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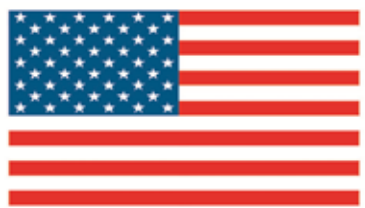
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Governor Abbott updates Texas COVID-19 information

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**

Managing Editor

Texas Governor Greg Abbott held a press conference regarding the recent surge in COVID-19 cases Monday afternoon. During the conference he outlined ways for Texans to help slow the spread and issued new numbers of COVID-19 testing.

“Our goal is to keep Texans out of the hospital and reduce the number of positives,” Governor Greg Abbott said during the press conference.

The latest update on COVID-19 numbers in the state are as follows: 111,601 COVID-19 cases, 2,182 deaths, 1,715,177 have been tested, 40,920 actives cases, 3,409 are hospitalized, and 68,499 have recovered from the virus. Following the Monday press conference, another conference was held Tuesday to announce the highest day thus far with more than 5,000 positive cases in one day.

The numbers have increased at a drastic rate since Memorial Day weekend, when the first Phase of re-opening Texas began. According to Governor Abbott, in late May there were around 1,500 cases a day on average and in the past week the average of new cases is totaling more than 3,500 per day. In late May the rate of new cases was sitting around 4.5% and this week it is sitting at around 9%. There were around 1,600 hospitalizations related to COVID-19 in late May and over the past week, there have been more than 3,200 a day.

“The numbers are growing at an unacceptable rate and must be corralled,” Governor Abbott said.

Governor Abbott reiterated that closing down businesses and the state is a last resort. He encouraged Texans to adhere to the safety protocols to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 throughout the state, including social distancing when possible and wearing face masks when social distancing is not

Special to the Herald

We have received a couple of emails and phone calls regarding discrepancies with DSHS reporting numbers and the City of Big Spring/Howard County reporting numbers and believe that it would be beneficial to explain.

The Department of State Health Services receives positive lab results from all testing sites. Those positive results are assigned to a DSHS investigator and upon specific information being verified by DSHS, the local entities’ emergency management is notified. There is usually a delay in emergency management’s notification from DSHS, though we feel it necessary to wait upon the official notification from DSHS instead of relying on their dashboard website for our notification to the citizens of Big Spring and Howard County. This assures us it was not a data-entry issue and assures us we have the most information we can share such as age, gender, current condition and how contracted. It is also noted that occasionally we receive the official notification of

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possible. The use of proper hand sanitizing and washing your hands was highly encouraged. Those who are sick and/or exhibiting symptoms are encouraged to stay home. All Texans are encouraged to stay home if at all possible.

Governor Abbott mentioned that the appropriate authorities have been mobilized and are doing what is needed to help slow the spread. Recently, the TABC has been monitoring and

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COVID-19 Update:

Active Cases:

16

Confirmed:

30

Tests performed:

1729

Pending:

41

Negative tests:

1658

Recovered:

13

Deaths:

1

Just a Note:

Summer Meal Program will run through June 30. Text **FOODTX** to 877-877 to find a site close to you.

Russ McEwen Aquatic Center set to open Today at 75% capacity

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Hospital Heroes get fed on Thankful Thursday

By **NATALIE PERMENTER**

Herald Contributing Writer

Giving back to our front-line heroes is vitally important during this ongoing crisis. Since COVID-19 began to impact our nation, all healthcare professionals and their support staff have worked long hours at high risk to themselves and their families to fight this unseen enemy. Many businesses and individuals in our community have stepped up with random acts of kindness to encourage them and let them know they are appreciated for their sacrifice.

“The support that we have received from the community has been inspiring,” April Arms, Executive Assistant at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, said. “Knowing the community stands behind us makes the day-to-day that much easier to handle. We are committed to serving our community with safety at top of mind, and while providing compassionate, quality care. We truly appreciate every donation, every kind gesture and ev-



Courtesy photo

Scenic Mountain Medical Center employees were treated to a lunch by staff from Wesley Beuchamp State Farm, one of many outpourings from the community to local healthcare providers.

ery prayer that the community has provided.”
 On Thursday, June 11, Wesley Beuchamp State Farm provided lunch and dinner for the staff at Scenic Mountain

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Medrano’s honors West Texas VA veterans on Father’s Day 2020 with a BBQ luncheon



By **AMANDA DUFORAT**

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Recognizing those who served their country year-round is an effort that can be expressed year-round. During the holidays, whether it be Veteran's Day, Christmas, Thanksgiving, Memorial Day, or even Father's Day, taking a moment to say thank you to local veterans is

a moment the Medrano Family likes to take.

“For the past four years we have made this a tradition to come out and feed our veterans,” Anthony Medrano said. “The majority of them are fathers, if not all of them, and they may not have family that can come

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Medrano’s honored West Texas VA veterans on Father’s Day with a special BBQ.

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Obituaries

Robert Earl Smith

Robert Earl Smith, 72, of Big Spring passed away Friday, June 19, 2020. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Gloria Abrea Galan

Gloria Abreo Galan, 90, of Abilene, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, June 19, 2020.



Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Gloria was born March 24, 1930, in Big Spring to Luz and Domingo Abreo. She married Felix Galan on Nov. 12, 1949, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on May 5, 2007. She moved to Abilene in 2015. She was a homemaker and was a member of La Fe Baptist

Church where she was a very active and faithful member.

Gloria loved sewing. She was an excellent seamstress. She also loved cooking and crafts.

Gloria is survived by five children: Noemi Chinchilla of Fresco, Avel Galan of Kerrville, Silbia Galan of London, Ark., Erene Akin of Abilene, and Geneva Garcia of Houston; one sister: Mary Elizabeth Rainey of Boerne; four brothers: Efred Abreo of Austin, Noel Abreo of Lubbock, David Abreo of Ft. Worth, and Jimmy Abreo of Big Spring; 15 grandchildren; and 39 great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son-in-law: David Edward Garcia; four siblings: Mary Ann Ficke, Salvador Abreo, Fe Acosta, and Esperanza De Silva.

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

Paid Obituary

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Allendale. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Derrick Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical

Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Avion. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 800 block of FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Rosemont. No transport was required.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of N. Hwy 87 and FM 700. No transport was re-

quired.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Albrook. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Benton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of W. Marcy Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Police Report

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity for 06/22/20 and 06/23/20:

- **LISA MARIE WHEELER**, 45, of 1504 S. Pennsylvania Ave, New Mexico, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **OTIS ODELL HARDAWAY**, 46, of 1201 S. Boston Ave., Lamesa, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **SIDNEY FAUNCE**, 47, Transient, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **PEDRO HERNANDEZ**, 45, of 1710 S. Johnson St., was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass and expired drivers license.
- **BLUFFED ALLEN JONES**, 37, of 1601 Stadium Ave., was arrested on a charge of arson.
- **MICHELLE RENEE SIMMONS**, 52, of 5706 RR 33, was arrested on a charge of arson.
- **SCOTT MATTHEW SMITH**, 28, of 6107 N. Service Rd., was arrested on a charge of assault family violence threat or offensive touch.
- **LIONSO LEE JIMENZ, III**, 41, of 1010 NW 2nd Street, was arrested on a charge of unlawful possession firearm by felon, evading arrest/detention, possession drug paraphernalia, robbery, deadly conduct discharge firearm hab/building/vehicle, warrant from other agency.
- **OTIS ODELL HARDAWAY**,

46, of 1201 S. Boston Ave., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **LIONSO LEE JIMENEZ**, 111, 41, of 1010 NW 2nd Street, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass – habitation/shelter.
- **CAMERON LANE WOODARD**, 19, of 2623 Albrook Drive, was arrested on a charge of assault family/household member and intentionally recklessly impeding normal breathing or circulation.
- **KELLI ANN MCADAMS**, 38, of 2804 Crestline Road, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **AUSTIN RAY DARDEN**, 20, of 3101 Navajo Drive, was arrested on a charge of burglary building.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 1000 block of W. Third Street.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1200 block of Lloyd Avenue; 1300 block of E. Third; 4400 block of Connally Street; 3200 block of S. Hwy 87; 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1400 block of N. Hwy 87; 700 Block of W. I-20.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the area of 4th and Benton; 200 block of Washington.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 6100 block of N. Ser-

vice Road; 2600 block of Albrook Drive.

- **INTOXICATED SUBJECT** was reported in the 1900 block of S. Gregg Street; 2600 block of S. Gregg Street; 800 block of W. Third Street; 2800 block of Crestline Road.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 2000 block of S. Monticello; 1800 block of E. Hwy 350; 500 block of E. 13th Street; 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 200 block of Texas Road; 500 block of E. 13th Street.
- **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported in the 1700 block of 1/2 S. Johnson Street.
- **ALARM** was reported in the 300 block of Dealy Road; 300 block of Dealy Road.
- **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 1400 block of Lexington Ave.
- **BURGLARY IN PROGRESS** was reported in the 22500 block of Driver Road.
- **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported in the 800 block of W. FM 700.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the Vietnam Memorial.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 200 block of N. Benton Street; 2900 block of E. I-20 133.

Food pick up info

Big Spring ISD will be providing sacked meals for students while the campuses are closed. Meals will be available at three schools from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. Meals can be picked up at any of the three campuses where they are being handed out, which will be Moss, Marcy and Big Spring Junior High School. At both March and Moss, pick up will be in the bus lane behind the campus. At BSJH, pick up can be made at Door #5 on the east side of campus.

Children in Big Spring ISD can also pick up meals at the following times and locations:

- Bus 13-Navajo and Choctaw (9 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.)
- Bus 14-Bauer (9 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.)
- Bus 15: Larry and McDonald (9 a.m. -10:25 a.m.)
- Bus 27: 5th and Abrams (9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)
- Bus 28: 3rd and Lockhart (9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.)
- Bus 28: Limestone Ridge Apt. (9:40 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.)
- Bus 77: Parkway and Hearn (9 a.m. -10 a.m.)
- Bus 85: Goliad Elementary (9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.)
- Bus 86: 6th and Circle (9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)
- Bus 90: Southridge RV Park (9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)
- Bus 96: Albrook and Randolph (9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)

From 10 a.m. to 10:55 a.m., you can pick up at:

- Bus 13-Barcelona Apartments (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)
- Bus 14-Lakeview (10 a.m - 10:30 a.m.)
- Bus 14 - Knollwood Apartments (10:35 a.m. -11 a.m.)
- Bus 15: Colby and Drew (10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.)
- Bus 27: 8th and Lorilla (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)
- Bus 28: Roy Anderson Complex (9:50 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.)
- Bus 28: 14th and Main Church of Christ (10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.)
- Bus 77: Airport and Mobile (10:05 - 10:55 a.m.)
- Bus 85: Scott and Macauslan (10:35 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)
- Bus 86: Washington Elementary (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)
- Bus 90: Oasis and Neill (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)
- Bus 96: Anderson School (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)

Student meals will also be available for pickup on the Moss, Marcy and Junior High campuses, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until Noon. Please call, 432-264-3635 if you have any questions or concerns.

Support Group

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- 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.

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positive COVID-19 patients prior to them being displayed on the DSHS dashboard website.

We appreciate the understanding of our citizens on this matter as sharing this information is a dai-

ly process that takes the coordination of multiple individuals and entities.

Also, we STRONGLY URGE all citizens to practice caution when going out in public, and to do so only when necessary. When in public areas, citizens should always wear a mask or face covering. These actions protect you and help decrease the spread, especially if you unknowingly have COV-

ID-19 and take the proper precautions. It is crucial that we as a community take our health seriously and minimize the risk to our population.

COVID-19 remains a major concern in our community and we urge citizens to wash their hands, wear a mask, social distance and avoid travel when possible.

Weather



Today: Sunny, with a high near 97. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 72. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 97. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 71.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 94.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 72.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 97.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 73.

Monday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 100.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 74.

Tuesday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 101.

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

LUNCH

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Medical Center. The event "Feeding Hospital Heroes" on Thankful Thursday was part of States Farm's local community give back program. The event was coordinated by Josh Sicard from Wesley Beauchamp State Farm's office with the help of April Arms from SMMC.

"Good things happen when neighbors come together," said Josh Sicard. "At State Farm, 'like a good neighbor' is more than just a slogan, it's how we operate. We were blessed to have the opportunity to give back to our community and with the unprecedented events surrounding COVID-19, we decided there is no better time than now to show our gratitude to the hospital heroes that put their lives at risk every day to make sure we get through this together."

Take Note

- NazFamily Church is gearing up for 2020 Vacation Bible School. VBS is set for July 6-10 from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. NazFamily is located at 1400 Lancaster. For more information, call 432-267-7015.

- The Life Center in Big Spring is helping moms and dads with a Diaper Day Giveaway! Call for a five minute phone appointment and a pickup time for free diapers, wipes and formula. 432-606-5041.

- The National AARP Tax-Aide officials have notified us that they will not allow many of the local sites to reopen for tax preparation this year. They made the decision using a map that shows the growth of positive COVID-19 cases at this time. Since the numbers in Howard County have recently increased, our Big Spring site will not be allowed to reopen for 2020. There is a free govern-

ment site that you may use to complete your own taxes. The website is: irs.gov/freefile. The deadline for filing is July 15, 2020.

We appreciate the cooperation of the City of Big Spring for trying to help us get safe procedures in place to meet the national guidelines, and we are very disappointed that we are not allowed to help our citizens with this importance service. You may contact Ray Alexander at 432-212-3533 if you have any questions.

- American Legion Post 506 will be holding a fish fry Saturday, June 26 from 11 a.m. Until 1 p.m. For delivery orders and until 2 p.m. for those wanting to pick up a plate. Plates are \$10 each and everyone is encouraged to come out and attend. American Legion is located at 3203 W. Hwy 80.

- The Senior Supper Club has come out of hibernation to re-

sume its normal Tuesday evening dinners. The Come-One-Come-All group will be meeting at Spanish Inn on Tuesday June 16 at 5 p.m. and orders will be placed around 5:30 p.m. after much socializing from a distance. The Senior Supper Club is an informal group of folks from Howard County who meet at least weekly and sometimes more for Dutch-Treat food at different area restaurants. Sometimes the group also meets for cards, dominoes, or desserts and fellowship. For more information, contact Colonel.Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com.

- St. Vincent de Paul will be open the following dates beginning May 2020. Food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this report.

- **AUSTIN RAY DARDEN**, 20, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of burglary of a building.
- **OTIS HARDAWAY**, 46, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **LIONSO LEE JIMENEZ III**, 41, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of deadly conduct discharge firearm, robbery, unlawful possession firearm by felon, evading arrest detention, possession of drug paraphernalia, criminal trespass, parole violation.
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BBQ

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and spend time with them."

Last weekend, in recognition of Father's Day, the Medrano Family - Anthony, Mario, Austin, Abraham - joined forces, brought out the grill and prepared a BBQ meal for the CLC veterans at West Texas VA Medical Center.

"These gentleman have put their life on the line for all of us," Anthony Medrano said. "We just want to show them thanks."

Mario Medrano is a former VA employee and veteran himself. Showing appreciation is one of the main focuses the family extends into the commu-

nity. The veterans, their caregivers and their families were able to enjoy the nice weather, BBQ chicken, brisket, ribs and dessert.

"We truly appreciate the Medrano's and all those in our community who take time to show their support and appreciation for our veterans," said Michael Cole, West Texas VA Public Affairs Officer. "The veterans truly feel the appreciation for their service."

The West Texas VA will be holding a special recognition for veterans on the Fourth of July weekend, as they do every year.

Amanda Duforat is the Managing Editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, e-mail editor@bigspring-

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Trump signs an order to strengthen United States child welfare system

By DAVID CRARY AP

National Writer

Tackling a lower-profile issue for the White House, President Donald Trump signed an executive order Wednesday aimed at strengthening child-welfare programs nationwide.

It comes as child-protection agencies across the U.S. struggle with effects related to the coronavirus pandemic.

Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar hailed the order as a step toward "bold reforms." The goals are ambitious — curtailing child maltreatment, strengthening adoption programs and encouraging supports for at-risk families so fewer children need to be separated from their homes and placed in foster care.

An advocate for at-risk children and families, University of Michigan law professor Vivek Sankaran, said it was difficult to give an immediate verdict as to whether the proposals are significant or "a lot of fluff with little substance."

Sankaran said he found some basis for optimism in the performance of senior HHS official Jerry Milner, "who is desperately trying to change things" since his appointment three years ago to oversee much of the department's child welfare work.

The executive order envisions three basic areas of reform:

—Creating "robust partnerships" between state agencies and public, private, faith-based and community organizations. The goals would include development of community-based, abuse-prevention

and family support services and holding states accountable for recruiting an adequate number of foster and adoptive families.

—Improving resources provided to caregivers and those in care. The order says HHS will increase the availability of trauma-informed training, support guardianship through funding and grants, and enhance support for kinship care and for the roughly 20,000 young people who age out of foster care each year.

—Improving federal oversight over key statutory child welfare requirements. Among other steps, this proposal directs HHS to advise states on the possible use of federal funds to support high-quality legal representation for parents and children.

Martin Guggenheim, a law professor at New York University who focuses on children's rights and family law, said he was heartened by the mention of legal representation.

"Rigorous research proves that improving parent representation is one of the best ways to promote the safety, permanency and well-being of children," he said via email. "It significantly reduces the amount of time children must endure the trauma of foster care."

"But of course we need to see the fine print," he added. "The executive order speaks in broad strokes and I look forward to seeing the details."

According to HHS, there are about 430,000 children now in the U.S. foster care system, including nearly 124,000 who are eligible for adoption,

HHS said its Administration for Children and Families has helped to reduce the number of chil-

dren entering foster care. For the fiscal year 2019, it expects that entries into foster care will total about 250,000 — down 9% from 2016.

Eileen Pasztor, a California-based child welfare advocate with experience as a foster parent and adoptive parent, said HHS should emphasize the importance of kinship care — the steadily growing practice of placing children with relatives rather than with foster parents who are not part of the extended family.

"But such arrangements only are effective when these relatives — able to provide important cultural identity — have essential financial and other supports," Pasztor said.

The coronavirus pandemic has caused an array of problem for child-protection agencies across the U.S. Some family court proceedings have been disrupted, at times delaying a child's exit from foster care to return home. Many biological parents have been denied normally routine in-person visits with children placed in foster care. And some agencies say it's become harder than ever to recruit new foster parents.

The executive vice president of Children's Aid, a private agency that provides foster-care services in New York City, said inquiries from prospective foster parents have dropped to around 10 a month during the pandemic, compared to a normal average of 40 to 50 per month.

"Obviously people are concerned about taking in children," said Georgia Boothe. "COVID-19 has tempered their interest."

Stocks slide on Wall Street as new coronavirus cases surge

By ALEX VEIGA

AP Business Writer

Stocks are down sharply on Wall Street as data showing new coronavirus cases in the U.S. have climbed to the highest level in two months rattles investors' optimism for a relatively quick economic turnaround.

The S&P 500 was down 2.7% in afternoon trading Wednesday, giving back all of its gains for the month. The selling, which followed a skid in European stock indexes, accelerated around mid-morning on news that New York, New Jersey and Connecticut will require visitors from states with high infection rates to quarantine for 14 days.

While economic data is pointing to a recovery from the spring lockdowns that are being eased in the U.S. and other countries, the rise in new infections is stoking worries that the reopening of businesses may have to be curtailed again.

"We've created this optimistic trade over the last few weeks," said J.J. Kinahan, chief strategist with TD Ameritrade. "Are we going to be able to get back to business as fast as it has been priced into equities?"

Technology companies, which

have been leading the market higher as it bounced back from a plunge in March, accounted for the biggest slice of the market's pullback. Financial, health care, communication services and industrial sector stocks also took heavy losses. Energy stocks were down the most as the price of oil dropped sharply.

Cruise lines, which would stand to suffer greatly if travel restrictions are extended, were among the biggest losers in the S&P 500. Norwegian Cruise Line, Carnival and Royal Caribbean Cruises were each down more than 10%. Hotel operators also were down sharply. Wynn Resorts and MGM Resorts International were each down more than 7%. Shares in airlines slumped, too. Delta Air Lines slid 7.6%.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 737 points, or 2.8%, to 25,416. The Nasdaq, which was coming off its second all-time high this week, was down 2.3%. The Russell 2000 index of small company stocks gave up 3.8%. Despite the shedding its gains for June, the S&P 500 is on pace for its best quarter since the fourth quarter of 1998.

The market has been mostly in rally mode since April as investors focused

on the prospects for an economic turnaround as broad areas of the economy reopened. Recently, some encouraging economic reports have fueled optimism that the reopening of businesses in the U.S. and elsewhere could pull the economy out of a deep recession sooner rather than later.

But the recent surge in new infections is undercutting some of that optimism. Coronavirus hospitalizations and caseloads have hit new highs in over a half-dozen U.S. states. New cases nationwide are back near their peak level of two months ago.

While early hot spots like New York and New Jersey have seen cases steadily decrease, the virus has been hitting the south and west. Several states on Tuesday set single-day records, including Arizona, California, Mississippi, Nevada and Texas.

On Tuesday, Federal health officials told Congress to brace for a second wave of coronavirus infections in the fall and winter of this year.

"There's the possibility of shutdowns, but probably more realistically delays in reopening," Kinahan said. "This puts doubt on how comfortable people will be getting on a plane or staying in hotels."

Analysts are warning that, despite

recent market rallies, there is little reassurance infections won't keep spreading, given the growing numbers in some parts of the U.S., Brazil and Asia.

Prakash Sapal, senior economist for ING, said the focus is slowly shifting back to the COVID-19 pandemic from optimism about a rebound from loosening lockdown restrictions.

"The recent acceleration in infections has rekindled concern that governments will be forced to shut down their economies once again, squandering the chance for the much-hoped-for economic bounce back," he said in a report.

Major stock indexes in Europe also fell broadly. Germany's DAX dropped 2.8%, while France's CAC 40 slid 2.3%. Britain's FTSE 100 was down 2.5%. Markets in Asia closed mostly higher.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 0.69% from 0.70% late Tuesday. It tends to move with investors' expectations for the economy and inflation.

In energy trading, benchmark U.S. crude oil slid 5.6% to \$38.12 a barrel. Brent crude, the international standard, was down 4.8% to \$40.71.

Kosovo president, 9 ex-fighters indicted for war crimes

PRISTINA, Kosovo (AP) — Kosovo President Hashim Thaci and nine other former separatist fighters were indicted Wednesday on a range of crimes against humanity and war crimes charges, including murder, by an international court investigating their actions against ethnic Serbs and others during and after Kosovo's 1998-99 independence war with Serbia.

Because of the indictment, Thaci has postponed his trip to the White House in Washington, where he was to meet Saturday for talks with Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic.

"The President of Kosovo has just informed us that he has canceled his trip to Washington, D.C. following the announcement made by the Special Prosecutors Office. I respect his decision not to attend the discussions until the

legal issues of those allegations are settled," tweeted Richard Grenell, the U.S. envoy for the Kosovo talks.

The talks will still go ahead, with Vucic and Kosovo Prime Minister Avdullah Hoti, he added.

A statement from a prosecutor of the Kosovo Specialist Chambers said Thaci and the nine others "are criminally responsible for nearly 100 murders" involving hundreds of Serb and Roma victims, as well as Kosovo Albanian political opponents.

Other charges include enforced disappearance, persecution and torture, he said.

Thaci was a commander of the so-called Kosovo Liberation army, or KLA, that fought for independence from Serbia. The war left more than 10,000 dead — most of them ethnic Albanians — and 1,641 are still unaccounted for. It ended after a 78-day NATO air campaign against Serbian troops.

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Getting to know new Big Spring Head Girls' Track & Field Coach Audrey Dunn

By SHAWN MORAN
Herald Sportswriter

Some high school coaches were standout athletes growing up. Some had a parent that was in the world of coaching and wanted to follow in their footsteps. Some of them even got into coaching before their playing careers ever stopped and knew that is how they wanted to coach for a career.

New Big Spring Head Girls' Track & Field Coach Audrey Dunn is unlike any of those examples and she is perfectly alright with that.

"I was not a collegiate athlete, I was not a student by any means and I never really even saw myself going into education," Dunn said. "No star athlete here and no championships but just the passion and love for the opportunity and discipline that athletics provides for some of our students."

Big Spring has been looking for a new coach to fill the track & field position over the past month or so after the departure of Coach David Jeffery. At first, Dunn did not think she was going to take the position and thought about the decision long and hard before she began to warm up to the idea after a few weeks.

Dunn had told all of her colleagues at Big Spring High School in the past that she had no desire to be a head coach and she liked her role as an assistant. The Ferris High School graduate has been an assistant coach for volleyball, basketball and track for years. After speaking the decision over with basketball coach Krystle Jim and volleyball coach Kaitlyn Braswell, her assistants with track & field, the Lady Steers finally had a new Track & Field Head Coach.

"I was ecstatic," Dunn said. "In the past, I absolutely desired to become a head coach and I made that a point for everyone to know. I was complacent with my role as an assistant. When the opportunity came up I was hesitant and I was unsure. It was something within myself that I had to come to grips with because I knew the type of kids that we have and the caliber of athletes that we have. We tell our girls that we want them to push themselves day-in and day-out to get them out of their comfort zone and never settle. So, I had to take my own advice and here I am."

In high school, Dunn was not the most skilled athlete and was not winning any awards, but her heart and love for the game is what really drew her to sports. Her favorite sport growing up was basketball and he ended up specializing in the sport in high school. She attended Texas Tech and majored in chemistry and planned to go into a career in the medical field. After awhile without getting much closer to a career in her desired field, a simple suggestion from her husband pushed Dunn into a career in teaching.

She did not coach her first year at Big Spring and instead was a consistent fan in the stands for some of her students that would invite her to their games. Being so close to the game and so close to the players sparked something within Dunn that first year at Big Spring and she became an assistant coach the



following school year.

Before long, Dunn was the top assistant coach for the Lady Steers in multiple sports and was making a major impact on the student-athletes who came through her program. Dunn is not a very intense coach but she still wants the best out of her players. With a different coaching style than her track & field predecessor, Dunn is expecting some changes within her program but also feels that Jeffery laid a solid foundation and left her with a strong template to follow.

"Going forward I think I will have an opportunity to make my own mark along with the assistants that I have," Dunn said. "I think they will do a good job helping mold me into the head coach that I will become."

Sports teach us all things that we did not know about ourselves and are also a great way of finding out what your limits are and pushing yourself to those limits. Every athlete and coach has a story of why they got involved in athletics and what sports mean to them. The lessons that can be learned on the court or on the field can last with that athlete their entire lifetime and will help mold them into the adult they will become.

What was the biggest thing Dunn learned through sports?

"Perseverance," Dunn said. "Thinking you're not capable of accomplishing something but when someone is in your corner advocating for you and encouraging you and providing you with the tools that you need in order to be successful and you buy-in. That's when your perspective changes and that when you're really shown what you're capable of."

Athletic Director Mike Ritchey made a great decision to choose Dunn to take over the track & field team and there are high expectations for the squad next spring. With Dunn soon set to enter her first school year as Head Coach of her own program, there will plenty of eyes on the team next year to see if they can pick up where they left off.

Every coach across the state would like to say their goal and expectation is to win the state championship in their respective sports. Dunn can be included in that group. Although she is confident and ready for her first year leading the team, Dunn also expects a learning curve and is just looking to start her head coaching career off on a high note.

"I'm hoping to build off of the momentum we had put together this past season," Dunn said.

The future of Big Spring Girls' Track & Field seems to be in good hands. With Dunn at the helm the work will not stop and the entire team will continue to persevere.

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Big Spring suspends workout throughout rest of this week

By SHAWN MORAN
Herald Sports Writer

After suspending their workouts for Tuesday and Wednesday, the Big Spring Steers and Head Football Coach Cannon McWilliams have announced that they will be suspending their summer workouts for the rest of this week. Instead of the two-week time period like Coahoma is doing, Big Spring will hold off on workouts for just this week and re-evaluate over the weekend. The Steers have not met over the past two days and the surge of coronavirus cases across Texas has caused schools around the state to rethink their summer workout schedules.

"Strength and conditioning and any sport-specific drills will be cancelled for the rest of the week,"

McWilliams wrote in his release. "Once again, we are going to err on the side of caution and hope that we will be able to ramp it up next week! Y'all need to be proud of yourselves for the 2.5 weeks of work you have put in. We had great numbers (the best since I've been here) showing up on a daily basis. That is a credit to y'all and the coaching staff for communicating schedule times and expectations. It's fixing to get really good in Steer Nation when we are able to open up again. I can't wait to see y'all again!"

There has been an uptick in coronavirus cases throughout Howard County over the past two weeks and everyone is on edge about a second wave of the virus coming. If there is one, it could threaten football season and make this fall a tough one to

endure.

As of right now, the Steers are expecting to be back working out together at the beginning of next week. Things can change quickly, as we have seen with this virus time and time again, and they may make a choice to sit out even longer if any more developments occur.

Whatever the Steers decision may be, the *Herald* will be there to let you know about any schedule adjustments or future cancellations that Big Spring may impose.

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Baseball scrambles back into action amid lingering concerns

By NOAH TRISTER
AP Baseball Writer

Ron Gardenhire and Dusty Baker are a little uneasy. Jim Crane hopes his Houston Astros can play in front of fans at some point.

As baseball scrambles to start an abbreviated season, the prevailing mood is one of nervous excitement.

"Is it a risk? Absolutely," said Gardenhire, the 62-year-old manager of the Detroit Tigers. "There's risk involved in this. We all know it, and we're willing to go try to do this thing. I would never want to jump ship with my team, but we're going to do it hopefully do everything right as far as protocol goes, and take care of each other and keep everybody healthy as best we possibly can."

Major League Baseball set a 60-game schedule Tuesday night, and now the sport will try its best to complete a season and crown a champion amid a coronavirus pandemic that still looms over much of American life. Players report to regular July 1 — hard to call it "spring training" at this time of year — and the regular season is supposed to start about three weeks later.

It already feels like a whirlwind.

"We knew this was a possibility so I think everybody is kind of ahead of where they normally would be for traditional spring training," Minnesota Twins reliever Taylor Rogers said. "I don't know if I can speak for everybody because it's easier for the relievers. I don't know how the starters are going to get ready or stretched out. And then the hitters, that's a whole different ballgame. I'm sure it's going to be difficult for them early. They haven't seen live pitching in three months now."

Aside from the accelerated timeline, other logistical issues could arise as teams figure out how to turn their home ballparks into training camps following an uptick in infections in Florida and Arizona. The Tigers announced Wednesday they would use Comerica Park in Detroit, which obviously has less field space than the team's sprawling spring training complex in Florida. General manager Al Avila said players would have their time on the field staggered.

The Texas Rangers, who still haven't played a game in their new retractable roof stadium, plan to use the home, visitor and auxiliary clubhouses to spread out players and staff. The team also has access to its former stadium across the street, even though the field was converted for the XFL and soccer.

Dick Williams, president of baseball operations for the Cincinnati Reds, said MLB is going to charter jets to bring in players from the Dominican Republic, and that teams are allowed to play a small number of exhibition games in July — although he doubts anybody will.

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3	Ryan Blaney	465	-25	1
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7	Martin Truex Jr.	424	-66	1
8	Alex Bowman	419	-71	1
9	Kyle Busch	378	-112	0
10	Kurt Busch	369	-121	0
11	Jimmie Johnson	353	-137	0
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Contract Bridge

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The hidden-trick trick

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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

WEST		EAST	
♠ Q J 5	♥ K 10 8 6 3	♠ K 10 8 6 3	♥ 6 2
♥ 4	♦ 6 4 2	♥ 6 2	♦ 6 4 2
♦ A K Q 7 3	♣ J 9 8	♦ 6 4 2	♣ J 9 8
♣ K 10 7 5		♣ J 9 8	

The bidding:
West North East South
1♦ Pass Pass 4♥

Opening lead — king of diamonds.
Assume you're declarer at four hearts. West leads the king of diamonds and shifts to the queen of spades. How would you play the hand?

Since East passed his partner's opening bid and appears to have the king of spades, it is highly unlikely that a club finesse will succeed. This leaves you with four apparent losers — a diamond, a spade and two clubs.

The answer lies in recognizing the full value of the few meager assets partner has contributed to your cause.

Tomorrow: Test your play.

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The dummy doesn't look very impressive, but with proper care and handling, it will provide you with just what is needed to bring in the contract.

Accordingly, you take the ace of spades at trick two, lead the three of hearts to dummy's seven and play the jack of diamonds. But instead of trumping it, you discard the seven of spades.

West wins with the queen and returns a spade, which you ruff. You then lead the eight of hearts to dummy's nine and return the ten of diamonds, this time discarding a club as West wins the trick with the ace.

West can do no better than exit with another spade, which you carefully trump with the queen. The ten of hearts is then led to the jack, allowing you to discard the queen of clubs on dummy's eight of diamonds to land your game.

By making maximum use of dummy's three trump entries and the J-10-8-5 of diamonds, you thus manage to get rid of all three of your black-suit losers, giving West two diamond tricks you didn't have to lose in exchange. The end result is that you gain a trick in this three-for-two transaction. Oddly enough, the only tricks you lose are the A-K-Q of diamonds.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Venus Direct Directives

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Because of the interconnectedness of body, mind and soul, the fitness of one area will be communicated through the other two. For vibrant benefits, breathe energy into your weaker modality.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You will either commit completely to the task or will pretend that you are completely committed to the task, recognizing how important it is to everyone on the team that you appear unified and "all in."

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It doesn't matter if it's a boss, loved one or complete stranger -- when someone asks you to do something, you naturally default to "yes." This agreeableness will be the start of an adventure.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Just like crunches build stomach muscles, emotional stability can be exercised and built, giving you a core of strength that is even more attractive than a six-pack of abs.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've known both introversion and extroversion and are currently an "ambivert," as some situations make you feel outgoing and others make you feel closed up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What the others want may not be desirable, possible or convenient to you, but you'll hear them out anyway. This act of kindness and respect has repercussions of healing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There is little in life more valuable than the unconditional support of a true friend. You'll experience the pure love of an exchange that is without motive or expectation of

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reciprocity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). In uncertain circumstances, it is only human to rely on assumptions. Be superhuman instead. Let go of what you know and reserve judgment as you try to absorb the truth in front of you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). For most people, if they know how to start, then they'll dive right in. Not knowing where to start leads to procrastination. You'll have the opportunity and privilege of leading the way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Too many choices can be overwhelming, not enough is boring. You'll find your own sweet spot of options, but don't assume it's the same for all. Some people can handle three, others 23.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Some thought patterns are like riptides. It's easy to get carried away and fighting them head-on can be futile. Relax and be carried. Wait for the break -- it's coming -- and then you can swim to the shore.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). This is the time to relax your expectations and accept that your best is always relative to the moment. You can push yourself, but be kind about it. There is no need to punish yourself, ever.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 25). Spiri-

tual investigation and development will lead you to make some very practical improvements. In the next 10 weeks, your interests shift and friendship circle widens. The influence of new people will lead to lifestyle upgrades. The start of 2021 has a romantic feel. Big projects bring big money. Pisces and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 22, 17 and 30.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "It was like a fairytale when my Aries boyfriend and I (Pisces) finally came together after two years of waiting for each other. Then, I stood by him during some very stressful situations, and then he just walked away. I loved him dearly and believed he felt the same and that we would be together for life. My heart is broken, but I am trying to move on."

When I read "fairytale", I think Neptune, the planet of romantic enchantment. Love on Neptune is divine, but in an emotionally engrossing kind of way. Think: the difference between a classic love story and the maturity-engendering travails and triumphs of a romantic comedy. The rub is identifying when the relationship has grown lopsided, (for either of you) and then working to correct it. It is necessary to mature and thrive as a couple. You thought emotional loyalty, standing by your guy's side, cemented your relationship. Your Aries just wasn't that guy. Since Aries men sometimes have difficulty expressing their feelings, he didn't tell you that he was changing. Pisces, love will come again. And when it does, I bet you'll take better care of you by being real about what you need in a partnership.

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SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

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

ANSWER:

Hiding a New Baby from Family

Dear Annie: Two and a half years ago, while my business was doing well, my marriage of 30+ years wasn't.

It was that same old case of drifting apart due to the pressures of life. Our kids had left home except for one, and we looked at downsizing. We signed up for a new apartment, so we had to get our house ready for sale.

My wife and I had this almighty fight -- we'd had these before -- and our relationship was becoming toxic for me, so when we had this fight I finally called it a day. We did counseling

but instead of getting us back together, it was suggested we separate, much to my now ex's disgust.

I wanted out, and she didn't. But it was either stay with her and harm myself or leave.

I had to stay at the house as I was renovating it, which made it difficult. A few months later, I'd met my now-partner, who is much younger than me. We fell for each other pretty quickly during that period in which I was still at the house but my wife and I were over. A few months later, my now-partner became pregnant.

No one knew about

my new relationship. In November, my wife and I told the kids we were separating, and, naturally, they were upset. I moved in with my partner to look after her while she was pregnant but still kept her and the pregnancy a secret.

After Christmas this year, I told my ex and my kids about my partner, but not the fact that she was pregnant. My ex didn't take it well at all. My eldest daughter and youngest son took it pretty well, but my middle daughter took it the hardest. Based on her reaction, I was afraid to tell them anything else and, as such, my new daughter is a secret.

I have agonized for all this time over telling them, and know I need to let them know very soon.

My daughter turned 1 the other day, and it was sad because her half siblings missed out.

My ex had been to a clairvoyant who told her that she saw a newborn, and the day after my ex asked me, "Is this girl pregnant?" I was stunned. I just said no. My son brought up the clairvoyant thing to me, and I laughed it off. I said: "It's more than likely in the cards sometime soon, though. Would you have a problem with having a younger sib-

ling?" He said he'd like to be an older brother.

Part of the reason why I haven't said anything is because I care for my ex and know she will take it very hard. She has a lot of animosity towards me, as does my middle daughter.

I think I'll need to tell them one by one, with my ex finding out last. -- Fearful Father

Dear Fearful: It's time to rip the Band-Aid off so that the real healing can begin. Your plan -- to tell each of your children and then your ex-wife, individually, about your new daughter -- is a good one. Be sure to exe-

cute it swiftly, all on the same day, as word will travel fast. Give them the space to process and be angry. Your lies have deprived your older children from the joy of a new sister and from having an honest relationship with their father. Their first reactions won't be their final reactions. Your ex-wife will have an especially hard time with the news, no doubt, and things may always be tense between you two. But that might have been the case even if it weren't for the baby.

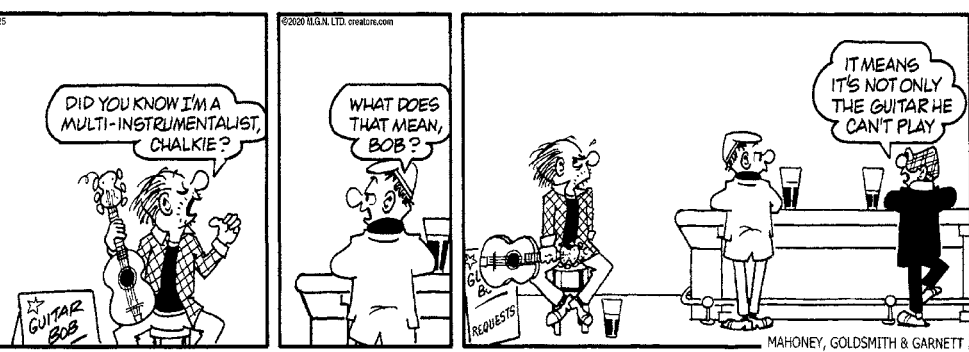
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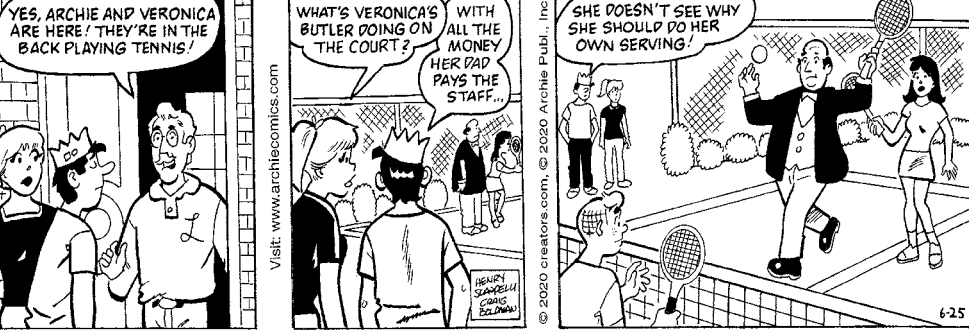
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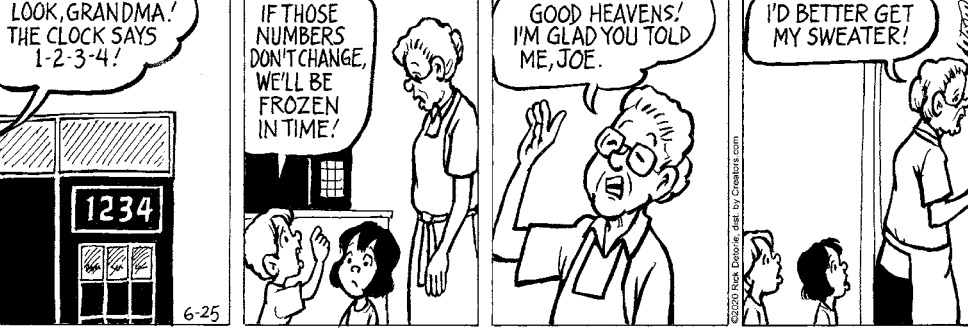
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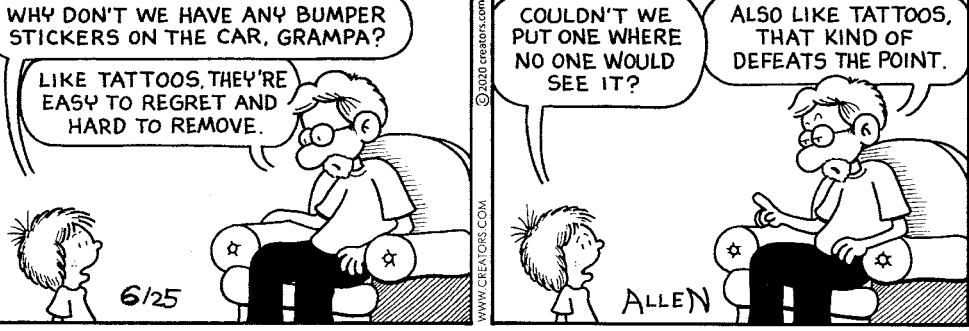
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Thursday, June 25, the 177th day of 2020. There are 189 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On June 25, 1876, Lt. Col. Colonel George A. Custer and his 7th Cavalry were wiped out by Sioux and Cheyenne Indians in the Battle of the Little Bighorn in Montana. On this date: In 1788, Virginia ratified the U.S. Constitution. In 1867, barbed wire was patented by Lucien B. Smith of Kent, Ohio. In 1910, President William Howard Taft signed the White-Slave Traffic Act, more popularly known as the Mann Act, which made it illegal to transport women across state lines for "immoral" purposes. In 1942, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower was designated Commanding General of the European Theater of Operations during World War II. Some 1,000 British Royal Air Force bombers raided Bremen, Germany. In 1947, "The Diary of a Young Girl," the personal journal of Anne Frank, a German-born Jewish girl hiding with her family from the Nazis in Amsterdam during World War II, was first published. In 1950, war broke out in Korea as forces from the communist North invaded the South. In 1962, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that recitation of a state-sponsored prayer in New York State public schools was unconstitutional. In 1973, former White House Counsel John W. Dean began testifying before the Senate Watergate Committee, implicating top administration officials, including President Richard Nixon as well as himself, in the Watergate scandal and cover-up. In 1990, the U.S. Supreme Court, in its first "right-to-die" decision, ruled that family members could be barred from ending the lives of persistently comatose relatives who had not made their wishes known conclusively. In 1996, a truck bomb killed 19 Americans and injured hundreds at a U.S. military

housing complex in Saudi Arabia.

In 2003, the Recording Industry Association of America threatened to sue hundreds of individual computer users who were illegally sharing music files online. In 2009, death claimed Michael Jackson, the "King of Pop," in Los Angeles at age 50 and actress Farrah Fawcett in Santa Monica, California, at age 62.

Ten years ago: Group of Eight leaders, including President Barack Obama, began meeting in Huntsville, Ontario, Canada. BP said its effort to drill a relief well through 2 1/2 miles of rock to stop the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico was on target for completion by mid-August. Edwin Jackson threw the fourth no-hit-ter of the season, leading the Arizona Diamondbacks to a 1-0 victory over his former team, the Tampa Bay Rays. Five years ago: The U.S. Supreme Court upheld nationwide tax subsidies under President Barack Obama's health care overhaul in a 6-3 ruling that preserved health insurance for millions of Americans. Univision's UniMas network announced it was dropping its Spanish-language coverage of the Miss USA pageant in a spiraling controversy over comments made by Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, a part owner of the Miss Universe pageant, about Mexican immigrants. Actor Patrick Macnee, 93, died in Rancho Mirage, California.

One year ago: Stephanie Grisham, longtime spokeswoman and confidante to Melania Trump, was named to succeed Sarah Sanders as White House press secretary. (She would hold the job for nine months without conducting a formal briefing for reporters.) San Francisco became the first major U.S. city to ban the sale of electronic cigarettes. On the 10th anniversary of the death of Michael Jackson, hundreds of

his fans gathered at his grave in Glendale, California for a daylong celebration of his life and music.

Today's Birthdays: Actress June Lockhart is 95. Civil rights activist James Meredith is 87. Rhythm and blues singer Eddie Floyd is 83. Actress Barbara Montgomery is 81. Actress Mary Beth Peil (peel) is 80. Basketball Hall

of Famer Willis Reed is 78. Singer Carly Simon is 75. Rock musician Ian McDonald (Foreigner; King Crimson) is 74. Actor-comedian Jimmie Walker is 73. Actor-director Michael Lembeck is 72. Rock singer Tim Finn is 68. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor is 66. Rock musician David Paich (Toto) is 66. Actor Michael Sabatino

is 65. Actor-writer-director Ricky Gervais (jer-VAYZ') is 59. Actor John Benjamin Hickey is 57. Actress Erica Gimpel is 56. Basketball Hall of Famer Dickembe Mutombo (dih-KEHM'-bay moo-TAHM'-boh) is 54. Rapper-producer Richie Rich is 53. Contemporary Christian musician Sean Kelly (formerly with Sixpence None

the Richer) is 49. Actress Angela Kinsey is 49. Rock musician Mike Kroeger (KROO'-gur) (Nickelback) is 48. Rock musician Mario Calire is 46. Actress Linda Cardellini is 45. Actress Busy Philipps is 41. Jazz musician Joey Alexander is 17.

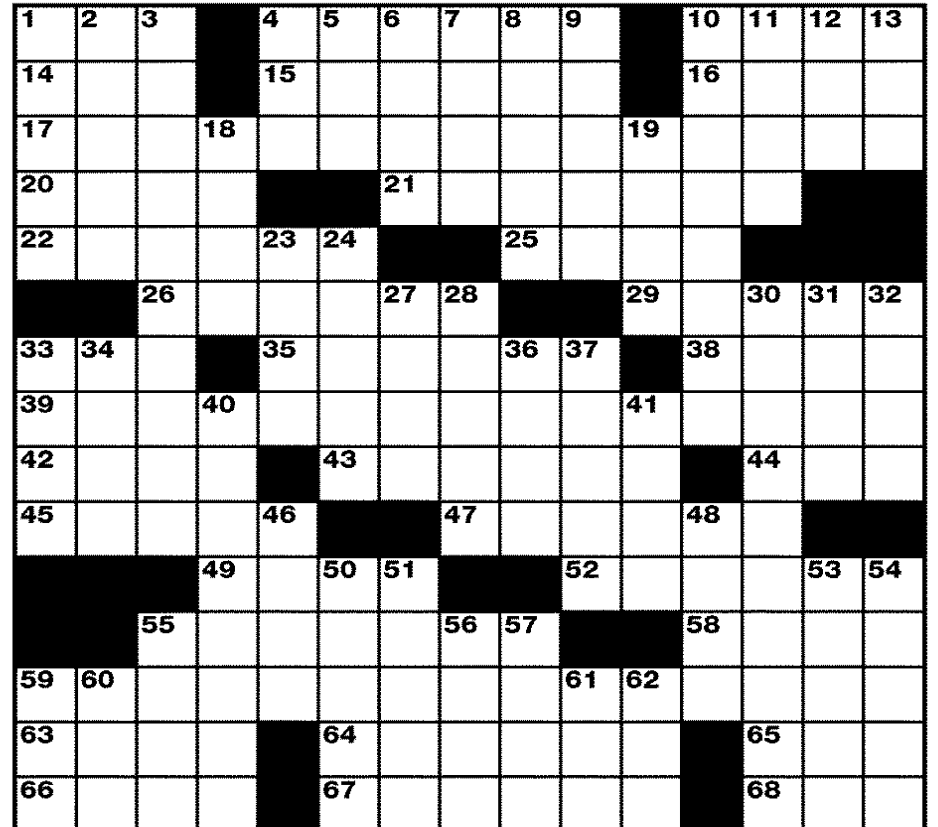
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 - 4 Literary trio's surname
 - 10 Edit out
 - 14 PreCheck traveler program org.
 - 15 Coloration in the polar sky
 - 16 Coloration in the human eye
 - 17 Watery Olympic event
 - 20 Polite greeting
 - 21 Vail, for instance
 - 22 Real thing
 - 25 Halloween costume with a hammer
 - 26 Fancy
 - 29 Exxon merger partner
 - 33 Preflight announcement
 - 35 More Halloweeny
 - 38 Hawaii's state bird
 - 39 Jackie Robinson's team
 - 42 Mexicali's area
 - 43 Folded bookmark
 - 44 Hi__ audio
 - 45 Ads, to ad agencies
 - 47 Cessation
 - 49 Composer Bartók
 - 52 Ferns' beginnings
 - 55 Display carefully
 - 58 "Water" vehicle of a sort
 - 59 Netflix user's activity
 - 63 Flat-box furniture store
 - 64 X-ray machine, e.g.

- 65 American Hunter publisher
 - 66 Post-hex prince, perhaps
 - 67 "Grand" peaks
 - 68 MO's largest airport
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 - 2 Washington Journal ainer
 - 3 Where choppers train
 - 4 Stop the use of
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 - 6 Planetary shapes
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 - 9 Dirt
 - 10 Was bad
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 - 12 Last Super Bowl played
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 - 27 Icy starter
 - 28 Hardware connection
 - 30 Barley, malt, etc.
 - 31 Concerning
 - 32 "That's too much"
 - 33 Drains away
 - 34 Green guardian
 - 36 Pristine place
 - 37 "Where we're going we don't need __" (Back to the Future last line)
 - 40 Alternative to whole wheat
 - 41 Sound of a leak
 - 46 Immunological fluids
 - 48 "Give me the remote" punishment
 - 50 Head out hurriedly
 - 51 Pokémon film genre
 - 53 Apply, as energy
 - 54 Twine material
 - 55 Word following rest or recreation
 - 56 Pest in a swarm
 - 57 Breakfast brand using pop-up ads
 - 59 Use a rocker followed by a bell
 - 60 Decision followed by a bell
 - 61 Minority of NYU students
 - 62 Medical show sets, for short



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Redskins removing ex-owner Marshall from Ring of Fame

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**

AP Sports Writer

The Washington Redskins are removing former owner George Preston Marshall from their Ring of Fame and striking all references to him on their website.

A spokesman confirmed the decisions Wednesday, saying Marshall's name has already been removed from the history wall at the team's training facility in Ashburn, Virginia. The spokesman said the Ring of Fame is removing Marshall's name from its stadium in Landover, Maryland, on Wednesday and the process to alter the website is underway.

"I don't have any feelings against it," Marshall's granddaughter, Jordan Wright, told The Associated Press in a phone interview. "My sense has always been if anybody's offended by these things, then that's OK with me. They should take it down."

It's the latest move to cut ties with the legacy of the team's racist founder, a segregationist who refused to integrate by signing Black players until forced to in 1962, more than a decade after much of the rest of the NFL.

Last week, the team renamed the lower bowl FedEx Field that bore Marshall's name after late Hall of Famer Bobby Mitchell, the franchise's first Black player. A day earlier, Events DC removed a statue of Marshall from the team's former home at RFK Stadium in Washington.

Wright said she has tried for years to have the statue removed from the RFK Stadium grounds but wasn't notified when it happened last week.

"Although it was a big surprise, it wasn't anything that I hadn't already tried to put in motion," she said.

Marshall owned the franchise from its inception in 1932 and moved the team from Boston to Washington several years later. He was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1963 and died in 1969.

"His contributions are well noted in many books and statistics, and his half-time shows and the rules of the game and things that he instituted, and he's still in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton," Wright said. "That's fine. That's where it belongs — in history — and if they change it, OK. I don't really care. I'm not offended."

The Hall of Fame last week said nothing in its bylaws allows for a member's removal once elected, adding that enshrinement "is based on accomplishments on the field for players and coaches and, in the case of contributors, for growing and promoting the game."

The recent national debate over racism has renewed calls for current owner Dan Snyder to change the team's name. A spokesman last week said the team had no comment, and the NFL did not respond to questions about the future of the name.

Wright said changing the name is something that "has to be done." She's fine with Marshall's name being removed from the Ring of Fame in large part because she expects the team to move out of FedEx Field and into a new stadium in the near future.

With that could come a return to the District of Columbia and potentially a new moniker for the team Marshall named.

"It's a new age," Wright said. "It has been. But there have been a lot of people living in a bubble that, let's just say, their consciousness hasn't been raised, even though there's every kind of evidence that it should be by now."

AP Interview: Manfred: 'We owe it to our fans to be better'

By **RONALD BLUM**

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NEW YORK (AP) — Rob Manfred knows many fans were angered by the financial fight between Major League Baseball and the players' association during a pandemic.

"We need to get back on the field, and we need to in a less-charged environment start to have conversations about how we — and the we in that sentence is the commissioner's office, my staff, the clubs and the MLBPA and the players — can be better going forward," he said Wednesday during an interview with The Associated Press. "We owe it to our fans to be better than we've been the last three months."

Spring training was cut short by the novel coronavirus on March 12. The sides reached an initial agreement on March 26, which was to have been opening day. That deal called for players to receive prorated salaries, get \$170 million in advances and receive a guarantee of service time in the event no games were played this year.

When it became clear the only way to start the season was to play in empty ballparks, the sides battled publicly over what the agreement meant.

Owners said players needed to accept additional cuts and proposed an 82-game schedule starting around the Fourth of July. Players argued they shouldn't have to accept less than the original deal called for. But that agreement didn't bind Manfred to start the season with no gate revenue.

Vitriol rose in baseball's worst infighting since the 7 1/2-month strike of 1994-95 wiped out the World Series for the first time in nine decades. The union rejected the last proposal for a financial agreement, then finished protocols to play in the pandemic on Tuesday and promised players will start reporting July 1 for a 60-game season scheduled to start July 23 or 24, MLB's briefest since 1878.

"The focus here was on a day's wage for a day's worth of work," union head Tony Clark said during a separate interview with the AP. "That's what we believed was fair, and that's why we maintained the position that we did."

In the view of many, the outcome left losers on both sides. MLB already has experienced four straight seasons of declining average attendance.

"In my opinion, it's a damn shame that the rami-

fications of this are going to be felt for a long time," said Cincinnati catcher Tucker Barnhart, the Reds' player representative. "I grew up a baseball fan, I'm a baseball fan first, and I think it sucks that it's had to go on the way that it is. But I hope that getting out and playing will kind of mask some of the bruises that the game as a whole has taken over the last few months."

MLB intends to start without fans in ballparks, even in places where government and medical officials allow some spectators.

"I think we need to get on the ground running and get comfortable that we can play games in empty stadiums safely before we move forward fans," Manfred said. "My patience in that regard is in part based on the fact that there are so many different situations. Some places there looks like there's no prospect, other places they're more aggressive. I think we need to be patient and even where we have the option, we need to make sure that we know exactly what we're doing before we jump into it."

Owners decided to go ahead with a season despite the threat of a grievance from the union, which has claimed MLB did not adhere to provisions in the March 26 agreement requiring the longest schedule economically feasible. That deal also included additional provisions such as fans being allowed into all 30 ballparks and no relevant travel restrictions.

"Every time you make a decision like this, you balance risk and reward," Manfred said. "I think the clubs felt that the most important objective was to get the game back on the field, and because that was the most important objective, they were prepared to bear whatever risk was associated with a grievance that is — let me be really clear about this: utterly without merit."

Clark would not directly respond when asked whether lasting damage had been inflicted.

"I think there is an opportunity to move forward, move our game forward," he said. "And as it relates to the atmosphere in general, the lines of communication remain open, and we'll count that as a positive in the days ahead."

Because there was no financial agreement, the postseason is slated to remain at 10 teams rather than expand to 16. MLB could attempt to make an-

other proposal for a larger postseason.

"I would simply say that if there's interest to discuss something, I'll be available to discuss it," Clark said.

He maintained the decision by the executive board to reject the last plan Monday was not a choice of a grievance over a deal.

"The grievance was not the focus, never has been the focus," he said. "The goal, and that's why we sent across proposals, was to attempt to find common ground on an agreement. We simply were unable to do so."

He would not address last week's one-on-one meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona, which Manfred said produced a framework for a deal and Clark called merely a management proposal. Manfred has maintained Clark promised to try to persuade players to accept it, then said a few hours later he could not get their support.

"Rob can focus on his side and I'll focus on mine," Clark said.

Clark defended the union's decision not to accept MLB's offer to eliminate free-agent compensation, which could hurt several players' value next off-season.

"It was associated with significant salary cuts," he said.

As baseball prepares to resume, Manfred and his staff have watched European soccer leagues carry on with closed-door matches.

"We normally think about our product as two products, the live product and the broadcast product," he said. "Given our current situation, I think that the goal is to make the broadcast product, because it's the only one we have, as entertaining for fans as we possibly can. We're working closely with the RSNs and our national partners in an effort to give the game a zeal that will be satisfying to our fans without having the normal crowd noise and excitement that's created by that environment."

Broadcasts possibly may contain artificial crowd noise.

"We're still making decisions about that," he said. "I like what they've done in England and Germany because I think it's innovative and I think that the current situation calls for us to try some things that are different."

Cowboys' Prescott signs \$31M tag, still time for longer deal

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

Dak Prescott plans to be at training camp with the Dallas Cowboys, if and when it starts, on the richest one-year contract in franchise history.

There is also still time to work out a long-term deal for the star quarterback.

Prescott signed his \$31.4 million tender under the franchise tag Monday. That comes just over three weeks before the July 15 deadline to agree on a long-term deal.

By signing the offer under the franchise tag, Prescott is obligated to report for all team activities or risk being fined. He didn't participate in the club's virtual offseason program while unsigned.

Prescott played the final year of his rookie contract on just a \$2 million salary. He was the 2016 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year while leading the Cowboys to the NFC's top seed in the playoffs and won his first postseason game two years later.

There has never been a question of whether Prescott is the franchise quar-

terback in Dallas. Owner Jerry Jones has repeatedly made that clear as the sides have spent more than a year trying to agree on a long-term contract.

Defensive end DeMarcus Lawrence has the highest per-year average in Dallas history at \$21 million. The two-time Pro Bowler signed a \$105 million, five-year deal last year.

Prescott has started every game of his career after replacing the injured Tony Romo during the 2016 preseason. He led a franchise-record 11-game winning streak during the regular season before Dallas lost to Green Bay in the divisional round.

The Cowboys missed the playoffs in Prescott's second year when fellow rookie sensation Ezekiel Elliott was suspended six games. With his running back in the fold for a full season in 2018, Prescott led Dallas to another NFC East title and a wild-card win over Seattle before losing to the Los Angeles Rams in the divisional round.

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All of these issues could become moot if there's a major outbreak of the virus within baseball. Avila said one player and one staff member for the Tigers tested positive, and there have been examples from other teams as well. Gardenhire, who has dealt with cancer and diabetes, has concerns about the virus, and Baker, the manager of the Astros, is 71, putting him in a category of older people who could be particularly vulnerable.

"I'm a bit nervous," he said. "I've seen the reports in Houston how COVID's going up so I'm going to have to really be careful. I've got about 100 different masks. I've got some gloves. I've read all the reports on what to do and how to stay good. So in my mind and in my heart I'm in good shape and I'm ready to go."

Even at age 29, Tigers left-hander Matthew Boyd considers himself at risk because he's had asthma his whole life — but he thinks he and his teammates will act responsibly. It will be unusual following new safety protocols that are at times incompatible with human nature on the baseball field.

"It's going to be different not giving guys big hugs and high fives and stuff," Boyd said. "Emotion's going to take over. The second that we hit a walk-off home run, everybody's probably going to jump out and be like, 'Oh yeah, wait. Hold up.'"

There's been no decision on whether fans can attend games at some point. Commissioner Rob Manfred said the first order of business is getting comfortable with games in empty stadiums. Crane, who owns the Astros, is hoping that could change eventually.

"We've still got to go through the player protocol. They're very focused on that and the staff that's going to be associated with the games once we fire up," Crane said. "I think the intent at some point is to get the fans in the ballpark."

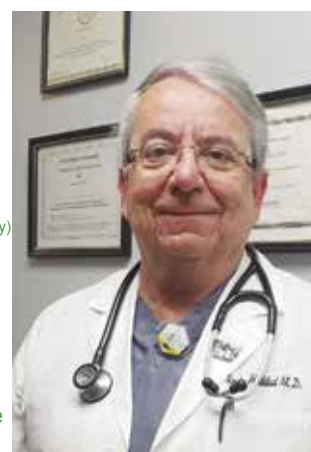
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