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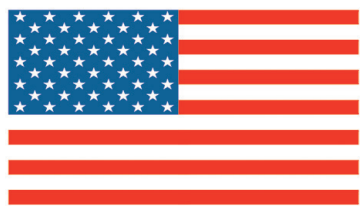
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Announcements

Due to staffing issues, Big Spring Senior Center will only serve curbside meals until at least Tuesday, August 24. The center will be closed to congregate meals for the rest of the week. To order curbside meals call 432-267-1628.

For questions/concerns please contact the Community Services Office at 432-264-2516.

SMMC will host a Drive-thru vaccine clinic Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m.

Alive After 5 Expedition Royalty Aug. 19 5-6:30 p.m. Great networking opportunity for business owners and community members.

Wishing all area schools - students, teachers and administrators - a great new year as classrooms begin to welcome back students.

City offices closed due to COVID

Herald Staff Reports

According to an announcement posted on the City of Big Spring's website mybigspring.com, city offices will not be open to the general public until future notice. Offices can still be accessed by appointment or through electronic means.

According to the notice, posted by Mayor Shannon Thomason and Big Spring Emergency Management, affected facilities and their phone numbers include: City Hall (432-264-2401), including the Finance Department (432-264-2513), Public Works Department (432-264-2501) and Human Resources Department (432-264-2346); the Water Office (432-264-2544); Code Enforcement/Permits (432-264-2504); Water Utilities (432-264-2392); the Community Services Office including the Convention and Visitors Bureau (432-263-8235), Facilities (432-264-2322) and the Cemetery (432-264-2323); the Police Department (432-264-2550); the Fire Department (432-264-2304); and the Municipal Court (432-264-2530).

Additionally, the Big Spring Senior Center is closed to congregate meals, but those who wish to pick up an order to go can call 432-267-1268 for more information.

Rentable facilities, including the Dora Roberts Community Center, will remain open; however, users are requested to maintain social distancing precautions.

The Municipal Auditorium and City Council Chambers will remain closed for the next three days for disinfection.

Citizens who make an appointment in a city office are asked to wear a face covering and present valid ID upon arrival. According to the press release, the city will accept several forms of ID; while the press release does not list all acceptable forms, it does say "The identification can be as simple as a utility bill."

For questions or concerns, contact the City Manager's office at 432-264-2401.

Poss book signing held at Heritage Museum

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

Last weekend the Heritage Museum once again offered an opportunity for history to be brought to life, as former Big Spring resident, coach, and community member Delnor Poss, held a book signing for his book *No Time Out! My non-stop life*.

"The book signing was an exceptional experience because I had the opportunity to renew friendships and visit with a lot of wonderful people I had not seen in a long time! Some of them were ex-players that made it special, just not long enough because of my time constraints," Delnor Poss, author, said.

Poss arrived in Big Spring in 1960. During his time, he served as head basketball coach and assistant football coach, after a few years, he transitioned to his next profession working at



Courtesy photo

Former Big Spring resident and author Delnor Poss, right, chats with local fans recently at the Heritage Museum of Big Spring. The museum held a signing for Poss's book *No Time Out: My non-stop life*.

Gamco Industries, however, he didn't full walk away from coaching. He continued as a coach in youth sports for the next 12 years. In addition to his coaching time in Big Spring, Poss made it a

point to be involved with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, YMCA, First Christian Church, BSISD, National Little League and the Texas State President of the Southwest Basketball Of-

ficials Association.

Those attending the book signing had an opportunity to purchase the book, visit with Poss and even snap a few photos while reminiscing over some memories. For those who were unable to attend the event, the book is still available for purchase at the Heritage Museum or online at www.delnorpossbook.com. The books ordered online ship from Poss' home in Alto, N.M., and are autographed and inscribed.

"The hosting staff at Heritage Museum were outstanding and the museum is a work of art and history," he said.

Poss' book covers many experiences throughout his life and the lessons that were learned along the journey. One of the thoughts conveyed in the book is that no person, regardless of age, is on an island alone. Along the way there are many people that

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I-20 accident claims life of Gustine man Tuesday morning



Courtesy photo/KBest Media

A vehicle-pedestrian accident on Interstate 20 Tuesday morning claimed the life of James M. Crosson Jr. of Gustine.

Herald Staff Report

A man from Gustine, located southeast of Abilene in Comanche County, was killed Tuesday in a morning accident on Interstate 20 in Howard County.

According to a statement issued by the Abilene division of the Texas Department of Public Safety, James M. Crosson Jr., 76, of Gustine was attempting to cross I-20 on foot at about 6:35 a.m. Tuesday near mile marker 178 at the intersection of 20 and State Highway 350.

Yara Young, 41, of Midland, was traveling west on I-20 in a Hyundai Sonata and struck Crosson.

According to the press release, Crosson was pronounced dead at the scene by local Justice of the Peace Mike Averette.

The report states that Young was not injured in the accident.

Weather may have factored into the accident; the report states that rain was falling and the road was wet at the time of the collision.

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Welcome back to school, Steers!

Courtesy photos

Big Spring school students headed back to classes Wednesday. Shown here are (at near right) Max (Pre-K) and Nathan (2nd); (center) Sophia (pre-K); and (far right) Jessica (4th), Selena (3rd) and Manuel (5th). Have a wonderful year!



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Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 118 inmates at the time of this report.

- **NANCY RENEE BAEZA**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property between \$750 and \$2,500.
- **ROBIN MARTINEZ CISNEROS**, 42, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than one gram.
- **STANISLAUS ELISE HANA**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of consumption of alcohol by minor and violate promise to appear.
- **CHRISTI GRANT HARRISON**, 51, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction.
- **RACHEL NICOLE LAUGHERY**, 40, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of ride not secured by safety belt, violate promise to appear.
- **RICHARD DOUGLAS SHELTON**, 42, was ar-

rested by HCSO on a charge of speeding over limit, no motorcycle operators license, violate promise to appear, FTA/Possession of controlled substance between one gram and four grams, bail jumping and fail to appear, possession of controlled substance less than one gram, criminal mischief between \$750 and \$2,500 (x2).

- **MYRELL SIMPSON JR.**, 47, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property between \$2,500 and \$30K, expired registration, fail to maintain financial responsibility, and driving while license invalid (DWLI).
- **JOHNNY ALLEN TONN**, 66, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of manufacture deliver controlled substance between one gram and four grams.
- **JAMIE JO MCSHANE TRAMMEL**, 34, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than one gram.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of MM 177 W I-20. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Sycamore. No transport was required.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of I-20 and FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Jeffery Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
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nic Mountain Medical Center.

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Support Groups

THURSDAY

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

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

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

- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group.

The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane.

For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

- GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death.

Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

FRIDAY

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

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

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

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

MONDAY

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

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.

- Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

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

- DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors.

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WEDNESDAY

- Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-860

Submit your Support Group information to be included or updated. Email information to editor@BigSpringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

Obituaries

Jimmie Jackson Bryant

Jimmie Jackson Bryant, 86, of Big Spring, Texas, passed away Sunday, Aug. 15, 2021. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 20, 2021, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Gail Cemetery.

He will lie in state on Thursday, Aug. 19, 2021 from 8:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Dec. 6, 1934, in Midland, Texas to parents Jack W. Bryant and Ruth (Davis) Bryant.

Survivors include daughter, Deborah Kay Bryant-Franks and her children: Robert Joshua Sarabia, Romeo Jason Sarabia and Candis Nicole Franks-Munoz; sons: Eugene Walter Bryant and Bobby Allen Bryant; sister: Dorothy Buchanan; brother: Eugene Bryant; as well as a few grandkids and numerous great grandkids.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son: Jimmie Charles Bryant, sister: Mary Ruth Gray and brothers: Raymond Bryant and Melvin Bryant.

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

Paid Obituary

Take Note

- Settled in Summer Market will take place Aug. 21 from 6-8 p.m. for shopping and Live Music will be played from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. in the Hotel Settles Courtyard.

- Alive After 5 will be hosted by Expedition Royalty Co. on Aug. 19 from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. This is an opportunity for local business professionals and the community to stop by and network. Expedition Royalty is located at 220 S. Main Street.

- Life Church will be hosting a community youth night at 5 p.m. on Aug. 21. There will be food trucks and games. Innercourt Worship will begin at 7 p.m.

- The Big Spring Symphony is celebrating 40 years. Their season will include: Sept. 25 'A Breath of Fresh Air' which will take place at the Big Spring High School Auditorium; Nov. 20 will feature 'The Music of Queen'; Dec. 8 "Holiday Spectacular"; Feb. 19 "Winter Wonderland"; and Spring Pops Concert on April 23. The concerts will take place at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium except for the opening performance. Tickets can be purchased in season passes or per concert.

- Howard County Fair is coming Sept. 17-19. Submissions for the Art and Photo contest will need to be submitted Sept. 14 from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. The Special Subcategory this year is Cactus or Birds or combination of both. Submissions can be fine art or photography. For more information, call Sandra Lockhart at 432-263-4155.

- Trinity Baptist Church will host a 13-week Grief Share session, beginning Aug. 26.

- The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County is gearing up for the annual kick off event and golf tournament. The golf tournament will be August 28 and 29 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course; the concert will take place at the amphitheater on Aug. 29 with Micky and the Motorcars and Spur 327.

- The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Wednesday in the Theater Room in the First Presbyterian Church, located at 701 Runnels Street. No charge for the lectures.

- Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna – a two dose and Janseen – a single dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18. Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic.

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contribute to the dreams accomplished.

“There are a lot of life’s lessons in the book: Some traumatic things that happen in one’s life can turn out to be a blessing with hard work and a positive attitude. Life’s building blocks are lessons learned from experiences with family, friends, coaches, teachers and other associates in our journey through life,” Poss said. “Attitude is controlled individually by each person in what they embrace for that particular moment, day, month, year and

lifetime. You are in control of your attitude, make it positive! Every person has some success in their lives, and every person’s success is due to physical or spiritual help from others.”

Poss continued, “Big Spring is such a unique, special community. We had the opportunity to be active in a lot of community activities, sometimes in a leadership role. Being involved with youth and high school sports with our sons and their teammates was very rewarding for us.”

In addition to the impact Poss had on the youth through sports, his wife, Martha, also had a hand in helping shape the youth in the Big Spring com-

munity. She was a piano teacher. Leaving an impact behind on the students that the couple crossed paths with were one of the lasting legacies they are proud of. As for Poss, while many accomplishments mark his journey, one of his most memorable include his own children.

“As a BSISD board member it was a great thrill to award our sons Nathan, Del and Mark their high school diploma,” he 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.

Take Note (cont.)

The staff will to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@sprhs.org

• Maranatha Baptist Academy is now enrolling for 2021-2022 School year. We offer summer session of 4 weeks in the middle of summer. We begin August 2, 2021, and are a year round school. We service home school as well as in-house school for Kindergarten through High School graduation. In operation for 40 years, we understand the spectrum of curriculum necessary for a good foundation for careers and college education. Please contact Dr. Lillian Bohanan at 432-213-1046 for further information about tuition, hours, and anything else you might want to know about our education successes, or come by and see us at 903 Johnson Street, Big Spring, Texas.

• 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.

• St. Vincent de Paul food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

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

• 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.

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

• 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 Mike Tarpley at 432-556-2227.

• 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 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.

• 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 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.

• The Howard County Democrats meet every Monday at 5:30 p.m.at the Cactus Room at Howard College in the Student Union Building. For more information, e-mail howardcountytxdems@gmail.com.

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

• Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m., with Dutch treat lunch and meeting at noon.

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital’s patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Carl Reid, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, 432-268-7535 or carl.reid@hhs.texas.gov.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you would like to donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Maria at 816-6474.

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Jimmy Ray Sims, 78, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Richard Allan Hall, 78, died Thursday. Memorial service will be at 10:00 AM Saturday at First Baptist Church Chapel.

Clara Hilario, 85, died Friday. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

George Smith, 84, died Saturday. The family will receive friends 7:00 PM until 8:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2:30 PM Friday at Hillcrest Baptist Church. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

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EXPLAINER: Texas Democrats and threat of arrest over holdout

By PAUL J. WEBER and ACACIA CORONADO

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Warrants are signed. Law enforcement officers are on the case. But Texas Democrats who fled the state a month ago still haven't returned to the state Capitol.

The holdout by Democrats to block new voting laws stretched into a 38th consecutive day Wednesday.

Now it's not only a question not only of when they'll return but also how far Republicans will go to end the legislative standoff.

This week, the Texas Supreme Court ruled the law allows for the most dramatic recourse: arresting Democrats and physically forcing them back. But Republican leaders have been reluctant to go that route, even after signing civil arrest warrants a week ago.

Scenes of Democrats, many of whom are people of color, being forcibly detained would likely draw backlash.

But some GOP lawmakers contend they have been left with little choice following more than five weeks of stalled legislative work.

Here is a closer look at the holdout and what the involvement of law enforcement means:

WHO IS LOOKING FOR DEMOCRATS?

Both members of the Texas Department of Public Safety and sergeants-at-arms

from the state House of Representatives began going to the homes of absent Democrats with civil arrest warrants last week, according to Enrique Marquez, a spokesman for House Speaker Dade Phelan.

It marked the first time law enforcement has been involved in trying to compel Democrats back to the Capitol since their protest over a GOP elections bill started in May with a late-night walkout.

At that time, Republicans made no attempt to retrieve Democrats since it happened less than two hours before a deadline to pass the measure.

Weeks later, when Democrats took off for Washington, Republicans authorized the option of using law enforcement to find them — but were not able to use it, since state troopers have no jurisdiction beyond Texas.

Now, however, several Democrats have acknowledged they're back home. But they are still staying away from the Capitol in order to continue denying Republicans a working quorum of 100 present lawmakers needed to pass legislation.

HOW MANY DEMOCRATS NEED TO RETURN?

Not many. Some Democrats are not part of

the holdout, and at one point last week 96 representatives were on the floor — leaving the GOP just shy of the 100 members needed to secure a quorum in the House chamber.



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Mets offense finally breaks through in 6-2 win over Giants

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Kevin Pillar hit a three-run home run in the 12th inning, lifting the Mets over the San Francisco Giants 6-2 on Wednesday hours after owner Steve Cohen called out New York's hitters for a lack of production.

Six Dodgers pitchers combined to blank the Mets until the ninth inning, when J.D. Davis provided a tying sacrifice fly.

The teams traded runs in the 11th before the Mets scored four runs against Tyler Chatwood (1-3) in the 12th. Pillar broke a 2-2 tie with his 10th homer of the year, and Chance Sisco added an RBI double to make it 6-2.

The Giants used eight relievers, who combined for 10 2/3 innings after starter Anthony DeSclafani exited with right ankle discomfort in the top of the second.

Jeury Familia (7-3) surrendered an unearned run in the 11th but still got the win.

ROCKIES 7, PADRES 5

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seven hits and let his ERA rise to 7.13 on Dom Nunez's solo homer before grabbing his hamstring and exiting the game.

Wil Myers homered twice for the slumping Padres. Reliever Ben Bowden (2-2) got the win and Daniel Bard pitched the ninth for his 20th save in 26 chances.

TWINS 8, INDIANS 7, 11 INNINGS

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Jorge Polanco drove in the game-ending run for the third time in four games, lining a bases-loaded single in the 11th inning, and Minnesota beat Cleveland.

The Twins survived after blowing a two-run lead in the ninth and nearly won it in the 10th. Cleveland third baseman Ernie Clement leaped to rob Luis Arraez of a hit and center fielder Myles Straw made a two-out diving catch of a liner from Ryan Jeffers.

Danny Coulombe (3-1), Minnesota's eighth pitcher, tossed one inning and was aided by Nick Gordon robbing Bradley Zimmer with a two-out sliding catch in left center.

Cleveland's seventh pitcher, Justin Garza (2-1), took the loss.

CUBS 7, REDS 1

CINCINNATI (AP) — Michael Hermsillo homered for the first time since 2018, Ian Happ and Sergio Alcántara also went deep, and depleted Chicago beat Cincinnati.

Adrian Sampson, called up from Triple-A Iowa earlier in the day to pitch in the majors for the first time since 2019, held the Reds to one run and five hits in four innings.

Relievers Manuel Rodriguez (1-2), Rowan Wick, Adam Morgan and Trevor Megill blanked Cincinnati over the final five innings, allowing one hit between them.

Reds starter Tyler Mahle (10-4) gave up five runs and eight hits in five innings.

NATIONALS 8, BLUE JAYS 5

WASHINGTON (AP) — Josh Bell hit a three-run homer off former teammate Brad Hand and Washington beat Toronto.

Juan Soto and Carter Kieboom also connected for Washington, which won back-to-back games for the first time since July 27-29.

Marcus Semien homered twice and Teoscar Hernández went deep for the fourth consecutive game for Toronto.

Hand (5-7) entered with one on in the seventh and Toronto clinging to a 5-4 lead. After Soto walked, Bell hit a drive to right for his 20th homer.

Mason Thompson (1-1) recorded the last two outs of the seventh for his first major league victory. Kyle Finnegan pitched 1 1/3 innings for his fourth save.

Rizzo returns to Yankees' lineup, Chapman back in bullpen

By MIKE FITZPATRICK

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Anthony Rizzo and Aroldis Chapman also was activated Wednesday before New York's series finale against the Boston Red Sox.

Rizzo, acquired in a trade with the Chicago Cubs on July 29, started at first base and batted second. The three-time All-Star had been sidelined since Aug. 8 after testing positive for the coronavirus.

"Excited obviously to have him back," manager Aaron Boone said. "I think that's the one thing we'll probably have to watch is the stamina part of things."

Chapman had been on the 10-day injured list retroactive to Aug. 6 with left elbow inflammation. Boone said the left-hander will move right back into the closer role.

Rizzo became the latest key player to return from the COVID-19 injured list in recent days for the surging

Yankees, following ace Gerrit Cole, catcher Gary Sánchez and lefty starter Jordan Montgomery.

The outbreak occurred after New York got back from playing six games against the Tampa Bay Rays and Miami Marlins in Florida, where COVID-19 cases were surging.

Rizzo made his debut with the Yankees on July 30 at Miami and got off to a fast start with his new team, hitting .281 with three homers and six RBIs in his first nine games for New York.

Incumbent first baseman Luke Voit was on the injured list when Rizzo arrived. Voit was reinstated Aug. 8, the day after Rizzo tested positive, and has been productive at the plate lately with nine RBIs in his last nine games.

After hitting a homer Tuesday against the rival Red Sox and driving in the decisive runs in both ends of a doubleheader sweep, Voit made it clear he isn't ready to step aside at first base for Rizzo.

"I deserve to play just as much as he does," said Voit, last year's major league home run leader.

"I finally feel like I'm hitting my stride after getting a week's worth of games under me," he added. "You know, I was top-10 MVP (voting) last year and I've been a great player for this organization for the last three years. I'm not going down. I want to play."

Voit was not in the starting lineup Wednesday.

Boone said he spoke with the slugger and foresees plenty of chances for him to play a significant role. Boone said Voit is completely on board, too.

"This is all about us as a team right now," Boone said. "Let it be a team effort."

The 30-year-old Voit has been hampered this season by a partially torn meniscus in his left knee that required surgery in spring training, and a strain in his right oblique. He has six homers, two in the past three days.

"I led the league in home runs last year and I feel really good again," Voit said Tuesday night. "Obviously the injury bug is the reason (Rizzo is) here, because of me, but obviously I

hope Boone can do whatever he can to get me some consistent at-bats."

After scuffling throughout the first half, New York has climbed into playoff position for the first time since May 30 despite a rash of COVID-19 cases this year.

Since the All-Star break, star outfielder Aaron Judge, third baseman Gio Urshela and catcher Kyle Higashioka also have tested positive, along with relievers Wandy Peralta, Jonathan Loaisiga and Clay Holmes. All of them are back except Holmes, although Urshela returned to the injured list Aug. 3 for a left hamstring strain.

To make room on the roster for Rizzo and Chapman, the Yankees optioned outfielder Jonathan Davis and right-hander Nick Nelson to Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.

Also, outfielder Trey Amburgey was reinstated from the 10-day injured list and returned as a replacement player to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. Amburgey had been on a minor league rehab assignment.

Arrieta rocked by Rockies, injured in Padres debut

By MICHAEL KELLY

Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Jake Arrieta got clobbered by Colorado and left with an injury in his Padres debut, and the Rockies beat San Diego 7-5 Wednesday.

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Arrieta (5-12) was signed Monday after being placed on waivers by the Chicago Cubs. He allowed seven hits and let his ERA rise to 7.13 on Dom Nunez's solo homer before grabbing his hamstring and exiting the game.

The 2015 NL Cy Young Award winner said he felt the hamstring when he landed on his left leg, but he thinks the injury is minor and he shouldn't miss much time.

"I've had two of these in the past that were significantly worse than this one," Arrieta said. "Testing the strength with the trainers postgame, all the tests were good. Strength is at a pretty high level, which was something that wasn't the case with the two previous hamstrings that I had, and I came back pretty quick from those two."

Arrieta was signed to help bolster a rotation hit hard by injuries, and he was planning on pitching deeper into the game before the hamstring flared up.

"Felt great, felt really good," said Arrieta, who also singled and scored a run. "More than capable of going upwards of 100 pitches. That was the game plan going into the start. Would have loved to give the team at least two more innings."

Wil Myers homered twice for the slumping Padres. San Diego has lost seven of eight but still leads Cincinnati by 1 1/2 games for the second NL wild card.

"The standings are what they are, but the standings will be different in a month and a half from now," Myers said.

The Padres dropped four straight before avoiding a sweep at Arizona on Sunday but suffered their seventh straight loss at Coors Field. Colorado swept two straight home series from San Diego.

"We haven't been great on the road, we haven't been good against some of the teams with below .500 records," manager Jayce Tingler said. "This place is a little bit different. It's extremely tough to win here."

The Rockies took a 3-0 lead in the first on Cron's two-run double and Ryan McMahon's single. Myers hit his first homer, a two-run shot, in the second, and Manny Machado drove in Arrieta in the third to tie it.

Myers' 15th homer in the fourth evened it again before Nunez's shot.

Story's 16th home run of the season, a two-run shot in the fifth, gave Colorado a three-run cushion.

Ben Bowden (2-2) allowed one run in an inning and Daniel Bard, the fifth Rockies reliever in the game, pitched the ninth for his 20th save in 26 chances.

The bullpen allowed just two runs over the last six innings.

"The five guys who pitched, they got punched a little but they put their dukes up and responded back with some swings of their own," Rockies manager Bud Black said.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Padres: LHP Matt Strahm was placed on the 10-day injured list with right knee inflammation. Strahm, who started Tuesday in a bullpen game, missed the first four months of the season right patella tendon sur-

gery.

Rockies: To make room for starter Chi Chi González on the active roster, OF Yonathan Daza (left thumb laceration) was placed on the 10-day injured list. ... OF Raimel Tapia (toe) is improving but there is no timetable for a return, Black said.

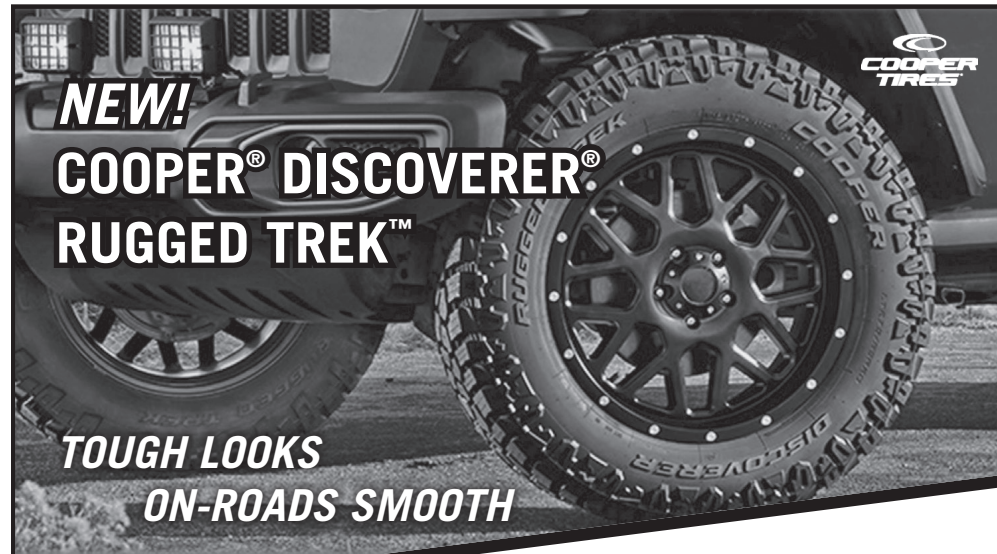
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Colorado outfielder Connor Joe has performed well since moving atop of the lineup. He reached base in his first at-bat in all three games — a home run on Monday, a single on Tuesday and a leadoff walk Wednesday. He scored the first run Monday and Tuesday and was thrown out at home Wednesday.

UP NEXT

Padres: LHP Blake Snell (6-4, 4.80) opens a three-game home series against the Philadelphia Phillies on Friday night.

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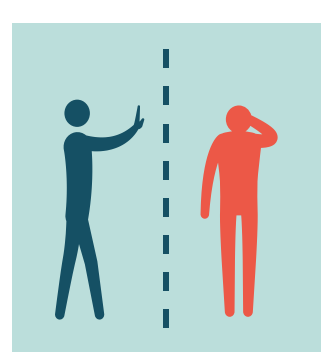
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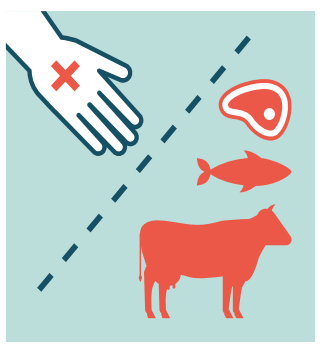
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5:30 AM	Big 2 Good Morning Basin	Como dice el dicho	Paid Prg. Business	CBS7 Wake Up	Al rojo vivo (SS)	Newsweek 9	Being Zion	Cat in the Hat	Paid Prg.	Cancer?	Matters	Charmed	SportsCenter	Keyshawn, JWill and Zubin	Ideal Lock	NCIS: Los Angeles	Jeremiah Joyce M.	Extinct or Alive	
6:30 AM	Good Morning America	¡Despierta América!	Les Feld Robison	CBS7 Wake Up	Hoy día (SS)	Newsweek 9 Sunrise	Wisdom News	Peg & Cat	Super Court	Millionaire	George	Charmed	SportsCenter	MLB Baseball: Mariners at Rangers	NCIS (DVS)	Accused: Guilty	Extinct or Alive		
7:30 AM			Nature Wom	CBS This Morning			Light of Southwest	Tiger	CBS7 Wake Up	Jerry	Broke Girl	Charmed	Get Up	SportsCenter	Law & Order: SVU	Accused: Guilty	Extinct or Alive		
8:30 AM			Fox 24 News AM				Light of Southwest	Sesame Elnor	CBS7 Wake Up	Steve Wilkos Show	Broke Girl	Charmed		SportsCenter	Camp Hoover	Law & Order: SVU	Accused: Guilty	Extinct or Alive	
9:30 AM	The 700 Club		Wendy Williams	Kelly and Ryan	Caso cerrado (SS)	Today 3rd Hour	Eye on News	Clifford Dinosaur	Kelly Clarkson	Steve Wilkos Show	Friends	Supernatural	First Take	Get Up	Sports P1 APBA Offshore	Law & Order: SVU	Accused: Guilty	Extinct or Alive	
10:30 AM	The View	Como dice el dicho	The Real	The Price Is Right	Caso De'siones	Today-Hoda	House Words of	Go Luna Nature	Drew Barrymore	Maury	Friends	Supernatural			MLB	Law & Order: SVU	Accused: Guilty	Extinct or Alive	
11:30 AM	Jeopardy	Noticiero Nosotr.	Tamron Hall	Young & Restless	Más sabe Noticias	The Dr. Oz Show	Shofar Cost	Nature Xavier	The Doctors	Maury	Friends	Supernatural	SportsCenter	Daily Wager	Baseball: Mariners at Rangers	Law & Order: SVU	Accused: Guilty	Homestead Rescue	
12:30 PM	GMA3: What	Hoy (SS)	TMZ Live	News Bold	Pasión de gavilanes	Days of our Lives	News Rocks	Molly Hero	Dateline	Hot	Friends	Supernatural	2021 Little League World Series	SportsCenter	Pregame	Law & Order: SVU	Accused: Guilty	Homestead Rescue	
1:30 PM	General Hospital	La madrastra	The People's Court	The Talk	En casa con	Blast	Dollars Called	Cyber Pink	The First 48	Medicare	Friends	Supernatural	Jalen	MLB Baseball: Mariners at Rangers	Law & Order: SVU	Accused: Guilty or Innocent?	Homestead Rescue		
2:30 PM	Rachael Ray	Amor eterno	Judge Mathis	Let's Make a Deal	(1:58) Suelta la sopa	Ellen DeGeneres	Light of Southwest	Elnor	Monk	Jerry	Friends	Bones	2021 Little League World Series	NBA: The Jump	MLB	Law & Order: SVU	Accused: Guilty	Homestead Rescue	
3:30 PM	Jdg Judy	El gordo y la flaca	The List Mom	Kelly Clarkson	(2:58) Al rojo vivo	Dr. Phil	Light of Southwest	Donkey Curious	Maury	Jerry Springer	American	Bones		NFL Live		Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Homestead Rescue	
4:30 PM	DailyMail	Primer impacto	Broke Girl	Mod Fam	News	News	Creation Con	Curious Xavier	25 Words	black-ish	Fam. Guy	Bones	2021 Little League World Series	Around Pardon	Postgame Icons	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Homestead Rescue	
5:30 PM	Jeopardy!	Noticiero	FamFeud	CBS 7	Tele	News	The Behind	Molly Hero	King	Burgers	Big Bang	Bones		SportsCenter	Polaris Fish	Chrisley	The First 48	Homestead Rescue	
6:30 PM	News	Fosa de Guadalupe	Big Bang	CBS 7	Exatión Estados Unidos (SS)	News	HaYesod House	Wild Kratt	Last Man	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Bones	2021 Little League World Series	UFC Unleashed	Spotlight Inside	Chrisley	The First 48	Homestead Rescue	
7:30 PM	Holey Moley	Diseñando tu amor	Beat Shazam	Big Brother		Brooklyn	Master The Is	Odd	Dateline	Coroner	Big Bang	Movie: Need for Speed, Imogen Poots (DVS)	Professional Fighters	UFC Unleashed	Texas Insider	Chrisley	The First 48	Homestead Rescue	
8:30 PM	When Nature Calls	Si nos dejan	Fantasy Island	Neighbor B Positive	Hercai: amor	Making It	Light of Southwest	Arthur	Law Order: CI	The Outpost	The Cube (DVS)			Boxing	MLB Baseball: Seattle Mariners at Texas Rangers	Chrisley	Accused: Guilty	Homestead Rescue	
9:30 PM	The Hustler	La hija	FOX 24 News at 9	Bull	Café con aroma de	Law & Order	Light of Southwest	Cyber Pink	Mike	News Seinfeld	The Cube (DVS)			CFL Football: Edmonton Elks at BC Lions.	Mariners at Texas Rangers	Chrisley	Accused: Guilty	Homestead Rescue	
10:30 PM	Big 2	Noticiero	TMZ	CBS 7	Noticias	News	Zion	Elnor	Friends	Creek	The Cube (DVS)	(:45) Movie: The Accountant, J.K. Simmons (DVS)	SportsCenter	Around	ATP/WTA Tennis: Western & Southern Open, Round of 16.	Chrisley	(:04) The First 48	Homestead Rescue	
11:30 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Noticiero	Mom	Late Show- Colbert	Noticias	Tonight Show	Words of Hidden	Donkey Tiger	CBS 7	Gold	Full				Camp Texas Insider	Chrisley	(:03) The First 48	Homestead Rescue	
12:30 AM	Nightline	Contacto deportivo	Mod Fam	Funny	Caso cerrado (SS)	Seth Meyers	Freedom	Jokers	Jokers	Gold	Wipeout					Chrisley	(:03) The First 48	Homestead Rescue	
1:30 AM	Extra	Un gancho al	Two Men	Corden	Sin Senos Si		Being	Tiger	Holly	Steve Wilkos Show		Movie: Everybody Wants Some!!	SportsCenter	Pardon	ATP/WTA Tennis: Western & Southern Open, Round of 16.	Chrisley	(:02) Money Court	Accused: Guilty	
2:30 AM	DailyMail	La madrastra	Pawn	Paid Prg.	Programa	News	Light of Southwest	Molly Hero	Jerry Springer	Short List Seinfeld	Wipeout								
3:30 AM	Outages	Vecinos	Paid Prg.	(:07) CBS Overnight News	Programa	Programa	Light of Southwest	Wild Kratt	Minute	Homeown	Wipeout								
4:30 AM	(:06) ABC World News Now	P. Luche	Paid Prg.	News	12 corazones (SS)	Today-Hoda	Light of Southwest	Wild Kratt	Minute	IRS Debt?	Wipeout								
5:30 AM	Now	El gordo y la flaca	Paid Prg.	News	Noticias	Whacked	M.25	Odd	Paid Prg.	Dormeo	Matters								
6:30 AM	El gordo y la flaca	Paid Prg.	News	Programa	Noticias	Early Tdy	Called	Odd	Paid Prg.	Relief	Matters								
7:30 AM	Nosotr.	Paid Prg.	News	Programa	Programa	Early Tdy	House	Arthur	Paid Prg.	Homeown	Matters								
8:30 AM	Morning	Noticiero	Two Men	News	Programa	Early Tdy	Christ	Arthur	Paid Prg.	Dr. Ho's	Matters								

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ADHD Is Controlling my Life

Dear Annie: I am in my late 50s, the proud mother of two grown men who have families of their own. I've been successful in my career and always accomplished whatever I set my mind to. But I always had a secret. I have ADHD. I was diagnosed in my late 20s. I never told anyone aside from my husband because it's so embarrassing. But the condition has affected my life in so many painful ways.

For decades, I took ADHD medication prescribed by my psychiatrist and, with the help of this medication, was able to keep my life under control. But about five years ago, I lost my job and my employer-provided medical coverage. I had to go on state medical insurance, which wouldn't cover the dosage I'd been prescribed for the previous 20 years. As a result, I've not been able to have the dosage I need in order to lead a productive life. My income has

Annie's Mailbox

plummeted. I'm making about a third of what I used to make, when I'm able to hold down a job at all.

I saw another psychiatrist who told me the dosage that I needed wouldn't be approved. They made me feel like a drug user. But this narcotic is a legal drug to me. It doesn't get me high. It slows me down so I can function.

At my last job, I was having trouble grasping the new systems they were teaching me. I asked for a little bit more training. I was let go because they didn't feel like I could keep up.

In addition to my career and financial struggles, over the past few years, my marriage has suffered significantly.

I have two questions for you: How do I make myself feel worthy again? I just feel dumb. Secondly, what do I tell prospective employers about why I was let go? I can't tell them that my previous employer thought I was too slow.

ADHD has controlled my life. I want to fight back, for my livelihood as well as my dignity. -- Severely Struggling

Dear Severely: First, know your rights. ADHD is recognized as a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act, meaning people diagnosed with it may be entitled to accommodations in schools and workplaces. I recommend checking out the article "Your Workplace Rights with ADHD" on <https://www.additudemag.com> to learn more.

Additionally, if you haven't done so already, have your previous doctor release your medical records to your new doctor to demonstrate that you were on the higher dosage for many years. In the meantime, continue taking the lower dosage prescribed by your new doctor.

Medication is a major component of ADHD treatment, but counseling can also be helpful. It can inform healthy coping mechanisms for living with the disorder

in a world not particularly well-suited for it. See what therapy you might have access to under your current insurance, or look for therapists who offer sliding-scale payment at <https://www.psychologytoday.com>.

Lastly, quit seeing ADHD as the enemy. It might make life more difficult in a world not particularly well-suited for the neurodivergent but it doesn't make you defective. I encourage you to try virtual support groups through the Attention Deficit Disorder Association (<https://add.org/adda-virtual-programs>) and Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (<https://www.chadd.org/affiliate-locator>).

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Contract Bridge
 By Steve Becker
Diabolical defense

North dealer.
 Both sides vulnerable.
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 ♥ 6 5 2
 ♦ K 7 3
 ♣ K Q 8
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The bidding:
 North West South East
 1♣ 1♦ 1♥ Pass
 1♠ Pass 3♣ Pass
 3♥ Pass 4♥ Dble
 Opening lead — two of diamonds.
 This deal occurred in the Vanderbilt Teams some years ago. South got to four hearts doubled on the bidding shown, and West led a diamond, won by East with the queen. East shifted to a trump, on which South played the nine. West could have taken the trick with the ten, but in an effort to mislead declarer, he won the nine with the queen.
 The benefit of West's clever play

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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The ideas behind strength-based parenting

Many a parent is familiar with the notion that children do not come with instruction manuals. Since babies are not born with instruction manuals, the best way to raise children is open to interpretation, and interpretations often lead to theories on

parenting.

One such theory is strength-based parenting, an approach that focuses on developing and nurturing a child's character. Dr. Lea Waters, a Melbourne, Australia-based psychologist and author, has studied ways to improve interactions between parents and their children for decades. Dr. Waters emphasizes the value of identifying and nurturing children's character strengths, and the value that such efforts can have in regard to promoting children's long-term happiness and achievements.

In an article for Greater Good Magazine, Dr. Waters defined character strengths as those things that are personality-based and internal, including curiosity, courage, humor, and kindness. These character strengths work in conjunction with talents, which may

include things like athletic ability, musical skills and problem-solving. Strength-based parenting espouses the importance of cultivating kids' character strengths as much as their talents. Dr. Waters notes that it would be hard to find anyone who made the most of their talents without also relying on their character strengths. For example, even the most gifted natural athletes need to draw on their work ethic in order to reach their full potential as athletes.

Dr. Waters' research has led her to conclude that children and teenagers whose parents help them to identify and use their character strengths benefit from that assistance in myriad ways. Such children experience more positive emotions and flow, are more persistent, are more confident, and are more satisfied with their

lives compared to children whose parents did not help them identify and use their character strengths. Dr. Waters' research, published in 2018, also found that children whose parents took a strength-based approach to parenting earned better grades, were less stressed, more capable of coping with friendship issues, and more capable of coping with homework deadlines than children whose parents did not employ a strength-based approach to parenting.

Parenting is a big responsibility, and parents can explore various approaches to raising happy children to fulfill their responsibilities as parents. One such approach is strength-based parenting, which parents can explore on their own to decide if it's an approach they want to pursue.

FEATURES

Today in History

Today is Thursday, Aug. 19, the 231st day of 2021. There are 134 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 19, 1934, a plebiscite in Germany approved the vesting of sole executive power in Adolf Hitler.

On this date:

In 1807, Robert Fulton's North River Steamboat arrived in Albany, two days after leaving New York.

In 1812, the USS Constitution defeated the British frigate HMS Guerriere off Nova Scotia during the War of 1812, earning the nickname "Old Ironsides."

In 1814, during the War of 1812, British forces landed at Benedict, Maryland, with the objective of capturing Washington D.C.

In 1848, the New York Herald

reported the discovery of gold in California.

In 1909, the first automobile races were run at the just-opened Indianapolis Motor Speedway; the winner of the first event was auto engineer Louis Schwitzer, who drove a Stoddard-Dayton touring car twice around the 2.5-mile track at an average speed of 57.4 mph.

In 1942, during World War II, about 6,000 Canadian and British soldiers launched a disastrous raid against the Germans at Dieppe, France, suffering more than 50-percent casualties.

In 1955, torrential rains caused by Hurricane Diane resulted in severe flooding in the northeastern U.S., claiming some 200 lives.

In 1960, a tribunal in Moscow convicted American U2 pilot

Francis Gary Powers of espionage. (Although sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment, Powers was returned to the United States in 1962 as part of a prisoner exchange.)

In 1974, U.S. Ambassador Roger P. Davies was fatally wounded by a bullet that penetrated the American embassy in Nicosia, Cyprus, during a protest by Greek Cypriots.

In 1980, 301 people aboard a Saudi Arabian L-1011 died as the jetliner made a fiery emergency return to the Riyadh airport.

In 1991, rioting erupted in the Brooklyn, New York, Crown Heights neighborhood after a Black 7-year-old, Gavin Cato, was struck and killed by a Jewish driver from the ultra-Orthodox Lubavitch community; three hours later, a mob of Black youth fatally stabbed Yankel Rosenbaum, a rabbinical student.

In 2010, the last American

combat brigade exited Iraq, seven years and five months after the U.S.-led invasion began.

Ten years ago: Three men — Damien Echols, Jason Baldwin and Jesse Misskelley — who'd spent nearly two decades in prison for the nightmarish slayings of three Cub Scouts in Arkansas, went free after they agreed to a legal maneuver allowing them to maintain their innocence while acknowledging prosecutors had enough evidence against them.

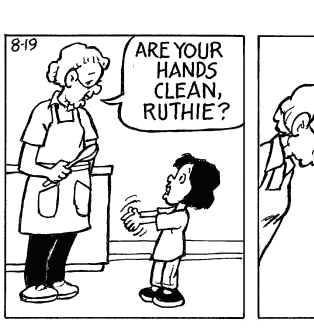
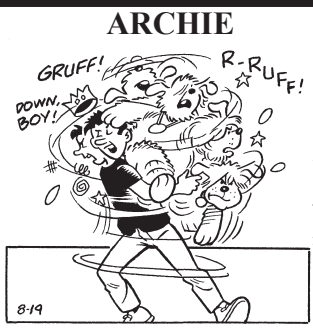
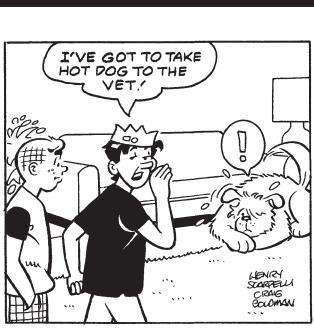
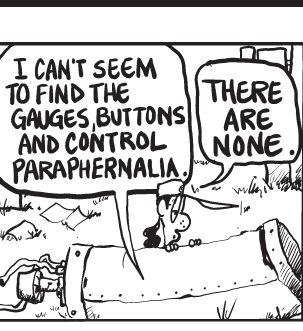
Five years ago: The Obama administration defended its decision to make a \$400 million cash delivery to Iran contingent on the release of American prisoners, saying the payment wasn't ransom because the Islamic Republic would have soon recouped the money one way or another. Usain Bolt scored another sweep at the Rio Games, winning three gold medals in his third consecutive Olympics by turning a close 4x100 relay race

against Japan and the United States into a runaway, helping Jamaica cross the line in 37.27 seconds. Allyson Felix won an unprecedented fifth gold medal in women's track and field, running the second leg of the 4x100-meter relay team. Actor Jack Riley, 80, died in Los Angeles.

One year ago: Kamala Harris accepted the Democratic nomination for vice president in a speech to the party's virtual convention, cementing her place in history as the first Black woman on a major party ticket. In a speech on the third night of the convention, former President Barack Obama warned that his successor, Donald Trump, was both unfit for office and apathetic to the nation's founding principles. Another night of protests in Portland, Oregon ended in clashes with police; officials said protesters broke out the windows of a county government building, sprayed lighter fluid inside and set a fire. President Donald Trump

blasted universities that had canceled in-person classes amid coronavirus outbreaks, saying students posed a greater safety threat at home with older family members. Apple became the first U.S. company to boast a market value of \$2 trillion, just two years after becoming the first U.S. company with a \$1 trillion market value.

Today's Birthdays: Actor L.Q. Jones is 94. Actor Debra Paget is 88. USTA Eastern Tennis Hall of Famer Renee Richards is 87. Former MLB All-Star Bobby Richardson is 86. Actor Diana Muldaur is 83. Actor Jill St. John is 81. Singer Billy J. Kramer is 78. Country singer-songwriter Eddy Raven is 77. Rock singer Ian Gillan (Deep Purple) is 76. Former President Bill Clinton is 75. Actor Gerald McRaney is 74. Actor Jim Carter is 73. Pop singer-musician Elliot Lurie (Looking Glass) is 73. Rock musician John Deacon (Queen) is 70. Bluegrass musician Marc Pruet (Balsam Range) is 70.



Horoscopes By Holiday

THURSDAY AUGUST 19, 2021

Leo Sun's Last Days

With just a few days left of the Leo sun, the self-centered charisma of main character energy is hanging on for dear life. Jupiter challenges the matter, taunting the sun from the philanthropic realm of Aquarius. If the Leo sun is "one for all," Jupiter in Aquarius is "all for one." Uranus interrupts the argument with a reversal.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Confluent interests naturally organize into a group effort that elevates all individual contributions, including your own. What happens next might best be described as a (SET ITAL) wonderful becoming. (END ITAL)

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Even as you try new styles, add skills and work to accommodate the fresh demands of the time, there's a strong core at your center that remains unchanged.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Unfriendliness is a kind of weakness and a failure of awareness you avoid as you strive to create an atmosphere of support, inclusion and ease around you. You bring out the best in people.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When telling a story, you dwell on the parts that suit you, and a good audience asks questions according to their own curiosity. If curiosity is not forthcoming, consider whether you have the right audience.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Acting out of frustration usually fixes nothing. More often, solutions come from a calm place. You strive to keep your cool, not only because things work better that way but also because it's how you want to be remembered.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You know what it's like to feel different from the others, and you'd rather not judge anyone. Also, judgment removes you from the present moment, which is where power and pleasure come from.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll attract people to your cause. Once they get involved, it becomes their own. The fact that this purpose means something different to each person who gets involved is further proof this is a worthwhile effort.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've figured out this puzzle before, but that gives you little advantage. This disassembled jumble must once again be built piece by piece. At least now you know it can be done.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Avoidance would be an effective coping technique except for the lingering fear that the thing you're avoiding will eventually catch up to you. Spin around quick, and face it head-on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There will always be people who have what

you want. Use them as inspiration, not discouragement. Their attainment in the one area has nothing to do with your ability to reach your goals.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Clearly, you've become attached to a certain outcome. You didn't anticipate this would happen. Your unpredictable feelings come part in parcel with being human.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Chasing is an active strategy but not a powerful one. You should not have to chase that which is your equal. Equals are magnetized by a reciprocal attraction. Chasing makes things run.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 19). You were born to lead. Your plans are inspired, and the way you communicate them will lead others to help you build amazing new circumstances, business and relationships. For you, the best part is seeing loved ones thrive with the care and modeling you so successfully give. Savvy negotiating nets an October win. Cancer and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 2, 4, 1 and 9.

COSMIC QUESTION: "I know people of every other sign, but oddly enough, this is my first encounter with a Gemini. What can I expect?"

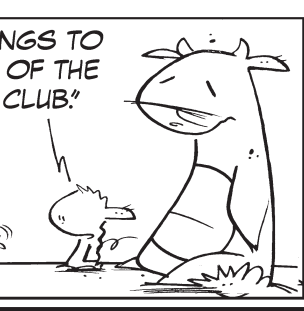
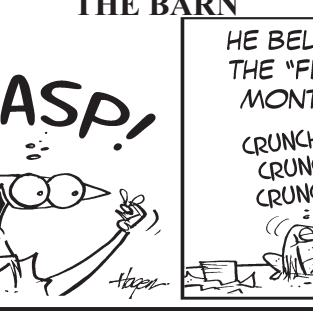
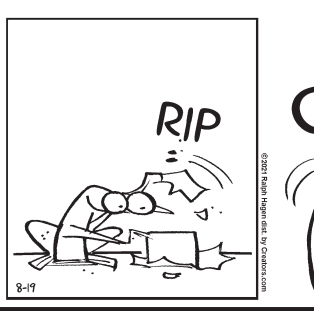
The first air sign of the zodiac is highly intellectual, quick-witted and full of fantastic energy. Gemini is playful and mischievous, unbound to convention. There's a delightful bit of whimsy that goes with this sign. They are apt to change midcourse, play devil's advocate or endeavor to use any number of problem-solving techniques for the simple pleasure of the exercise. Gemini's active mind loves to breathe new life into old ideas and to contribute to the body of human knowledge. But the thing Gemini is really proficient at is communication. This sign can relate to people of all walks of life and get their message across. They have an ease with conversation, whether it's small talk about the weather or high-minded intellectual debate. Gemini senses when others are not tracking with their line of reason and can change their conversation to subjects on which they can form a real connection. It's not only humans that Gemini communicates with either. The sign of the twins will often make a bond with animals, too. Their natural friendliness allows them to relate in a variety of "languages" in order to understand another being's world and to also be understood.

CELEBRITY PROFILES:

At the turn of the 20th century, the race for human flight featured serious scientists across the globe, including some highly educated and funded individuals. But it was the indomitable will and tenacity of the Wright brothers that cracked the code, and without funding or

education. The Leo inventor Orville Wright changed the world forever by flying toward his guiding planet, the sun.

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 UK county
 - 6 Stockpile
 - 11 Red wine, for short
 - 14 Mr. Spock, in part
 - 15 Mrs. Flintstone
 - 16 Former NBC owner
 - 17 One of the first two "American superstars," per 34 Across' book
 - 19 Sked stat
 - 20 "Keep it" notation
 - 21 African scavengers
 - 22 Hubbub
 - 23 Latter-day contact request
 - 25 Prone to wearing
 - 27 Creative knack
 - 28 Provides for permanently
 - 31 Escalator developer
 - 32 Misstep
 - 33 Horn blasts
 - 34 Author of *The Colonel and Little Missie*
 - 38 Become unstable, as an orbit
 - 39 Rankle
 - 40 Brief confirmation
 - 41 Separate into categories
 - 43 Video device
 - 46 Pasta preference
 - 48 Big digs
 - 50 Came by
 - 51 Parliament Hill city
- DOWN**
- 1 Cascades peak
 - 2 Constellation occupation
 - 3 First-in-line's line
 - 4 10-Grammy blues rocker
 - 5 GPS reading
 - 6 On a road trip
 - 7 Improv gear
 - 8 TV promo promise
 - 9 Defames
 - 10 Final word
 - 11 Debt payee
 - 12 Something to do
 - 13 Evil
 - 18 Whom a short-story award is named for
 - 24 Mirthful
 - 26 Smokestack-like
 - 29 Ending for free or fan
 - 30 Marine predators
 - 32 Obliterate
 - 33 Easy runs
 - 34 Unleash
 - 35 Ultimate proof
 - 36 Telephone trio
 - 37 Fantastical illustration
 - 38 Math book
 - 41 Synchronize
 - 42 What a mechanic might fix
 - 43 In a sly way
 - 44 Much of Micronesia
 - 45 Red wine grape
 - 47 "Pass"
 - 49 Rome's river
 - 52 Way off
 - 53 It means "merchandise"
 - 57 Bat Appreciation Mo.

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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

Today's Answers

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6	9	8	3	7	1	4	2	5
1	5	2	8	9	7	3	6	4
3	2	2	1	4	6	5	8	9
5	6	4	9	1	3	2	7	8
7	1	8	7	5	6	4	2	3
6	3	2	8	7	8	1	6	4

CROSSWORD Today's Answers

1. MET
2. DEER
3. TERS
4. LIT
5. CELE
6. NEAR
7. TESS
8. ROE
9. BURE
10. TAV
11. ROE
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Years in the making, R. Kelly sex abuse trial gets underway

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NEW YORK (AP) — R&B star R. Kelly is a predator who lured girls, boys and young women with his fame and dominated them physically, sexually and psychologically, a prosecutor said Wednesday, while a defense lawyer warned jurors they'll have to sift through lies from accusers with agendas to find the truth.

The differing perspectives came as the long-anticipated trial began unfolding in a Brooklyn courtroom where several accusers were scheduled to testify in the next month about the Grammy-winning, multiplatinum-selling singer whose career has been derailed by charges that have left him jailed as he goes broke.

Jerhonda Pace, the first government witness, told jurors Wednesday that she was a 16-year-old virgin and a member of Kelly's fan club when he invited her to his mansion in 2010. He immediately told her to take off her clothing, Pace said.

"He asked me to continue to tell everyone I was 19 and act like I was 21," she said. Kelly responded "that's good" when she revealed her virginity, said that he wanted to "train her" sexually and ordered her to call him "Daddy," she said.

They continued to see each other for another six months, with Kelly growing more and more controlling and erupting in violence when she broke what she called "Rob's rules." One time he grew so angry, "He slapped me and choked me until I passed out," she said with no hint of emotion.

Afterward, he spit in her face and forced her to have oral sex, she said. She kept a blue T-shirt from the episode that has provided DNA evidence of the misconduct, prosecutors said.

The Associated Press doesn't name alleged victims of sexual abuse without their consent unless they have spoken publicly extensively. Pace has appeared in a documentary and participated in media interviews.

Prior to Pace's testimony, lawyers gave jurors an

outline of the trial in their opening statements.

"This case is not about a celebrity who likes to party a lot," Assistant U.S. Attorney Maria Cruz Melendez told the jury as she explained the evidence to be revealed at his federal trial. "This case is about a predator."

She said he distributed backstage passes to entice children and women to join him, sometimes at his home or studio, where he then "dominated and controlled them physically, sexually and psychologically."

The prosecutor said Kelly would often record sex acts with minors as he controlled a racketeering enterprise of individuals who were loyal and devoted to him, eager to "fulfill each and everyone one of the defendant's wishes and demands."

"What his success and popularity brought him was access, access to girls, boys and young women," she said.

But Kelly's attorney, Nicole Blank Becker, portrayed her client as a victim of women, some of whom enjoyed the "notoriety of being able to tell their friends that they were with a superstar."

"He didn't recruit them. They were fans. They came to Mr. Kelly," she said, urging jurors to closely scrutinize the testimony. "They knew exactly what they were getting into. It was no secret Mr. Kelly had multiple girlfriends. He was quite transparent."

It would be a stretch to believe he orchestrated an elaborate criminal enterprise, like a mob boss, the lawyer said.

Becker warned jurors they'll have to sort through "a mess of lies" from women with an agenda.

"Don't assume everybody's telling the truth," she said.

The remarks fit a theme set by the defense in court papers prior to the trial describing Kelly's alleged victims as groupies who turned up at his shows and made it known they "were dying to be with him." The women only started accusing him of abuse years later when public sentiment shifted

against him, they said.

Kelly, 54, is perhaps best known for his smash hit "I Believe I Can Fly," a 1996 song that became an inspirational anthem played at school graduations, weddings, advertisements and elsewhere.

The openings and testimony came more than a decade after Kelly was acquitted in a 2008 child pornography case in Chicago. It was a reprieve that allowed his music career to continue until the #MeToo era caught up with him, emboldening alleged victims to come forward.

The women's stories got wide exposure with the Lifetime documentary "Surviving R. Kelly." The series explored how an entourage of supporters protected Kelly and silenced his victims for decades, foreshadowing the federal racketeering conspiracy case that landed Kelly in jail in 2019.

Prosecutors in Brooklyn have lined up multiple female accusers — mostly referred to in court as "Jane Does" — and cooperating former associates who have never spoken publicly before about their experiences with Kelly.

They're expected to offer testimony about how Kelly's managers, bodyguards and other employees helped him recruit women and girls — and sometimes boys — for sexual exploitation. They say the group selected victims at concerts and other venues and arranged for them to travel to see Kelly in the New York City area and elsewhere, in violation of the Mann Act, the 1910 law that made it illegal to "transport any woman or girl" across state lines "for any immoral purpose."

An anonymous jury made up of seven men and five women was sworn in to hear the case. The trial, coming after several delays due mostly to the pandemic, unfolds under coronavirus precautions restricting the press and the public to overflow courtrooms with video feeds.

The New York case is only part of the legal peril facing the singer, born Robert Sylvester Kelly. He also has pleaded not guilty to sex-related charges in Illinois and Minnesota.

EXPLAINER: What do we know about booster shots for COVID-19?

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U.S. health officials plan to offer COVID-19 booster shots to vaccinated Americans to shore up their protection amid the surging delta variant and evidence that the vaccines' effectiveness is declining. A look at what we know about boosters and how they could help fight the coronavirus pandemic:

WHY MIGHT WE NEED BOOSTERS?

It's common for protection from vaccines to decrease over time. A tetanus booster, for example, is recommended every 10 years.

Researchers and health officials have been monitoring the real-world performance of the COVID-19 vaccines to see how long protection lasts among vaccinated people. The vaccines authorized in the U.S. continue to offer very strong protection against severe disease and death.

But their ability to prevent infection is dropping markedly during the delta surge among nursing home patients and others, according to studies the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released in making the announcement Wednesday.

International data, particularly from Israel where delta hit earlier, also persuaded U.S. health officials to plan for rolling out boosters. The effort could start Sept. 20, pending an evaluation by the Food and Drug Administration and advisers to the CDC.

Already, Israel is offering a booster to people over 50 who were vaccinated

more than five months ago. France and Germany plan to offer boosters to some people in the fall. The European Medicines Agency said it too is reviewing data to see if booster shots are needed.

WHEN WOULD THEY BE GIVEN?

It depends on when you got your initial shots. The plan announced Wednesday is for people to get a booster eight months after getting their second shot of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.

Officials are continuing to collect information about the one-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which was authorized for use in the U.S. in late February, to determine when to recommend boosters.

WHY EIGHT MONTHS?

"There's nothing magical about this number," said U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy. Rather, eight months is a judgment call about when vaccine protection against severe illness might fall based on the direction of current data.

"We put the best minds together in the administration, we looked at the best data that we had. We saw a signal," Murthy said. "And now we are sharing our assessment with the public."

WHO WOULD GET BOOSTERS?

The first people vaccinated in the United States would be first in line for boosters too. That means health care workers, nursing home residents and other older Americans, who were the first to be vaccinated once the shots were authorized last December.

WHAT DOES THE NEW DATA SHOW?

Bottom line: The vaccines still work well to prevent severe illness, but have been losing some ground recently against infection. It's unclear the exact role that changes in behavior or the more contagious delta variant may be playing. But as delta rose and mask-wearing fell, vaccine effectiveness has fallen.

A study in U.S. nursing homes found the effectiveness of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines against infection fell from about 74% in the spring to 53% in June and July.

Another study didn't see a big change in how well the vaccines protected against hospitalization. It found that the vaccines were 86% effective at two to 12 weeks after the second dose and 85% at 13 to 24 weeks after.

New York state data showed steady vaccine protection against hospitalizations at about 95% over the nearly three months examined. But vaccine effectiveness against new lab-confirmed infections fell from about 92% in early May to about 80% in late July.

And Mayo Clinic patient data from Minnesota showed that in July, when the delta variant was prevalent, Moderna's vaccine was 76% effective against infection and Pfizer's 42%.

BOOSTER? THIRD SHOT? WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Transplant recipients and other people with weakened immune systems may not have gotten enough protection from vaccines to begin with. They can now receive a third dose at least 28 days after their second shot as part of their initial series

of shots needed for them to be fully vaccinated. For those with normal immune systems, boosters are given much later after full vaccination — not to establish protection, but to rev it up again.

WHAT QUESTIONS REMAIN?

Still unknown is whether people should get the same type of shot they got when first vaccinated. And the nation's top health advisers will be looking for evidence about the safety of boosters and how well they protect against infection and severe disease.

Global access to vaccines is also important to stem the pandemic and prevent the emergence of new variants. Booster shots could crimp already tight global vaccine supplies, but White House officials say the U.S. has enough doses for both American boosters and global donations.

WHAT ABOUT THE UNVACCINATED?

Dr. Melanie Swift, who has been leading the vaccination program at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, says getting more shots into people who haven't yet been vaccinated at all is "our best tool, not only to prevent hospitalization and mortality from the delta variant, but to stop transmission." Every infection, she says, "gives the virus more chances to mutate into who knows what the next variant could be."

"People who took the vaccine the first time are likely to line up and get their booster," Swift says. "But it's not going to achieve our goals overall if all their unvaccinated neighbors are not vaccinated."

US friends try to rescue brother in arms in Afghanistan

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Mohammad Khalid Wardak had no intention of leaving Afghanistan. The high-profile national police officer had worked alongside American special forces and even went on television to challenge the Taliban to a fight. He planned to stand with his countrymen to defend his homeland after U.S. forces were gone.

Then with stunning speed, the government collapsed. His president fled the country. And now Khalid, as he's called by his friends, is in hiding and desperately hoping that American officials will repay his loyalty by helping him and his family escape almost certain death.

But time — and U.S. policy — are not on his side. Translators, interpreters and others who worked for the U.S. in Afghanistan are eligible to apply for the immigrant visas, but current Afghan military members or police officers are not, supporters say. The State Department said they might be eligible for refugee status, but Khalid's supporters say his family needs to get out now.

His friends in the U.S. military say he's a brother in arms who helped save countless lives, and they are pleading for help — from members of Congress, the Defense Department and the State Department — to get Khalid and his wife and four children inside the Kabul airport and at least evacuated to another

country.

"It is this nation's duty to help those who helped us and were loyal to us and their country for so long and have nothing left," said Army Special Forces Sgt. Major Chris Green, who worked with Khalid and is among several current and former military members pressing his case. "It's our duty to ... just help them survive. That's where we are at this point, just helping them survive."

Khalid and his family have applied for refugee status based on their fear of persecution, Green said.

Those like Khalid who are top Taliban targets because of their work with U.S. forces deserve special consideration, said Robert McCreary, a former congressional chief of staff and White House official under President George W. Bush, who has worked with special forces in Afghanistan.

Those working to save Khalid said they had support from some members of Congress, including Delaware Sen. Chris Coons and Connecticut Rep. Jim Himes, both Democrats. Neither of their offices returned phone and email messages.

"They're shouting his name in the street, looking for him, hunting for him. And the fear is if they get a hold of him and his family, they are going to make an example out of them," McCreary said.

Khalid came to the rescue in March 2013, when a special forces detachment in eastern Afghanistan's

Wardak Province suffered an insider attack: Someone dressed in an Afghan National Security Forces uniform opened fire, killing two Americans.

When the outpost was almost simultaneously attacked from the outside, a U.S. commander called on Khalid, who within minutes raced into the valley with a quick-reaction force to defend his American partners.

In 2015, when Khalid lost part of his right leg in a rocket-propelled grenade attack, friends in the U.S. military helped get him medical care and a prosthetic leg outside the country. A month later, he was again leading special police operations in Afghanistan alongside the U.S., Green said.

Along the way, he helped apprehend al Qaeda and Taliban leaders. He went on to serve as police chief in Ghazni Province and then Helmand Province, where he was wounded again last month in a mortar attack and continued to direct the resistance from his hospital bed.

"Khalid was — is — a true patriot to Afghanistan, but also resolute in support to the Americans," said Green, who said he saw Khalid's bravery and leadership many times.

That included his willingness to go on television and radio to tell citizens "exactly what our operations were ... how we were protecting the Afghan

Jets' Wilson enjoys 'fanboy' moment with Packers' Rodgers

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Zach Wilson used to watch Aaron Rodgers on TV as a kid as often as he could, admiring the Green Bay Packers quarterback from afar.

The youngster from Draper, Utah, wanted to play like Rodgers and modeled some of his game after him. Wilson even drew some comparisons to Rodgers en route to being drafted No. 2 overall by the New York Jets in April.

"I've always tried to copy what he's been doing because he's done it for such a long time," Wilson said. "He's just a fun player to watch and he just plays the game the right way."

With Lambeau Field as the backdrop Wednesday, Wilson got a chance to practice — and chat — with one of his boyhood idols.

"We're all technically at the same level now, we're all in the NFL," Wilson told reporters in Green Bay, "but we're all kind of like, 'That's Aaron Rodgers. That's kind of crazy.' It's still a great tool for us just to be able to learn from him and kind of see what he's doing."

The Jets and Packers are holding two joint practices, Wednesday and Thursday, ahead of their preseason game Saturday. It gives both teams a chance to work against another set of players on another team.

It also provided the Jets' young quarterbacks an opportunity to see Rodgers up close.

During special teams drills, Rodgers approached Wilson and they spoke for a few minutes — and then Jets backups Mike White and James Morgan, who grew up near Green Bay and idolized Rodgers

and Brett Favre, joined them.

"James was a big fanboy; he was getting a little nervous," Wilson joked. "Nah, I'm a big fanboy, too. We all kind of got to pretend like we've been there before. We enjoy just being out here and being able to talk to him."

Wilson recently acknowledged Tom Brady is the game's greatest quarterback, but was always drawn to Rodgers. He didn't own a Rodgers jersey or characterize himself as a Packers fan, but Wilson constantly took mental notes on Rodgers.

"He was always the game I always wanted to watch on Sundays," Wilson said. "I always made sure I was watching his full games, what he was doing."

Wilson spoke to Rodgers a few times during the offseason when the agency that represents the Packers quarterback was recruiting Wilson ahead of the draft. They ended up not becoming teammates off the field as Wilson chose a different agency. But those conversations — and the ones on the field Wednesday — were invaluable.

"He's got a lot of knowledge," Wilson said. "He's a smart dude, he knows what's going on out there. It's cool to ask him about footwork, what's going on on the field, what he's seeing. If I could spend more time with him and just keep asking questions, I would."

The 22-year-old Wilson was just 6 during Rodgers' rookie season in 2005.

"Zach's a good kid," Rodgers said. "It was fun to see him."

Rodgers offered some tips to Wilson and first-time Jets offensive coordinator Mike LaFleur — the younger brother of Packers coach Matt LaFleur —

about running the two-minute offense, something the Packers quarterback has done himself over the last several years of his career.

"The biggest thing I picked up ... just how calm and collected he is," Wilson said. "He's kind of just out there, almost like he's just messing around, playing backyard football. He's having a good time and he makes it work."

Wilson is the latest quarterback drafted by the Jets with the hope he can be the face of the franchise — and a consistent winner — for years to come.

The way Rodgers has delivered for the Packers.

"It would be obviously a dream come true to be where he's at in his career and everything he's accomplished," Wilson said. "I obviously have the opportunity to do that and so I'm just going to learn as much as I can from him and all the other great quarterbacks in the league and just take it a day at a time, the process of just making sure I keep learning and getting better."

NOTES: LG Alijah Vera-Tucker (pectoral), WR Elijah Moore (quadriceps) and S Lamarcus Joyner (lower back spasms) were among those who sat out practice. ... Morgan, the Jets' fourth-round pick out of FIU last year, was born in Green Bay and lived in nearby Ashwaubenon — making the trip a bit of a homecoming for the QB. "Hopefully he doesn't make it the Catalina Wine Mixer," Saleh joked, referencing a party scene from the Will Ferrell movie "Step Brothers" from 2008. "I know he's from here and I know he's really amped up to show how good he is. So we're excited for him, but at the same time, he's got to stay in the moment and treat it like every other day."

Another walk-off for Polanco; Twins beat Indians 8-7 in 11

By MIKE COOK

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MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Jorge Polanco drove in the game-ending run for the third time in four games, lining a bases-loaded single in the 11th inning on Wednesday to give the Minnesota Twins an 8-7 win over the Cleveland Indians.

The Twins survived after blowing a two-run lead in the ninth and nearly won it in the 10th. Cleveland third baseman Ernie Clement leaped to rob Luis Arraez of a hit and center fielder Myles Straw made a two-out diving catch of a liner from Ryan Jeffers.

Danny Coulombe (3-1), Minnesota's eighth pitcher, tossed one inning and was aided by Nick Gordon robbing Bradley Zimmer with a two-out sliding catch in left center.

Cleveland's seventh pitcher, Justin Garza (2-1), took the loss.

"We had to do a lot of things well today to get this win and we got it. We got Polo coming up. I mean, what else would happen?" Twins manager Rocco Baldelli said.

Polanco, who also had a first-inning RBI single, ended Monday's game against Cleveland with a 10th-inning double. A day earlier, his walk-off sacrifice fly in the ninth gave the Twins a win over Tampa Bay. Polanco's five walk-off RBIs this season ties the club record set by Kent Hrbek in 1987.

Polanco became the third player since 1920 with a walk-off RBI in three straight regular-season team wins, joining Milwaukee's George Scott from Aug. 11-14, 1973 and Pittsburgh's Tony Pena from June 2-6, 1982, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

"He's a special hitter. In those moments, he needs to take care of the team, and he puts it on his back, and he knows what he needs to do," said Miguel Sanó, who homered and had three RBIs.

José Ramírez had an RBI double in the ninth against Minnesota closer Alex Colomé, who entered with nine consecutive scoreless appearances. Two batters later — and with two outs — Ramírez scored on a wild pitch to make it 7-7.

The Indians scored once in each of the first five innings, including home runs by Ramírez and Franmil Reyes and RBI doubles by Owen Miller and Amed Rosario. Reyes was 1 for his previous 32 before his 442-foot shot in the fifth that made it 5-2.

But Minnesota had six straight hits, including a two-run double by Sanó, as part of a five-run fifth for a 7-5 lead.

Zach Plesac gave up six runs, five earned, in 4 2/3 innings and has allowed 17

earned runs in 21 1/3 innings across four August starts.

"It was a battle for him, but we got some runs early and then they had that big five-run inning," interim Indians manager DeMarlo Hale said. "Trying to get him through that fifth. Left a ball up over the plate against Sano 0-2, slider that didn't really do nothing."

One inning prior, Sanó deposited a fastball an estimated 475 feet away in the upper deck in right-center.

Lewis Thorpe, recalled from Triple-A St. Paul to start for Minnesota, exited with left shoulder soreness after walking three of four batters in the second and will be going on the injured list. The lefty recently pitched two minor league games after missing nearly two months with a strain of the same shoulder.

MORE COVID-19 CASES

Baldelli said two more staff members are out with "COVID-related issues." First-base coach Tommy Watkins left Monday's game and tested positive for the coronavirus; hitting coach Edgar Varela contracted COVID-19 while away from the team caring for family members who were stricken with the virus.

"We're hoping in every way and doing our best as a staff to make sure that we keep it localized. There's no way to know. There's no way to feel confident I think about anything related to COVID, but we're going to do everything that we can to make sure that we keep this at the level that it's at," he said.

Minnesota had three games postponed April 17-19 because of COVID-19.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Indians: RHP Aaron Civale (right finger sprain) threw about 35 pitches on Tuesday and is expected to throw a bullpen session soon. If all goes well, Civale could begin a rehab assignment, general manager Mike Chernoff said. ... C Roberto Perez (right shoulder inflammation), 1B Bobby Bradley (left knee strain) and OF Harold Ramirez (right hamstring strain) have all progressed to some running and baseball activity.

Twins: CF Byron Buxton (left hand fracture) is scheduled to take live batting practice with St. Paul on Thursday. ... To make room for Thorpe, the Twins designated RHP Nick Vincent for assignment.

UP NEXT

Indians: Cleveland opens a three-game series Friday when it returns home to face the Angels. Neither team has announced a starter.

Twins: Open a four-game series in the Bronx Thursday with RHP John Gant (4-6, 3.49) facing New York RHP Jameson Taillon (7-4, 3.89 ERA).

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people and the Americans, and then daring the Taliban to drop their terrorist methods and come fight him face to face," Green said.

"Without a doubt, they know who he is," added Green, who said Khalid and his family are "running from one location to another just to stay hidden."

"It's just unimaginable terror, unimaginable fear."

For now, Khalid, his wife and their four sons, ages 3 to 12, are "literally hiding in a closet," said Ryan Brummond, a special forces commander who worked with Khalid in 2013 to track down high-level insurgents.

"He was so dedicated to the United States special forces and to the cause of a better life for all of us," said Brummond, now in his fourth year of medical school in North Carolina. "Khalid is that person who has fought and stood by us for years and years and years."

Khalid's family almost certainly will not be able to get past the Taliban guarding the entrance to the Kabul airport, especially with documentation that would identify them — both to the Taliban who might kill them and Americans who might be able to help.

McCreary said Khalid and his family should be eligible for special immigrant visas or refugee status because he no longer works for the Afghan government. He pushed back on criticism from Presi-

dent Joe Biden and others that Afghanistan's police and army let the country fall to the Taliban without a fight.

"People in Khalid's situation ... had no plans of leaving Afghanistan," McCreary said. "They were staying there to fight to the end."

Heavy fighting raged in Helmand Province for two months before Khalid and other fighters were completely surrounded by the Taliban last week and their location overrun, McCreary said. Then on Monday, the Afghan government fell.

"There's no more police force or army for them to serve in, and we don't have a way to expedite ... getting them into secure areas in Afghanistan and then getting them evacuated," Green said.

The work of changing that is painfully slow, he said, as the U.S. focuses on processing applications from those who already have applied for visas or refugee status. But the first step, he said, is to get them out of Afghanistan.

"We can figure it out from there," Green said, adding that many in the U.S. military would gladly offer to help.

"Without a doubt, any one of us would take these guys, these police officers, these Afghan soldiers into our homes, with their families, and do anything we could do to help them just continue to live," Green said.

For the moment, though, those who helped the U.S., "are now just absolutely left hanging out in the cold," he said.

McCreary warned that

time is running out: "It's just such an urgent, high-profile situation that it is really tearing us up. We know what's going to happen, and it's not good."

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