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Upcoming Events

This Week
National Hang Gliding Competition
 McMahon - Wrinkle Airpark
 Launch is normally between Noon and 1 p.m.

Aug. 15 -
First Day of School
 Welcome Back
 Forsan ISD
 Coahoma ISD

August 16
Scenic Mountain Moonlight Rave Run
 by Permian Basin Events
 11:55 p.m.
 at the
 Big Spring State Park HQ
 visit
 www.permianbasinevents.com
 for more information

August 17
Love our Lake
 Help clean up the park
 7 to 11 a.m.
 Comanche Trail Park

YMCA Backpack Giveaway
 9 a.m. - Noon
 YMCA of Big Spring

Don't forget to submit your **We Salute!** nominations; good deeds, positive impacts to the community, etc. can be emailed to editor@bigspringherald.com

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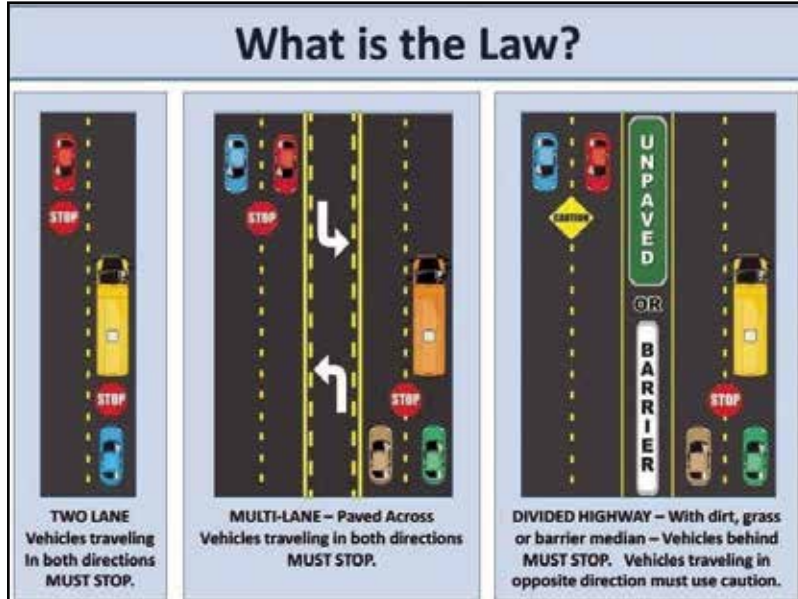
Adhere to flashing lights at schools zones and on buses

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

School is back in session, which means school zones are being enforced. Throughout school zones -inside Big Spring and in the county - there will be an increased number of crosswalk traffic, along with students exiting buses and other vehicles. The Howard County Sheriff's office and local law enforcement want to caution drivers to be vigilant around school zones.

"Be patient. Be alert when you are approaching school zones and when you are around a school," Deputy Frank Vidal said.

School zones are marked by flashing lights and have a posted speed limit of 20 miles per hour. If you are inside city limits, near any of the schools, drivers will notice the



Courtesy photo/ HCSO FB Page
Forsan and Coahoma ISD began classes today. School zones are now active and school buses will be loading and unloading throughout Big Spring and Hoarwd County. Drivers are urged to be alert in and around school zones. Note: Even when lights are not flashing, school zones are active during posted times.

flashing lights have already been activated, and, starting today, the speed limit will apply while lights are flashing.

active in the posted times," Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker, said. "The speed limit signs are accompanied by the school zone times. The flashing lights only serve as a warning. The school zone is still active regardless if the light is functional or not, between the posted times, when school is in session."

Coahoma ISD also has a designated school zone, equipped with flashing lights and speed limit signs posted. According to Deputy Vidal, Forsan ISD does not have flashing lights, but speed limit signs are posted and drivers are urged to use caution and be alert around the schools.

"Patience is key. With school starting back, drivers need to be alert when they are around school zones. Keep an eye out for the flashing lights and the

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Thank a Veteran Day



Courtesy of KBest Media
"WHEREAS, the City of Big Spring, in recognition of the courage, honor, devotion and sacrifice of our service men and women, hereby establish the 15th day of every month as "Thank a Veteran Day", and this day shall forever stand as a day to honor those that have selflessly served each citizen of this Great Nation."

The Big Spring Herald stands in support of all Veterans. The above is part of a proclamation presented by the Big Spring City Council in honor of everyone that has served our Country. Please take a moment today to thank a Veteran. This proclamation was presented by Mayor Larry McLellan on behalf of the Big Spring City Council on Tuesday, April 10th, 2018.

God Bless our veterans! If you know a veteran we should recognize, please send the information to editor@bigspringherald.com.



Courtesy photos
Mark Miller, local Big Spring resident, served in the Navy, serving his country for several years. The Big Spring Herald extends a sincere Thank You for your service. Big Spring residents are encouraged to take the time, today and every day, to say "Thank You" when you see Mr. Miller or another veteran around. We appreciate the sacrifices made by all veterans and their families.

Forsan kicks off new year with community prayer breakfast



Courtesy photo/ KBest Media
Forsan ISD hosted the annual community prayer breakfast, as a new school year approaches. Several were in attendance for the morning prayer and meal.

Finding a way home

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

More than five years ago, Cindy Kibler and her husband, Chris, left their home in Marysville, Washington, and traveled to Wimberley, Texas to help her sister. After seven months, Cindy's sister lost her battle to frontal lobe dementia.

"We were headed back in June 2018, and we decided to stop to visit family here in Big Spring," Cindy Kibler, said. "I was born here. My mother Alice worked for 16 years in the grill at Bowl-Rama."

During her visit, Cindy was diagnosed with lung, brain and lymph cancer. She began treatments - chemo, immunotherapy, and radiation - which has caused medical bills to pile up, along with living costs.

"With our medical bills and the cost of living we are living with family again, but I am ready to be back in my own home, surrounded by my things," she said.

In addition to Cindy's diagnosis, her husband is also dealing with several health issues which limits his ability to live a normal day to day life. Insurance changes and increased pricing have effected prescriptions causing further hardship on Kibler and her husband.

In hopes of finding a way to get back to Marysville,

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Police Report

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **CARLEE RYAN BARRAZA**, 30, of 403 Valley St., was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.
- **GARY WAYNE ELLETT**, 22, of 2210 Merily, was arrested on charges resisting arrest, search or transport, possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram), possession of marijuana (less than two ounces), and two outstanding warrants from agencies.
- **MARCUS EMORY STUR-**

GILL, 30, of 1216 E. 15th St., was arrested on a charge walking on highway with traffic (no side-walks).

- **WESLEY MATTHEW TAYLOR**, 42, of 1106 E. 15th St., was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.
- **ROBERT DELGADO**, 60, of 1515 E. 11th Place, was arrested on warrants for dog or cat running at large, two counts of no dog or cat vaccination (rabies), and three counts of failure to appear.
- **ADRIAN MARTINEZ**, 37, of 306 N. 10th, Lamesa, Texas, was

arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.

- **ERNESTO RODRIGUEZ**, 44, of 2006 S. Johnson, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa Hwy, 1600 block of E. FM 700, and the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1 block of Courtney Place.
- **WELFARE CONCERN** was reported in the 4300 block of S. Hwy 87.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 97 inmates at the time of this report.

- **CARLEE RYAN BARRAZA**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for failure to appear-possession of marijuana.
- **ROBERT DELGADO JR.**, 60, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for animal at large, two counts of no vaccination or license for animal (rabies), and three counts of failure to appear.
- **GARY WAYNE ELLETT III**, 22, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1A (less than 20AU), pos-

session of marijuana (less than two ounces), possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram), possession of marijuana (less than two ounces), and resisting arrest, search or transport.

- **ERICK SHERROD FRANKS**, 44, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for resisting arrest, search or transport.
- **GEORGE GONZALEZ NAPOLES**, 41, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for criminally negligent homicide.
- **ADRIEN MARTINEZ**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for motion to adjudicate-forgery of a financial instrument.
- **ERNESTO RODRIGUEZ**, 44, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for motion to revoke-assault

intentionally or recklessly impeding breathing or circulation to a family member.

- **MARCUS EMORY STUR-GILL**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of walking on the highway with traffic (no side-walk).
- **WESLEY MATTHEW TAYLOR**, 42, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for unauthorized use of a vehicle, burglary of a habitation, and driving with invalid license.
- **JAMES BURLIN WILLIAMS**, 33, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (one gram to four grams).

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of W. I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic

Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of S. Moss Lake Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of N. FM 700. On person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Cen-

ter.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of S. Goliad. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Take Note

• Coahoma High School All-School Reunion will take place Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019 at Coahoma Elementary Cafeteria, located at 400 Ramsey Ave. There will be breakfast, coffee, and door prizes. Guest speaker will be Putt Choate.

• Bus Rider Registration is now taking place. If you would like to ride the bus in BSISD, you must register. You can go to the bus barn located at 3600 E. 11th Place, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., each day through Friday. They will also be open Saturday August 10 and August 17 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• Senior and/or mature adults are invited to come to a dance every first and third Friday each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center, located at 100 Whipkey Drive. Come two-step the evening away, or just mingle with old friends and make new friends. Dances are from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live entertainment. No alcohol or smoking permitted. Cost is \$5 per person.

• Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month. We meet at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

• 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.

• 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.

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. t 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). Meetings are weekly, every Thursday, at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

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.

SUNDAY

- 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

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.
- 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.

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Weather



Today: Sunny, with a high near 97. Southeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the afternoon.

Tonight: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Mostly clear, with a low around 76. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 10%.

Friday: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Sunny, with a high near 99. South wind 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 10%.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 77. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 103. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 79.

Sunday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 104.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 78.

Monday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 102.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 76

Tuesday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 101.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 75.

(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via forecast.weather.gov)

SCHOOL

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posted speed limit. Included on the signs are the active hours for school zones, and it's important to adhere to the speed limit especially during those times," he said.

In addition to school zones being activated, buses will be stopping throughout town and out on country roads, letting students off. The same caution used in a school zone should be extended when approaching school buses loading and unloading.

"When the school bus is stopped, drivers need to be alert for students exiting or running to get on the bus," Deputy Vidal said. "Some of these buses load when the sun is not up and that creates an added danger."

According to state law, when a school bus is displaying the red flashing lights and the stop sign is extended, unless there is a physical barrier, both sides of traffic must stop. For those who are caught not adhering to state law, the offense is punishable with up to a \$1,250 fine for

the first offense and subsequent convictions could result in suspension of license for up to six months.

"This offense is not like other traffic violations; defensive driving is not an option and the offense won't be removed from your driving record," he said.

He continued, "We have a saying, 'It's not just a stop sign, it's a child's life; a child's life flashing before your eyes.'"

Passing a school bus when stopped, according to Vidal, could also potentially include criminal charges if a driver causes serious bodily injury to another.

"On the first day of school and the first week weeks of school especially, be patient. We are trying to move things along smoothly and as quickly as possible, and we don't want anything bad happening to students, parents or staff," he said.

Deputy Vidal did mention an increased presence around Coahoma ISD and Forsan ISD will be noticeable during the first week or two of school.

"We just want everyone to be safe, be alert and have a great

new year," Deputy Vidal said.

For Deputy Vidal, his duties do not end when the school zone lights stop flashing. According to Vidal, this will be his sixth year working with Forsan ISD and his fourth year working with Coahoma ISD, as the School Resource Officer.

"We are trying to form relationships with the students so as they grow they are less likely to be scared or anxious around law enforcement and first responders," he said. "The earlier we can build that trust, the more trust they will have in us as they grow older."

Deputy Vidal extends the invitation to parents, students and staff, to reach out with any concerns – traffic or student related – and ask for assistance or to just discuss.

"I am available on both campuses and I encourage them to bring any issue to me. I am available to help," he said.

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

Take Note

- The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

- The Howard County Democrats meet the second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Howard County Democratic Headquarters, 1408 Scurry, behind Prosperity Bank.

- 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 train-

ing program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

- Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716.

- 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. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

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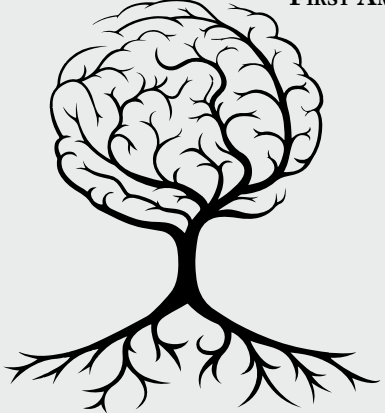
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DAILY PRAYER

*Let us give You the credit, Lord,
for all the good and positive
things in our lives.
Amen*

Cindy's Bookshelf

Everyone makes mistakes

For five years I taught three year olds. This is the first fall in five years where I'm not scrambling to organize an entire classroom's worth of school supplies. I don't have a new list of names to memorize or lessons to plan, or do any of the other things I had to as a teacher - and let's be honest, there's so much more that goes on behind the scenes.



CINDY PINCH

Leaving my position as a teacher was difficult. On the one hand, I knew teaching was not my first career of choice, and yet, on the other hand, I knew it was something I desperately loved. My title might have been 'teacher,' but more often than not, I was the one learning. The biggest lesson I learned from teaching is I definitely do not have all of the answers. Not even close. And, I think, that's okay.

At what point did we decide that, as adults, we have to know the answer to everything? When did we decide that aging into adulthood made us instant experts on all of life's problems? I think we put ourselves under so much pressure to be these "perfect" adults who have their lives completely put together and we lose ourselves in the process of trying to keep up the facade. That's not to say there aren't those who have never missed a payment or been late for work. There might even be someone who has never touched a snooze button in their life. Though, to be honest, such a person might be as mythical as a unicorn.

Part of being human is making mistakes. We learn through trial and error. We have to try something, experience the result, and learn a new way to try again. The surest way for me to make sure that my students didn't learn something was to not allow them to try for themselves. It does not matter how well you try to explain something or how well you might demonstrate, children will never truly learn how to do something unless they are given the chance to try.

When I taught, my biggest thing was to let the children try at their own level. Some kids can draw pictures as well as,

if not better than, adults twice their age. And some kids would rather eat the crayon instead of draw with it. The point was never to compare skills between the kids, but to let them try to make something or do something on their own - just to see if they could. I wanted to let the children learn in their own way. They had to make their own mistakes, learn through trial and error, so they would know what it felt like to get it right.

Working with three year olds taught me that we don't have to be perfect. We don't have to have all of the answers. We struggle so hard to meet this ideal level of what we expect an adult to be and we leave ourselves behind in the process. I find myself in a near-constant state of anxiety over trying to do, and say, and be the right thing. Sometimes I feel like I'm starting to lose myself in the facade of who I think other people want me to be. As I wrote last week, about middles, it's hard to find the time to take a step back and just breathe, to just be.

One of the things we used to do every morning was our morning greeting. I would greet the children as they came into the school, but once we got back to our classroom, we took the time to notice who was present and who was absent. Each child was allowed to choose the way that they wanted to be greeted that day. As a part of Conscious Discipline (created by Dr. Becky Bailey), we would offer a high five, handshake, or hug. As the years progressed, the greetings would change. Sometimes a child just wanted you to acknowledge them by waving or simply telling them good morning. And then some children came up with elaborate greetings like a secret handshake. The part of this process that was just as important as greeting the children

that were present, was acknowledging the absent children and wishing them well.

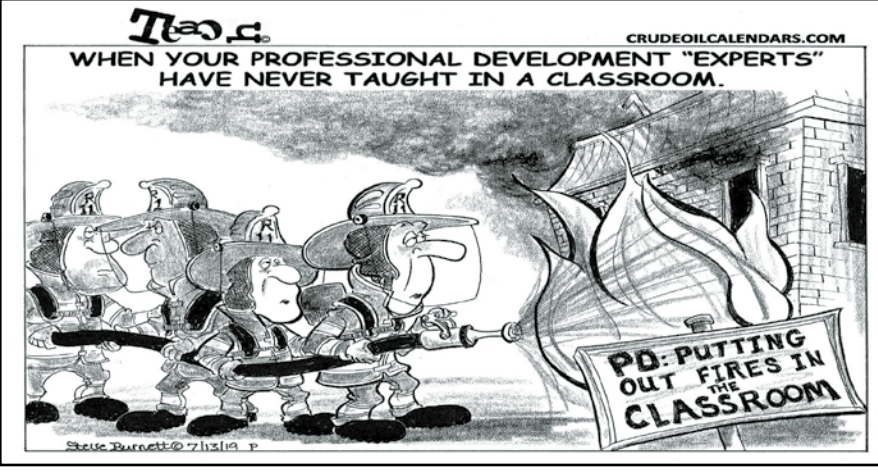
The entire process taught children a sense of community. It cemented the fact that we are all important, and it set the tone for the day to let the children know that our classroom was a safe place where they could be themselves without trying to jump through any impossible standards. My fellow teachers and I strove to make sure every child knew they were important and loved and accepted.

My question now is: why don't we extend that communal respect into adulthood? I get that the real world isn't sunshine and rainbows all the time. But I don't think that means we have to stop caring about the people around us. At what age do we stop accepting the fact that the people around us are just that - people? The truth is, being an adult doesn't mean that you can't make mistakes. I think that part of being an adult is learning how to accept your mistakes and choosing to grow from them.

For the first time in five years, I will not be planning fall activities and class parties. I won't be meeting new students and parents or counting down the days until Christmas vacation.

I will, however, try to incorporate the lessons I learned as a teacher into my new job and relationships. Starting with patience - for other people and for myself as well. I will allow myself to make mistakes and not know the answers. Don't let the fear of failure hold you back because you're trying to achieve someone else's vision of perfection. Don't be afraid to get messy or make mistakes or color outside the lines.

As Todd Parr wrote in his book 'It's Okay to Make Mistakes', "It's okay to make mistakes sometimes. Everyone does - even grown-ups! That's how we learn."



The Postscript: Made to last

She wore it for one day in 1919 and it looked as if it was sewn with this in mind.

My grandma's wedding dress was more than a little worse for wear. It had been folded up in a small box and kept safe by my cousin, Jill. (How Jill ended up with it, I do not know.)

I'm guessing the dress was sewn by a relative of my grandma's, maybe a sister or one of her many cousins. There was no lining, no reinforcement of any seam. There were raw edges inside. Much of the dress was held together with snaps and there were places that must have been basted together or pinned. I've done enough sewing to know that this was not a dress made to last.

"Goodness!" I can imagine whoever sewed it saying, just over 100 years ago, "No one is going to see the inside of the dress. It only has to last for a few hours!"

And it did last. It lasted for the ceremony in the small country church and for the pictures taken that day of my grandpa, recently returned from WWI, grinning broadly with the young woman he called his "dear girl," and

grandma—with a heart-shaped face and an unusual little ruffled cap, with veil attached, set low on her serious brow.

Now we were going to celebrate the 100th anniversary of my grandparents' marriage at a family reunion with four of my mother's remaining five siblings and a good percentage of my remaining thirty-two first cousins and someone decided (my uncle Les, the youngest of the eleven children) it would be a great idea for the dress to be worn. (I'm sure you know how much trouble these youngest children can be.)

My mother was drafted to prepare the dress (also by her younger brother, Les) and my sixteen-year-old niece, Isabelle, was chosen to wear it as she appeared to be the same size my grandma was at the time.

I'm guessing Les doesn't know a whole lot about 100-year-old clothing.

Clothing that lasts for 100 years is sewn with the idea that it will be worn again. It is lined and reinforced and sewn with great attention to detail and made with the best fabrics. My grandmother's wedding dress was none of the above.

that this might not be a great idea after all. The dress was terribly fragile. When Isabelle tried it on, the lace in the front—in the most visible location—started to rip right in half.

This was understandably upsetting to my mother.

But mom and I worked together to repair the parts we could repair and replace the parts we couldn't. The veil was long past wearing, so we constructed a new one with similar fabric that (if I say so myself) was a good imitation of the quirky original.

Everyone assembled in the Eagles Lodge, which my cousin, Gretchen, had festooned with yards of tulle and twinkle lights to make it look like a wedding reception. Isabelle entered the Lodge and smiled good-naturedly for the dozens of photos taken (some by the local newspaper!) and I know my mother breathed a sigh of relief.

As I looked at my smiling niece, I imagined my grandma in her hastily sewn dress, just twenty years old and about to start a life and a family she could never have imagined.

"How do I look?" She must have asked.

"Oh. You look beautiful."

Till next time,
Carrie

Carrie Classon's memoir, "Blue Yarn," was released earlier this year. Learn more at CarrieClasson.com or www.Facebook.com/CarrieClasson.

Governor forms new anti-terrorism unit after El Paso attack

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Gov. Greg Abbott says Texas is adding manpower to gang investigations surrounding white nationalist groups in wake of the El Paso mass shooting that left 22 people dead.

Abbott said Wednesday that Texas will also create a new domestic terrorism unit to help "root out the extremist ideologies that fuel hatred and violence in our state."

Authorities say 21-year-old Patrick Crusius confessed to the Aug. 3 shooting at a Walmart and told

investigators that he targeted Mexicans during the attack. He's also suspected of posting a racist, anti-immigrant screed online before opening fire in the Texas border city.

Federal prosecutors have said they're weighing hate-crime charges against Crusius.

A statement from Abbott didn't indicate how many additional agents Texas would assign to related investigations, or when they'd be in place.

Texas: Alamo dig uncovers musket balls believed from 1800s

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An archaeological dig at the Alamo to help preserve the historic Texas mission has unearthed musket balls that experts say could date to the 1800s.

The San Antonio Express-News reports the survey of the mission-era west wall of the Long Barrack is meant to help determine how best to protect the oldest component of the Alamo.

Crews are digging four pits to help expose the 1700s limestone wall to its foundation in an effort

to fight moisture. Archaeologist Kristi Nichols says workers so far have recovered musket balls, a mid-1800s bottle and tin-glazed majolica from the Spanish colonial period.

The survey began nearly a month ago. Preservation of the Alamo is part of a wider \$450 million development plan for the area.

Information from: San Antonio Express-News, <http://www.mysanantonio.com>

'El Paso strong': Public memorial to honor shooting victims

By CEDAR ATTANASIO and JAKE BLEIBERG

Associated Press

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Leaders from both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border will gather in El Paso Wednesday night to memorialize the 22 people killed this month when a gunman opened fire at a Walmart in the Texas border city.

The mayors of El Paso and the neighboring Mexican city of Ciudad Juarez will speak, along with religious leaders, at a 7 p.m. memorial service, according to a city spokesman.

"We're going to be paying tribute and remembering the victims," said El Paso spokesman Rick Isaias. "We're letting people know that we are El Paso strong and the city will continue and get through this."

The ceremony at Southwest University Park will officially commemorate those killed in the largely Latino city by a gunman who police say confessed to driving from the Dallas area to target Mexicans. Most of the dead had Hispanic last names and eight were Mexican nationals. Nearly two dozen others were injured.

The victims' loved ones have been mark-

ing their passing with vigils and funerals in the U.S. and Mexico since the August 3 massacre.

Isaias said Wednesday morning that plans for the service were still taking shape and officials do not know how many people will attend. The city is, however, making plans for a big turnout. The ceremony at the baseball park will be broadcast live to four other locations in El Paso.

Authorities said Wednesday they have finished processing the scene at a Walmart for evidence. El Paso police said they are returning control of the property to Walmart.

Walmart spokeswoman LeMia Jenkins said the store remains a "secure location with controlled access." She said a fence will remain around the store's perimeter and that Walmart is using contracted security guards to prevent trespassing.

The company did not say when the store would reopen.

The city opened a center to help people with everything from counseling and financial assistance to figuring out how to get vehicles back after the Aug. 3 shooting.

Police say 21-year-old Patrick Crusius was targeting Mexicans when he carried out the shooting. He is charged with capital murder.

Bleiberg reported in Dallas. Associated Press Jill Bleiberg in Little Rock, Arkansas, contributed to this report.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Glasscock County Independent School District Board of Trustees will hold a public meeting at August 30, 2019 8:30 a.m. in GCISD Board Room in the Administration Building Garden City, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ <u>0.97000</u> / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ <u>0.10000</u> / \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	<u>34.8</u> % increase	or	<u> </u> % (decrease)
Debt service	<u>165.9</u> % increase	or	<u> </u> % (decrease)
Total expenditures	<u>34.6</u> % increase	or	<u> </u> % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ <u>365,462,2208</u>	\$ <u>4,903,803,890</u>
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ <u>1,155,862</u>	\$ <u>1,198,574</u>
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ <u>2,886,952,821</u>	\$ <u>4,272,349,812</u>
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ <u>1,155,862</u>	\$ <u>1,025,595</u>

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
 ** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 14,000,000

* Outstanding principal.

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.05100	\$ 1.09100	\$ 28,359	\$ 570
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 0.93000	\$ 0.08210	\$ 1.01210	\$ 151,617	\$ 244
Proposed Rate	\$ 0.97000	\$ 0.10000	\$ 1.07000	\$ 34,579	\$ 244

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 76,977.00	\$ 77,091.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 55,671.00	\$ 53,295.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.10500	\$ 1.09000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 615.16	\$ 580.92
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ -34.24

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.07000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.07000.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 7,644,844
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,348,868

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Over 400 sex abuse suits filed as litigation window opens

By DAVID KLEPPER

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The Roman Catholic Church, the Boy Scouts, schools and hospitals, the late financier Jeffrey Epstein are some of the targets named in a flurry of sex abuse lawsuits filed Wednesday in New York as the state began accepting cases once blocked by the statute of limitations.

Hundreds of lawsuits were filed as plaintiffs rushed to take advantage of the one-year litigation window, created by state lawmakers this year to give people who say they were victims a second chance to sue over abuse that, in many cases, happened decades ago.

Those suing Wednesday include a woman who says she was raped by Epstein as a teenager in 2002. She filed against Epstein's estate and three of his associates. Similar lawsuits from other women who say they were abused by Epstein are expected.

Other suits filed Wednesday include one from 45 former Rockefeller University Hospital patients who say a renowned endocrinologist molested hundreds of boys over more than three decades.

Hundreds of others sued the Catholic Church or one of its several New York dioceses. Among them is Peter Vajda, who said a religious brother molested him when he attended a Catholic boarding school in the Bronx in the early 1950s.

"Now it's their turn. Now it's their time," said Vajda, now 75 and a Georgia resident. "And I want them to get everything they deserve in the way of punishment."

Another suit filed Wednesday accused former Albany Bishop Howard Hubbard, who retired in 2014, of sexually abusing a 16-year-old boy in the 1990s.

An attorney for Hubbard, 80, denied the claim. In yet another complaint, a man who has accused ex-Cardinal Theodore McCarrick of molesting him in the 1960s and 70s in New York and New Jersey says the church failed to stop the abuse.

McCarrick, the former archbishop of Newark and Washington, D.C., was defrocked by Pope Francis in February after a church investigation

determined he sexually abused minors as well as adult seminarians. McCarrick's misconduct was reported to some U.S. and Vatican higher-ups, but he nevertheless remained an influential cardinal until his downfall last year.

Now 89, McCarrick has denied the allegations made by James Grein, the son of close family friends McCarrick baptized. Grein has told Vatican investigators that McCarrick began abusing him at age 11, sometimes during confession.

In all, 427 sex abuse lawsuits were filed by 5 p.m. Wednesday across New York. Some of the cases have one plaintiff, while others include several dozen.

The state's statute of limitations had been among the nation's most restrictive before state lawmakers extended it earlier this year for new cases. The Child Victims Act gives victims until age 55 to file lawsuits and until age 28 to seek criminal charges, compared with 23 under the old statute.

That law, which passed following more than a decade of debate in Albany, also created the litigation window.

"This is a momentous time for courageous survivors who have waited so long for justice in New York," said Jeff Anderson, an attorney whose firm, New York-based Jeff Anderson & Associates, filed molestation lawsuits Wednesday on behalf of hundreds of clients.

Institutions that have long cared for children — such as the Catholic Church and the Boy Scouts, as well as private and public schools and hospitals — are girding for what could be a devastating financial blow. A similar law passed in 2002 in California resulted in Catholic dioceses there paying \$1.2 billion in legal settlements.

A compensation fund for sexual abuse victims set up by the New York Archdiocese in 2016 has paid out \$65 million to 323 people, the archdiocese says. Those victims have waived their right to file lawsuits. The archdiocese is also suing more than two dozen insurance companies in an effort to compel them to cover abuse claims, anticipating that in-

surers won't pay the claims filed during the litigation window.

The leaders of the Catholic diocese covering Long Island have been working "for months with financial and legal experts to prepare for this day," according to a statement, which added that parish donations aren't being used to fund victim compensation.

"Our Church continues to suffer as a result of past sins of sexual abuse of minors," said Bishop John Barres of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. "Victim survivors of abuse and their families also continue to carry the terrible effects of that abuse."

Brian Toale, one of those who pushed lawmakers to approve the litigation window, said the lawsuits are as much about empowering victims as financial compensation. Toale, 66, said he was molested by an employee at a Catholic high school he attended on Long Island.

Toale's suit against the Catholic Church was filed early Wednesday.

"Every time a survivor comes forward, there's another survivor who finds the strength," Toale said.

Advocates, mental health experts and victims themselves say it can take years for victims to speak out, worried they won't be believed or over- come by shame or fear.

"We only get one childhood, one adolescence," said Jack Traub, 55, of Staten Island, who says a doctor at Rockefeller University Hospital molested him 45 years ago. As a result of the trauma, he said he has struggled to maintain relationships "I can't go back. It is what it is."

The doctor, Reginald Archibald, has been accused of molesting hundreds of child patients over a 30-year period. Rockefeller conducted an internal investigation that found Archibald, who died in 2007, "engaged in acts of sexual misconduct and sexual abuse toward many of his patients."

"We profoundly apologize to his patients who experienced pain and suffering as a result of his reprehensible conduct," the hospital said in a statement.

News Briefs

Man dies after competing in California taco-eating contest

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — A man died shortly after competing in a taco-eating contest at a minor league baseball game in California, authorities said Wednesday.

Dana Hutchings, 41, of Fresno, died Tuesday night shortly after arriving at a hospital, Fresno Sheriff spokesman Tony Botti said.

An autopsy on Hutchings will be done Thursday to determine a cause of death, Botti said. It was not immediately known how many tacos the man had eaten or whether he had won the contest.

Fresno Grizzlies spokesman Paul Braverman said in a statement that the team was "devastated to learn" of the fan's death and that the team would "work closely with local authorities and provide any helpful information that is requested."

Tuesday night's competition came ahead of Saturday's World Taco Eating Championship to be held at Fresno's annual Taco Truck Throwdown. The team on Wednesday announced that it was canceling that taco-eating contest, though a "taco truck throwdown" featuring food trucks and musical entertainment would go ahead as planned.

Matthew Boylan, who watched Tuesday's taco eating contest from his seat in Section 105, told the Fresno Bee he quickly noticed Hutchings because "he was eating so fast compared to the other two (contestants)."

"It was like he'd never eaten before," Boylan said. "He was just shoving the tacos down his mouth without chewing."

He said Hutchings collapsed and hit his face on a table about seven minutes into the contest, then fell to the ground. The eating contest ended immediately.

During the 2018 Taco Eating Championship in Fresno, professional eater Geoffrey Esper downed 73 tacos in eight minutes, KFSN-TV reported.

Competitive-eating contests have become major attractions at festivals and other events. Among the most popular is the annual Nathan's Famous July

Fourth hot dog eating contest on New York's Coney Island, where Joey Chestnut this year's champion ate 71. Esper finished third.

Lauren Daigle gets 6 nominations from Dove Awards

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Christian recording artist Lauren Daigle, who has had major crossover success with her single, "You Say," received six nominations Wednesday from the Gospel Music Association's Dove Awards.

Daigle's nominations include artist of the year and song of the year.

"You Say" topped both Billboard's adult contemporary and Christian airplay charts. KING & COUNTRY, Hillsong UNITED, MercyMe and TobyMac are also vying for artist of the year.

Writer/producer Wayne Haun is the overall leading nominee with 10. Recording artists Kirk Franklin and for KING & COUNTRY have five nominations each.

The awards show will be held Oct. 15 in Nashville.

Army veteran pleads not guilty in anthem assault on teen

SUPERIOR, Mont. (AP) — An Army veteran pleaded not guilty Wednesday to assaulting a 13-year-old boy who the suspect said refused to remove his hat during the national anthem at a rodeo in Montana.

Attorney Lance Jasper has told the Missoulian that defendant Curt Brockway, who suffered a traumatic brain injury from an automobile crash while he was stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, believed he was doing what President Donald Trump wanted him to do.

"His commander in chief is telling people that if they kneel, they should be fired, or if they burn a flag, they should be punished," Jasper told the newspaper. "He certainly didn't understand it was a crime."

Jasper is seeking a mental health evaluation for Brockway, 39, of Superior, Montana.

Brockway told investigators the boy cursed at him when he asked him to remove his hat at the Aug. 3 rodeo.

Witnesses have said Brockway picked the boy up by his neck and slammed him to the ground. The boy suffered a skull fracture, court records said.

The interaction drew national attention and Jasper said he received death threats along with Brockway and his family. Security was tight for Wednesday's hearing before District Judge John Larson, with 16 law enforcement officers present.

Brockway remains free without bond. His next hearing is Oct. 23.

Larson reinstated Brockway's probation from a conviction for assault with a weapon in 2010.

Jasper did not immediately return a phone call Wednesday from The Associated Press seeking further comment.

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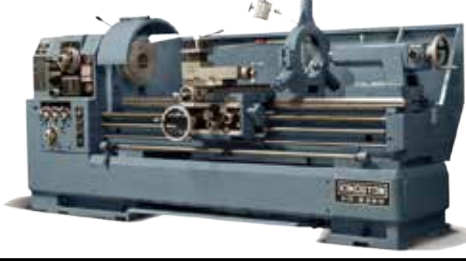
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Andrus gets 4 hits, Rangers beat Jays 7-3 to avoid sweep

By IAN HARRISON

Associated Press

TORONTO — Texas Rangers manager Chris Woodward gathered his struggling hitters before Wednesday's game and told them to pull together and keep plugging. Message received.

Kolby Allard pitched 5 2/3 innings to win for the first time with Texas, Elvis Andrus had four hits and two RBIs and the Rangers beat the Toronto Blue Jays 7-3 to avoid a three-game sweep.

"As a manager, you need to find those moments where you know you have to say something," Andrus said. "You have to wake up the team. He did it right. It didn't take too long, it was a few words, but it was right on point."

Nomar Mazara and Danny Santana hit solo home runs as the Rangers wrapped up a three-city trip by scoring more than five runs for the first time in that stretch of road games. The Rangers went 3-6 against Cleveland, Milwaukee and Toronto, winning once against each opponent.

"We dug in a little bit deeper today," Woodward said.

Texas came in with two hits in its previous 40 at-bats with runners in scoring position but went 4 for 12 in such situations Wednesday.

"Once somebody gets a hit with a runner in scoring position, it kind of frees everybody up," Woodward said.

Making his second start for the Rangers after being acquired from Atlanta last month, Allard (1-0) allowed three runs and four hits.

"My command wasn't as good as it could have been but I went out there and battled and made some pitches when I needed to," Allard said.

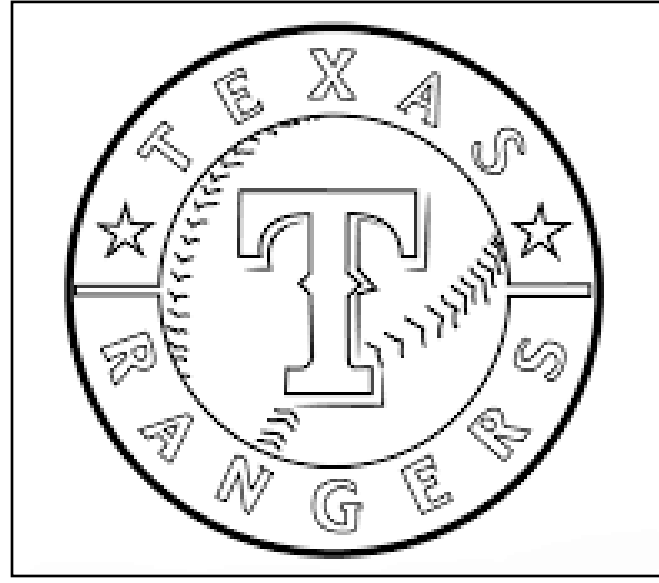
The 22-year-old left-hander walked three and struck out five.

"He's a really smart kid," Andrus said of Allard. "I

love the way he pitches."

Delino DeShields opened the scoring with an RBI single in the second and the Rangers added on with a three-run fourth. Santana chased Blue Jays right-hander Sean Reid-Foley with a two-run double and Andrus greeted left-hander Buddy Boskers with an RBI single.

Reid-Foley (2-3) allowed three runs and four hits



in 3 1/3 innings.

"He threw more strikes today, he just couldn't put people away," manager Charlie Montoyo said. "They kept fouling balls off and that got his pitch count high."

Randal Grichuk tripled and scored on a grounder in the bottom half but Andrus made it 5-1 with an RBI double off Zack Godley in the sixth.

Allard left with runners at first and third and two outs in the bottom half. Teoscar Hernández scored when right-hander Emmanuel Clase's first pitch

skipped to the backstop, and Danny Jansen cut it to 5-3 with an RBI single.

Mazara homered off right-hander Neil Ramirez to break the seventh, his 17th, and Santana made it 7-3 with a two-out solo drive off Ramirez in the eighth, his 19th.

Clase got one out, Rafael Montero struck out four over two perfect innings and José Leclerc pitched around a walk to strike out the side in the ninth.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Blue Jays: RHP Clay Buchholz (right shoulder) made his second rehab start with Toronto's Gulf Coast League team Tuesday. Buchholz allowed one run and one hit, a home run, in three innings. He walked none and struck out four.

HYPHEN HISTORY

When Reid-Foley threw to Rangers infielder Isiah Kiner-Falefa in the second, it marked the first time in MLB history that a pitcher with a hyphenated surname had faced a batter with a hyphenated surname. Kiner-Falefa won the battle with a single on the 11th pitch of the at-bat.

20/20

Toronto wrapped up a stretch of 20 games in 20 days. The Blue Jays went 12-8 over that stretch, outscoring their opponents by 37 runs.

BO KNOWS

Blue Jays rookie Bo Bichette went 1 for 5 with a double. Bichette has 16 extra-base hits in his first 17 games, more than any player in MLB history.

UP NEXT

Rangers: Texas returns home Thursday to begin a four-game series against Minnesota. RHP Pedro Payano (1-1, 3.86 ERA) starts the opener for the Rangers. The Twins have not named a starter.

Blue Jays: Toronto is off Thursday. Neither the Blue Jays nor the Mariners have named a starter for Friday, when the teams begin a three-game series north of the border.

McCann grand slam in 8th powers White Sox past Astros 13-9

By MATT CARLSON

Associated Press

CHICAGO — James McCann ended a home run drought in grand style to help the Chicago White Sox make a statement against one of baseball's top teams.

McCann hit a tiebreaking grand slam in the eighth inning and Chicago outlasted the Houston Astros 13-9 Wednesday to win the season series from the runaway AL West leaders.

McCann lined his 13th homer on an 0-2 pitch from Ryan Pressly (2-3) with two outs into the right field bullpen to end a 16-game stretch without going deep. The All-Star catcher's first homer since July 22 was his fourth career grand slam and lifted Chicago to a wild victory after the Astros rallied late to tie it.

"We very easily could have folded and given into them with the talent they have over there," McCann said. "We kept fighting and kept pushing and never gave in."

"I was just trying to get something up and elevated. I hit it pretty good and was

thankful that it went."

Rookie Eloy Jiménez hit his 20th homer and doubled, and Tim Anderson doubled twice among four hits for the White Sox.

Following a doubleheader split on Tuesday, Chicago (54-65) took two of three games from the Astros in a little over 24 hours and finished 4-3 against them this year. Houston has lost three of four following an eight-game winning streak.

"It's really good because that is one of the best teams in the business right now," said Jiménez, whose tape-measure shot reached the shrubs in the center field batter's eye. "We competed at a high level."

José Altuve hit a two-run homer off Evan Marshall in the Astros eighth to tie it at 9.

Chicago also overcame a pair of solo shots by Yuli Gurriel and a four-hit day by Michael Brantley that included two doubles. Alex Bregman drove in three runs for Houston after missing Tuesday's twinbill with a sore shoulder.

"At the end of the day, we got outplayed on both sides of the ball," Astros manager

A.J. Hinch said. "They were swinging the bats pretty well. They didn't miss a mistake. All in all, not a great day."

José Abreu and Welington Castillo each had two RBIs for the White Sox.

Alex Colome (4-2), the fifth Chicago reliever, finished the game with 1 2/3 scoreless innings.

Houston starter Wade Miley allowed seven runs (three earned) on nine hits and hurt himself in the field.

Two of Chicago's four unearned runs in the second inning scored on Yolmer Sanchez's suicide squeeze bunt when Miley tried to shovel the ball with his glove to Robinson Chirinos, but flung it over the catcher's head.

"That was stupid," Miley said. "It was the second inning of a baseball game. With our offense, just take the out and move on, tie the game up."

Chicago starter Ross Detwiler allowed four runs on six hits and two walks in 4 2/3 innings and left with a 7-4 lead.

The Astros jumped ahead 1-0 in the first on back-to-

back doubles by Brantley and Bregman. Gurriel lofted his first homer off the left-field foul pole in the second to make it 2-0.

The White Sox pounced on two Astros errors in the second and rallied for four unearned runs.

Gurriel lined his 25th homer of the season to center in the sixth. Abreu replied with an RBI single in the bottom half for an 8-5 lead. Jiménez's shot in the seventh made it 9-7.

MOVING UP

The Astros recalled RHP Cy Sneed from Triple-A Round Rock. He's 0-0 with a 3.75 ERA in three appearances with Houston this season. RHP Joe Biagini was optioned to the farm team on Tuesday.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: RHP Gerrit Cole underwent tests on his right hamstring in Chicago after being scratched at the last minute from a start in the second game of Tuesday's doubleheader and after the game said the injury is "not super serious."

Cole experienced discomfort in his leg while warming

up and never took the mound. The right-hander will accompany the team to Oakland and doesn't know if he'll miss his next scheduled start, next Monday against Detroit.

White Sox: 3B Yoán Moncada (strained right hamstring) worked out with the team on Wednesday, then left for a rehab assignment with Triple-A Charlotte. ... INF/OF Leury Garcia (bruised finger on right hand) was available off the bench.

UP NEXT

Astros: RHP Aaron Sanchez (5-14, 5.60) faces Athletics RHP Mike Fiers (11-3, 3.30) at Oakland on Thursday. Sanchez goes for his third straight win since coming to the Astros in trade from Toronto at the deadline. Fiers is 9-0 with a 2.12 ERA dating to his no-hitter against Cincinnati on May 7.

White Sox: RHP Reynaldo López (7-9, 5.16) takes the mound at Anaheim against Angels LHP Andrew Heaney (1-2, 4.89) on Thursday. López tries for his third straight win and is 3-1 with a 2.13 ERA in his last six starts.

Cole says hamstring injury not serious

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Houston Astros ace Gerrit Cole said his sore right hamstring is "not super serious" a day after he was a late scratch in the second game of a doubleheader against the Chicago White Sox.

Cole experienced discomfort in his leg while warming up and never took the mound. Instead, Chris Devenski opened the game and lasted just two innings in a 4-1 loss that gave the White Sox a split of the twin bill.

The right-hander underwent tests on

Wednesday in Chicago and talked to reporters following Houston's 13-9 loss to the White Sox.

"We got some good news," Cole said. "So we'll just take it day by day right now and kind of see how it responds

to some treatment and some rest and get back out there as soon as I can."

Cole said he never had a similar hamstring injury, but added, "I've had my fair share of stuff that I've had to get through."

Manager A.J. Hinch said Cole would remain with the Astros while the injury is treated and expects the 28-year-old will accompany the team to Oakland for a four-game series that opens on Thursday.

Cole didn't know if he'd miss his next scheduled start, next Monday against Detroit

in Houston.

"I don't think it has been ruled out, but I haven't really had that conversation yet with the manager," he said. Cole, 14-5 with a 2.87 ERA, has won a career-best 10 straight games.

Lions-Texans practice a reunion for Patricia and O'Brien

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Wednesday's joint practice between the Texans and Lions was a reunion for Houston coach Bill O'Brien and Detroit coach Matt Patricia.

The two worked as assistants with the New England Patriots from 2007-11.

O'Brien said the first of two practices between these teams before Saturday's preseason game ran like clockwork.

"He and I, we go back a long way, coached together in New England, didn't really even have to meet about this," O'Brien said. "We just knew how it would work. It was smooth operation."

O'Brien and Patricia have re-

mained close friends from their time working together under New England coach Bill Belichick, and Patricia said it was easy to fall right back into their old routine when they got back together on Wednesday.

"We spent a lot of time together at

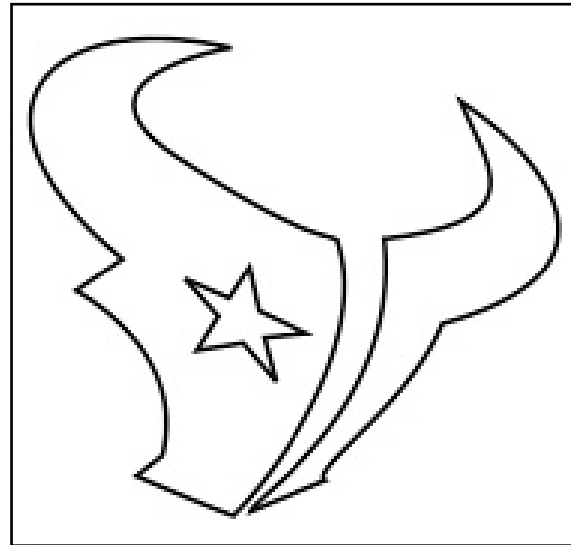
New England," Patricia said.

"He was the offensive coordinator, I was the defensive coordinator. It's funny when we get into practices like this, it's just like old times kind of: 'Hey what do you want to do this period? Let's do this. How many reps here?' What does this

look like?"

"That conversation comes right back to what we did a long time ago."

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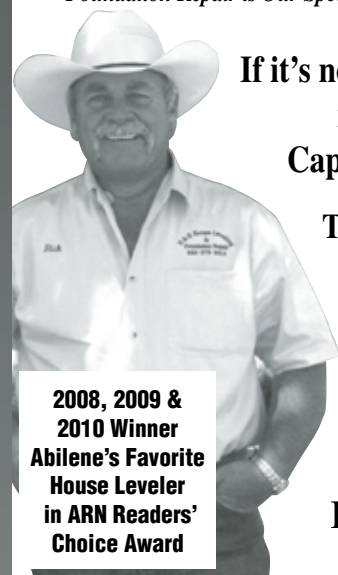
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Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Grieving Father" about why no one asked how he was doing.

My husband passed away two years ago from a massive heart attack. We never had a chance to say goodbye, and I miss him very much.

Yet, other friends who have lost their spouse have often asked me how am I doing. They understand the loss

and the lonely nights. I finally went to counseling for about six months and came to the conclusion that there will be times when "waves of emotion" are triggered by a movie or an ad or even a clue in a crossword puzzle.

I think my "couple" friends don't ask because they don't want to think about experiencing the loss themselves.

Many thanks to my friends who have lost a loved one. Your concern and texts saying "Good night!" have been ever

so comforting. -- Still Missing My Sweetheart in New England

Dear Still Missing My Sweetheart: I am very sorry for your loss. Thank you for sharing your story. You were brave enough to seek professional help for your grief.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Hidden asset

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

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Bidding table with 4 columns: South, West, North, East. Bids listed for each hand.

Opening lead — ten of diamonds.

In bridge, some assets are not as clearly recognizable as others. In today's deal, for example, many players would say that making six hearts depends on whether declarer can score a trick with the queen of clubs.

But in making this assessment, these players would be overlooking another asset that offers an even better chance for the slam, provided South recognizes its value early enough.

All South had to do was to identify his assets at the outset.

an extra trick if the opposing spades are divided 4-3. If they are, the club finesse won't be needed.

When the deal occurred in a pairs tournament, only about 10 percent of the declarers managed to make 12 tricks in a heart contract.

Declarer next cashed the A-K-Q of hearts, unruffled by the 4-1 trump division. With no trumps left in anyone's hand, he then crossed to the diamond queen, led a fourth round of spades and discarded the seven of clubs as East won with the queen.

East returned a club, but declarer put up the ace, crossed to the ace of diamonds and discarded the club queen on the ten of spades to make the slam.

Considering that the chance of finding a 4-3 spade division was 65 percent, and that the 50 percent chance of a successful club finesse could be held in reserve, declarer had better than a 4-in-5 probability of making the slam on this line of play.

Tomorrow: Double-dummy problem.

Outlier's Moon

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

than it is to succumb to overpowering ones.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You need feedback. Without it, you won't know how your work and general personality are landing with other people.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your sign is keenly aware of the risks involved in taking a bull by the horns -- not advisable today. To control beastliness, use the power of the herd.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your feeling that someone is showing you a carefully controlled version of his or her image is correct. You could be flattered by this, and yet it's still important that you get a truer perspective on who you're dealing with.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What you thought would please you turned out to be different than expected. Now you know more, perhaps most valuably that happiness is a byproduct, not an end product.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). An exchange will happen. You won't have to give up what you want to keep, but you just might find that "keeping" isn't so important to you anymore.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sometimes people say the wrong

thing accidentally or out of social awkwardness and/or personal baggage that disallows them to see the wonder and value in things. Your grace will smooth it over and make you the winner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Conflict, tension and surprise aren't just essential elements of drama; they're needed in real life, too. The safe, nice and appropriate route should work; it won't, because it won't attract and hold people's interest.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The loudest one is not the most powerful one. Talking the most actually puts a person at a disadvantage. Power comes from knowing what others want, which requires listening well. Listening is the power move.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Regulating one's own emotions comes more easily to those who aren't having a lot of strong emotions. It is no more admirable to regulate mild emotions

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There is a primal beat inside you, barely detectable when you're immersed in the hum of the modern world, though once you're in the wilderness (actually or metaphorically) it syncs with all that is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The comedians know that most times it's better not to try to be funny at all. The business successes know that making a buck isn't the bottom line. You will follow your own seemingly contradictory rules for today's win.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The thrill of victory is like a special sauce. Once you taste it, you want to see how it pairs with everything you eat. Even the best sauce doesn't go with everything. Sometimes losing is the best win.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 15). You feel your feelings, understand your needs and develop strategies for getting those needs met that do not require other people to be or behave differently. That last part represents your real freedom this year. A professional breakthrough occurs in October. The year-end sees you leading a troupe. Sagittarius and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 11, 37, 2, 24 and 16.

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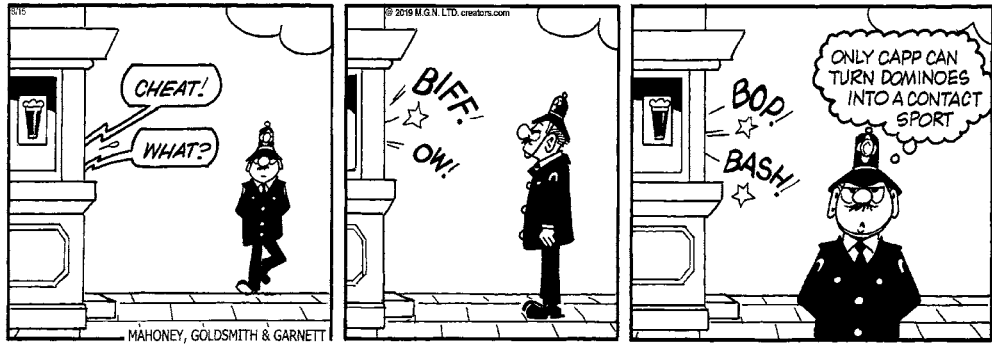
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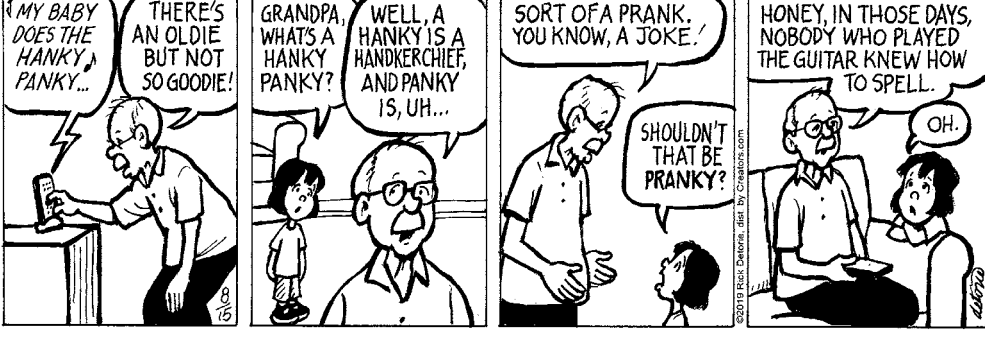
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Thursday, Aug. 15, the 227th day of 2019. There are 138 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On August 15, 1971, President Richard Nixon announced a 90-day freeze on wages, prices and rents. On this date: In 1483, the Sistine Chapel was consecrated by Pope Sixtus IV. In 1888, T.E. Lawrence, the British soldier who gained fame as "Lawrence of Arabia," was born in Tremadoc, Wales. In 1935, humorist Will Rogers and aviator Wiley Post were killed when their airplane crashed near Point Barrow in the Alaska Territory. In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces landed in southern France in Operation Dragoon. In 1945, in a pre-recorded radio address, Japan's Emperor Hirohito announced that his country had accepted terms of surrender for ending World War II. In 1947, India became independent after some 200 years of British rule. In 1961, as workers began constructing a Berlin Wall made of concrete, East German soldier Conrad Schumann leapt to freedom over a tangle of barbed wire in a scene captured in a famous photograph. In 1965, the Beatles played to a crowd of more than 55,000 at New York's Shea Stadium. In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair opened in upstate New York. In 1995, the Justice Department agreed to pay \$3.1 million to white separatist Randy Weaver and his family to settle their claims over the killing of Weaver's wife and son during a 1992 siege by federal agents at Ruby Ridge, Idaho. In 1998, 29 people were killed by a car bomb that tore apart the center of Omagh, Northern Ireland; a splinter group calling itself the Real IRA claimed responsibility. In 2017, President Donald Trump, who'd faced harsh criticism for initially blaming the deadly weekend violence in Charlottesville, Virginia on "many sides," told reporters that there were "very fine people on both sides" of the confrontation and that groups protesting against

the white supremacists were "also very violent." (In between those statements, at the urging of aides, Trump had offered a more direct condemnation of white supremacists.) Ten years ago: U.S. Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., visiting Myanmar, was able to secure the release of John Yettaw, an American imprisoned for swimming to the home of Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi. A wedding tent fire in Kuwait claimed the lives of 55 women and children. Five years ago: Texas Gov. Rick Perry was indicted by a grand jury for allegedly abusing the powers of his office by carrying out a threat to veto funding for state prosecutors investigating public corruption. (A coercion charge was tossed on appeal before Texas' highest criminal court voided the abuse of power charge in February 2016.) One year ago: President Donald Trump revoked the security clearance of ex-CIA Director John Brennan in an unprecedented act of retribution against a vocal critic; Trump later told The Wall Street Journal that Brennan was among those he held responsible for the Russia investigation. In a speech blasting Trump and his "Make America Great Again" slogan, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said America "was never that great," and wouldn't be true until all Americans share true equality. (Cuomo would later say that his words had been "inartful," and that "America has always been great.") A suicide bomber struck a private education center in a Shiite neighborhood of the Afghan capital, killing 34 young men and women; the Islamic State group claimed responsibility.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Abby Dalton is 87. Actress Lori Nelson is 86. Civil rights activist Vernon Jordan is 84. Actor Jim Dale is 84. Actress Pat Priest is 83. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer is 81. U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., is 81. Musician Pete York

Answer to previous puzzle crossword grid with words like CLASP, CALM, SLAP, DELHI, ALOE, TALES, STEEP, NEST, OUTS, BEFOURTHRIGHT, GARRET, ACHOO, TOO, SOS, SKI, AMOS, BAILIFFS, BESHORT, ANDSWEET, SNEERING, OREO, APT, HAS, ASP, APRIL, MENTAL, THEN, BESEATED, BALE, DIRT, SOLAR, ASAP, EDGE, TRULY, TEXT, NEED, ANGLE. 8/15/19

(Spencer Davis Group) is 77. Author-journalist Linda Ellerbee is 75. Songwriter Jimmy Webb is 73. Rock singer-musician Tom Johnston (The Doobie Brothers) is 71. Actress Phyllis Smith is 70. Britain's Princess Anne is 69. Actress Tess Harper is 69. Actor Larry Mathews is 64. Actor Zeljko Ivanek is 62. Actor-comedian Rondell

Sheridan is 61. Rock singer-musician Matt Johnson (The The) is 58. Movie director Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu is 56. Philanthropist Melinda Gates is 55. Country singer Angela Rae (Wild Horses) is 53. Actor Peter Hermann is 52. Actress Debra Messing is 51. Actor Anthony Anderson is 49. Actor Ben Affleck is 47. Singer Mikey Graham

(Boyzone) is 47. Actress Natasha Henstridge is 45. Actress Nicole Paggi is 42. Christian rock musician Tim Foreman (Switchfoot) is 41. Actress Emily Kinney is 35. Figure skater Jennifer Kirk is 35. Latin pop singer Belinda (cq) is 30. Actress Courtney Hope is 30. Rock singer Joe Jonas (The Jonas Brothers) is 30. Actor-singer Carlos

PenaVega is 30. Actress Jennifer Lawrence is 29. Rap DJ Smoove da General (Calif Swag District) is 29. Thought for Today: "Life has taught me to think, but thinking has not taught me how to live." — Alexander Herzen, Russian author (1812-1870).

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Newsday Crossword

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Wednesday Sports in Brief

Associated Press

BASEBALL

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Albert Pujols had two hits and three RBIs Wednesday and set the major league record for career hits by a foreign-born player, leading the Los Angeles Angels to a 7-4 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Pujols had an RBI single in the 4th inning. His 3,167th hit moved him past fellow Dominican Republic native Adrian Beltre (3,166) and into sole possession of 15th place for career hits.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Phillies right-hander Jake Arrieta says he's likely going to have season-ending surgery soon because of a bone spur in his pitching elbow.

Arrieta has been pitching through pain for several starts but his inability to go more than five innings led him to shut it down. He's scheduled for an MRI on Thursday and will determine his course of action afterward.

Arrieta won the 2015 NL Cy Young Award with the Cubs. He has been mediocre since he joined the Phils on a three-year, \$75 million contract in March 2018. The deal includes team options for \$22.5 million in '21 and '22. Arrieta also can opt out after this season but it's unlikely he'll give up the \$20 million he's due next year.

He is 8-8 with a 4.64 ERA this season and was 10-11 with a 3.96 ERA in 2018.

ATLANTA (AP) — The New York Mets placed All-Star Jeff McNeil on the 10-day injured list on Wednesday and recalled infielder Rubén Tejada from Triple-A Syracuse.

Mets manager Mickey Callaway said McNeil suffered a "fairly mild" left hamstring strain when trying to beat out an infield grounder in the ninth inning of Tuesday night's 5-3 loss to the Atlanta Braves.

McNeil, the Mets' leadoff hitter, is batting .332 with 15 homers and 55 RBIs. This is his second IL stint with a left hamstring injury this season. He missed about two weeks, from May 23 to June 4, with his previous injury.

BASKETBALL

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — LeBron James has dedicated a basketball court at the school he founded for underprivileged children in his hometown.

Joined by his close friends and former teammates from nearby St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, James helped unveil a multicolored outdoor court at the I Promise School, which has just started its second academic year and now serves more than 300 students from grades 3-5.

The NBA superstar is spending

more than \$1 million on various upgrades for the school. James and his high school buddies played a few of the kids in a quick game, and the four-time MVP dunked to break in one of the hoops.

FOOTBALL

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — New York Giants wide receiver Golden Tate III never hesitated to take a prescribed fertility drug because the doctor who wrote the prescription told him he had given it to other NFL players and it was not banned.

Speaking to reporters a day after an independent arbiter upheld his suspension for the first four games of the regular season, Tate said Wednesday he was considering legal action against the doctor to recover the \$1.2 million in salary he will lose during his suspension. He did not identify the doctor.

In the candid interview after practice, Tate said he was frustrated, accepted both the blame and the punishment, and added he was having a tough time for letting down his teammates and the organization for the start of the season.

Tate signed a \$37.5 million contract as a free agent with the Giants in March. He said he started taking a fertility drug in April and a couple of days later said he was randomly tested for drugs by the league. He learned shortly after that the drug, which he said was clomifene, was a banned substance.

BESSEMER CITY, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina Highway Patrol cited Carolina Panthers defensive end Bryan Cox Jr. for speeding, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia on the final day of the team's training camp.

Sergeant Christopher Knox of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety says troopers pulled over the 25-year-old Cox on Interstate 85 northbound near Bessemer City for driving 90 mph in a 65 mph zone in a 2015 Nissan. Cox was cited for possessing less than a half-ounce of marijuana. He has an Oct. 14 court date.

The incident came about an hour after the Panthers broke camp at Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and players began

returning home to Charlotte, North Carolina.

The Panthers released a statement on Wednesday night saying "the club is aware that Bryan Cox Jr. was cited by law enforcement today. We are gathering information and have been in contact with the NFL and Bryan. We will have no further comment at this time."

SOCCER

Players for the World Cup champion women's national team say mediation talks with the U.S. Soccer Federation in their dispute over equal pay are over.

Molly Levinson, who represents the players in matters concerning the dispute, said in a statement Wednesday that the players look forward to a jury trial. U.S. Soccer did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Wednesday afternoon.

The players sued the federation in March, charging institutionalized gender discrimination that includes inequitable compensation when compared with their counterparts on the men's national team. The USSF countered that pay and benefits for members of the men's and women's teams, bargained by separate unions, can't be compared and said there was no basis for allegations of illegal conduct.

ATLANTA (AP) — Atlanta United coach Frank de Boer said he regrets his choice of words — one word, especially — in a British newspaper interview about gender equity in soccer and stressed that he's a big supporter of the women's game.

De Boer faced backlash before Wednesday's Campeones Cup game for his comments in a wide-ranging interview published by The Guardian, in which he said it was "ridiculous" that female players expect to receive the same World Cup pay as the men.

The United coach issued a statement before the game saying he didn't want to be a distraction to his team, then was asked about it after Atlanta's 3-2 victory over Mexican powerhouse Club America — the most significant victory of de Boer's first year as coach of the reigning

MLS Cup champions.

De Boer, a native of the Netherlands who speaks several languages and sometimes struggles to come up with the right word in English, said he realizes that he made a poor choice.

HOCKEY

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Red Wings have acquired forward Adam Erne from the Tampa Bay Lightning for a fourth-round pick in the 2020 draft.

Red Wings general manager Steve Yzerman made the move Wednesday, adding a player he drafted in the second round in 2013 while running Tampa Bay's front office.

The 24-year-old Erne had seven goals and 20 points in 65 games for the Lightning last season and was among team leaders with 159 hits last season. The native of New Haven, Connecticut, has 13 career goals and 14 assists in 114 games over three seasons.

COURTS

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Louisiana's Supreme Court has ruled that the NFL can hold off, for now, on providing documents and answering questions in a New Orleans Saints fan's lawsuit over referees' failure to call crucial penalties in a January playoff game won by the Los Angeles Rams.

Attorney Anthony LeMon says the state's highest court issued the stay order Wednesday while it considers the league's appeal of a lower court judge's ruling allowing his suit against the league to continue. That judge had said Commissioner Roger Goodell and game officials must answer questions under oath in New Orleans in September.

However, LeMon says the stay will likely mean the depositions of Goodell and the officials will be put off until October or later — if the suit is allowed to proceed.

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Cristiano Ronaldo's lawyers want to push a Nevada woman's lawsuit accusing the soccer star of raping her in 2009 out of a U.S. court and into closed-door arbitration.

Court documents filed in Las Vegas asked a U.S. judge to declare that a 2010 confidentiality agreement and \$375,000 hush-money settlement with Ronaldo's accuser, Kathryn Mayorga, are still in effect.

Such a ruling would stop the public proceeding and invoke a provision allowing out-of-court mediation between Mayorga, a 35-year-old former schoolteacher and model, and representatives of one of the most recognizable and highly paid players in sports.

TEXANS

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The teams went through about a two-hour practice on Wednesday morning in which they conducted drills separately early in the day before working together. Patricia, recovering from offseason leg surgery, zipped around from field to field on a four-wheeler, and O'Brien was seen standing near his ATV and chatting with him several times during practice.

It is the second consecutive week both teams have held joint practices. The Texans worked out with the Packers for two days last week before Thursday's preseason opener at Green Bay. Detroit hosted Belichick and the Patriots for two workouts in advance of the team's first preseason game on Thursday.

Houston quarterback Deshaun Watson and Lions signal caller Matt Stafford took many of the

snaps in Wednesday's workouts. They both made some nice passes, with Stafford connecting with first-round pick T.J. Hockenson on one long throw.

The Lions believe that chasing around dual-threat quarterback Watson for a few days this week will help them prepare for their season opener when they'll meet Arizona and Kyler Murray, last year's Heisman Trophy winner and the top overall pick in this year's draft.

Along with dealing with the Texans, the Lions were also fighting the weather conditions Wednesday. Where they normally practice in Allen Park, Michigan, temperatures are usually in the low to mid-70s in the mornings. In Houston on Wednesday temperatures soared to above 90 degrees with high humidity by the time practice wrapped up just before 11 a.m.

Patricia said he and his staff have been getting the team ready for the conditions for a while.

"Making sure that we're doing a good job with

our players to hydrate and to make sure they are prepared," he said. "We've tried to stress that through the last 48 hours or so through the travel. Obviously getting on the plane, that dehydrates you, too. ... We're just going to have to do a really good job of monitoring everything. I've talked to coach O'Brien at length about taking his guidance and his lead as far as the heat is concerned because he is obviously in tune with it a little bit more than we are."

Patricia said it's not only important to be cognizant of the heat's effect while practice is going on, but also later in the day and evening as they prepare for a second day in the conditions Thursday.



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