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Sending a little note to let you know you're not forgotten

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

Being the hands and feet of Jesus isn't limited to race, denomination or even age. One local youth group is extending loving arms as they recently took on a project to let residents in local nursing homes know they aren't forgotten and hugs are sent their way. Champion Culture – Life Church youth group – spent a Wednesday afternoon making care packets to be distributed at Big Spring Center for Skilled Care.

"We knew we wanted to do a community service project as we had been discussing being a missionary right here at home," Casandra Orsburn, Champion Culture Youth Group Leader, said.

The Champion Culture youth members gathered together to decorate note cards. Some of the youth added a special message or a short scripture to the card that already read: "A hug delights and warms and charms, it must be why God gave us arms. So until those arms can hold again, here are some hugs and



Youth members and the youth leader from Champion Culture delivered the candy bags to the Big Spring Center for Skilled Care earlier this week.

kisses from your Life Church friends." This particular project hits close to home for Orsburn which served as an

inspiration for the project. She, like many others, has a family member in

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Leaving their mark behind - BSISD recognizes retirees



As a new year approaches and teachers are gearing up to get back in the classroom, there are a few who will not be walking back in for the new school year. Big Spring ISD honored several

year didn't end the way it normally would and the celebrations were had as

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Pictured from left to right are: Jay McWilliams, Superintendent; Leticia Torres, 45 years; Dana Rodriguez, 29 years, 13 for BSISD; Bruce Jaeger, 6 years for BSISD; Mary Dingus, 37 years, 29 for BSISD; Terrye Smith, 35 years, 2 for BSISD; Debbie Mullins, 24 years, 19 for BSISD; and Russell Mullins, 14 years, 7 for BSISD. Retirees Not Pictured: Tammy Allen, 15 years, ALL for BSISD; Shirley Beal, 34 years, 21 for BSISD; Joy Horn, retirees at the end of this past school 29 years, ALL for BSISD; Orlene year. Due to the current pandemic, this Kitzman, 28 years, 6 for BSISD; Debra Lewis, 22 years, ALL for BSISD; Yvonne Loya, 15 years, 14 for BSISD; and Mike Warren, 40

Settled in Summer Market offering opportunity to support local business, local producers

By AMANDA DUFORAT

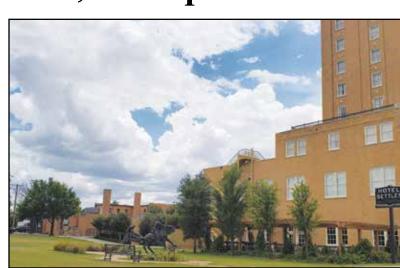
Managing Editor

Shopping experiences haven't been what most are used to, summer events have been cancelled for the most part, but slowly the state is beginning to open back up and life is raring to get back to a sense of normalcy. Hotel Settles is taking a moment to step out and offer an opportunity for the community to do a little bit of shopping and supporting local business with the 'Settled In' Summer Market. The farmers market type shopping experience is set for July 26 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

"I've spent just a few weeks here in Big Spring, but in that short time I have met so many small business owners who have been severely affected by Covid-19," Emaan Campbell, Hotel Settles General Manager, said. "We have the facilities to provide our community space to showcase their goods; with the support of our owner Brint Ryan, I am honored to have the opportunity to offer this Summer Market."

The Settled In Summer Market will offer a wide variety of products, from smoothies and other refreshments to local farm fresh fruits and vegetables, homemade jams, syrups and salsas to breads, cookies, granola, bars and more. The event will also include local food trucks and other local businesses, according to Hotel Settles General Manager.

"This is a great space for vendors to bring their goods and foods and showcase their work," Campbell said. "Without participation this event won't be possible and we hope to con-



years, 12 for BSISD.

HERALD photo/Ashley Schwab

Settled In Summer is a farmer's market type event that will be taking place this weekend. The community is invited to attend. Social distancing is recommended and masks are requested.

tinue to bring more markets and advocate for small business in our community."

The market is going to be free to the community and for those vendors who would like to take part. With the hardships that many have experienced, in our community

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Obituaries

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 Jan. 6, 1930, in Detroit, Michigan and married Nancy Huntoon August 31, 1952, in Seguin, Texas. She preceded him in death De-

cember 31, 2014. William served in the United States Air Force from 1948 to 1969, retiring as a Master

Sergeant. William and Nancy had lived in El Paso; Limestone and Bangor, Maine; Rapid City, South Dakota; Spain; and in Central and South America during their marriage. He enjoyed RVing, coin collecting, stamp collecting and was a devoted husband and father.

William was a member the American Legion, Elks Lodge, DAV, AARP and the National Association for Uniform Services.

Survivors include his daughter, Diana Gonzalez and husband, William Bohanon, Jr. of Big Spring; one son, Carlos Gonzalez of Big Spring; two granddaughters, Melissa Sayers and Tori Ramey; three great granddaughters, Laila Hoover, Katie Kirkham and Aubrey Kirkham; one brother, Antonio Gonzalez; 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, Alfonso Gonzalez; one sister, Rosa Elena Gonzalez; and two granddaughters, Amanda Brown and Shannon Brown.

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

Paid Obituary

Lily Farrington



Lily Farrington, 74, of Big Spring, passed away Sunday, July 19, 2020. Graveside services will be 10 a.m., Saturday, July 25, 2020, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with her nephew, Rev. Ricky Carstensen, officiating. She was born May 18, 1946, in Big Spring.

Survivors include her husband, Connie Ray Farrington of Big Spring; one son, Tarry

Farrington of Stanton; one daughter, Rhonda Du-

gan of Stanton. 10 grandchildren; two sisters, Myrtle Sparks of Lingleville, Texas, Nellie Vandenbiggelarr of Sanger, Texas; and one brother, Pat Carstensen of Stanton, Texas and 16 great grand-

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fredrick and Naoma Carstensen; five brothers and one sister.

The family will receive visitors on Friday, July 24, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Nailey-Pickle & Welch funeral home. They suggest memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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

- 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 group of folks from Howard County who meet at

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
- Isaiah 58 will be open on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. distance. The Senior Supper Club is an informal until 11 a.m. further notice, for the safety of their volunteers and those they serve. Those receiving least weekly and sometimes more for Dutch-Treat services are asked to enter the parking lot on 9th.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.
- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.
- GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6 to 8 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

FRIDAY

- Reformers Unanimous International is a 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 p.m.

Submit your Support Group information to be included or updated. Let the community know about the resources that we have in Big Spring and Howard County. Together we move forward, together we grow. Email information to editor@Bigspringher-



Police, Sheriff/ Fire/EMS reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported in the
- 2600 block of S. Gregg Street. • BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in
- the 1700 block of Yale Avenue. • ACCIDENT MINOR was reported in the area of
- 6th and Goliad; 900 block of N. Lamesa Hwy. • **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1000 block North
- Main Street.
- THEFT was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

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

- Note Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this report.
- AUSTIN MICHAEL HENSON, 21, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.
- ALBERT MARTINEZ JR, 42, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

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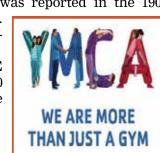
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• TOMI JO MCPHERSON, 23, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the fol*lowing activity:*

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 5900 block of S. Service Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1700 block of E. FM 700. No transport was required.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1900 block of E. 25th Street. No transport was re-
- quired. •STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 1300 block of Mesa. The fire was contained.



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a nursing facility and has been unable to visit as normal since the coronavirus swept across the na-

"Often he doesn't understand and feels very alone," she said. "I figured if he was suffering from loneliness so must the other 74 residents. Encouragement is free to give away so we took on this project and myself and my two daughters will be delivering these to the facility."

While Life Church has had a youth group for numerous years, in February the group underwent a name change and is now, Champion Culture. The name is an encouragement to the youth to help them understand they are champions in Christ and created to live a life that is free in Him. The group is open to students in sixth grade through high school seniors and is open to all youth in Howard County.

Youth Leaders include Orsburn and Tim Davila and a group of awesome young adults, according to Orsburn. The group meets every Wednesday from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. In the Life Kids building next to the main Life Church building.

"I just want our young people to know they can make a difference in the lives of someone else. When Jesus was asked which was the greatest commandment his response was to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind," she said. "He said the second greatest commandment was like it, to "love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22: 37-39). When we serve our community, when we do something for someone else we are showing God's love. We are the hands and feet of Christ here on earth."

According to Orsburn, the youth group will be joining Keep Big Spring Beautiful for a Toasty Tuesday Trash Off pick up session in the next couple of months and have a few painting projects in mind as well as another senior citizen outreach around the holidays.

"It's very easy to get caught up in our lives and problems that we can't see anyone else. When we think and act to help others, when we step outside of ourselves and our comfort zones, we grow personally and in our relationship with God," she said. "The Bible says we are the salt of the earth, life's seasoning. I want our young people to know just because they're young it doesn't mean they don't have anything to offer; in fact, the opposite is true -1 Timothy 4:12 says: "Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself as an example of those who believe."

To find out more about Champion Culture follow their Facebook page or reach out to Cassandra Ors-

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we know that it would be months before we might actually see them again. It's very odd and very

emotional." Each teacher has made an impact in the lives of the students who traveled through their classrooms and won't soon be forgotten. While they may not have been able to say their final goodbyes, it doesn't diminish the appreciation that is extended to them and the impact that they've made along the

"We were thrilled to honor all of our retirees this year from BSISD. All of these outstanding educators dedicated years to working with our kids, and being outstanding role models for our young people to follow," Jay McWilliams, BSISD Superintendant, said. "As the BSISD Superintendent, I know I am speaking for all of Steer Nation when I say, they will be truly missed!"

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they have taken place in the past.

"Retiring from a career (especially in a district that you love so much) under the conditions of Covid the last several months, has been very difficult. It's very much like leaving your life's work uncompleted. We didn't really get to end out our year like we've always done in the past...," Dana Rodriguez, BSISD Retiree, said. "We didn't get to say goodbye to our kids; we didn't get to wish them well next year and through the summer, and we didn't get to enjoy all of those end-of-the-year events that everyone really looks forward to. We left the Friday before Spring Break and told everyone to have a good week and we would see them soon. Little did

3 new COVID-19 cases in Howard County

Special to the Herald

Howard County has been seeing a steady increase of coronavirus cases over the past few weeks. The City of Big Spring along with Howard County officials, and the Emergency Management Team issued the following update on Wednesday afternoon:

On July 22, 2020, the City of Big Spring and Howard County officials were notified of three (3) new positive test results for CO-

These individuals are isolating at home and are currently exhibiting mild symptoms, such as headache, low-grade fever and a cough. These new cases have been determined to be community spread.

The demographic information of the individuals for these new

cases is not currently available. 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 mem-

Please continue to practice so-

cial 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.

around 10 mph.

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10 mph.

especially, the Hotel Settles is offering this event as an opportunity to grow local business and support. Safety precautions are being put in place to ensure all who take part and visit the market will be able to do so safely. Social distancing is highly encouraged and the event will be set up to allow for such. Those who attend are asked to wear a mask while not eating or drinking.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a

low around 76. Southeast wind

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a

high near 96. Southeast wind 5 to

(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via

forecast.weather.gov)

"Our staff on property have been very diligent for quite some time in cleaning and sanitizing all spaces; client and guest spacing as well as the spaces used by staff only," she said. "We will continue the same precautions and safety measures we have taken during this time at our event."

The event will be taking place outdoors, which will allow for more to take part. There will be designated entry points and exit points to help control traffic and minimize exposure. According to Campbell, if at anytime the situation arises that social distancing is not able to be practiced between

guests and vendors entrance to the event will be closed until some of those attending exit and space is opened up.

"We carefully crafted this event with safety in mind. We are excited to have local vendors showcase their delicious foods and fund goods all in one, open, outdoor space for the community," she said.

At this time, this is set to be the first of three events that will be aimed at highlighting local business. Campbell said with the success of this event the other events will continue and possibly others added in the future.

"This is a strong community that supports one another, but due to the circumstances we are not able to physically support our local businesses. This is a way to show up, stay safe and enjoy the community while supporting one another," Campbell said.

For those who are interested in signing up as a vendor, contact Campbell at emaan@hotelsettles.com.

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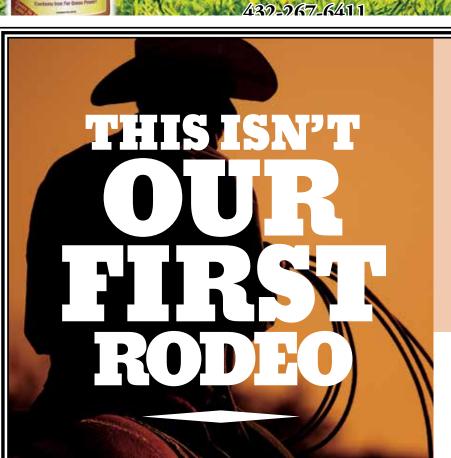
Juana Silva, 62, died Monday. Funeral service will be at 10:00 Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.





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Let's go fishing...



Community report Shiloh Salazar shared a photo of her husband and her daughter enjoying a day at the Comanche Trail Park Lake this past weekend. The family spent a few hours out enjoying the nice weather and the new stock of fish in the lake.

Fort Hood soldier's body found near base; 3rd death in month

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — U.S. Army officials on Tuesday said that the body of a Fort Hood solider was found near the Texas army base, marking the third time in a month that a Fort Hood soldier's body has

Pvt. Mejhor Morta, 26, was found unresponsive July 17 in the vicinity of Stillhouse Hollow Lake, according to Fort Hood officials. Stillhouse Hollow Lake is a reservoir located in Bell County and managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Fort Worth District.

"The Black Knight family is truly heartbroken by the tragic loss of Private Mejhor Morta," said Lt. Col. Neil Armstrong, commander of 1st Brigade 5th Cavalry. Regiment. "I would like to send my heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and loved ones.'

chanic. Since May 2020, he had been assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, according to a statement from Fort Hood. Morta's awards and decorations include the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.

Morta, of Pensacola, Florida, entered the Army in September 2019 as a Bradley Fighting Vehicle me-

The incident is being investigated by the Bell County Sheriff's Department, who did not immediately respond to a request from the Associated Press seeking comment.

Officials have not said whether the death is considered suspicious.

On June 21, officials had discovered skeletal remains in a field in Killeen, just over 10 miles (16 kilometers) from Stillhouse Hollow Lake, which were subsequently identified as 24-year-old missing Fort Hood soldier Gregory Morales. U.S. Army officials have said they suspect foul play in his death.

Then on July 1, U.S. Army officials found more human remains, which were later identified as 20-yearold missing Fort Hood soldier Pfc. Vanessa Guillen, near the Leon River in Bell County, about 20 miles (32 kilometers) east of Fort Hood.

There is no indication that the deaths of Morales and Guillen are connected. Members of Congress joined advocates for women Tuesday to continue the call for changes in the way the military handles sexual abuse and harassment following the death of Guillen, whom investigators believe was killed and dismembered by someone stationed at the same base in Fort Hood.

Two TSTC programs to be offered fully online for the upcoming Fall semester Rhoades said she still wants to provide a personal

BROWNWOOD - Texas State Technical College's Computer Programming Technology and Drafting and Design instructors are gearing up for a different way to offer classes.

The two programs will be offered completely online this fall, and TSTC instructor Julie Rhoades welcomes the opportunity.

She is no stranger to teaching Computer Programming online. It was previously available online before being shifted to a hybrid status a few

"Everything is on schedule to offer the programs online," she said. "The Computer Programming course will be project based. We will have video

While it is not required that students attend each live video lesson, Rhoades said classes will be recorded for students to watch at a later time. In addition, she will schedule weekly assignments for

lessons and virtual classes for discussions."

students to complete. Students will also have the opportunity to submit topic suggestions that may be discussed during

video lessons. Instructors will use the latest video technology to connect to students for questions and feedback,

"We want to be able to see and hear each other. I

will be able to share my screen with the students,

and they will be able to share their screens with

"I want our students to realize we are here to per-

sonally help them," she said.

The virtual experience may also be used during study groups. This is a different type of communication meth-

od. We want the students to feel comfortable talking to each other. This will make it more personable," Rhoades said.

This fall, Rhoades will teach two Drafting and Design classes and one Computer Programming class. According to her, the Drafting and Design class is being developed without a textbook requirement.

While having the program fully online is not new, Rhoades said she has recently seen more interest from prospective students.

"One student told me they would not consider it if it was not online. They had some safety concerns, but once they learned it was fully online, they were on board," she said. "We want to accommodate people who may not feel safe."

The Computer Programming Technology online program offers an Associate of Applied Science degree. Drafting and Design offers three Associate of Applied Science degrees. They are Architectural Design and Engineering Graphics Technology, Architectural/Civil Drafting Technology, and Mechanical-Electrical Drafting Technology.

Registration for the fall semester is underway.

For more information, go to tstc.edu.

Social Security Column from AMAC

Ask Rusty - About Working While Collecting Social Security

Dear Rusty: In 2019 I was out of work for an extended period. I was eligible to begin receiving retirement benefits (at age 63) and started to do so in August. My part time job was limited so it did not conflict with my Social Security amount, but in October through the end of 2019 I went back to my old industry at four times the pay rate. My understanding is that I will need to pay Social Security back about \$1.40 for every benefit dollar they have paid me while I worked at the higher wage. When and how is that paid? Signed: Part Time Again

Dear Part Time Again: If you started your Social Security benefits in August of last year at age 63, for the remainder of 2019 you were subject to the "first year rule" which means you had a monthly earnings limit of \$1,470 after your benefit started. If you exceeded that monthly limit starting in October of 2019 and for the rest of the year, you won't be entitled to benefits for the months of October. November and December. Social Security will consider that an overpayment, and they will want you to repay all those benefits to them. However, if it would be to your advantage to do so, you can request that Social Security use the annual earnings limit for 2019, instead of the monthly limit. For example, if using the 2019 annual earnings limit (\$17,640) would result in a smaller impact to your benefits, Social Security may accommodate your request to use the annual limit. Depending upon your total earnings in 2019, you may want to consider asking that the annual earnings limit be used, instead of the monthly limit, when determining your 2019 impact for exceeding the earnings limit.

Starting in 2020 you'll be subject to an annual limit of \$18,240 (limit changes yearly). If you exceed the annual limit, SS will take back benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. If you've again stopped working at the higher amount, and now only working part-time and won't earn more than \$18,240 for this year, you'll not be subject to the annual limit. But exceeding the 2019 monthly

limit last year will still affect you.

You will receive a form from Social Security asking you to specify your 2019 income month by month for the months you were receiving benefits. Since you exceeded the monthly limit from October through December, they'll be asking you to repay all of the benefits you received for those months. They will give you the option of either repaying them in full in a lump sum, or they will recover what you owe by withholding your monthly benefits until the overpayment is satisfied. That will mean you'll go some months without benefits, the number of months dependent upon your monthly benefit amount and how much you owe them. Remember, you have the option to request the annual

limit if it will benefit you. Though you'll lose benefits for some number of months now, when you reach your full retirement age (66 years and 4 months) they will automatically give you time credit for the number of months they withheld benefits and move your SS claim date forward. That will increase your monthly benefit amount slightly, and you'll get that slightly higher

benefit for the rest of your life. One final point: In the year you reach your full retirement age the annual earnings limit will go up by about 2.5 times and the penalty for exceeding it will be less (\$1 for every \$3 over the limit). And when you reach your full retirement age the earnings limit goes away entirely.

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Several Big Spring golfers finish in Top 10 at Levelland Country Club this week

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

Earlier this week, a group of Big Spring High School golfers participated in a tournament at Levelland Country Club. One of the members of that group was Alex Leuschner, who went on to win his age group (15-18) by a total of four strokes.

"He's played all over Texas this summer and (Tuesday) was his best score," Big Spring Golf coach Mike Scarbrough said. "He works very, very hard. He's at the golf course mostly every day from sun-up to sundown. I can't get him to take a day off"

Leuschner has played a few events this summer as part of the Northern Texas PGA (NTPGA) Junior Tour and was able to grab his first win of the summer on Tuesday afternoon. Leuschner was the only golfer in his age group to shoot under par (-4) and it appears that he continues to improve each and every team he hits the links.

"He used to shoot in the high-70's to low-80's and now he always shoots in the mid-70's to low-70's," Scarbrough said.

The upcoming Big Spring senior had some impressive shots all over the course and ended the day with six birdies and one eagle. The eagle came on the 9th Hole, a par-four, and sent Leuschner into the Back Nine sitting at four under par. The young golfer has opened some eyes with his level of play and his coach believes that if the star of his team becomes more consistent, the sky is the limit and Leuschner will most likely find himself as a member of a Division I collegiate golf team.

"He just has to knock out the bad holes," Scarbrough said. "He had six birdies and an eagle yesterday which means he also had four bogey's to offset those. As soon as he start developing more consistency, he's going to start shooting lower



Courtesy Phot

Leuschner follows through with his swing during the event on Tuesday.

numbers

There was also a few others that participated in the event at Levelland Country Club earlier this week. Big Spring seniors Nick Lara (+7) and Phillip Lopez (+8) both finished in the Top 10 with Seth Lara (+26) finishing in 11th.

Coach Scarbrough likes what he sees and believes that Lopez will be his Number Two golfer behind Leuschner during next golf season. Because of COVID-19, these golfers were stripped of their junior year golf season and will have one less year of full competition to base their talents off of. Luckily for them, college recruiters have not stopped looking for their next crop of talent and often use the NTPGA Junior Tour to put out "feelers" for certain players.

Even though the high school golf season was shut down, for the most part golf courses have remained

open through the pandemic and given these young golfers a chance to keep their game sharp and a place to try to add some more skill to their game. That extra time on the golf course may help the Steers during the next golf season when they are expected to be the District favorites once again.

"If the team keeps improving like they are, we'll have a great shot at the Regional Tournament to go to state. But they'll have to keep improving for them to have a chance to do that," Scarbrough said.

In the 13-14 age group, there was a pair of incoming Big Spring High School freshmen golfers who also finished their day in Levelland in the Top 10 on the leaderboard.

Reece Harris was able to place third (+11) while his teammate Christian Martinez (+17) finished tied for eighth. Both are Big Spring residents and players that Scarbrough is looking forward to having on his team next year. While their scores might not look the most impressive, it is important to remember that they are only incoming high school freshmen and still have plenty of time to develop their skills.

"(Reece) is an incoming freshmen who shot an 82 yesterday which is very good for a 14-year old," his new coach said.

Scarbrough is excited about all of the talent he has on the roster for this upcoming season and believes that there will be a couple of freshmen that make the Varsity Golf team. He also believes his

Leuschner should be one of the favorites to win the Region championship and if he keeps improving even more, he could see himself competing for the State Title at the end of next spring.

The future of golf in Big Spring looks bright.

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RockHounds' High School Senior Series postponed



Special to the Herald

The High School Senior Series, scheduled for this weekend (July 24 and 25), has been postponed due to concerns over the Coronavirus.

RockHounds general manager Monty Hoppel announces the postponement in the wake of the rise in COVID-19 cases in the Permian Basin.

"The safety of our staff, fans and all coaches and players have always been the highest priority surrounding this event. Based on the severity of the (COVID-19) spike we've seen over the last few weeks, we believe the best decision is to postpone the series."

Hoppel added that the RockHounds still hope to host the event if conditions warrant.

"Ever since the RockHounds minor league season was cancelled we have been looking for events to host at the ballpark and this tournament was our first idea," Hoppel said. "We really wanted to give graduating seniors the opportunity to take field one last time in their high school careers."

Hoppel added that, while the Rock-Hounds have developed a comprehensive ballpark safety plan, everyone involved felt it was imperative to use an abundance of caution in moving

"I would like to thank Ray Fieldhouse on our staff and the volunteer coaches who have worked so hard to put the teams ... and this event ... together"

Fieldhouse, an assistant general manager with the RockHounds and the event's co-organizer, echoed the sentiment, crediting Bobby Alvarez (Lamesa High School), Daniel Carrillo (Big Spring High School), Robert Morris (Andrews High School) and Jeremy Mueller (Midland High School) for their efforts.

"These coaches have been outstanding to work with and we can't thank them enough," Fieldhouse said. "We're still hoping for the chance to get these kids and coaches back on the diamond."

"We know it's disappointing for the players," Hoppel concluded, "and we share their disappointment. Our goal was to give them the opportunity to take the diamond one more time as high school seniors. But we care more about them as people and that's the most important thing."

Nationals ready to take the field in defense of title

By NOAH TRISTER

AP Baseball Writer

The Washington Nationals are ready to take the field as defending champs. The fans won't be there, but the ballpark will reflect the team's proud status. The Nationals are planning to raise a new 2019 World Series champions flag

before Thursday night's opener against the New York Yankees. Other festivities include a ceremonial first pitch thrown by Dr. Anthony Fauci and a previously recorded Presidents Race to be shown during the fourth inning.

"We definitely feel a connection with the fans so we're really going to miss them and we'll be thinking about them. We'll be pumping in crowd noise to try to make up the difference," reliever Sean Doolittle said.

"I think opening day, like I said, we've got that patch on our uniform sleeve that says world champs. Going out there to start to defend our championship is something we've been looking forward to since the end of October," he added. The Nationals also say a Black Lives Matter stencil will appear on the pitcher's mound during games on opening weekend.

The Yankees plan to wear a uniform patch this season to honor Hank Steinbrenner, the team's co-owner who died in April.

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Miami Marlins manager Don Mattingly says adjustments to MLB pandemic protocols are a work in progress, as Tuesday's exhibition game at Atlanta showed.

"Our dugout was a mess," Mattingly said Wednesday. "They weren't set up

to have guys in the stands. It was raining. There were no tents. So we had all these guys, and nowhere to go. Then we have a zillion guys in the dugout, so there's no way we were social distancing. Those are the things we've got to work through."

Another problem Mattingly said he needs to solve When he weeks a mark

Another problem Mattingly said he needs to solve: When he wears a mask, his glasses keep fogging.

The Milwaukee Brewers had Ryan Braun in their lineup Wednesday night as the designated hitter in an exhibition game against the Chicago White Sox. Braun was hitless in four at-bats.

Braun had missed recent intrasquad games, raising concerns about his availability for the season opener Friday against the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field. Braun and the Brewers were more confident Wednesday about his potential to be ready for that game.

"My back locked up a little bit. As you guys know who are around us every day, I have a history of dealing with some back things off and on, and then I think my oblique was probably just compensating for the back, and obviously with the expedited preparation process, it's challenging," Braun said before Wednesday's game. "It presented some unique challenges for all of us, but certainly for guys like me who are very routine oriented and have been doing it a

certain way for a long time."

Kansas City's starting rotation is hard to figure out, but the Royals have rookie Brady Singer slated to make his major league debut Saturday at Cleveland

Singer was a first-round draft pick by the Royals in 2018. He went 12-5 with a 2.85 ERA in the minors last year, splitting time between Class A and Double-A.

"Brady has done everything to show us he's ready for whatever we give him," Royals manager Mike Matheny said. "We feel good that Brady gives us a chance to win."

The Texas Rangers used two designated hitters and a 10-man batting order for their final exhibition game against the Colorado Rockies.

Willie Calhoun was one of the DHs, and he was No. 2 in the batting order nine days after coming out of an intrasquad game because of a hip strain. In another stretch of the rules for the final tuneup for the regular season, Calhoun would be replaced by a courtesy runner if he reached base but allowed to remain in the lineup to bat again.

Ronald Guzman was batting ninth as the second DH. Manager Chris Woodward said the umpires and the Rockies were OK with the plan, though Colorado manager Bud Black joked that he was going to use 11 batters.

The Atlanta Braves are waiting until Thursday to make a decision on Johan Camargo's status before releasing their 30-man roster. Manager Brian Snitker said Camargo "passed all the tests" in batting practice and work with trainers as he continues his recovery from a mild right hamstring strain. Even so, Snitker said Camargo will work out again Thursday morning before the team leaves for Friday's opener at the New York Mets.

Camargo entered summer camp competing with Austin Riley at third base. Snitker said Riley, who hit two homers in Wednesday's exhibition loss to Miami, will start in the opener.

Right-hander Kyle Wright gave up two runs in 3 2/3 innings and is expected to open the season as the No. 5 starter.

The Boston Red Sox unveiled a 250-foot Black Lives Matter billboard adjacent to Fenway Park on Wednesday.

The billboard faces the Massachusetts Turnpike and includes the team logo. Its unveiling comes a day after the 61st anniversary of Elijah "Pumpsie" Green debuting as the Red Sox's first Black player in 1959, making Boston the last major league team to integrate.

Last month Red Sox outfielder Jackie Bradley Jr. was among several Black major league players to participate in a video supporting the Black Lives Matter movement.

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He has made some minor changes, which I hope, for the sake of his sanity, he adheres to. I suggested that he seek counseling, but to no avail. He puts his foot down, but as soon as she says "sorry" once, he picks his foot back up and goes back for more of the same disrespectful treatment. It is completely absurd that he thinks he has a good relationship with his ex or even with his adult children. The kids show him no respect.

I have learned I can't change anyone but myself, but how do you coexist with someone

who, because he feels guilty, keeps punishing himself? It's not my place to tell him what to do, I have learned through my own counseling. When I try to help him work through the many incidents that occur, he tells me that I'm biased because I "don't like them." What I don't like, Annie, are their actions. They show such disrespect, and if they can't respect their own father, really, whom are they going to respect?

Could he end up taking this nonsense until the day he dies? Will he ever free himself? I'm afraid that without counseling, he will never truly just put his foot down, say what ne needs to and free himself of this abuse. Enough is enough! -- Anonymously Bewildered

Dear Anonymous-Iv Bewildered: The advice I would give to this man matters little if he's not the one who's asking. And there's the rub. You seem to recognize this -- you mentioned that you know you can't help anyone but yourself -- so I imagine your letter was written more out of exasperation than anything else. I certainly sympathize. It's frustrating to watch the people we love go through the same painful episodes again and again. But unless and

until he himself decides that enough is enough, I'm afraid you're in for a lot of reruns. My advice to you, seeing as you're the one who wrote me, is to change the channel -- if not by ending the relationship, then by disengaging from his family drama. I strongly recommend that you continue going to counseling, because it sounds as though it's providing you helpful self-insight.

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Dear Tipped Off:

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Bridge is not a game for lazy minds. It takes more than just ordinary thinking to keep coming up with the right answers to the many problems that can develop. Instinct alone won't do the job; one must also be willing to try to figure out what everybody else at the table has and then what to do about it.

Consider this deal where East is defending against four hearts. South wins the club lead with the ace. cashes the A-K of spades, discarding a club, and leads dummy's eight of hearts.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

East's play at this point is crucial, and if he puts on his thinking cap, he can defeat the contract. He should rise with the ace of trump, lead a low diamond to West's king, win the diamond return with the ace and give his partner a diamond ruff.

Of course, this sequence of plays is easy enough to see with all 52 cards in view. The real question is whether East should find these plays when he sees only 26 cards, and the answer is that he should — assuming he's willing to go to the trouble of assembling all the necessary clues.

East should know from the first three plays that South started with exactly one spade and two clubs since he did not attempt to discard another club on the queen of spades. It is also reasonable for him to conclude that South's remaining 10 cards are likely to consist of six hearts and four diamonds. If this is so, the only real hope of defeating the contract is to assume that West has the king of diamonds.

East should therefore put these deductions into action by rising with the ace of hearts at trick four and returning a low diamond. A lazy player might not go to all this bother and might let the opportunity to set the contract pass him by by following low on the eight of hearts, but he would later have good reason to regret his lack of initiative.

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Virgo Moon Vigilance

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You can thank today's smooth ride to your own clean karma. Moral questions come up this evening, but nothing that needs to be solved immediately. Think it over.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your fantasy of a relationship doesn't quite match the reality of it, and this is causing some tension. It's easy enough to resolve, if you're willing to adjust your expectations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you place too much significance and value in the wrong things, this is a human mistake. You'll learn quickly. Experience is the only way to really understand what's important and what's not.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche lived by the concept of amor fati, Latin for "a love of one's fate." You'll take a similar approach to the day, deciding to love destiny's delivery in whatever form it comes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're wanting a result, and you'll get it, but the timeframe is the matter in question. It is very difficult to predict how long things will take. Be patient and willing to adjust.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've been a leader, and you've

Tomorrow's Horoscope

follower. When you're acting to the best of your ability, the roles are equally demanding. You'll be at the top of your

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't lean on things that worked before. The same thing that caused a triumph yesterday could be ineffective tomorrow. The importance of context cannot be underestimated. Stay awake and alert.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You don't need to control a situation to work it to your advantage. You need only be ready to take your turn and hop on the opportunities that open up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't have to comment on every statement or have a judgment of everything going on around you. It's enough to be a witness. Save

your energy. You'll need

it later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People find you attractive, and they will want your attention and time. Both

of these By Holiday Mathis commod-



AQUARIUS (Jan. **20-Feb. 18).** A sense of calm will alight on your decision-making process. There is no need to overanalyze -- if you even need to analyze at all. You simply know what to do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't have to anticipate every outcome. Get a general idea and then act. There is an opportunity that can only present itself when things aren't exactly going as planned.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (July 23). For your birthday, you'll be served cosmic justice. You get more because you can handle more. New and tantalizing options open up next month. You bring the fun with you wherever you go, and you attract admirers and followers. You'll work with a partner on an issue that matters deeply to you. Sagittarius and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 11, 13,

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "I'm a Pisces on the Aquarius cusp and my husband is a Gemini. I am a strong believer in astrology, and I really think that our signs have a lot to do with who we are. So does my husband. This is a new marriage, only nine months in so far, but things are starting to get a little rocky. I don't know how to deal with his distance when he's upset. I truly love him more than I have ever loved anyone in my life. How does a Pisces handle such a

strong Gemini in her

life?"

Pisces and Gemini are both adaptable, and these first months are about finding positive and enjoyable patterns and rhythms you can fall into as a couple. But it is even more important that you are clear about your personal boundaries. You are setting a tone now for the rest of your marriage. It would be very easy for a new Pisces wife to lose herself in the new role, but your husband didn't fall in love with his wife. He fell in love with a woman who had her own full life before he got there. Don't lose her. This is a time to be loving but structured and clear about your individual needs and expecta-

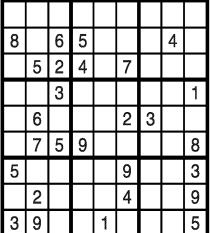
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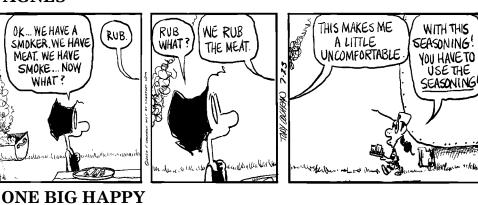
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Thursday, July 23, the 205th day of 2020. There are 161 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 23, 1829, William Austin Burt received a patent for his "typographer," a forerunner of the typewriter. On this date:

In 1885, Ulysses S. Grant, the 18th president of the United States, died in Mount McGregor, New York, at age 63. In 1914, Austria-Hung

sented a list of demands to Serbia following the killing of Archduke Franz Ferdinand by a Serb assassin; Serbia's refusal to agree to the entire ultimatum led to the outbreak of World War I.

In 1948, American pioneer filmmaker D.W. Griffith died in Los Angeles at age 73.

In 1967, five days of deadly rioting erupted in Detroit as an early morning police raid on an unlicensed bar resulted in a confrontation with local residents that escalated into violence that spread into other parts of the city; 43 people, mostly Blacks, were killed.

In 1982, actor Vic Morrow and two child actors, 7-year-old Myca Dinh Le and 6-year-old Renee Shin-Yi Chen, were killed when a helicopter crashed on top of them during filming of a Vietnam War scene for "Twilight Zone: The Movie." (Director John Landis and four associates were later acquitted of manslaughter charges.)

In 1983, an Air Canada Boeing 767 ran out of fuel while flying from Montreal to Edmonton; the pilots were able to glide the jetliner to a safe emergency landing in Gimli, Manitoba. (The near-disaster occurred because the fuel had been erroneously measured in pounds instead of kilograms at a time when Canada was converting to the metric system.)

In 1997, the search for Andrew Cunanan (koo-NAN'-an), the suspected killer of designer Gianni Versace (JAH'-nee vur-SAH'-chee) and others, ended as police found his body on a houseboat in Miami Beach, an apparent suicide.

In 1999, space shuttle Columbia blasted off with the world's most powerful X-ray telescope and Eileen Collins, the first woman to command a U.S. space flight. In 2003, a new audiotape purported to be from toppled dictator Saddam Hussein called on Iraqis to resist the U.S. occupation. Massachusetts' attorney general issued a report saying clergy members and others in the Boston Archdiocese probably had sexually abused more than 1,000 people over a period of six decades.

In 2006, Tiger Woods became the first player since Tom Watson in 1982-83 to win consecutive British Open titles.

In 2011, singer Amy Winehouse, 27, was found dead in her London home from accidental alcohol poisoning.

In 2017, a tractor trailer was found in a Walmart parking lot in San Antonio, Texas, crammed with dozens of immigrants; ten died and many more were treated at a hospital for dehydration and heat stroke. (The driver, James Bradley Jr., was sentenced to life in prison after pleading guilty to transporting the immigrants resulting in

Ten years ago: The Office of Management and Budget predicted the budget deficit would reach a record \$1.47 trillion in the current fiscal year. (The actual figure for fiscal 2010 turned out to be \$1.29 trillion.) Ford Motor Co. said it had made \$2.6 billion from April through June 2010, its fifth straight quarterly profit. Daniel Schorr, longtime journalist with stints at CBS, CNN and NPR, died in Washington at age 93.

Five years ago: Secretary of State John Kerry told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee it was "fantasy plain and simple" to claim that President Barack Obama had failed to insist on enough restraints on Iran's nuclear program before agreeing to lift economic sanctions. Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump paid a visit to the Mexico border, where he predicted Hispanics would love him, adding, "They already do." A gunman opened fire in a Lafayette, Louisiana, theater during a screening of the film "Trainwreck," killing two people and wounding nine before fatally shooting himself.

One year ago: Boris Johnson won the contest to lead Britain's governing Conservative Party, putting him in line to become the country's prime minister the following day. Former defense industry lobbyist Mark Esper won Senate confirmation and was sworn in as secretary of defense, succeeding Jim Mattis. (The Pentagon had gone seven months without a confirmed leader, the longest such period in its history.) The Senate gave

Answer to previous puzzle

final legislative approval to a measure ensuring that a victims' compensation fund related to the Sept. 11 attacks would never run out of money.

Today's Birthdays: Concert pianist Leon Fleisher (FLY'-shur) is 92. Retired Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy is 84. Actor Ronny Cox is 82. Actor Larry Manetti is 77. Rock singer David Essex is 73. Singersongwriter John Hall is 72. Ac-

tress Belinda Montgomery is 70. Rock musician Blair Thornton (Bachman Turner Overdrive) is 70. Actress-writer Lydia Cornell is 67. Actor Woody Harrelson is 59. Rock musician Martin Gore (Depeche Mode) is 59. Actor Eriq Lasalle is 58. Rock musician Yuval Gabay is 57. Rock musician Slash is 55. Actor Juan Pope is 53. Model-actress Stephanie Seymour is 52. Actress Charisma Carpenter is 50. Rhythmand-blues singer Sam Watters is 50. Country singer Alison Krauss is 49. Rhythm-and-blues singer Dalvin DeGrate is 49. Rock musician Chad Gracey (Live) is 49. Actor-comedian Marlon Wayans is 48. Country singer Shannon Brown is 47. Actress Kathryn Hahn is 47. Retired MLB All-Star Nomar Garciaparra (NOH'-mar gar-CEE'ah-par-rah) is 47. Former White House intern Monica Lewinsky

AUSSIE ASSORTMENT by Gary M. Larson

is 47. Actress Stephanie March is 46. Actor Shane McRae is 43. Country musician David Pichette is 43. Rhythm-and-blues singer Michelle Williams is 40. Actor Paul Wesley is 38. Actress Krysta Rodriguez is 36. Actor Daniel Radcliffe is 31. Country musician Neil Perry is 30. Actress Lili Simmons is 27. Country singer Danielle Bradbery (TV: "The Voice") is 24.

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NFL teams seek to replace stars like Brady, Hopkins, Yanda

<u>By JOSH DUBOW</u>

AP Pro Football Writer

When the season starts, plenty of eyes will be focused on the New England

Only this time it will be to see how 2015 NFL MVP Cam Newton fares replacing three-time MVP and six-time Super Bowl champion Tom Brady at quar-

Newton is far from the only player dealing with big shoes to fill this season as a series of trades, free agent signings and retirements opened up some massive holes at jobs that had been filled by stars for years.

Not surprisingly some of the biggest focus is at quarterback with Teddy Bridgewater tasked with replacing Newton in Carolina after the No. 1 pick in 2011 had a nine-year run as starter for the Panthers. Philip Rivers started 224 consecutive regular-season games for the Chargers

before leaving to sign with Indianapolis as a free agent. The Chargers now will turn to veteran Tyrod Taylor or first-round rookie Justin Herbert to take over for the reliable Rivers. Brady had the longest run of all the QBs on the move, taking over as the

starter with the Patriots a decade before Newton made his debut in 2011. He started 283 regular-season games over that span, missing only 15 games in 2008 with a knee injury and four more because of suspension at the start of the 2016

But he couldn't agree on a new deal with New England and signed as a free agent in Tampa Bay, clearing the way for Newton's arrival.

A three-time Pro Bowl selection who was the league's top player in 2015, Newton remains the NFL's all-time leader in touchdowns rushing by a quarterback. He's been hampered by shoulder and foot injuries the past two seasons but should offer a different look than the more stationary Brady did the

"I'm never shocked with anything we do as a Patriots organization," defensive back Devin McCourty said last month on the podcast he hosts with his twin brother and fellow Patriots defensive back, Jason. "I feel like everything we do is always in the thought process of trying to win and win championships. I think that's what it comes down to, trying to make the team better. I'm never surprised when we're trying to do that."

Here are some other situations where some high-profile stars will need to be replaced in their old homes this season:

BIG PLAY RECEIVERS Two of the most prominent non-QBs to change teams came in trades back

in March with Houston dealing DeAndre Hopkins to Arizona and Minnesota sending Stefon Diggs to Buffalo. That left big holes for the Texans and Vikings.

Houston tried to fill that void by trading with the Rams for Brandin Cooks While Hopkins was one of the league's most prolific receivers in recent years, Cooks is coming off one of his least productive seasons with just 42 catches for 583 yards while dealing with a pair of concussions.

The Vikings went younger to find Diggs' replacement, drafting LSU's Justin Jefferson 22nd overall to team with Adam Thielen. Jefferson had 111 catches for 1,540 yards and 18 TDs last season.

IN THE TRENCHES

Two of the most dependable offensive linemen of the past decade called it quits this offseason with Baltimore eight-time Pro Bowl guard Marshall Yanda and San Francisco six-time Pro Bowl tackle Joe Staley each retiring.

The Ravens will have a wide-open competition to replace Yanda with free

agent D.J. Fluker, mid-round draft picks Tyre Phillips and Ben Bredeson and returning players Ben Powers and Patrick Mekari all in the mix.

The Niners stumbled into a perfect replacement for Staley when they were able to trade for seven-time Pro Bowler Trent Williams from Washington following a long contract standoff. Williams has played for 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan and should be able to make a seamless transition for the defending NFC

DEFENSIVE STANDOUTS

Two of the game's top defensive players in recent years also need to be re-

Five-time All-Pro and 2013 Defensive Player of the Year Luke Kuechly retired at age 28, leaving a big void at linebacker in Carolina. The Panthers signed Tahir Whitehead after he was cut following two less-than-impressive seasons with the Raiders.

Denver must replace cornerback Chris Harris Jr., who developed into one of the game's top slot defenders during his nine seasons with the Broncos. Harris signed with the division rival Chargers. Bryce Callahan, who missed last season with a foot injury, will be counted on in the slot, while A.J. Bouye was acquired from Jacksonville to bolster the outside.

RUN TO DAYLIGHT

Todd Gurley was supposed to be the foundation of the offense for the Rams when he signed a four-year, \$60 million extension with Los Angeles in 2018, after winning the Offensive Player of the Year award the previous season. But Gurley was cut this offseason before that extension even kicked in.

Gurley ran for a career-low 857 yards last season but still leaves a void on a team that relies heavily on the running game and play-action passing.

Second-round rookie Cam Akers and 2019 third-round pick Darrell Henderson will likely share the rushing load, along with Malcolm Brown.

NFL facing unending series of questions, uncertain answers

By BARRY WILNER AP Pro Foot-

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 responsibility." 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 expe-

rienced with their travel-

ing 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 of many steps that will cost owners 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.

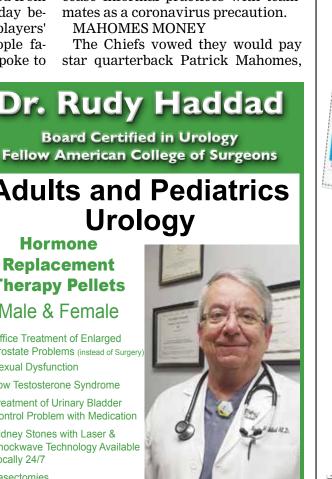
NEW FACES

The pandemic could lead to teams 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

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.



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