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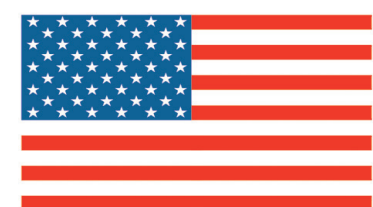
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Announcements

Howard County Commissioners Meeting Monday at 3:30 Courthouse

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

Found object Art Show and Sale Heritage Museum Sept. 4 - Oct. 28 Entries being accepted now

City Council Meeting Tuesday 5:30 p.m. Council Chambers Aug. 27 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. C. Larson Blood Drive

15th DAV 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

Zone change hearing, vote on Council agenda Tuesday

By **ROGER CLINE**
Herald Staff Writer

At the start of its regular meeting Tuesday, the Big Spring City Council will conduct a public hearing regarding a planned zone change.

The council will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth St.

The proposed zone change would affect the north side of Merrily Street east of Central Street on a 6.61-acre tract. The legal designation of the property is Sec. 9, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey. The proposed measure would change

the zoning of the property from Single-Family Dwelling (SF2) to Planned Development (PD).

A memo included with the meeting's agenda from Public Works Director Shane Bowles to the City Council says the request – submitted by the property owner, Silver Leaf Homes LLC – has three objectives: “1. Additional lot coverage; 35% is allowed in the SF-2 District. Lot coverage refers to the amount of square footage that is under a building(s) roof on an individual lot. The request indicated in the zone change application is for a maximum

lot coverage not to exceed 50%. 2. Minimum lot size would be 6,250 feet; this is approximately 10% smaller than the required lot size in the SF-2 District. 3. Minimum lot width will be 50 feet; ten feet narrower than the SF2 District's 60 feet.”

In the memo, Bowles goes on to say that the property is an undeveloped and unplatted tract adjacent to an existing neighborhood, and that of 13 nearby residents, four have submitted letters of objection to the zone change.

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Hotel Settles Summer Market highlights local talent



HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat

This weekend there were local vendors set up on the Hotel Settles lawn with live music playing for the Summer Market. The evening included food trucks, local musicians and local small business owners gathering together before the Summer drew to an end.

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A moment in history

Dr. George Snowden True

By **TAMMY SCHRECENGOST**
Heritage Museum

Editor's Note: The Heritage Museum offers a piece of Big Spring history each week to be shared with our readers. More local history can be found by visiting the museum during regular business hours.

Was affectionately referred to as “Ole Doc” True. Born in 1866, Dr. True was among the earliest graduates of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN. The demand for doctors was so great that he started practicing before he completed his medical degree. He moved to Texas and practiced in several different towns before he and the family moved to Big Spring in 1909. Dr. True had wanted to start practice in a more dryer region for his two ailing sons.

Dr. True was born to a Polish Immigrants, Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Kosklusko True. The True family moved their large family to Tennessee. At an early age, Dr. True discovered his desire to heal the sick as he was called to nurse the patients of an uncle and cousin.

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Courtesy photo/Heritage Museum

Dr. True and his wife Aniza are surrounded by 8 of their 10 children.

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BSI students back in the classroom; learning and making memories



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Obituaries

Cecil "Max" "Opa" Beevers

Cecil "Max" "Opa" Beevers, 87, graduated from the loving arms of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Friday morning, August 20, 2021.

He was a veteran of the US Air Force, Korean War era. He co-owned a mechanic-radiator repair-welding shop in Lubbock, Texas, and initiated the Small Engine Repair Class at Big Spring High School in 1966. Rest in peace, Dad.

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



Support Groups

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. 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.

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

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.

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- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion

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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.

SUNDAY

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

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

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In Texas, before a child can attend kindergarten, seventh grade, childcare, or enroll in a new school district, parents or guardians are required to produce documentation that confirms their child has received the school-required immunizations.

For more information on **Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Students Grades K-12**, visit - <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/school/school-requirements.aspx>

Vaccines protect us from dangerous preventable diseases like Chickenpox, Flu, Hepatitis, Measles, Mumps, Meningococcal, Pneumonia, Shingles, Pertussis (whooping cough), Polio and more. Vaccines not only help protect us and those we love from getting these diseases, they also help prevent spreading diseases to those that are unvaccinated.

If your child is needing immunizations to enroll in school, please call the **Martin County Family Clinic at (432) 607-3243**, to set an appointment. Same day appointments are available.

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Take Note

• 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. 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, deliver-

ing 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.

• 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.

CITY

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Despite those objections, the memo says, "Staff recommends approval of the Planned District for a Housing Development which would require the land to have an underlying zoning of SF-2 except that the lots shall have a minimum size of 6,250 SF; 50' of lot width; and shall permit a maximum of 50% lot coverage."

The public hearing is scheduled at the start of the meeting, immediately following the regular invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and public comment. The council will vote on the measure at the end of the meeting's "New Business" segment, immediately before Council Input and adjournment.

Following the hearing, City Manager Todd Darden will present his report, informing the council about the Large Item Pickup in District 2 and providing an update on the Texas Municipal League Roof

Claim.

Next, the council will consider approval of the meeting's Consent Agenda, which includes approval of the Aug. 10 and Aug. 14 council minutes; the final reading of the ordinance extending the current curfew for minors in the city; and the final reading of an ordinance moving rules governing the Board of Adjustments and Appeals into Chapter 2, Article VII "Boards and Commissions" of the City Code as part of the city's ongoing work to consolidate all city Boards and Commissions into one Article of the Code.

The council will consider approval of vouchers for Aug. 12 totaling \$948,195.91 and for Aug. 19 totaling \$426,235.75; and consider awarding a bid for the parking lot at the Municipal Auditorium.

In new business, the council will hear a presentation from the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) regarding a proposed rate increase.

The council will also consider approving Sept. 14 as the date for public hearings regarding the 2021-22 proposed annual budget and proposed tax rate. Both public hearings, if approved, will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

The council will consider taking action to pool four oil well leases located in Secs. 10 and 15, Blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey into a single unit, the Robb Walter Unit.

The council will consider a lease agreement with Prime Eco Group Inc. on 4.45 acres of land on the McMahan-Wrinkle Industrial Park.

The council will consider contracting with Public Management Inc. for administrative services regarding the American Rescue Plan – Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funding through the U.S. Treasury.

The council will consider settling with Atmos Energy Corp., West Texas Division, as part of the ongoing litigation with the

company through the coalition Cities Served by Atmos West Texas to curb Atmos' rate increases for its natural gas customers. According to the terms of the resolution the city will consider, Atmos will receive an increase in revenue of \$152,000 for the entire "Cities" coalition, instead of the rate it had originally set.

Rate schedules provided along with the resolution in the meeting's agenda show that, if it comes to pass, residential charges would be set at \$17.52 per month plus 27.674 cents per 100 cubic feet of gas; commercial rates would be \$51.61 per month plus 16.312 cents per 100 cubic feet; and industrial or high-volume commercial users would pay \$530.85 per month plus 10.081 cents per 100 cubic feet.

Following the vote on the zone change mentioned earlier, each City Council member present at the meeting will have a chance to offer comments and other input before the meeting adjourns.

HISTORY

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in who were doctors.

After attending one year of medical school and interning under a physician in his hometown for two years, he married Aniza Johnson on September 5, 1888. The couple moved from Tennessee to Texas and migrated to the new growing town of Big Spring but not before they had 10 children.

In the beginning, Dr. True carried his equipment and medicine in his shoulder bag or in his saddlebags. He made his house calls by horse and saddlebag or with the buggy until the model T Ford came along with sufficient clearance to navigate the high centers of winding country trails. His medicine bag included calomel, quinine, and castor oil which he used as his primary cure all.

Dr. True was a General Practice physician and never liked performing surgery. He specialized in obstetrics and delivered

over 6,000 babies in the span of his 58-year career. Among those deliveries were 50 set of twins and the distinction of delivering the first triplets in Howard County. The mother of the triplets gave Dr. True permission to name the three boys. He named them Franklin, Delano, and Roosevelt Shaw after the president. The birth of the triplets was a surprise for the Shaw's and Dr. True. Quick provisions had to be made. A tray inside a trunk was used to hold the newborn babies, who all weighed in around five pounds each.

The True family lived at the 300 block of East Third Street. Their home was always open to the friends of the True children, and it became a gathering place for the neighborhood grandchildren, who affectionately called Mrs. True "Big Mama." In 1928, the True family built one of the first homes in the Edwards Heights Addition at 501 East Park Street.

Lacking modern-day antibiotics and treatments, Dr. True said the hardest days for him were during the Spanish Flu of 1918.

He said "all subsequent epidemics paled to that plague. Day and night, it was an uphill battle."

An avid cigar smoker, Dr. True was rarely seen without a stogie in his mouth. His good friend Shine Philips remembered seeing him sitting at the Cunningham and Philips drug store exhausted from a night of baby watching. He had his feet propped up on the grill of the potbelied stove, his chin resting on his chest while he caught a few winks."

Dr. True started experiencing heart problems and had no qualms about retiring from the medical profession at the age of 79.

He made the decision to never take another call or write another prescription. Aniza True died in 1947 and Dr. True made his final call on February 14, 1954.

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Cecil "Max" Beevers, 87, died Friday. No services are planned.

Isabel "Chavelo" Luján, 86, died June 8, 2021. Service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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FEATURES

Today in History

Today is Monday, Aug. 23, the 235th day of 2021. There are 130 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 23, 2008, Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama introduced his choice of running mate, Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware, before a crowd outside the Old State Capitol in Springfield, Ill.

On this date:

In 1305, Scottish rebel leader Sir William Wallace was executed by the English for treason.

In 1754, France's King Louis XVI was born at Versailles.

In 1775, Britain's King George III proclaimed the American colonies to be in a state of "open and avowed rebellion."

In 1912, actor, dancer, director

and choreographer Gene Kelly was born Eugene Curran Kelly in Pittsburgh.

In 1914, Japan declared war against Germany in World War I.

In 1926, silent film star Rudolph Valentino died in New York at age 31.

In 1939, Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union agreed to a non-aggression treaty, the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, in Moscow.

In 1962, John Lennon married his first wife, Cynthia Powell, in Liverpool, England. (The marriage lasted until 1968.)

In 1973, a bank robbery-turned-hostage-taking began in Stockholm, Sweden; the four hostages ended up empathizing with their captors, a psychological condition now referred to as

"Stockholm Syndrome."

In 1979, Soviet dancer Alexander Godunov (GUD'-u-nawf) defected while the Bolshoi Ballet was on tour in New York.

In 2003, former priest John Geoghan (GAY'-gun), the convicted child molester whose prosecution sparked the sex abuse scandal that shook the Roman Catholic Church nationwide, died after another inmate attacked him in a Massachusetts prison.

In 2013, a military jury convicted Maj. Nidal Hasan in the deadly 2009 shooting rampage at Fort Hood, Texas, that claimed 13 lives; the Army psychiatrist was later sentenced to death. Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, the U.S. soldier who'd massacred 16 Afghan civilians, was sentenced at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, to life in prison with no chance of parole.

Ten years ago: A pair of judges

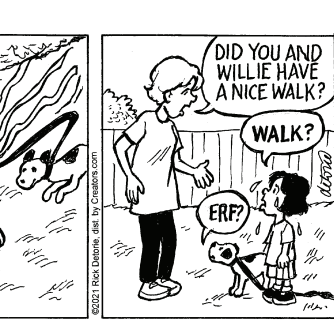
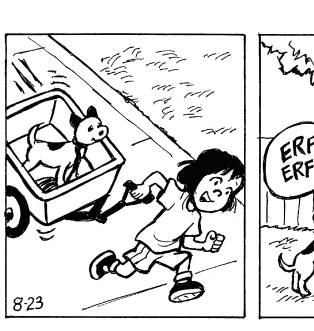
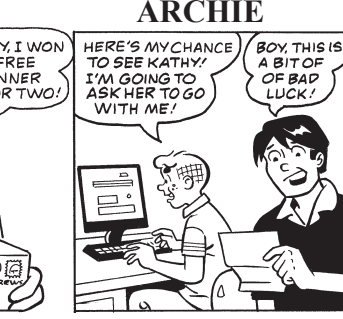
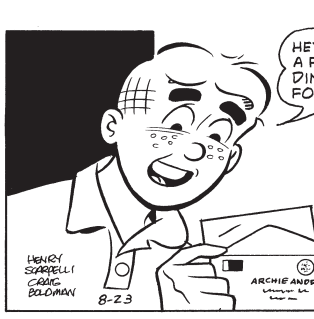
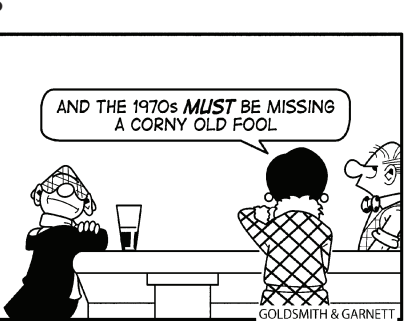
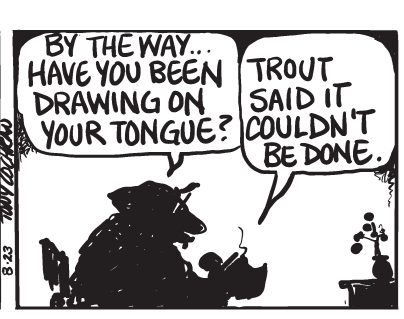
in New York put an end to the sensational sexual assault case against Dominique Strauss-Kahn, setting him free after prosecutors questioned the credibility of the hotel housekeeper who'd accused the French diplomat. A magnitude 5.8 earthquake centered near Mineral, Virginia, the strongest on the East Coast since 1944, caused cracks in the Washington Monument and damaged Washington National Cathedral.

Five years ago: Standing amid piles of waterlogged debris, President Barack Obama promised a sustained national effort to rebuild flood-ravaged southern Louisiana. Actor Steven Hill, 94, died in New York City.

One year ago: A white police officer in Kenosha, Wisconsin, shot a black man, Jacob Blake, seven times as officers tried to arrest Blake on an outstanding warrant; the shooting left Blake partially paralyzed and triggered several nights of

violent protests. (Blake, who was shot as he was about to get into an SUV with a pocketknife that had fallen from his pants, later said he'd been prepared to surrender after putting the knife in the vehicle. Officer Rusten Sheskey was not charged.) Demonstrators in Portland, Oregon, hurled rocks, bottles and fireworks at officers and set fires in the streets as they marched on a precinct station; police used tear gas to scatter the demonstrators. President Donald Trump announced emergency authorization to treat COVID-19 patients with convalescent plasma; some health experts said the treatment needed more study. Kellyanne Conway, one of Trump's most influential and longest serving advisers, announced that she would leave the White House at the end of the month. Takuma Sato won his second Indianapolis 500; it was held in front of empty grandstands because of the pandemic.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Vera Miles is 91. Actor Barbara Eden is 90. Political satirist Mark Russell is 89. Pro Football Hall of Famer Sonny Jurgensen is 87. Actor Richard Sanders is 81. Ballet dancer Patricia McBride is 79. Former Surgeon General Antonia Novello is 77. Pro Football Hall of Famer Rayfield Wright is 76. Country singer Rex Allen Jr. is 74. Actor David Robb is 74. Singer Linda Thompson is 74. Actor Shelley Long is 72. Actor-singer Rick Springfield is 72. Country singer-musician Woody Paul (Riders in the Sky) is 72. Queen Noor of Jordan is 70. Actor-producer Mark Hudson is 70. Actor Skipp Sudduth is 65. Rock musician Dean DeLeo (Army of Anyone; Stone Temple Pilots) is 60. Actor Jay Mohr is 51. Actor Ray Park is 47. Actor Scott Caan is 45. Country singer Shelly Fairchild is 44. Figure skater Nicole Bobek (BOH'-bek) is 44. Rock singer Julian Casablancas (The Strokes) is 43. Actor Joanne Froggatt is 41.



Horoscopes By Holiday

MONDAY AUGUST 23, 2021

Venus and Saturn Welcome Wagon

Venus and Saturn roll up in a welcome wagon to offer a lucky trine to the Virgo sun on her first full day on the job. There's an intellectual air sign energy zinging between the love planet and the lessons planet which is swirling up all kinds of speculation for the earthy solar transit -- though the message can really be distilled to three syllables: "Get to work."

ARIES (March 21-April 19). In-person meetings are the best way to go if you can swing it. What happens face to face will be completely different from anything that could transpire otherwise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The truth about any moment or state is that it is impermanent. Any sense you have of yourself inside that moment is equally ephemeral, so ruminating is essentially useless.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). While it's true the world wouldn't run right without give and take, the onus to compromise shouldn't always have to fall on you. What would really happen if you more often dared to do what you wanted?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's safety and security in feeling you belong and are more or less like the others in the group. However, the ways you are different will not set you apart; they will instead be cause for fascination.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your talent for persuasion and negotiation gets stronger every time you use it. You're still learning what buttons to push. Though this changes with every deal, your intuition on the matter gets keener with practice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The word "yes" -- being just what you wanted to hear -- will make you smile. This affirmation is cause for relief, relaxation and celebration. It's also a signal. The real work begins.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't tell all you know or show all you have. A glimpse is more interesting than a reveal, which should be saved until the very last moment for the audience who has earned it. And for the rest -- never.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). As the sign of transformation, you welcome the fascinating evolution of your own nature, which often occurs without your control or interference. However, the change is solely your invention today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Expectation has a way of blinding people to the possibilities outside of what they anticipate. Don't let this happen to you. Drop your preconceived notions and open up to more mysterious realities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). You are used to obeying the driving force of your ambition. It benefits you to change it up. Give that ambition a rest and it will still be there when you come back to it. Settle into a process. Let that be enough.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Because you don't expect people to behave like you would, you'll see their unique gifts and earn the reciprocal attention ignited by the tender power of your quiet observation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It feels like you're giving absolutely everything to love. But if you stop to consider the real-life limits and practicalities, the feeling changes. So don't stop. If you can't romanticize love, what can you romanticize?

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 23). Relationships take unexpected turns -- especially ones tied to your livelihood. You're in for a ride. What you receive will be different and more than what you ever thought you would take away from a situation. Tweaks to your routine lift your vitality. Someone new helps you get unstuck from what held you back before. Leo and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 4, 22, 28 and 13.

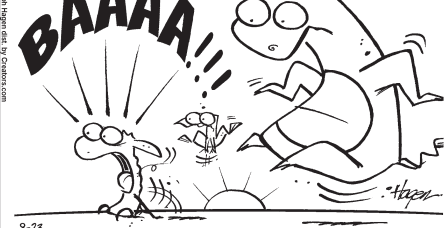
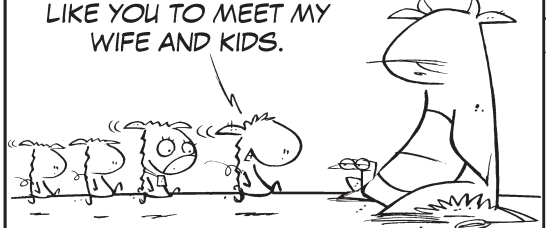
COSMIC QUESTION: "I'm puzzled. If a birthday falls close to another sign, do you often have traits of the other sign? I feel I am a pretty stronghearted Leo, but Aug. 21 is so close to the cusp that my Leo traits are often overshadowed by unseemly forces that stifle my creativity and ambition."

No one is all one sign. Even though you relate to your Leo birth sign, you also relate to other energies in your chart, the placement of your moon and all of the planets in their various stations at the moment you were born. In fact, every person has every sign represented to some degree in his or her natal chart. When a chart is rendered, each sign of the zodiac rules one house of the chart. These house rulers act as nuggets of potentiality -- optional ways of being, attitudes to take and experiences to have regarding each area of our lives. Always exercise your free will over destiny. Astrology is best used as an informative and imaginative tool of leverage, an opportunity opener, an options multiplier and an empowerment -- not a rulebook to limit your self-definition.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Today we celebrate the birth and mourn the loss of Kobe Bryant. The superstar who once helped the Los Angeles Lakers win three NBA championships in a row was born when both the sun and Saturn were in Virgo, suggesting Bryant lifted his superior talent with an unstoppable work ethic. Mercury in Leo speaks to Bryant's outsized heart and charisma.

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THE BARN



Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Shakespeare's *The Taming of the* __
 - 6 Locomotive sound
 - 10 Rung of a ladder
 - 14 Capital of Egypt
 - 15 Flower with thorns
 - 16 "Look what I did!"
 - 17 Out of bed
 - 18 Eve's second son
 - 19 Plow-pulling bovines
 - 20 "Glad you could make it!"
 - 23 Have some food
 - 24 Smartphone program, for short
 - 25 Soak up like a sponge
 - 29 Informal refusal
 - 31 Nile snake
 - 34 Sound of a leaky faucet
 - 35 Tilt to one side
 - 37 Approach quickly
 - 39 "Hope you'll return soon!"
 - 42 Scoundrel
 - 43 Rant and __ (show anger)
 - 44 Does not exist
 - 45 Magazine executives: Abbr.
 - 46 Laze around
 - 48 Inspirational slogans
 - 50 Dot-__ (Internet business)
 - 51 Evergreen tree
 - 52 "See you next time!"
 - 61 General vicinity
 - 62 Handed-down history
 - 63 Feeling edgy
 - 64 Freight weights
- DOWN**
- 1 "Shoo!"
 - 2 __-browned potatoes
 - 3 Actress Moreno or Hayworth
 - 4 Nickname for Ireland
 - 5 Employee
 - 6 Ceramics or basketry
 - 7 Rail-riding wanderer
 - 8 __-friendly software
 - 9 Easy-to-swallow tablet
 - 10 Jump heavily (on)
 - 11 Car with a meter
 - 12 Adam's first home
 - 13 Feeling of hunger
 - 21 Weasel-like animal
 - 22 Music with singing sopranos
 - 25 Confuse
 - 26 Group of hatchlings
 - 27 Head-congestion locale
 - 28 __ out (unsubscribes)
 - 29 Twangy-voiced
 - 30 Being broadcast
 - 31 State of nervousness
 - 32 Shorthand expert
 - 33 Cities with piers
 - 36 __ Grey tea
 - 38 __ of measure (gallon or mile)
 - 40 Underneath
 - 41 Send off payment
 - 47 Egg-and-cheese breakfast
 - 49 Gives a speech
 - 50 Group being taught
 - 51 Has the opinion
 - 52 "So long!"
 - 53 Remove creases from
 - 54 Donated temporarily
 - 55 Go to a new home
 - 56 One of the Great Lakes
 - 57 Well-mannered guy
 - 58 Initial poker payment
 - 59 "That makes sense"
 - 60 Single-minded expert

HOST'S FAREWELLS

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SUDOKU

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

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

Level: Beginner

CROSSWORD Today's Answers

DOWN	1	SHOO
2	POTE	PO
3	ACTRESS	MORENO
4	NICKNAME	IRISH
5	EMPLOYEE	CLERK
6	CERAMICS	OR BASKETRY
7	RAIL-RIDING	WANDERER
8	SOFTWARE	FRIENDLY
9	EASY-TO-SWALLOW	TABLET
10	JUMP HEAVILY	ON
11	CAR WITH A METER	TAXI
12	ADAM'S FIRST HOME	EDEN
13	FEELING OF HUNGER	STARVING
21	WEASEL-LIKE ANIMAL	SKUNK
22	MUSIC WITH SINGING SOPRANOS	OPERA
25	CONFUSE	MISLEAD
26	GROUP OF HATCHLINGS	CHICKEN
27	HEAD-CONGESTION LOCALE	STRESS
28	OUT	OUT
29	TWANGY-VOICED	SCREAM
30	BEING BROADCAST	ON
31	STATE OF NERVOUSNESS	FLURRY
32	SHORTHAND EXPERT	TYPIST
33	CITIES WITH PIERS	NEW YORK
36	GREY TEA	PUERH
38	MEASURE	GALLON
40	UNDERNEATH	BELOW
41	SEND OFF PAYMENT	CHEQUE
47	EGG-AND-CHEESE BREAKFAST	SMOTHER
49	GIVES A SPEECH	LECTURE
50	GROUP BEING TAUGHT	CLASS
51	HAS THE OPINION	OPINION
52	"SO LONG!"	BYE
53	REMOVE CREASES FROM	IRON
54	DONATED TEMPORARILY	LOAN
55	GO TO A NEW HOME	RELOCATE
56	ONE OF THE GREAT LAKES	ST. CLAIR
57	WELL-MANNERED GUY	DEB
58	INITIAL POKER PAYMENT	BLIND
59	"THAT MAKES SENSE"	LOGIC
60	SINGLE-MINDED EXPERT	GOOSE

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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	Freedom Master	Cat in the Hat Ready Jet Set Go	Paid Prg.	Huckabee	Matters	Charmed	SportsCenter	Keyshawn, JWill and Zubin	Ideal Ladders	NCIS: Los Angeles	Jeremiah Joyce M.	Bad Chad Customs
6:30 AM		Despierta America!	Les Feld Robison	CBS7 Wake Up	Hoy día (SS)	Newsweek 9 Sunrise	Eye on Cowgirl	Peg & Cat Super	Paternity Court	Millionaire	Matters	Charmed	SportsCenter		MLB Baseball: Rangers at Red Sox	NCIS (DVS)	Parking	Bad Chad Customs
7:30 AM	Good Morning America		Life 2.0 Wom	CBS This Morning		Today	Light of Southwest	Tiger Tiger	CBS7 Wake Up	Millionaire	George George	Charmed	Get Up	SportsCenter		Chicago P.D.	Parking	Bad Chad Customs
8:30 AM			Fox 24 News AM				Light of Southwest	Sesame Elinor	CBS7 Wake Up	Steve Wilkos Show	George George	Charmed		SportsCenter	USL Championship Soccer	Chicago P.D.	Parking	Bad Chad Customs
9:30 AM	The 700 Club		Wendy Williams	Kelly and Ryan	Caso cerrado (SS)	Today 3rd Hour	Rocks M:25	Clifford Dinosaur	Kelly Clarkson	Steve Wilkos Show	Friends	Supernatural	First Take	Get Up		Chicago P.D.	The First 48	Fast N' Loud
10:30 AM	The View	Como dice el dicho	The Heal	The Price Is Right	Caso De'siones	Today-Hoda	The Words of Nature	Go Luna	Drew Barrymore	Mauri	Friends	Supernatural			World Poker	Chicago P.D.	The First 48	Fast N' Loud
11:30 AM	Jeopardy	Noticiero	Tamron Hall	Young & Restless	Más sabe Noticias	The Dr. Oz Show	Charles Dr. Young	Nature	The Doctors	Mauri	Friends	Supernatural	SportsCenter	First Take	MLB Baseball: Rangers at Red Sox	Chicago P.D.	The First 48	Fast N' Loud
12:30 PM	GMA3: What Hoy (SS)		TMZ Live	News Bold	Pasión de gavilanes	Days of our Lives	Truth Zion	Molly Hero	Dateline	Hot	Friends	Supernatural	2021 Little League World Series	Jalen	Chicago P.D.	American Justice	(.06) Fast N' Loud	
1:30 PM	General Hospital	La madrastra	The People's Court	The Talk	En casa con	Blast	Biblical Dr. Wil	Cyber Pink	The First 48	Medicare	American	Supernatural		Question	Chicago P.D.	The First 48	Fast N' Loud	
2:30 PM	Rachael Ray	Amor eterno	Judge Mathis	Let's Make a Deal	(1:58) Suelta la sopa	Ellen DeGeneres	Light of Southwest	Elinor	Monk	Jerry American	American	Supernatural	2021 Little League World Series	Jalen	Chicago P.D.	The First 48	Fast N' Loud	
3:30 PM	Jdg Judy	El gordo y la flaca	The List	Kelly Clarkson	(2:58) Al rojo vivo	Dr. Phil	Light of Southwest	Curious	Mauri	Jerry Springer	Burgers	Movie: Gladiator, Connie Nielsen (DVS)	Monday Night	2021 Little League World Series	Football Previews	Chicago P.D.	The First 48	Fast N' Loud
4:30 PM	DailyMail	Primer impacto	Broke Girl	Mod Fam	News	News	Wonder	Curious	25 Words	Divorce	Fam. Guy	Supernatural	Around Pardon	2021 Little League World Series	Football Previews	Chicago P.D.	Hoarders	Fast N' Loud
5:30 PM	Jeopardy!		FamFeud	CBS 7	News	News	Cost	Hero	King	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Supernatural	SportsCenter	2021 Little League World Series	Football Previews	Chicago P.D.	Hoarders	Street-Memphis
6:30 PM	News	Rosa de Guadalupe	Big Bang	CBS 7	Exaltón Estados Unidos (SS)	News	Families	Wild Kratt	Last Man	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Supernatural	Monday Night	2021 Little League World Series	Fib. Classics	Chicago P.D.	Hoarders	Street-Memphis
7:30 PM	Bachelor in Paradise (DVS)	Disenfiando tu amor	Hel's Kitchen	Neighbor Bob Heart		American Ninja Warrior (DVS)	Man on Jesus IS	Odd	Law & Order: SVU	Roswell, NM	Fam. Guy	Supernatural	NFL Preseason Football: Jaguars at Saints	30 for 30	Texas High School Football Classics	WWE Monday Night RAW	Hoarders: Coming Clean	Street-Memphis
8:30 PM		Si nos dejan	House	Sheldon			Light of Southwest	Arthur	Law & Order: SVU	Republi-Sarah	Fam. Guy	Supernatural			Texas High School Football Classics		(.01) Hoarders	Monster Garage
9:30 PM	The Ultimate Surfer	La desalmada	FOX 24 News at 9	NCIS: Los Angeles	Hercal	The Wall	Light of Southwest	Cyber Pink	Mike	News American	Rick	Supernatural						
10:30 PM	Big 2	Noticiero	TMZ	CBS 7	Telemundo 20	News	Wisdom	Pink	Friends	Creek	Tuca-Bert	Supernatural	SportsCenter	UFC Main Event		Chrisley	(.04) Hoarders	(.05) Street Outlaws
11:30 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Noticiero	Mom	Late Show	Caso cerrado (SS)	Tonight Show	Words of House	Elinor Donkey	CBS 7	black-ish	Wipeout (DVS)	Supernatural	SportsCenter	UFC Unleashed	Fib. Classics	Chrisley	(.03) Hoarders: Coming Clean	Street-Memphis
12:30 AM	Nightline	Contacto deportivo	Funny	James Corden	Sin Senos Si	Seth Meyers	Dollars	Tiger	Holly	Seinfeld	Wipeout (DVS)	Supernatural	SportsCenter	Around Pardon	Athletes Unlimited Lacrosse	Chrisley		Getaway Driver
1:30 AM	Extra	Un gancho al	Two Men	Simpsons	Drew Barrymore	News	Creation	Xavier	Forensic	Seinfeld	Wipeout (DVS)	Supernatural	SportsCenter	UFC Unleashed		Dateline	(.04) Hoarders	Monster Garage
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3:30 AM	Home	Vecinos	Paid Prg.	(.07) CBS Overnight News	Programa	Today-Hoda	Light of Southwest	Wild Kratt	Minute	Disease	Misery	Supernatural	SportsCenter	UFC 262: Oliveira vs. Chandler	Shogun Fights	Dateline	Homeown Neck Pain	Booze-America
4:30 AM	(.06) ABC World News Now	P. Luche	Paid Prg.		Programa	Today-Hoda	Light of Southwest	Wild Kratt	Minute	Home	Misery	Supernatural	SportsCenter		Shogun Fights	Dateline	Grow Hair	Moonshiners
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6:30 AM	Morning	Noticiero	Two Men	News	Programa	Early Tdy	Israel Shepherd	Arthur	Paid Prg.	Healthy	Matters	Supernatural	SportsCenter			Dateline	Paid Prg.	

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Famous Hand

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 9 2
♥ 10
♦ 10 8 7 6 4 3 2
♣ 10 5

WEST
♠ 7 6 3
♥ K Q 6 2
♦ Q 9
♣ A J 8 2

EAST
♠ 4
♥ J 9 8 5 4 3
♦ K J 5
♣ 9 6 4

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 10 8 5
♥ A 7
♦ A
♣ K Q 7 3

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 2♣ Pass
2♦ Pass 2♠ Pass
3♦ Pass 3♠ Pass
5♣ Pass 6♣

Opening lead — ace of clubs.

This deal occurred many years ago in a board-a-match team contest in Maryland. The North-South pair in the auction shown were Simon Becker and B. Jay Becker, this writer's uncle and father, respectively, both of whom passed away in the late 1980s.

The brothers Becker reached a shaky spade slam and were very fortunate to receive the opening lead of the ace of clubs, after which 12 tricks could not be denied. Had West led a trump, or had he led another suit and then shifted to a trump upon winning the ace of clubs, the slam could not have been made. The score came to 1,430 points (500 for game, 750 for slam and 180 for tricks).

Both Beckers thought they had won the board easily. They expected that even if the opposing North-South pair got to the slam, it would be defeated. But there was no way they could have anticipated the actual goings-on at the other table.

There, the Beckers' teammates competed vigorously in hearts against North-South's spade bids. When South eventually bid four spades, West, for some unknown reason, decided to double, and South redoubled.

West led the king of hearts and subsequently switched to a trump after taking the king of clubs with the ace. This held declarer to 11 tricks. After such a debacle, the Beckers' teammates naturally assumed the board had been irretrievably lost.

The declarer at this table scored 480 points for his tricks, 50 for making the redoubled contract, and 400 for the redoubled overtrick and 500 for game. This came to 1,430 points, so the two teams wound up tying the board!

Tomorrow: Look before you leap.
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Annie's Mailbox

Remember the Good Times

Dear Annie: I have had many odd symptoms over the years that got worse, and it has taken much research to finally get help. I have deficiencies in vitamins D and B12 that require more than a multivitamin. Doctors don't learn nutrition in medical school and are unaware of what deficiencies look like. Vitamins aren't part of routine bloodwork. Please advise readers to request their vitamins, as well as their children's, be checked when having blood drawn. If deficient, it is important to educate oneself on the possible cause, symptoms and where to get help. Deficiencies don't go away on their own and they have health consequences over time. Thank you. -- Vitamins Can Be Vital

Dear Vitamins: Thank you for your letter. You bring up a very important point about nutrition. You can get many of your vitamins if you eat a well-balanced diet, but knowledge is power. Learning from your doctor what vitamins you are deficient

in could really help your overall health.

Dear Annie: I read with interest and sadness the letter from "Forgotten Daughter," who believes her mom is developing dementia or Alzheimer's disease like their grandfather had. I know this process firsthand. My maternal grandmother had this dreaded disease, and now my mom has it. Like the writer's mom, my mom showed signs earlier than her parents did. I agree with your advice that it is important to get the person to see their doctor. However, they should know that it is often difficult to get the loved one to agree, because they believe (or want to believe) there is nothing wrong with them. It is also important to see a doctor who is knowledgeable about dementia, or you can end up worse off than you started. Finally, as to the loved one telling the same stories over and over, and the defensiveness -- these are parts of the disease that all caregivers and family have to learn to cope with. The one piece of advice that has been the most fruitful for our family and care-

givers is not to argue. If she wants to say the same thing more than once, I have to practice the skill of patience, which is not my favorite -- nor most people's -- but it comes in handy. Likewise, trying to be understanding when they get frustrated and working on not taking it personally.

Watching someone you love fall victim to dementia is a challenging and sometimes brutal journey. But there are good moments, too; good and tender moments of connection. These are what keep us (relatively) sane, and I wish many such moments to the letter writer and their mom. Thank you for being an advocate for good attention to dementia patients and their families. -- See It Firsthand

Dear Firsthand: Thank you for your wonderful advice. You clearly have experience with the disease and are handling it with grace. Best of luck to you and your family.

Dear Annie: As a caregiver and a daughter-in-law, I would just like to say your advice for "Forgotten Daughter" is spot on. This

daughter is in a very hard position, but she should try to remember that our reality can't be forced onto her mom. Sometimes, you have to live in her reality and pretend you have never heard that story or just go along with what she says. Enjoy every moment and story that you can, because when they are gone, you will wish you could hear them one more time. I have to remind my husband of this all the time. Don't regret not taking the time you have to build good memories now. -- Understanding Caregiver

Dear Understanding Caregiver: I love the idea of enjoying every moment, memory and story with those we love. Cherishing those we love each day is the biggest gift we can give to them and to ourselves.

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QB Rush solid for Cowboys in 20-14 preseason loss to Texans

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Cooper Rush's days as the backup to Dak Prescott in Dallas might not be over.

Rush ended two long drives with touchdown passes while the star quarterback watched once again in the Cowboys' 20-14 preseason loss to the Houston Texans on Saturday night.

Prescott's third straight exhibition absence means his first snap in a game since the severe ankle injury that ended his 2020 season will be in the opener Sept. 9 against Tom Brady and Super Bowl champion Tampa Bay.

The 2016 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year pulled himself out of practice July 28 with a strained right shoulder and hasn't had a full day of throwing since then. Prescott won't play in the preseason finale against Jacksonville next Sunday.

Not much changed at quarterback on a mostly ineffective night for the Houston offense with Deshaun Watson still out of the picture.

The Texans turned the game with their defense, getting even at 14-14 in the third quarter on Lonnie Johnson's 54-yard interception return for a touchdown on a tipped pass from fourth-stringer Ben DiNucci, who

threw three picks. Ka'imi Fairbairn kicked the decisive 38-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter.

Tyrod Taylor led a short TD drive after a Dallas turnover in limited action for the presumed starter if Watson doesn't play.

Rookie third-round pick Davis Mills struggled in the first half, when the Texans had just 77 yards and went 0 for 6 on third down. The Texans (2-0) failed on all nine third-down attempts with Taylor and Mills.

"We need to be more consistent," coach David Culley said. "It doesn't look like tonight we got a few more blitzes than we got in the first game. I think it disrupted us a little bit. We'll get better at that."

Things could be changing at QB for the Cowboys.

Rush, Prescott's backup for most of three seasons from 2017-19 before becoming expendable after the club signed Andy Dalton last year, is giving the coaching staff something to think about with one week to go in training camp.

Garrett Gilbert has taken almost all of the first-team snaps in camp with Prescott sidelined by the shoulder injury. He earned that mostly with a solid first career start in a loss to Pittsburgh last year when Dalton was out with COVID-19. Rush rejoined Dallas (0-3) during that tumultuous stretch.

Rush had a 25-yard completion to tight end Blake Jarwin on second-and-14 on his first drive, a 75-yard march that ended with an 8-yard scoring toss to running back Tony Pollard on a screen.

The undrafted fifth-year QB went 5 of 6 for 48 yards on a 13-play, 85-yard drive that ended with a perfect throw into the corner of the end zone for Cedrick Wilson's 9-yard touchdown and a 14-7 Dallas lead. Rush was 10 of 12 for 97 yards.

Gilbert stumbled while dropping back on his first pass attempt — an incompletion — and lost a fumble to end the first Dallas possession when he had plenty of time to throw but was stripped from behind by Jacob Martin. Gilbert finished 3 of 5 for 30 yards over two scoreless possessions.

Asked if he had seen enough to decide on Prescott's backup, coach Mike McCarthy said, "We've got one more week, and we're going to need it."

Houston's Mark Ingram converted a fourth-and-1 with a 2-yard run before scoring from the 2 for the game's first points after Gilbert's fumble. The 10-year veteran, who signed as a free agent in the offseason, had 24 yards on seven carries.

"That's why we brought Mark here," Culley said. "He's a guy that during his career has not had many minus yard plays and when you give it to

him he's going to give you positive yards and he did that for us today."

Taylor was 2 of 5 for 10 yards before Mills went 10 of 16 for 115 yards. Mills played into the third quarter, leading the drive to the go-ahead field goal.

SIDELINED BY VIRUS
Dallas defensive coordinator Dan Quinn and defensive tackle Carlos Watkins were sent home before the game because of COVID-19 protocols. McCarthy said the decision was made about 90 minutes before the game, and he wasn't sure when they would be cleared to return to the team. The Cowboys said 93% of their players were vaccinated along with every member of the football staff.

OMENIHU SHINES
Third-year Houston defensive lineman Charles Omenihu recovered the fumble on Martin's strip and had two sacks along with two QB hits and two tackles for loss. The former Texas player was a high schooler in the Dallas area.

THE GANG'S ALL HERE
The entire Dallas starting offensive line played for the first — and only — time this preseason with left tackle Tyrone Smith and right guard Zack Martin getting their first action. The starting five played three series. "It was good to have the whole unit back out there again," Smith said.

College football 2021: Return to normal wrapped in change

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

The 2021 college football season holds the promise of a return to normal after a pandemic-wrecked fall led to cancellations, postponements and headache after headache.

The games are on. Fans are getting ready to head back into the stadiums.

At the same time, college sports is entering a new era, with less-restrictive transfer rules and players who are permitted for the first time to be paid endorsers.

And the pandemic is not over. While there are plenty of reasons to be optimistic that this season won't be the struggle 2020 was, there is still more than a little uncertainty about how this all plays out — off the field and on as No. 1 Alabama tries to win a second consecutive national title against a host of challengers.

"It's an interesting time," North Carolina coach Mack Brown said.

Is it ever.

THE PANDEMIC

The season is a go, unaltered at this point, with all the conferences onboard — unlike last year at this time. Vaccination rates among college football teams appear to be significantly ahead of the general adult population.

Last season, 118 Bowl Subdivision games were either canceled or postponed as teams battled COVID-19. There will be no rescheduling of games in 2021. Conferences have said teams will be forced to forfeit if they can't field a team because of COVID-19 issues.

Health and safety protocols are still not uniform across all of major college football, but the common ground is this: Unlike last year when everyone was being tested frequently for the virus, only unvaccinated players and team personnel will be subject to routine surveillance testing. Only unvaccinated individuals will be automatically quarantined if they come into contact with someone infected with the virus.

"That gives us a competitive advantage in my mind, as we should not miss any time as a football team due to COVID," new Arizona coach Jedd Fisch said before the school proudly tweeted the team had reached 100% vaccination status.

Many coaches have been publicly encouraging vaccination.

"I think it's irresponsible to not to get the vaccine," said Ole Miss coach Lane Kiffin, whose team also is 100% vaccinated.

Not every coach is taking this approach. Washington State's Nick Rolovich initially said he did not plan to be vaccinated on a campus where it is mandatory for all students and employees before saying he would comply with a governor's mandate.

Where the pandemic could have a deeper impact is with fans. The number of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths has been on the rise. But schools have been touting a return to full-capacity stadiums and tailgating after a season of playing in mostly empty buildings.

"I'm really excited, man, just to get back in The Swamp finally with 90,000 screaming out there," Florida defensive end Zach Carter said.

It seems unlikely those plans will change unless local governments step in, which happened last week in Hawaii. The Rainbow Warriors' open-

ing game against Portland State on Sept. 5 will be played without fans.

Oregon and Oregon State became the first Power Five schools to announce fans will need to show proof of either vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test to attend their games.

"I think disruptions that players had to deal with, and may still have to deal with in the future relative to our circumstance right now, (are) probably something that helps them be a little more resilient," Alabama coach Nick Saban said.

SUPER SENIORS AND TRANSFERS

The NCAA froze eligibility for every football player who played through the uncertainty of the pandemic last season, essentially handing them another year to play if they wished.

The result is hundreds of players who would have otherwise had no choice but to move on after 2020 will be back playing in 2021. Call them super seniors, and they won't count against the scholarship limit of 85. Other players are back after opting out of 2020.

Longtime Utah coach Kyle Whittingham described his roster, brimming with extra experienced players, as "the most unique since I've been a football coach."

Then there are the transfers.

After an NCAA rule change in the spring, football players can now transfer one time and be immediately eligible to play. For decades, transferring players would have to sit out their first season after switching schools. It led to player movement than ever.

"Transfer portal's changed everything. Super seniors coming back has changed everything," Brown said.

ATHLETE COMPENSATION

The NCAA lifted its ban on college athletes earning money from their names, images and likenesses on July 1, and football players started cashing in immediately.

Quarterbacks are endorsing fast food and offensive linemen are promoting barbecue joints. At Michigan, Ohio State, North Carolina and Texas, players will be making money from jersey sales.

Every Miami football player was offered a deal to make \$500 a month to promote a local gym and a Utah-based company will pay every walk-on at BYU the equivalent of tuition to promote its protein bars and snacks.

Saban said Bryce Young, next up to be Alabama's starting quarterback, has NIL deals lined up that could be worth \$1 million.

There are concerns

about how all this money will affect team culture, competitive balance and corruption, but college sports is mostly trying to embrace the change.

NCAA REFORM AND CFP EXPANSION
Two of the biggest stories in college sports will be taking place off the field this season.

A plan to expand the College Football Playoff from four to 12 teams is in the pipeline. There still appears to be support, but the Southeastern Conference's planned addition of Texas and Oklahoma in 2025 seems to have leaders in other conferences stepping back to take in the full picture.

"There's lots about the current playoff expansion proposal that is good," said Pac-12 Commissioner George Kliavkoff, an unequivocal expansionist. "The real question is the details of that. The details unfortunately were worked out with a subset of the folks who have to sign off on it. The result is not every detail was covered and not every concern was addressed."

The next CFP managers meeting is scheduled for Sept. 28 in Chicago.

Meanwhile, the NCAA is in the process of scaling back, starting with a rewrite of its constitution this fall. The result could be a national structure for college football that is shaped more than ever before by conferences.

Put it all together and college football is in the midst of a dizzying period of change. As for the immediate future, at the very least it looks better than last year.

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