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## Juvenile shot in head during apparent game of 'Russian Roulette'

### Big Spring Police Department

On the 8th of June 2018 at approximately 4:00 A.M., Big Spring Police Department Officers were dispatched to the 1800 block of S. Nolan in reference to a gunshot victim. Upon arrival it was found a juvenile male had sustained a gunshot wound to his head. The initial reports from various witnesses at the residence indicated this was a suicide although physical evidence indicated otherwise. The Big Spring Police Department Crimi-

nal Investigations Division responded to the location and began their investigation. As a result of this investigation it is now believed the juvenile was shot as a result of a game of "Russian Roulette" and although this is believed to be an accident, the Big Spring Police Department expect arrests to follow. The investigation has led officers to believe two



firearms were recently stolen from vehicles in the area of Barcelona Apartments and HEB although there has been no reports of the thefts. The Big Spring Police Department asks residents to check their vehicles for any weapons that may have been stored in their vehicles and report any that are missing. This is an ongoing investigation

and there is no further information available at this time.

The Big Spring Police Department urges anyone with information relating to this tragic event to call the Criminal Investigations Division Sergeant at (432) 264-2558 or call CrimeStoppers at (432) 263-TIPS (8477) or use the P3tips.com software to submit your tip online. Remember no caller ID is ever used and all tips are anonymous.

Chief of Police, Chad Williams  
 Administrative Lieutenant Brian Gordon

## 21st Annual Pops in the Park



Youth flag carriers make their way through the opening ceremony of the 2017 Pops in the Park.

### By AMBER MANSFIELD

Staff Writer

With June flying by, July 3rd will be here before you know it. This means the 21st Annual Pops in the Park at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater is just around the corner. Pops in the Park is to provide fun and safe entertainment for the community of Big

Spring, as well as having a mission to give back to those who have served our country, and pay tribute to them for their selfless sacrifice and the sacrifices of their families.

"The annual Pops in the Park provides a family-friendly time in the historic and beautiful Comanche

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File photo

## 2018 Summer Shopping Extravaganza

### By AMBER MANSFIELD

Staff Writer

The Northern Hemisphere gains several hours during the summer, but what to do for all of those extra summer hours? The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is encouraging the public to take advantage of the lengthy summer days and support local business by shopping in its Summer Shopping Extravaganza.

Several retail shops will be open for extended hours until 8 p.m. on Friday June 15, offering a number of one-day only special discounts on items, give-aways, and even store wide sales.

"This is another way the Chamber helps with promoting our businesses locally," said Debby ValVerde from the Chamber of Commerce. "These businesses support our local organizations, sport organizations, school programs and lots more throughout the year. Let's now support them."

Local businesses deliver community character and economic advantages to the town they reside in, but they also strengthen partnerships among neighbors, residents, other small business owners, community leaders and even schools by offering social and economic relationships. Many also support local causes, creating even more good

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Debby ValVerde

## Discussion of new radio system, budget session on tap for county commissioners

### By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Wednesday will be another all-day work session for Howard County commissioners.

Commissioners will start things off at 10 a.m. in the second-floor conference room at the Howard County Courthouse with a closed executive session to consult with County At-

torney Josh Hamby. The closed session will last an hour, before the commissioners will emerge into open session at 11 a.m. to discuss the proposed new radio system for the Howard County Sheriff's Office. The discussion will include representatives from

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## BSISD students brighten up campus



Courtesy photo

Shown above is the mural created by Big Spring High School students that extends across the wall of the patio where students get together during the day at lunch. The words "Keep us all as one, for years to come" (shown on either side of the tree) are from the BSHS school song.

### By TYLER SCHELLIE

Staff Writer

Art teacher at Big Spring ISD, Andrea Phinney, has been working with the students of her classes to brighten up empty spaces inside and around the school property with student painted murals.

One area in specific stuck out to her for the next project, which

was a patio outside where students would gather to eat lunch.

"I saw this empty wall that was full of potential, and I thought, this would be a good opportunity to get more students involved. Even students who are not taking my class could enjoy this," Phinney said.

Superintendent Jay McWilliams gave Phinney the go ahead and the students began brainstorming

ideas. They decided on a tree going through the different seasons, and the massive work of art was completed during the last week of the school year that just ended.

"The students really enjoyed working on this project" Phinney added. "They also added a nice touch as they added a quote from the school song... 'keep us all as one, for years to come'."

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## Obituaries

### Iris Chapa

Iris Chapa, 38, of Big Spring, died Friday, June 8, 2018, in a local hospital. Memorial services will be at a later date.

She was born April 12, 1980, in Weslaco, Texas.

Survivors include two sons, Anthony Chavez Martinez and Aaron Chavez Martinez, both of Big Spring; one daughter, Alina Marie Chavez Marti-

nez of Big Spring; her mother, Lena Chapa of San Angelo; three brothers, Chris Sandoval of Alamo, Cruz Sandoval Jr. of San Juan, and Eric Chapa of San Angelo; and two sisters, Danielle Guidry and Tiffany Goad, both of Big Spring.

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

### John "Morris" Villareal Jr.



John "Morris" Villareal Jr., 55, of Big Spring, died Saturday, June 9, 2018, at his home.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

John was born Feb. 8, 1963, in Big Spring, Texas, to Paula Chavarria Villareal and Maurice Villareal. John was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He married Mary Lou Hilario on Nov. 21, 1981, in Big Spring. He had

worked at Cornell Prison for over 10 years, but his last job took him to the oilfield, where he was an operator and a supervisor. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

John is survived by his wife, Mary Lou Villareal of Big Spring; two daughters, Ysenia Villareal and fiancé Rafael Villarreal, and Gabrielle Fierro, all of Big Spring; one sister, Sylvia Villareal of Arlington; two brothers, Mike Villareal and wife Michelle of Coahoma, and Rey Chavarria and wife Bentura of Big Spring; his father, Maurice Villareal of Big Spring; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Paula Chavarria Villareal; and several aunts and uncles.

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

### Johnie Harold Williams



Johnie Harold Williams, 79, of Big Spring, died Saturday, June 9, 2018, at his home.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, 2018, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, officiating. Private burial will follow at Gorman Cemetery in Gorman, Texas.

Johnie was born July 23, 1938, in Gorman, Texas, to Marjorie Taylor Williams and Clarence Marlin Williams. He has been a resident of Howard County for most of his life. He married Pauline Fee on Feb. 10, 1960, in Big Spring, and she preceded him in death on Sept. 7, 1993. He then married Celia Terry on Aug. 18, 1995, in Big Spring. Johnie was a veter-

an of the United States Navy serving on the U.S.S. Helena, mostly in Japan and Hawaii. He worked a number of years for Meridian Oil and also owned several cafes in Forsan, Coahoma and Odessa.

Johnie is survived by his wife, Celia of Big Spring; two sons, Kenneth Casbeer (Nobie Kemper) of Big Spring, and Marty Terry (Becky) of Rockwall; two daughters, Michelle Coutermarsh (Jim McDonald) of Sarcoxie, Mo., and Jana Terry of Big Spring; two brothers, James Williams (Barbara) of Kerens and Don Williams (Susan) of Stephenville; two sisters, Judy Brandon (Bill) of Odessa and Martha Jean Teague (Charles) of San Angelo; 14 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Johnie was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife; a daughter, Katrina Williams; and a grandson.

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

### Daniel Dean "Bean" Hartman



Daniel Dean "Bean" Hartmann, 51, of Big Spring died Friday, June 8, 2018, at his home.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, June 14, 2018, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Burial will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

He was born July 21, 1966, in Big Spring.

Survivors include six sisters, Geraldine Douglas and husband Ben of Big Spring, Jeanette Candia and husband Alan, and Cody Mayfield, all of Denton, Lisa Gilmore and husband Don of San Angelo, Betty Spence and husband Ralph of Deptford, N.J., and Ethel Hartmann of Lusk, Wyo.; two brothers, Emmett Hartmann Jr. and David Hartmann, both of Big Spring; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Patricia Hartmann; and one brother, Kenneth Hartmann.

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

### Johnny Ray Lee



Johnny Ray Lee, 15, of Big Spring, died Friday, June 8, 2018.

Funeral service will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating.

Johnny was born Nov. 5, 2002, in Big Spring, Texas, to Lindsey Kay Lee. He had lived most of his life in Big Spring. He had just completed the eighth grade at Big Spring Ju-

nior High.

He is survived by his parents, Lindsey Kay Lee and Michael Steven Armstrong, both of Big Spring; one sister, Carli Dawn Armstrong, and one brother, Logan Allen Armstrong, both of Big Spring.

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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ZACHARY CHRISTIAN SCHUTZE**, 36, of 3191 Medical Center Drive Apt. 32106 in McKinnney was arrested on a charge of public intoxication; and on another outstanding warrant.
- **ANDRES ELOY VEGA**, 20, of 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. 15 was arrested on warrants for failure to appear and no driver's license.
- **DARRELL LEVON ANDERSON**, 28, of 4800 Tapers Dr. Apt. D in Raleigh, N.C., was arrested on a charge of criminal trespassing.
- **JOSE LOUIS ONTIVEROS**, 39, of 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. 66 was

arrested on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear, failure to display driver's license, and public intoxication.

- **MELISSA ANN PUGA**, 50, of 1217 Lindbergh was arrested on warrants for theft of property (\$100 to \$750) and accumulated items/weeds/rubbish; and on another outstanding warrant.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard, the 200 block of Northeast Ninth Street, and the 1700 block of Alabama Street.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported on FM 1205 and in the 700

block of South Gregg Street.

- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 500 block of South Birdwell Lane.

- **THEFT OF A FIREARM** was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported seven miles outside of Big Spring on Highway 176.

- **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 2600 block of Fairchild Drive and in the 3600 block of West Highway 80.

- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore Street.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 72 inmates at the time of this report.

- **DARRELL LEVON ANDERSON**, 28, was booked by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespassing.
- **JOSE LOUIS ONTIVEROS**, 39, was booked by BSPD on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear, failure to display driver's license, and public intoxication.
- **MELISSA ANN PUGA**, 50, was booked by HCSO

on warrants for theft of property (\$100 to \$750) and accumulated items.

- **ZACHARY CHRISTIAN SCHUTZE**, 36, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication and driving while intoxicated (2nd offense).

- **ANDRES ELOY VEGA**, 20, was booked by BSPD on warrants for failure to appear and no driver's license.

- **RYAN ALLEN WARD**, 25, was booked by HCSO on motions to revoke probation for theft of service (\$100 to \$750) and for driving while intoxicated.

## Take Note

- Come on down to the American Legion Post 506 Saturday, June 16 Fish Fry. The American Legion will be serving plates, \$10 each from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the Legion also offers carry out plate and will be delivering from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information or to order you Fish Fry plate for carry out call 432-263-2084. The American Legion Post 506 is located at 3203 W Hwy 80. Everyone one is welcome.

- 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.

- 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](http://www.BecomeaCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://www.casawtx.org).

- 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 Howard County Democrats meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 5:30 p.m. in the Howard College Library.

- Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

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## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2900 block of West Highway 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of East 15th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 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.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Hearn and South Highway 87. Two people were treated at the scene.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4800 block of Chaparral Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of South Nolan Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of 11th and Gregg streets. Two people were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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# US launches bid to find citizenship cheaters

By AMY TAXIN

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The U.S. government agency that oversees immigration applications is launching an office that will focus on identifying Americans who are suspected of cheating to get their citizenship and seek to strip them of it.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Director L. Francis Cissna told The Associated Press in an interview that his agency is hiring several dozen lawyers and immigration officers to review cases of immigrants who were ordered deported and are suspected of using fake identities to later get green cards and citizenship through naturalization.

Cissna said the cases would be referred to the Department of Justice, whose attorneys could then seek to remove the immigrants' citizenship in civil court proceedings. In some cases, government attorneys could bring criminal charges related to fraud.

Until now, the agency has pursued cases as they arose but not through a coordinated effort, Cissna said. He said he hopes the agency's new office in Los Angeles will be running by next year but added that investigating and referring cases for prosecution will likely take longer.

"We finally have a process in place to get to the bottom of all these bad cases and start denaturalizing people who should not have been naturalized in the first place," Cissna said. "What we're looking at, when you boil it all down, is potentially a few thousand cases."

He declined to say how much the effort would cost but said it would be covered by the agency's existing budget, which is funded by immigration application fees.

The push comes as the Trump administration has been cracking down on illegal immigration and taking steps to reduce legal immigration to the U.S.

Immigrants who become U.S. citizens can vote, serve on juries and obtain security clearance. Denaturalization — the process of removing that citizenship — is very rare.

The U.S. government began looking at potentially fraudulent naturalization cases a decade ago when a border officer detected about 200 people had used different identities to get green cards and citizenship after they were previously issued deportation orders.

In September 2016, an internal watchdog reported that 315,000 old fingerprint records for immigrants who had been deported or had criminal convictions had not been uploaded to a Department of Homeland Security database that is used to check immigrants' identities. The same report found more than 800 immigrants had been ordered deported under one identity but became U.S. citizens under another.

Since then, the government has been uploading these older fingerprint records dating back to the 1990s and investigators have been evaluating cases for denaturalization.

Earlier this year, a judge revoked the citizenship of an Indian-born New Jersey man named Baljinder Singh after federal authorities accused him of using an alias to avoid deportation.

Authorities said Singh used a different name when he arrived in the United

States in 1991. He was ordered deported the next year and a month later applied for asylum using the name Baljinder Singh before marrying an American, getting a green card and naturalizing.

Authorities said Singh did not mention his earlier deportation order when he applied for citizenship.

For many years, most U.S. efforts to strip immigrants of their citizenship focused largely on suspected war criminals who lied on their immigration paperwork, most notably former Nazis.

Toward the end of the Obama administration, officials began reviewing cases stemming from the fingerprints probe but prioritized those of naturalized citizens who had obtained security clearances, for example, to work at the Transportation Security Administration, said Muzaffar Chishti, director of the Migration Policy Institute's office at New York University law school.

The Trump administration has made these investigations a bigger priority, he said. He said he expects cases will focus on deliberate fraud but some naturalized Americans may feel uneasy with the change.

"It is clearly true that we have entered a new chapter when a much larger number of people could feel vulnerable that their naturalization could be reopened," Chishti said.

Since 1990, the Department of Justice has filed 305 civil denaturalization cases, according to statistics obtained by an immigration attorney in Kansas who has defended immigrants in these cases.

The attorney, Matthew Hoppock, agrees that deportees who lied to get citizenship should face consequences but worries oth-

er immigrants who might have made mistakes on their paperwork could get targeted and might not have the money to fight back in court.

Cissna said there are valid reasons why immigrants might be listed under multiple names, noting many Latin American immigrants have more than one surname. He said the U.S. government is not interested in that kind of minor discrepancy but wants to target people who deliberately changed their identities to dupe officials into granting immigration benefits.

"The people who are going to be targeted by this — they know full well who they are because they were ordered removed under a different identity and they intentionally lied about it when they applied for citizenship later on," Cissna said. "It may be some time before we get to their case, but we'll get to them."



AP photo

In this Dec. 13, 2017 file photo, L. Francis Cissna, director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, sits during an interview in Los Angeles.

## POPS

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Trail Amphitheater, and this year there will loads of entertainment by some very talented groups that will be provided for the Pops and the Park viewers," said Debbye ValVerde, of the Chamber of Commerce. "This year, the music will be provided by two pre-show entertainers starting with Spur 327 and Justin Kaczyk and the Natural Outlaws, and then the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra and Chorus."

ValVerde also stated that the event, as usual, will be capped off with the spectacular display of choreographed fireworks from one of the nation's leaders in pyrotechnics.

Every year, the Pops in the Park celebration is held in the Comanche Trail Amphitheater, and the gates will open at 5 p.m. For the Pre-Show this year, Spur 327 and Justin Kaczyk and the Natural Outlaws will go on at approximately 6 p.m. The Presentation of Colors, the salute to Armed Forces, and Retiring of the colors will follow the pre-show, followed by a video tribute to honor the local men and women who serve our country.

The finale of the event is the amazing fireworks show, which is accompanied by the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus.

"This is a great family event," said Hayley Herrera, Tourism Coordinator of the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau. "This is the 21st Annual Pops in the Park, and it's going to be great. Pops in the Park is a community event, and without support from the community it would not be possible."

If you would like to donate, please contact the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce at 432-263-7641, or donations can be sent to Pops in the Park, 215 W. 3rd-79720 or P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring 79721.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Felicia Guerra at 432-264-2540.

For more information, contact the Big Spring Chamber (number listed above) or the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau at 432-263-8235.

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## BUDGET

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Harris Corporation, a company that provides tactical communication systems for law enforcement and military.

The commissioners will go into a budget work session at 1 p.m., still in the second-floor conference room, which should last until near time for their regularly scheduled meeting, slated for 3:30 p.m. in the third-floor courtroom.

Items on the regular agenda include:

- Consider and possibly approve engagement with the Cap Risk Group for the Governmental Accounting Standards Board regarding post-employment benefits valuations and projections.
- Consider approval of invoices, purchase requests and budget

amendments.

- Consider approval of payroll, personnel considerations, and the treasurer's monthly payroll report and monthly report.
- Hear a presentation of the County Road Administrator's monthly road boring report.
- Consider action on road maintenance.
- Hear a presentation of the County Clerk's monthly report.

If you would like to address the commissioners during their regular 3:30 meeting, plan to arrive early to fill out a brief form alerting the commissioners to your intent to speak.

For more information contact County Judge Kathryn Wiseman's office at 432-264-2202.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

## SUMMER

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within a community.

Stores such as Blissful Boutique, Dazzling Décor, Queens of the Dude Ranch, and Lula Blu Boutique will be offering storewide discounts, along with other stores that will offer refreshments while shopping, along with discounts for those who participate in the Summer Shopping Extravaganza.

"We are a community that is continuing to grow and we are getting bigger," said ValVerde. "One of the ways we can continue to grow as a community and help businesses thrive is to come and support them. We encourage everyone to get out and support your town and community businesses."

For more information and a list of all of the participating businesses, please call Debbye ValVerde at 432-263-7641.

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## 3 Top Health Risks for Men according to Dr. Vernon Johnson

### Special to the Herald

BIG SPRING, TEXAS -- June is Men's Health Month, an important time to highlight the health concerns men face and prevention efforts that could mean the difference between life and death.

#### Heart disease

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men in the United States, meaning one in four men will die from the disease. Over half who die suddenly from heart disease never experience warning signs like shortness of breath, chest discomfort or an irregular heartbeat.

Though it is possible to develop heart disease without recognizing the symptoms, there are risk factors that can alert individuals to an unhealthy cardiovascular system:

- Diet high in saturated fat
- Excessive drinking
- High cholesterol
- Diabetes
- High blood pressure

#### Prostate cancer

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among men, excluding skin cancer. It has no specific cause, but aging, obesity, family history and race contribute to a man's risk for prostate cancer.

Prostate cancers typically grow and spread slowly. Some studies show older men who died of other causes also had prostate cancer that never affected

them during their lives, according to the American Cancer Society. For this reason, it is especially important to undergo prostate screenings and diagnose cancer early to administer treatment before it advances. Warning signs to monitor include trouble urinating, discomfort in the pelvic area, bone pain and erectile dysfunction.

#### Diabetes

A lesser known risk to men's health is diabetes, now considered the third leading cause of death in the U.S. Gender, family history, alcohol and tobacco use, high blood pressure and cholesterol and lack of sleep can also contribute to the development of the condition.

Diabetes has unique symptoms such as increased thirst, hunger and urination, excessive tiredness, erectile dysfunction, blurry vision, slow healing of wounds and numbness or tingling sensations in the extremities. Once diagnosed with diabetes, the long-term effects of living with the condition can include heart disease, stroke, nerve damage or blindness.

Prevention is key – a healthy diet, active lifestyle and avoiding use of tobacco and alcohol can significantly reduce the risk of heart disease, diabetes and prostate cancer.

Scheduling regular checkups with a primary care physician will help improve overall health and alert an individual to any warning signs of disease.

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## Workforce crisis hits Midland and Odessa area nursing homes

97 percent turnover for Certified Nurse Aides in Texas communities

### Special to the Herald

AUSTIN, TEXAS — A statewide workforce crisis affects the ability of Midland and Odessa area nursing homes to maintain quality and provide much needed care to the most vulnerable seniors in the area.

Certified Nurse Aides working in the 22 nursing homes in Andrews, Brewster, Crane, Ector, Ector, Glasscock, Howard, Jeff Davis, Loving, Martin and Midland counties are part of a 97 percent average annual staff turnover rate for the state of Texas. Registered nurses and licensed vocational nurses each have an average 90 percent turnover rate, according to a report released by the Texas Health Care Association detailing the challenges with recruitment and retention of direct care staff in Texas.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Health Workforce, West Texas will need another 5,162 nurses just to keep up with the expended demand by 2030 as Texas is projected to experience a widespread shortage of RNs. There are currently 2,626 people working in nursing homes in West Texas.

"The state's low nursing home Medicaid reimbursement rate and heavy regulation are affecting the ability to retain nursing staff as they look for other opportunities out of the long term care business," said Kevin Warren, president and CEO of the Texas Health Care Association. "All too often, long term care providers in Midland and Odessa and the rest of Texas are scrambling to fill shifts instead of focusing on continuous improvement because they can't compete in the labor market."

West Texas' strong economy is partly to blame for the nursing home workforce crisis, Warren said. The unemployment rate in Midland and Odessa is one of the lowest in the nation, dipping to just 2.4 percent recent months, according to Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Texas nursing homes are challenged with one of the lowest nursing home Medicaid reimbursement rates in the nation. In fact, the state's Medicaid rate falls almost \$10,000 short of the cost of care on an annual basis per Medicaid resident. More than two-thirds of all residents in Texas nursing homes rely on Medicaid to cover their costs after depleting their assets. For a typical long term care facility with 100 beds, these numbers can equal a shortfall of more than \$650,000 a year they need to make up somewhere else.

It also leaves nursing home operators unable to raise wages to hire and retain staff, who can quit and easily find another job with higher pay or less stress, in other service industries or healthcare sectors.

"This data simply supports what anyone involved in long term care already knows — staffing is the key to delivering the kind of long term care you would want for your own family," said Warren. "The more consistent and dedicated the staff is, the more they understand and are able to effectively respond to each individual's care needs. Having the necessary resources to compete in a highly competitive workforce that is already in short supply is critical to meeting the needs of all individuals relying on the nursing home community in Texas."

## Fresenius Kidney Care Hosts Open House at New Lamesa Dialysis Facility

### Special to the Herald

LAMESA, Texas – Fresenius Kidney Care, the dialysis division of Fresenius Medical Care North America and the nation's leading network of dialysis facilities, invites the community to attend an Open House celebration on Monday, July 9 at its new clinic in Lamesa. The clinic can treat a maximum of 72 patients and enables Fresenius Kidney Care's local team of expert medical professionals to better serve the rural Lamesa area's growing dialysis community.

**WHAT:** Open House at Fresenius Kidney Care Stanbaugh Memorial

Local experienced medical professionals available to discuss:

– Patient services and the latest dialysis treatment options, including in-center dialysis, which provides the reassurance of staff-assisted treatment and labs all in one place

– How the center's care team meets patients' physical and emotional needs by individualizing their care

– How Fresenius Kidney Care Stanbaugh Memorial strives to empower people to thrive on and live the healthiest, fullest way possible – with kidney disease treatments that fit in with life,

not the other way around.

Tour the clinic and:

– Meet the treatment team and see the treatment rooms

– Learn about other services offered at the center, such as hemodialysis travel services, pharmacy services and ongoing educational programs

Light refreshments available.

**WHO:** Open to the public

**WHEN:** Monday, July 9 at 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Fresenius Kidney Care Stanbaugh Memorial located at 1600 North Bryan

Lamesa, TX 79331

**COST:** Free

For more information, please contact Director of Operations Shirley Wright, RN, at shirley.wright@fmc-na.com or 806-445-4913.

#### About Fresenius Kidney Care

Fresenius Kidney Care, a division of Fresenius Medical Care North America (FMCNA), provides dialysis treatment and support services to more than 190,000 people

with kidney disease every year whether in their own homes or at more than 2,400

facilities nationwide. Fresenius Kidney Care's dedicated teams help address the physical and emotional aspects of kidney disease through personalized care, education and lifestyle support services. For more information about Fresenius Kidney Care, visit [www.FreseniusKidneyCare.com](http://www.FreseniusKidneyCare.com).

#### About Kidney Disease and Dialysis

One in seven adults will develop chronic kidney disease, with many not detecting the condition until they have lost more than 90 percent of their kidney function. More than 660,000 Americans live with end stage renal disease, or kidney failure, which requires either a transplant or dialysis to remove waste from the blood, maintain safe levels of potassium and sodium and control blood pressure. Currently, 468,000 people in the U.S. depend on dialysis as a life sustaining treatment. The leading causes of kidney disease are high blood pressure and diabetes.



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# Firefighters dies after battling blaze in Texas mountains

FORT DAVIS, Texas (AP) — Officials say a Texas firefighter who was battling wildfires in the western part of the state has died after suffering a medical emergency.

Weatherford Fire Marshal Bob Hopkins tells the Star-Telegram that Andy Loller died Sunday en route to a hospital in Odessa. Hopkins says the 42-year-old Weatherford firefighter had been sent to help fight wildfires burning in the Davis Mountains.

Circumstances of the medical emergency were unclear Monday.

A firefighting team with the U.S. Forest Service says up to 18 blazes have been reported in the area this wildfire season. They have burned more than 40 square miles and are believed to have been started by lightning strikes or other natural causes. The Forest Service says they are burning in rough terrain and are not a threat to dwellings.

## 10 Things to Know for Today

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

- 1. 'MAJOR CHANGE FOR THE WORLD'**  
In an extraordinary nuclear summit full of striking moments, Trump pledges "security guarantees" to North Korea and Kim Jong Un reiterates his commitment to "complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula" — but details on next steps are thin.
- 2. A HANDSHAKE WITH A HUGE GLOBAL AUDIENCE**  
It lasted 13 seconds: Trump and Kim greeted each other in front of a stunning display of interlocked North Korean and American flags, a grip and grin dissected around the world.
- 3. WHERE TRUMP'S INFLUENCE IS EXPECTED TO FACTOR**  
The president's effect will likely impact Republican elections in South Carolina, one of five states holding primaries along with Maine, Nevada, North Dakota and Virginia.
- 4. EFFECTS OF SUPREME COURT VOTER ROLL DECISION APPEAR LIMITED**  
Election directors from other states say they are not inclined to follow Ohio's aggressive method of removing inactive people from voter rolls.
- 5. DUBAI REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED AS MONEY-LAUNDERING HAVEN**  
War profiteers, terror financiers and drug traffickers sanctioned by the U.S. have used the wealthy Gulf city-state as a haven for their assets, a new report alleges.
- 6. EXTREME FIRE DANGER FORCES NATIONAL FOREST CLOSURES**  
Colorado's San Juan National Forest is shutting down, a rare tactic also being used in Arizona and New Mexico as the U.S. Southwest struggles with severe drought.
- 7. TRUMP'S TOP ECONOMIC ADVISER STRICKEN**  
Larry Kudlow is being treated at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center after suffering a "very mild" heart attack and doctors expect him to make a full recovery, the White House says.
- 8. SEATTLE BACKING DOWN ON TAX TO HELP HOMELESS**  
City leaders say they plan to repeal a tax on large companies like Amazon and Starbucks as they face mounting pressure from businesses.
- 9. U2 DEDICATES SONG TO ANTHONY BOURDAIN AT APOLLO SHOW**  
Bono spoke of losing a "lot of inspiring, useful people" over the past few years, alluding to the apparent suicides of Chris Cornell, Chester Bennington and Kate Spade.
- 10. IT'S PARADES FOR CHAMPIONS**  
Fans of both the Golden State Warriors and Washington Capitals will be celebrating title seasons of their teams.

# Summit Day: What happened at historic Trump-Kim meeting?



**By TAMER FAKAHANY**  
Associated Press

It was the greatest show on earth — at least for today and according to its main protagonists, President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

That a global audience from Washington to Pyongyang and beyond was agape at such a once inconceivable tete-a-tete in the wake of threats of thermonuclear war and scathing personal insults, is not in doubt.

But what substance actually emerged beyond the spectacle? And what other moments were seared into this segment of 21st century history?

Here's a look at what happened on Singapore's Sentosa Island on Tuesday:

**THE SUBSTANCE**  
— After their aides joined for the working session following the first Trump-Kim one-

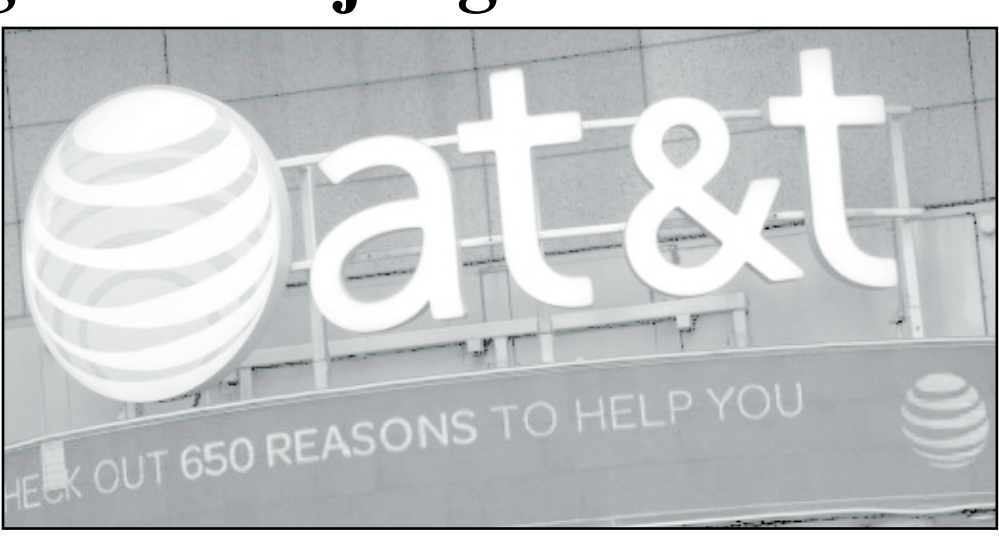
*AP photo*  
U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korea leader Kim Jong Un walk from their lunch at the Capella resort on Sentosa Island Tuesday, June 12, 2018 in Singapore.

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# Fate of massive AT&T-Time Warner merger in US judge's hands

**By MARCY GORDON**  
AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON — The fate of the AT&T-Time Warner merger, a massive media deal opposed by the government that could shape how much consumers pay for streaming TV and movies, rests in the hands of a federal judge.



*AP photo*  
In this Monday, Oct. 24, 2016, file photo, the AT&T logo is positioned above one of its retail stores, in New York.

U.S. District Judge Richard Leon is expected to announce in court Tuesday his decision in the biggest anti-trust trial in years. The Trump Justice Department sued to block the \$85 billion merger, arguing that it would hurt competition in pay TV and cost consumers hundreds of millions of dollars more to stream TV and movies.

If Leon approves the deal, the phone and pay-TV giant would be allowed to absorb the owner of CNN, HBO, the Warner Bros. movie studio, "Game of Thrones," coveted sports programming and other "must-see" shows.

Another possible outcome would be for the judge to approve the

merger — but on condition that AT&T not acquire certain Time Warner assets, such as Turner Broadcasting's CNN, or sell off its valuable DirecTV, or accept curbs on how it deploys Time Warner programming.

Or Leon could reject the merger outright, accepting the gov-

ernment's contention that it would hurt pay-TV consumers and competition in the industry.

The mega-merger is a high-stakes bet by AT&T Inc. on the synergy between companies that produce news and

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## MEETING

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on-one, Trump signaled that things had gone "better than anybody could have expected" and something would be signed soon. That something turned out to be a document, with no details provided at the ceremony, which was the first concrete development in what had been a substance-free day until then.

— The contents of the document surfaced in advance of Trump's news conference before he departed for home. It was thin on detail: Trump promising "security guarantees" to Pyongyang and Kim recommitting to the "complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula."

— What was new in that news conference: Trump said Washington would stop war games with Seoul. That's of huge significance — the military drills infuriate Pyongyang who see them as rehearsals to topple the Kim dynasty. Trump said he ultimately wants to bring U.S. soldiers home from South Korea. There are nearly 30,000 stationed there. Trump also said Kim agreed to destroy a 'major' missile testing site, but offered no specifics.

— Trump said the denuclearization process would be starting "very quickly;" the two developed "a very special bond;" and he "absolutely" would invite Kim to the White House. Kim ignored reporters' shouted questions whether he would make that momentous journey, but Trump later said Kim had accepted the invitation.

— Kim declared the "world will see a major change" and he and Trump "decided to leave the past behind."

— Trump and Kim shook hands and exchanged farewells without interpreters as the summit ended.

## BYE FOR NOW?

— So what happens next? Will Trump and Kim meet again — when, where and will it then be less of an event, not if it's in Washington or Pyongyang — or will denuclearization prove to be too big a hurdle to circumvent? A three-way declaration also including South Korea on formally ending the 1950-53 Korean War might be the next most plausible and high-profile development. China would need to be present as well.

## THE HANDSHAKE

— Earlier at the day's start, the choreographers and protocol teams did their work: both men emerged pretty much on cue, having left their respective hotels within minutes of each other, at the scheduled time of 9 a.m. from opposite porticos at the Capella Singapore hotel to engage in a first

handshake timed at 13 seconds. It wasn't on the battling alpha male Richter scale that characterized Trump and French President Emmanuel Macron's first greeting, but it was hearty. Trump put his hand out first, Kim following his lead. Trump grasped Kim's right arm, and then, later, took hold of Kim's left arm as they turned to face photographers whose cameras were producing a cacophony of shutter clicking as the soundtrack.

## THE INITIAL CHAT, POSITIVE SPIN AND FLAGS

— "Very, very good:" "excellent relationship;" "We will solve a big problem," so pronounced Trump in real-time positive spin. Kim rode the wave of optimism himself, adding, it "was not easy to get here" and that there "were obstacles but we overcame them to be here." Kim, via his interpreter, captured the parallel universe which now served as geopolitical reality: "Many people in the world will think of this as a scene from a ... science fiction movie."

— Towering behind the two leaders' grip and grin were a striking series of American and North Korean flags side by side on an equal footing, almost interlocked. It was a stunning piece of imagery for Korea watchers across the peninsula given the 70 years of North Korean iconography in which the U.S. standard was the flag of the devil.

## DUDE, CHECK OUT MY RIDE

— In a bizarre moment, Trump showed Kim the interior of his presidential limousine, "The Beast," as they strolled on the grounds after lunch. Kim was definitely smiling as he curiously peered in.

## RODMAN'S TEARS

— Sporting a red "Make America Great Again" baseball cap, Dennis Rodman, erstwhile participant on Trump's "Celebrity Apprentice" and fleeting acquaintance of Kim, went full Reality TV show by copiously weeping during a live segment from Singapore with CNN. An emotional Rodman said he received a call from a White House staffer ahead of the summit to tell him the president was proud of him. He claimed he had "something to do with this North Korean situation" and also took a dig at Trump's predecessor. President Barack Obama, he said, "just brushed me off" and "didn't even give me the time of day" when Rodman returned from Pyongyang with a message from Kim after one of his trips there.



AP photo

U.S. President Donald Trump holds up the document that he and North Korea leader Kim Jong Un just signed at the Capella resort on Sentosa Island Tuesday, June 12, 2018 in Singapore.

## MERGER

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entertainment and those that funnel it to consumers — who spend more time watching video on phones and tablets and less time on traditional live TV on a big screen.

Approval of the combination would be a stinging defeat for the Justice Department, which could move to appeal Leon's ruling. The proposed merger was so big and consequential that it drew the government's first lawsuit in decades to block a merger of two companies that don't directly compete. First floated in October 2016, the deal also brought fire from then-candidate Donald Trump, who promised to kill it "because it's too much concentration of power in the hands of too few."

Dallas-based AT&T's power flows from its position as a wireless, broadband and satellite behemoth that also became the country's biggest pay-TV provider with its purchase of DirecTV. It claims about 25 million of the 90 million or so U.S. households that are pay-TV customers.

Leon's ruling could shape the government's future competition policy. Approval could open the floodgates to deal making in the fast-changing entertainment and video-content worlds. Major cable, satellite and phone companies are bulking up with purchases of entertainment conglomerates to compete against rivals born on the internet, like Amazon and Google.

Rejection likely would chill future combinations. Pressing in the wings are potential big-billions deals involving 21st Century Fox and Disney, Verizon and CBS, T-Mobile and Sprint. Comcast and Verizon are also jockeying for position in the new landscape.

As president, Trump has called the merger "not good for the country" and said he believed it would push pay-TV prices higher. Looming in the background of the deal has been Trump's long-running feud with Time Warner's CNN, which he has often derided as "failing" and a purveyor of "fake news."

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# Texas Tech to 3rd CWS in 5 years

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — Michael Davis and Texas Tech are going back to Omaha.

Davis hit the biggest of the Red Raiders' three home runs, a tiebreaking two-run shot that put them ahead in a 6-2 win over Duke on Monday to send them to the College World Series for the third time in five seasons.

"Just kind of coming out and having fun, taking in every moment," said Davis, a senior shortstop playing at home for the last time. "That final out, that's probably the most enjoyable thing I've got to do since I got here."

The Red Raiders (44-18) got good after Davis' homer in the fourth made it 3-1 in the deciding game of the best-of-three NCAA super regional.

It was the 12th homer of the season for Davis, the only current position player for the Red Raiders who got in the lineup when they were in Omaha two years ago. He was playing second base then.

Gabe Holt and Brian Klein also homered for Texas Tech, which is 20-0 this season when having multiple homers in a game.

"You never plan on home runs," coach Tim Tadlock said. "Guys got some pitches in the middle of the



AP photo

Texas Tech players celebrate after an NCAA college baseball tournament super regional game against Duke, Monday, June 11, 2018, in Lubbock, Texas.

plate."

Klein went deep in the seventh to make it 4-2. Holt's solo shot in the third started the scoring, and he added an RBI single in the eighth.

Jimmy Herron had three hits and

both RBIs for Duke (45-18), which was in its first super regional. He had an RBI-infield single in the fourth, and a run-carrying triple in the sixth.

"This team will be my brothers for life," Herron said. "Just because we're

not going to Omaha, none of that changes. We all still had an incredible season, made memories."

Ty Harpenau (7-2) allowed one run while working three innings in relief, striking out three and walking one. Dusek, the fifth-year starter who has been dealing with a blistered finger and is the only player to be part of all three CWS seasons for Texas Tech, took over with a runner on and no outs in the ninth. He finished for his first save.

Matt Dockman (0-1), the third of six Duke pitchers, gave up hits to the only two batters he faced, including Davis' home run.

Texas Tech has made all of its College World Series appearances in Tadlock's six years.

"Those first two teams were special too," Tadlock said. "What I'm really excited about is, there's a good part of the country that's going to get to see some of these guys play. They deserve that. There's some good players."

RED RAIDERS RETURN

While Dusek has been part of three CWS trips, he hasn't yet appeared in a game at Omaha. Only four current Red Raiders actually played in the 2016 CWS: Davis and a trio of pitchers: Steven Gingery, Davis Martin and Erikson Lanning.

# Florida, Texas, Red Raiders, Hogs make CWS

By ERIC OLSON

AP Sports Writer

Defending national champion Florida, Texas, Texas Tech and Arkansas won their winner-take-all games in the NCAA Tournament best-of-three super regionals on Monday and are headed to the College World Series.

The No. 1 national seed Gators beat Auburn 3-2 in 11 innings in Gainesville, Florida, when Austin Langworthy's deep drive to right field glanced off Steven Williams' glove and went over the fence for a walk-off home run.

Kody Clemens homered for a third straight game and fill-in starter Matteo Bocchi held Tennessee Tech to one run in a career-high five innings as the Longhorns locked up their NCAA record-extending 36th CWS appearance with a 5-2 win in Austin.

Texas Tech's Gabe Holt, Brian Klein and Michael Davis homered, and the Red Raiders beat Duke 6-2 in Lubbock Texas, for their third trip in five years to the CWS in Omaha, Nebraska.

Arkansas' Carson Shaddy hit a three-run homer in a five-run first inning, and the Razorbacks reached the CWS for the first time since 2015 with a 14-4 win over South



AP photo

Texas' Kody Clemens (2) and Duke Ellis (11) celebrate with teammates following their win over Tennessee Tech in an NCAA college super regional baseball game, Monday, June 11, 2018, in Austin, Texas. Texas won 5-2.

Carolina in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Florida, in the CWS for the fourth straight year, prevailed in what turned into a duel between relievers Michael Byrne and Auburn's Davis Daniel. Byrne pitched four innings, allowed one hit and struck out five. Daniel threw 5 1/3 innings of one-hit ball with six strikeouts.

Cody Greenhill entered with one out in the bottom of the 10th and faced Lang-

worthy, who homered off him Sunday, to start the 11th. Langworthy connected on a 1-2 fastball, and it appeared Williams would make the catch, but the ball went off his glove and out.

"I just saw a pitch up and I happened to get good barrel to it and I saw it go out of the yard," Langworthy said, "and I was stoked to put my team back to Omaha for the second straight year for me."

Texas' Bocchi was called on

to make his fourth start of the season because the team's No. 3 starter, Blair Henley, was unavailable after throwing three innings of relief Sunday.

David Pierce is taking the Longhorns to Omaha in his second year as coach after spending the previous five seasons at Tulane and Sam Houston State.

"It's never been about me and it never will be, but the thing that I loved is I told

these guys back in the fall I want this for you guys," Pierce said. "But I also want it for those three coaches who have been with me for seven years. To watch all that happen today was really, really special, and I'm just so proud of our team."

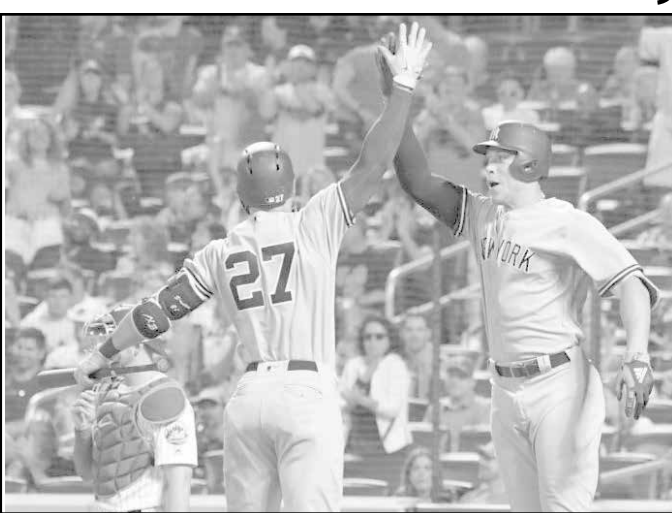
"I've said before, we're not always pretty; a lot of times we're ugly. But we just figure out how to keep playing, and that's what's so special about this group."

Texas Tech's Josh Jung went 4 for 5 and Holt, the Big 12 freshman of the year, continued his postseason tear by going 2 for 4. Holt finished the super regional 7 for 12.

John McMillon and Dylan Dusek combined to pitch three innings of shutout relief, with McMillon getting out of a bases-loaded jam in the eighth with the Red Raiders holding a 4-2 lead.

Arkansas beat up on South Carolina pitching, converting 11 hits and six walks into its highest run total since hitting 17 on Florida on March 24. Eric Cole went 3 for 3 with a homer and double, Luke Bonfield was 3 for 4 with four RBIs, and five Arkansas pitchers limited the Gamecocks to six hits.

# LEADING OFF: Harper, Nats visit Yankees; Colon seeks record



AP photo

New York Yankees' Aaron Judge, right, celebrates his home run with teammate Giancarlo Stanton (27) during the eighth inning of a baseball game against the New York Mets, Saturday, June 9, 2018, in New York.

Associated Press

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

CLASH OF THE TITANS

Bryce Harper and the Washington Nationals visit Yankee Stadium for the opener of a two-game interleague series between World Series contenders. With the Nationals playing the first of five straight games in American League parks where they'll need a designated hitter, it's possible Daniel Murphy (right knee surgery) could make his season debut. The second baseman rejoined the team Sunday, taking batting practice and fielding grounders. He planned to accompany the Nationals to New York.

FOR THE RECORD

Bartolo Colon (3-3, 4.16 ERA) pitches for the Texas Rangers at Dodger Stadium. The 45-year-old righty is tied with Hall of Famer Juan Marichal for the most wins

by a Dominican-born pitcher at 243.

HELP WANTED

Milwaukee right-hander Chase Anderson could use some run support against the Cubs. Anderson has a 2.79 ERA over his last three starts vs. Chicago but the Brewers have been shut out each time, outscored by a combined 9-0. Anderson (4-5) hopes the bats get going when he faces Tyler Chatwood (3-4) in the second of a two-game series between the top two teams in the NL Central.

WHO'S ON FIRST?

Hoping to energize a sagging lineup, the Mets will have a new starter at first base when they begin a 10-game road trip in Atlanta. The team released 36-year-old Adrian Gonzalez, a five-time All-Star, after Sunday night's 2-0 victory over the Yankees. Touted prospect Dominic Smith will be recalled from Triple-A Las Vegas, and New York could also play outfielders Jay Bruce and

Jose Bautista at first. Smith, who turns 23 this week, was batting .260 with two homers and 25 RBIs at Las Vegas. Drafted 11th overall out of high school in 2013, he scuffled in the majors as a rookie last season, hitting .198 with nine homers, 26 RBIs and a .658 OPS in 49 games.

GETTING HEALTHY

White Sox outfielder Avisail Garcia is set to begin a rehab assignment with Triple-A Charlotte as he works his way back from a strained right hamstring. General manager Rick Hahn said the 2017 All-Star will need at least seven to 10 days before he is activated. Garcia hasn't played since April 23. He is batting .233 with four RBIs in 18 games after hitting .330 with 80 RBIs last year. ... Gold Glove center fielder Kevin Kiermaier is headed to Class A Charlotte as he rehabs from a torn ligament in his right thumb. Kiermaier hopes to rejoin the Tampa Bay Rays on June 22 for a series against the Yankees.



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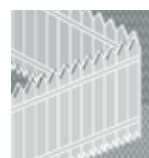
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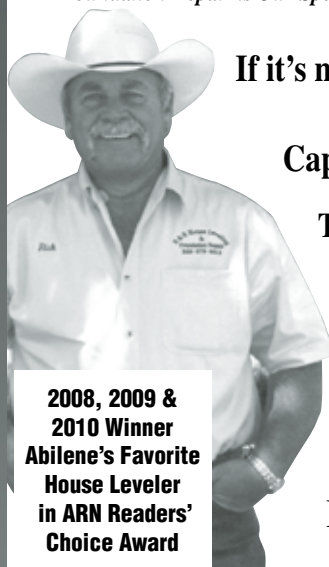
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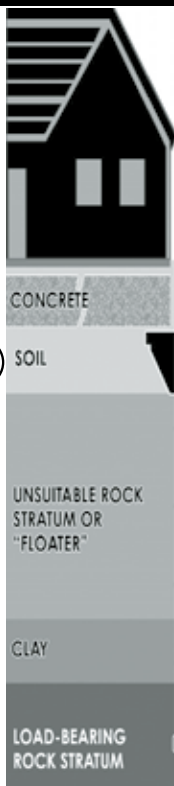
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the distress of those who show sincere concern for our medical problems? And how can I kindly discourage the "blame the victim" mentality behind ignorant questions by those who doubt us and jump to wrong conclusions? Unfortunately, people who see my husband fall or see me in a hand brace feel very free about telling me, for example, to stop hitting my husband. The idea is so ludicrous that I almost always laugh. My husband and I don't fight physically. If we disagree, we take time to cool off. Then we forgive each other and reason through our conflict. We have been married for 45 years and still consider ourselves to be best friends. -- K.F.

**Dear K.F.:** Relieve the distress of those who show sincere concern by assuring them

you have gotten great medical care and have sought second and third opinions (which I hope you have). As for the folks who say you should stop hitting your husband, you can say, "I don't, and spousal abuse is not a matter to treat so flippantly." The fact is that some people are always going to take flying leaps toward conclusions because it's their only mental recreation. Try not to let it get to you. You have your best friend by your side, and that's what really counts.

**Dear Annie:** I read the letter from "Drive Safely," which was about a movement to tap your horn when you see someone texting. I am highly sensitive to external stimuli, and in my world a horn means something else. It's a warning, not a mechanism to pressure someone into

other behavior. Given the number of idiots out there texting while driving, I would find this behavior extremely distracting. It would take my mind off my driving and cause me to look for the source of and reason for the beep. It's a reflex from almost 50 years of driving.

All states need to ban the use of cellphones while driving, period. Then police need to enforce the law. In Massachusetts, only texting is banned. It's hard to enforce. If all cellphone use were banned (except for hands-free), it would be easy to enforce the law. And I don't know what's taking so long. -- No Cellphone for Me

**Dear No Cellphone:** You make a great point about how honking at a texting driver could startle other motorists. I agree that many states could

use stronger laws regulating phone use and distracted driving. At this writing, only 16 states (along with the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Guam) prohibit all drivers from using hand-held cellphones while driving. And research has shown that even talking on a cellphone hands-free causes mental distraction. The safest option is forgoing all phone usage while operating a vehicle.

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Mercury Moves

A funny kind of mood will hit, probably inspired by something common and beautiful that hits us in a particular kind of way. This is Mercury's entrance into Cancer, a sign known for feeling the way. With new eyes, it's easier to appreciate it all and revel in moments as though they were expensive gifts, carefully crafted just for us. **ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Many scientists believe that in human evolution, the ability to communicate musically came before the ability to use complex speech. Today's balm and pleasure will be a piece of music that seems to take you to a primal place.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Someone has disappointed you. You may relegate this person to a lower status in your mind and heart and offer up less attention than you would have before. Maybe it's what you need to do to heal. But is it a just punishment?

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** The day will roll out on wheels of complex beliefs and tendencies. The spiritual part of you will be looking to science for a

guide to reality, and the scientific part of you will turn to the spiritual for meaning.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You're drawn to the same thing as others. Among them will be kindred spirits. You'll only know that if you open up, start shaking hands, talking and asking questions.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** That thing you once thought was disastrous is now a rather trivial matter, or maybe even a fond story. You might find this comforting, as something that's really bugging you now won't seem so big tomorrow.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Something you thought you needed to do never got done at all, and the consequences have been largely unnoticed. Decide today if such things really matter to you, or if they can safely be left out of your repertoire.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Slow things down so that you can deliberately pay attention to your sensory experience of them. Otherwise, the fun will be like a short and expensive carnival ride instead of like a day at the fair.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You can identify what a feeling is without attaching your identity to it. You can accept a feeling without acting on it. You can feel a feeling instead of fighting it. These are all power moves.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You get to choose how you engage with the world, which includes the choice not to engage, too. To push pause in the face of stimuli coming from all directions -- this is a kind of freedom.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** There's a point at which altruism becomes excessive altruism. Altruism involves giving what you have to give, not giving until it puts you in a

precarious and needy position.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Ideally, spiritual seeking will connect you with a power source that is already inside you. Beware of those who would rather have you believe that the power can only be accessed through the shelter of their particular group.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Even though you think you understand what's going on, talk to all people

involved anyway and you'll learn more. You'll find out what each party wants so you can broker a plan that will allow you to work happily together.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 12).** You'll admit what you don't know and as a result become educated to such an impressive level you'll be emulated. Consider teaching for a price, as people will pay high dollar to

be your student. Family unity when you take the high road often in 2019. Invest fully in matters of love. Happiness is wholehearted commitment. Libra and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 3, 33 and 18.

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

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

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ANSWER:

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
Paradise found

North dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ J 10 2  
♥ K 10 9  
♦ A K Q 10 3  
♣ 8 5

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

**EAST**  
♠ 9 6 5 4  
♥ 8 2  
♦ 7 4 2  
♣ 10 7 6 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ 8 3  
♥ A Q J 5  
♦ J 9 6  
♣ A Q J 4

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

Opening lead — king of spades.

**John Milton's observation** that "they also serve who only stand and wait" could well be applied to some occasions in bridge where inaction can be more rewarding than action.

**Take this case** where South reached four hearts on the sequence shown and West led the K-A-Q of spades, declarer ruffing the third round. South

then drew three rounds of trump, hoping the missing hearts would divide 3-3. But when West turned up with four trumps, declarer was fighting a losing battle. He next attempted a club finesse, losing to West's king, and South finished down two, losing three spades, a trump and a club.

**If South had paid heed** to Milton's words, he would have made the contract. All he had to do was to discard a club on the third round of spades. This simple precautionary measure would have allowed him to get home safely if the missing trumps were divided either 3-3 or 4-2 (84 percent), and he would have wound up scoring the 10 high-card tricks he had started with.

**It could be argued** in defense of South's play at trick three that he was only doing what came naturally when he won the trick instead of deliberately losing it, but the hard fact is that spontaneity in bridge rarely produces compensating rewards. The aim of the game is to win, and if losing a trick instead of winning it improves one's chances of making the contract, that is the best policy to follow. As another sage once observed, "Haste maketh waste."

Tomorrow: Different strokes.  
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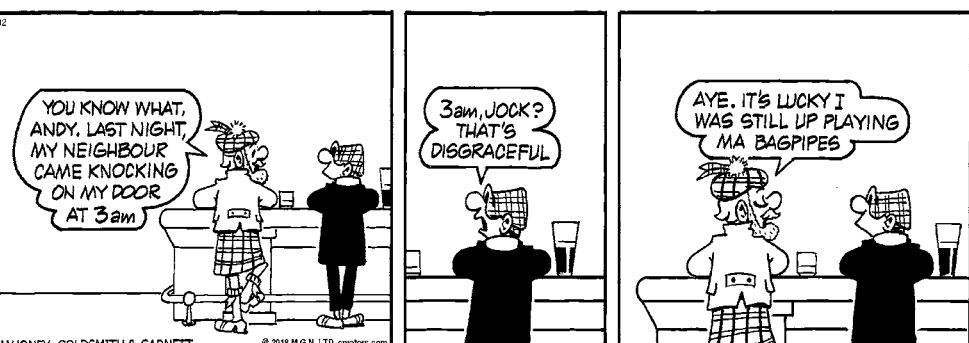


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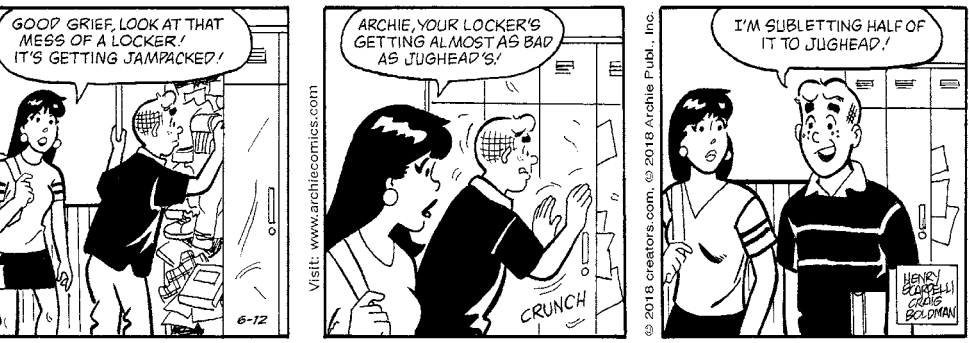
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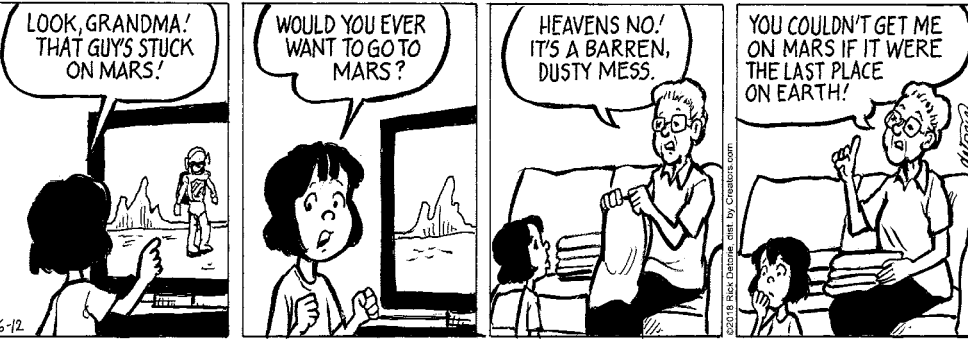
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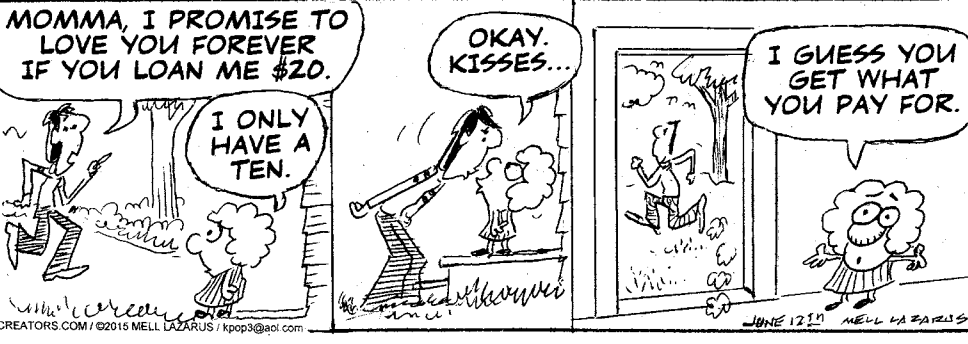
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, June 12, the 163rd day of 2018. There are 202 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 12, 1963, civil rights leader Medgar Evers, 37, was shot and killed outside his home in Jackson, Mississippi. (In 1994, Byron De La Beckwith was convicted of murdering Evers and sentenced to life in prison; he died in 2001.)

On this date:

In 1550, the city of Helsinki was established through a decree by King Gustavus I Vasa of Sweden.

In 1665, England installed a municipal government in New York, formerly the Dutch settlement of New Amsterdam, and appointed its first mayor, Thomas Willett.

In 1776, Virginia's colonial legislature adopted a Declaration of Rights.

In 1898, Philippine nationalists declared independence from Spain.

In 1939, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum was dedicated in Cooperstown, New York.

In 1942, Anne Frank, a German-born Jewish girl living in Amsterdam, received a diary for her 13th birthday, less than a month before she and her family went into hiding from the Nazis.

In 1967, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Loving v. Virginia*, unanimously struck down state laws prohibiting interracial marriages.

In 1968, the Roman Polanski horror film "Rosemary's Baby," starring Mia Farrow and John Cassavetes, was released by Paramount Pictures.

In 1978, David Berkowitz was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison for each of the six "Son of Sam" .44-caliber killings that terrified New Yorkers.

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan, during a visit to the divided German city of Berlin, exhorted Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev to "tear down this wall."

In 1994, Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman were slashed to death outside her Los Angeles home. (O.J. Simpson was later acquitted of the killings in a criminal trial, but was eventually held liable in a civil action.) Boeing's new 777 jetliner went on its first test flight.

In 2016, an American-born Muslim opened fire at the Pulse nightclub, a gay estab-

ishment in Orlando, Florida, leaving 49 people dead and 53 wounded before being shot dead by police.

Ten years ago: In a stinging rebuke to President George W. Bush's anti-terror policies, a deeply divided Supreme Court ruled that foreign detainees held for years at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba had the right to appeal to U.S. civilian courts to challenge their indefinite imprisonment without charges. Three heavily armed robbers stole two Pablo Picasso prints, "The Painter and the Model" and "Minotaur, Drinker and Women," plus two paintings by other artists from a museum in Sao Paulo, Brazil. (The works were later recovered.) Taiwan and China agreed to set up permanent offices in each other's territory for the first time in nearly six decades.

Five years ago: The director of the National Security Agency, Gen. Keith Alexander, vigorously defended once-secret surveillance programs before the Senate Intelligence Committee, saying that collecting Americans' phone records and tapping into their Internet activity had disrupted dozens of terrorist attacks. Ariel Castro, 52, accused of holding three women captive in his Cleveland home for about a decade, pleaded not guilty to hundreds of rape and kidnapping charges. (Castro was later sentenced to life plus 1,000 years and soon after committed suicide in prison.) NASCAR driver Jason Leffler, 37, died after an accident during a dirt car event at Bridgeport Speedway in New Jersey.

One year ago: Tens of thousands of protesters held anti-russia rallies across Russia; more than a thousand were arrested, including opposition leader and protest organizer Alexei Navalny. The Golden State Warriors brought home the NBA championship, defeating the Cleveland Cavaliers 129-120 in Game 5.

Today's Birthdays: Former President George H.W. Bush is 94. Songwriter Richard M. Sherman is 90. Jazz musician

Chick Corea is 77. Sportscaster Marv Albert is 77. Singer Roy Harper is 77. Pop singer Len Barry is 76. Actor Roger Aaron Brown is 69. Rock musician Bun E. Carlos (Cheap Trick) is 67. Country singer-musician Junior Brown is 66. Singer-songwriter Rocky Burnette is 65. Actor Timothy Busfield is 61. Singer Meredith Brooks is 60. Actress Jenilee Harrison

is 60. Rock musician John Linnell (They Might Be Giants) is 59. Actor John Enos is 56. Rapper Grandmaster Dee (Whodini) is 56. Actor Paul Schulze is 56. Actor Eamonn Walker is 56. Actress Paula Marshall is 54. Actress Frances O'Connor is 51. Actor Rick Hoffman is 48. Actor-comedian Finesse Mitchell is 46. Actor Mel Rodriguez is 45. Actor Jason Mewes is 44.

Actor Michael Muhney is 43. Blues musician Kenny Wayne Shepherd is 41. Actor Timothy Simons is 40. Actor Wil Horneff is 39. Singer Robyn is 39. Rock singer-musician John Gourley (Portugal. The Man) is 37. Actor Dave Franco is 33. Country singer Chris Young is 33. Actor Luke Youngblood is 32. Rap group MC Jay Are is 29. Actor Ryan Malgarini is 26.

Thought for Today:

"A man without ambition is dead. A man with ambition but no love is dead. A man with ambition and love for his blessings here on earth is ever so alive."

Pearl Bailey  
American entertainer (1918-1990)

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**Newsday Crossword**

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**ACROSS**

1 Watchband

6 Facts and figures

10 Alphabet beginning

14 Fragrance

15 Class reunion attendee

16 "\_\_\_ Sir or Madam..."

17 Soldier's denial

18 Ordered for takeout

19 Fairy tale monster

20 When a plane is due in: Abbr.

21 Dairy-topped potato side dish

24 Parakeet snack

25 Mixes together

26 "No more for me, thanks"

29 University sports org.

31 Repairs, as a driveway

32 Deceitful person

34 Look without blinking

39 Soup with a white dairy ingredient

42 "Laughing" African beast

43 Alluring

44 Take \_\_\_ the waist (alter)

45 Urge forward

47 Indy 500 entrants

49 At a reduced price

53 Pigpen sound

54 Nutty frozen dessert flavor

57 Hitter's stat: Abbr.

**DOWN**

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27 Lamb owner of rhyme

28 On the house

29 Identified

30 Pivotal point

33 "In that case..."

35 Bit of magic

36 Top-rated

37 Crowd sound

38 CPR experts

40 Pancake syrup flavor

41 Where Damascus is capital

46 Peruse again

48 Occurring once a year

49 44th president

50 Sculptures like Michelangelo's David

51 Hide away

52 Unable to retreat

53 Whale's home

55 Prefix for chute

56 At any time

57 "Baby back" barbecue

58 Spectators' angry sounds

59 Fascinated by

63 Pro hoops org.

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ELSE	HEEL	SCOOT
LESSO	STENO	
ARM	ROMANS	
BIRD	FEEDER	ERIE
BRAVE	SODA	MICE
CARDS	AMEN	ASH
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# New coach Penny Hardaway already having impact on Memphis

By TERESA M. WALKER

AP Sports Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — League championships, the NCAA Tournament and another Final Four berth all accomplished by teams with a healthy dose of local talent — before sellout crowds.

High expectations for any college coach. For someone in their first college job, the combination easily could be just too much.

Not for Anfernee "Penny" Hardaway.

"I meet pressure head on," Memphis' newest coach said. "I mean I feel like I was born to do what I'm doing right now. I feel like I have a good enough staff and us as a crew and our team, I really love my team, and I feel like we can do whatever we really put our minds to that we can do. I don't shy away from it. I know it's there, but I'm ready for the challenge."

Coaching his hometown Tigers seems like a perfect fit for the man known locally as just Penny. And fans desperate to reclaim past glory see the Memphis native who grew up here, played at then-Memphis State for another local legend in Larry Finch and returned to town when his All-Star career in the NBA ended as the man to restore the program to the glory that includes three Final Fours — even if only one still counts on the books.

Hardaway, who turns 47 in July, shares those same standards for the Tigers.

"That was my entire mindset coming in," Hardaway said. "I wasn't going to shy away from competition. I wasn't going to shy away from saying what I really felt and what I meant. And I do want to get this team back to where it was. Getting to the Final Fours, getting to the championship games. But sealing the deal whenever



AP photo

In this June 8, 2018 photo, Memphis basketball coach Penny Hardaway poses in the school's basketball offices in Memphis, Tenn. Hardaway knows exactly what Memphis fans demand from the Tigers in men's basketball, and the first-time college coach says he feels born to coach this team right now. The charismatic former NBA star with his own shoe already has revived interest in his alma mater.

we get back."

What the charismatic Hardaway has done in less than three months on the job has cranked optimism higher than ever, and it's paying off already.

Attendance had dropped to 4,583 per game last season, worst in nearly 50 years. By dipping so low, the university missed out on any revenue sharing from playing games at the FedExForum and the NBA's Grizzlies. Donations to the athletic department dipped more than \$1 million in the 2017 fiscal year with Memphis on the hook for nearly \$10 million after firing Tubby Smith two seasons into his contract.

Now Memphis is expecting season ticket sales and donations around \$4.5 million for the 2019 fiscal year with men's basketball the big draw. Hardaway gave the university's bottom line a big boost too by agreeing to a three-year deal paying \$1.3 million

this season, much less than the \$3.25 million Smith was due.

That's the result of the confidence in Hardaway whose basketball resume features 14 seasons in the NBA as a player and three straight Tennessee high school championships and an AAU program as a coach.

"I took a public high school from not being ranked to being No. 1 in the country and an AAU program that was just starting out to being No. 1 in the country, so my track record is pretty good," Hardaway said. "When it comes to my coaching, a lot of kids and their parents have seen me coach on the EYBO circuit when I was able to coach. And then my experience in the NBA, that all just puts the icing on the cake."

First, the coach with his own signature shoe turned over half the roster in high style, riding to visits in a customized Mercedes van featuring his

own personal logo in the headrests. He added seven players including point guard Alex Lomax following him from East High to land the nation's 19th-best recruiting class by Rivals.com. Hardaway now is competing for the No. 1 player in 2019 — Memphis native James Wiseman — against Kentucky coach John Calipari.

Hardaway convinced Mike Miller with his two NBA championships, to join him and hired Tony Madlock away from Mississippi. Sam Mitchell, a former NBA head coach and player, also is being added to the coaching staff. Memphis just opened a new building for men's basketball last December, and Hardaway wants to add some shooting guns to the practice court and upgrades to the lounge to bring the facility up to NBA-level.

It's all part of Hardaway's sales pitch for players wanting to reach the NBA.

"That message spoke loudly to these kids that we're trying to get our program back to where it used to be and that we wanted them to be a big part of it and if they wanted to go further, that we could help them get further to understand what it takes on and off the court to get to the NBA," Hardaway said.

The Tigers haven't reached the NCAA Tournament since 2014 and last played in the Sweet 16 in 2009 — just before Calipari ditched Memphis for Kentucky. Hardaway has toughened up the nonconference schedule as well with cross-state rival Tennessee among the teams added for the upcoming season.

It's a combination Hardaway believes will test both himself as a coach and his team and make Tigers' basketball must-see TV again for a program considered family for so many people in Memphis.

## Oakland ready to again celebrate NBA champion Warriors

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — For the second straight year, throngs of Oakland fans will get to celebrate the Golden State Warriors with a parade for a team some are calling a basketball dynasty.

Hundreds of thousands of fans are expected to line downtown Oakland streets Tuesday to cheer Stephen Curry, Kevin Durant and the rest of the Warriors winning their third title in four years.

The NBA champions have gone back-to-back, beating LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers 108-85 on Friday night to finish off a four-game sweep of these NBA Finals in the fourth consecutive meeting between these clubs.

Oakland city streets have been lined with gold and blue banners and shop and restaurant owners along the parade route say they are getting ready to open their businesses during the celebration.

Fasil Lemma, who owns De Lauer's Newsstand, said he will be selling the

new championship T-shirts and gear from past championships.

"It's very exciting," Lemma told the East Bay Times. "We want to serve the community."

Officials say as many as 1 million fans are expected to attend the parade, which will start at 11 a.m. at Broadway and 11th Street, wind through downtown streets and end on Oak and 13th Street.

Unlike other years, the parade won't end at a rally near Lake Merritt. Instead, there will be large Jumbotron-type screens set up along the route that will feature members of the team talking in real time and answering the questions of a few lucky fans.

"We wanted to make it more intimate, free flowing and, frankly, more exciting," Raymond Ridder, the team's vice president of communications, told the newspaper. "We will now have more fans along the parade route, creating more of a buzz, giving fans closer/direct access to players and, ideally, it will keep the event moving/flowing."



## Washington honors Stanley Cup-champion Capitals with parade

By STEPHEN WHYNO

AP Hockey Writer

WASHINGTON — The Stanley Cup-champion Capitals will celebrate the city's first major four pro sports championship in 26 years with a parade down Constitution Avenue this morning.

It's the first sports parade in Washington since the NFL's Redskins in 1992. Alex Ovechkin, Nicklas Backstrom and his teammates will travel from 17th to 7th on Constitution to a rally on the National Mall by the afternoon.

They'll be joined by four F-16 Fighting Falcons from the D.C. Air National Guard who will perform a flyover about 25 minutes in. Season-ticket holders who have remained from the team's eight-win inaugural season in 1974-75, high school marching bands and the D.C. fire department pipes and drums will be among those participating in the parade.



AP photo

Washington Capitals left wing Alex Ovechkin, left, of Russia, and center Nicklas Backstrom, of Sweden, right, hold up the Stanley Cup as the Capitals arrive at Dulles International Airport in Sterling, Va., Friday, June 8, 2018, the day after defeating the Vegas Golden Knights in Game 5 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Finals.

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# 'Ocean's 8' opens with franchise-best \$41.5M to top weekend

By JAKE COYLE

AP Film Writer  
NEW YORK — "Ocean's 8," the female-fronted overhaul of the starry heist franchise, opened with an estimated \$41.5 million at the box office, taking the weekend's top spot from the fast-falling "Solo: A Star Wars Story."

At a lower price point and in less fanboy-guarded franchise, "Ocean's 8" — despite ho-hum reviews — found nothing like the stormy reception than the female-led "Ghostbusters" reboot did on the same weekend two years ago.

Made for approximately \$70 million, "Ocean's 8" and its cast featuring Sandra Bullock, Cate Blanchett and Anne Hathaway, set an opening-weekend best for the franchise, not accounting for inflation. The three previous "Ocean's" films — starring Brad Pitt, George Clooney and Matt Damon, and based on the 1960 original "Ocean's 11," with Frank Sinatra — all debuted with between

\$36-39 million in the last decade.

"Ocean's 8," also starring Mindy Kaling, Sarah Paulson, Awkwafina, Rihanna and Helena Bonham Carter, drew a largely female audience — 69 percent — for a result that slightly surpassed expectations.

"We thought we'd come in in the \$35-40 (million) range," said Warner Bros. distribution chief Jeff Goldstein. "Number one, it's fun. Number two, it hits an underserved audience. Unfortunately, there is just a lack of stories that are aimed right at women."

Yet the weekend's three new wide releases were all female fronted.

The horror thriller "Hereditary," starring Toni Collette, debuted with \$13 million, setting a new company record for A24, the indie distributor behind releases like "The Witch" and "Moonlight." The feature-film directing debut of Ari Aster, "Hereditary" has received rave reviews and been hailed as the year's scariest movie since its debut at the Sundance Film Festival. Either from disappointment or simply because they were stunned from fear, audiences gave "Hereditary" — about a family cursed after the death of its matriarch — a D-plus CinemaScore.

Less successful was "Hotel Artemis," starring Jodie Foster. The Global Road release, also starring Sterling K. Brown, Dave Bautista and Charlie Day, flopped with \$3.2 million in 2,407 theaters. Set in a near-future Los Angeles, "Hotel Artemis" is about a members-only hospital for criminals.

Coming between more massive blockbusters like the recent "Solo" and the upcoming "Incredibles 2" and "Jurassic World," the weekend was down about 20 percent from last year, according to comScore, when "Wonder Woman" was setting box-office records. But some of the story was still the same.

"There's a lot of women-powered revenue at the box office in the heat of the summer season," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for comScore. "Films featuring female leads are killing it at the box office, but that's been going on for quite a while."

One of the early summer's more breakout hits has been the Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg documentary "RBG," which has made \$9.1 million in six weeks



This image released by Warner Bros. shows, from foreground left, Sandra Bullock Sarah Paulson, Rihanna, Cate Blanchett and Awkwafina in a scene from "Ocean's 8."

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of release through Sunday.

Opening this weekend was another documentary that may prove a similar sensation: the Fred Rogers documentary "Won't You Be My Neighbor." The Focus Features release grossed \$470,000 in 29 theaters for a per-theater average of about \$16,000. The film, 99 percent fresh on Rotten Tomatoes, has been acclaimed for its portrait of the man behind "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood." Focus said two thirds of the documentary's audience was under the age of 45.

Meanwhile, the troubled "Solo" slid to second place with \$15.2 million on its third weekend. It has now grossed \$176.1 million, well off its expected pace.

"Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom" began its international rollout in 48 overseas markets with an estimated \$151.1 million, said Universal Pictures. That's a predictably strong start for a film expected to be one of the biggest of the summer. It opens Friday in China, and on June 22 in North America.

Initial reviews, which came out this week, were mixed for J.A. Bayona's sequel. But critics were also less thrilled with 2015's "Jurassic World,"

which grossed more than \$1.6 billion worldwide.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

1. "Ocean's 8," \$41.5 million (\$12.2 million international).
2. "Solo: A Star Wars Story," \$15.2 million.
3. "Deadpool 2," \$13.7 million (\$18.5 million international).
4. "Hereditary," \$13 million (\$3.5 million international).
5. "Avengers: Infinity War," \$6.8 million (\$10.9 million international).
6. "Adrift," \$5.1 million.

7. "Book Club," \$4.2 million.
8. "Hotel Artemis," \$3.2 million.
9. "Upgrade," \$2.2 million.
10. "Life of the Party," \$2.1 million.

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5. "Avengers: Infinity War," \$10.9 million.
6. "Toilet: Ek Prem Katha," \$9 million.
7. "How Long Will I Love U," \$8.4 million.
8. "Happiness Is Coming," \$6.9 million.
9. "Black Water," \$6.2 million.
10. "Believer," \$3.9 million.



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