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Amphitheater Improvement Board hosting ribbon cutting in recognition of completion Phase 1A

By **IRIS RANGEL**
Herald Staff Writer

The Amphitheater Improvement Board is hosting a ribbon cutting for the Phase1A Completion of the Amphitheater Improvement Project. The ribbon cutting will take place at the historic Comanche Trail Amphitheater Thursday, Oct. 22 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

According to the President of the Amphitheater Improvement Board, Barney Dodd, the 1A Completion of the project brings the facility up to ADA compliance standards. These standards include wheelchair accessibility to parts of the amphitheater (including the stage) and ADA parking at the top and bottom of the facility.

"We want people to come out and see the improvements. We're really proud of the work that we've done. We made it look like it was built that way. The whole goal was to do the improvements without making it look new; we want it to still look historic," Dodd said.

The Amphitheater Improvement Board formed at the end of 2018 and raised approximately \$700,000 in ef-



HERALD file photo

Phase 1A of the Amphitheater Improvement has been completed. A ribbon cutting will be held on Thursday. The community is invited to attend. Pictured above is when the project kicked off last summer.

orts to improve and sustain the amphitheater in Comanche Trail Park. The work for Phase1A began last summer and is now 100% complete, allowing for a 5,000 seat facility.

At the ribbon cutting, guests will be able to speak to Amphitheater Improve-

ment Board members, Chamber of Commerce members, and contractors (CDC Associates) for the project. There will also be renderings and designs available for the public to view featuring the

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Coahoma Junior High 212 Students

Editor's Note: In an effort to highlight the achievements and leadership qualities exhibited by students at Coahoma ISD, a new recognition award is being presented this year. The first three students for the 2020-2021 school year have been recognized as the 212 Students.



Special to the Herald

Coahoma Junior High presented, last week, the first set of 212 Students. According to information from Coahoma ISD, these students were chosen by their teachers for displaying great leadership qualities.

Amariah Patton is a Seventh Grader who loves playing video games, reading, and studying. Her favorite food is pizza. Amariah would like to become a YouTuber to make

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Hit and Run accident Sunday results in fatality

Crimestoppers offers reward for information

Special to the Herald

BSPD
On Oct. 18, 2020 at approximately 7:30 a.m., Big Spring Police Department officers were sent to the 200 block of NE 12th (south service road of Interstate 20) in reference to a major accident.



Upon arrival Cynthia Martinez, a Hispanic female, 30 years of age, was found to be deceased.

The preliminary investigation has indicated Martinez was traveling to work on her bicycle eastbound on the south service road of Interstate 20 when a vehicle struck her. The vehicle and driver departed the scene of the accident failing to render any aid to Martinez.

State Troopers with the Department of Public Safety were notified to assist in scaling the fatality accident scene. Big Spring Police Department Detectives were notified and are investigating this criminal offense.

At this time there is no further information available.

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Ryan looking to expand Downtown with new park 90 years of history continues to grow in Big Spring

By **IRIS RANGEL**
Herald Staff Writer

After 90 years in the books, Hotel Settles' owner G. Brint Ryan is looking to expand opportunities in Downtown Big Spring with a new park named Reunion Park.

"It's basically going to be Big Spring's version of Central Park," Ryan said.

According to Ryan, the potential park will allow for more outdoor events and entertainment to take place for the city of Big Spring and West Texas. Over the past few years, downtown Big Spring has had new life breathed into it and this idea expands upon that desire.

"We'll have live music, all types of outdoor events, and even Church in the Park. It's going to really expand the entertainment and booking options for the hotel and for Big Spring as a whole," he said.

There has been discussion at recent City Council meetings regarding agreements to allow a new park being built, and according to Ryan, only one City Council vote is needed to begin construction.

A central park being built in downtown Big Spring would bring future expansion and reach for the historic Hotel Settles and local businesses located there.

"My vision for the Hotel Settles is that it will be the anchor for a rich entertainment district that will cover most of downtown. It will be like nothing else in West Texas," Ryan said.

Looking back, the evolution the Settles has taken over its' 90 years was made through the hard work and determination of every individual involved. Many historic figures have graced the halls of the hotel and Ryan's expansion ideas add to that history.

"It's far exceeding my original plans. I never expected it to be as well received as it has been. I knew it would have a big impact on the community, but I underestimated that too. I never really expected it to be profitable, which it has been," he said.

As the 90th anniversary of the Settles was recently celebrated, along with the 10th year anniversary of the grand reopening, Ryan mentioned - alongside the plans for a new park - improve-

ments to the Hotel Settles itself can be expected for guests from all around.

"I'm so excited to see her reach 90 years old. We've got a very ambitious plan for expanding the hotel's amenities. I can't really share more than that at this time, but it's going to be a great improvement for hotel guests," Ryan said.

Due to the current pandemic, troubles within smaller communities has taken a deep toll on businesses within them. However, there are hopes looking towards the future, especially for Big Spring.

"Great things are coming despite the current environment and this is the time to invest. In fact, there may never be a better time to invest in Big Spring. That's why we're continuing to invest and prepare for the future. With our investment, Hotel Settles will be around for a long, long time," Ryan said.

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Obituaries

Maude Elaine Smith
Faulkner

Maude Elaine (Smith) Faulkner, 103, was born June 27, 1917. She passed away on Oct. 16, 2020.

Elaine is preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter, and sisters.

She is survived by her sons, Richard Faulkner, Bobby Faulkner, Gary Lee Faulkner; 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grand-

children, and 12 great-great-grandchildren, plus one on the way.

A visitation with family and friends will be held at Finch Funeral Chapel, Nixon, Texas from 1 p.m.-2 p.m., Oct. 17, 2020. A funeral service was held Oct. 18, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Finch Funeral Chapel in Nixon, Texas. Interment took place at Nixon Cemetery immediately following the funeral service.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to Nixon Cemetery Association.

Margurett Polanco Davis

Margurette Polanco Davis, 74, of Big Spring, passed away Sunday, Oct. 18, 2020, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Services are pending at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Lou Bernell Wigington

Lou Burnell Wigington walked through Heaven's Gates Saturday morning, Oct. 17, 2020. She was born Sept. 24, 1933, in Smith County, Mississippi to the late Robert and Mary Ainsworth and passed peacefully in her beautiful home in Mineola, Texas. She is preceded in death by her husband, James Robert Wigington, Sr.; son, Perry Wigington; grandson, Clayton Wigington; sister, Linda Ainsworth; sister, Castiel Moffett and brother, Eddison Ainsworth. She and Robert had 56 beautiful years together running their oil-field business, Ackerly Service Company, and raising six boys. Burnell was a dedicated mother and wife. She treasured her children and embraced every moment with them. She especially loved her role as Mamaw. She had a vivacious personality and always made people laugh. She definitely never met a stranger. She is best known for her story-telling, chicken and dumplings, her love of reading novels and cookbooks, but most impor-

tantly her self-less love for her family. She was a one-of-a-kind lady and the Lord gained a beautiful angel.

Her life was a living example of the Bible verse, Ephesians 4:32--"And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ."

Burnell is survived by her son, Shayne and wife Jennifer of Mineola, Texas; son, Chris and wife Kelli of Bushland, Texas; son, Bobby and wife Carla of Ackerly, Texas; son, Lynn and wife Heddy of Big Spring, Texas; son, Bill and wife Sherri of Big Spring, Texas and daughter-in-law Teresa Harrison of Greenwood, Texas; sister, Sue Negrotto of Biloxi, Mississippi; sister, Gene Windham of Bay Springs, Mississippi; eighteen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Friday, Oct. 23, 2020, from 9 a.m.- 9 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel in Big Spring, Texas. Interment will be at Trinity Memorial Park at 11 a.m.

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

Paid Obituary

Chon R. Chavez

Chon R. Chavez, 83, of Big Spring died Sunday, Oct. 18, 2020. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Chon was born May 6, 1937 in Redville, Texas.

Survivors are two sisters: Mary Chavez of Big Spring and Antonia Podhirny of Burkburnett; and several nieces, nephews and great nieces and great nephews.

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

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 80 inmates at the time of this report.

• **FREDDIE RAY ARNOLD**, 44, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of unlawful restraint.

• **REBECCA LYNN COMSTOCK**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on charges of theft property (\$100 to \$750) and public intoxication.

• **CHRISTINA PAUL GARZA**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of tamper/fabricate physical evidence with intent to impair.

• **ALAN LYNN MAYFIELD**, 31, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated/open

alcohol container.

• **GENE ALBERT RODRIGUEZ**, 39, was arrested by BSPD on charges of assault family/house member impede breath/circulation (x2).

• **JOSHUA ROYSDON**, 39, was arrested by HCSO on charges of driving while intoxicated 3rd or more if at trial an possession of controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to one gram less than four grams).

• **BLANCA CECILIA VARGAS**, 44, was arrested by HCSO on charges of bail jumping and fail to appear and failure to appear/motion for enforcement.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of W. 5th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2700 block of Apache Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the

area of I-20 and NW 12th Street. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Andree Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

Take Note

• A drive-thru flu shot clinic will be hosted by Shannon Clinic in Big Spring on Friday, Oct. 30 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. For more information, call 432-606-5178.

• Howard County Republican Club meets the second Monday of each month at 421 Main Street. Everyone is welcome. The meeting takes place at Noon. For more information call 432-213-7628.

• The West Texas VA Health System will be providing drive-thru flu clinics. The dates for the surrounding area include: Clinic date from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. at Wilson & Young Medal of Honor CBOC - Monday, Oct. 19, 2020.

• 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.

• 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.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **CHRISTINA LEANN GARZA**, 37, of 803 E. 18th Street, was arrested on a charge of warrant - other agency.

• **HARLEM RUSS**, 14, of 901 NW 3rd Street, was arrested on charges of aggravated assault with deadly weapon and criminal mischief (\$2,500 to \$30K) (x2).

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 300 block of S. Main Street.

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future plans for the amphitheater and a chance to view the work that has already been completed.

"We just want people to come out and put eyes on it and see the work that we've done and also see what we want to do in the future," Dodd said.

According to Dodd, there are hopes of completing three more phases which include coverage for the stage, fencing around the facility, and the construction of a greenroom for artists and guests.

A donation drive will also take place at the event in order to receive funding for the remainder of the improvement project for the amphitheater. According to Dodd, donations that are given to the board are tax deductible, as they are a 501c3 non-profit board.

"We're reaching out to the citizens of Howard County to get donations, so we know that the city is invested in this project too. We don't want to do all this work for something the city doesn't want. Even if it's a \$10 donation, at least we'll know people are interested in this facility being improved and bringing

entertainment to Big Spring," Dodd said.

The importance of the Comanche Trail Amphitheater, according to Dodd, holds tremendous history and landmark status for Big Spring. During the Great Depression, the C.C.C. (Civil Conservation Corps) and the W.T.P. built 77 amphitheaters across the U.S, including the Comanche Trail Amphitheater, according to Dodd.

"It's a landmark just like the Settles. The second largest amphitheater built is the one in Big Spring, as far as capacity goes. So out of the top 10 amphitheaters in the country, every one of them is being used on a regular basis, except for Big Spring's. So it's an asset that we have sitting here and we need to capitalize on to help the economic development of Big Spring," Dodd said.

Social distancing will take place at the event and masks are encouraged.

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Tommy Newsom, 72, died Monday. Services will be at 10:00 AM Friday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Adam Robles, 17, died Thursday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Abraham Yanez, 62, died Friday. Vigil service will be at 7:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Burnell Wigington, 87, died Saturday. Visitation will be from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 11:00 AM Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Chon R. Chavez, 83, died Sunday. Vigil service will be at 7:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 AM Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Take Note

- 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.

- VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

- O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Rannels Street. For more information, please contact Norman Witcher at 432-413-6663.

- Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16

years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month. We meet at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas.

Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057. Toasty Tuesday is also a weekly clean up effort that takes place around town at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday. The locations is normally announced on the Keep Big Spring Beautiful Page along with in the Monday edition of the Big Spring Herald.

- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we

would love to have you.

- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies, as needed.

If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

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If you have any information available that could assist with this investigation please call Sgt. John Haynes at 432-264-2558.

You can also leave a tip by calling CrimeStoppers 432-263-TIPS (8477) or by using the P3Tips.com software at <https://www.p3tips.com/1277>.

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kids laugh and help people in need.

The second student recognized, Kenley White is an Eighth Grader who likes to play volleyball and eat pickles. Her hobbies include riding horses and painting. She would like to become a teacher or rodeo and win money.

The third student was Carley Crisp. Crisp is a Sixth Grader who enjoys playing volleyball, baking, and fixing hair. Her favorite food is chicken alfredo.

Carley would like to attend The University of Tennessee be a member of the Tennessee Vols, play volleyball and go to medical school to be a pediatrician.

The 212 awards will continue to be awarded throughout the year, as faculty identifies students who are demonstrating great leadership qualities in their day to day activities.

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Some states allow ballots if voters die before Election Day

ATLANTA (AP) — At 90 years old and living through a global pandemic, Hannah Carson knows time may be short. She wasted no time returning her absentee ballot for this year's election.

As soon as it arrived at her senior living community, she filled it out and sent it back to her local election office in Charlotte, North Carolina. If something were to happen and she doesn't make it to Election Day, Carson said she hopes her ballot will remain valid.

"I should think I should count, given all the years I have been here," she said.

In North Carolina, a ballot cast by someone who subsequently dies can be set aside if a challenge is filed before Election Day with the county board of elections.

Questions over whether ballots will count if someone votes early but dies before Election Day are especially pressing this year, amid a coronavirus outbreak that has been especially perilous for older Americans. People 85 years and older represent nearly one in three deaths from COVID-19 in the U.S. As an election looms, the odds against older people who contract the virus are on the minds of the elderly and their family members.

Seventeen states prohibit counting ballots cast by someone who subsequently dies before the election, but 10 states specifically allow it. The law is silent in the rest of the country, according to research by the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Even though a law might require such ballots to be rejected, it's likely that some could still count depending on when the person dies and when election officials find out about the death.

"The law may say that the ballot of a person who dies in that situation can't be counted, but it is a hard law to follow," said Wendy Underhill, head of elections for the National Conference of State Legislatures.

When someone dies close to an election, it takes time for death records to be updated, and there is a narrow window between when a ballot is cast and counted. Colorado in 2016 had between 15 and 20 instances of voters who cast a ballot by mail and then died before Election Day. All were counted.

In Michigan's primary earlier this year, 864 ballots were rejected because the voters died before the election even though they were alive when they filled them out.

The president's son Donald Trump Jr. tweeted a link to a story about the dead voters in Michigan that was later debunked for misrepresenting the issue. With President Trump making unsubstantiated claims of voter fraud, the question of whether ballots will count if early voters die soon after could be a source of further conspiracies.

Studies have shown that voter fraud is exceptionally rare. There are numerous safeguards built into the system to ensure that only voters eligible to vote can do so and that they cast only one ballot. Election officials say that when fraud does happen, people are caught and prosecuted.

"There have been umpteen examples of some group claiming a whole bunch of people casting ballots after they died," said Justin Levitt, an election law expert who has studied voter fraud in depth. "These things don't pan out."

In most cases, claims of dead voters are based on poor information or a faulty analysis that fails to account for the many people who share the same name and birthdate, Levitt said.

In an exceptionally small number of cases, there is fraud. Levitt said this typically involves someone wanting to honor the wishes of a loved one who recently died and either knowingly or not commits a crime by filling out that ballot.

An election judge from southern Illinois was charged in 2016 with voter fraud after she filled out

a ballot for her late husband because she said he would have wanted Trump to be president.

In California, it's an issue of fairness to count ballots cast by people who then die before Election Day, Secretary of State Alex Padilla said. He said it's just as conceivable that someone who votes early in-person also dies before Election Day, and there is no way to identify and reject that ballot.

"The 'dead voters' is used as a false narrative, a pretext for changes in some states to how they register voters or count ballots when the data shows otherwise," Padilla said.

Wisconsin, which like North Carolina is a presidential battleground this year, is among the states that prohibit a ballot from being counted if the voter dies after submitting it. Every month, the state's election commission receives records of count death certificates, and those records are run against the statewide voter registration system.

Any potential matches are flagged to the local clerk where the voter is registered, and the clerk is responsible for verifying the match by looking to obituaries and other sources before changing the voter's status, said Reid Magney, Wisconsin Election Commission spokesman. But that also has its limits.

"There's no way to check every absentee ballot to make sure the voter hasn't died since it was issued," Magney said.

Iowa's election office also receives death records and processes them as they are received, including on Election Day. If a person dies after requesting or returning an absentee ballot, the ballot is voided and not counted, said Kevin Hall, spokesman for Iowa's secretary of state.

"Voters have to be eligible electors on Election Day," Hall said. "Even though Iowa had 29 days of absentee voting, there is still only one Election Day."

Trump, Biden go on offense in states they're trying to flip

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — President Donald Trump and Democratic rival Joe Biden went on offense over the weekend as both campaigned in states they are trying to flip during the Nov. 3 election, just over two weeks away.

Trump began his Sunday in Nevada, making a rare visit to church before a fundraiser and an evening rally in Carson City. Once considered a battleground, Nevada has not swung for a Republican presidential contender since 2004.

The rally drew thousands of supporters who sat elbow to elbow, cheering Trump and booing Biden and the press. The vast majority wore no masks to guard against the coronavirus, though cases in the state are on the rise, with more than 1,000 new infections reported Saturday. The Republican president, as he often does, warned that a Biden election would lead to further lockdowns and appeared to mock Biden for saying he would listen to scientists.

"He'll listen to the scientists. If I listened totally to the scientists, we would right now have a country that would be in a massive depression," Trump said.

Biden, a practicing Catholic, attended Mass in Delaware before campaigning in North Carolina, where a Democrat has not won in a presiden-

tial race since Barack Obama in 2008.

Both candidates are trying to make inroads in states that could help secure a path to victory, but the dynamics of the race are remarkably stable. Biden enjoys a significant advantage in national polls, while carrying a smaller edge in battleground surveys.

Earlier in the day, Trump sat in the front row at the nondenominational International Church of Las Vegas as the senior associate pastor, Denise Goulet, said God told her early that morning that the president would secure a second term.

"At 4:30, the Lord said to me, 'I am going to give your president a second win,'" she said, telling Trump, "you will be the president again."

Trump spoke briefly, saying "I love going to churches" and that it was "a great honor" to attend the service. He dropped a wad of \$20 bills in the collection plate before leaving.

The message was far different in both style and substance later in the day, when Biden attended a virtual discussion with African American faith leaders from around the country.

Biden held up a rosary, which he said he carries in his pocket every day, and described it as "what the Irish call a prisoner's rosary" since it was small enough to be smuggled into

prisons.

"I happen to be a Roman Catholic," Biden said. "I don't pray for God to protect me. I pray to God to give me strength to see what other people are dealing with."

Earlier, at a drive-in rally in Durham, North Carolina, Biden focused heavily on promoting criminal justice changes to combat institutional racism and promised to help build wealth in the Black community.

He noted that Trump had said at one of his rallies that the country had turned the corner on the pandemic.

"As my grandfather would say, this guy's gone around the bend if he thinks we've turned the corner. Turning the corner? Things are getting worse," Biden said.

In addition to public polling that indicates Biden has an edge, the former vice president enjoys another considerable advantage over Trump: money.

Trump raked in \$12 million during a fundraiser Sunday afternoon at the Newport Beach home of top GOP donor and tech mogul Palmer Luckey, which also featured a performance by the Beach Boys.

But over the past four months, Biden has raised over \$1 billion, a massive amount of money that has

eclipsed Trump's once-overwhelming cash advantage.

That's become apparent in advertising, where Biden and his Democratic allies are on pace to spend twice as much as Trump and the Republicans in the closing days of the race, according to data from the ad tracking firm Kantar/CMAG.

Though Trump has pulled back from advertising in Midwestern states that secured his 2016 win, he's invested heavily elsewhere, including North Carolina, where he is on pace to slightly outspend Biden in the days ahead.

In Nevada, which Trump came close to winning in 2016, Democrats are set to outspend Trump in the closing days by a more than 3-to-1 ratio.

Trump's visit to the state is part of an aggressive schedule of campaign events, where he has leaned heavily into fear tactics.

Trump's Carson City rally was held at an airport with a golden scrub

brush-covered hill providing a dramatic backdrop.

ConocoPhillips buying Concho in \$9.7B all-stock deal

ConocoPhillips is buying shale producer Concho Resources in an all-stock deal valued at \$9.7 billion. Concho's common stock will be exchanged for a fixed ratio of 1.46 shares of ConocoPhillips shares.

The combined business will have an enterprise value of approximately \$60 billion and a combined resource base of approximately 23 billion barrels of oil equivalent. The companies said Monday that the combined business will be the largest independent oil and gas company, with pro forma production of more than 1.5 million barrels of oil equivalent per day.

The transaction brings together the companies' acreage positions across the Delaware and Midland basins and also includes positions in the Eagle Ford and Bakken in the Lower 48 and the Montney in Canada. Its position in the Permian Basin will be expanded.

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Big Spring finishes first in home Double Dual Swim Meet on Saturday at YMCA

By SHAWN MORAN
Herald Sports Writer

The Big Spring Swim Team participated in their third meet of the season last weekend at the Big Spring YMCA. The schools that participated were Abilene High, Abilene Cooper, and Big Spring. It was a great day in the pool for the Steers as a team with the boys and the girls finishing first against both schools, which meant a victory in the combined category as well. The next time that this group will enter the pool will be Oct. 31 in Monahans for a Tri-Meet.

Big Spring's boys defeated Abilene High by four points when the Steers collected 72 going head-to-head against Abilene High. They were also able to defeat Abilene Cooper by 13 points (72.00-59.00). The girls also won their matchup against Abilene by scoring 85 points (85.00-62.00) and crushed Abilene Cooper (97.00-35.00). In the combined scores, Big Spring defeated Abilene (157.00-130.00) and Abilene Cooper (169.00-94.00).

Here are the results for Big Spring's swimmers from the home Double Dual this past weekend at the Big Spring YMCA:

In the Boys' 200-yard medley relay, the quartet of sophomore Malaki Vaughn, freshman Arelly Cruz-Garcia, sophomore Naomi Reyes, and sophomore Brooklyne Heffle finished in first place out of the three schools with a time of 2:31.40.

In the Boys' 200-yard medley relay, the group of freshman Christian Pantoja-Strickland, sophomore David Summers, senior Manuel Castillo, and sophomore Ismael Castillo finished in third place with a total time of 2:16.76.

In the Girls' 200-yard Freestyle, freshman Katherine Greene finished in first-place by breaking the three-school record (2:58.34). Her teammate, sophomore Jayda Overton, placed second (3:01.08).

Manuel Castillo was victorious in the Boys' 200-yard Freestyle (2:16.95) and sophomore Toby Phillips finished in third (2:52.46).

In the Girls' 200-yard IM, Cruz-Garcia put up a great fight and placed in second (3:02.38).

Sophomore David Summers also finished in second place (2:56.31) in the Boys' 200 Yard IM, which is his fastest time of the season in that race.

Sophomore Malaki Vaughn finished first in the Girls' 50 Yard Freestyle with a final time of 30.71 seconds. Her teammates Sapphire Martinez (4th, 35.75) and Steffany Pina Arment (7th, 42.19) also finished as top performers for that specific race.

In the Boys' 50 Yard Freestyle, Ismael Castillo (3rd, 31.94) was the top Steer finisher. Sophomores Toby Phillips (4th, 33.34) and Carson Millsap (5th, 34.25) also placed in the Top 5.



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A Big Spring swimmer makes their way through the pool during a race.

Sophomore Naomi Reyes finished in second place (1:23.83) in the Girls' 100 Yard Butterfly. Freshman Katherine Greene (3rd, 1:38.40) was the lone other Big Spring swimmer to take place in that event.

Senior Manuel Castillo finished in first-place (1:03.45) in the Boys' 100 Yard Butterfly, with sophomore Morgan Griffith finishing behind him in third-place (1:36.45).

Sophomore swimmer Jayda Overton (1:19.76) finished in second-place of the Girls' 100 Yard Freestyle. Her teammates Brooklyne Heffle (3rd, 1:23.99), Sapphire Martinez (5th, 1:31.06) and Steffany Pina Arment (7th, 1:36.08) placed in the Top 10.

Carson Millsap finished fourth in the Boys' 100 Yard Freestyle with a final time of 1:19.34. His teammate, freshman Ethan

Barker, finished fifth with a time of 1:35.25.

Arelly Cruz-Garcia placed first (7:28.34) in the Girls' 500-Yard Freestyle. Christian Pantoja-Strickland finished in third on the Boys' side of the same event with a time of 7:00.13.

The group of Naomi Reyes, Malaki Vaughn, Jayda Overton, and Arelly Cruz-Garcia took home first-place in the Girls' 200 Yard Freestyle Relay with a total time of 2:06.93.

Big Spring also finished third in the Boys' 200 Yard Freestyle Relay with the grouping of Manuel Castillo, Morgan Griffith, Christian Pantoja-Strickland, and David Summers (1:57.69). Ethan Barker, Matthew Nieves, Carson Millsap, and Toby Phillips finished in fourth with a time of 2:35.16.

Malaki Vaughn finished in first-place in the Girls' 100 Yard Backstroke with a time of 1:20.51. Heffle finished directly behind her in second (1:36.23). On the boys' side, Pantoja-Strickland (1:20.78) placed third while Griffith finished in sixth (1:38.33).

Naomi Reyes finished in first-place and was the only Lady Steer to place in the Girls' 100-Yard Breaststroke (1:30.19). On the Boys' side, Summers (3rd, 1:32.61) and Ismael Castillo (4th, 1:34.09) finished in the Top 5.

Lastly, the grouping of Greene, Heffle, Overton, and Pina Arment finished in first-place in the Girls' 400 Yard Freestyle Relay (5:42.27). On the boys' side, the quartet of Ismael Castillo, Griffith, Millsap, and Phillips finished in second place out of two groups (5:23.93).

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Athletic Support: "Can grandpa come to my game?"

By ELI CRANOR
Special to the Herald

Dear Athletic Support: My son has been begging for his "Pop" to come to one of his high school football games. Up to this point, I've told him that it's out of the question. My reasoning is simple: My father is 84 years old and has all sorts of underlying health problems. The last thing he needs to do is be around all the people in the stands on a Friday night, especially the ones who don't do a good job wearing their masks. I've tried to explain this to my son, but he just keeps bringing it up. What should I do?

— Keeping Him Safe

Dear Safe: Across the country, people with elderly parents are in this exact same position. It's hard to walk the line between keeping those you love physically healthy, while also taking into account their mental wellbeing.

I understand that you're just trying to keep your father safe, but have you asked him what he would like to do? As long as "Pop" is of sound mind, I think this is his decision to make.

If he fears for his safety and doesn't feel comfortable coming to a game, then by no means should he be forced to. On the other hand, if he feels like seeing his grandson play football is

worth the inherent risks, then he should be given that option.

One of the worst parts about this pandemic has been how it's separated us, both literally and figuratively. Use this dispute as a chance to bring your family together.

Dear Athletic Support: I've been reading your column for a good while now. I mostly enjoy what you have to say, but there's one thing that's been bothering me. In that little bio bit you've got at the end of the articles, there's a line that says you were a "professional" quarterback. I've talked to people. I've looked all over the internet. But I can't find anything that says you played the NFL. Are you trying to pull one over on us, or what?

—Not Buying It

Dear Not Buying It: You're right. I wasn't a quarterback in the NFL, but I was a professional quarterback.

I played ball for a team in Sweden called The Carlstad Crusaders. They compete at one of the highest levels of football in Europe and are nine-time national champions. I'm proud to say we brought home the gold during my tenure back in 2011.

But was I actually a "professional?"

The Merriam-Web-



ELI CRANOR

ster Dictionary defines a "professional" as someone who, "participates for gain or livelihood in an activity or field of endeavor often engaged in by amateurs."

In other words, did I get paid?

Yup.

It wasn't near what Patrick Mahomes is making, but it was enough to live on. I also coordinated the offense and called the plays from the field. All in all, that season was some of the most fun I ever had playing football.

I always appreciate a good fact check. I'm sure many people had this same question. Thanks for sending it in!

Eli Cranor is a former professional quarterback and coach turned award-winning author of the BOOKS MAKE BRAINZ TASTE BAD series. Send questions for "Athletic Support" to eli.cranor@gmail.com or use the contact page on elicranor.com.

MLB WORLD SERIES

Tuesday (Game 1)

Away Team	Home Team	Time of Game
Tampa Bay Rays	@ Los Angeles Dodgers	7:09 p.m (FOX)

NCAA Football Top 25 (Week 8)

Ranking	Team	Overall	Points	Prev
1	Clemson	5-0	1,542	1
2	Alabama	4-0	1,494	2
3	Notre Dame	4-0	1,337	4
4	Georgia	3-1	1,300	3
5	Ohio State	0-0	1,223	6
6	Oklahoma State	3-0	1,137	7
7	Texas A&M	3-1	1,054	11
8	Penn State	0-0	1,033	9
9	Cincinnati	3-0	1,028	8
10	Florida	2-1	942	10
11	Miami (FL)	4-1	887	13
12	BYU	5-0	875	14
13	Oregon	0-0	841	12
14	North Carolina	3-1	677	5
	Wisconsin	0-0	677	16
16	SMU	5-0	638	17
17	Iowa State	3-1	511	20
18	Michigan	0-0	489	19
19	Virginia Tech	3-1	411	23
20	Kansas State	3-1	399	22
21	Minnesota	0-0	234	24
22	Marshall	4-0	227	NR
23	NC State	4-1	199	NR
24	Coastal Carolina	0-0	192	25
25	Coastal Carolina	4-0	185	NR

RECEIVING VOTES:

Memphis (76), Oklahoma (74), Tulsa (58), West Virginia (57), Auburn (48), Iowa (42), Louisiana (40), Liberty (37), Utah (36), UAB (30), Army (29), Arkansas (15), Air Force (14), Kentucky (12), Tennessee (11), Virginia (9), Arizona State (9), Washington (8), South Carolina (8), Indiana (4), Texas (1)

NFL SCHEDULE WEEK SIX RESULTS

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
Houston Texans (1-5)	@ Tennessee Titans (5-0)	42-36, Titans (OT)
Cincinnati Bengals (1-4-1)	@ Indianapolis Colts (4-2)	31-27, Colts
Atlanta Falcons (1-5)	@ Minnesota Vikings (1-5)	40-23, Falcons
Denver Broncos (2-3)	@ New England Patriots (2-3)	18-12, Broncos
Washington Football (1-5)	@ New York Giants (1-5)	20-19, Giants
Baltimore Ravens (5-1)	@ Philadelphia Eagles (1-4-1)	30-28, Ravens
Cleveland Browns (4-2)	@ Pittsburgh Steelers (5-0)	38-7, Steelers
Chicago Bears (5-1)	@ Carolina Panthers (3-3)	23-16, Bears
Detroit Lions (2-3)	@ Jacksonville Jaguars (1-5)	34-16, Lions
New York Jets (0-6)	@ Miami Dolphins (3-3)	24-0, Dolphins
Green Bay Packers (4-1)	@ Tampa Bay Buccaneers (4-2)	38-10, Buccaneers
Los Angeles Rams (4-2)	@ San Francisco 49ers (3-3)	24-16, 49ers

MONDAY

Kansas City Chiefs (5-1)	@ Buffalo Bills (4-2)	26-17, Chiefs
Arizona Cardinals (4-2)	@ Dallas Cowboys (2-4)	38-10, Cardinals

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Lunar Luck for Risk and Expansion

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Non-humans have a way of bringing out a different side of people, and you can learn a lot about someone by the way they interact with different species. An animal will bring you luck today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

In the premodern world, the people who could read did so to understand god or their civic duty. In the modern world, people read to know about whatever they wish. Your knowledge wishes will be quickly and literally granted.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Turn your eyes inward to the heart cellar and there will be everything you need: feelings, paths to other feelings, foundational memories silent as boulders, wordless dreams.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Do you have confidence in your ability to charm? If not, pretend you do. Because it's important to spend some time on the niceties and small talk instead of rushing to the ask before the other person can get away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

You know firsthand how wonderful it feels to receive an unexpected compliment or a token of appreciation from out of the blue and this is why, when you see the opportunity to give this to someone, you do.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

You're duty-bound to certain conversations you'd rather not participate in. Let the words float by like feathers. It's not important to catch them. It's too much effort to concentrate on things that don't pertain to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

When friends

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



do kind and generous things, the burden of reciprocity is heavy on you. That's a sign that you're a good friend. Fun relationships are actually a lot of work when you're doing them right.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

You're having trouble committing. It's not because you're fearful or lazy; it's a sense you're getting. There's something at the root of the idea that seems fundamentally flawed. Address it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

When you witness gusty, high-pressure tactics you see them for what they are -- weakness. The person who has the goods can afford to be cool, knowing offers will be plenty so there's no need to hard-sell.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

Love is so often confused with masqueraders such as ego gratification, the settling of old scores or the answer to a shortage of capital. You'll be keen to all imposters.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Breezy conversation and casual promises abound. A few nouns and verbs strung together should not be mistaken for action. Talk lays down a context, but without action, talk is meaningless.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

It's a day to avoid the conflict. It is said that few wage honorable war. Rivalry has a way of

bringing out the worst of people and reveals faults that would not be seen in courteous interactions.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 20).

You'd rather do favors for others than be on the receiving end, but you'll learn to love the surprise generosity coming your way. It's well-earned and will be well-spent, too, as you apply resources to the betterment of all. Sophisticated fun, educational opportunities and romantic travel are features of 2021. Gemini and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 13, 38, 24 and 17.

HOW TO WORK THE MERCURY RETROGRADE (INSTEAD OF LETTING IT WORK YOU)

To make the most of this introspective and retrospective time, here are Mercury's top suggestions. (Part Five, see archives for earlier signs) SAGITTARIUS: Needing and wishing people to be a certain way is the enemy of close, productive relationships. Challenge yourself to drop as many assumptions as you can about people -- what they want, what they're like. If you can erase what you think you know and go in with an open mind, people will occur to you how they really are. Then the real work (and play!) can begin. CAPRICORN: The leader doesn't always have to be at the front. In fact, the front isn't typically the best place. Following the group, you'll see more. And what you learn from a humble position within the group is the absolute most powerful information you could have. Mercury retrograde favors coming at leadership unconventionally, if not sneakily. Undercover bosses get the goods.

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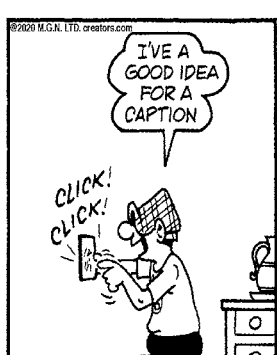
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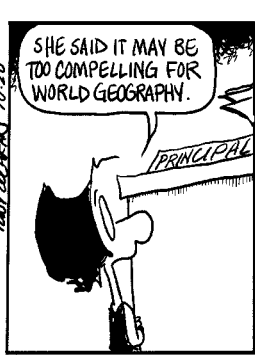
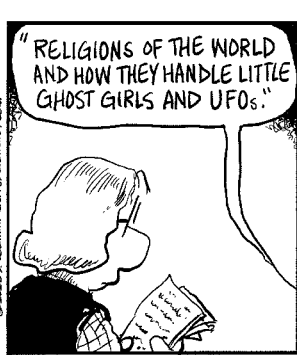
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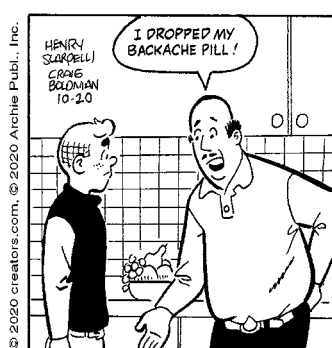
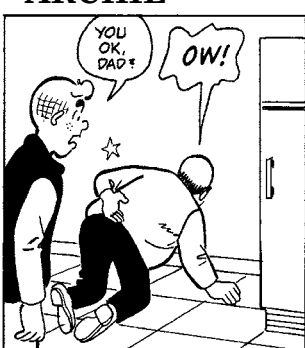
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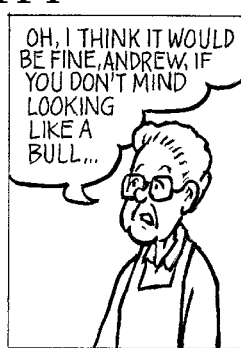
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 20, the 294th day of 2020. There are 72 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 20, 1973, in the so-called "Saturday Night Massacre," special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox was dismissed and Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson and Deputy Attorney General William B. French resigned.

On this date:

In 1803, the U.S. Senate ratified the Louisiana Purchase.

In 1936, Helen Keller's teacher, Anne Sullivan Macy, died in Forest Hills, N.Y., at age 70.

In 1947, the House Un-American Activities Committee opened hearings into alleged Communist influence and infiltration in the U.S. motion picture industry.

In 1967, a jury in Meridian, Mississippi, convicted seven men of violating the civil rights of slain civil rights workers James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner; the seven received prison terms ranging from 3 to 10 years.

In 1976, 78 people were killed when the Norwegian tanker Frosta rammed the commuter ferry George Prince on the Mississippi River near New Orleans.

In 1977, three members of the rock group Lynrd Skynyrd, including lead singer Ronnie Van Zant, were killed along with three others in the crash of a chartered plane near McComb, Mississippi.

In 1987, 10 people were killed when an Air Force jet crashed into a Ramada Inn hotel near Indianapolis International Airport after the pilot, who was trying to make an emergency landing, ejected safely.

In 1990, three members of the rap group 2 Live Crew were acquitted by a jury in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., of violating obscenity laws with an adults-only concert in nearby Hollywood the previous June.

In 2001, officials announced that anthrax had been discovered in a House postal facility on Capitol Hill.

In 2004, A U.S. Army staff sergeant, Ivan "Chip" Frederick, pleaded guilty to abusing Iraqi detainees at Abu Ghraib prison. (Frederick was sentenced to eight years in pris-

on; he was paroled in 2007.)

In 2011, Moammar Gadhafi, 69, Libya's dictator for 42 years, was killed as revolutionary fighters overwhelmed his hometown of Sirte (SURT) and captured the last major bastion of resistance two months after his regime fell.

In 2018, Saudi Arabia announced that journalist Jamal Khashoggi (jah-MAHL' khahr-SHOHK'-jee) had been killed in Saudi Arabia's consulate in Istanbul; there was immediate international skepticism over the Saudi account that Khashoggi had died during a "fistfight."

Ten years ago: Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (ah-muh-DEE'-neh-zahd) and visiting Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez hailed what they called their strong strategic relationship, saying they were united in efforts to establish a "new world order" that would eliminate Western dominance over global affairs. NPR fired news analyst Juan Williams after he talked about feeling nervous on airline flights with people in Muslim attire during an interview on Fox News Channel. Bob Guccione, 79, founder of Penthouse magazine, died in Plano, Texas.

Five years ago: The United States and Russia signed an agreement to minimize risks of air collisions as they separately carried out airstrikes in Syria. Chinese President Xi Jinping began a much anticipated state visit to Britain, where he was welcomed as an honored guest at Buckingham Palace and Parliament. Former Virginia Sen. Jim Webb said he was dropping out of the Democratic race for president.

One year ago: Voters in Bolivia went to the polls for a presidential election that three-term incumbent Evo Morales would claim to have won. (Morales would resign in November when the police and army withdrew support after weeks of demonstra-

tions over allegations of election fraud.)

Today's Birthdays: Japan's Empress Michiko is 86. Rockabilly singer Wanda Jackson is 83. Former actor Rev. Mother Dolores Hart is 82. Actor William "Rusty" Russ is 70. Actor Melanie Mayron is 68. Retired MLB All-Star Keith Hernandez is 67. Sen. Sheldon White-

house, D-R.I., is 65. Movie director Danny Boyle is 64. Former Labor Secretary Hil-da Solis is 63. Actor Viggo Mortensen is 62. Democratic vice presidential nominee Sen. Kamala Harris is 56. Rock musician Jim Sonefeld (Hootie & The Blowfish) is 56. Rock musician David Ryan is 56. Rock musician Doug Eldridge (Oleander)

is 53. Journalist Sunny Hostin (TV: "The View") is 52. Political commentator and blogger Michelle Malkin is 50. Actor Kenneth Choi is 49. Rapper Snoop Dogg is 49. Singer Dannii Minogue is 49. Singer Jimi Westbrook (country group Little Big Town) is 49. Country musician Jeff Leberg is 44. Actor/comedian Dan Fogler is 44.

Rock musician Jon Natchez (The War on Drugs) is 44. Actor Sam Witwer is 43. Actor John Krasinski is 41. Rock musician Daniel Tichenor (Cage the Elephant) is 41. Actor Katie Featherston is 38. Actor Jennifer Nicole Freeman is 35.

Newsday Crossword

FOUR-LEGGED FOLKS by Billie Truitt

- Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com
- ACROSS**
- 1 Squander
 - 6 IDs on tax forms
 - 10 Weekend matinee days: Abbr.
 - 14 Full-pot poker bet
 - 15 Scheme secretly
 - 16 Often
 - 17 Of high intelligence
 - 18 Learn by ___ (memorize)
 - 19 Chicago or San Diego
 - 20 Seemingly strong opponent
 - 22 Spool on a fishing rod
 - 23 Sunup
 - 24 One side at a trial
 - 26 Explosive-regulating agcy.
 - 29 Annoyingly slow
 - 31 Ancient
 - 32 Badly worn, as tires
 - 34 Mess maker
 - 36 Corrosive liquids
 - 40 Sound of a haunted house's floor
 - 42 Hurricane center
 - 43 Bottom-line bill amount
 - 44 Serious and strict
 - 45 Beagles and spaniels
 - 47 "Those ___ the days!"
 - 48 Beer barrel
 - 50 Practice boxing
 - 52 Kitten's cry
 - 53 "Be my guest"
- DOWN**
- 1 Stinging insect
 - 2 ___ mater
 - 3 Open-handed hit
 - 4 Needing a nap
 - 5 Trick into wrongdoing
 - 6 Rained gently
 - 7 Trudge through the mud
 - 8 Called attention to
 - 9 Two-speaker sound system
 - 10 Person exempt from criticism
 - 11 Flying saucer passenger
 - 12 Carryall bags
 - 13 Fashion sense
 - 21 Low pair in poker
 - 25 No longer fizzy
 - 26 Kindergarten basics
 - 27 Small fruit pie
 - 28 Escape in a hurry
 - 30 Round toys on strings
 - 33 Unexpected winner
 - 35 "Excuse me . . ."
 - 37 Line on a list
 - 38 Take a bold chance
 - 39 Large quantity
 - 41 ___-jerk reaction
 - 46 "Clearance" event
 - 49 Endless talker
 - 51 "Satellite" audio receivers
 - 53 Drinks quickly
 - 54 Drama set to music
 - 55 Used as a dining table
 - 56 Large cylindrical battery
 - 58 Pancake topper
 - 61 Poker stake
 - 62 Container for a violin
 - 63 Mail routing abbr.
 - 64 Exam

Answer to previous puzzle

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10/20/20

Murray has happy homecoming, Cards cruise past Cowboys 38-10

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Maybe Kyle Murray will lose a game on the home field of the Dallas Cowboys one of these days.

It wasn't going to be on a night when the Arizona quarterback watched the star running back of his hometown team have another night of fumble-itis.

Murray accounted for three touchdowns in his first game back home as a pro, Ezekiel Elliott set up the visiting team's first two TDs with fumbles and the Cardinals beat the Dallas Cowboys 38-10 on Monday night.

The speedy quarterback who won three high school championships and a Big 12 title at the home of the Cowboys improved to 7-0 as a starter at AT&T Stadium, throwing for two scores despite a rough start through the air and rushing for 74 yards and a TD.

"That's not easy when that's what everyone has been talking about all week," coach Kliff Kingsbury said. "He's probably had this one circled on his calendar since it came out. But I thought he handled himself well."

It was the "Monday Night Football" debut for Murray, a star in high school football-obsessed Texas while playing in the Dallas suburbs, and Kingsbury, who also had a happy first trip to his native Texas as an NFL coach.

"It was fun, brought back a lot of memories," Murray said. "Felt like I've been playing there every Sunday honestly. It's comfortable, felt good."

Fired after six seasons at Texas Tech in 2018 without any winning records in Big 12 games, Kingsbury was hired by Arizona soon after and has the Cardinals (4-2) tied for second place in the tough NFC West. Arizona is above .500 this late in the season for the first time since 2015, its most recent playoff year.

Andy Dalton had the rest of Dallas' four turnovers with two interceptions in his first start for the Cowboys in place of injured star Dak Prescott, just down the road from where he had a standout career at TCU.

The nine-year starter in Cincinnati led a come-from-behind victory over the New York Giants in Week 5 after the gruesome-looking compound fracture of Prescott's right ankle. There wasn't anything resembling a rally this time.

While the Dallas offense didn't look anything close to the NFL-leading unit it was with Prescott — and lost the fourth of its five projected starting offensive linemen in four-time All-Pro Zack Martin (first-quarter concussion) — Elliott's miscues led to the fifth straight game in which the Cowboys have trailed by at least two touchdowns.

The Cowboys (2-4) overcame two of those deficits, which is why they were guaranteed to stay in first place in

the woeful NFC East no matter what happened in the last of three straight home games — and a third straight road game for Arizona.

"The record, it is what it is right now, the division is what it is right now, but it's still early," Dalton said. "There's a lot of football left to be played, and for us, we've got to improve as a football team."

Elliott was benched briefly after the two-time rushing champion lost a second fumble in the same game for the first time in his career. He has five fumbles (four lost) already this season — one shy of his career high for an entire season as the NFL's worst turnover margin dropped to minus-12 with four giveaways and no takeaways.

Murray was playing in the \$1.2 billion stadium with the retractable roof and giant video board for the first time since leading Oklahoma over rival Texas there in the Big 12 championship game.

While the 2018 Heisman Trophy winner misfired on eight of his first 11 passes and finished 9 of 24 for 188 yards, Murray hit Christian Kirk in stride on an 80-yard touchdown for a 21-0 lead in the second quarter.

"It wasn't as good as it should have been," said Murray, who tied Jim Hart's 1968 franchise season record for QBs with his sixth rushing TD. "Wasn't as accurate as I should have been. Wasn't up to par for my standards, so I've got to be better."

Kirk opened the scoring on a 6-yard jet sweep that counted as a pass after the first fumble from Elliott. Kenyan Drake scored from the 1 after the second Elliott miscue, while Murray added a 1-yard TD run.

With the game out of hand in the final two minutes, Drake broke free for a 69-yard touchdown run, giving him 164 yards.

NFL Standings (Through Week Six)

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE (AFC)										
	W	L	T	PCT	HOME	AWAY	DIV	CONF	PF	PA
EAST										
Buffalo Bills	4	2	0	.667	2-1	2-1	2-0	3-2	156	168
Miami Dolphins	3	3	0	.500	2-1	0-2	1-2	2-2	160	113
New England Patriots	2	3	0	.400	0-2	2-1	1-0	2-2	109	110
New York Jets	0	6	0	.000	0-3	0-2	0-2	0-4	75	185
NORTH										
Pittsburgh Steelers	5	0	0	1.000	4-0	1-0	1-0	3-0	156	94
Baltimore Ravens	5	1	0	.833	2-1	3-0	2-0	3-1	179	104
Cleveland Browns	4	2	0	.667	3-0	1-2	1-2	2-2	163	187
Cincinnati Bengals	1	4	1	.250	1-1	0-3-1	0-2	1-4	129	157
SOUTH										
Tennessee Titans	5	0	0	1.000	3-0	2-0	2-0	4-0	164	126
Indianapolis Colts	4	2	0	.667	3-0	1-2	0-1	2-2	157	115
Houston Texans	1	5	0	.167	1-2	0-3	1-1	1-4	146	182
Jacksonville Jaguars	1	5	0	.167	1-2	0-3	1-2	1-4	125	181
WEST										
Kansas City Chiefs	5	1	0	.833	2-1	3-0	1-1	5-1	175	127
Las Vegas Raiders	3	2	0	.600	1-1	2-1	1-0	1-2	151	152
Denver Broncos	2	3	0	.400	0-2	2-1	0-0	2-2	100	110
Los Angeles Chargers	1	4	0	.200	0-2	1-2	0-1	1-1	110	125
NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE (NFC)										
	W	L	T	PCT	HOME	AWAY	DIV	CONF	PF	PA
EAST										
Dallas Cowboys	2	4	0	.333	2-2	0-2	1-0	2-3	173	218
Philadelphia Eagles	1	4	1	.250	0-2-1	1-2	0-1	1-2	141	175
New York Giants	1	5	0	.167	1-2	0-3	1-1	1-4	101	152
Washington Football	1	5	0	.167	1-2	0-3	1-1	1-3	108	162
NORTH										
Chicago Bears	5	1	0	.833	2-1	3-0	1-0	5-0	128	116
Green Bay Packers	4	1	0	.800	2-0	2-1	2-0	4-1	162	139
Detroit Lions	2	3	0	.400	0-2	2-1	0-2	1-3	133	143
Minnesota Vikings	1	5	0	.167	0-3	1-2	0-1	0-3	155	192
SOUTH										
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	4	2	0	.667	3-0	1-2	1-1	2-2	177	122
New Orleans Saints	3	2	0	.600	2-1	1-1	1-0	2-1	153	150
Carolina Panthers	3	3	0	.500	1-2	2-1	1-1	2-2	138	141
Atlanta Falcons	1	5	0	.167	0-3	1-2	0-1	1-5	162	184
WEST										
Seattle Seahawks	5	0	0	1.000	3-0	2-0	0-0	3-0	169	135
Arizona Cardinals	4	2	0	.667	1-1	3-1	1-0	3-2	166	112
Los Angeles Rams	4	2	0	.667	2-0	2-2	0-1	4-1	152	114
San Francisco 49ers	3	3	0	.500	1-3	2-0	1-1	2-2	148	130

CAPTAIN KIRK

A former Texas A&M standout, Kirk came in with two 100-yard games and five touchdowns in three wins over Arkansas at the home of the Cowboys. Both of his catches in this game were for scores.

"When the bright lights come on, the cream of the crop rises," Kirk said. "It's something about big moments, the level of play always elevates. It's just rising to the occasion."

INJURIES

Martin was briefly injured and returned, then went out for good after taking a knee to the helmet. Second-year player Connor McGovern took his spot, leaving left guard Connor Williams as the only preseason starter still in the lineup.

PANDEMIC CROWD

The Cowboys have had fans at all four home games, with the biggest so far (barely) at 25,174 against the Cardinals. While it was the most coronavirus-friendly setting so far with the retractable roof open for the first time, TV shots showed plenty of fans without masks over their noses. Dallas is filling about 31% of the 80,000-seat stadium. The state allows up to 50%.

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