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Completing a vision Ribbon cutting for completed North US Highway 87 Relief Route held Wednesday; now open to traffic



HERALD photos/Amanda Duforat

Regional Representative for Congressman Jodey Arrington's office, Blair Shroeder, offered words from Arrington during Wednesday morning's ribbon cutting ceremony, on the North US Highway 87 Relief Route. Pictured above right: The Big Spring Fire Department Honor Guard presented the colors to kick off the ceremony, where city leaders, community members, TxDot representatives and other influential supporters of the route were present.

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

The North US Highway 87 Relief Route segment has been completed. On Wednesday morning, dignitaries, city and county leaders, along with TxDot officials, and community members, gathered together to celebrate another portion completed with a ribbon cutting.

"We are excited about the opportunities coming to us," Jeff Ward, President of the Economic Development Board, said. "There is going to be significant, economic growth, and a lot of expansion here in Howard County. We are excited for it to pave the way

for Ports to Plains and I-27 to plow right through here for Big Spring."

After the presentation of the colors by the Big Spring Fire Department Honor Guard and Pledge of Allegiance by Chamber of Commerce Board President Mark Richardson, Associate Pastor of Life Church Manny Negron, offered the invocation to kick off the ceremony.

The relief route projects - which can be found on the South end of Big Spring and now the North side - have been in the construction phase for almost 10 years. The project is a collaboration that exhibits the progress that can be made with teamwork and initiative across all levels of community and government.

The Relief Route was made possible from the original visioning concept of Bill Crooker - former County Commissioner - presented the idea and through numerous local support avenues was able to garner Congressional and Legislative support.

While Congressman Jodey Arrington - who recently visited West Texas with President Donald Trump - was unable to attend, Regional Director for Arrington, Blair Shroeder, offered up a few comments regarding the newly construct reliever route and the importance it holds in the future and foundation of

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Summer Shopping Extravaganza, kicks off Tax-free Weekend

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

Summer is coming to an end, families are gearing up for a new school year, and businesses are starting to get back to normal. Keeping in stride with the summer tradition, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is once again partnering with 10 local boutiques to host the 2020 Summer Shopping Extravaganza.

"Our small businesses are an important piece of our community, and we want to do what we can to support them," Debbye ValVerde, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, said. "This summer shopping event is a way to show our small businesses that we are here to support them, but we do want to remind everyone we are still needing to do our part to slow the spread of the coronavirus so we will be implementing some safety precautions. We ask those who are going to be attend to be respectful to the business owners, to others shopping and don't forget your mask."

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has joined forces with 10 local boutiques to host a shopping opportunity supporting local businesses this Thursday. Whether you want to do some shopping in Downtown Big Spring - where four of our participating boutiques are located - or you want to grab a bite to eat - two of the shops are right next door to a home-owned restaurant. Those wanting to do a little bit of shopping for their home décor, or possibly even purchase a special gift or send some flowers, will have a chance to do that as well.

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Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club wraps up Summer program



Courtesy photos

The summer program at the Boys and Girls Club has wrapped up, after a shortened season. The kids attending were treated to snocones and fun activities last week as they wrapped up their summer and prepare to head back to a new school year.



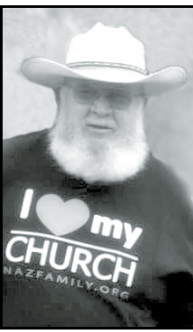
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Obituaries

Burl Cooley



Burl Cooley, 77, of Big Spring, passed away Monday, Aug. 3, 2020, in a Midland hospital. Memorial services will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020, at the First Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Richard Schneberger and Rev. Calvary Calender officiating.

He was born Dec. 6, 1942, in Lamesa, Texas to Earl and Izora Cooley.

Survivors include his wife, Barbra Cooley of Big Spring; one son, Shawn Cooley of Big Spring; one daughter, Renee Cooley of Fort Collins, Colorado; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Brenda Branch; one brother, Charles Stanford; and one sister, Pearl Miller.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Mary Sanchez



Mary Sanchez, 78, of Big Spring passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2020. Visitation will be at Myers and Smith on Thursday, Aug. 6, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with the prayer service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be Friday, Aug. 7, 2020 at 2 p.m. in the Myers and Smith Chapel with Bert Gusman of Family Faith Center in Snyder officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mary was born on Nov. 9, 1941 to Maria and Nieves

Garcia, Sr. in Floresville.

Mary is survived by eight daughters: Dianna Velasco of Odessa, Dalia Sanchez of Ackerly, Yolanda Sanchez of Fort Worth, Sylvia Sanchez of Big Spring, Debra Ybarra of Sapulpa, OK, Gena Marie Zamora of Manor, Mary Helen Sellers of Brownsville, and Flor-De-Dalia Aleman of Abilene; three sons: Rosendo Ybarra of Odessa, Leandro Sanchez of Big Spring, and Rosendo Sanchez of Roundrock; 27 grandchildren and 36 great grandchildren.

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

Virginia Miller

Virginia Miller, 66, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2020. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

• Coahoma Lion's Club Trade Day will be held Sept. 26 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Downtown Coahoma. There will be food, arts & crafts, antiques, collectibles, clothing, and more. This will be in conjunction with Coahoma City Wide Garage Sale. Please practice social distancing at six feet and face masks are recommended. For more information, call 432-394-4287.

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

• The Life Center in Big Spring is helping moms and dads with a

Diaper Day Giveaway! Call for a five minute phone appointment and a pickup time for free diapers, wipes and formula. 432-606-5041.

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

• The Senior Supper Club has come out of hibernation to resume its normal Tuesday evening dinners. The Come-One-Come-All group will be meeting on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and orders

will be placed around 5:30 p.m. after much socializing from a distance. The Senior Supper Club is an informal group of folks from Howard County who meet at least weekly and sometimes more for Dutch-Treat food at different area restaurants. Sometimes the group also meets for cards, dominoes, or deserts 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.

Police and Fire/EMS reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ANDRES ARGUELLO**, 34, of 215 NE 9th, was arrested on charges of aggravated assault with deadly weapon and causes serious bodily injury to family member.
- **HARRASSMENT** was reported in the 6300 block of E Midway Road.
- **HARRASSMENT** was reported in the 6400 block of Walter Road.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 3100 block of Sherman Road.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1100 block of Dred.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of 11th Street and Scurry.
- **OPEN DOOR/WINDOW** was reported in the 200 block of W 10th Street.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 600 block of W 15th Street.
- **UNWANTED/SUBJECT** was reported in the 700 block of Edwards Boulevard.

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 200 block of NE 9th Street. One person was transported

to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Road One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2100 block of Alabama. No transport was required.

• **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 1000 block of E Midway Road. No public transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2800 block of Coronado. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Duke. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of Gregg Street and 2nd Street. Two people was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of W Becker. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of W 1st Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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Big Spring.

"A lot of people talk about projects, infrastructure and economic development, but out here in West Texas there is a vision," Blair Shroeder said. "That is something the Bible talks about; my people are destroyed for lack of vision and a project like this shows vision. It shows a promise of things to come and the Ports to Plains project as a whole is something that is so unique in what it does, not just for Big Spring and Howard County, but what it can mean for the State of Texas and the United States of America. This is an important piece, but it's a symbol of what is to come. Thank you for being such good ambassadors of what it takes in a community to get big projects done."

Through the hard work and engineering experience provided by TxDot and the support of Senator Kel Seliger, the relief route project has been able to take off, reach two stages of completion and have paved a way for future opportunities.

"When you look at this and it's a nice piece of highway, but in a way it's not just a highway. It's a vision that people have had for a long time here," Senator Seliger said.

In 2013 the groundwork began on the southern portion of the relief route, and the ribbon was cut on the southern sector of the relief route in 2016 and the completed portion was named Bill Crooker Memorial Highway – honoring the man who started the vision.

"The thing about vision is it doesn't quarantine. It doesn't take time off and it doesn't quit working because it's the image that people have for their community, their future and the dedication to it. We may see a slow period of business now and again, but it's clear with the dedication of the community to this and other transportation assets, the community is building for the future with the realization that it's not all going to be rosy, but there most certainly will be a vision."

The Big Spring community, over the past 10 years, has placed a heavy emphasis on building up not only the industrial sector, but also expanding the transportation platforms through highways, railroads and local improvements.

"There is no Texas community more focused on the role transportation plays in economic development and growth. You are leading the way into the future and it's going to be a very bright one for this community," Seliger said.

The relief route is the largest project thus far in the Abilene TxDot District. The total funding for the project is \$118 million, with \$25 million of those funds coming from Proposition 12 designated from other TxDot districts. The surrounding districts

saw the importance of the relief route and the positive impact that could result from the completion of the project – not only for the region, but the economy on a national level – and decided to provide funding from the designated period to the project. The relief route spans 16 miles of roadway and is part of the Ports to Plains Corridor.

As Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman stood up to speak, she recalled the first interaction she had with the reliever route project and it's inception. While Wiseman was working as a clerk for Road and Bridge, in 2002, Commissioner Crooker came into the office with rolled up maps to bring the original idea of the Ports to Plains project and Howard County.

The late Bill Crooker laid the foundation for this project in more ways than one. He served, in the late 80s, as part of the Howard County Commissioners Court when the decision was made to forego a half cent of sales tax to the Moore Board to create an Economic Development Board. Another important piece of the efforts and the push forward of the project, is the initiative put forth by Bobby and Gloria McDonald. The hope is to make the newly constructed portion a part of the I-27 corridor and serve as a connection between Canada and Mexico. The new portion of roadway was built to specs in order to allow for the Interstate Highway designation possibility.

"We have a great community. We have been blessed not only with the people, but with our legislators State House Representative Drew Darby, Senator Kel Seliger, Congressman Jodey Arrington," Wiseman said.

In representation of the City of Big Spring, Mayor Pro-Tem Camilla Strande offered a few words on behalf of the City and in recognition of the project's importance.

"Life is a highway and like everyone else has said today it is such an amazing thing that this is finally coming together and that this is finally being finished. I am so proud of all that has been accomplished and the great vision that has taken place to get this done," Strande said. "I want to give a hand to TxDot and all the hard work that has gone in and to everyone who has worked on this."

She continued, "Let's keep moving forward and get I-27 through Big Spring so we can see all the wonderful things we've talked about today and see progress that we know is going to come forward to Big Spring."

While the vision for the Ports to Plains Corridor and the relief route project has been shared by many, it is through the hard work and implementation process that the vision has been able to become a reality. Ports to Plains Chairman John Osborne offered a brief explanation of the importance the relief route holds in the overall Ports to

Plains project.

"Given the recent developments our Congressman championed for us with our new trade agreement and our biggest trading partner for the United States, Mexico. The traffic along I-27, this Ports to Plains corridor is projected to increase even if we don't do anything. If we actually take this to an Interstate standard all the way from Laredo through the tip of Texas we are going to find the benefits outweigh the expenses," Osborne said.

According to Osborne, there is a 76% return on investment on this development. The corridor goes right through Big Spring and if the projects prove to be true, the truck driver options become safer and reduces the challenges faced while transporting.

"This relief route presents an opportunity for trucks to go around the downtown, reduce congestion and make the travel safer so that citizens and others can enjoy it even more," Osborne said. "This relief route also presents opportunities for economic development... helps in so many ways and I am so pleased through all the efforts of the citizens and local officials, state officials, congressman; this is an exciting partnership and this is fulfilling a long term vision that will enable Big Spring to continue to grow, expand and be the wonderful city that it is. Thank you for your continued investment in this."

The partnership with TxDot was one touted on by several of the speakers throughout the ceremony. The labor that has been put into the project is evident in the presentation of the completed project that travelers will be able to experience as early as today.

"All too often there is a dream, there is a vision, there is thought, organization and so many things that go into a project, but without the hands and the skilled labor and the implementation of those who are able to put this beautiful structure together into this vision to real life and a tangible object, we wouldn't be here," Ward said.

Abilene District Engineer Carl Johnson P.E. Offered a few thoughts from the perspective of TxDot's role. He commended those who had come before him and the investment that they have poured in continuously in order to get the vision to a completion the nation could benefit from.

"It's exciting to see this open; to see the Ports to Plains vision. It's a big vision and TxDot is here to be a partner with you," Johnson said. "It's exciting to watch as it finally comes to completion."

The ceremony was wrapped up with a ceremonial picture and ribbon cutting by Bruce Schooler and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. To do the honors of cutting the ribbon, announcing the opening of the route, was Gloria McDonald.

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Nadine Jones, 85, of Big Spring died Sunday, August 2, 2020. Graveside service will be at 10:00 AM Thursday, August 13, 2020 at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio.

Mary Sanchez, 78, of Big Spring died Tuesday, August 4, 2020. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Thursday with a Prayer Service at 7:00 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Virginia Miller, 66, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, August 04, 2020. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

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"The boutiques that are opening their doors for the Summer Shopping Extravaganza are excited to welcome the community in. This is a great opportunity to visit places in town you may not have before and meet new staff in the process," ValVerde said. "This is a great way to get a head start on back to school clothes shopping, or even to have one final splurge on yourself before heading out to shop for the kids."

Those attending the Shopping Extravaganza are encouraged to wear their masks while in the store and practice social distancing as much as possible.

"Dazzling Decor and Blue Eyed Buffalo offer a unique twist on home décor, whether you are looking for a new piece of art for your wall or a complete redesign of a room," ValVerde said.

For those looking at cute back to school outfits, several of the boutiques downtown offer selections in all sizes.

"The best thing about Summer Shopping Extravaganza is it's an opportunity to get out and support local business," ValVerde

said. "This is an opportunity to find out what is right here. The majority of the businesses participating are owned by families who live right here in Howard County, Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma. By supporting local business we are supporting Big Spring, but we are supporting our neighbors and our friends."

In addition to the extended business hours – each shop staying open until 8 p.m. - there will be door prize opportunities, food and refreshments and more available throughout the night.

"We just want to encourage the community to get out and see what our town has to offer while being safe in the process. For the most part, when it comes to looking for a gift idea or finding a little retail therapy, there is no need for us to travel outside of town. We are lucky to have these locally owned businesses providing quality products, but we need to support them, just like any other industry," ValVerde said.

This weekend is also tax free weekend and this is a great way to kick off the back to school clothes shopping.

Amanda Duforat is the managing editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, email editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

Take Note cont.

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

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

• Isaiah 58 will be open on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. further notice, for the safety of their volunteers and those they serve. Those receiving services are asked to enter the parking lot on 9th Street and exit onto Scurry. Please bring a form of identification with you

to pick up food. Masks are required and those receiving food boxes will need to place boxes in their own vehicles until further notice. All these efforts are being put in place to help slow the spread and ensure the safety of those volunteering and those receiving services.

• City of Big Spring announces water office number change. Effective immediately, the temporary phone numbers used to contact

the Big Spring Water Office are no longer in effect. Customers can contact the water office at the following phone numbers: 1. Pay online at www.mybigspring.com. Click ONLINE BILL PAY.

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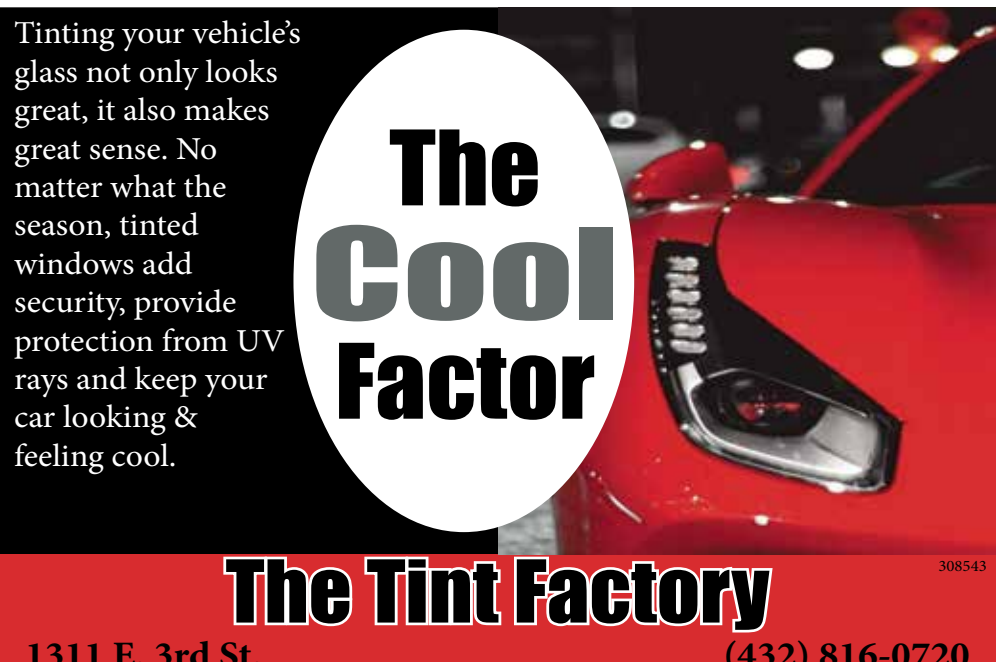


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Wall Street rallies again; S&P 500 pulls within 2% of record

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks are rising again on Wall Street Wednesday, and the S&P 500 is ticking closer to its record high as it tries for a fourth straight gain.

The S&P 500 was 0.6% higher in late trading, following up on gains in European markets and across much of Asia. It's back within 2% of its record for the first time since February. Treasury yields and gold also pushed higher, while crude oil prices strengthened.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 308 points, or 1.2%, at 27,136, as of 2:50 p.m. Eastern time, and the Nasdaq composite was up 0.5%.

Much of Wall Street's focus this week has been on Washington, where Congress and White House officials are negotiating on more aid for the hobbling economy. Investors say such a package is crucial and needs to arrive quickly, with millions of Americans still out of work and \$600 in weekly unemployment benefits from the U.S. government having recently expired.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said late Tuesday that the two sides set a goal of reaching an agreement by the end of the week to permit a vote next week, though negotiators said the two sides remain far apart on key issues.

The pressure on Washington to act quickly is mounting. A report on Wednesday suggested that hiring was far weaker last month than economists expected. Private employers added just 167,000 jobs, according to a survey by payroll processor ADP, well below the 1.2 million that economists had forecast.

It highlights the damage that a resurgence in coronavirus cases across much of the country is doing to the economy. It also puts an even brighter spotlight on Friday's more comprehensive jobs report coming from the Labor Department.

Investors across the stock market seem to be as-

suming that Congress will reach a deal sooner rather than later, as well as that the economy will continue to improve despite the pandemic, said Willie Delwiche, investment strategist at Baird.

"If either one of those gets challenged, then you could see more volatility in stocks," he said.

The Walt Disney Co. rose 8.7% for one of the biggest gains in the S&P 500 after the media giant reported a profit for the spring that beat Wall Street's expectations, even if it was down sharply from a year earlier. It also said its streaming-video service has amassed more than 60 million paid subscribers in less than a year.

Prudential Financial rose 5.4%, helping to drive the financial sector to one of the market's bigger gains, after it likewise reported results that weren't as bad as analysts had forecast.

That's been the trend across much of the market this reporting season. Stocks have continued to climb even though S&P 500 companies appear to be on track to report a roughly 34% drop in earnings per share from a year earlier, according to FactSet. That's in part because investors had been prepared for an even steeper drop.

"The overall theme from earnings has been 'not as bad as we feared,'" Delwiche said. "Estimates came down and now everybody's beating that really low bar. Management is as in the dark as everyone else, in terms of what the path of this recovery is going to be. Everyone is kind of waiting to see what happens next in terms of the recovery."

Investors are also betting that the plunge in profits will prove to be only temporary and that earnings will recover as economies reopen and a vaccine for the new coronavirus hopefully helps the world get closer to normal.

Shares of biotech company Novavax jumped 9.6% after it reported data on its vaccine candidate for COVID-19. Analysts cautioned not to over-interpret

the data but called it encouraging.

A better-than-expected reading on the nation's services sector also added to the mixed picture on the economy. The services sector includes retail, health care and transportation, and it makes up the bulk of the U.S. economy. It grew in July for the second straight month, according to a survey by the Institute for Supply Management, and accelerated when economists were expecting a slight slowdown.

Even within that report, though, were seeds of concern. Growth in new orders helped to drive the reading higher, but employment trends in the report weren't as encouraging.

Treasury yields rose, reclaiming some of their lost ground from a day before when they sank to a nearly five-month low. The yield on the 10-year Treasury climbed to 0.54% from 0.51% late Tuesday.

Yields have remained very low as investors have continued to worry about the weak economy and as the Federal Reserve has unleashed massive amounts of stimulus.

Gold rose even further into record territory, continuing its strong climb since the spring amid nervousness about the economy and super-low interest rates. Gold for delivery in December, the most actively traded contract, rose \$28.30 to settle at \$2,049.30 per ounce.

In Europe, Germany's DAX returned 0.5%, and France's CAC 40 rose 0.9%. The FTSE 100 in London added 1.1%.

In Asia, Japan's Nikkei 225 slipped 0.3%, but South Korea's Kospi added 1.4%. Hong Kong's Hang Seng rose 0.6%, and stocks in Shanghai inched up 0.2%.

Benchmark U.S. crude rose 49 cents to settle at \$42.19 per barrel. Brent crude, the international standard, added 74 cents to \$45.17 a barrel.

Girl Scouts sex-abuse claim included in NY civil case flurry

By TOM HAYS

Associated Press

As a Girl Scout growing up in upstate New York, Alice Weiss-Russell says she lived with a dark secret: The husband of her troop leader was sexually abusing her in the bathroom of a church basement where scout meetings were held in the 1980s.

Weiss-Russell has detailed her alleged ordeal in a new lawsuit filed against Girl Scouts of the USA, part of a flurry of child sex-abuse cases in New York using a "look back window" for making civil claims against abusers.

"For me, it gives me a chance to be heard because I didn't have that chance when I was young and hold the Girl Scouts accountable for what happened to me," Weiss-Russell told The Associated Press in a phone interview on Tuesday. The AP does not typically identify people who say they are victims of sex crimes unless they grant permission.

Another lawsuit, also filed Wednesday, accuses a Manhattan research center of similarly looking the other way as a prominent physician abused dozens of children he was studying and treating for being small for their age.

The two lawsuits come after Gov.

Andrew M. Cuomo signed a bill earlier this week granting a one-year extension to the state's Child Victims Act. The law temporarily lifts the usual time limits on filing lawsuits for anyone suing over childhood sexual abuse.

The window to file had been due to close this month. But advocates for sex-abuse survivors pushed for the extension, in part by arguing that the coronavirus pandemic made it difficult to put cases together in time to meet the deadline.

Hundreds of lawsuits have already been filed statewide under the act that name defendants including disgraced financier Jeffrey Epstein, the Roman Catholic Church and the Boy Scouts of America.

The lawsuit against The Rockefeller University centers on allegations against a researcher at its hospital, Dr. Reginald Archibald, that began surfacing a decade after his 2007 death.

The abuse consisted of Archibald "photographing his child patients in sexually suggestive and lewd positions ... and masturbating his male and female child patients," says the suit filed by attorneys with the Marsh Law Firm. It alleges he once took a patient to his cabin in Canada, where he "where he drugged and penetrated the child."

A message was left Thursday with The Rockefeller University and its hospital.

Weiss-Russell's suit, also filed by The Marsh Law Firm along with Pfau Cochran Vertetis Amala, stands out because it appears to be one of the first of its kind against the Girl Scouts, said her lawyer, Jennifer Freeman.

Weiss-Russell, 48, of Syracuse, is accusing the organization of failing to protect her from a man described as a volunteer "co-troop leader" when she became a scout at age 11 in the mid-1980s. Freeman said the Girl Scouts organization violated its own policies at the time by allowing the man, whose wife co-led the troop, to be involved with her troop.

At the time, Weiss-Russell grew motivated to be a top-seller of cookies so she could earn the right to attend Girl Scout camps and get away from her abuser, she said in the interview.

But once back in the church basement, the man would make her touch him sexually, according to the lawsuit, which also accuses him of raping her. The abuse continued even after the abuser's wife was alerted to her husband's misconduct, Weiss-Russell's lawyers say.

"I feared him," she said. He threatened to harm her and her family if she reported him and "he was always telling me that no one would believe

me anyway," she said.

Around the time she was 18 and a few years removed from the scouts, Weiss-Russell finally revealed to her mother what had happened, she said. She later tried to report the man to prosecutors, but was informed the statute of limitations had run out. More recently, a counselor encouraged her to take advantage of the Child Victims Act as a way to get closure.

"Girl Scouts of the USA is aware of a complaint that was filed in New York alleging that a Girl Scout was harmed in the 1980s during Girl Scout activities," the organization said in a statement. "At Girl Scouts, there is nothing we take more seriously than the safety and wellbeing of our girls, and we maintain rigorous safety protocols. We are looking into this complaint and will address the matter with the utmost care and concern."

Weiss-Russell said she still runs into her alleged abuser, who lives near her in Syracuse. She recalled how he once approached her at a gas station and put his hand on her shoulder while saying hello.

"I froze up like the child, like the child I was when he was victimizing me, like I had no power," she said. "He still to this day has power over me and I'm hoping through all this he won't have power over me."

Fort Hood soldier drowns; 4th from base dead in months

BELTON, Texas (AP) — U.S. Army officials said Tuesday that a Fort Hood soldier drowned at the same lake near the Texas base where another soldier's body was found last month.

The body of Spc. Francisco Gilberto Hernandezvargas, 24, was recovered Sunday after he went underwater while being pulled on an inner tube behind a motorboat on Stillhouse Hollow Lake, ac-

ording to Fort Hood officials. Base officials confirmed Hernandezvargas' identity Tuesday.

Bell County sheriff's deputies are investigating the drowning.

Fort Hood officials say they are cooperating with local authorities. Officials have not said whether they suspect foul play.

Hernandezvargas, of New York, entered the army in May 2017 as an automatic rifleman, according to the Army. He was assigned to 1st Battalion,

5th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division since December 2017. Besides Fort Hood, he served in Korea and Romania.

Hernandezvargas is at least the fourth Fort Hood soldier whose body has been found in recent months. There is no indication that any of the deaths are related.

On June 21, officials authorities discovered skeletal remains in a field in Killeen, near Fort Hood, which were subsequently identified as 24-year-old missing soldier Gregory Morales.

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Forsan Buffs return to the gridiron for 2020 season with newfound energy

By SHAWN MORAN
Herald Sports Writer

It has been three days since the start of football practices have taken over the sports scene around Texas. The Forsan Buffaloes have been back on the field all week and are working hard to put their disappointing 2019 season in the rearview.

Forsan will have a more experienced roster this season that is dominated by upperclassmen and players who already have a history of consistent playing time at the varsity level. There is plenty of excitement throughout the whole team about getting back to work and some of Forsan's top players see a noticeable difference between the way the team has been getting after it during these early season practices.

"We're hype," junior running back Nate Hernandez said. "We want it. We want it more than we did last year. We're tired of being on a losing streak and we're going to change that this year."

Senior lineman Ely Matthies added, "I think we have a lot more energy than we have had the last couple of years. I think that we know what we're capable of doing this year and we're ready to show people what we can do."

After finishing the 2019 season with only three wins, Forsan coach Jason Phillips is confident his group will continue to progress and add more victories to the win column in this upcoming season. The Buffaloes have not had a winning season since 2016 but the feeling around and from inside the team is that the three-year streak of finishing sub-.500 will end this season.

Forsan had been working hard over the summer for everyone to be in shape by the time the season started around. While surely not everyone kept the greatest workout routine or diet, there was no sense of sluggishness from the Buffs at Wednesday's workout under the blazing West Texas summer sun.

"The energy is unbelievable," Phillips said. "We have a good group of experienced guys coming back and 20-something guys who already have Varsity experience. Their expectations of themselves are high and it's carrying over into practice."

The Forsan Varsity football team is made up of 27 players who mostly all play both sides of the ball. There are playmakers all over the offense such as Hernandez, Matthies, wide receiver Cayden Morgan, running back Chris Mendez, and the two-headed quarterback monster of Major Stockton and Sawyer Stallings.



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An offensive lineman makes his way straight towards the camera during an offensive drill on Wednesday.

Last fall, the Post Offense advanced all the way to the State Championship with two quarterbacks taking consistent snaps all-season long. Phillips believes that his team has the ability to do that with his two signal callers and he is trying to instill confidence in both to lead the team this season.

Forsan practiced Wednesday under a cloudless sky and with the stampe of a paver rolling around the outside track that surrounds Roger Hudgins Field. The hot sun nor the loud rumble could distract the Buffaloes from getting after it and working themselves into football shape.

"It's been a special three days so far, it really has been," Phillips said. "Everybody is excited. Everybody is showing up early with a great attitude. It's just been a great start to the year."

The Buffs worked on swing passes, screens, and some other short yardage passing routes during practice on Wednesday before finishing up the day with some two-minute drill work.

Forsan players were in helmets, shoulder pads, and shorts for the workout and the amount of contact was limited. Phillips mostly wants his players to get reacclimated to practicing every day in their pads after months of just strength and conditioning workouts.

There is only a couple of weeks before Forsan's opening scrimmage of the season and exactly three weeks until the Howard County Bowl. The preparation has just begun over the past few days and the Buffs will continue to bring that newfound energy and confidence out to Buffalo Stadium for practice each and every day.

"The first week of football always feels great," Phillips said. "But this year, for some reason, feels even better."

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MLB Schedule

(*Team record shown is going into Tuesday's games)

Wednesday Results

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
Philadelphia Phillies (1-3)	New York Yankees (8-1)	11-7, Phillies; 3-1, Yankees
Miami Marlins (3-1)	Baltimore Orioles (5-4)	1-0, Marlins; 2-1, Marlins
New York Mets (4-8)	Washington Nationals (4-4)	3-1, Mets
Boston Red Sox (3-8)	Tampa Bay Rays (5-6)	5-0, Red Sox
Minnesota Twins (9-2)	Pittsburgh Pirates (2-9)	5-2, Twins
Toronto Blue Jays (3-5)	Atlanta Braves (8-4)	2-1, Blue Jays
Cincinnati Reds (5-6)	Cleveland Indians (6-6)	2-0, Red Sox
Chicago Cubs (9-2)	Kansas City Royals (3-9)	6-1, Cubs
Milwaukee Brewers (3-5)	Chicago White Sox (7-4)	1-0, Brewers
San Francisco Giants (5-7)	Colorado Rockies (8-2)	4-3, Giants
Houston Astros (6-4)	Arizona Diamondbacks (3-8)	14-7, Diamondbacks
Texas Rangers (3-6)	Oakland Athletics (7-4)	6-4, Athletics
Los Angeles Dodgers (8-4)	San Diego Padres (7-5)	7-6, Dodgers
Los Angeles Angels (4-7)	Seattle Mariners (4-8)	7-6, Mariners

Thursday Games

Away Team	Home Team	Time of Game
Minnesota Twins (10-2)	Pittsburgh Pirates (2-10)	12:35 PM
San Francisco Giants (6-7)	Colorado Rockies (8-3)	2:10 PM (ESPN+)
Texas Rangers (3-7)	Oakland Athletics (8-4)	2:40 PM
Los Angeles Angels (4-8)	Seattle Mariners (5-8)	3:10 PM
New York Yankees (9-2)	Philadelphia Phillies (2-4)	5:05 PM
Cincinnati Reds (5-7)	Cleveland Indians (7-6)	5:10 PM
Toronto Blue Jays (4-5)	Atlanta Braves (8-5)	6:00 PM
Houston Astros (6-5)	Arizona D'Backs (4-8)	6:07 PM (FOX)
Chicago Cubs (10-2)	Kansas City Royals (3-10)	6:07 PM (FOX)
Baltimore Orioles (5-6)	Miami Marlins (5-1)	6:35 PM
Milwaukee Brewers (4-5)	Chicago White Sox (7-5)	7:10 PM

NBA Schedule

*ALL GAMES PLAYED IN "BUBBLE" CITY OF ORLANDO, FL

Wednesday Results

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
Memphis Grizzlies (32-36)	Utah Jazz (42-25)	124-115, Jazz
Philadelphia 76ers (40-27)	Washington Wizards (24-43)	107-98, 76ers
Denver Nuggets (44-23)	San Antonio Spurs (29-37)	132-126, Nuggets
OKC Thunder (41-25)	Los Angeles Lakers (51-15)	105-99, Thunder
Toronto Raptors (48-18)	Orlando Magic (32-36)	109-86, Raptors
Brooklyn Nets (32-35)	Boston Celtics (44-23)	149-115, Celtics

Thursday Games

Away Team	Home Team	Time of Game
New Orleans Pelicans(29-38)	Sacramento Kings (28-39)	12:30 PM (NBATV)
Miami Heat (43-25)	Milwaukee Bucks (54-14)	3:00 PM (TNT)
Indiana Pacers (42-26)	Phoenix Suns (29-39)	3:00 PM
Los Angeles Clippers (45-22)	Dallas Mavericks (41-29)	5:30 PM (TNT)
Portland Trail Blazers(31-38)	Denver Nuggets (45-23)	7:00 PM
Los Angeles Lakers (51-16)	Houston Rockets (42-25)	8:00 PM (TNT)

NHL Schedule

*ALL GAMES PLAYED IN HUB CITIES OF EDMONTON & TORONTO

Wednesday Results

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
New York Islanders	Florida Panthers	3-2, Panthers
Nashville Predators	Arizona Coyotes	4-1, Coyotes
Tampa Bay Lightning	Boston Bruins	3-2, Lightning
Colorado Avalanche	Dallas Stars	4-0, Avalanche
Pittsburgh Penguins	Montreal Canadiens	4-3, Canadiens
Edmonton Oilers	Chicago Blackhawks	4-3, Blackhawks

Thursday Games

Away Team	Home Team	Time of Game
Vancouver Canucks	Minnesota Wild	1:30 PM
Washington Capitals	Philadelphia Flyers	3:00 PM
Vegas Golden Knights	St. Louis Blues	5:30 PM
Toronto Maple Leafs	Columbus Blue Jackets	7:00 PM
Calgary Flames	Winnipeg Jets	9:30 PM

Latest News from UTPB Athletics

Special to the Herald

NCAA DII Presidents Council Cancels Fall Championships

The Division II Presidents Council made the decision Wednesday to cancel fall championships for the 2020-21 academic year due to the operational, logistical and financial challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The council made the move after the NCAA Board of Governors gave each division an August 21 deadline to decide on the fate of fall championships. The Board of Governors also gave additional directions on student-athlete safety and a 50% sponsorship threshold to hold fall championships. At the time of the decision, 11 of the 23 Division II conferences had postponed their fall seasons.

The Lone Star Conference Council of Presidents meets Friday to discuss this issue. The UT Permian Basin Athletics Department will have no further comment until receiving direction from the Conference Presidents.

Prolific High School Coach Ready to Bring Winning Ways to Falcon Tennis

After 25 illustrious years and 418 wins at the high school level, Stan Anderson is ready for a new challenge as he takes over as the UT Permian Basin Head Tennis Coach.

"I am honored to become a member of the Falcon family," said Anderson. "I have followed the UTPB Tennis program since its inception and had former players compete here over the last 10 years. I'd like to thank Dr. Sandra Woodley and Scott Farmer for giving me this opportunity."

Anderson had spent the last

25 years at Eastwood High School in El Paso. During that time, he coached 17 athletes who went to compete at the college level.

"Stan has been a successful coach for a long time," said Director of Athletics Scott Farmer. "His familiarity with West Texas will go a long way towards continuing to grow the program to where it can be."

Anderson's squads were some of the best in the state winning three team district titles, four boy's district titles, three girl's district titles, 15 individual district champions, and 10 state team championships over his 25 years Anderson compiled a career .731 winning percentage.

"I want to build on the positive culture that is found at UTPB and engage our student-athletes with the community," said Anderson. "I believe everything is in place here to continue to attract high caliber student-athletes and work towards winning conference championships."

Anderson is married to his wife of 32 years, Dolores. They have a daughter, Rebekah, who played tennis at Maryville University in St. Louis, Missouri. He is a lover of college sports and enjoys reading and playing video games in his spare time.

Men's Basketball Completes Puzzle with Division I Transfer

A roster oozing potential and athleticism to spare just got better as UT Permian Basin Men's Basketball has signed transfer Israel Barnes. Barnes comes from Weber State, the same college as NBA superstar Damian Lillard.

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expectation of scoring two trump tricks. South therefore decided to credit West with both the king and queen of diamonds.
Proceeding on this assumption, South set about the preliminary groundwork necessary to develop an endplay against West if he had exactly the right distribution. He won the spade lead with the king, cashed the ace, then ruffed a spade.
Declarer next played the ace of clubs, ruffed a club in dummy and cashed the K-Q-A of hearts, discarding the ten of clubs on the heart ace. With everything running smoothly thus far, South ruffed dummy's last heart and then trumped the queen of clubs in dummy.
Having survived all these risky but necessary maneuvers, South was now in position for the coup de grace. He had won the first 10 tricks, the lead was in dummy, and making the slam had become an absolute certainty. He led the ten of diamonds, ducked it, and poor West found that his two sure trump tricks had dwindled to one.
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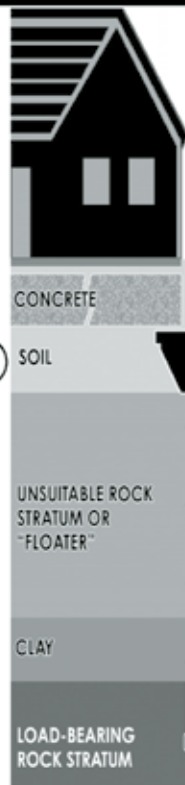
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Holdover of the
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Opposition

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Taking a thing a little too seriously squeezes all the potential for fun out of it. And taking a thing far too seriously leads to suffering. Err on the side of fun today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Those feelings that are so much a part of who you are seem to be mostly completely out of your control. However, you can steer yourself toward environments, people and situations that are likely to tease out just the mood you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Because only one person can be inside a mind, an inner sense of reality is a hard thing to share. You have to use symbols like language, image and movement to convey a feeling, and you'll do a brilliant job of it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If the risk is minimal and the upside is obvious, you

would think it would be an easy yes. But that is not taking into account the complexities of mind, body and spirit. There are other forces at work here. Trust intuition.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Relationships that involve deception and manipulation are, by definition, toxic environments. If necessary for the sake of the bigger picture, with the proper protections in place, toxic environments can be tolerated.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It is better to learn lessons early on in a process while there's still the excuse of being new and you're likely in the proximity of teachers. Get in there and make mistakes as soon as possible. Lessons that come too late get embarrassing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If this day were an ice cream stand, then it would not be the sidewalk vendor with three prepackaged options. This is the one with dozens of flavors and toppings -- overwhelming, unless, of

course, you have a deep sense of who you are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The number of people in a family, at a gathering or on a social media post won't matter nearly as much as the feelings among those who are present.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Every ending is a new beginning. This hopeful assurance doesn't address the fact that transitions require a great deal of energy. Rest up, take good care of yourself, and give yourself plenty of compassion right now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Lifting weights builds body strength. Processing information brings mental

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strength. Strength of character comes either through enduring hardship or via the endeavor of helping others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's hard to learn without consistency. When one action consistently nets the same result, learning is reinforced. You'll be teaching the people around you who you are. Keep this principle in mind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There are deals to be made and bargains to be struck, and you'll make the most of this, all the while knowing that the best interactions of life are not transactional.

You can only get so much from the world through negotiation.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (August 6). Exceptional powers of observation will help you navigate a tricky and competitive atmosphere and, eventually, win a gigantic prize. Even so, that is not the most important work you'll do this year. You will teach someone to love by loving them. And you will lift your family by giving yourself all you need to succeed. Virgo and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 3, 33, 12 and 6.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "Can I make someone love me if he doesn't? I'm a Pisces who can wield the laws of attraction powerfully, but I cannot seem to get this Gemini man to fall in love with me. He's close, but he won't say the words and won't get crazy for me. There are other things going on, but I can't write about them here, so you'll have to intuit them."

You've a wide range when it comes to pas-

sion and can go wild at will and without fear of what will happen if you love too much, get hurt, appear foolish, etc. None of that matters too much to you because you've been there so many times before and know the lay of the land.

What you must remember here, Pisces, is that not everyone is as resilient as you. People have different capacities for passion, desire and crazy-love depending on their personality, circumstances and the cycle of life they are in. In general, your Gemini man likes to think things through. Regardless of how much affection he may feel for you, he needs to be able to trust and predict you before he'll be comfortable enough to get crazy. And if I'm pushing my intuition into this, as you suggested, I'm thinking he has something more than his heart to lose were he to fall deeply into this relationship with you. Perhaps he is married?

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Annie's Mailbox

Feeling Alone During
Isolation

Dear Annie: I feel some days I just can't handle our society and the cruelty of men and women toward other humans or defenseless animals. My life has been full of neglect, disrespect, abuse (mental and physical) and loneliness, so I'm accustomed to it. However, when I hear a story about people neglecting an innocent child, or a dog being left inside a crate abandoned, or a kid going to a party to see if he can get COVID-19 and then dying... my depression kicks in so deep that I cry and want to be left alone because I know others don't understand this feeling. I just can't seem to get these thoughts out of my

PREVENTION

head.

I've been to therapy. It was too expensive, and the therapist told me to try to understand the person perpetrating the abuse and their reasons for doing it. To me, there are no excuses for being evil unless you need help. And if that's the case, please don't hurt those that can't fight back.

I cry for days about these stories and wish that there were a superhero among us to save these innocent lives. But my depression has gotten the best of me, and I've begun hurting myself by burning my arms with whatever gets hot. Recently, I tried a psychologist; he was definitely in his own world and era and didn't under-

stand what I was going through.

I live in a town that doesn't supply free group therapy. My insurance won't help this kind of illness, so I was hoping you could help me with maybe a free website that can help someone. Thanks. -- Deeply Depressed in Life

Dear Deeply Depressed: You're not alone -- not ever, and especially not now. With quarantine, many people who have struggled with depression and/or loneliness in the past are overwhelmed with it.

Know that you won't be consumed by these thoughts forever. Though the upsetting issues that you men-

tioned are very much real and worth considering, such thoughts tend to become "stickier" during bouts of depression. The core issue that needs addressing right now is your mental health and physical safety, so I'm glad that you're reaching out to find support.

The Anxiety and Depression Association of America (<https://adaa.org/adaa-online-support-group>) offers free online support groups, as does Turn2Me.org. 7 Cups of Tea (7cups.com) offers free and low-cost counseling.

You can also call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 anytime: It's not just for people feeling actively suicidal; it's also for

anyone in emotional distress. And you feel that you may harm yourself again, please call 911 or go to the nearest hospital.

Dear Annie: In response to "At a Loss": Kudos to you for recommending the gentleman's wife seek out a therapist who deals with grief issues. But I can add to that - based on experience.

After my mother died years ago, I made an appointment with a psychologist I had seen years previously for other issues. She offered a lot of support and guidance during an initial session. Then she said that she had a high caseload of clients, and I could probably get the help I needed elsewhere. The

answer? The local non-profit hospice support organization!

Not only do they provide support through the hospice process, but they are there for people after they experience a loss.

You have insurance? That's great. Can't afford to pay much? They're OK with that, too. I encourage anyone who has lost someone to check it out. -- Oregon Reader

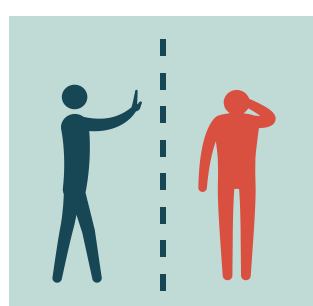
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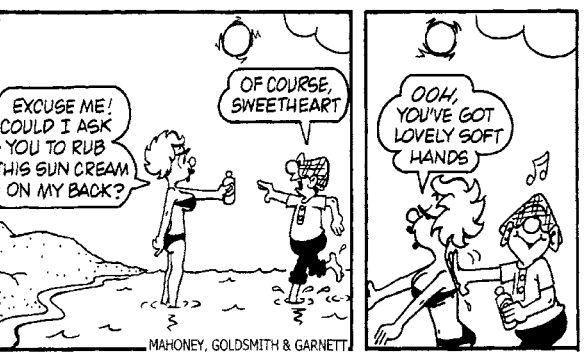
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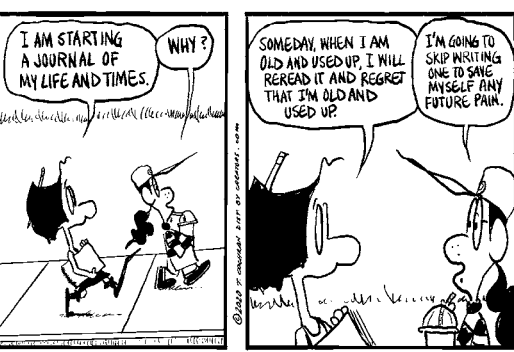
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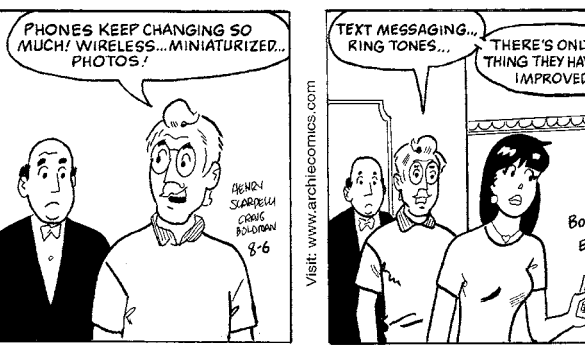
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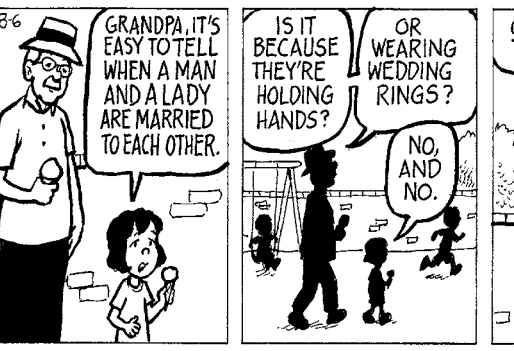
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Thursday, Aug. 6, the 219th day of 2020. There are 147 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On August 6, 1945, during World War II, the U.S. B-29 Superfortress Enola Gay dropped an atomic bomb code-named "Little Boy" on Hiroshima, Japan, resulting in an estimated 140,000 deaths. (Three days later, the United States exploded a nuclear device over Nagasaki; five days after that, Imperial Japan surrendered.)

On this date:

In 1809, one of the leading literary figures of the Victorian era, poet Alfred, Lord Tennyson, was born in Somersby, Lincolnshire, England.

In 1911, actor-comedian Lucille Ball was born in Jamestown, New York.

In 1926, Gertrude Ederle became the first woman to swim the English Channel, arriving in Kingsdown, England, from France in 14 1/2 hours.

In 1930, New York State Supreme Court Justice Joseph Force Crater went missing after leaving a Manhattan restaurant; his disappearance remains a mystery.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act.

In 1973, entertainer Stevie Wonder was seriously injured in a car accident in North Carolina.

In 1978, Pope Paul VI died at Castel Gandolfo at age 80.

In 1986, William J. Schroeder (SHRAY'-dur) died at Humana Hospital-Audubon in Louisville, Kentucky, after living 620 days with the Jarvik 7 artificial heart.

In 1991, the World Wide Web made its public debut as a means of accessing webpages over the Internet. TV newsman Harry Reasoner died in Norwalk, Connecticut, at age 68.

In 1993, Louis Freeh won Senate confirmation to be FBI director.

In 2009, Sonia Sotomayor was confirmed as the first Hispanic Supreme Court justice by a Senate vote of 68-31. John Hughes, 59,

Hollywood's youth movie director of the 1980s and '90s, died in New York City. In 2013, U.S. Army Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan went on trial at Fort Hood, Texas, charged with killing 13 people and wounding 32 others in a 2009 attack. (Hasan, who admitted carrying out the attack, was convicted and sentenced to death.)

Ten years ago: In a stunning announcement, Hewlett-Packard Co. said it had ousted CEO Mark Hurd after an investigation of a sexual harassment complaint found that he had falsified expense reports and other documents to conceal a relationship with a contractor. Five years ago: The first Republican presidential debate aired on Fox News Channel; when the 10 candidates were asked whether any of them would not pledge to support the eventual GOP nominee, only Donald Trump raised his hand, saying, "I will not make the pledge at this time," angering Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul, who accused Trump of "hedging his bets." Jon Stewart bade an emotional goodbye after 16 years as host of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show." "Hamilton," the hip-hop flavored biography about Alexander Hamilton, the nation's first treasury secretary, opened on Broadway. One year ago: Ohio Republican Gov. Mike DeWine, prompted to act by the weekend shooting in Dayton, proposed measures to address mass shootings, including required background checks for nearly all gun sales in Ohio and allowing courts to restrict firearms access for people perceived as threats. In a strong rebuke to President Donald Trump, the four living former leaders of the Federal Reserve said that the head of the nation's central bank should be able to make decisions on interest rates with-

out political pressure or the threat of being removed. Today's Birthdays: Children's performer Ella Jenkins is 96. Actor-director Peter Bonerz is 82. Actor Louise Sorel is 80. Actor Michael Anderson Jr. is 77. Actor Ray Buktenica is 77. Actor Dorian Harewood is 70. Actor Catherine Hicks is 69. Rock singer Pat

MacDonald (Timbuk 3) is 68. Country musician Mark DuFresne is 67. Actor Stephanie Kramer is 64. Actor Faith Prince is 63. Rhythm-and-blues singer Randy DeBarge is 62. Actor Leland Orser is 60. Actor Michelle Yeoh (yoh) is 58. Country singers Patsy and Peggy Lynn are 56. Basketball Hall

of Famer David Robinson is 55. Actor Jeremy Ratchford is 55. Actor Benito Martinez is 52. Country singer Lisa Stewart is 52. Movie writer-director M. Night Shyamalan (SHAH'-mah-lahn) is 50. Actor Merrin Dungey is 49. Singer Geri Halliwell Horner is 48. Actor Jason O'Mara is 48. Singer-actor

David Campbell is 47. Actor Vera Farmiga is 47. Actor Ever (cq) Carradine is 46. Actor Soleil (soh-LAY') Moon Frye is 44. Actor Melissa George is 44. Rock singer Travis McCoy is 39. Actor Leslie Odom Jr. is 39. Actor Romola Garai is 38. Rock musician Eric Roberts is 36.

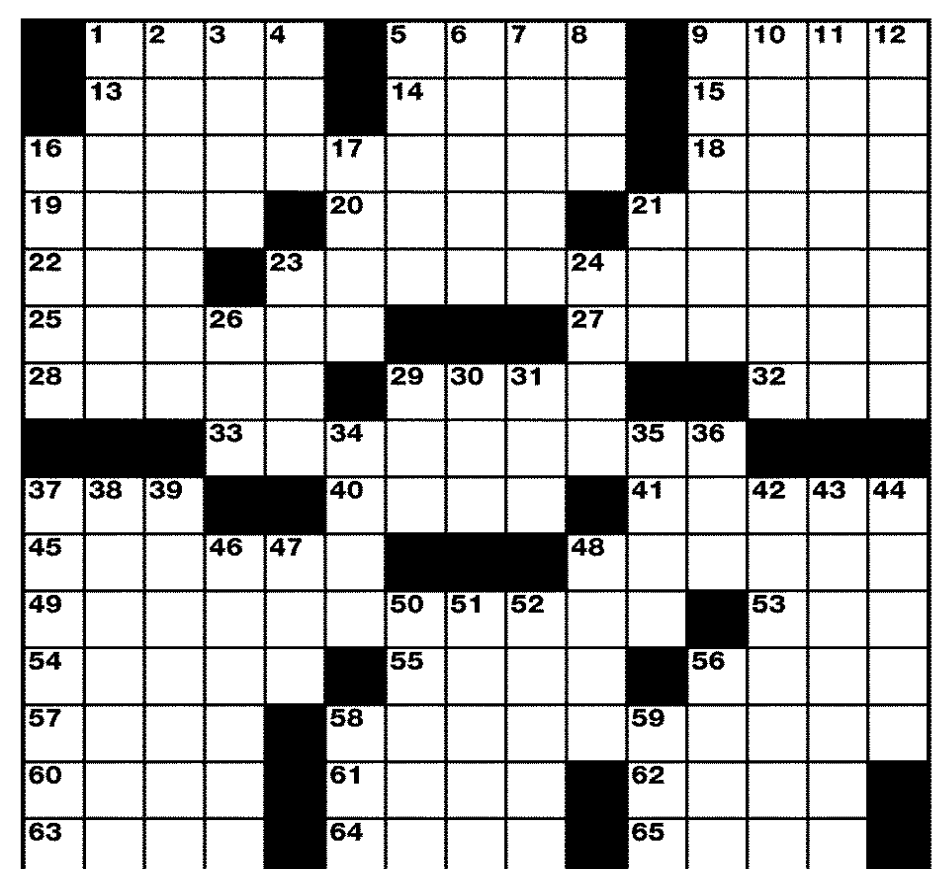
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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Summon, in a way
 - 5 Chance of loss
 - 9 Alitalia hub
 - 13 Taj Mahal locale
 - 14 This, to Tomás
 - 15 Many an Omani
 - 16 Hardly enlightening
 - 18 Sudden insight
 - 19 Crime novelist Macdonald
 - 20 Tip a little
 - 21 Wish well to
 - 22 Name on Pulp Fiction posters
 - 23 Levelheaded
 - 25 Center of attraction
 - 27 Begin to flower
 - 28 Tool in curling
 - 29 Mint, as money
 - 32 Sci-fi "escape" vehicle
 - 33 Succeed in oppo research, perhaps
 - 37 Salesperson, for short
 - 40 "We should do that"
 - 41 Midwestern hub
 - 45 Horsy
 - 48 Takes the stage
 - 49 Combo entrée
 - 53 Enhance, with "to"
 - 54 Short putt
 - 55 Broccoli (leafy veggie)
 - 56 Unrestrained
 - 57 Minute quantity
 - 58 Fall behind
 - 60 Historic bus rider Parks

- DOWN**
- 1 Caltech's observatory
 - 2 Way back when
 - 3 Mardi
 - 4 Corn holder
 - 5 Alter with thread
 - 6 "What a piece of work": Hamlet
 - 7 Daring feat
 - 8 Down for the count
 - 9 Scold harshly
 - 10 Summon for duty
 - 11 Timekeeper with a stick
 - 12 Put to shame
 - 16 Leftover fragment
 - 17 Zillions
 - 21 "Don't ___ stranger!"
 - 23 Moore of the movies
 - 24 All, for starters
 - 26 Indicate assent
 - 29 Spoken spur
 - 30 Show a preference (for)
 - 31 "Photo" cards
 - 34 ___ plaid (checked fabric)
 - 35 It might be on the tip of your tongue
 - 36 Not just any
 - 37 Take it up again
 - 38 One of the great circles
 - 39 Intended result
 - 42 Typically
 - 43 About 40% of mammal species
 - 44 Wrapped up
 - 46 "Allow me . . ."
 - 47 Flatbread of India
 - 48 Golf great Norman
 - 50 Horde
 - 51 Electrical weapon
 - 52 Some rideshares
 - 56 Blueberries, beefsteaks, etc.
 - 58 Too easygoing
 - 59 Sorority letter



Answer to previous puzzle
BOOM ASS COAT
ORNO CPAS ALLAN
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DONIE FOR ENDDATE
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ANDREW SURE PHI
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EMERGES BALANCE
RETURN TO THE FOLD
SENSE POLE AGOG
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Report: Texas Tech women's staff fostered culture of abuse

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech women's basketball players have accused coach Marlene Stollings and her staff of fostering a culture of abuse that led to an exodus from the program, according to a report published Wednesday.

Players dreaded a heart monitoring system they said was misused in punitive ways, had to endure demeaning and threatening comments and were subject to sexually suggestive behavior from a strength coach who has since resigned, according to the report.

The players made the claims over the past two years in season-ending exit interviews that were obtained through an open records request by The Intercollegiate, an investigative media outlet for college sports. The details were published by USA Today.

Players said the coaching staff demanded that they maintain a heart rate of at least 90% of capacity during games and that they faced loss of playing time or more conditioning work if they didn't. A pediatric sports medicine director said maintaining a heart rate that high would be "very difficult" to do.

"It was basically like a torture mechanism," said Erin DeGrate, who played her final season as a grad transfer with defending national champion Baylor. DeGrate played two seasons at Texas Tech after transferring from Louisville. "I feel like the system wasn't being used how she was using it."

Over two years, 12 of 21 players left the program, including seven recruited under Stollings, according to the report. She defending her program in a statement to the newspaper. The school didn't immediately respond to a request for comment from The Associated Press.

The pandemic-shortened season that ended in March was Stollings' second at Texas Tech. She had previously turned around the programs at Minnesota and VCU and has done the same with the Red Raiders, a once-proud program that has fallen on hard times. Texas Tech finished 18-11 in Stollings' second season after going 7-23 the year before she arrived.

"We know change is difficult and that has been no different at Texas Tech," Stollings said. "Some wonderful young women have decided to leave our program and pursue their dreams elsewhere. Our administration and my staff believe in the way we are building and turning this program around here. Our student athletes are developing a disciplined approach both on and off the court."

Athletic director Kirby Hocutt said a four-person committee conducted a review of the program, and said the review had been discussed with Stollings. Hocutt said he was "confident we are taking appropriate steps to improve the relationship and communication between coaches and student-athletes."

After the story was published, Hocutt issued another statement saying he met Wednesday with players for more than an hour and then with players and coaches for more than two hours.

Fan-free playoff hockey still proving plenty intense

By **DAVE CAMPBELL**

AP Sports Writer

Staging games in empty arenas after a virus-forced hiatus of more than four months, the NHL skated into this unprecedented postseason with plenty of questions about just how intense the action on the ice would be.

Four days into a most unusual Stanley Cup tournament, this much is clear: Playoff hockey is still playoff hockey, even without the roar of the crowd. The Minnesota Wild and Vancouver Canucks, their qualifying round series even at one win apiece, have proven as much.

Both contests at Rogers Place in Edmonton have been testy, with the two teams jawing at each other at the end of Game 2.

"The guys play the exact same way. I spoke to several people before this, and they said, 'Do you think it's going to be playoff hockey?'" Wild coach Dean Evason said. "These guys, they're kids, and even if they're older guys, they're kids. They're playing the game for the right reasons. They're the best in the world for a reason, because they absolutely love to play and they love to compete, and when that puck's dropped in a playoff atmosphere, we're all battling to win the Stanley Cup, which they've thought about their entire lives. There's going to be that excitement level and there's going to be that battle level that we've seen already."

Even more strange with this postseason has been the bubble-city setup that has stationed both of these teams at the Sutton Place Hotel. The Wild routinely walk by the Canucks on their way to eat.

"It's definitely different. You're in an absolute war with a team, and then you ride the elevator with them," Canucks defenseman Tyler Myers said on Wednesday.

Game 3 is on Thursday (2:30 p.m. EDT, NHL Network). The Canucks are banged up, with four forwards iffy. Tyler Toffoli and Adam Gaudette were hurt in Game 1 and held out of Game 2. Michael Ferland and Antoine Roussel left Game 2 with injuries.

The Canucks will likely go as far as their talented top-six group of forwards will take them, with the "Lotto Line" of J.T. Miller, Elias Pettersson and Brock Boeser making a significant impact so far.

Pettersson has impressed the Canucks with his tenacity, too, the frequent target of not-so-friendly hits from the Wild.

"I'm always impressed with his skill level, and I've been anxiously waiting to see how he does with this type of hockey, and it's been impressive so far," Canucks coach Travis Green said.

In other games on Thursday:

MAPLE LEAFS vs. BLUE JACKETS, series tied 1-1 (8 p.m. EDT, NBC Sports Network)

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Barnes spent two years at Weber State where he played in 61 games and made 32 starts. He was a regular starter his freshman season, starting 29 of the Wildcats 33 games including the final 27. Barnes scored in double figures 12 times in two years and reached a career-high with 15 on two occasions. The 6-4 guard shot .437 from the field as a sophomore. In just his fourth collegiate game, Barnes drilled a buzzer beater three for the win over Central Michigan down in the Bahamas as part of the Junkanoo Jam.

"We are thrilled to add a player of Israel's talent and character," said Head Coach Josh Newman. "He's the perfect final piece to our recruiting puzzle. He fits our offensive and defensive schemes with his versatility, experience and basketball IQ."

The Wichita, Kansas native was a three-star recruit out of high school where he set a city scoring record with 42 points as a senior. As a junior he averaged 27.8 points and eight rebounds per game as a junior.

All Eyes on Volleyball's Record Setting Junior Class

With 34 wins in two years the UT Permian Basin Volleyball junior class has a shot at history. They have a chance at eclipsing 74 wins over a four year period, a record set from 2006-09. Last year's squad won 20 games for the first time since 2008, and this year the junior class is ready to take the Falcons to the next level of contention in the Lone Star Conference.

Analise Lucio is closing in on the tops of the record books in her short time as a Falcon. The Justin native has amassed 1,311 assists, putting her on pace to finish her career in the top three all-time. Lucio has done wherever needed for Head Coach Tim Loesch, playing multiple positions filling in for injuries. Last season, she earned a Lone Star Conference All-Conference Honorable Mention with 770 assists and 223 digs.

Aquincia Strambler is a hard-hitting right side for the Falcons and will become a focal point of the offense this upcoming season. After 218 kills last season, Strambler's 454 career kills puts her in the top 20 all-time and a chance at the top 10 at her current pace. She had big moments last year including 19 kills on the road at Arkansas Fort Smith.

Haleigh Robinson battled injuries a year ago after finishing fourth in kills and third in blocks in 2018. She will provide a spark on both sides of the net next season. Even in a shortened season, Robinson had some big games in 2019 registering 12 kills at Texas Woman's and nine against Angelo State.

Lanai Hurd is back as one of the Falcons best servers. Last season Hurd finished with 24 aces, third on the team. She also helped defensively with 108 digs. Hurd also fills in on offense, where she recorded 70 assists as a freshman.

Joining the ranks is incoming transfer Taurie Magee. Magee comes to the Falcons from the College of Southern Nevada where she earned All-Conference Honorable Mention honors. She also played a year at Virginia Union where she earned Second Team All-Conference honors.

"Having these juniors coming back gives me a lot of options and confidence heading into the season," said Loesch. "I can make some moves and if we run out of subs I am fine with who I have out there because they are experienced. We have a very good line-up and we will not be in a position where we have been the past few years with players playing out of position."

Local Products Ready to Make Impact for Softball

UT Permian Basin Softball Head Coach Tiala Tagaloa can't imagine anything better than being from the Permian Basin and representing yourself in front of hometown fans. Local products Litzy Gutierrez and Sierra Camacho will get that opportunity to play in front of family and friends after the pair signed on to play softball at UTPB. Tagaloa is excited not only for their skills on the field, but to represent the Permian Basin.

"It's huge to get kids from the Permian Basin,"

said Tagaloa. "The first thing that I learned when I came here was Texas kids love Texas and they shouldn't have to leave if they don't want to."

Gutierrez earned the 2019 District 2-6A Offensive MVP after a terrific year at Midland Lee. The outfielder will provide the Falcons power from the left side of the plate.

"Secretly everyone wants a left-handed power hitter whether they say it or not," said Tagaloa. "She is super athletic, has tons of range, and has a strong arm in the outfield."

Camacho had a stellar career in the circle at Odessa High, helping the Lady Bronchos reach the regional semifinals with a 31-9 record in 2019.

"Camacho pitched really well for Odessa High School," said Tagaloa. "She will be an impactful on both sides of the ball for us. It's going to be exciting to see these two players perform on the field and to be able to see their family here every day. I know their families are excited to see them play every game and track them."

The Falcons look to build off the success of last season when they were 15-15 before the season was canceled due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Falcons were on pace to set a new program record for wins with 24 games left in the season.

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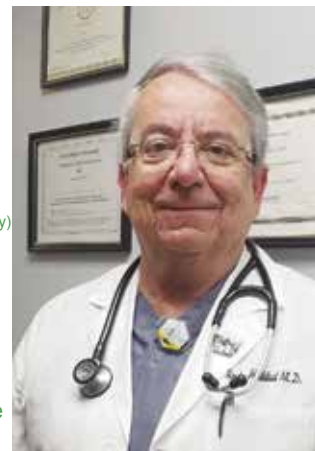
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