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Upcoming Events

*Veterans of Comedy Fundraiser Show for DAV of Big Spring June 11 at 7 p.m. at the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Rd. Donations accepted at the door*

*Big Spring Art Association Area Wide Art Show is open - the community is invited to stop by the Heritage Museum of Big Spring to view the pieces that were submitted by area artists.*

*Big Spring Graduation May 21, 8 p.m. Memorial Stadium*

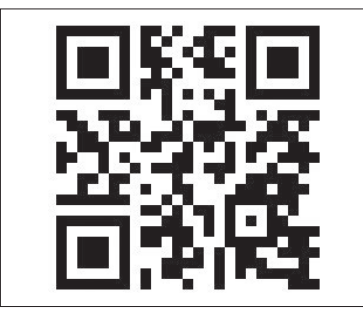
*Coahoma Graduation May 20, 7:30 p.m.*

*Forsan Graduation May 28, 6 p.m. Dorothy Garrett Coliseum*

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## Holy Trinity Catholic Parish becomes final home to La Virgen sculpture

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

A special gift has found its final resting place at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, after almost 12 years.

Former Big Spring resident, Manuel Rodriguez, wanted a special gift made for his mother, Lila Chavez Rodriguez, during a time when she was very ill. The piece was commissioned, but the sculpture was not delivered until after the passing of his mother.

“My uncle’s brother, Gilbert Rodriguez, had a friend who was a sculptor, so he reached out to him and asked for a small sculpture of La Virgen for his mother,” Anna Gutierrez said.

However, in June 2009, Manuel’s mother passed away followed by his brother in September of the same year.

“When the sculpture arrived it was much, much larger than anything we could have anticipated. We didn’t know what to do with it; it required a



Courtesy photo

**A special dedication ceremony was held at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, as a commissioned sculpture of La Virgen de Guadalupe was placed outside the hall. The piece which was meant to be a special present for Manuel Rodriguez’s mother will now sit on the church property.**

forklift to move it and it ended up sitting in the driveway of Lila’s house,” Manuel Rodriguez said.

Once again Manuel made a connec-

tion, through a cousin this time, and arranged to have the sculpture donated

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## Howard College gearing up for summer classes

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Herald Staff Writer



Looking for something to do this summer? How about learning how to weld? Or provide immaculate customer service? Or earning your license to carry a handgun?

All of those opportunities are available this summer at Howard College.

The college’s Dean of Workforce Development, Dee Lindsey, said no experience is necessary for the first of the three welding courses being offered, and the courses will get consecutively more advanced.

“The first course is basically an intro course to welding, and then they go into various processes of welding throughout the summer. The first course starts May 24; that’s a 16-hour course and that’s Maintenance Welding. Then the second course is Shielded Metal Arc Welding. That one starts June 7 and runs to the 17th. That’s a little bit more advanced

work with Shielded Metal Arc. And then the last course is a lot longer. It’s a 48-hour course. And it’s Welding: Multiple Processes. So it goes into a little bit more advanced detail.”

Lindsey said the courses can be taken consecutively, each course building on the one before.

“If you take the first course, the Maintenance course, it gives you all the skills you need to go into the next one,” she said. “But if you are already a welder and you’re just looking to refine your skills and you don’t need the intro course, then you can of course take this one.”

Welding equipment will be provided for the course, Lindsey said.

“We have all the equipment here in our welding shop. All you need to wear is just closed-toed shoes, jean pants, and a long-sleeved shirt,” she said, adding that welding masks and other equipment would be provided during the class.

Lindsey said the first two welding courses cost \$158.50, while the Welding: Multiple Processes course, which is longer and more involved, costs \$396. Costs include welding

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## National Stroke Awareness Month - Every moment counts, the more you know the better

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

Raising awareness when it comes to health issues is one of the first lines of defense when it comes to reducing the negative impact. This month, Encompass Health along with other health agencies, are focusing on bringing awareness to American Stroke Month. When it comes to a stroke, every second counts.

“A stroke doesn’t care who you are; race, gender, age even, doesn’t eliminate someone from having a stroke. While the chances of having a stroke increase with age, we are seeing younger and younger people have strokes,” Sally Grant, Encompass Area Manager, said.

The most common sign of a stroke is a drooping face - left or right side depending on which side of the brain is being impacted by the stroke - and weakness or paralysis, along with impaired balance/coordination. Other signs can include difficulty swallowing, impaired decision making, challenges with speech, difficulty with daily tasks and bowel/bladder incontinence.

“Recognizing the signs of a stroke and taking action can make a big difference in how quickly one is able to recover from the stroke. If you can catch a stroke within the first two hours then there is a good chance for a full recovery

from the effects,” Brooke Grant, RN and Branch Director for Encompass said. “Many strokes happen while sleeping, but the statistics show that 80 percent of strokes can be prevented through early intervention.”

According to statistics every 40 seconds a stroke happens. Proper diet, exercise and limiting of risk factors can be a great line of defense in prevention. One of the risk factors often associated with stroke is high blood pressure, which is why it’s important to monitor blood pressure and go to regular check up with a health care provider.

“The best advice we can give to the community is to get educated. Everyone should be educated on the signs and effects of a stroke,” Sally Grant said. “Eating healthy, routine doctor visits and lab work, and regular exercise are great practices. During Stroke Month we focus on education pertaining to the importance of therapy after a stroke, proper use of medications, checking vital signs and home safety; all of these are important areas to get educated on when it comes to maintaining a healthy lifestyle and reducing your risk for stroke.”

Encompass Home Health offers education to their patients and their families throughout the year, not just in stroke

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## Obituaries

### Glynora Jean Evans Wall

Glynora Jean Evans Wall, 81, of Big Spring passed from this Earth into the loving, waiting arms of our Heavenly Father on Sunday morning, April 11, 2021.

She was born in Big Spring, Texas, to Albert Walter Evans and Nettie Ethel Blansit on May 27, 1939, and joined brother, Lonnie, and sister, Wilma. The youngest of four children, she was born on the night her brother graduated from high school. Growing up, family was everything to her.

She took great pride in and dedicated herself to studying the origins of her family. One of her many accomplishments was just how far she came with her genealogy. The depths of her family's history were great, and, that legacy will live on through her two daughters and future generations. She went by the names of mother, Greenie, Grinny and Grannie; no matter which name you used, she will

### Travis Marshall "Mark" Bradley Jr.

Travis Marshall "Mark" Bradley Jr., 67, of Sand Springs, Texas, died unexpectedly on Saturday morning, May 15, 2021, surrounded by his family.

Mark, as he was known throughout his life, was a hardworking roofer by trade, owning B&M Roofing since 1984. In that same year, Mark and his wife of over 40 years, Terrie Lou Bradley, welcomed their first child, a son, Tyler Mason Bradley, into the world; and, in 1988, their second child, a daughter, Tania Marie Bradley-Higginbotham. They settled in Sand Springs, Texas, soon after, and made the area their home where they raised their children.

Mark was born in Amarillo, Texas, on Sept. 3, 1953, to Travis Marshall Bradley Sr., and his wife, Barbara Moore Bradley, the eldest of three children, which included brother Scott Bradley, and sister Kimberly Bradley. After high school, Mark left Amarillo to work in Saint Louis, Mo., where he started his life-long career as a roofer. Roofing brought him back to Texas not long after, where he met his future wife Terrie in Houston. As fate would have it, the couple came back to Terrie's hometown, where he remained for the rest of his life.

If you were to ask Mark what he was most proud of, it would irrefutably be his family. He was so

always be remembered as a woman who deeply loved and cherished her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. Her laugh was infectious, and, those are part of the memories that will be forever carried in our hearts.

She is survived by two daughters: Debra Templeton and husband, Richard, of Richlands, N.C., and Sandra Bair of Williamsport, Penn.; five grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Albert and Nettie Evans; her brother, Lonnie O. Evans, her sister, Wilma J. Grice; and granddaughter, Debra K. Templeton.

"Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Matthew 25:23

Arrangements were under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

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proud of his children whom had taken after their father and became entrepreneurs themselves. His hardworking, and hardnosed, personality made Mark bigger than life. The strength he exhibited to his children carried them through their own triumphs and challenges. He loved his grandsons Brody and Bryce Bradley beyond measure, and had them over for sleepovers often. Mark had a soft spot for animals as well, and through the years, always had his numerous dog companions by his side. Mark enjoyed a wide variety of music, and could always be seen tapping his foot to the beat of his favorite songs, and even playing air guitar, if he so chose. He will be sorely missed, and was loved by many.

Mark is survived by his wife, Terrie Lou Bradley of Sand Springs, Texas; his children, Tyler Bradley and his wife, Stormy Bradley, and their two sons Brody and Bryce Bradley of Coahoma, Texas, and Tania Bradley-Higginbotham and her husband, Arick Higginbotham of Coahoma, Texas; his sister, Kimberly Bradley; and his mother, Barbara Moore Bradley, both of Amarillo, Texas; his stepson, Will Smith of Dallas, Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, Travis Marshall Bradley Sr. and by his brother Scott Bradley, both of Amarillo, Texas.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

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## Support Groups

### TUESDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM

700.

There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

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

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of W. Hwy 80. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of E. 11th. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of S. Runnels. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Apron Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of Washington Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 92 inmates at the time of this report.

• **REBECCA RIVAS CHAVERA**, 42, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of murder.

• **ANDREW RAY FAZ**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of fail to drive in single lane; possession deliver drug paraphernalia.

• **GABRIEL GARZA**, 18, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **ALBERTO JORGE GONZALES**, 40, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated BAC greater than or equal to 0.1.

• **SHELTON ORDALE HAYDEN**, 49, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid and fail to maintain financial responsibility.

• **RUSS C. HESSON**, 52, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of criminal trespass, possession of controlled substance between one gram and four grams; criminal trespass, driving while license invalid (DWLI), fail to maintain financial responsibility, violate promise to appear, violate promise to appear.

• **BROOKELYN RIANARAE JENSEN**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property between \$2,500 and \$30K, resist search arrest or transport.

• **TIFFANY KING**, 39, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property between \$100 and \$750.

• **DONALD KOERBER**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **BRIANNA NICOLE PENA**, 21, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of bail jumping and fail to appear.

• **SASHA SHANTELL PHILLIPS**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of bail jumping and fail to

appear (x2).

• **PATRICIA M. RIOS**, 22, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ**, 26, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of bail jumping and fail to appear (x3).

• **CARLOS LEE ROSS III**, 24, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of no drivers license when unlicensed and possession of controlled substance between one gram and four grams.

• **ANTONIO SERRANO VEGA**, 54, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.



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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **CARLOS LEE ROSS**, 24, of 3616 Calvin Street, was arrested on a charge of no drivers license when unlicensed and possession of controlled substance between one gram and four grams.

• **TIFFANY MICHELLE KING**, 40, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd, was arrested on a charge of theft of property between \$100 and \$750 shoplifting.

• **RUSS CHARLES HESSON**, 52, of 1301 Colby Avenue, was arrested on possession of controlled substance between one gram and four grams; warrant from other agency (x5).

• **ANTONIO VEGA SERRANO**, 54, of 202 Valentine Lane of Longview, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **BROOKELYN RIANARAE JENSEN**, 20, of 1717 Harvard Avenue, was arrested on a charge of resist arrest search or transport and warrant from other agency.

• **ALBERTO JORGE GONZALES**, 40, of 1909 Pech Road of Houston, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated BAC greater than or equal to 0.15 MA.

• **REBECCA RIVAS CHAVERA**, 42, of 1505 S. Johnson, was arrested on a warrant from other agency.

• **SASHA SHANTELL PHILLIPS**, 30, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested on a warrant from other agency (x2).

• **PATRICIA MERCEED RIOS**, 22, of 1102 S. Lancaster Street, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **DONALD GENE KOERBER III**, 34, of 2901 Clanton Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **SHELTON ORDALE HAYDEN**, 49, of 1205 Cypress Street, was arrested on a warrant from other agency (x2).

• **GABRIEL GARZA**, 18, of 1511 Bluebird Street, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana less than or equal to two ounces.

• **ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ**, 26, of 504 N. Lancaster Street, was arrested on a warrant from other agency (x3).

• **BRIANNA NICOLE PENA**, 21, of 1003 E. 14, was arrested on a warrant from other agency.

• **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the area of 11<sup>th</sup> and Birdwell; 7100 block of Moss Lake Road.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700; 500 block of E. 17<sup>th</sup> Street.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 4700 block of E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place.

• **IDENTITY THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 5000 block of S. Service Road; 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

• **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported in the area 11<sup>th</sup> and Johnson.

• **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the area of 4<sup>th</sup> and Gregg; 600 block of E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street.

• **IDENTITY THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2400 block of S. Monticello Street.

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**CHURCH**

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to the local Catholic Church.

“It was decided the right thing to do would be to donate the sculpture to the church. Lila very much believed

in giving thanks to our Lord and in honoring his mother, our matriarch, La Virgen de Guadalupe,” Gutierrez said.

The sculpture found it’s final resting place recently as it was placed in a special ceremony at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

“For our family it is a way to honor Lila’s legacy and memory. We are very happy the sculpture is in its final resting place and would like to give a special thanks to Father Serafin and the parish at Holy Trinity Catholic Church for accepting the donation and honoring our family,” Rodriguez

said.

*Amanda Duforat is the Managing Editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, e-mail editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.*

**CLASSES**

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supplies.

Lindsey said the Customer Service class, scheduled June 8, serves as an introduction to providing courteous customer service to a diverse customer base. The course will be conducted by Texas Plains Trails.

“They do a hospitality training,” Lindsey said. “They’re actually going to be in-person this time. They’re coming to the college, to the East Room of the Coliseum, and they’re going to do face-to-face training on customer service; basically, how to show good hospitality to your customers, your cus-

tomers, conflict resolution issues. So it’s not only a great introduction of how to provide good customer service, but it’s also a great review of how to refine your skills.”

The customer service course is \$23.50.

Lindsey said the next License to Carry course is this coming Saturday, and the one after that will be June 5. “Then they’ll run through the summer and into the fall,” she said. “It is four hours of classroom instruction, and four hours of shooting out on a range for qualifying for the license. It’s a really good deal. The instructor of course goes through all the requirements and the law.”

Lindsey said the course fee of \$65.50 includes the range fees for the day; however, students must provide their own handgun and at least 50 rounds of

ammunition. A \$40 application fee for the handgun license, through the State of Texas is also not included.

Each of the classes offered by Howard will be limited to about 25 students, she added.

Some other courses that might be coming up this summer include a virtual Kids’ College; an introductory Construction Trades class; an Automotive class and an HVAC class. Lindsey said details on these other courses are not finalized yet. The Herald will provide further information on those as they become available.

For more information or to register for the welding, customer service, or license to carry courses, contact Howard College Continuing Education at 432-264-5131.

**Take Note**

• Interim HealthCare is looking for volunteers. Those who would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer can call 432-263-5999.

• The Howard County Democrats meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Cactus Room located in the Student Union Building of Howard College.

• Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center is set to open June 1 and close Aug. 7. The Aquatic Center will be open Tuesday through Saturdays from Noon until 8 p.m. and Sundays 1 p.m. until 8 p.m. and closed Mondays.

• Forsan Food Pantry will be open twice a month from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Families who are in need can pull up to the front doors of the Junior High/High School and receive a free box of pre-packed meals. If you have any questions or need to pick up a box at a different time, contact Kaci Wash at 432-457-2223 ext 821 or Jenny Sayles at jennysales@yahoo.com.

• Cub Scouts meet Monday from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at NazFamily Church, located at 1400 S. Lancaster.

• Howard County Republican Club meets the second Monday of each month in the Cactus Room at Howard College.

The next meeting will be held in the newly renovated Cactus Room. Everyone is welcome. The meeting takes place at Noon. For more information call 432-213-7628.

• A new group named Taking Care of Business has started in Howard County. It is made up of people of all ages and genders who want to be better than they are. The focus of the fledgling organization is to engage in meaningful discussions that promote personal growth. Additionally, the organization will plan and execute worthwhile activities within the community.

There is no membership fee and attendance is not taken. The only requirements are that you be positive or want to be more positive than you are, consider yourself to be a good person but want to be better than you are, and that you have a desire to help others be better too. Childcare is available during the discussion time if you let us know. Topics to be avoided include Religion and Politics, though we can dance around them.

Taking Care of Business meets in the Masonic Lodge on the court square. It is not necessary that you have any masonic affiliation to participate in this Growth Group. All Covid-19 safety protocols will be followed as defined by local, state, and federal authorities. At this time refreshments will not be served but you are welcome to bring your own and not share. The meetings take place at 219 South Main Big Spring, Texas. For more information write to Colonel.Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com or just come to the meeting.

• The Howard County Library meeting rooms are now open at limited capacity. Only five people are allowed in the small room and 15 in the large room.

The meeting rooms can only be used by appointment, and only by community organizations. No parties or social gatherings will be allowed at this time. For more information, call the Howard County Library.

• The Senior Supper Club has come out of hibernation to resume its normal Tuesday evening dinners. The Come-One-Come-All group will be meeting on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and orders will be placed around 5:30 p.m. after much socializing from a distance.

The Senior Supper Club is an informal group of folks from Howard County who meet at least weekly and sometimes more for Dutch-Treat food at different area restaurants. Sometimes the group

also meets for cards, dominoes, or desserts and fellowship. For more information, contact Colonel.Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com.

• Food distribution at St. Vincent de Paul takes place the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Distributions are at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

• Permian Basin Multiple Sclerosis Support Group for information, encouragement and support. The group meets monthly on the Second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express at 5321 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa. If you or someone you know has been touched by MS, or if you are just interested in more information please feel to contact Gary Tidwell at garylteagle1987@gmail.com.

• 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 Runnels 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.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children’s Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• 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 pro-

mote 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. Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more. To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure.

If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

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month, on signs and symptoms to look for when it comes to a stroke and numerous other health risks. In addition, community outreach to providers, other health care organizations and the community as a whole take place throughout the year. To find out more about community outreach education, or to find out about services provided call 432-264-0044 or visit the American Stroke Association website.

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Darrin Crooks, 61, of Big Spring, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Aaron Edward “Rusty” Henderson, 60, of Big Spring, died Sunday. Funeral service will be Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel, 2:00 PM, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Lucie B Vogel, 56, of Big Spring, died Monday. Memorial services will be at a later date.

Scott Engleson, 65, of Big Spring, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ricky Solis, Sr. 58, of Big Spring, died Tuesday. Viewing and visitation will be Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM with family receiving friends from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Funeral service will be Saturday, 11:00 AM, at the Myers & Smith Chapel.

Sandra Mitchell, 81, of Big Spring, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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# Biden boosting world vaccine sharing commitment to 80M doses

By **ZEKE MILLER**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden said Monday that the U.S. will share an additional 20 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines with the world in the coming six weeks as domestic demand for shots drops and global disparities in distribution have grown more evident.

The doses will come from existing production of Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccine stocks, marking the first time that U.S.-controlled doses of vaccines authorized for use in the country will be shared overseas. It will boost the global vaccine sharing commitment from the U.S. to 80 million.

"We know America will never be fully safe until the pandemic that's raging globally is under control," Biden said at the White House.

The announcement comes on top of the Biden's administration's prior commitment to share about 60 million doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine, which

is not yet authorized for use in the U.S., by the end of June. The AstraZeneca doses will be available to ship once they clear a safety review by the Food and Drug Administration.

Biden also tapped COVID-19 coordinator Jeff Zients to lead the administration's efforts to share doses with the world.

"Our nation's going to be the arsenal of vaccines for the rest of the world," Biden said. He added that, compared to other countries like Russia and China that have sought to leverage their domestically produced doses, "we will not use our vaccines to secure favors from other countries."

The Biden administration hasn't yet said how the new commitment of vaccines will be shared or which countries will receive them.

To date, the U.S. has shared about 4.5 million doses of AstraZeneca vaccine with Canada and Mexico. Additional doses of the Pfizer vaccine manufactured in the U.S. have begun to be exported as the company has met its initial contract commitments to the federal government.

The U.S. has faced growing pressure to share more of its vaccine stockpile with the world as interest in vaccines has waned domestically.

"While wealthy countries continue ramping up vaccinations, less than 1 percent of COVID-19 vaccine doses globally have been administered to people in low-income countries," said Tom Hart the acting CEO of the ONE Campaign. "The sooner the US and other wealthy countries develop a coordinated strategy for sharing vaccine doses with the world's most vulnerable, the faster we will end the global pandemic for all."

More than 157 million Americans have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and 123 million are fully vaccinated against the virus. Biden hopes the U.S. will have 160 million people fully vaccinated by July Fourth.

Globally, more than 3.3 million people are confirmed to have died from the coronavirus. The U.S. has seen the largest confirmed loss of life from COVID-19, at more than 586,000 people.

# 88% of children covered by monthly payments starting in July

By **JOSH ROAK**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Treasury Department said Monday that 39 million families are set to receive monthly child payments beginning on July 15.

The payments are part of President Joe Biden's \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package, which expanded the child tax credit for one year and made it possible to pre-pay the benefits on a monthly basis. Nearly 88% of children are set to receive the benefits without their parents needing to take any additional action.

"This tax cut sends a clear and powerful message to American workers, working families with children: Help is here," Biden said in remarks at the White House.

Qualified families will receive a payment of up to \$300 per month for each

child under 6 and up to \$250 per month for children between the ages of 6 and 17. The child tax credit was previously capped at \$2,000 and only paid out to families with income tax obligations after they filed with the IRS.

But for this year, couples earning \$150,000 or less can receive the full payments on the 15th of each month, in most cases by direct deposit. The benefits total \$3,600 annually for children under 6 and \$3,000 for those who are older. The IRS will determine eligibility based on the 2019 and 2020 tax years, but people will also be able to update their status through an online portal. The administration is also setting up another online portal for non-filers who might be eligible for the child tax credit.

The president has proposed an extension of the increased child tax credit through 2025 as part of his \$1.8 trillion families plan. Outside analysts estimate that the payments could essentially halve child poverty. The expanded credits could cost roughly \$100 billion a year.

# AT&T will merge WarnerMedia operations with rival Discovery

By **MAE ANDERSON**

AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK — AT&T and Discovery will merge their media operations in a \$43 billion deal that will create a new company overseeing CNN, HBO, TNT and TBS, along with Discovery's Food Network, HGTV and others.

With the agreement Monday to spin off WarnerMedia, AT&T is pulling back from a yearslong campaign to break into the streaming and entertainment sector, where big players are slugging it out with increasingly large war chests dedicated to premium and original content.

That arena that has been flooded in the past two years with new players including those owned by AT&T and Discovery, which operate HBO Max and Discovery+, respectively.

The new company will compete directly with Netflix, Amazon, Apple, Disney and Comcast, which are assembling a growing arsenal of original media content.

It is a major directional shift for AT&T, which squared off with the Justice Department less than three years ago in an antitrust fight as it acquired Time Warner Inc. for more than \$80 billion. Now AT&T will shift its focus back to telecoms.

It's not immediately clear what the new company will mean for cus-

tomers, but it will likely allow the bundling of streaming services. For example, Disney offers its viewers Disney+, Hulu and ESPN. A stand-alone streaming service for CNN is also a possibility.

The combined media company will still be smaller than rival streaming services.

HBO Max and HBO have a combined global subscriber base of about 63.9 million, and Discovery+ has about 15 million subscribers. That compares with Netflix, which has more than 200 million subscribers worldwide, and Disney+, which counts over 100 million.

In a call with investors, Discovery CEO David Zaslav, who will lead the new company, said he believes that the standalone company could garner "200, 300, 400 million" subscribers at some point in the future, but there were no details regarding a timeline.

The deal is unlikely to mean changes for customers of AT&T, HBO Max and Discovery+ in the short term. WarnerMedia is continuing with its plans to expand the service, including a launch in Latin America in June, and a rumored \$10-a-month ad-supported version of HBO Max expected to be announced this week.

It's the second time this year that AT&T has calved off a major acquisition as it navigates a rapidly evolving

media landscape. In February, the company spun off satellite TV service DirecTV for a fraction of the \$48.5 billion it paid in 2015.

If the deal goes through, AT&T shareholders would own 71% of the new company, and shareholders of Discovery would own 29%. AT&T would get \$43 billion in cash, debt securities, and WarnerMedia would retain certain debt.

AT&T first sought to acquire what was then called Time Warner in a bid to control both sides of the entertainment process: the broadband and wireless services that help deliver entertainment to homes, and the entertainment itself. It was able to bundle free HBO Max subscriptions with its phone service, for example. But the cost of maintaining a competitive streaming service became a burden.

"AT&T's balance sheet allowed neither the aggressive investment required for HBO Max nor the 5G wireless push (nor, for that matter, for the consumer fiber business). Ultimately, they had no choice," wrote MoffettNathanson analyst Craig Moffett.

Industry analysts say the need to succeed in both became too much.

"When they acquired Time Warner, the vision was to have this kind of mega company that will have a seamless backbone between the content side and the broadband side," added

CFRA analyst Tuna Amobi. "That vision clearly has not panned out."

AT&T has a massive debt load, and needs to invest more money as it builds out next-generation 5G wireless networks — wireless is its core business. It said Monday that it plans to increase capital investments for 5G and fiber internet.

The new company will be able to cut costs by \$3 billion annually, the companies said, money that could go toward original streaming content. It will house almost 200,000 hours of programming and bring together more than 100 brands under one global portfolio, including DC Comics, Cartoon Network, Eurosport, Magnolia, TLC and Animal Planet.

That likely means layoffs as the companies consolidate.

The new company will have a 13-member board. Seven will initially be appointed by AT&T, including the chairperson. Discovery will initially appoint six directors, including Zaslav.

The deal is expected to close by the middle of next year but still needs approval from Discovery shareholders. AT&T stockholders don't need to vote on the transaction.

Shares of Discovery Inc. jumped 3 percent to \$36.73 Monday. AT&T shares rose 4 percent to \$33.51.

## News Briefs

### Man arrested after 4-year-old found slain in Dallas street

DALLAS (AP) — An 18-year-old arrested after a 4-year-old boy was found dead on a neighborhood street in southwest Dallas was known to walk in the area, residents said.

The child, who police have not yet named, was found slain at about 6:50 a.m. Saturday. Police have said they believe the child lived in the neighborhood.

Darriynn Brown was arrested and was being held in Dallas County jail on Monday on charges of kidnapping and burglary. Police say they anticipate additional charges pending the results of a forensic analysis.

"Hard to believe. I don't think he was in his right mind," neighbor Jose Ramirez told WFAA television station.

Brown's bond is set at \$1.5 million. His attorney, Robbie McClung, said Monday that she had not yet met with him so she could not comment.

Brown was arrested on April 27 on a misdemeanor

charge of evading arrest in a case that's still pending. According to court documents for that charge, he lives with his parents a half-mile from where the boy's body was found.

Assistant Police Chief Albert Martinez has said it appeared the child suffered a violent death and that "an edged weapon" was used.

Antwainese Square, 39, told The Dallas Morning News that she alerted authorities after seeing the boy's body while she was jogging. She said the boy's face and upper half of his body were covered in blood and that he didn't have shoes or a shirt.

### Supreme Court won't hear case involving the N-word

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is declining to hear a case that would have let the justices decide whether a single use of the N-word in the workplace can cre-

ate a hostile work environment.

The high court said Monday it would not take the case of a former Texas hospital employee who said he was subjected to a hostile work environment, including graffiti in one elevator that used the N-word. As is typical, the court did not comment in turning away the case. It was one of many the court rejected Monday.

Robert Collier said that during the seven years he worked as an operating room aide at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, white nurses called him and other Black employees "boy." He also said management ignored two large swastikas painted on a storage room wall.

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### The Forsan Lady Buffaloes punch ticket to Regional Semi-Finals with win over Floydada



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**Top Left: The Lady Buffs show off their Bi-District trophy. Top Right: Forsan Buffs pose with the Area trophy. Bottom Left: The Lady Buffs show off their latest piece of hardware, the award from the Regional Quarterfinal game. Bottom Right: Aubrey Smith throws a pitch in game two against Floydada. The Lady buffs have earned a trip to the Regional Semi-Final after beating Floydada two games to none in a best of three series. The Lady Buffs won game one 11 to 3, then finished off Floydada in game two with a final score of 4 to 3. The Buffaloes will take on Stamford next, as they will be looking to continue their magical playoff run.**

By **DUSTIN POPE**  
Herald Sports Writer

The Forsan Lady Buffalo softball team sought to preserve their playoff run this past weekend in Brownfield as they took on Floydada. The Lady Buffs have had an outstanding season this year as they brought in a 17-3 record into the game. This was a best of three series, but the Lady Buffaloes only needed two games to take care of business and advance further in the playoffs.

Game one took place in Brownfield on May 13 at 5 p.m. In the top of the first, the Forsan bats seemed a little hesitant as the Buffs could not get much going offensively. Reagan Phillips took the rubber for the Forsan Lady buffs and pitched exceptionally well. Phillips had a sharp and efficient first inning of work.

The second inning began a scoreless game. The inning went just like the first, with players from both teams struggling at the plate. Neither team scored in the inning, leaving this as a 0 to 0 game.

At the top of the third, the Forsan Lady Buffs finally got some runs on the board. After a ground ball out, Hannah Williams drew a walk to get the Buffalos a runner on the base paths. Emma Buske then laid down a beautiful bunt that caused an errant throw by the Floydada third baseman that allowed Williams to reach third base and Buske to make it to second. With a runner on second and third with one out, the Buffs had a scoring opportunity. After a strikeout for the second out of the inning, it looked like the scoring chance may be spoiled by Forsan. K'Leigh Williams then broke through with a hard-hit single to the shortstop that sent home Hannah Williams for the first run of the ball game. Buske followed up with a run of her own to end the top of the third with a 2 to 0 lead. Phillips came out for her third inning of work and picked up great inning sitting Floydada down swiftly, not allowing any runs to score.

Having a two-run advantage, the Buffs came to the plate at the top of the fourth, looking to add some runs. The Floydada pitcher settled down this inning and got through the Buffaloes not allowing a run. In the bottom of the fourth, Phillips kept up her superiority in the circle. Phillips had another easy inning of work, not allowing the Floydada bats ever to get anything going. She once again didn't allow any runs in the inning.

Carrying a 2 to 0 lead into the top of the fifth, the Buffaloes busted out this inning. Liberty Rodriguez leads off the inning with a triple down the left-field line. Rodriguez then scores when Hannah Williams hits a ball to the Floydada second baseman. The second baseman misplayed the ball, allowing the run to score and Williams to be safe. K'Leigh Williams then stepped up to the plate and singled on a hard-hit ground ball driving home another run, making this a 4 to 0 game for the Forsan Buffaloes. Aubrie Smith had a RBI single to drive home the Buffs fifth run of the game. Kelcey Zubi

ate blasted a two-run single to right field, making this a 7 to 0 game. After the five runs, the Lady Buffs now had a strong 7 to 0 lead for Phillips to work with. Floydada tried to answer back as they did score two runs in the bottom of the fifth, making this a 7 to 2 game.

Liberty Rodriguez led off the top of the sixth inning with a walk. Hannah Williams then had a ground ball to short centerfield, and they threw Rodriguez out, advancing to second. With Williams at first, Emma Buske stepped into the batter's box and crushed a double down the left-field line scoring Williams, making this an 8 to 2 lead. After a strikeout for the second out of the inning, the Lady buffs still had a runner on second. K'Leigh Williams had a double to center field driving home the ninth run of the game for Forsan. Leading 9 to 2 heading into the bottom of the sixth, the Forsan Lady Buffs stuck with Reagan Phillips to continue her excellent pitching performance. Once again, Phillips had a good inning of work shutting the Floydada bats down.

Having a comfortable 9 to 2 lead into the top of the seventh, the Forsan Buffs put up two more insurance runs, giving them an impressive 11 to 2 lead heading into the bottom of the seventh. Having been cruising all game long, Forsan let Reagan Phillips finish what she had started; the Lady Buff pitcher gave up one more run in the game, but she finished the Floydada bats off, pitching a complete game. Phillips went seven innings, gave up nine hits and three runs. Phillips pitched a wonderful game leading the Lady Buffs to a game one victory by a final score of 11 to 3.

After a great game one, the Forsan lady Buffs were ready for game two. The game was still in Brownfield but took place Friday, May 14, at 5 p.m. This game was not the high-scoring affair that game one was for the Buffs; it was a tight pitcher's duel. The Forsan Lady buffs came out on top 4 to 3 to progress on in the playoffs. Aubrie Smith took the circle for the Lady Buffs to start game two of this best of three games series. Smith was looking to shut the door on Floydada and help her team move on. Smith began hot as she struck out the side in the first inning. At the bottom of the first, the Lady Buffs tried to get something going as they had a few runners reach base. Still, the Floydada pitcher did an admirable job getting key outs when she needed them to make it out of the first unscathed.

With the score even at 0 to 0 heading into the top of the second inning, Smith went right back to work. She had an easy inning once again, merely allowing one base runner to reach and not allowing any runs in the inning. As smoothly as Smith was early on, so was the young lady from Floydada. She worked a straightforward three up three down inning in the bottom of the second, leaving the score at 0 to 0.

In the top of the third inning, Floydada finally got to Aubrie Smith, scoring a run, making this the first run of the game and the first lead for Floy-

dada in the series. Trailing by a run, the Forsan bats stepped up to the plate in the bottom of the third inning, looking to even up the game. Hannah Williams leads off the inning with a walk. Emma Buske, who hit a single to left field, followed her. With runners on first and second and no outs, the Forsan Buffaloes had their first scoring chance of the ballgame. After a strikeout for the first out of the inning, K'Leigh Williams smashed a hard-hit double to center field, scoring both Buske and Williams to take a 2 to 1 lead.

Now leading 2 to 1, Lady Buff pitcher Aubrie Smith arrived for her fourth inning of work. Smith kept up the strong pitching keeping the Floydada bats off-balance, never allowing them to get into any rhythm as she did not allow a run holding the 2 to 1 lead. In the bottom of the fourth, the Floydada pitcher shook off her last inning and got right back to work. She likewise had an easy inning working through the Forsan bats efficiently.

The top of the fifth found this as a 2 to 1 lead for the Lady Buffs. Smith returned to the circle for her fifth inning of work. In this inning, Floydada could put up a tying run. With the game tied up at two apiece, they shut down the Forsan bats in the bottom of the fifth.

As the sixth inning began, this was a tie game at 2 to 2. Smith opened her sixth inning of work as effective as she had been for most of this game; the Lady Buffalo pitcher could work an easy top of the sixth to keep this a 2 to 2 tie. As the bottom of the sixth started, the Buffs knew it was time to get something working. After a first-out pop-up, Reagan Phillips reached base on an error by the Floydada third baseman. Kelcey Zubi ate to the plate, and a pitch hit the Lady buff to give the Buffaloes runners on first and second with only one out. After a wild pitch from the pitcher from Floydada, the Buffs scored two runs to take the lead at 4 to 2.

With a 4 to 2 lead heading into the top of the seventh, the Buffaloes found there self only three outs away from advancing to the Regional Semi-Final. The Floydada bats did not go down without a fight, making this an exciting game. They scored a run in the top of the seventh to make this a 3 to 4 game. Aubrie Smith settled down and had ice in her veins as she could get out of the last inning rally attempt and give her team the win. Smith had a remarkable day in the circle as she worked seven innings, allowing three runs on six hits and striking out nine on the day. It was back-to-back complete games from their pitchers, from the Lady Buffs.

The win clinched the Buffaloes' place in the Regional Semi-Finals, where they will take on Stamford. Game one will be this Thursday at 5 p.m. at Abilene Wylie; information for games two and three are still TBD.

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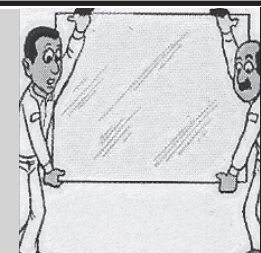
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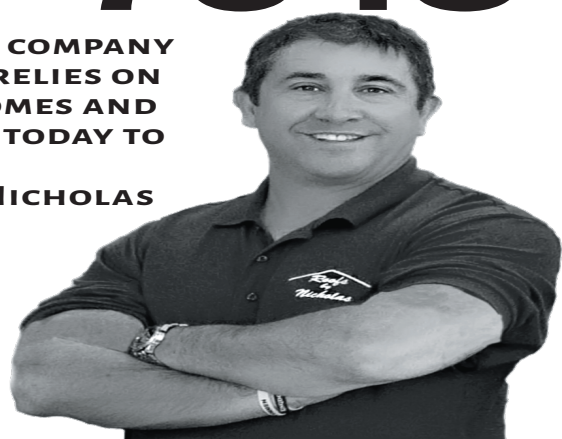
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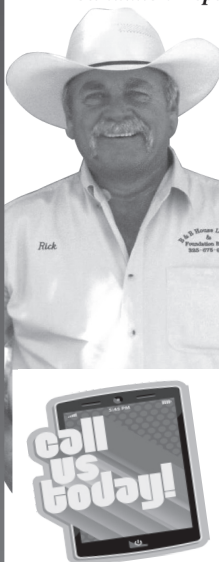


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Annie's Mailbox

Parents With No Boundaries

Dear Annie: I have great neighbors who have two daughters, ages 15 and 16. The 16-year-old has a 20-year-old boyfriend, and the 15-year-old has a live-in boyfriend who is also 15. The fact that he lives there is OK with his parents and hers.

I have walked by the room of the older girl more than once and seen her lying in bed with her boyfriend, under the covers, with the door half open. When this happens, I walk by and say hello, but I am uncomfortable as I do so. Her mother knows what they are doing.

The younger girl sleeps with her boyfriend, and the mother

is aware of that and says, "It is what it is." The girl and her boyfriend are both failing in school, and their mothers are aware of this but have not taken any steps to put them on the right path. During the day, the two are left alone while the parents work. Meanwhile, the 16-year-old is doing terrific in school. The daughters both work -- in fast food and retail.

I have no children, but I would think this is wrong and is going to ruin their lives down the road. Their father goes along because, if he objects, the mother always takes the kids' side.

Both parents do not want drama, and giving in to the kids makes for no drama. I am just waiting to hear which

one of them is going to get pregnant; the mother probably would be fine with that, but I do not think the father would be.

My wife and I are considered family and included at their family gatherings. Their relatives know what is going and defend it. They say that the girls are kids and nothing will happen. I reply, "If you think so," and they answer that I am old-fashioned. Am I? -- Am I Old-Fashioned?

Dear Am I Old-Fashioned?: Having boundaries is essential for teenagers to develop maturity. These parents and relatives are acting like kids themselves. By any reasonable understanding, you are not old-fashioned.

Your views reflect good parenting and common sense.

Dear Annie: This is about the letter from "Happy Nurse." I'd like to share my story, which involved going back to school.

I initially went for my nursing degree when I was a 36-year-old single mother of three daughters, having escaped an abusive relationship. I received my degree but then, three years later, lost it to addiction. I believe this was due to an unresolved sexual assault at the age of 7 and subsequent trauma. I wallowed in addiction (and self-pity, frankly) for a few years before getting clean in 2017.

I am four years sober and have spent the last

four years taking random drug tests, doing two years of DBT (dialectical behavior therapy) and one year of EMDR (eye movement desensitization and reprocessing) trauma work. I will be 50 years old in September, and I have just finished my RN Refresher Course and been given my permit to practice as an RN in clinical settings!

After clinicals, I will spend the first two years in a nursing position on a modified license -- taking random drug tests and reporting to the Minnesota Health Professionals Services Program. I may be 52 when they fully restore my RN license, but to know that I have healed myself and restored my mental health is the greatest gift. I would challenge

anyone to see that it is NOT too late to realize your dream.

For me, getting to be a registered nurse again is a testament to the work I have put in, not only into myself, but into the process of restoration and realization of my dream. Please tell your readers to not give up on themselves, their dreams or their future! -- Nurse

Dear Nurse: We can feel the excitement in your letter. Your pride in this major accomplishment, the first and second time around, is well deserved. Congratulations!

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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By Steve Becker  
Safety first

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

Hand distribution table for Contract Bridge showing North, West, East, and South hands with suits and cards.

The bidding: North 1♦, East Pass, South 1♥, West Pass. Opening lead — six of spades.

In most deals, declarer's main objective is to make his contract. In attempting to meet this goal, he should not allow himself to be diverted by other factors that are not relevant to his primary objective.

Consider this case where declarer might easily go wrong. West leads a spade to dummy's ace, and the question is how to continue.

Let's say South leads a diamond from dummy, attempting to establish his longest suit. East goes up with the king and returns a spade through South's K-J. It doesn't matter whether

declarer takes his king on this trick or the next one; in either case, the defenders' spades become established before dummy's diamonds do.

If declarer now attempts to make the contract by leading a club to the king and a club back, planning to finesse, he learns soon enough that West has the queen. The best South can do at this point is to cash out for down one.

The result is the same if declarer, at trick two, starts out by playing the king and another club. After East shows out, there is no way to secure a ninth trick.

Yet there is a sure way to make the contract. South starts with eight tricks, and all he has to do is to find a ninth. This can be done, regardless of how the clubs are divided, if he plays a low club to the ace at trick two and returns a low club toward dummy's K-9-6. Then:

1. If West shows out, South goes up with the king and returns a club toward the jack.

2. If West follows low at trick three, South inserts the nine, assuring three club tricks, come what may.

3. If West follows suit with the ten or queen, South wins with the king and is again sure of at least three club tricks.

The safety play in clubs ensures the contract against any possible lie of the cards.

Tomorrow: Just like Humpty Dumpty.  
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Final Days of Taurus Sun

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The immortals can have a very cavalier attitude toward time, since they have all the time in the world. It's said that wisdom is immortal, and this may explain why she arrives on the scene so late today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). All the talk of healing assumes that there is some ideal state of health to be achieved. What if this is it, though? After all, it happens to be exactly what's working right now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's not that everything here belongs here exactly; it's that everything here IS here and it's useless to wonder whether it should be or not, what part is more important than the other parts, etc. Love reality, and work with what you got.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Some people have honor but not morality (as in (SET ITAL) honor among thieves (END ITAL)), and others have morality but not honor (as in making a show of doing the right thing or doing it only when there's a reward). Don't confuse the two today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A casual relationship is working into your life patterns. The rhythm of it complements what is already going on for you. This is like adding an instrument that makes the track suddenly groove better.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You probably don't have a polygraph test handy, but you'll gauge truth in other ways. If it hurts a little, it might be true. If it causes some form of laugh, it might be true. If it rushes blood to the ears, it might be true.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You come equipped with undesigned emotional dials, faders and controls. Which does what? The intensity of life is turned up now, but not the clarity. It's strange to have such strong feelings and not know what they are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The project will be won in its planning stages. This is good news, since you're stellar at planning. You'll anticipate what could go wrong and solve for it ahead of time. You'll anticipate what could go right and amplify its potential.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Disharmony is erosive. Dust will settle from tones that rub against each other -- proof that something was lost. But when a supportive arrangement is finally struck, the sweet relief of resolution will make it all worthwhile.



BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The best way to start things off is with a clean slate. That means no

debts, grudges or assumptions about how things will go. The second-best way to begin is with an expectation of happy endings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's actually a good thing to be denied, as long as it happens quickly. A quick no will be better than a wishy-washy yes, which is essentially worthless. Make 12 pitches and you'll come to yes three times.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be surprised at what puts a smile on your face, and that's pretty much the point. Those who make the effort to catch you off guard earn your delight and much more.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 18). It's your abracadabra year! Magic doesn't happen just because you believe it will, but your belief creates an orientation and inspires intentional actions. Know your stories and how to tell them; you'll make important social connections through sharing. You'll easily win new connections, allies and opportunities.

Gemini and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 19, 4, 49, 10 and 7.

COSMIC QUESTION: "I know I shouldn't be so vain, but I can't help it! I'm a Cancer mother with a Libra moon who has given everything she has to her children. My moon has me obsessed with beauty and aesthetics, but my sun has me giving everything I have and more to my children! Now I'm in the despicable position of needing doctors to perform laser surgeries for my spots and dots and bumps and hairs -- only I don't have the money. What should a vain Libra-moon Cancer mom who has lived half a century without a savings to speak of do to become pretty again?"

Stop looking to the photoshopped magazine ads for your definition of beauty, dear Cancer. Might there be a happy medium that doesn't involve a medical bill? The words of another Cancer come to mind. Margery Williams, in her beloved children's book, "The Velveteen Rabbit," wrote: "Generally, by the time you are Real, most of your hair has been loved off, and your eyes drop out and you get loose in the joints and very shabby. But these things don't matter at all, because once you are Real you can't be ugly, except to people who don't understand."

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ANSWER: Completed 9x9 Sudoku grid.

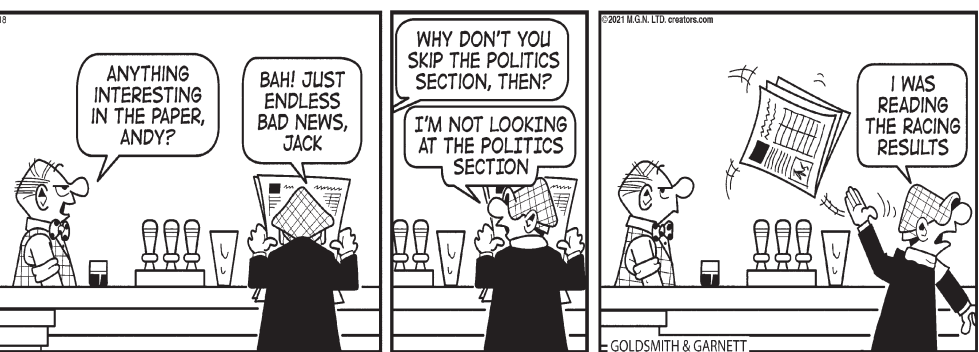
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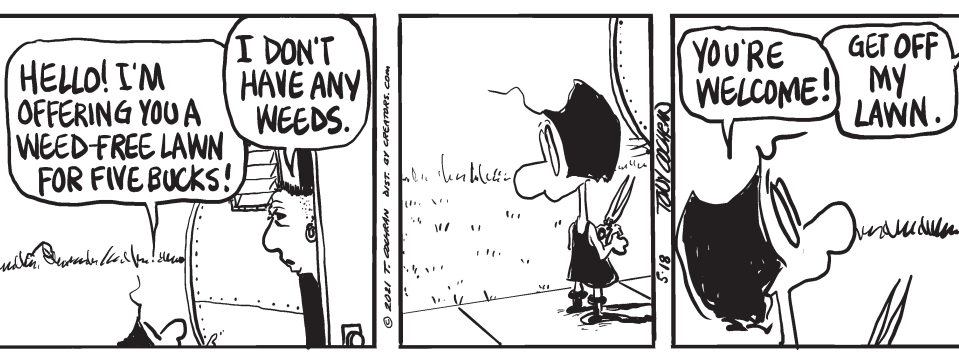


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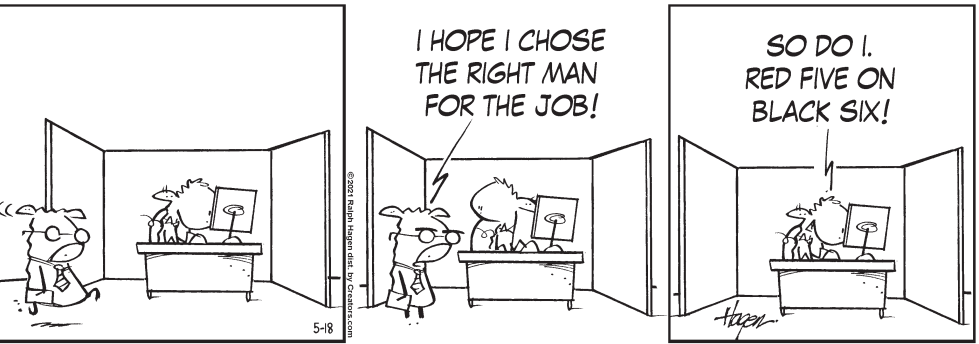
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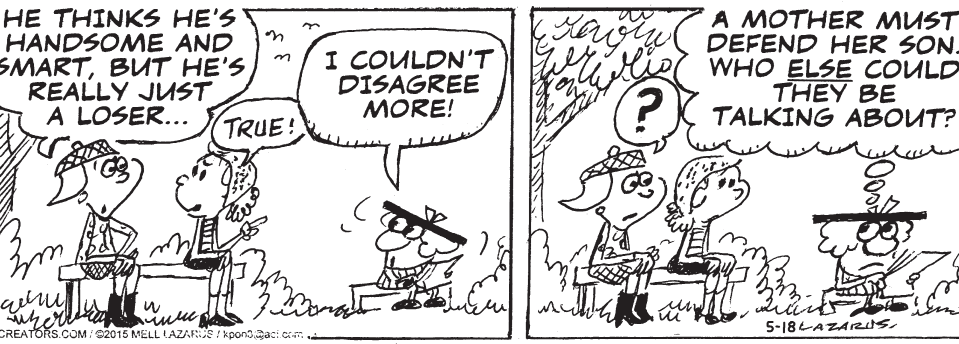
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**This Date In History**

**Today in History**  
Today is Tuesday, May 18, the 138th day of 2021. There are 227 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 18, 1896, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Plessy v. Ferguson, endorsed "separate but equal" racial segregation, a concept renounced 58 years later by Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka.

On this date:

In 1642, the Canadian city of Montreal was founded by French colonists. (On this date in 1765, one-quarter of Montreal was destroyed by a fire.)

In 1652, Rhode Island became the first American colony to pass a law abolishing African slavery; however, the law was apparently never enforced.

In 1863, the Siege of Vicksburg began during the Civil War, ending July 4 with a Union victory.

In 1910, Halley's Comet passed by earth, brushing it with its tail.

In 1927, in America's deadliest school attack, part of a schoolhouse in Bath Township, Michigan, was blown up with explosives planted by local farmer Andrew Kehoe, who then set off a bomb in his truck; the attacks killed 38 children and six adults, including Kehoe, who'd earlier killed his wife. (Authorities said Kehoe, who suffered financial difficulties, was seeking revenge for losing a township clerk election.)

In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure creating the Tennessee Valley Authority.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces occupied Monte Cassino in Italy after a four-month struggle with Axis troops.

In 1953, Jacqueline Cochran, 47, became the first woman to break the sound barrier as she piloted a Canadair F-86 Sabre jet over Rogers Dry Lake, California.

In 1973, Harvard law professor Archibald Cox was appointed Watergate special prosecutor by U.S. Attorney

General Elliot Richardson.

In 1980, the Mount St. Helens volcano in Washington state exploded, leaving 57 people dead or missing.

In 1981, the New York Native, a gay newspaper, carried a story concerning rumors of "an exotic new disease" among homosexuals; it was the first published report about what came to be known as AIDS.

In 2015, President Barack Obama ended long-running federal transfers of some combat-style gear to local law enforcement in an attempt to ease tensions between police and minority communities, saying equipment made for the battlefield should not be a tool of American criminal justice.

Ten years ago: Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the managing director of the International Monetary Fund, resigned, saying he wanted to devote all his energy to battling the sexual assault charges he faced in New York. (The charges were later dropped.) The United States slapped sanctions on Syrian President Bashar Assad and six others for human rights abuses over their brutal crackdown on antigovernment protests.

Five years ago: In an unusual move, Republican Donald Trump released a list of 11 potential Supreme Court justices he would consider if elected president (not included was Trump's eventual first pick for the nation's highest bench, Neil Gorsuch).

One year ago: President Donald Trump said he'd been taking a malaria drug, hydroxychloroquine, and a zinc supplement to protect against the coronavirus despite warnings from his own government that the drug should be administered only in a hospital or research setting. Moderna announced that an experimental vaccine against the coronavirus showed encouraging results in early testing. The World Health Organization agreed to launch an independent probe into how it managed the international response to the coronavirus. A federal

judge in Virginia ruled that a salvage firm could retrieve from the wreckage of the Titanic the Marconi wireless telegraph machine that broadcast distress calls. Ken Osmond, the actor best known for playing teenage scoundrel Eddie Haskell on TV's "Leave it to Beaver," died in Los Angeles at 76.

Today's Birthdays: Actor

Priscilla Pointer is 97. Actor Robert Morse is 90. Actor Dwayne Hickman is 87. Baseball Hall of Famer Brooks Robinson is 83. Actor Candice Azzara is 80. Bluegrass singer-musician Rodney Dillard (The Dillards) is 79. Baseball Hall of Famer Reggie Jackson is 75. Former Sen. Tom Udall, D-N.M., is 73. Country singer Joe Bonsall (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 73. Rock musician

Rick Wakeman (Yes) is 72. Rock singer Mark Mothersbaugh (Devo) is 71. Actor James Stephens is 70. Country singer George Strait is 69. Actor Chow Yun-Fat is 66. International Tennis Hall of Famer Yannick Noah is 61. Rock singer-musician Page Hamilton is 61. Contemporary Christian musician Barry Gaul (MercyMe) is 60. Contemporary Christian singer

er Michael Tait is 55. Singer-actor Martika is 52. Comedian-writer Tina Fey is 51. Rock singer Jack Johnson is 46. Country singer David Nail is 42. Actor Matt Long is 41. Actor Allen Leech is 40. Christian singer Francesca Battistelli is 36. Actor Spencer Breslin is 29. Actor Violet Beane is 25. Actor Hala Finley is 12.

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**Newsday Crossword**

**WATERY MENU** by Billie Truitt  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Divide evenly
  - 6 Greek war god
  - 10 Totally attentive
  - 14 Justice Kagan
  - 15 Sulk
  - 16 "\_\_\_ what you did!"
  - 17 Rude looks
  - 18 Prefix for chute or legal
  - 19 Woodworker's clamp
  - 20 Fish caught in Superior or Huron
  - 22 Make less difficult
  - 23 Lamb's mother
  - 24 Trumpet cousin
  - 26 Baltimore bird
  - 30 "Wonderful!"
  - 32 Shape of a hockey puck
  - 33 "Scat!"
  - 35 Go fishing with a net
  - 39 Parcels (out)
  - 41 Nile serpent
  - 42 Big fuss
  - 43 Commit theft
  - 44 Have to have
  - 46 \_\_\_ of measure (pound or mile)
  - 47 Gentle push
  - 49 Playful aquatic mammals
  - 51 Instructor on the slopes
  - 54 Cubes that cool drinks
  - 55 "Wish you \_\_\_ here"
  - 56 Shellfish caught south of New Orleans
  - 63 "Are you \_\_\_ out?"
  - 64 Move like a top
  - 65 Wild West show
  - 66 Lip-\_\_\_ (mouth the words)

- 67 Prefix meaning "air"
  - 68 Bothered greatly
  - 69 \_\_\_-browned potatoes
  - 70 Tugboat sound
  - 71 Sparrows' homes
- DOWN**
- 1 Auction off
  - 2 Defendant's answer to a charge
  - 3 Onionlike soup
  - 4 Concerning, in a memo
  - 5 Graduation cap dangler
  - 6 Cider fruit
  - 7 Wander
  - 8 Coin in France and Spain
  - 9 Batter's position
  - 10 Fish caught in the Mississippi
  - 11 From China or India
  - 12 Out of style
  - 13 Twitter message
  - 21 Impresses very much
  - 25 Solemn pledge
  - 26 Gambling probabilities
  - 27 Very humorous person
  - 28 Ireland or Maui
  - 29 Fish caught in the Pacific
  - 30 Pay a visit to
  - 31 Tug-of-war cord
  - 34 Get the \_\_\_ of (learn)
  - 36 First class
  - 37 Electric fan sound
  - 38 Back muscles, for short
  - 40 Speak unclearly
  - 45 Physicians, familiarly
  - 48 Watched a neighbor's Fido
  - 50 Iran's capital
  - 51 Fabric-rustling sound
  - 52 Nairobi's nation
  - 53 Skirt-smoothing appliances
  - 54 "Otherwise . . ."
  - 57 Not more than
  - 58 Chauffeur-driven car
  - 59 Repetitive learning method
  - 60 "Beware the \_\_\_ of March"
  - 61 Butcher's inventory
  - 62 Stew-cooking appliances

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# Texas Rangers snap 6-game skid with 5-2 win over New York Yankees and Cole

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Baseball Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Even when New York ace Gerrit Cole wasn't his sharpest and was denied in his bid to become the American League's first six-game winner, he set a big league strikeout record — a pitching version of 61 for the Yankees.

Cole had 61 consecutive Ks between walks, a streak that began April 12 and ended Monday night as the Yankees lost 5-2 to the Texas Rangers, who snapped their six-game losing streak.

"That's pretty cool, wish it would have come in a win," Cole said. "Kind of more focused on the fact that we lost."

Adolis Garcia and Willie Calhoun homered, both on 0-2 pitches by Cole (5-2), who allowed season highs of five runs and seven hits. The right-hander struck out seven, but also issued two free passes.

"Two-strike situations, credit to them, they were really aggressive and got off some good swings," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "And when they got a mistake, they were able to take advantage of it."

Cole, whose 84 strikeouts are the most for a Yankees pitcher in the first nine starts of a season, said he just wasn't able to consistently execute several pitches in a row.

"Just a few sequences tonight where I felt like we threw a really excellent

pitch and followed it up with a really bad pitch. The first homer jumps right out, throw an excellent fastball up top, try to go back up there again and leave it over the middle of the plate," Cole said. "I just wasn't stringing three, four, five pitches together in a row."

His span of 41 2/3 innings without a walk ended when Joey Gallo reached with one out in the third. The ball got past catcher Kyle Higashioka, and Gallo took off and rounded first base before tripping and then having to scamper back to the bag to avoid an embarrassing out.

Garcia's 11th homer was an opposite-field shot leading off the second, and was the first of three consecutive extra-base hits. David Dahl and Isiah Kiner-Falefa followed with back-to-back doubles that made it 2-1 and put Texas ahead to stay. Garcia stole home, part of a double steal with two outs in the sixth after his sharp lead-off single that inning chased Cole, for a 5-1 lead.

Calhoun hit his fifth homer leading off the fifth for the Rangers, who were coming off their first winless road trip of at least six games since 1991. They hadn't won since their previous home game, May 9 against Seattle when they reached .500 for the second time this season.

"I know that we were going into the game looking to hit. This guy doesn't walk too many guys," Rangers manager Chris Woodward said. "We took

advantage of the few mistakes he made, and made him pay for it."

Jordan Lyles (2-3) struck out six in six innings for his first win in eight starts since winning his season debut April 4. Three of the first four Yankees batters had singles, and Gio Urshela's run-scoring hit put them ahead 1-0. But they got only one other runner past first base against the Texas right-hander.

"To put up a three-spot in the second inning, no less against one of the better pitchers in baseball, if not at the top, that's really big," Lyles said. "Just made me a little bit more comfortable out there, maybe attack just a little bit better."

Ian Kennedy worked a perfect ninth for his AL-leading 11th save in 11 chances.

Luke Voit's first homer of the season was a solo shot in the Yankees' eighth.

Cole's franchise record-matching streak of 12 consecutive starts allowing two earned runs or less ended, keeping him tied with Whitey Ford (1963) and Chad Green (2017-19). Cole also snapped a run of five starts in a row going at least six innings and not walking a batter, one off the team record David Wells set 18 years ago.

"It's amazing what he's doing. It really is," Boone said. "I try not to take for granted getting to see him go out there every fifth or sixth day and really be on top of his game and throwing the ball the way he is. So it's a re-

markable little stretch."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Yankees: DH Giancarlo Stanton was placed on the 10-day injured list because of a left quad strain. The move was retroactive to Friday. ... Boone said LHP Zack Britton, rehabbing from elbow surgery March 15 to remove a bone chip, had some soreness after his one-inning simulated game Saturday with Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, and that his planned rehab start for Double-A Somerset on Wednesday might get pushed back a couple of days. ... Former Rangers 2B Rougned Odor, who has missed 12 games with a left knee sprain, could return as early as Tuesday.

Rangers: The Rangers announced they have passed the 85% COVID-19 vaccination threshold for Tier 1 players and staff. That means some of MLB's coronavirus protocols will be relaxed for the team, including some restrictions on road trips. ... 3B Brock Holt, out since May 3 with a right hamstring strain, is scheduled to begin a two-game rehab stint Tuesday with Double-A Frisco. General manager Chris Young said Holt could be activated after that if all goes well.

UP NEXT

A pair of right-handers with 1-3 records, Jameson Taillon for the Yankees and Mike Foltyniewicz for the Rangers, start Tuesday in the second of four games in the series.

# LEADING OFF: Trout strains calf, New York teams hurting

By **The Associated Press**

A look at what's happening around the majors today:

FISH STORY

An update on Mike Trout is expected after the Los Angeles Angels star exited Monday night's win over Cleveland before the second inning because of a strained right calf.

The three-time MVP was limping after running to third on an inning-ending popup in the first. Following the game, manager Joe Maddon said Trout was undergoing further evaluation — including an MRI — and the team would know more Tuesday.

"I saw nothing. I looked up and he was limping to the third base bag," Maddon said. "It was kind of innocuous and I had no idea why. It was hurting him pretty good."

Trout began the day batting .333 but was 1 for 17 in his past six games. He snapped a five-game hitting streak Sunday in Boston.

BITE OUT OF THE BIG APPLE

Both teams from New York are away this week and each one is having a painful road trip.

After arriving in Atlanta, the Mets placed outfielder Michael Conforto and second baseman Jeff McNeil on the 10-day injured list Monday with strained hamstrings. The two were hurt in Sunday's loss at Tampa Bay.

Then starter Taijuan Walker exited early against the Braves with tightness in his left side, and outfielder Kevin Pillar was hit square in the face by a 95 mph fastball from reliever Jacob Webb. Blood poured from Pillar's nose in a frightening scene, but he was escorted off the field under his own power with towels covering his face.

After a 3-1 win, Mets manager Luis Rojas said Pillar was taken to the hospital for a CT scan. Pillar then provided an encouraging update on his Twitter account.

"Thanks to everyone that has reached out! Scary moment but I'm doing fine!" he posted.

The Mets already have ace starter Jacob deGrom, outfielder Brandon Nimmo and third baseman J.D. Davis on the IL. Valuable reliever Seth Lugo was transferred from the 10-day injured list to the 60-day IL.

Meanwhile, the Yankees put slugger Giancarlo Stanton on the 10-day injured list, retroactive to

Friday, before their series opener at Texas because of a left quadriceps strain. In addition, reliever Zack Britton had a potential setback in his recovery from elbow surgery.

Stanton was held out of all three games during a weekend series in Baltimore. The 2017 NL MVP is hitting .282 with nine homers and 24 RBIs in his 33 games this season.

"Hopeful that, especially when we can backdate a few days, that coming out of the off day we'll be all right, and hopefully just put this behind us entirely," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "As much as he wants to be out there, I think he also realized that if it's something he pushed through, it could turn into a longer-term situation."

Boone said Britton was dealing with some general soreness after his one-inning simulated game Saturday with Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, when he threw to hitters for the first time. Boone said the lefty's planned rehab start for Double-A Somerset on Wednesday might get pushed back a couple of days.

Britton is on the 60-day injured list after surgery March 15 to remove a bone chip from his elbow.

Yankees center fielder Aaron Hicks was put on the 10-day injured list Sunday, retroactive to Thursday, after tearing a tendon sheath in his left wrist. Hicks is back in New York getting treatment.

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Off to an excellent start this season, Atlanta right-hander Huascar Ynoa is expected to miss two months after he broke his right hand when he punched the dugout bench following a poor outing Sunday in Milwaukee. Ynoa, who turns 23 next month, was frustrated after giving up five runs and nine hits in 4 1/3 innings of a 10-9 loss.

Ynoa (4-2, 3.02) has the lowest ERA and most wins on the Braves staff. He allowed only one earned run in his previous three starts before Sunday.

"It's a shame," Atlanta manager Brian Snitker said.

ME AGAIN

White Sox righty Lance Lynn tries to extend his super start this year when he faces the Twins for the second time in less than a week.

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