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Howard County Fair

UIL Released Fall season starting dates. Football will be kicking off on September 7.

COVID-19 Update:

Active Cases: 39 Confirmed:

93

Tests performed:

2406

Pending:

37

Negative tests: 2276

Recovered:

51

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BSISD Board of Trustees call special meeting to discuss upcoming semester

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

The Big Spring ISD Board of Trustees have called a special meeting for Thursday at 5:15 p.m. The meeting will be held in the high school board room. located at 707 Eleventh Place.

The main focus Thursday's

special meeting will be the discussion surrounding the reopening plan. Superintendent Jay McWilliams will lead the discussion with the Board of Trust-

In addition to the plan for the upcoming school year, the Board of Trustees will be look-

> ing at three action items as well. Possible

action could be taken on a Standard Form Owner/Contrac-Agreement with Javine West Texas LLC, dba Varitec

Solutions, for Contractor Services Relating to the HVAC system upgrades at Moss Elementary, Marcy Elementary, Washington Elementary, Goliad

Elementary, Big Spring Intermediate, Big Spring Junior High and Big Spring High School and other action related to this item.

Budget amendments and expenditures over \$150,000 will also be considered with possible action taken by the Board of Trustees.

Lastly, before the meeting adjourns, the trustees will consider a resolution approving the terms and conditions of an Interlocal Agreement with Region 10 Retirement Asset Management Services Cooperative.

Other items include:

- Public comments
- · Prayer and Pledge

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center Back to School Splash gearing up for drive through distribution on Aug. 6

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

The upcoming school year is a hot topic for the State and the Nation look at how districts will be starting this upcoming Fall Semester. Education will continue, but the platform may be similar to the end of the last school year, however, Scenic Mountain Medical Center is planning the 7th Annual Back to School Health Splash as a way to help ease some of the burden of heading back to school. The Back to School Health Splash is set for Aug. 6 from 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. and will be a drive-through distribution format in front of SMMC.

"Getting ready to go back to school can be stressful any year, but this year, as parents and families along with school districts work to come up with the best plan for their students, we want to make sure Howard County youth are prepared for another semester of learning, without having to worry about if they have the supplies they will be needing," April Arms **Event Organizer and Scenic**

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SMMC is gearing up for the Back to School Splash which is set for Aug. 6. This year it will be a drive through distribution. Partners for the event are being requested.

Prayer warriors called up for July Prayer Weekend

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

To gather together - while we are apart - in prayer is the calling that is being issued for this weekend. One local resident is stepping out in obedience and answering a call that she believes has been handed down by God. This weekend for 48 hours she is calling those in Howard County to come together virtually and pray for our community, our state, our nation, and the current condition we are in.

"The most powerful way we can love our community is to pray for it," Holly Barfield, a local teacher at Big Spring High School, said on the Howard County Prayer Warriors Facebook page. "We need to pray for our leaders as they make decisions that impact us all, our families as we continue to navigate these unprecedented times we are in, our teachers and students as we come closer to the start of the most confusing of school years ...'

According to Barfield, this is an idea that she felt God drop into her heart last month, but she resisted and shrugged it of. As she sat in a recent church service, as her Pastor was preaching, the nudge came again as the message reaffirmed what God had already spoken to her. "I was sitting in church and at one point in the Pastor's

message he said, 'If God tells you to do something, do it." she She continued, "I'm not the most Christian person in Big

Spring. I'm a young prayer warrior still, which is one of the reasons I held off and ignored what He was telling me. When it comes down to it though, you don't have to be the best prayer, or even a perfect Christian – one doesn't exist – God

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COVID-19 update: 9 new cases; additional death reported as of Tuesday

Special to the Herald

On July 21, 2020, the City of Big Spring and Howard County officials were notified of nine (9) new positive test results for COVID-19. These individuals are isolating at home and are currently exhibiting mild symptoms, such as headache, lowgrade fever and a cough. These new cases have been deter-

mined to be community spread. The demographic information of the infected individuals is as follows:

- 66-year-old male
- 51-year-old female
- 22-year-old female
- 84-year-old female 47-year-old female
- 59-year-old male
- 58-year-old male 26-year-old male

• 22-year-old female With the recent and rapid increase in the number of positive cases, County and City officials urge community members to take every precaution to protect yourself and your family members. Please continue to practice social distancing, stay home when possible, wash your hands frequently, and wear a mask while in public areas. These are all things you can do to help prevent yourself and your loved ones from becoming ill

from any respiratory illness including COVID-19. As of 4 p.m. this afternoon, the Texas DSHS website is reporting 98 active cases, 50 active cases and 38 recovered.

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Jerome James Meister

Jerome James Meister, 70, of Big Spring formerly of Odessa died Monday, July 20, 2020. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.



Dorothy Elizabeth Gregg Henderson
Dorothy Elizabeth Gregg Henderson was

born April 18, 1925, to William Lewis and Cressie Magdalene Gregg in Carbon, Texas. She passed away on July 19, 2020.

Dorothy is survived by her brother Hu Gregg of Burkburnett: three children: Greg Henderson of Merkel, Texas: Mark Henderson of Big Lake, Texas: and Craig Grote of Mason, Texas: Six grandchildren: eight great-grandchildren.

LOCAL

Due to current concerns about Covid-19, a private graveside service will be held for family members only at a date to be determined. Memorials may be given to Hospice of San Angelo or West Texas Boys Ranch in San Angelo. Online condolences may be given at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, https://www.npwelch.com.

William Gonzalez

William Gonzalez, 90, of Big Spring, passed away Wednesday, July 15, 2020, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, July 24, 2020, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born January 6, 1930 in Detroit,

Survivors include his daughter, Diana Gonzalez of Big Spring; one son, Carlos Gonzalez of Big Spring; two granddaughters; three great granddaughters; and one sister, Helen Gonzalez.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, Guillermo and Clara Castillo; a son, William Gonzalez, Jr.; a brother; one sister; and two granddaughters.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Juana is survived by five sons: Roy Gomez, Richard Gomez and his wife Linda. Abel Gomez, Ramon Gomez, Jr. and Michael Gomez, all of Big Spring; one daughter: Nicole Cervantes of Big Spring; two sisters: Angelina Aguilar and her husband Robert of Big Spring and Anita Silva of Beeville; three brothers: Ruben Silva and his wife Frances of Roscoe, Jesus Silva and his wife Leticia of Colorado City, and Luis Silva and his wife Rosario of Abilene; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband Juana was preceded in death by two sisters: Luisa and Manuela; and one brother: Fermin.

Pallbearers will be Roy Gomez, III, Carlos Silva, Ruben Silva, David Escovedo, Kyle Highfield, and Fermin Gutierrez.

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

Paid obituary

Juana Silva, 62, of Big Spring died Monday, July 20, 2020. Visitation will be 9 a.m. Until 9 p.m.

Juana Silva

Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home with Vigil service at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Juana was born on Jan. 3, 1958, to

Antonia and Selestino Silva. She moved to Big Spring 45 years ago from Colorado City. She married Ramon Gomez in 1980 in Big Spring and he preceded her in death in 1995. She was a

homemaker and a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Juana loved to cook and she loved her family and

her grandkids. She also enjoyed reading.

The Big Spring Police Depart-

ment reported the following ac-

tivity for July 19 and July 20, 2020:

29, of 3710 W. Tanner of Midland,

was arrested on a charge of public

MARC ANTHONY YBAR-

RA, 23, of 909 E. 16th Street, was

arrested on a charge if driving

SPIVEY, 24, of 710 E. 14th Street,

was arrested on a charge of un-

authorized use of motor vehicle;

evading arrest/detention with ve-

hicle or watercraft and warrant

VINCENT MICHAEL PINO.

29, of 3710 W. Tanner Street of Mil-

dand, was arrested on a charge of

• MARC ANTHONY YBAR-

RA, 23, of 909 E. 16th Street, was

while intoxicated 2nd offense.

JOSHUA

from other agency.

public intoxication.

• VINCENT MICHAEL PINO,

Police blotter

arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated 2nd offense.

- MICHAEL PAUL JONES, 30, of 1514 84th of Lubbock, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
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- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported in the 1500 block of Nolan; 700 block of S. Gregg Street: 2700 block of Wasson Road; Midway Road; 2700 Wasson Road; Midway Road;
- ACCIDENT MAJOR was reported in the 1000 Highland Drive; 2600 block of S. Gregg Street.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street; 2200 block of Morrison Drive: 1800 block of Donley

- ASSAULT was reported at 300 block of NE 10th Street; 700 block of W. I-20; 3200 block of Drexel Avenue; 700 block of W. I-20.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 800 block of W. FM 700; 3800 block of Bethel Drive.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80; 200 block of W. FM 700; 3600 block of W. Hwy 80; 200 block of W. FM 700: 1600 block of Birdwell.
- BURGLARY OF HABITA-**TION** was reported in the 1000 block of Sycamore Street (x2): 5300 block of Wasson Road. CREDIT/DEBIT CARD
- ABUSE was reported in the 700 block of E. I-20 (x2).
- ACCIDENT MINOR was reported in the area of Abliene/ Harding: 900 block of N. Lamesa

Sheriff/Fire/EMS

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

NATHANIEL

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 83 inmates at the time of this report.

• JOSHUA NATHANIEL SPIVEY, 24, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of evading arrest/detention with vehicle, parole violation, and unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1500 block of Lexington. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 500 block of NW 10th Street. No transport was required.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3300 block of W. Hwy 89. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1400 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 900 block of Culp. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 100 block of Airbase Road. No transport was required.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 900 block S. Main Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 9700 block of S. Service Road I-20. No transport was required.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3700 block of Howard Co. Airport. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- TRAFFIC ACCI-**DENT** was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.





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Support Groups

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
- Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weighin is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul

- 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 faithbased 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. Covered dish supper at 7

SUNDAY

· Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

MONDAY

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

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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Mountain Medical Center Executive Administra-

SMMC is currently looking for local businesses, organizations, and even individuals who are wanting to support the local youth in preparation for a new school year. In the interest of taking precautions to help slow the spread of coronavirus, the usual outdoor fair will be moving to the drive through format with pre-packed school supply packets. The packets will include basic school supplies and broken into elementary and junior high/ high school supplies.

"Our community is great about coming together and making sure our youth is taken care of, and this year, we understand the majority of the community, families and businesses have been hard hit, but that's another reason this event is important for us

to keep going. We want to make sure families have one less thing to worry about this coming school year," Arms said.

For those who would like to support this event there are a number of ways, according to Arms. Donations of school supplies are needed which can be supported through purchasing the school supplies or providing a monetary donation to purchase the supplies. Businesses who would like to become a partner in the event will be able to display their banner and send a volunteer to help distribute the items or a family can choose to donate snacks for those who may be attending school online this year. "While we are uncertain at this time what the up-

coming school year will look like, we know there is a need we can meet. Anyone who is wanting to help us out with this event is welcome; there are so many different ways to offer support," she said. During the event the volunteers will be wearing

masks and those coming through the event are encouraged to wear a mask. Social distancing will be followed by those helping in the event and those coming through for school supplies are asked to stay in their vehicles. According to Arms, the students who will be receiving the school supplies need to be present. The drive through will be divided into stations with volunteers directing traffic to the proper station.

"We are in this together. The staff, administration and providers appreciate all the support that has been provided to us during this time, and this is one of the ways we can give back to our community who has given so much to us," she said. Drop off for donations can be made by calling

April Arms at 432-268-4907 or by e-mailing Arms at april.arms@steward.org. For more information or to sign up as a partner for this event, contact April

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Weather



Today: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 96. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 74. Southeast wind around 10 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 97. South wind around 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 75.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 96.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 73.

Saturday: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 95.

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

ICYMI: Texas DPS Commissions 77 New Troopers at Graduation Ceremony





A new group of Texas Department of Public Safety Troopers - 77 - were recently part of a graduation ceremony.

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) commissioned 77 new Texas Highway Patrol Troopers from its A-2020 recruit class during a graduation ceremony held on Friday, July 17. These new Troopers join the ranks of thousands of commissioned DPS officers across the state.

'These 77 new Troopers are now part of a larger legion of men and women who have devoted their lives to serving the public and protecting our communities," said Texas Public Safety Commission Chairman Steven P. Mach. "Their hard work and perseverance during the Training Academy has shown their exemplary commitment to their duties as law enforcement officers, and I want to thank each of them for their dedication to protecting and serving Texans."

Governor Greg Abbott delivered the keynote address during Friday's graduation ceremony for Class A-2020. This was the department's 166th recruit class, and the recruits ranged in age from 21 to 42 years old. Fifteen recruits had prior law enforcement experience, 29 served in the military and two recruits celebrated the birth of a baby. The class even had a former NFL player in its lineup.

"Class A-2020 underwent rigorous training during a unique and unprecedented time, and I'm proud of these 77 men and women for overcoming challenges, remaining dedicated to their mission and persevering through everything that was thrown at them," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "The training that our recruits undergo prepares them for their careers as Texas Highway Patrol Troopers, and I am pleased to welcome each of them to the DPS ranks."

This recruit class had to tackle some very unique challenges during the 27-week Training Academy due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To do so, the recruits underwent twice-daily health screenings, were divided into multiple classrooms and even socially distanced during meals in the cafeteria.

The recruits will report to their individual duty stations on Aug. 3.

To view a live stream of the Class A-2020 graduation ceremony, visit DPS' YouTube Channel. Additional photos from the ceremony can be found on DPS' website.

CASES

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This afternoon, Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman and Mayor Shannon Thomason were notified that a 62-year-old female patient had succumbed to her illness and passed away.

This is the third death in Howard County/Big Spring due to COVID-19. Both County and City officials are saddened by this news and we extend our deepest condolences to her family members.

thing like this every month."

planned, we are looking at doing some-

To find out more about Prayer Weekend

or to sign up for a 15-minute prayer slot,

visit the Howard County Prayer War-

"Prayer is an easy thing that we can all

do and it's so important," Becky Woodall,

Children's Director at First United Meth-

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We ask that you keep them in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

riors Facebook page.

odist Church, said.

her, e-mail edi-

is simply asking us to do the best with what we have when He calls upon us."

Barfield, along with her husband who is also a teacher, have been discussing how to approach the upcoming school year when it comes to their own children. The debate seems to be the focus of attention across the nation as a new school year quickly approaches, to send children to school or take part in virtual learning, that is the question.

"My husband and I are not the only ones anxious about this upcoming decision or about what's going on. We have been trying to make this decision on our own, in our own power, but instead we need to be turning to God to direct us," she said. "As a community we need to be bringing God into our decision making and what is going on around us."

Barfield has created a Facebook page for this weekend's prayer event. The goal is to have at least one person sign up for a 15-minute slot where we fill the entire 48 hours. To ensure all the slots were filled 192 people would need to sign up. The object is to pray for the current situation, for guidance, for schools, for community, or any prayer you feel led to pray. The prayer does not have to be public, but can be if you choose; it simply has to be prayed.

"While we can't exactly get together physically and pray, we can still unite in

prayer," she said. "If this goes as

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Frances Lynn "Fran" Trotter, 74, died Friday. Funeral service will Wednesday at 10:00 AM at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Juana Silva, 62, died Monday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Wednesday at Myers Smith Funeral Home with Vigil service at 7:00 PM at & Myers Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10:00 Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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Stocks climb on Wall Street after Europe agrees on virus aid

By ALEX VEIGA

AP Business Writer

Energy companies and banks are leading stocks broadly higher on Wall Street in morning trading Tuesday, extending the market's recent run of

The S&P 500 was up 0.6%. The gains followed strength in markets overseas as investors welcomed news that European leaders have agreed on a budget and coronavirus relief fund worth more than \$2 trillion. The move comes as the pressure intensifies on Congress and the White House to reach a deal on another economic aid package before the end of the month.

Investors also have their eye on the latest batch of quarterly report cards from companies. Coca-Cola and Philip Morris International rose after the companies reported earnings in the latest quarter that beat analysts' forecasts.

Energy companies notched the biggest gains among the 11 sectors in the S&P 500 as the price of oil climbed more than 3%, an encouraging sign that markets hope economies will continue to recover. Still, Treasury yields were mostly lower, continuing to reflect caution in the market.

Technology stocks and companies that rely on

consumer spending, sectors that are up the most this year, were headed lower, giving up some of their gains after powering a rally a day earlier.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 315 points, or 1.2%, to 26,996. The Nasdaq was down 0.3% a day after notching its best day since the end of April and its latest all-time high. Small company stocks were faring better than the rest of the market. The Russell 2000 index climbed 1.6%. After following up a 20% drop in the first three

months of the year with a nearly 20% gain over

the April-June quarter, Wall Street has continued its winning ways so far in July. The S&P 500 has notched a weekly gain the past three weeks as investors cheered improvements in hiring, retail sales and other parts of the economy, along with rising hopes for a COVID-19 vaccine. The Federal Reserve's efforts to support markets and expectations that Washington will deliver

more financial aid to help Americans weather the economic downturn have been key in keeping markets mostly pushing higher since stocks plunged in The overall S&P 500 index has rallied back to

within 3.4% of its record set in February and is back to where it was in early June.

Still, worries remain that the rise of coronavirus counts across much of the country will derail efforts to reopen businesses shut down due to the

The yield on the 10-year Treasury slipped to 0.60% from 0.61% late Monday.

In the commodities markets, the price of benchmark U.S oil was up 3.3% to \$42.16 a barrel. Brent crude oil, the international standard, was up 3.3%

Stocks in Europe rose broadly after the 27 leaders of European Union countries agreed to a 1.8 trillion-euro (\$2.1 trillion) budget and coronavirus recovery fund after one of their longest summits. To cope with the biggest recession in its history, the EU will establish a 750 billion-euro (\$858 billion) coronavirus fund, partly based on common borrowing, to be sent as loans and grants to the hardest-hit countries.

That is in addition to the agreement on the sevenyear, 1 trillion-euro (\$1.14 trillion) EU budget that leaders were haggling over even before the pan-

Germany's DAX climbed 1%. France's CAC 40 added 0.2%, and Britain's FTSE 100 was flat. Asian markets closed broadly higher.

Tour leads Trujillo to TSTC's Diesel Equipment Technology program



Courtesy photo/TSTC Juan Trujillo will graduate this fall with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Diesel Equipment Technology.

Special to the Herald

SWEETWATER - Juan Trujillo thought about becoming a doctor. But after touring Texas State Technical College's Sweetwater campus, he changed his mind.

Trujillo said the Diesel Equipment Technology program caught his attention.

After deciding not to focus on medicine as a career, he turned to his first love: vehicles. He will graduate in the fall with an Associate of Applied Science degree, but he has future plans in mind. "I want to go back to college and get my business degree.

I want to open my own business," he said. "I know I will have a job. How do they get the windmills out here? Diesel. How does Walmart get things to the stores? Diesel. Diesel moves the world." Trujillo, a graduate of Grape Creek High School in San

Angelo, said he was impressed with the automotive industry because his father drives trucks across the country.

"I have always loved vehicles. I love to work on my own vehicles," he said of his 2000 Chevrolet Corvette and 2020 Yamaha YZF-R3 motorcycle.

His passion for vehicles also grew by watching a certain movie franchise.

"I grew up watching the 'Fast & Furious' movies and have loved cars. I wanted to start working on them," he said. "My dad would always let me help him work on the trucks. He would let me change things or tighten stuff. I learned to enjoy it."

The one difference Trujillo sees during his lab sessions and working on his Corvette is easy to describe.

"These trucks are a lot different from gas engines. Plus, the equipment is heavier," he said.

Trujillo said the best part of the TSTC program is working in the labs.

"We can read in the textbook all day, but getting in there and working on the trucks is the best thing. I like to put the things I learned from the books to use," he said. "The labs are like having a job. The instructors are always there, willing to help you."

Registration for the fall semester is underway. For more information, go to tstc.edu.

State News Briefs

Police: Texas boy, 4, found unresponsive in car dies

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — Police in Wichita Falls say a 4-year-old boy died after being found unresponsive in a vehicle.

Police say the boy was found in the vehicle Saturday evening in the driveway of a home. He was discovered in the vehicle after adults in the house noticed he was missing. The child was taken to a hospital, where he was

pronounced dead. Temperatures in Wichita Falls reached the mid-

90s on Saturday.

Police are investigating the death.

Police: Fatal shooting of child in Texas appears accidental

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Police in suburban Dallas say a 3-year-old boy was fatally shot in head in what appears to be an accidental shooting by a family member.

Arlington police said they are investigating the Monday shooting. Officers responding to a report of a shooting found the wounded child at the scene. The child was taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Police did not immediately release the name of the child.

Woman imprisoned for leaking government secrets has COVID-19

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A former government contractor serving a prison sentence in Texas after pleading guilty to mailing a classified report to a news organization has tested positive for the coronavirus, her sister said.

Reality Winner's sister, Brittany Winner, told the Daily Report on Monday that her sister told her via email of the positive test. Reality Winner is housed at the Federal Medical Center-Carswell in Fort Worth.

Winner's emergency appeal seeking a compassionate release is pending at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. Her attorney first sought Winner's release in April after COVID-19 began spreading in prisons.

Winner is asking to serve the remainder of her sentence at home.

Brittany Winner said her sister doesn't currently have symptoms.

Reality Winner pleaded guilty in 2018 to a single count of transmitting national security information. The former Air Force translator worked as a contractor at a National Security Agency office in Augusta, Georgia, when she printed a classified report and left the building with it tucked into her

pantyhose. Winner, who grew up in Texas, was sentenced to five years and three months in prison. The Daily Report says she's served three years and one month.

Fiscal Notes: Texas' International Trade

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — In the recently released June/July issue of Fiscal Notes, the Comptroller's office examines a crucial facet of the Texas economy: its trade with other nations. Texas is the nation's largest exporter and second-largest importer, and nearly every person in the state benefits directly or indirectly from foreign trade, particularly that with Texas' largest trading partners, Mexico and

"In the last few years, trade tensions with China and uncertainty surrounding the implementation of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement led to concerns here in Texas, given the importance of international trade to the Texas economy," Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said. "And then came COVID-19. Texas imports and exports plunged and may not recover this year. But the long-term outlook remains positive, and the realignment of supply chains and business relationships caused

by the pandemic ultimately may benefit our state.'

This issue of Fiscal Notes also looks at the economic contributions of Texas' 50 public community college districts. These institutions play an important dual role in the state by providing thousands

of Texans with a low-cost way to begin their academic careers while giving others the professional training and credentials needed for a wide variety of high-demand jobs.

For questions about how our agency functions are continuing during the outbreak, visit our CO-VID-19 News page or our Virtual Field Office. Fiscal Notes is available online and can be received by subscribing via the Comptroller's website.

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Little League baseball brings sense of normalcy back to Big Spring sports







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Above left: The Cardinals celebrate their win on the field after their win over the Astros. Above middle: The leadoff man for the Red Sox hits a double to centerfield. Above right: A catcher for the PeeWee Rangers throws the ball back to the mound.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

The crack of the bat could be heard consistently throughout Roy Anderson Sports Complex last night. Dozens of little league baseball players took the field on a cloudy night in Big Spring to show off their skills and play a game they love.

"Baseball was made for kids, and grown-ups only screw it up," Bob Lemon once said.

The excitement and love for the game could be felt all the way through the chain link fence and far beyond the bleachers. The Sports Complex was filled on Tuesday night with family members coming out to support their loved ones and everyone seemed to be getting into the action. Even more important, the young players on the fields seemed to be enjoying their time spent with their teammates and on the field playing one of the most popular sports in the world.

In a time where nothing seems normal and adjustments have had to be made by everyone, the baseball fields were packed on Tuesday night. The Big Spring community appeared happy that they had something to do instead of sitting at home like they have done for the past four months. The crowd was getting involved in the games and all the people in the park appeared to be having a great time watching the good-spirited competition.

"Go, Astros, Go," one fan in the outfield shouted while watching a PeeWee matchup.

In a time where the negative news cycle has taken over the airwaves and there is not much positivity being spread around, watching young athletes who do not care about much more in the moment than wanting to play ball is a nice getaway. The league will take their weekly Wednesday break before getting back on the diamond on Thursday evening.

Little League will continue over the next few weeks and each player, coach, and parent will be looking forward to their days at the ballpark.

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UIL announces their decision to start 1A-4A Fall Sports on time

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

The University Interscholastic League (UIL) announced their plans for the fall sports seasons on Tuesday morning. After weeks of deliberation, the UIL concluded that Conferences 1A-4A would start their fall sports schedules on time while Conferences 5A-6A will have their season pushed back until September.

This decision affects all sports that are played in the fall and means that football, volleyball, team tennis, and cross country will all start at the same time of year that they usually would.

The first day of football and volleyball practice will be August 3. Volleyball games will begin the week of August 10, while football games will begin the week of August 27.

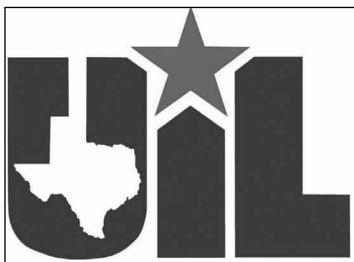
The Big Spring Steers had to do some switching around with their schedule because of the decision and their Bye Week will move from Week 8 to Week 2 of the regular season. The Steers will now play the Pecos Eagles in Week 8.

The following is the UIL's press release regarding the return of high school athletics:

The University Interscholastic League (UIL)

is presenting modifications to the 2020-2021 UIL calendar and updated COVID-19 risk mitigation guidelines, set to take effect August 1, 2020.

The modifications to the 2020-2021 calendar differ by activity and conference and can be found on the UIL website and in the chart below. These adjustments reflect the public health situation at this time and the varying numbers of COVID-19 cases across different geographic areas of the state. This plan provides a delay for schools in highly-populated metro areas, primarily conferences 5A-6A, given the challenges with COVID-19 those communities are facing, while providing schools in other areas, primarily 1A-4A, an opportunity to start seasons on schedule. Acknowledging the situation is not always clear-cut and that COVID-19 affects ev-



UIL Logo

ery community differently, the plan also allows for local flexibility and encourages districts to plan for possible interruptions in order to complete district

Additionally, the COVID-19 risk mitigation guidelines for the 2020-2021 school year can be found on the UIL website. This includes guidance around face coverings, general operations and protocol for individuals confirmed or exposed to COVID-19, congregate settings (band halls, locker rooms, etc.), practice and rehearsal activities, spectators and media, and concession stands and food service.

These guidelines are in addition to guidance issued by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and intended to be implemented along with TEA guidance, which applies to UIL academic activities and extracurricular non-UIL activities.

With the understanding that not all schools will be able to start at the same time, this plan allows for schools to make playing decisions at the local level, and the UIL will work directly with schools that have scheduling issues not addressed in this plan to allow them flexibility to complete as many contests as possible. "Our goal in releasing this plan is to provide a path forward for Texas students and schools," said UIL Executive Director Dr. Charles Breithaupt. "While understanding situations change and there will likely be interruptions that will require flexibility and patience, we are hopeful this plan allows students to participate in the education-based activities they love in a way that prioritizes safety and mitigates risk of

COVID-19 spread."

UIL will continue to work with state officials and monitor CDC and other federal guidance to determine any potential modifications that may

Coaches around Howard County and the Permian Basin have been in wait-and-see mode for weeks now and did not know if their seasons were going to start on time, if they started at all. There was excitement coming out of Big Spring and Coahoma but also some surprise that this is what the UIL's decision ended up being.

Coahoma will now shut down their summer workouts for two weeks until practice will begin. Athletic Director Chris Joslin has had that in his plans for a while and is trying to keep everyone inside and around his program as healthy as possible so that they can have a chance to play a full season.

The decision has confused many and also satisfied many others. While it is not the decision anyone saw coming, local student-athletes and coaches will be grateful that they did not lose an entire season. This just now means that every fan needs to take extra precaution in making sure that they are protecting themselves and everyone else around them at the games. If everyone can do that, fall sports can continue as planned and West Texas will slowly and surely return back to normal.

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Accomplished Coach Looks to Take Swimming Program to Next Level

Special to the Herald

In her 30 years as a swim coach, Betsy Graham has coached a Paralympian medalist, a US National Team member, five All-Americans, and had a team hold the title of highest GPA in the NCAA. She brings that experience to UT Permian Basin where she takes over as the new Head Men's and Women's Swimming Coach and University Director of Aquatics.

Graham comes to UTPB after serving as the Head Swimming Coach at Arena Club Aquatics in Bel Aire, Maryland, where she coached 15 swimmers to Sectionals, five to Futures, two made Junior National cuts, and two Academic All-Americans.

"It's an honor to be selected as the next head coach at UT Permian Basin," said Graham. "The opportunity to return to college coaching is exciting. I can't possible overstate my gratitude and appreciation to Scott Farmer and the search committee for placing their confidence in me."

Prior to that, Graham had a decorated stint from 2001-15 as Head Swimming Coach at Catawba College, in Salisbury, NC. Graham started as the Women's Swim Head Coach before launching the Men's Swimming program in 2006. At Catawba, she produced five All-Americans, seven All-Academic Team members, and a pair of Academic All-Americans. Six swimmers qualified for the NCAA Division II National Championships during her tenure. Graham's

teams were also excellent in the classroom. In 2015, her men's squad finished with the highest GPA in nation, including teams from all three levels of the

"Coach Graham comes to us with a track record of success," said Director of Athletics Scott Farmer. "We believe she is the right person to take over the program as her teams have always exceled academically and athletically."

Graham had stops as an assistant at various places including the University of Arkansas at the Division I level, Ferris State, and Northern Michigan where she got her start as a coach in 1988. She has experience in Texas, serving as the Head Coach for the Aqua-Tex Swim Team (ATEX) in Houston. There she coached a finalist for the 1996 Olympic trials, two Olympic Festival finalists, and placed a swimmer on the US National Team. She also coached Ashley Owens, a US National Paralympian who won four medals at the 2010 World Championships.

"I look forward to getting to know the student-athletes," said Graham. "I'm excited to work with them and have great success in and out of the pool."

Graham holds an American Swimming Coaches Association Level Five certification and in 2016 was recognized as a Coach of Excellence by the organization.

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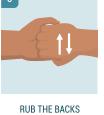
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I guess that my being a bit introverted makes me less tolerant of extroverts who like to hear themselves talk. I did not mean to make this letter sound hostile, because I do genuinely like my elderly relative and my plumber. --**Enough Said**

Dear Enough

Said: With folks who take every conversation into overtime, the best defense is a good offense. Start the call by saying, "I only have 15 minutes (or however long) to talk." Your relative will have been

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given fair warning, and even if you still have to interrupt her midsentence, you won't feel as self-conscious or bad about doing so, having already established the expectation. This approach could also work for the plumber. Let him know you have things to do right after the appointment. If he turns on the chatter faucet anyway, don't be afraid to jump in and say, "You know I always enjoy talking to you, but I just really need to take care of some things. Thanks for coming by. I'll show you out." And don't worry too much that you'll hurt anyone's feelings. I get the impression from

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Dear Annie: I read your column every day, and I'm always amazed by the unusual dilemmas people write to you about. Now I am hoping you have an answer for me. Anyway, we have a dear friend we've known for many years, and she has a problem with dogs of all sizes. She is extremely afraid of them and reacts in an almost childlike manner towards them. It seems to stem from her childhood in Sicily. One time, when she was 5

years old and walking in her neighborhood, a large dog barked at her and charged the fence around its house. It must have scared the bejesus out of her.

We recently got a puppy, and she doesn't want to be around the puppy. She even cringes at photos of the puppy. Is there anything that can be done to help her without losing her friendship? -- Dog Lover

Dear Dog Lover:

You have to take puppy steps with your friend. Each time she comes over to your house, make sure your puppy's just had a nice

long walk, and put your puppy on a leash. Ask your pooch to go into a sitting position so that she can pet the puppy calmly. The first time, she may pet your puppy only once or not at all. But if she sees -- through repeated exposure -- that your dog is not the dog that terrified her when she was 5, she may be able to reprogram her fear. If she really can't even try and be around a small puppy, she should seek professional help.

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Pass Opening lead — king of clubs. Let's say you're declarer at five diamonds doubled and West leads the king of clubs. The problem is how to give yourself the best chance to make the contract. Of course, your plan

should be based on viewing only the North-South cards, and not all four make an unusual play in order to hands shown in the diagram.

Strangely enough, the answer is to start by discarding a spade on the It is easy enough to discard a spade king of clubs! Once you make this play you cannot be defeated, regard-

less of what West decides to do at trick two. First, let's suppose West continues

with the ace of clubs. In that case, you ruff, play a spade to the ace, ruff a spade high, enter dummy with a trump and ruff another spade high, thus establishing three spade tricks in After you next cross to dummy

with a trump, you discard the K-J-4 of hearts on the J-10-7 of spades and wind up making the contract with an overtrick. Of course, you don't make the overtrick if West cashes the ace of hearts at trick two, but, more importantly, you do make the contract.

Now let's suppose you ruffed the king of clubs at trick one, which seems the natural thing to do. In that event, you would go down one no matter how you continued. Sooner or later East would win a trick with the king of spades and return heart to do

What the hand demonstrates is that it is occasionally necessary to prevent the dangerous opponent (in this case, East) from gaining the lead. on the opening lead; the hard part is to think of it.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Sun Goes Home

ARIES (March **21-April 19).** It is not necessary to fight the old guard. Nor is it your responsibility to overturn the powers that be. For now, it is enough to observe and note where change needs to happen.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your habits are perfectly positioned to match up with certain goals and with how you see yourself and who you want to be in this lifetime. This is a magic alignment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The poet Kahlil Gibran perfectly described your day today when he said, "Your soul is oftentimes a battlefield, upon which your reason and your judgment wage war against your passion and your appetite."

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your thought process is like a television in which you can't control the programming, but you can choose what you'll watch. And if you choose wrong, you can always change the channel.

LEO (July 23-Aug. **22).** Maybe something has changed; maybe nothing has changed. However you need to see it, look at it that way. You'll be adept at creating the exact mindset you most need in order to get this day done right.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Great po-

By Holiday Mathis weaver! sitions require authority sufficient to fill the role. Without this, no effect is possible. Before you take on a responsibility,

sure you have all you need to not only meet the expectation but also exceed it.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Those who insist that people pay them respect are showing the world that they have not yet done the work required to deserve it. Respect is an organic gift and can only be earned along the way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you give it your best shot, either nothing much happens and you learn how not to do it, or magic happens that you may or may not be able to repeat. So you absolutely can't lose by trying!

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your environment changes, and your behavior will change right along with it in a natural and free-flowing way. New habits will lead you to a very good place.

CAPRICORN (Dec.

22-Jan. 19). You're a

thoughts into an overall positive attitude and attract harmonious relationships and loving, cheerful people.

AQUARIUS (Jan. **20-Feb. 18).** Logically, you know that you have more than enough, and yet there is a small and unsure part of you that needs reassurance and might buy too much. Take a friend with you to the store.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). No one wants to be honored for their position; they want to be honored for what they personally bring to it. With your bright eyes and busy mind, you'll figure out the political landscape at hand.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (July 22). Confidence radiates from you because you trust yourself. You know how to be happy, and you will always be able to find a way to your joy this year. You'll work things out with an old friend or business partner in a venture that

pays everyone well.

At the start of 2021, destiny throws you a curve and you'll turn it into money. Libra and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 13, 33, 26 and

THE ASTROLO-**GY OF WEDNESDAY:**

The word Wednesday comes from the old Norse word Ooinsdagr, meaning Odin's Day. Odin was the Norse equivalent of the Roman god Mercury, the planet of communication, daily commerce and logistics. Today, as Mercury changes direction on a Wednesday, the snags that have kept daily life from gliding smoothly along will start to even out. Mercury will appear to be moving slowly for the next 10 days, and it may take a while to establish some momentum. But it's important to get started. Favored activities include: meetings, short trips, writing memos, reports and updates, client calls, publicity pushes, stocking up, catching up with friends, and networking. In general, Wednesday is a great day to give a speech, attend a conference, make a presentation or research. After hours, Wednesday is a great night to network at any kind of professional or personal club or organization you belong to, run errands, read, or check in with distant family.

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Here's How It Works:

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

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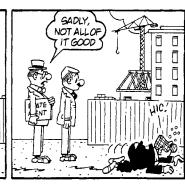


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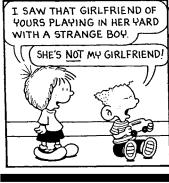








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This Date In History

Today In History

Today is Wednesday, July 22, the 204th day of 2020. There are 162 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On July 22, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln presented to his Cabinet a preliminary draft of the Emancipation Proclamation. On this date:

In 1587, an English colony fated to vanish under mysterious circumstances was established on Roanoke Island off North Carolina. In 1933, American aviator

Wiley Post completed the first solo flight around the world as he returned to New York's Floyd Bennett Field after traveling for 7 days, 18 and 3/4 hours.

In 1934, bank robber John Dillinger was shot to death by federal agents outside Chicago's Biograph Theater, where he had just seen the Clark Gable movie "Manhattan Melodrama."

In 1937, the U.S. Senate rejected President Franklin D. Roosevelt's proposal to add more justices to the Supreme Court.

In 1942, the Nazis began transporting Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto to the Treblinka concentration camp. Gasoline rationing involving the use of coupons began along the Atlantic seaboard. In 1946, the militant Zionist

group Irgun blew up a wing of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, killing 91 people. In 1957, Walter "Fred" Mor-

rison applied for a patent for a "flying toy" which became known as the Frisbee. In 1967, American author,

historian and poet Carl Sandburg died at his North Carolina home at age 89. In 1975, the House of Repre-

sentatives joined the Senate in voting to restore the American citizenship of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee. In 1991, police in Milwaukee

arrested Jeffrey Dahmer, who later confessed to murdering 17 men and boys (Dahmer ended up being beaten to death by a fellow prison inmate).

In 1992, Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar escaped from his luxury prison near Medellin (meh-deh-YEEN'). (He was slain by security forces in December 1993.)

In 2011, Anders Breivik (AHN'-durs BRAY'-vihk), a self-described "militant nationalist," massacred 69 people at a Norwegian island youth retreat after detonating a bomb in nearby Oslo

that killed eight others in the nation's worst violence since World War II.

Ten years ago: President Hugo Chavez severed Venezuela's diplomatic relations with neighboring Colombia over claims he was harboring leftist guerrillas. The city manager, assistant manager and police chief of Bell, California, resigned after outraged residents found out through a Los Angeles Times investigation that the officials were making a total of more than \$1.6 million a year. Six people were killed when a Greyhound bus crashed into an overturned SUV on a highway in Fresno, California (Authorities later said the SUV driver, who died in the collision, was drunk.)

Five years ago: A Soyuz space capsule blasted off for the International Space Station, docking with the orbiting outpost nearly six hours later. Prosecutors in Colorado urged the death penalty for Aurora movie theater shooter James Holmes, saying he de-liberately and cruelly killed 12 people (Holmes ended up being sentenced to life in prison when the jury could not unanimously agree on execution). A federal grand indictment charged Dylann Roof, the young man accused of killing nine Black church members in Charleston, South Carolina, with 33 counts including hate crimes that made him eligible for the death penalty. (Roof would become the first person sentenced to death for a federal hate crime; he is on death row at a federal prison in Indi-

ana.) One year ago: Teammates, family and friends gathered at a Catholic church in Santa Monica, California, to mourn Los Angeles Angels pitcher Tyler Skaggs, who had been found dead in his Texas hotel room on July 1. "Old Town Road," by Lil Nas X, remained at the top of the Billboard Hot 100 chart for a 16th week, tying a record set by Mariah Carey and Luis Fonsi. Equifax agreed to pay at least \$700 million to settle lawsuits over a 2017 data breach that exposed the Social Security numbers and other private information of nearly 150 million Americans.

Today's Birthdays: Former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., is 97. Author Tom Robbins is 88. Actress Louise Fletcher is 86. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chuck Jackson is 83. Actor Terence Stamp is 82. Game show host Alex Trebek is 80. Singer George Clinton is 79. Actor-singer Bobby Sherman is 77. Former Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, is 77.

Movie writer-director Paul Schrader is 74. Actor Danny Glover is 74. Singer Mireille Mathieu is 74. Actor-comedian-director Albert Brooks is 73. Rock singer Don Henley is 73. Movie composer Alan Menken is 71. Singer-actress Lonette McKee is 67. Jazz musician Al Di Meola (mee-OH'lah) is 66. Actor Willem Dafoe is 65. Actor John Leguizamo is 60. Rhythm-and-blues singer

Keith Sweat is 59. Actress Joanna Going is 57. Actor Rob Estes is 57. Folk singer Emily Saliers (Indigo Girls) is 57. Actor-comedian David Spade is 56. Actor Patrick Labyorteaux is 55. Rock musician Pat Badger is 53. Actress Irene Bedard is 53. Actor Rhys Ifans (rees EYE'-fanz) is 53. Actress Diana Maria Riva is 51. Actor Colin Ferguson is 48. Actor/singer Jaime Camil is 47.

Rock musician Daniel Jones is 47. Singer Rufus Wainwright is 47. Actress Franka Potente (poh-TEN'-tay) is 46. Actress Parisa Fitz-Henley is 43. Actress A.J. Cook is 42. Actor Keegan Allen is 33. Actress Camila Banus is 30. Actress Selena Gomez is 28. Britain's Prince George of Cambridge is seven.

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Sainz Jr. Claims Third Section Major Win at 2020 **Tradition Championship**

Houston, Texas (July 21, 2020)—Carlos Sainz Jr., Teaching Professional at GolfTEC – Upper Kirby has won the 2020 Tradition Championship at Westwood Golf Club with a final score of 134 (-10) following a sudden-death playoff against Jared Jones, PGA Director of Instruction at River Oaks Country Club.

"I was fortunate just to get into the playoff today because there are a lot of really great players in the field this week," said Sainz Jr. "I knew today's round had to be special to catch the leaders because the course was yielding good scores. I told myself if I could start hot and have a good front nine, I might have

Coming into today's round, Sainz Jr. sat four strokes behind yesterday's leader, Gilbert Mendez, PGA Teaching Professional at GolfTEC – Westlake. Sainz Jr. carded seven birdies and an eagle during today's round to earn his spot in the playoff against Jones and defeated him with a birdie on the first playoff hole, hole #10.

"My pairing today was a great group of guys to play with," said Sainz Jr. "We had tons of birdies and a couple of eagles between us. We were all feeding off of each other's energy.'

Today's win marks the third Section Major and fourth Southern Texas PGA tournament win in 2020 for Sainz Jr. who previously won the Open Division at the TPx Communications Championship and the National Car Rental Southern Texas PGA Professional Championship in May, as well as the Open Division of the Spring Classic in June.

The Tradition Championship also saw 15 PGA Professionals ages 50 and over competing in a separate Senior Division. Omar Uresti, PGA Life Member carded 6 birdies during Round Two to claim the win over Billy Sitton, PGA Facilities Manager at Triumph Golf LLC. Uresti finished with a two-day total of 133 (-11) and Sitton came in second with a final score of 139 (-5).

"Each tournament you know you have to come out and play good, solid golf and I've been fortunate enough to do that," said Uresti. "I didn't hit the driver as good as I can today, but I was staying in play and I was able to get it on the green most of the time."

Like Sainz Jr., today's win marks the third Section Major and fourth Southern Texas PGA win this year for Uresti who previously won the Senior Division at the TPx Communications Championship and the Southern Texas Senior PGA Professional Championship in May, as well as the Senior Division of the Spring Classic in June.

Tee times for Round Two were originally set to start at 7:30 a.m., but due to inclement weather in the area, the round was changed to a shotgun start beginning at 12:45 p.m.

The Tradition Championship, presented by Envirocleanse, NFP Hole-In-One USA, ProBuy, Turfhound, Surf & Turf Golf, Sterling Cut Glass, and PGA TOUR, was contested at Westwood Golf Club's 6,927-yard, par-72 course. This tournament is the third major championship in 2020 for the Southern Texas PGA. The Section's next major championship will be the Memorial Championship at The Clubs of Houston Oaks next month.

NFL facing unending series of questions, uncertain answers

By BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer In seven weeks, the NFL expects to kick off its 101st season with the Super Bowl champion Chiefs hosting

Emphasis on expects.

Still set on conducting a somewhat normal training camp, though without any preseason games, and then opening the regular season on time, the NFL pushes onward.

Rookies are reporting to team facilities this week, nearly all of them for the first time. Veterans are set to come in next week, and after testing for COVID-19 and a lengthy acclimation period, practices should begin sometimes next month.

Of course, there are more questions than ever for America's most profitable sports league, most notably how to keep people safe in a contact sport during a pandemic.

"Everything that we're doing is centered around the concept of risk mitigation," says Dr. Allen Sills, the league's chief medical officer. "We know that we can't eliminate risk, but we're trying to mitigate it as much as possible for everyone. We know that this is going to be a shared responsi-

Already this year the NFL has had to switch to remote, well, everything: free agency, the draft, offseason workouts, owners meetings. Now come the biggest and most critical tests as 80man rosters attempt to stay healthy while preparing to play a game that requires close contact nearly all the time. Roster sizes were reduced from 90 under an agreement Tuesday between the league and the players'

association, according to people familiar with the change who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because it has not been announced.

"We could have a ton of social distance, more than we have with our football team," Chiefs coach Andy Reid says. "It's all set up with monitors and everything else. Then the testing, these guys are going to be tested often. It'll be good that way. There's a responsibility for coaches and players to make sure we handle ourselves right when we're away from it. We are still keeping as much social distance as we can. It's a contact sport, but when there's no contact we're going to keep our distance."

The NFL has been studying the approaches of other sports, seeing the success NASCAR and the PGA Tour have experienced with their traveling shows, and the many issues Major League Baseball has dealt with. But auto racing, golf and baseball don't involve close-quarters action from beginning to end.

Thus, the elimination of exhibition games, which went from four to an owners' proposal of two and then to none. The players' association, which also proposed no preseason contests, approved the league's offer on Tuesday, a person familiar with the decision told The AP. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the offer had not been made public.

Getting rid of the exhibitions is one millions, but a necessary one.

The business of pro football will take a major hit, with ramifications extending into next year and beyond,

affecting salary caps and contract negotiations and, of course, bottom lines in a league that has \$15 billion in revenues. Or did.

Still, plenty of NFL business has taken place since mid-March, when the coronavirus led to nationwide shutdowns.

TAMPA BAY TOM

In a normal year, Tom Brady's switch from the Patriots to the Buccaneers would have overridden every NFL story, from early winter through the spring and summer and into his debut against fellow 40-something QB Drew Brees and the Saints in Septem-

Perhaps the biggest headlines Brady drew recently came when he defied players' union recommendations to cease informal practices with teammates as a coronavirus precaution.

MAHOMES MONEY

The Chiefs vowed they would pay star quarterback Patrick Mahomes, locking him up long term. Does 10 years for potentially \$500 million work? Yes, half a billion dollars.

Not that he is in Mahomes' class, but Dallas QB Dak Prescott wound up with the one-year franchise tag salary of \$31.4 million, hardly a pittance. The Cowboys could wind up the losers here, though, with quarterback pay now stretching beyond the stratosphere thanks to Mahomes setting the bar so high.

NEW FACES

The pandemic could lead to teams of many steps that will cost owners that remained relatively intact (Chiefs, Saints, Bills, Titans, Ravens, 49ers) having a major advantage over those experiencing upheaval.

That's particularly true where

coaching changes were made: Mike McCarthy in Dallas, Ron Rivera in Washington, Matt Rhule in Carolina, Kevin Stefanski in Cleveland and Joe Judge with the Giants. The last three have never been head coaches in the NFL.

Stars making big adjustments could include Brady and another longtime standout quarterback, Philip Rivers, now in Indianapolis; running back Todd Gurley in Atlanta; receiver DeAndre Hopkins in Arizona; tight end Jason Witten in Seattle; safety Malcolm Jenkins in New Orleans; defensive end Calais Campbell in Baltimore; and linebacker Robert Quinn in Chicago.

Not to mention the humongous jump from college ball for the likes of top overall selection QB Joe Burrow in Cincinnati, defensive stud Chase Young in Washington, and the rest of a draft class that has yet to take a formal snap with their teams.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Ever since Colin Kaepernick took a knee during the national anthem to protest social injustice, the NFL has been slammed for being blind to the message Kaepernick and many fellow players were trying to deliver. In this year of racial reckoning, there has been an awakening across much of the league.

Right now, the NFL is planning to allow players to have decals on the back of their helmets bearing names or initials of victims of systemic racism and police violence. Trying to catch up, the league has gotten involved in earnest with initiatives that its players have sought or inaugurated over the past few years.

Is a 60-game MLB season, shortest since 1878, legitimate?

By RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer

George Will pondered the meaning of the shortest

Major League Baseball season since 1878.

"If you're an Indians fan and you win the World Series, are you elated or do you think this is just one more insult?" the political commentator and baseball author said.

If Mookie Betts bats .400, would he displace Ted Williams as the last .400 hitter in 1941? If Jacob deGrom posts a sub-1 ERA in over a doz-

en starts, would he better Bob Gibson's 1.12 as the best since the Dead Ball Era ended a century ago? "Who thinks that anything that happens in 2020

is anything other than a one-off, that they intend to play perpetually without fans, that they intend to confine teams only to their own time zones perpetually?" broadcaster Bob Costas said. "This is all a one-off."

Yet for some, perhaps many, the abridged, 60game season is merely peculiar and not misbegot-

"I just can't wait for the games to begin -- for the story of this strange season to move forward from beginning to middle to end -- so there is some semblance of everyday life returning," historian Doris Kearns Goodwin wrote in an email to The Associated Press. "And then I will leave to you and the experts to figure out the hard stuff -- asterisks etc etc -- while I revert to my seven year old self, just happy to follow each game!"

Baseball has long sought a metric for each aspect, a data dump aiming to doom intangibles into ex-

tinction. Every stat has a skeptic this season. No-hitters and four-homer games may be subject to suspicion.

"We're going to have a blizzard of asterisk talk now," Will said.

Fans compare players from different eras as if they competed against each other in the flesh, imagining Babe Ruth going deep against pitchers who warm up to hip-hop music and Walter Johnson blowing heaters by muscle-bound Steroids Era sluggers. They rank players against each other from decades apart, even though the sport keeps evolving to make comparisons often meaningless. Old Hoss Radbourn's 678 2/3 innings in 1884 won't be matched by any team this season, much less any

Like much in life, history will be framed by the winners. Fans of the 2020 World Series champion will deem the year legitimate, historic if the winner happens to be the Texas Rangers, San Diego Padres, Seattle Mariners, Milwaukee Brewers or Colorado Rockies taking the title for the first time.

After the 1918 season was cut short at 123-131 games per team, the World Series was moved up to Sept. 5 due to World War I. Boston edged Cleveland by 2 1/2 games for the AL pennant and won the World Series over the Cubs, who had coasted to the NL title. During the 86-year wait for another title, Red Sox fans didn't consider that championship less worthy.

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