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Salvation Army serving the community through a pandemic

Community support requested, food donations needed

COVID-19 Update:

- Active Cases: 32
- Confirmed: 80
- Tests performed: 2235
- Pending: 30
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- Recovered: 46
- Deaths: 2

Updates:
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 been cancelled.

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Courtesy photo

The Salvation Army heads into the community every Thursday. The food supply is running low and food donations would be helpful.

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**

Managing Editor

The Salvation Army has been working hard through this pandemic to make sure the needs of the community are met. Not only are they feeding the spirit with their church services – which can be viewed online – they are hitting the streets and feeding, spiritually and physically, members of our community.

“When we deliver these groceries, we are not only providing food, but for some, we have been the only contact they have had outside of their homes since March,” Lt. Charlise Godwin, Salvation Army Corps Officer, said. “There have been numerous occasions when men and women have been brought to tears by simply bringing food, encouragement and even offering prayer during these days of uncertainty. This service has been providing hope as well as a meal for many.”

According to Lt. Godwin, volunteers and Salvation Army staff are heading out into the community

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Toasty Tuesday focusing on Wasson Road

Courtesy photo

Keep Big Spring Beautiful will be heading out into the community once again - after taking a week off due to the extreme temperatures last week - and doing their part to clean up Big Spring. The community is invited to join in the efforts and come out for Toasty Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. The group will be cleaning up around the Wasson Road area. Trash bags and gloves will be provided for those wanting to help out. The group normally meets for about an hour and all are welcome to join in. Through these efforts Big Spring is getting cleaned up one trash bag at a time.



Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, Speaker Bonnen, Senate Finance, House Appropriations Committee Chairs announce eLearning

Special to the Herald
 Office of Gov. Abbott

Governor Greg Abbott, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, House Speaker Dennis Bonnen, Senate Finance Committee Chair Jane Nelson, Vice Chair Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, and House Appropriations Committee Chair Giovanni Capriglione and Vice Chair Oscar Longoria today announced that the State of Texas will allocate \$200 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for the purchase of eLearning devices and home internet solutions to enable remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic for Texas students that lack connectivity.

With this funding, the TEA will purchase and distribute devices, hotspots, routers, and more based on specific needs identified by local education agencies (LEAs). The funding would be used to establish a reimbursement program with a matching fund component tied to locally controlled Corona-

virus Relief Funds (CRF) or LEA local funding. This funding is in addition to a previously announced distribution of up to \$400 million of CRF to reimburse districts for COVID expenses incurred during the 2019-2020 school year. This funding will also establish a reimbursement program for devices and home internet costs incurred by LEAs from May 21st through September 1st.

"As school districts delay the start of in-person instruction for the 2020-2021 school year due to COVID-19, it is essential that we work to provide Texas students with the devices they need to connect and communicate online for classroom instruction," said Governor Abbott. "As we continue to combat COVID-19 in Texas, we are committed to providing reliable and effective solutions that will help students academically succeed while protecting public health."

"While getting our students back to school is our top priority, many local districts are also developing a variety of virtual learning plans to ensure that students do not lose valuable learning

time as we continue to fight COVID-19. This funding is an essential step in closing the digital gap for students by making access to technology available to every child who needs it," said Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick.

"The onset of COVID-19 has yielded unprecedented educational challenges in the State of Texas, and the embrace of new technologies and virtual learning methods will be instrumental in our effort to provide quality instructional continuity for all students. This funding will go a long way to close existing technology gaps and

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Obituaries



Freddie D. Green

Freddie D. Green, 68, died Thursday, July 16, 2020. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Scott Kirkland, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating, with burial at Ackerly Cemetery.

Freddie was born Jan. 11, 1952, in Big

Spring to Bertha and William "Pete" Green. Freddie is survived by his brother: Bennie Green of Big Spring;

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his identical twin brother: Eddie Lee Green.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Rebecca "Becky" Huitt

Rebecca "Becky" Huitt, 80, died Thursday, July 16, 2020. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Courtney Ballard, pastor of Circuit Riders Cowboy Church, officiating, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Rebecca was born April 11, 1960, in Knox City to Martha and William Carver. She was a homemaker, but she also worked in the cafeteria for B.S.I.S.D. and Forsan I.S.D. She lived most of her life in Howard County and was a member of Berea Baptist Church. She loved her Lord and church.

Rebecca did volunteer work, especially driving cancer patients to Midland for treatment.

Rebecca loved music, dancing, volleyball, garage sales, and most of all friends and family.

Rebecca is survived by two sons: Quert Huitt and his wife Denise of Brady and Terry D. Huitt and his wife Oleta of Tyler; one brother; William "PeeWee" Carver of New Mexico; one brother in law: Bill Czernański of Brownville; six grandchildren: Clint Bingham, Brandon Bingham and his wife Ruby, Kara Bingham, Jeffery Huitt, Taylor Heckler, and Case Heckler; and three great grandchildren: Kaci Bingham, Mia Hicks, and Kyle Heckler.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her Husband Kenneth; one brother: Billy Ray Carver; and two sisters: Betty Czernański and Wanda Anderson.

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Paid Obituary

Frances Lynn "Fran" Trotter

Frances Lynn "Fran" Trotter, 74, died Friday July 17, 2020. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Frances was born Aug. 27, 1945, in Levelland, to Pearl and Herman Shifflett. She grew up in Big Spring, lived a number of years in Odessa and San Angelo. She had lived the last 30 years in Colorado City. She was a homemaker, but also managed several food places. She and her sister worked for her dad, Herman Shifflett. He was a home builder and they did the painting work for him. She was a Baptist.

Francis loved ceramics, especially ceramic dolls. She loved sewing but most of all her grandkids.

Francis is survived by two daughters: Donna Madrid and her husband Mike of Colorado City and Lori Lowery and her husband Richard of Sachse; two sons: Herman Hogue and his wife Kimberly of Guthrie, OK and Bobby Hogue of Voss; her mother: Pearl Shifflett of Big Spring; two sisters: Dorothy Tidwell and her husband Chuck of Big Spring and Pamela Hadorn of Big Spring; ten grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Francis was preceded in death by her father; one sister: Sammie Armstrong and one grandson: Blake Hogue.

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Take Note

• 2020 Virtual Grain Sorghum Program is set for July 22 at 7 a.m. This is a Zoom based meeting and producers in the Howard County area are welcome to sign up for the program. To sign up for the program, contact your local County Extension Office at 432-264-2236.

• 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.

• 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 for affected businesses.

The Economic Injury Disaster Loan ("EIDL"), is currently available, but only by applying directly to the SBA via the online portal: <https://www.sba.gov/disaster/apply-for-disaster-loan/index.html>. It only takes a few minutes to fill out.

Another option, The Paycheck Protection Program, ("PPP"), has been approved by Congress. If you want to apply for the "PPP" loan contact your local lender.

Support Groups

MONDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees It, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

• 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 267-1628.

• Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for 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 reconciliation possible?

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 begins Sept. 3, 2019. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

WEDNESDAY

• Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-860

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.

Submit your Support Group information to be included or updated. Email information to editor@BigSpringHerald.com or call 432-263-7331.

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Weather



Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 74. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 98. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 74. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

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

FOOD

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every Thursday since the pandemic began. Each week a team delivers food boxes to families and senior community members who are unable or are afraid to leave their homes in this pandemic. Pictures of these distributions, along with some of the heartfelt appreciation messages and stories, have been posted on the Salvation Army Facebook page. In addition to the food support, Salvation Army staff has also been able to provide some assistance for rent, utilities and prescriptions for those who are needing a little extra help as the economy works on getting back open. In the Big Spring community, just as across the nation, there are many families who have been directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. While some have been laid off, dealing with paycuts or adjustments to child-care, the impact is being felt far and wide.

"Our generous donors and volunteers are the lifeblood of the Salvation Army. We are incredibly grateful for those who give their time, talent, and treasure throughout the entire year," Godwin said. "Your support of the Salvation Army makes a difference every day in our community."

While the Salvation Army is grateful to be able to offer this type of assistance, with the situation bringing more and more families to a position of needing a little extra help, resources and supplies are starting to dwindle. According to Lt. Godwin, the Salvation Army is in need of food donations and monetary donations to continue fulfilling the needs in the community. While there is typically enough food in the pantry to last for extended periods, that is no longer the case.

"We have seen an increase of around 20 more

families each month since February. With this increase, we find our pantry in need of shelf stable meal items for the those who come to us in need," she said. "We typically will have enough food in our pantry to last quite awhile, and then, we supplement with the items we receive for free or purchase at a very discounted price from the West Texas Food Bank."

She continued, "The West Texas Food Bank has had shortages because of COVID-19, so we have been having to buy items to stock our pantry. H-E-B has been a great help in letting us buy bulk items, but as you can imagine this starts to add up month after month."

At this point, the pantry has plenty of green beans and corn, but in order to keep providing clients with meals for the entire family, a few extra items are needed. The following list was provided by the Salvation Army: Beans/Lentils, Ramen Noodles, Mac&Cheese, Peanut Butter, Shelf stable milk, Cereal/Oatmeal, Bread, Crackers, Instant Potatoes, Stuffing Mix, and Canned Meats.

If you would like to support the Salvation Army, you can drop off your donation, at 811 W 5th Street. If you'd like to mail a donation, mail to The Salvation Army, PO BOX 1248, Big Spring, Texas, 79721 or by card, please visit sarmytx.org/covid-19. If you have any questions or find yourself in need, please call 432-267-8239.

Godwin said, "We appreciate your support in helping us #FightforGood."

More information can also be found by visiting their Facebook page.

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Texas Prepaid Tuition Program Newborn Enrollment Deadline Approaches

AUSTIN— Texas families have through July 31 to enroll their newborns in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund® and pay this academic year's rates for all or some future tuition and schoolwide required fees at Texas public colleges and universities, excluding medical and dental institutions. Newborns are children younger than 1 year of age at the time of enrollment.

"With a pandemic that has slowed much of our economy, I know saving for college may not be at the top of many parents' minds," Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said. "That's why we're reminding new parents to take advantage of the opportunity to lock in this year's rates before next year's rates go into effect on Sept. 1."

Under the Texas Tuition Promise Fund, the state's prepaid college tuition program, participants can purchase tuition units and lock in future costs of undergraduate resident tuition and schoolwide required fees at Texas public colleges and universities based on today's prices.

For additional flexibility, the plan also can be used for undergraduate resident tuition and

schoolwide required fees at Texas medical and dental institutions, private Texas colleges and universities, out-of-state colleges and universities and career schools, where tuition is not locked in.

The benefits and payouts differ at these schools.

Enrollment at 2019-20 prices closed on Feb. 29 for children 1 year of age and older.

The next annual enrollment period begins on Sept. 1, with new contract prices based on Texas public college costs for the 2020-21 school year.

Complete plan information, including plan description and agreement, current sales prices, enrollment forms and more, is available at Tuition-Promise.org or by calling 800-445-GRAD (4723), Option 5.

Purchasers should carefully consider the risks, administrative fees, service and other charges and expenses associated with the contracts, including plan termination and decreased transfer or refund value.

The Plan Description and Master Agreement contains this and other information about the plan and may be obtained by visiting the website or call-

ing the toll-free number above. Purchasers should read these documents carefully before purchasing a contract.

Neither a contract nor any return paid with a refund is insured or guaranteed by the FDIC, the state of Texas, the Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board, any other state or federal governmental agency or NorthStar or its affiliates. The contracts have not been registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission or with any state.

Only the purchaser may direct rollovers, contract changes, withdrawals and changes in the designated beneficiary. Participation in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund does not guarantee admission to or graduation from any college or university.

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Marlyn Campbell, 67, died Friday. Services are pending at Canton, Oklahoma.

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improve connectivity statewide, and in doing so, our students will be equipped with the tools needed for success in the upcoming school year," said Speaker Dennis Bonnen.

"Virtual learning works when students have access to the proper wi-fi and electronic devices. These funds help bridge the digital divide and prevent students who lack access to technology from falling behind," said Senator Jane Nelson.

"No child should ever be denied the ability to achieve his/her dreams simply because he/she does not have technological devices or internet access. Education is the great equalizer and while that will look different in the near term, a move to distance learning to protect stu-

dents and teachers can only be effective for all learners if they all are able to actively learn and participate. Today's actions by the Governor and TEA will move us toward this goal of ensuring every child has equal access to the tools and resources necessary to achieve a high-quality education," said Senator Juan Hinojosa.

"So many of our students across Texas will be starting the school year by continuing their remote education. With all of the challenges that remote learning presents, having adequate access to a computer and reliable internet shouldn't be one of them. I'm proud to have worked with Governor Abbott, my legislative colleagues, and Commissioner Mike Morath to secure the needed funds to begin the process of bridging this digital divide," said Representative Giovanni Capriglione.

"Our public education system is facing unprecedented challenges due to COVID-19. Operation

Connectivity ensures all Texas students have the resources needed to connect and learn online," said Representative Oscar Longoria.

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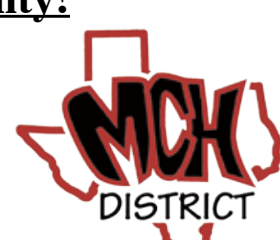
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Stirring in the oil patch, Chevron buys Noble for \$5 billion

NEW YORK (AP) — Chevron will take over Noble Energy for \$5 billion in the first big deal announced since the coronavirus pandemic shook the energy sector.

Chevron has been shopping for assets since last year and with crude prices down more than 30% this year, it jumped Monday with its all-stock offering for the independent Houston oil and gas driller.

Based on Chevron's closing price on Friday, Noble Energy shareholders will receive 0.1191 shares of Chevron for each Noble Energy share. But with the list price comes a lot of debt.

Energy companies had been taking on enormous debt even before the pandemic and energy prices have been bouncing all over the place. Noble is no exception.

The total enterprise value of the deal is \$13 billion, with Chevron assuming Noble's debt.

Last year, as it pursued potential buyout targets, Chevron lost out when Occidental Petroleum made a \$38 billion deal for one of them, Anadarko, even though Chevron is five times the size of Occidental.

While Occidental's valuable holdings in the Permian Basin of west Texas and New Mexico appeared to be a good match, Chevron said at the time that it favored discipline over "winning at any cost."

It's found another match in Noble Energy.

The acquisition brings to Chevron low-cost, proven reserves in addition to cash-generating offshore assets in Israel, strengthening the company's position in the Mediterranean. Noble's portfolio will also add to Chevron's U.S. acreage in the Permian Basin and in Colorado's DJ Basin.

"Noble Energy's multi-asset, high-quality portfolio will enhance geographic diversity, increase capital flexibility, and improve our ability to generate strong cash flow," said Chevron Chairman and CEO Michael Wirth. "These assets play to Chevron's operational strengths, and the transaction underscores our commitment to capital discipline."

That discipline is mandatory for any company in the energy sector this year.

On Monday, energy services company Hallibur-

ton reported a quarterly loss of about \$1.7 billion, and that was better than industry analysts had expected. The 57% plunge in revenue was not.

Energy demand has bounced back as economies reopen globally. U.S. crude prices that fell for first four months of the year are gaining ground, and have been positive since May. It appears prices may remain positive for July, but prices are seeing and the longest positive streak this month has been two days.

Surging cases of COVID-19 in the U.S., the world's largest economy, now threaten to hamstring an industry already hit hard by layoffs.

Chesapeake Energy, a shale drilling pioneer that was once one of the largest natural gas producers in the world, filed for bankruptcy protection last month.

Shares in Noble jumped almost 12% before the opening bell Monday, while crude prices are giving ground and may fall below \$40 per barrel again.

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Most young virus cases in Texas county diagnosed this month

By JUAN A. LOZANO

Associated Press

Most of the 85 young children in a South Texas county who are known to have contracted the coronavirus tested positive this month amid a surge in the state, a health official said Sunday.

Nearly all of the children, most of whom are 1 year old or younger, are expected to recover on their own, Annette Rodriguez, the Corpus Christi-Nueces County public health director, told The Associated Press by phone. One of the children died, but officials are still trying to determine if COVID-19 was the cause, she said.

"There's always that concern that you're going to have that one baby like we did that passed away," Rodriguez said. "How many more from this group? What percent will you lose possibly to this virus?"

The county, which is home to about 362,000 people and sits on the Gulf Coast, is one of several COVID-19 hot spots in Texas, which has been hammered by the disease in recent weeks.

On Sunday, Gov. Greg Abbott announced that the Department of Defense had sent five teams of Navy doctors to four locations in southern and southwestern Texas to help hospitals where capacity has become stretched.

Texas health officials reported 7,300 new confirmed cases on Sunday and said 93 more people have died due to COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus, bringing the number of reported cases to 325,030 and the number of deaths to 3,958. The state reported 10,592 individuals who were hospitalized with the virus on Sunday.

Rodriguez said during a public health update on Friday that 85 infants in Nueces County had tested positive, though she clarified Sunday that some of the kids were not infants — up to a year old — and were as old as 23 months. Her Friday claim prompted Nueces County's top elected official, Judge Barbara Canales, to issue a statement Saturday saying the 85 figure reflected the cumulative total since mid-March.

But Rodriguez stressed Sunday that although the oldest of the cases goes back to mid-March, most of them — 60 infants — tested positive from July 1 to July 16.

"But it's still important. Eighty-five (young children) picking up COVID-19 is very troubling," Rodriguez said.

The child who died was less than half a year old and tested positive this month. The child was hospitalized and released before dying at home of what officials first believed was sudden infant death syndrome. Officials are now awaiting lab results to determine if the virus was a factor in the death, Rodriguez said.

Nine of the other children were also hospitalized but have since been released, Rodriguez said. The first young child from Nueces County was hospitalized in mid-June.

One of the infants who tested positive is a recent newborn whose mother also has the virus, she said.

Experts in pediatrics and infectious disease say there are still many unanswered questions about how COVID-19 affects children. Several studies suggest, but don't prove, that children are less likely to become infected than adults and more likely to have only mild symptoms. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1.5% of the confirmed cases in the U.S. have been in children 4 years old or younger, while 0.2% of the country's COVID-19 deaths have been in kids from that age group.

For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms that clear up within weeks. But for others, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, the highly contagious virus can cause severe symptoms and be fatal.

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The public hearing will be held on August 13, 2020 @ 8:30 AM at Glasscock Groundwater Con Dist., located at 132 N. Main Street, Garden City, TX 79739. A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget. \$ 455,274.00

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget. \$ 5,400.00

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget. 2

The number of employees compensated under the current budget. 2

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office located at 124 N. Main Street, Garden City, TX 79739.

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UIL decision on fall sports expected soon

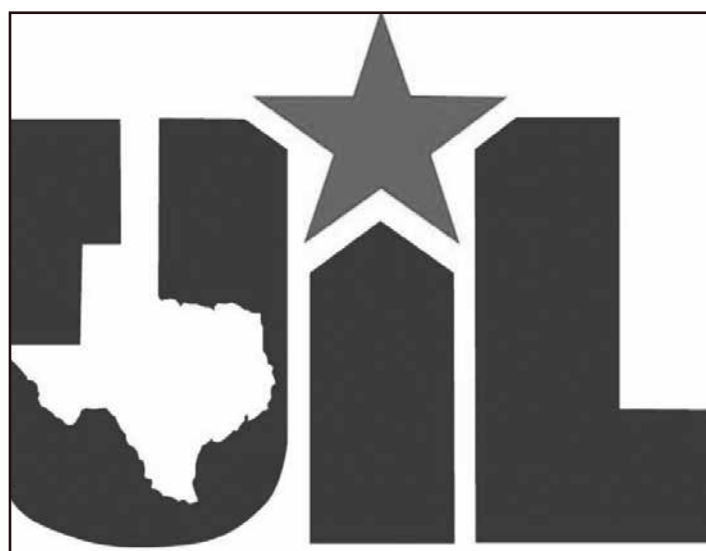
Special to the Herald

The University Interscholastic League is expected to meet on Monday to further discuss the plans for fall athletics and extracurricular activities in Texas. The conversations among UIL officials have been happening throughout the summer, yet a concrete plan hasn't been announced as officials monitor the COVID-19 pandemic.

On Friday, the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) announced it would push the start of fall sporting events until late September with current conditions of coronavirus in the state.

In a release, TAPPS says players will be allowed to return to practice on Sept. 8. Volleyball and individual sports can start play on Sept. 21. Football and fall soccer is scheduled to begin the week of Sept. 28.

Last week, with rising COVID-19 cases in Texas, school districts, athletic directors and health officials jumped ahead of the UIL, calling for a pause on fall sports plans. An Austin-Travis County health order mandated all schools to remain 100% virtual for at least the first three weeks of the fall 2020 semes-



ter — until after Sept. 7.

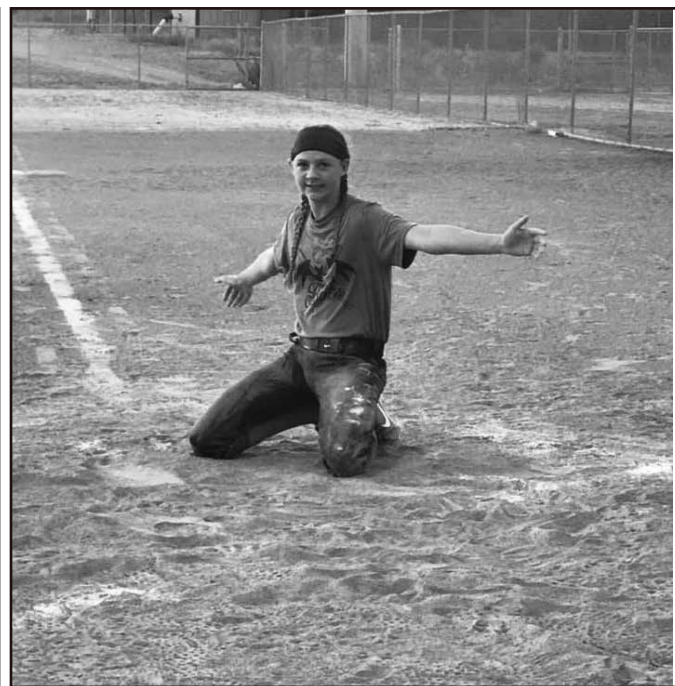
Within that announcement, health officials are requiring extracurricular sports and activities for Austin-Travis County schools to be suspended until school systems re-open for on-campus instruction, the order states.

The UIL order essentially covers all of the Texas, Westlake, Pflugerville and Lake Travis schools — along with a portion of the Round Rock and Leander schools. The UIL allowed athletic programs to resume summer strength and conditioning workouts in June as long as health protocols were in place. Restrictions were eased last week, allowing students to participate in one-on-one drills and locker room access.

After local health officials issued the order, Round Rock ISD decided to stop its summer workout programs until further notice.

UIL athletic director Susan Elza said there could be an announcement this week on whether or not there will be a fall season for sports and that the announcement could come as early as Monday but "there is no guarantee."

Community Report: Little League Baseball bringing a sense of normalcy through sport to Big Spring



Courtesy Photos

Above left: A pitcher for the Rangers begins his throwing motion during a game last week. Above middle: The Cardinals celebrate a win on the field with both coaches and players involved. Above right: A Little Leaguer celebrates the win on their own near home plate. It is great to see young athletes back playing the sport they love and to get away from all of the serious news for a little while.

Athletic Support: "Collegiate sports for fun or money?"

By ELI CRANOR

Special to the Herald

Dear Athletic Support: My daughter is on the high school track team. She's a very good athlete (at least she was, before the world shut down). She triple jumps, pole vaults, and runs the 4x100 meter relay. She hates the running and begs her coach constantly to pull her from the race. To make matters worse, she says her ankles and knees hurt all the time. I want my daughter to be a team player, but I don't want her to destroy her body due to overuse. What's the best way for me to handle this with my daughter and her coach? — Momma In The Middle

Dear Middle: See if the coach will make a deal with your daughter. If she wins the pole vault and triple jump, then she doesn't have to run the relay. Maybe this will give her extra motivation to place as high as possible in the other two events, and the parents will help the team in the end. If she's really as good as she thinks she is, winning the field events shouldn't be a problem.

Dear Athletic Support: My son redshirted last year for an in-state DII football program. He mainly played scout team and got his head busted daily by the starters. I get it. I played scout team my freshman year in high school and college too. What I don't understand is the fact that my son now wants to quit football. I think he'll have a good chance to get off the scout team this season (if we actu-



ELI CRANOR

ally play), but he says he just doesn't care. He's on scholarship, and if he quits, I'm going to start paying a whole lot more money for his school. Of course, I want him to do what's best for him, but I also don't want him to take the easy way out. — Paying For It

Dear Paying: Freshmen year of college sports is a killer. It's a completely different experience than high school athletics. In many ways, collegiate sports are a job. Class from 8-2. Practice from 2-6. Then study hall at 7-9. Couple all that with in-season travel on the weekends, and it's easy to see how young players can get burnt out.

However, quitting is never a fun option, and in many cases (like yours) it can be costly. Maybe you should explain the financial situation to your son. If he quits football, he'll need to recoup the expenses some other way. Who knows, maybe after you put it to him like that, college football will look like a pretty good job after all.

Dear Athletic Support: I am sadly perplexed that in your recent column you did not suggest a simple way to mitigate the effects of sun on a youngster taking cutane: sunscreen.

A broad-spectrum, sport-grade sunscreen would help considerably, as would making sure practices were held as early in the day as possible.

Ideally the coach should recommend that all players use sunscreen. — Pat, former middle school soccer coach and parent of boy and girl twins who each lettered in 3 sports their senior year of high school (one took Accutane as well).

Dear Pat: Sunscreen can go a long way, and you're right, I should've mentioned it. But from my experiences, sunscreen is a risky solution.

It's risky because players sweat and wipe their faces constantly (especially football players who must take their helmet off and on). Yes, sports-grade sunscreen can last longer, but not long enough.

These days, football teams travel all over the summer to camps and 7on7 tournaments. These are all day events. Even the most responsible kid isn't going to be reapplying his sunscreen every hour between drills.

In the end, you're right — players should apply sunscreen in the morning. But I'd urge them to bring a hat along too, especially if they have a long day ahead of them.

Eli Cranor is a former professional quarterback and coach turned award-winning author. Send questions for "Athletic Support" to eli.cranor@gmail.com

JT Pittman Wins 92nd West Texas Amateur at Bentwood CC

Special to the Herald

Briefly: JT Pittman of Monahans won the 92nd West Texas Amateur after a final round 2-under-par 70 at Bentwood Country Club. The Midland College sophomore finished at 8-under overall and two strokes better than the field. Lewis Stephenson of Burleson won the Senior Division by two strokes after firing a 6-under 66 in the final round. Doug Hopton-Jones of Mansfield won the Super Senior Division by three strokes after rounds of 75-73-73.

Leaderboard:

1) JT Pittman	Monahans	68-70-70 208
2) Jansen Smith	San Angelo	74-69-67 210
3) Michael Heidelbaugh	Dallas	72-67-73 212
T4) Robert Johnson	Abilene	71-71-72 214
T4) Collin Clark	Midlothian	66-76-72 214
T4) Bryce Waters	Midland	71-73-70 214
T7) Kevin Liberto	Cypress	70-75-70 215
T7) Jack Anderson	Round Rock	72-70-73 215
T7) Will Adams	Odessa	70-77-68 215

Pittman fired a 2-under 70 in the final round to post 8-under for the championship and win by two strokes. The Midland College sophomore remained at

the top of the leaderboard throughout the entirety of the championship and carded red numbers in all three of his rounds. Although Smith gave it a good run carding a 5-under-par 67 in his final round, Pittman maintained his composure and never lost the lead. He carded five birdies and fired 1-under-par 35s on each nine in his final round. This is Pittman's first West Texas Amateur win.

"I really tried not to think about anybody else, I just tried to just play the golf course one shot at a time and make as many birdies as I could," Pittman said. "A lot of great players have played against me this week, hats off to them, they all played great, but I am glad I got the win."

Lewis Stephenson won the Senior Division after two rounds in red figures. Stephenson was seven shots behind the leader to start the final round. He rolled in nine birdies on his way to a stellar 6-under 66. This was Stephenson's first West Texas Amateur title. He also won the 2018 Texas Senior Amateur.

Doug Hopton-Jones won the Super-Senior Division by three strokes and at 5-over 221. The 2019 defending champion adds this win to his 2019 and 2020 West Texas Amateur titles.

Jansen Smith of San Angelo posted a 6-under 210 for the championship and finished solo second. Michael Heidelbaugh of Dallas finished at 4-under 212 to take third. Robert Johnson of Abilene, Collin Clark of Midlothian and Bryce Waters of Midland tied fourth at 2-under 214.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand — Part 1

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♠ K 10 6
♥ A K J 4
♦ A 10 9 5
♣ K 7

WEST
♠ J 9 7 2
♥ —
♦ J 8 3
♣ A 10 9 8 6 3

EAST
♠ 8 5 4
♥ Q 9 8 6 3
♦ K 7 2
♣ Q 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q 3
♥ 10 7 5 2
♦ Q 6 4
♣ J 5 4

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
3 NT	Pass	4 ♥	

Opening lead — two of spades.

Today's hand occurred in the 1986 world team championship in a match between teams from France and the Netherlands. The deal featured sparkling play by the French at both tables.

When France held the North-South cards, Paul Chemla wound up as declarer in four hearts on the bidding shown. In the French pair's methods, North's jump to three notrump indicated a strong hand with excellent heart support, and South then signed off at game.

It may appear that the 5-0 trump division spelled certain defeat for the contract, but Chemla proved otherwise. According to one account, he

had 10 tricks tucked away in less than a minute.

He won the opening spade lead with the king and cashed the ace of hearts, revealing the bad break. Seemingly unfazed by this development, Chemla next played the A-Q of spades, then led a diamond to the ten, losing to the king.

East's diamond return was taken by the queen and a club was led to the king. When this held, declarer cashed the ace of diamonds and led dummy's last diamond, ruffed by East with the eight and overruffed with the ten to produce this position, with South needing two more tricks:

North
♥ K J 4
♠ 7

West
♠ J
♣ A 10 9

East
♥ Q 9 6
♣ Q

South
♥ 7 5
♠ J 5

When Chemla now exited with a club, the defenders were helpless. West put up the ace to prevent his partner from being endplayed, but this merely delayed the inevitable. West's club continuation was ruffed by the four and overruffed by East, who then had to lead from the Q-9 of trump into dummy's K-J to give South the contract.

Tomorrow, we'll see what happened at the second table to give France a substantial pickup on the deal.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand — Part 2.
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Annie's Mailbox

Dad Worried About Daughter's Relationship Arrangement

Dear Annie: My 26-year-old daughter is in a serious relationship with a partner 10 years her senior. He comes to the partnership with an established home. What would you advise my daughter to expect or require going into this marriage-like arrangement? Should she expect to be put on the house deed as soon as they are married? What would be fair for all concerned? She is just beginning her career, so she is presently renting but saving for a home. -- Troubled Dad

Dear Troubled Dad: Whether or not to add her name to the deed is up to and between the two of them. I am sure your intention is to just ensure your daughter is squared away; she'll always be your little girl, after all. But tread lightly here -- because if her partner heard you showing such concern for his assets, he'd most likely be troubled himself.

Dear Annie: I recently moved into a large apartment complex in the heart of downtown. I was thrilled to snag a unit. There's just one problem, and it's an uncomfortable subject. A few nights a week, the couple who live upstairs are... intimate. I wish I didn't know this, but they

make it impossible for me not to. I've lived here for two months now, and they've shown no signs of subsiding. How could I politely bring this to their attention without things becoming really awkward every time I run into them by the mailboxes? -- I Hear You Up There

Dear I Hear You Up There: The path of least awkwardness here would be to buy a sound machine and/or earplugs. (Really, I'm beginning to think all apartments should come with those. It would make the living easier.) If that doesn't take care of it, then it's time to let the neighbors know they have an involuntary audience. Though I'm usually a strong supporter of talking things out face-to-face, this is one circumstance in which a note is just fine. Keep it simple and upbeat; add warmth with a smiley face or exclamation points. I know that seems silly, but seemingly silly little things can make all the difference when it comes to getting along with neighbors.

Dear Annie: I don't understand why everyone is in such a push to outlaw cellphone use while driving. If a distracted driver crashes into me, I don't care if the person was answering a call, eating lunch, looking for a song or dealing with toddlers

in the back seat; the person should have pulled over to deal with the distraction.

Our focus should be on educating people that driving is a full-time job. A University of Maryland study showed that at 30 mph, you have over 1,320 things occurring around you and in your car every mile you travel. So if we want to outlaw distractions, we cannot just outlaw phones. Eating in the vehicle, having pets in the vehicle, audio entertainment and talking to passengers would need to be outlawed, too. You'd be down to a one-seat car with no accessories in it.

Of course, that is ridiculous, as is thinking that outlawing phones is the answer. It is up to all drivers to limit their distractions as much as possible so that they are obeying the laws and rules of the road at all times. -- Retired Traffic Cop and Driver Safety Instructor

Dear Retired Traffic Cop: You make a great point. Distracted driving is distracted driving, whatever the reason. Thanks for sharing your informed opinion on the matter.

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ANSWER:

New Moon on Monday

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Don't know where to start? The best place is here and now. The trouble with here and now is, sometimes, it can be hard to accept. Then again, it's really the best and only thing worth accepting.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You could save someone from making a mistake, but if they really want to, they'll make it anyway. You feel a strong sense of responsibility for others, and the world is better for it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). As you respond predictably, you'll earn someone's trust. This is good. You want the person to be comfortable but should not let him or her get too comfortable. An impulsive twist will come to mind.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Seek the best in all things but especially in people. No matter who you deal with this week, you'll resonate with their better angels. There will be a teacher for whatever you want to learn. To get help, all you have to do is ask.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't need courage to do brave things. Act as if you are that fearless warrior. Make a habit of it. Follow through time and again. Boom! You're brave.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

You need a return on this investment. It's not a shallow thing to expect. Belonging isn't about fitting together perfectly; rather, it's about accepting one another and being willing to rub against those rough parts that don't quite fit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You like those who, like you, lack pretension, are adverse to striving and are too chill for social climbing. Your values are right in line with all that it takes to create meaningful, lasting friendships.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Psychologically, you are large and in charge today, while other systems may be trying to catch up with that vibe. Your mind is powerful and will lead all.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Be proud of the little steps; they'll add up. Small improvements make a big difference. The person who makes slow progress makes progress indeed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You give all the stuff they need. You tend to the matters that matter to them.



BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

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ASTROLOGY OF MONDAY: Each day of the week has its own special astrological vibration because each day has a different planet that is said to "rule" it. The planets have so much influence on the days of the week, in fact, that each day was actually named after its ruling planet. Monday is named after the moon, and this first workday of the week has plenty of our closest celestial neighbor's characteristics. It's no coincidence that we often feel dreamy or moody on Mondays. How best to tune in to this day's vibe? Ease into your week gently. Use Mondays to catch up with your clients and associates. Have meetings; reply to your emails; return phone calls. It's all about strengthening your emotional connections to people. Don't push yourself too hard on Monday. Relaxing with a steaming mug of Earl Grey (bergamot), mint or jasmine tea -- herbs that have a special affinity with the moon -- will help you align your body with Monday's frequency. When you align your body, mind and actions with the flow of the cosmos, your life will begin to flow more smoothly. Monday night calls for spending quality time at home with your loved ones.

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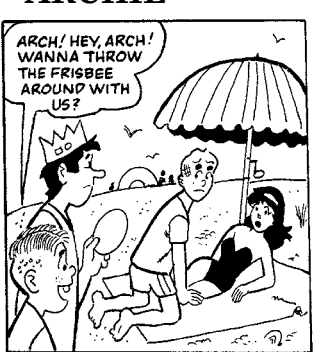
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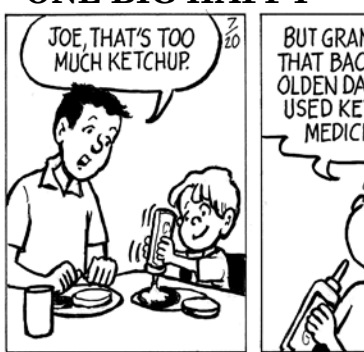
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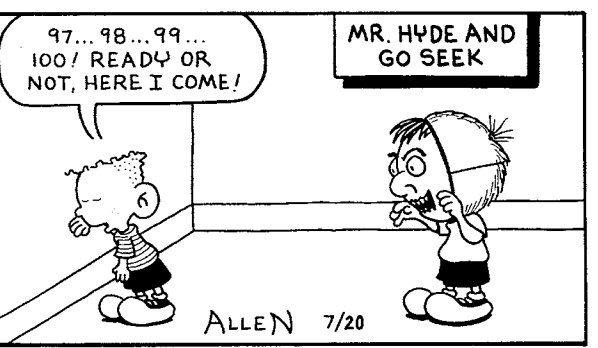
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Monday, July 20, the 202nd day of 2020. There are 164 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 20, 1969, astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon after reaching the surface in their Apollo 11 lunar module.

On this date: In 1923, Mexican revolutionary leader Pancho Villa was assassinated by gunmen in Parral.

In 1944, an attempt by a group of German officials to assassinate Adolf Hitler with a bomb failed as the explosion only wounded the Nazi leader. President Franklin D. Roosevelt was nominated for a fourth term of office at the Democratic convention in Chicago.

In 1951, Jordan's King Abdullah I was assassinated in Jerusalem by a Palestinian gunman who was shot dead on the spot by security.

In 1960, a pair of Polaris missiles were fired from the submerged USS George Washington off Cape Canaveral, Fla., at a target more than 1,100 miles away.

In 1965, the Bob Dylan single "Like a Rolling Stone" was released by Columbia Records.

In 1968, the first International Special Olympics Summer Games, organized by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, were held at Soldier Field in Chicago.

In 1976, America's Viking 1 robot spacecraft made a successful, first-ever landing on Mars.

In 1977, a flash flood hit Johnstown, Pennsylvania, killing more than 80 people and causing \$350 million worth of damage. The U.N. Security Council voted to admit Vietnam to the world body.

In 1990, Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, one of the court's most liberal voices, announced he was stepping down.

In 1993, White House deputy counsel Vincent Foster Jr., 48, was found shot to death in a park near Washington, D.C.; his death was ruled a suicide.

In 2007, President George W. Bush signed an executive order prohibiting cruel and inhuman treatment, including humiliation or denigration of religious beliefs, in the detention and interrogation of terrorism suspects.

In 2012, gunman James Holmes opened fire inside a crowded movie theater in Aurora, Colorado, during a midnight showing of "The Dark Knight Rises," killing 12 people and wounding 70 others. (Holmes was later convicted of murder and attempted murder, and sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.)

Ten years ago: The Senate Judiciary Committee voted almost totally along party lines, 13-6, to approve Elena Kagan to be the Supreme Court's fourth female justice.

Actress Lindsay Lohan began a 14-day jail sentence — reduced from 90 due to overcrowding — for violating probation in 2007 drug case.

Five years ago: The United States and Cuba restored full diplomatic relations after more than five decades of frosty relations rooted in the Cold War. The U.N. Security Council unanimously endorsed a landmark deal to rein in Iran's nuclear program. Banks in Greece finally reopened after being closed for three weeks. Zach Johnson won the British Open. Songwriter Wayne Carson, 72, died in Nashville, Tennessee. "Archie" cartoonist Tom Moore, 86, died in El Paso, Texas.

One year ago: Americans marked the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing; Buzz Aldrin, the second man to set foot on the moon, showed Vice President Mike Pence the launch pad at Kennedy Space Center where the historic flight began. A heat wave that spread from Texas to Maine canceled festivals, horse races and other events.

Today's Birthdays: Actress-

singer Sally Ann Howes is 90. Author Cormac McCarthy is 87. Former Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski, D-Md., is 84. Actress Diana Rigg is 82. Artist Judy Chicago is 81. Rock musician John Lodge (The Moody Blues) is 77. Country singer T.G. Sheppard is 76. Singer Kim Carnes is 75. Rock musician Carlos Santana is 73. Rock musician Jay

Jay French (Twisted Sister) is 68. Rock musician Paul Cook (The Sex Pistols, Man Raze) is 64. Actress Donna Dixon is 63. Rock musician Mick McNeil (Simple Minds) is 62. Country singer Radney Foster is 61. Actor Frank Whaley is 57. Actor Dean Cain is 56. Rock musician Stone Gossard (Pearl Jam) is 54.

Actor Reed Diamond is 53. Actor Josh Holloway is 51. Singer Vitamin C is 51. Actress Sandra Oh is 49. Actor Omar Epps is 47. Actor Simon Rex is 46. Actress Judy Greer is 45. Actor Charlie Korsmo is 42. Singer Elliott Yamin (yah-MEEN) (American Idol) is 42. Supermodel Gisele Bundchen is 40. Rock

musician Mike Kennerty (The All-American Rejects) is 40. Actor Percy Daggs III is 38. Actor John Francis Daley is 35. Country singer Hannah Blaylock (Edens Edge) is 34. Dancer-singer-actress Julianne Hough is 32. Washington Nationals pitcher Stephen Strasburg is 32. Actress Billi Bruno is 24.

Newsday Crossword

AT THE AUTO SHOP by Sally R. Stein Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Any carbonated soft drink
 - 5 Camper's canvas shelter
 - 9 Very manly
 - 14 Blender sound
 - 15 Blue ocean hue
 - 16 Give the OK for
 - 17 Diarist __ Frank
 - 18 Calf's father
 - 19 Nary a soul
 - 20 Exercise system from India
 - 21 Replacements of lubricant
 - 23 Strike with an axe
 - 25 Improve in a winery cask
 - 26 Circles above angels
 - 29 " __ got to stop meeting . . ."
 - 31 Mother's Day month
 - 34 __ by (obey)
 - 35 Wise guru
 - 36 Clock dial
 - 37 Maintenance tasks that reduce tire wear
 - 40 Extremely long time
 - 41 Former soldiers, for short
 - 42 Have a quarrel
 - 43 AMA members
 - 44 Notetaker's paper tablets
 - 45 Blade-sharpening bands
 - 46 " __ Baba and the Forty Thieves"
 - 47 Simple
 - 48 Dust collectors under the hood
 - 53 Session in the tub
 - 57 Wooden box for fruit
 - 58 Great Salt Lake's state

- DOWN**
- 1 Move in the breeze
 - 2 "This is terrible!"
 - 3 Sound of a small bell
 - 4 Three-digit phone number starters
 - 5 Things not allowed
 - 6 Provide with gear
 - 7 __ and void (not valid)
 - 8 Skin powder
 - 9 Supervise
 - 10 Without any assistance
 - 11 Drain blockage
 - 12 Sharpen, as skills
 - 13 Is indebted to
 - 22 Shelter from a storm
 - 24 "High" shoe part
 - 26 Hemmed and __ (couldn't decide)
 - 27 Dislike greatly
 - 28 Bank's legal claims
 - 29 Stands in line
 - 30 Omelets, mostly
 - 31 Guava's tropical alternative
 - 32 Misbehave
 - 33 Thumbs-up responses
 - 35 Snow vehicle
 - 36 Watercraft that can carry cars
 - 38 To no __ (useless)
 - 39 Rugs that say "WELCOME"
 - 44 Wire-bending tool
 - 45 Wide belts
 - 46 Later on
 - 47 Clean off a blackboard
 - 48 Legal rights org.
 - 49 Part of the eye
 - 50 Rant and __ (talk wildly)
 - 51 Big marching-band instrument
 - 52 And others: Abbr.
 - 54 Operatic solo
 - 55 Legendary Swiss archer William
 - 56 Garden-watering tube

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As camp approaches, how will NFL handle players opting out?

By **DAVE CAMPBELL**

AP Pro Football Writer

The 60-game mini-season Major League Baseball assembled this summer was still long enough that a dozen or so health-concerned players, even a few stars, decided to skip it.

The NFL's player pool is more than twice as big as MLB's, groomed for fundamental extreme-contact activities of blocking, tackling and covering that are as inherently ripe for virus spread as any in sports. If the 2020 season can get off the ground this fall amid the global paralysis of the COVID-19 pandemic, players opting out will be a sure bet.

For those who choose to sideline themselves with a medically approved high-risk condition, will they continue to receive their salary and benefits and accrue a season toward free agency eligibility? Who will sign off on the categories and the diagnosis?

As with the rest of society in the fight against this unseen, fierce and unprecedented foe, the list of questions is far longer than the answer key.

"I just pray that everybody can be safe. A lot of people have families. People have kids," Tennessee Titans running back Derrick Henry said.

With the targeted July 28 start for training camp for most teams fast approaching, the owners and the players have a lot of health-related protocols to establish so this precarious season can even kick off. Testing frequency is at the top of the list. The practice schedule and necessity of exhibition games are also major points of negotiation. Then there's the issue of opt-out clauses.

One potential point of lingering contention between the league and the NFL Players Association is whether COVID-19 will be categorized as a "non-football injury." Players on the reserve non-football injury list are not required to be paid.

In baseball, high-risk individuals were allowed to opt out with pay. San Francisco Giants catcher Buster Posey, however, will not receive a salary because his reasoning for not playing was specific to him and his wife adopting identical twin girls.

For an NFL player who makes a similar decision, the NFLPA will push for at least service time accrual and benefits eligibility, even if salary is withheld.

To date, NFLPA executive director DeMaurice Smith said Friday, no players have formally decided to skip the 2020 season out of virus concern.

"Are there some things that are incredibly important to our players about being able to opt out? Yes. We don't want players unfairly punished by it, in the same way that we wouldn't want our players unfairly punished ... because of testing positive," Smith said.

He added: "If that was your son, what options would you want him or her to

have, as they made a decision about engaging in this work? I know it sounds a little utterly altruistic. It is. That's how we try to make these decisions."

The NFL declined to make chief medical officer Dr. Allen Sills available for an interview this week or comment on the opt-out issues, citing the sensitivity of the active negotiations with the union.

"We will continue to implement the health and safety protocols developed jointly with the NFLPA, and based on the advice of leading medical experts, including review by the CDC," the league said Friday in a statement. "We will address additional issues in a cooperative way. All decisions will be made in an effort to put us in position to play a full regular season and postseason culminating with the Super Bowl which is the shared goal of the clubs and the players."

Tampa Bay Buccaneers left tackle Donovan Smith said recently on social media that playing this season during the pandemic "does not seem like a risk worth taking" for him and the health of his family.

New York Giants left tackle Nate Solder was more blunt last week on Twitter: "If the NFL doesn't do their part to keep players healthy," he posted, "there is no football in 2020. It's that simple."

The culture of the sport, from the natural aggression that unfolds on the field to the short careers made more urgent by the lack of guaranteed contracts, could well prompt a fringe player to ignore a heightened personal or family risk out of fear of losing his spot on the roster or his place in the league. Unlike baseball, pro football has fewer players secure enough to skip a season without worrying about the ramifications.

"You're putting them in a really difficult position, not that much different than the essential worker that's got to make a decision, 'Do I go drive the bus and potentially risk my own health and my family's health in order to pay the rent?' I'm not comparing \$18 per hour to \$610,000 a year, but the guy making \$610,000, the seventh-round rookie, he hasn't made the team yet. He doesn't have any money," said agent Blake Baratz, of The Institute for Athletes.

In this age of heightened awareness of head injuries and greater player empowerment across the league, though, there's clearly more support for taking care of off-the-field matters and less peer pressure to avoid letting the team down than in past eras.

"Anybody that's played any sport at most levels, the camaraderie and the understanding that you have with you and your teammates and friends is very important. I think no matter what anybody chooses to do, it'll be understood by the other players and coaches in the locker room," Minnesota Vikings tight end Tyler Conklin said. "At the end of the day, people do have families."

NBA going with shorter games for Disney exhibition openers

By **TIM REYNOLDS**

AP Basketball Writer

The first exhibition games of the NBA restart will go a little more quickly than usual.

The NBA is tweaking the rules for those initial matchups, going with 10-minute quarters instead of the usual 12 minutes. The change is for several reasons — among them, not wanting to overly tax players after they went more than four months without games, and because some teams do not have their full rosters at Walt Disney World yet because of coronavirus and other issues.

The change will apply only to the first exhibition for teams; their second and third exhibition games at Disney will use standard timing. All teams are slated to play three exhibitions.

"This is a different situation," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said Saturday. "In all areas, really. ... I do think that there's some latitude to do some different things."

Exhibitions start with a four-game slate Wednesday and continue through July 28. Plans call for all 33 exhibitions to be televised by some combination of local TV, national TV, NBA TV or NBA League Pass.

"I believe that it's done just trying to get safety first for the players," Orlando coach Steve Clifford said of the shorter first exhibition. "I think most teams are like us, where everybody is just feeling their way and guys aren't in the type of condition they would normally be in in a training camp situation."

The league is still working on some of the specifics for the first games, even whether to give teams the option of wearing uniforms or practice gear. Most teams, as of Saturday, were still planning to wear their usual regular-season uniforms

for all three of their exhibitions -- the new jerseys featuring social justice messaging will not debut until the seeding games that count begin July 30.

Other changes for the exhibition games may include using more than three referees in a rotating system, though that also remains under discussion.

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Players apparently had not been told the first exhibitions will go faster.

"I don't know about that yet," said Oklahoma City guard Chris Paul, the president of the National Basketball Players Association. "So, I'll find out."

The exhibitions will be played like normal games — score and stats will be kept, and it will be a chance for the league's stat crews that were hired to

work for three months at Disney to work out any kinks in the system.

Miami coach Erik Spoelstra said he's taking a different view than he does for typical preseason matchups. For the first time, he's talking with the coaches of the teams the Heat will face — Sacramento's Luke Walton and Utah's Quin Snyder — to see if there are any specific situations those clubs want to work on in those games.

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