yards while missing four games with a knee injury.

Rangers LF Calhoun likely to miss opener with hip injury

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Baseball Writer

Willie Calhoun is expected to miss the start of the season because of a hip strain, a setback for the Texas Rangers left fielder who was ready to play after recovering from a broken jaw sustained in a spring training game more than four months ago.

"Just given the calendar, there's a good chance he'll miss a little bit of time right at the beginning. I'm hopeful it won't be more than a few days or a week," general manager Jon Dan-

iels said Wednesday.

Calhoun exited an intrasquad game Monday night because of a sore hip, and an MRI revealed a Grade 1 strain in a small muscle. Daniels said that muscle needs enough time to properly heal or Calhoun would be at risk of missing extended time.

So after being on track to not miss any regular-season games because of the broken jaw, Calhoun could now start the season on the injured list because of the hip issue. The Rangers open their pandemic-delayed 60-game

season July 24 at home against Colorado.

"He could probably get out there and give you a good at-bat," Daniels said. "It's just the concern, does he put himself at risk coming out of the box or running the bases, where it's just the adrenaline and wanting to compete, and not allow himself to kind of protect that muscle."

The Rangers sounded

more hopeful about Robinson Chirinos after he got hurt in that same intrasquad game Monday.

STEERS

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Both teams will also debut new uniforms for the 2020-21 season. Both coaches and the athletic department are excited about debuting those and will do so at a later date. Jim plans to make her players work for their new uniforms and may make them practice in the old ones until she feels they have earned them.

Additionally, Hise is expecting the new hardwood to also change end-of-the-season scheduling for some playoff teams because of how impressive the court looks. He also believes that the new court can also help his program take another step in the right direction towards becoming a West Texas perennial powerhouse.

"I think it will help tremendously because now we'll have kids that want to be in there all the time," Hise said.

Jim agreed and added, "It definitely helps for the fact that it's kind of a facelift and something new for the kids. They're excited about the floor as well."

The Big Spring athletic department is filled with young student-athletes who push themselves constantly both in-class and during their extracurricular activities. Hise and Jim are happy that they could help be apart of the new court process and both know just how hard their players work and



Courtesy Photo

The Big Spring Steers will have a new black and gold court to match their color scheme. Everyone throughout the athletic department is thrilled with the outcome of the project.

just how much the deserve it.

"It's just refreshing for everybody," Jim said.

Some changes really do bring a breath of fresh air.

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