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Howard College board accepts resignation, seeks new member

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

The Howard County Junior College District Board of Trustees is short a member, and is looking to fill the position by the end of July.

At the board's meeting Monday, Trustee Ryan Williams announced his resignation for personal reasons. Howard County President Dr. Cheryl Sparks told board members that they were required to accept the resignation, which they did unanimously.

Sparks also informed Williams and other board members that Williams will technically remain a member of the board, with full voting rights and the responsibilities that accompany the position, until a replacement is found and sworn in. One exception is that Williams will not be able to discuss or vote on his potential replacements.

Sparks presented the board with two options for replacing Williams, either to hold a special election to fill the seat, or request resumes from interested parties and appoint a replacement to complete Williams' unfinished term which expires in about two years. The board opted for the

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Howard College Director of Institutional Advancement Julie Bailey, left, swears in Howard College Trustee Adrian Calvio at the board's meeting Monday. Calvio ran unopposed in the recent election.

CASA of West Texas Lunch and Learn

By **TYLER SCHELLIE**

Staff Writer

CASA of West Texas brings knowledge of foster care to Big Spring on June 27th, 2018, from 12 to 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce on 215 W. 3rd St.

Join CASA and local residents for a free Lunch and Learn, where you can grab a bite to eat, get informed on what it takes to become a court appointed special advocate, and/or learn how you can help in many ways with some of the problems children may face within the foster care/child welfare system.

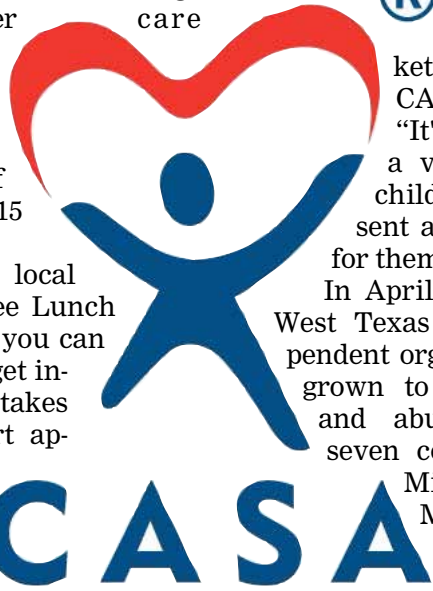
"We have a constant need for volunteers to help these children.

In Big Spring alone, we have just 17 volunteers to the 133 kids going through this court process," said Kathy Harmon, marketing specialist for CASA of West Texas. "It's our goal to have a volunteer for each child so we can represent and get what's best for them."

In April of 2000, CASA of West Texas became an independent organization and has grown to serve volunteers and abused children in seven counties, including Midland, Howard, Martin, Dawson, Gaines, Andrews and Glasscock Counties.

When severe child abuse and neglect occurs in a home, foster care

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Masterclass Music



Courtesy photo

Shown above are the 2018 members of the Masterclass Music summer camp held by First United Methodist Church in Big Spring.

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**

Staff Writer

According to Gabe Martinez, organist at the First United Methodist Church (FUMC), year two of 'Masterclass Music' went

down in the books as a successful year of music camp. This camp is held by FUMC for the community's youth, and is designed to do much more than just teach notes and melodies.

"The group consists

of Howard County band students who give up a week of their summer to rehearse music in preparation for their performances at local nursing and retirement homes,"

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Commissioners to discuss budget, law enforcement radio system at Wednesday's meeting

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

The Howard County Commissioners Court meeting scheduled for Wednesday will once again feature an early start to discuss budget issues.

The meeting will convene at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday.

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day in the second-floor conference room of the Howard County Courthouse, instead of the regular Commissioners Court starting time of 3:30 p.m.

The budget discussion is one in a series the commissioners have held recently to hammer out the county's budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Following the budget discussion, commissioners will turn to discussion of the interlocal County/

City law enforcement radio system, a program which has been in the planning stages for weeks, and seems poised to come to fruition during the next fiscal year. At their meeting tonight, Big Spring City Council members plan to set aside more than \$750,000 of this year's unexpected budget windfall toward the cost of the program a year earlier than originally scheduled.

In other business, commissioners will:

- Discuss approval of a memorandum of understanding with West Texas Centers regarding the House Bill 13

Grant Program.

- Discuss taking action to extend the county-wide burn ban.

- Discuss approval of a request to seek bids for the Howard County Detention Center pharmacy contract for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

- Discuss approval to seek bids for the County Indigent Health Care, Welfare, and County Juvenile Probation Program pharmacy contract for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

- Consider approval of a renewal agreement with Incode.

- Discuss possible action

on setting specifications and administrative fees for facilities and places on, under, or above Howard County System roadways.

If you would like to address the commissioners, plan to arrive early to fill out a brief form alerting them of your intention 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@big-springherald.com.

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Obituaries

Elma Alene Witte



CLYDE – Elma Alene Witte, 88, of Clyde died Thursday, June 21, 2018, in Eden, Texas.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, 2018, at Bailey-Howard Funeral Home Chapel with Jim Hall officiating. Burial will follow in the Eula Cemetery under the direction of Bailey-Howard Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Alene was born July 18, 1929, in Eula, Texas, to Loyd and Cynthia Miller Farmer. She was a graduate of Eula High School. She was the activity director for Mountain View Lodge and had worked as a switchboard operator for Southwestern Bell. She was a homemaker for many years. Alene married

Curtis R. Witte on Oct. 17, 1948, in Eula. They lived in Big Spring before moving to Clyde in 1990.

Alene is survived by one son, Gary Witte and wife DeLynnnda of Midland; three daughters, Vicki Arnold and husband Tony of Kyle, Paula Kolb and husband Jeff of The Woodlands and Darla Willis and husband Johnny of Eden; two sisters, Rose Farmer, and Annabeth Favor and husband Bob, all of New Braunfels; and brother-in-law George Welch of Clyde; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Curtis Witte; one son, Randall Witte; one granddaughter, Randi Jo Witte; and a sister, Loyd Welch.

Online condolences may be made at www.bailey-howardfuneralhome.com.

Paid Obituary

Brayden Michael Sizenbach

Brayden Michael Sizenbach, 18, of Big Spring died Sunday, June 24, 2018.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8

p.m. Wednesday, June 27, 2018, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 28, 2018, at First Baptist Church. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **CYNTHIA DUTCHOVER**, 53, of 1205 Lamar Avenue was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated- open container 3rd
- **KEVIN EDWARD KYZER**, 50, of 12000 N CO 43 Rd. was ar-

rested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **SANJUANITA KAYSIE OLIVARES**, 23, of 1516 Sycamore St. was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 100 block of E. 3rd St. and in the 100 block of Whip-

key Drive.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1600 block of S Gregg St. and in the 200 block of Banks Rd.
- **THEFT OF A FIREARM** was reported in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 69 inmates at the time of this report.

- **EMMANUEL COLUNGA**,

31, was arrested by Glasscock County on a charge of assault Class C.

- **TRISTAN ROSS GALLOWAY**, 18 was arrested by HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than two oz.)
- **ELVIS EUGENE LANG JR.**,

18, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than two oz.)

- **TAYLOR SCOTT SHIFLET**, 26 was arrested by DPS on a charge of theft of services (\$750 to \$2,500).

Take Note

• The Maranatha Baptist Academy (MBA) has started its open enrollment for the Summer session, which runs June 18 through July 12 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. MBA has been operating since 1981 and teaches ACE curriculum for grades K-12. The Fall term is scheduled to start on Aug. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, please call 432-213-1046.

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

• Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, handles legal issues affecting Veterans, Retirees, and their family members. They will have clinics that provides volunteer attorneys that will provide free legal advice (up to 25 minutes depending on the issue). A pro bono attorney may be assigned to handle some cases that include: bankruptcy, consumer issues/contract, child support and custody, divorce, employment, foreclosure, housing, landlord/tenant, probate and guardianship, real estate, social security/SSI, Veterans benefits/issues, wills and estate planning. The Clinic dates are on Aug. 23 and Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Northside Community Center on 110 N.E 8th St. Applicants must be financially eligible to obtain services. Please bring a copy of your DD215 and/or Veterans ID card. Appointments are required. For more information or to make an appointment, please contact Pete Fierro at 432-332-1207, ext. 4511.

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

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is

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

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

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

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

• Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

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Richard John Coleman Jr.

Richard John Coleman Jr., 57, of Big Spring died Sunday, June 24, 2018 at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Eloisa Correa

Eloisa Correa, 86, of Big Spring died Monday, June 25, 2018, in a local nursing home. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Adam Kemp

Adam Kemp, 43, of Coahoma, died Wednesday, June 20, 2018. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Nova Lee Montgomery

Nova Lee Montgomery, 50, of Big Spring died Sunday, June 24, 2018, from injuries in an auto accident in Crosby county. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Robert "Bob" Shaffer

Robert "Bob" Shaffer, 62, of Big Spring died Monday, June 25, 2018. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Bobby Winters

Bobby Winters, 62 of Big Spring died Friday, June 22, 2018, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on the block of I-20 Mile marker 181, one person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on the 1600 block of Lancaster, one person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on W I-20 Mile marker 172, no transport was needed.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on the 1900 block of E. 25th St., one person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on the 1900 block of MLK, no transport was needed.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on the 1900 block Simler, one person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• **RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy)** a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

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Court upholds Trump travel ban, rejects discrimination claim

By MARK SHERMAN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Tuesday upheld President Donald Trump's ban on travel from several mostly Muslim countries, rejecting a challenge that it discriminated against Muslims or exceeded his authority.

The 5-4 decision Tuesday is the court's first substantive ruling on a Trump administration policy.

Chief Justice John Roberts wrote the majority opinion, joined by his four conservative colleagues.

Roberts wrote that presidents have substantial power to regulate immigration. He also rejected the challengers' claim of anti-Muslim bias.

But he was careful not to endorse either Trump's provocative statements about immigration in general and Muslims in particular.

"We express no view on the soundness of the policy," Roberts wrote.

The travel ban has been fully in place since the court declined to block it in December. The justices allowed the policy to take full effect even as the court fight continued and lower courts had ruled it

out of bounds.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor wrote in a dissent that based on the evidence in the case "a reasonable observer would conclude that the Proclamation was motivated by anti-Muslim animus." She said her colleagues arrived at the opposite result by "ignoring the facts, misconstruing our legal precedent, and turning a blind eye to the pain and suffering the Proclamation inflicts upon countless families and individuals, many of whom are United States citizens."

Justices Stephen Breyer, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Elena Kagan also dissented.

The policy applies to travelers from five countries with overwhelmingly Muslim populations — Iran, Libya, Somalia, Syria and Yemen. It also affects two non-Muslim countries: blocking travelers from North Korea and some Venezuelan government officials and their families. A sixth majority Muslim country, Chad, was removed from the list in April after improving "its identity-management and information sharing practices," Trump said in a proclamation.

BOARD

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second option.

"Until the appointment is in place, Ryan is in what they call 'holdover doctrine,' so he still has the duties and responsibilities of a board member until the position is filled," she said. "Since Ryan is in an at-large position, this will cover the entire county. He has approximately two years left in his term. Anticipating that you might be interested in the appointment process, because that is what you've done in the past, last time you asked for individuals to submit letters of interest to the board and then you went through those and made your choice."

Board Chairman Dr. John Freeman expressed regret at Wil-

liams' resignation, and hope that another qualified trustee can be located quickly.

"Mr. Williams had to resign his position due to personal reasons and the board decided to utilize the appointment option to fill the role until the next scheduled election which will be in 2020," said Freeman. "The resignation of Ryan is certainly a loss but we feel certain there are qualified applicants in our community ready to take an active role in this board."

Sparks gave board members a few options as far as timing, and the board voted to select 5 p.m. July 11 as the deadline to submit letters of interest and resumes for the board to consider; July 16 as a day for interviews and discussion of candidates; and July 17 as the day for a swear-

ing-in ceremony.

"Of course, all this would depend on the person who is chosen, whether they would have availability," she said. "And then your next regular board meeting is the 30th, so if a person is selected that could not come that day, you could go to the 30th."

Those interested in being considered for the positions should contact Dr. Sparks' office at 432-264-5030 or by email at csparks@howardcollege.edu.

In other business:

- Trustee Adrian Calvio was officially sworn in for his new term of office. Calvio ran unopposed in the recent election, but was absent from last month's regular meeting when trustee Maxwell Barr, who also ran unopposed, was sworn in.

- Howard College Web-

master Mick Sudano presented his work on the redesigned Howard College website at www.howardcollege.edu.

- South West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf Co-Administrative Dean of Student Services Nancy Bonura updated the trustees on the status of SCWID programs and recruiting.

- The trustees reviewed a video on Howard College's Video for the "60x30TX" program, which has the goal of ensuring that 60 percent of Texas students are obtaining college degrees by the year 2030. For more information on the program visit www.60x30tx.com.

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The administration had pointed to the Chad decision to show that the restrictions are premised only on national security concerns.

The challengers, though, argued that the court could just ignore all that has happened, beginning with Trump's campaign tweets to prevent the entry of Muslims into the United States. Just a week after he took office in January 2017, Trump announced his first travel ban aimed at seven countries.

That triggered chaos and protests across the U.S. as travelers were stopped from boarding international flights and detained at airports for hours. Trump tweaked the order after the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco refused to reinstate the ban.

The next version, unveiled in March 2017, dropped Iraq from the list of covered countries and made it clear the 90-day ban covering Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen didn't apply to those travelers who already had visas. It also eliminated language that would give priority to religious minorities. Critics said the changes didn't erase the ban's legal problems.

The current version dates from September and it followed what the administration has called a thorough review by several federal agencies, although it has not shared the review with courts or the public.

Federal trial judges in Hawaii and Maryland had blocked the travel ban from taking effect, finding that the new version looked too much like its predecessors. Those rulings that were largely upheld by federal appeals courts in Richmond, Virginia, and San Francisco.

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may be the only option to keep a child safe. When a child enters foster care, a judge will appoint a CASA volunteer to advocate for that child's best interest in court and in the community, and with 54 children a day being moved to foster care, there is continuously a need for advocates.

"Some children don't find the help that is needed and leave the foster process as an adult. We definitely want less of that happening, and we just want to make people aware of this problem so maybe even a few people who are unaware of this can get a better understanding," Harmon added.

In 2017, over 10,000 CASA volunteers served 29,747 children in foster care. That number of volunteers continues to grow with the support of West Texas communities.

The CASA vision states "A safe and positive future for all Texas children." The mission of CASA of West Texas is to recruit, train and support committed volunteers who are appointed by the court to advocate for the best interest of children in the foster care system.

If you cannot attend the short presentation at the "Lunch and Learn" there is still ways you can become a volunteer. Sign up at www.casawtx.org or contact CASA of West Texas @ (432) 683-1114 or (432) 263-4162 for more information.

Contact Staff Writer Tyler Schellie at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at citydesk@bigspringherald.com.



Courtesy photo

2018 members of the Masterclass Music summer camp, held by First United Methodist Church in Big Spring, put on a performance.

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said Martinez.

Martinez also stated that along with rehearsing, the campers are educated about the community of Big Spring, being servants in the community and being positively involved in their town.

"On Monday, June 18, our first stop was Scenic Mountain Medical Center, where we focused our minds on the beautiful community that lies below," said Marti-

nez. "I really hope that the image of their town lasts in their hearts for a long time. Big Spring is a great place to grow up, and I want the kids to realize they can serve now and even later in life. If they move off, they need to always remember good ol' Big Spring."

Some of the community service projects included picking up trash at Comanche trail park, and performing for young children at a daycare.

Last Wednesday, the kids went to a Midland Rockhounds game with tickets provided by KBYG

radio.

"We also had an impromptu performance for the Rotary Club meeting in the Historic Settle's Hotel on Friday," stated Martinez.

In addition to serving as Organist of FUMC, Martinez also serves as an Assistant Band Director for the Big Spring Independent School District.

"It's been a great week of fun, service and music ministry to the hearts of many people of all ages," he said.

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Supreme Court accepts Texas voting maps in blow to Democrats

By **MARK SHERMAN** and **PAUL J. WEBER**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A divided Supreme Court kept Texas' voting maps largely intact Monday, dealing an election-year blow to Democrats by reversing earlier findings that intentional racial discrimination continues to stain several statehouse and congressional districts.

The 5-4 decision comes nine months after Democrats had celebrated lower court rulings that invalidated parts of Texas' electoral maps and a revised voter ID law. But the voter ID law was also restored in April, and Texas Republicans now have another key victory in long-running battles over voting rights in a state with a booming Hispanic population.

"Our legislative maps are legal. Democrats lost their redistricting & Voter ID claims," Republican Texas Gov. Greg Abbott tweeted.

The decision also dampened Democrats' case that Texas should once again need federal approval before changing voting laws, a requirement the Supreme Court eliminated in 2013 when it gutted the heart of the federal Voting Rights Act.

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Migrant detainees to be housed at 2 bases in Texas



AP photo

In this Friday April 27, 2018, file photo, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis listens to a question during a meeting at the Pentagon, in Washington. The Pentagon is preparing to build temporary camps for immigrants at two military bases, Mattis said Sunday, June 24, 2018.

By **LOLITA C. BALDOR** and **ROBERT BURNS**

Associated Press

EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska — The Trump administration has chosen an Army base and an Air Force base, both in Texas, to house detained migrants swept up in the federal government's crackdown on illegal immigration, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said Monday.

Mattis said he could not confirm specifics, such as the number of migrants to be sheltered at Fort Bliss and Goodfellow Air Force Base. He spoke to reporters in Alaska alongside Sen. Dan Sullivan, an Alaska Republican.

"We'll provide whatever support the Department of Homeland Security needs in order to house the people that they have under their custody," Mattis said. "We will work that out

week by week, the numbers obviously are dynamic so we will have to stay flexible in our logistics support."

Mattis was in Alaska to visit Fort Greely, where the U.S. military maintains an arsenal of missiles designed to shoot down long-range ballistic missiles. Afterward he was heading to Beijing and then to Tokyo and Seoul.

The U.S. military has a long history of providing logistical support to people "escaping tyranny" or affected by natural disasters, Mattis said, explaining he recognized the "political aspects" of the situation along the southern border of the U.S.

"We provide logistics support and we're not going to get into the political aspect," he said. "Providing housing, shelter for those who need it is a legitimate governmental function."

The number of detained migrants who might be held at Bliss and Goodfellow has not been announced, but the Pentagon had said last week that it had been asked to be prepared to shelter as many as 20,000 unaccompanied children.

One official said unaccompanied children detained after crossing the U.S. border would be sheltered at one of the bases -- Bliss or Goodfellow -- and the other base would house families of migrant detainees. Under the arrangement, the Defense Department would provide the land but the operations would be run by other agencies.

Northern California wildfires prompt evacuations, burn homes

By **PAUL ELIAS**

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Hundreds of Northern California homes and businesses were threatened Monday after wind-driven wildfires broke out over the weekend, forcing thousands of residents to flee their homes throughout rural regions north of San Francisco.

The biggest fires continued to grow but there were no reports of injuries or deaths, California's Department of Forestry and Fire Protection said.

About 3,000 residents evacuated homes in Lake County, about 120 miles (193 kilometers) north of San Francisco. A wildfire there that was not contained at all grew to 13 square miles (21 square kilometers) and destroyed at least 22 homes and buildings, the agency reported.

Fire Battalion Chief Jonathan Cox said more than 230 firefighters using helicopters, bulldozers and other equipment were battling the Lake County fire in a rugged area that made it difficult to get equipment close to the blaze.

"It's kind of the worst possible combination," Cox said.

The rural region was hit hard in 2015 by a 120-square-mile (310-square-kilometer) fire that killed four people and destroyed 2,000 buildings.

Terri Gonsalves, 55, evacuated her Lake County home around midnight Sunday, tossing four goats into her truck.

She had been monitoring another fire that appeared to be moving away, but then she looked out her back window and saw a big hill aflame.

"Holy cow, it's right here," she said she thought. "I'm outta here."

She is staying with her daughter in nearby Middletown, a small city also devastated by the 2015 wildfire. She last heard that her house is safe.

"I think we're all just so traumatized and overwhelmed with all these fires year after year, this whole community is at a breaking point," she said, but added, "When this stuff happens, we rally around each other."

She posted on Facebook that she needed to borrow a portable pen big enough for four goats that keep escaping her daughter's yard. She expects a friendly neighbor to come through any minute.

"I'm so done," she said of living amid wildfires every couple of years. "I'm ready to move to a tropical island."

Authorities also ordered residents to evacuate in Tehama County, about 200 miles (322 kilometers) north of San Francisco, where two wildfires were burning. One grew to 4 square miles (6 square kilometers) while the smaller one of about half a square mile

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AP photo

In this photo provided by the Cal Fire Communications, firefighters battle a wildfire in an area northeast of Clearlake Oaks, Calif., Sunday, June 24, 2018. Wind-driven wildfires destroyed buildings and threatened hundreds of others Sunday as they raced across dry brush in rural Northern California.

Harley, stung by tariffs, shifts some production overseas



AP photo

In this April 26, 2017, file photo, rows of motorcycles are behind a bronze plate with corporate information on the showroom floor at a Harley-Davidson dealership in Glenshaw, Pa.

By **IVAN MORENO**

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Production of Harley-Davidson motorcycles sold in Europe will move from U.S. factories to facilities overseas, the Milwaukee-based company announced Monday, a con-

sequence of the retaliatory tariffs the EU is imposing on American exports in an escalating trade war with the Trump administration.

President Donald Trump has used the iconic

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In August, a federal court in San Antonio agreed with Democrats and voting rights groups that current electoral districts in Texas were tainted by earlier and intentionally discriminatory map lines first approved by the GOP-controlled Legislature in 2011.

But Justice Samuel Alito said for the court's conservative majority that the lower court made a mistake by striking down two congressional and seven state house districts. The high court struck down one safe Democratic House district in Fort Worth because the state relied too heavily on race when it increased the district's Latino population.

"We now hold that the three-judge court committed a fundamental legal error," Alito wrote. The lower court ignored evidence showing that the legislature adopted districting plans in 2013 primarily to try to end the litigation over the districts, Alito said.

The court's liberal justices dissented.

"The court today does great damage to that right of equal opportunity," Justice Sonia Sotomayor wrote. She said her colleagues had blinded themselves "to the overwhelming factual record below. It does all of this to allow Texas to use electoral maps that, in design and effect, burden the rights of minority voters."

Democrats are outnumbered nearly 2-1 in the Texas Legislature and have long contended that unfair maps have accelerated that imbalance. In 2009, Republicans had only a slim two-seat majority in the Texas House.

"The rules were changed today," said Democratic state Rep. Rafael Anchia, chairman of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus.

Texas' congressional and legislative districting plans have been embroiled in court action for years, beginning in 2011.

After the state's original maps were tossed out as probably unconstitutional, a three-judge federal court produced interim districting plans that were used in the 2012 elections.

In 2013, Republicans who control the state government rushed to permanently adopt those maps to use for the rest of the decade, until a new round of redistricting after the 2020 census. But opponents criticized the adopted maps as a quick fix that didn't purge all districts of the impermissible use of race.

"This is a huge win for the Constitution, Texas, and the democratic process. Once again, Texans have the power to govern themselves," Republican Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said.

Medical milestone: US OKs marijuana-based drug for seizures

By MATTHEW PERRONE

AP Health Writer
WASHINGTON — U.S. health regulators on Monday approved the first prescription drug made from marijuana, a milestone that could spur more research into a drug that remains illegal under federal law, despite growing legalization for recreational and medical use.

The Food and Drug Administration approved the medication, called Epidiolex, to treat two rare forms of epilepsy that begin in childhood. But it's not quite medical marijuana.

The strawberry-flavored syrup is a purified form of a chemical ingredient found in the cannabis plant — but not the one that gets users high. It's not yet clear why the ingredient, called cannabidiol, or CBD, reduces seizures in some people with epilepsy. British drugmaker GW



This May 23, 2017 file photo shows GW Pharmaceuticals' Epidiolex, a medicine made from the marijuana plant but without THC.

Pharmaceuticals studied the drug in more than 500 children and adults with hard-to-treat seizures, overcoming numerous legal hurdles that

have long stymied research into cannabis.

FDA officials said the drug reduced seizures when combined with older epilepsy

drugs.

The FDA has previously approved synthetic versions of another cannabis ingredient for medical use, including severe weight loss in patients with HIV.

Epidiolex is essentially a pharmaceutical-grade version of CBD oil, which some parents already use to treat children with epilepsy. CBD is one of more than 100 chemicals found in marijuana. But it doesn't contain THC, the ingredient that gives marijuana its mind-altering effect.

Physicians say it's important to have a consistent, government-regulated version.

"I'm really happy we have a product that will be much cleaner and one that I know what it is," said Dr. Ellaine Wirrell, director of the Mayo Clinic's program for childhood epilepsy. "In the artisanal products there's often a huge variation in doses from

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American motorcycle maker as an example of a U.S. business harmed by trade barriers in other countries, but Harley had warned that tariffs could negatively impact its sales.

The European Union on Friday began rolling out tariffs on American imports including bourbon, peanut butter and orange juice. The EU tariffs on \$3.4 billion worth of U.S. products are retaliation for duties the Trump administration is imposing on European steel and aluminum.

The company said in a regulatory filing Monday that EU tariffs on its motorcycles exported from the U.S. jumped between 6 percent and 31 percent, adding about \$2,200 per average motorcycle exported from the U.S. to the EU.

The impact on U.S. workers because of Harley-Davidson's decision was not immediately clear. Harley-Davidson declined interview requests Monday but said in prepared remarks that the company "maintains a strong commitment to U.S.-based manufacturing which is valued by riders globally."

Harley-Davidson Inc. sold almost 40,000 motorcycles in the EU last year, its second-largest market after the United States, according to the company. The EU sales make up almost 16.4 percent of Harley-Davidson's worldwide sales. In the U.S., Harley-Davidson sold 147,972 motorcycles last year, according to company data.

"Increasing international production to alleviate the EU tariff burden is not the company's preference, but represents the only sustainable option to make its motorcycles accessible to customers in the EU and

maintain a viable business in Europe," the company said in its prepared remarks.

Harley-Davidson said it will not raise its prices to avert "an immediate and lasting detrimental impact" on sales in Europe. It will instead absorb a significant amount of the cost in the near term. It anticipates the cost for the rest of the year to be approximately \$30 million to \$45 million.

Shifting the production overseas could take up to 18 months, the motorcycle maker said.

The company is already struggling with falling sales. In January, it said it would consolidate its Kansas City, Missouri, plant into its York, Pennsylvania, facility. U.S. motorcycle sales peaked at more than 1.1 million in 2005 but then plummeted during the recession. It wasn't immediately known whether any other facilities would be consolidated.

"Harley-Davidson's announcement today is the latest slap in the face to the loyal, highly-skilled workforce that made Harley an iconic American brand," Robert Martinez Jr., president of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, said in a statement.

The union represents Harley-Davidson workers in Milwaukee, and the Kansas City and York plants.

"Will Harley use any excuse to ship jobs overseas?" Martinez added. "Does Harley even understand what 'Made in America' means?"

The Trump administration has started fights with trading partners around the world, imposing tariffs on imported steel and aluminum, provoking retaliation from close U.S. allies including the European Union, Canada, Mexico and Turkey. And it has announced tariffs on \$50 billion in Chinese goods — a tariff list that could swell to \$450 billion if Beijing refuses to back down and counterpunches with retaliatory moves.

"More firms will follow Harley's lead and move production overseas," says Mary Lovely, a Syracuse University economist who studies trade. "Can't blame them. Many companies are being put in very difficult positions."

Lovely said Harley and other companies face retaliatory tariffs in Europe and

elsewhere if they try to export products. Trump's tariffs also raise costs on imported parts they need to manufacture in the United States.

Wisconsin's elected leaders said the decision pointed to the need to expand markets.

"This is further proof of the harm from unilateral tariffs," said AshLee Strong, a spokeswoman for House Speaker Paul Ryan, a Wisconsin Republican. "The best way to help American workers, consumers, and manufacturers is to open new markets for them, not to raise barriers to our own market."

Gov. Scott Walker echoed those comments, saying increasing markets for Wisconsin and American-made goods will reduce the trade imbalance and needs for tariffs.

"The ultimate goal, if we could get there, is no tariffs or if anything few tariffs on anything," said Walker, a Republican. "That's what I'm going to push for, ways that we can get to a level playing field then we don't have this tit for tat on any number of products out there."

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Prince William arrives in Israel for historic royal visit



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Britain's Prince William sits in a traditional Bedouin tent during a visit to a community center, Dar Niemeh, in the province of Ajloun, north of the Jordanian capital Amman, Monday, June 25, 2018.

By ARON HELLER

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Prince William arrived in Israel on Monday for the first-ever official visit of a member of the British royal family to the tumultuous region London once ruled.

Arriving from neighboring Jordan, the Duke of Cambridge landed at Israel's Ben-Gurion International Airport and then departed to Jerusalem, where he will stay at the elegant King David Hotel, site of the former administrative headquarters of the British mandate.

Three decades of British rule between the two world wars helped establish some of the fault lines of today's Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and Britain's withdrawal in 1948 led to the eventual establishment of Israel and Jordan.

Britain has since taken a back seat to the United States in mediating peace efforts, and the royal family has mostly steered clear of the region's toxic politics.

For the 36-year-old William, second in line to the throne, it marks a high-profile visit that could brandish his international credentials.

Though the trip is being billed as non-political, and places a special emphasis on technology and joint Israeli-Arab projects, William will also be meeting with Israeli and Palestinian leaders, and visiting landmark Jerusalem sites at the heart of the century-old conflict.

On Tuesday he will visit Jerusalem's Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial, where he will meet two survivors who escaped Nazi Germany for the safety of Britain. The memorial has recognized Prince William's great-grandmother, Princess Alice, as Righteous Among the Nations for her role in rescuing Jews during the Holocaust.

In a 1994 visit to Yad Vashem, Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, planted a tree there in his mother's honor. Princess Alice hid three members of the Cohen family in her palace in Athens during the Nazi occupation of Greece in World War II. Thanks to her, the Cohen family survived and today lives in France. The princess died in 1969, and in 1988 her remains were brought to Jerusalem.

Later, the prince will meet Israeli President Reuven Rivlin and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu before heading to coastal Tel Aviv to attend a football game of young Jewish and Arab players. He'll also meet the mayor of Tel Aviv and attend a reception the British ambassador is holding in his honor.

"It is the right moment we think for a visit to really shine a light on that relationship and show how strong the contemporary relationship is between the two countries," Ambassador David Quarrey told The Associated Press. "The Duke is very clear that he wants to come and get under the skin of the country, he wants to get a feel for Israel. He wants to get a flavor of the country."

Later in the week, he'll be travelling to the West Bank, where he will meet Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in Ramallah before wrapping up the trip in east Jerusalem to visit his great-grandmother's gravesite.

The royal itinerary managed to anger Israeli politicians by mentioning Jerusalem as being part of "the Occupied Palestinian Territories." Jerusalem Affairs Minister Zeev Elkin — who is running for mayor of the city in this year's elections — called the reference a "distortion" that cannot "change reality."

Israel captured east Jerusalem from Jordan in the 1967 Mideast war and annexed it in a move not internationally recognized. Israel considers the city, home to holy sites sacred to Jews, Christians and Muslims, as an inseparable part of its capital. The Palestinians claim east Jerusalem as their future capital.

Ambassador Quarrey insisted the wording merely reflected decades of terminology used by British governments.

"It is important to emphasize that the Duke is not a political figure, this is not a political visit," he said.

The prince arrived from Jordan, where he kicked off his five-day Middle East tour by meeting young scientists, refugees and political leaders. He was hosted by Crown Prince Hussein, 23, a member of the Hashemite dynasty Britain helped install in then-Transjordan almost a century ago. The pair later watched the England-Panama World Cup match together.

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bottle to bottle depending on where you get it."

Side effects with the drug include diarrhea, vomiting, fatigue and sleep problems.

Several years ago, Allison Hendershot considered relocating her family to Colorado, one of the first states to legalize marijuana and home to a large network of CBD producers and providers. Her 13-year-old daughter, Molly, has suffered from severe seizures since she was 4 months old. But then Hendershot learned about a trial of Epidiolex at New York University.

"I preferred this to some of those other options because it's a commercial product that has gone through rigorous testing," said Hendershot, who lives in Rochester, New York.

Since receiving Epidiolex, Hendershot says her daughter has been able to concentrate more and has had fewer "drop" seizures — in which her entire body goes limp and collapses.

CBD oil is currently sold online and in specialty shops across the U.S., though its legal status remains murky. Most producers say their oil is made from hemp, a plant in the cannabis family that contains little THC and can be legally farmed in a number of states for clothing, food and other uses.

The immediate impact of Monday's approval on these products is unclear.

FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb suggested the agency would be scrutinizing CBD products with "uncertain dosages and formulations."

"We are prepared to take action when we see the illegal marketing of CBD-containing products with serious, unproven medical claims," Gottlieb said in a statement.

The FDA previously issued warnings to CBD producers that claimed their products could treat specific diseases, such as cancer or Alzheimer's. Only products that have received formal FDA approval can make such claims, typically requiring clinical trials costing millions.

Most CBD producers sidestep the issue by making only broad claims about general health and well-being.

Industry supporters downplayed the impact of the FDA approval.

"I don't know a mom or dad

in their right mind who is going to change what's already working," said Heather Jackson, CEO of Realm of Caring, a charitable group affiliated with Colorado-based CW Hemp, one of nation's largest CBD companies. "I really don't think it's going to affect us much."

Jackson's group estimates the typical family using CBD to treat childhood epilepsy spends about \$1,800 per year on the substance.

A GW Pharmaceuticals spokeswoman said the company would not immediately announce a price for the drug, which it expects to launch in the fall. Wall Street analysts have previously predicted it could cost \$25,000 per year, with annual sales eventually reaching \$1 billion.

For their part, GW Pharmaceuticals executives say they are not trying to disrupt products already on the market. The company has pushed legislation in several states to make sure its drug can be legally sold and prescribed.

The FDA approval for Epidiolex is technically limited to patients with Dravet and Lennox-Gastaut syndromes, two rare forms of epilepsy for which there are few treatments. But doctors will have the option to prescribe it for other uses.

The new medication enters an increasingly complicated legal environment for marijuana.

Nine states and the District of Columbia have legalized marijuana for recreational use. Another 20 states allow medical marijuana, but the U.S. government continues to classify it as a controlled substance with no medical use, in the same category as heroin and LSD.

Despite increasing acceptance, there is little rigorous research on the benefits and harms of marijuana. Last year a government-commissioned group concluded that the lack of scientific information about marijuana and CBD poses a risk to public health.

Before sales of Epidiolex can begin, the Drug Enforcement Administration must formally reclassify CBD into a different category of drugs that have federal medical approval.

GW Pharmaceuticals makes the drug in the U.K. from cannabis plants that are specially bred to contain high levels of CBD. And the company plans to continue importing the medicine, bypassing onerous U.S. regulations on manufacturing restricted substances.

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destroyed multiple homes and businesses in the city of Red Bluff.

A Red Bluff police officer helping residents evacuate lost his home to the smaller wildfire, authorities said.

Red Bluff Police Lt. Matt Hansen said Corporal Ruben Murgia's pregnant wife and three young children were ordered to evacuate their home while he was on duty Saturday when the fire started. The family escaped safely, but lost nearly all of their possessions, Hansen said.

Hansen said about \$10,000 in cash along with furniture and clothing has been donated to the family as they search for a rental home.

That fire was under control and nearly extinguished, Cal Fire reported.

Cal Fire said the larger fire was 20 percent contained. A nearby casino was serving as an animal evacuation center.

Residents also fled a wildfire in Shasta County about 300 miles (482 kilometers) north of San Francisco.

No cause has been determined for any of the fires.

Officials said hot weather, high winds and dry conditions are fueling the fires less than a year after

California's costliest fires killed 44 people and tore through the state's wine country in October, causing an estimated \$10 billion in damage.

Downed power lines were blamed for 12 of the two dozen 2017 fires. The causes of the other fires are under investigation.

While the blazes were the first major ones of the season to hit California, others have raged throughout the west for weeks. Last week, a Colorado wildfire forced residents of more than 1,000 homes to evacuate and led to

warnings for others to get ready to leave.

The fire 13 miles (43 kilometers) north of Durango was in the Four Corners Region where Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico and Utah meet — the epicenter of a large U.S. Southwest swath of exceptional drought, the worst category of drought.

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CHECK HIM
The Chicago Cubs might have further word on Yu Darvish after the Japanese ace said he felt soreness in his troubled triceps tendon following a minor league rehab start. Darvish hasn't pitched in the majors since May 20 because of right triceps tendinitis. He threw five sharp innings for Class A South Bend on Monday, and was set to rejoin the Cubs during their series at Dodger Stadium.

"In the triceps there's likeliness to get more fatigue there, especially if there's a long gap between innings," he said through a translator. "That's when I feel fatigue there. Not necessarily pain, but I can't there. Not necessarily nothing going on in the tricep zone."

NIMMO NEEDED
The Mets take a seven-game skid into their game against Pittsburgh, but at least they may get their most productive hitter back. Brandon Nimmo has a sore right pinkie after getting hit by a pitch Sunday, but an MRI showed no broken bones and he is day to day. He didn't start Monday but entered as a pinch-runner in the eighth inning and stayed in the game to play left field. The Mets have also lost 14 of 15 at home and are 13-25 at Citi Field this season.

ACES ALONG I-95
Aces Luis Severino and Jake Arrieta square off as



Chicago Cubs' Yu Darvish high fives players during the West Michigan Whitecaps at South Bend Cubs baseball game Monday, June 25, 2018 at Four Winds Field in South Bend, Indiana. Darvish was on a one-game rehab assignment with the Class A affiliate of the major league team.

AP photo

The Yankees continue a series in Philadelphia. Severino (11-2, 2.24) has never faced the Phillies, and Arrieta (5-5, 3.42) is 3-1, 3.83 in seven career starts vs. New York. The Yankees won the series opener Monday in their first appearance at Citizens Bank Park since beating the Phillies in the 2009 World

Series. The Yankees improved to 14-1 against the Phillies, leaving the Los Angeles Dodgers as the only team they have a losing record (6-7) against in the regular season.

ON THE SKIDS

Carlos Martinez has lost three straight decisions entering a tough test against Corey Kluber and the Indians. Martinez (3-4, 3.24) hasn't won since May 2, and St. Louis has dropped his past five starts, a span in which he has a 7.06 ERA. Kluber (11-3, 2.10) pitched seven innings of one-hit ball in a 12-0 victory over the White Sox in his previous outing.

COLLEGES

Oregon State and Arkansas begin the College World Series, a day after the opener in their best-of-three match-up was rained out in Omaha. Luke Heimlich (16-2) starts for Oregon State against the Razorbacks' Blaine Knight (13-0).

A two-time Pac-12 pitcher of the year, Heimlich was not picked in this month's Major League Baseball draft. He wasn't with the team at last year's College World Series after it was revealed he had pleaded guilty to molesting a young relative when he was 15. He served two years' probation and went through an interview program, but later denied wrongdoing in interviews with Sports Illustrated and The New York Times.

Ranger's Choo reaches in 38th game in row



AP photo

Texas Rangers right fielder Shin-Soo Choo (17) singles against the San Diego Padres during the third inning of a baseball game Monday, June 25, 2018, in Arlington, Texas.

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — The Texas Rangers took full advantage after a changed call. A misplayed flyball only made things worse for the San Diego Padres.

Robinson Chirinos drove in the first

of five runs Texas scored in a decisive sixth inning on the next pitch after it appeared he had struck out, and right fielder Hunter Renfroe was charged with an error on the next play as the Rangers rallied for a 7-4 win Monday night.

There were two runners and Chirino

had two strikes when he had a foul tip. Home plate umpire Tony Randazzo initially indicated he was out, and it looked like catcher Austin Hedges had secured the ball in the mitt that kicked up dirt when he reached down.

But was changed to a foul ball after the umpires got together to discuss the play.

"From my vantage point, our dugout, we saw dirt fly, which seem to indicate that the ball hit the ground," said Rangers manager Jeff Banister, who said the umpires got together on their own.

Padres manager Andy Green obviously had a much different view.

"Yeah, it's frustrating. They missed it. I think it's obvious when you see the film that they missed it," Green said. "It's a frustrating overturn on an obvious call. We had some plays we could have made that we didn't make. It's one of those innings that flat out got away from us."

After Chirinos' got Texas within 4-2, Ronald Guzman then hit the deep flyball misplayed by Renfroe, who drifted to the ball on a windy night into the right-center cutout. Guzman wound up at second on the error and

was credited with a sac fly. Delino DeShields and Choo followed with consecutive RBI singles, and Elvis Andrus added a sac fly.

"You've got to be mentally tough enough to bounce back from it and make a better pitch than what I made," said Craig Stammen (4-1).

Choo extended his career-best on-base streak to 38 games with three hits, including that tiebreaking RBI single in the sixth. Chirinos had an RBI double in the seventh.

San Diego (35-46) reached the midpoint of its season by losing for the eighth time in nine games. The Rangers (35-45), who play their 81st game Tuesday night, have won eight of nine.

Tony Barnette (2-0) retired all three batters he faced after Manuel Margot and Jose Pirela homered off Rangers starter Keone Kela. Kela worked the nine for his 19th save, the most in the majors without a blown chance and matching the longest season-opening span in team history.

"Being able to see what the team was able to do when you put them a little behind, they were able to battle," Hamels said. "When you're winning, everybody's happy, and you can move on to the next day."

Grichuk helps Blue Jays beat Astros 6-3

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Toronto's Randal Grichuk put on a show for hundreds of friends and family that made the trek up to Houston to see him play just his third career game at a ballpark only about 35 miles from his hometown of Rosenberg, Texas.

Grichuk hit a two-run homer and made a huge defensive play, helping the Blue Jays beat the Houston Astros 6-3 on Monday.

"You can't feel your body all game," Grichuk said. "You feel like you don't need to stretch or get loose. It's just as special for me as I know it is for my family."

Toronto also got two homers from Curtis Granderson against Justin Verlander, but the night belonged to Grichuk in one special homecoming.

His soaring 471-foot home run, which clanged off the light pole above the train tracks on the left-field wall, came against Will Harris and made it 6-3 with two out in the eighth.

Grichuk then reached over the short wall in right field to rob George Springer of a homer with two on and no outs in the ninth.

"Those are the plays you dream of that you don't really get too often," he said. "But exactly what you hope for happened."

Grichuk, who moved from center to right field in the bottom of the ninth, had his back to the wall when he reached between two fans with gloves to make the grab.

Springer stopped running and bent down in disbelief when he realized Grichuk had robbed him.

"Baseball can be pretty cruel," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said. "That's a



Toronto Blue Jays' Randal Grichuk, right, shakes hands with third base coach Luis Rivera after hitting a two-run home run off Houston Astros' Will Harris during the eighth inning of a baseball game, Monday, June 25, 2018, in Houston.

AP photo

tough one. Right off the bat, I thought George got one. It carried and carried and carried and looked like he had to go pretty deep into the stands to get it."

Granderson's leadoff shot in the fifth tied it at 3. He connected again with two out in the seventh, belting an opposite-field drive off Verlander (9-3) into the second row in the Crawford Boxes in left field.

"I'm not a huge fan of the Crawford Boxes right now," Verlander said. "The one to right, I thought Curtis got pretty good. The one to left, I didn't think he got that one very good. But it's the ballpark we play in. It's fair for all sides. I need to do a little bit better job."

Verlander, who entered with a major league-best 1.60 ERA, allowed four runs and seven hits — both season highs — in 6 2/3 innings. He struck out six and walked two in his first loss since May 11.

Toronto's J.A. Happ (10-3) yielded three runs and seven hits in six innings in his sixth straight win. Seung-hwan Oh worked the ninth for his second save.

Former Astro Teoscar Hernandez, who received his World Series ring in a pregame ceremony, had three hits and Justin Smoak drove in two runs as the Blue Jays won their third straight.

Alex Bregman homered in the Astros' third loss in 18 games.

Hernandez singled with one out in the first before Yangervis Solarte drew a walk. Smoak's two-out double lifted Toronto to a 2-0 lead.

Yuli Gurriel singled in Jose Altuve in the bottom half, and Bregman's drive to the seats in left tied it at 2 with one out in the third.

Bregman also singled in Jake Marisnick in the fourth, but the Blue Jays tied it up again when Granderson sent the third pitch of the fifth inning into the stands in right for his eighth homer this season.

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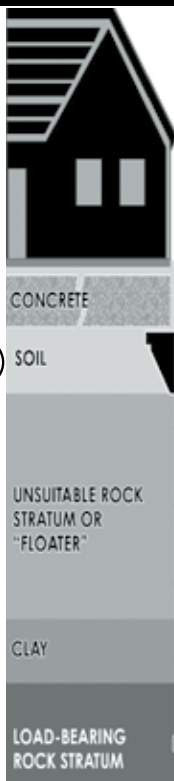
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THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:
FIELD: SPRABERRY (TRENDAREA) Lease/Unit Name: PRISCILLA 23-14 Lease/Unit Well No.: 4AH Lease/Unit Acres: 626.11 Nearest Lease Line (ft): 1.0 Lease Lines: 422.0 FSL, 265.0 FEL Survey Lines: 422.0 FSL, 265.0 FEL Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal Lateral: TH1 Penetration Point Location Lease Lines: 422.0 FSL 265.0 FEL Terminus Location BH County: HOWARD Section: 14 Block: 32 T2N Abstract: 1264

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Survey: T&P RR CO / CROSSETT, MRS H Lease Lines: 100.0 FNL 330.0 FEL Survey Lines: 100.0 FNL 330.0 FEL Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows: SPRABERRY (TRENDAREA): Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9000 feet. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Shelly Carrigan, at (361) 888-7708, x6015.

#9841 June 14, 21, 28 & July 5, 2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR INJECTION WELL PERMIT

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION COMPANY, LLC, 200 N. LORLAINE, SUITE 530, MIDLAND, TEXAS is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

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Andres formation in the Settles B Lease Well Number 13U. The well is located 1 mile South from Forsan, TX in the Howard Glasscock (Consolidated) field in Howard County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2272' to 3100'.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil & Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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#9851 June 21, 2018

Annie's Mailbox

Forced to Quit?

Dear Annie: My girlfriend (of a year) and I are both in our mid-20s and are both smokers. In fact, that's how we met -- on the smoking patio of a bar, both out there alone because none of the friends we were there with smoked. We've both always talked tentatively about quitting, but in a vague way. So I was surprised when last week my girlfriend announced she was quitting cold turkey. She asked whether I wanted to quit at the same time so we could offer each other moral support. I'm happy to offer moral support, but I'm not quite ready to quit. Do I have an obligation to

her to quit? Is it wrong for me to smoke around her now? I've been thinking about purchasing an e-cigarette and just doing that around her, because this seems like a healthier alternative. -- Guilty Smoker

Dear Guilty Smoker: No, you don't have an obligation to your girlfriend to quit smoking. You have an obligation to yourself. Every cigarette you smoke cuts your life expectancy by approximately 10 minutes, and the life of a smoker is, on average, 10 years shorter than that of someone who has never smoked. The great news is that if you quit smoking today, you can undo a good deal of that damage. According

to a 2013 study by Dr. Prabhat Jha, director of the Centre for Global Health Research at St. Michael's Hospital, "quitting smoking before age 40, and preferably well before 40, gives back almost all of the decade of lost life from continued smoking." That doesn't mean you should keep lighting up through your 39th year, however. Jha adds: "Former smokers still have a greater risk of dying sooner than people who never smoked. But the risk is small compared to the huge risk for those who continue to smoke."

As for e-cigarettes, the American Lung Association writes: "We don't presently know what is in

e-cigarettes. However, in initial lab tests conducted in 2009 the FDA found detectable levels of toxic cancer-causing chemicals, including an ingredient used in anti-freeze, in two leading brands of e-cigarettes and 18 various cartridges. ... A 2014 study found that aerosol from e-cigarettes ... contains ... formaldehyde." In other words, e-cigarettes contain cancer-causing chemicals and addictive nicotine. Why substitute one crummy habit with another?

Now, I know that my haranguing is not great motivation. But look at the long list of benefits of quitting smoking and try to find something that does motivate you.

For more information, visit <http://www.lung.org/> stop-smoking.

Dear Annie: I can definitely sympathize with "Unsure in Texas," who wrote to you about getting invitations to graduations, birthday parties and weddings from people she doesn't know well. My husband and I received an invitation to an open house from our financial adviser. Not only do we not know him personally but also we were referred to him when our financial adviser retired approximately two years ago. My husband brought up an interesting question: Do you think he would still provide us with good advice if we were not to attend and provide a gift for

his daughter? My thought was that it was very tacky to send us the invitation. -- Stuck in a Predicament in Indiana

Dear Stuck in a Predicament: I highly doubt your financial adviser would start giving you worse advice because you didn't attend his open house. If he made business that personal, he wouldn't be in business for long.

"Ask Me Anything: A Year of Advice From Dear Annie" is out now! Annie Lane's debut book -- featuring favorite columns on love, friendship, family and etiquette -- is available as a paperback and e-book. Visit <http://www.creatorspublishing.com> for more information. Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com. COPYRIGHT 2018 CREATORS.COM

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Happy Summer Solstice

This is the sun's big moment, with parties all around the globe to celebrate the life-giving center of our cosmic system on the longest day of the year. There will be notable festivals in Iceland, Spain, Canada and Croatia, to name a few... not to mention the most famous spots, such as Stonehenge and the ancient Cahokia Mounds of Illinois, USA.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You don't want to comply with what's being asked of you. Do what comes naturally: Stall. It will give you time to more fully realize the dynamics at play. The stall will help you stay aware of what's really going on.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Technically, you are free to set up your daily life in a way that serves your own rhythms. But the reality is that the involvement of others makes this tricky. Success follows being slightly more assertive about your domestic wishes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It is said that twins share a private language all their own. You have a unique language with every single person you talk with, as you intuitively cater your commu-

nication specifically to others.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You did what you did. It was the best you knew at the time. In hindsight, maybe you did certain things to cope and survive that you wouldn't choose now. But go easy on yourself. Have self-compassion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Fulfillment of your aims will take organization and planning. You could really use a boost, and it's going to come from the completion of something tangible. Making a measurable difference with your work will bring contentment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Transformations can happen -- and they do, all of the time. But don't count on other people's transformations, as each person must be in charge of his or her own. Put all your focus into becoming who you want to be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You hear people, whether or not they tell you in words. Many people can get the gist of emotional messages, but you actually act on them, which is part of what makes your friendship so golden.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Say what you're going to do. Do it. Seems simple, right? For you. Not for everyone. Some people in your life won't have the same follow-through. Hopefully, you'll be patient with them today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Is "forced cooperation" an oxymoron? After all, if a person has no choice but to com-

ply, it's not cooperation; it's control. Most people don't like to be controlled, as today's situation will highlight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You appreciate friends who can keep a secret, because most can't. In the "can't" group, there are those who will warn you up front, and there are those who won't. Know whom you're dealing with today, because discretion will be important.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Goals need a

plan; plans need a ritual. Rituals are the support beams you'll be building on. Look at your current rituals, significant habits you carry out to make life work. How can you better line them up with your plan?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A project is pushing to the forefront of your mind. If you don't do it now, then when will you do it? Resist the urge to start over, because there's something here to keep and build on. Use what's already working

for you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 21). You've earned the respect and admiration that comes with this solar return, so enjoy it! You'll be giving back to a past benefactor and it will feel terrific to satisfy a karmic debt. October comes in a rush of passion. The turn of the

year represents a chance to gain professional rank or publicity that turns into money. Aquarius and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 39, 4, 40 and 22.

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

ANSWERS

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Silence is golden

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♦ 8 5 3
♥ K 8 2
♦ A Q 10
♣ A J 9 4
WEST
♦ K Q 6
♥ J 10 9
♦ 7 4 3
♣ Q 8 5 2
EAST
♠ —
♥ Q 7 6 5 4 3
♦ 9 8 6 5
♣ 10 7 6

SOUTH
♦ A J 10 9 7 4 2
♥ A
♦ K J 2
♣ K 3
The bidding:
South 1♠ Pass
3♣ Pass
6♠ Dblc
West Pass
4♠ Pass
North 2NT
4♠ Pass
East Pass
Opening lead — jack of hearts.

There is a valuable lesson experience at the table teaches us, namely that when the opponents voluntarily bid a slam and you double them, you are providing declarer with information he would not have had if you passed.

If this information then enables him to fulfill a contract he would not have made without the double, you might well find yourself the victim of a substantial loss.

bled the slam contract, and it was no great feat for declarer to deduce, after he saw dummy, that the double had to be based on the expectancy of taking two trump tricks.

South therefore proceeded to play the hand on the assumption that West held the K-Q-6 of trumps. He won the heart lead, played a diamond to the ten and ruffed the eight of hearts.

Declarer next led a diamond to the queen and ruffed the king of hearts! He then cashed the K-A of clubs, ruffed a club, crossed to the ace of diamonds and ruffed dummy's last club.

By this time, 10 tricks had been played — four rounds of clubs and three rounds each of hearts and diamonds. South's last three cards were the A-J-10 of spades, while West held the K-Q-6. The stage was set for the coup de grace.

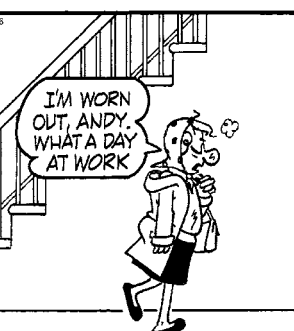
Declarer now led the jack of spades, and West was a goner. He could take only one trick, so the doubled slam was made.

We don't think much of West's double. It wasn't reasonable to suppose South would go down more than one. The potential gain from the double thus figured to be 100 points, while the possible loss from the double, if it enabled declarer to make the contract, came to 1,760 points. There was obviously much more to lose by doubling, so West should have remained silent.

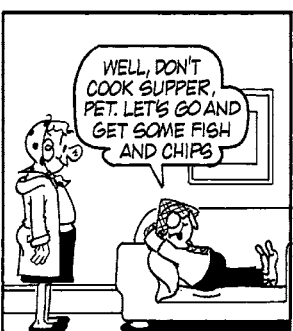
Tomorrow: Test your play.

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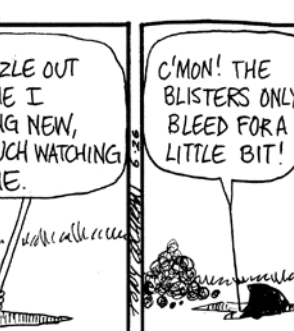
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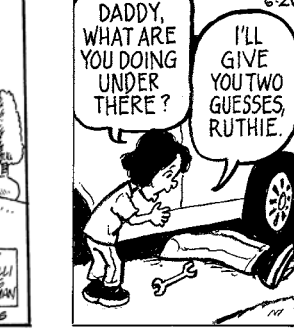
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, June 26, the 177th day of 2018. There are 188 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On June 26, 1948, the Berlin Airlift began in earnest after the Soviet Union cut off land and water routes to the isolated western sector of Berlin.

evidence" Iraq had plotted to assassinate former President George H.W. Bush. Ten years ago: The U.S. Supreme Court struck down a handgun ban in the District of Columbia as it affirmed, 5-4, that an individual right to gun ownership existed.

singer Georgie Fame is 75. Actor Clive Francis is 72. Rhythm and blues singer Brenda Holloway is 72. Actor Michael Paul Chan is 68. Actor Robert Davi is 67. Singer-musician Mick Jones is 63.

Harriet Wheeler (The Sundays) is 55. Country musician Eddie Perez (The Mavericks) is 50. Rock musician Colin Greenwood (Radiohead) is 49. Writer-director Paul Thomas Anderson is 48.

Jeff Frankenstein (Newsboys) is 44. Country singer Gretchen Wilson is 44. Rock musician Nathan Followill (Kings of Leon) is 39.

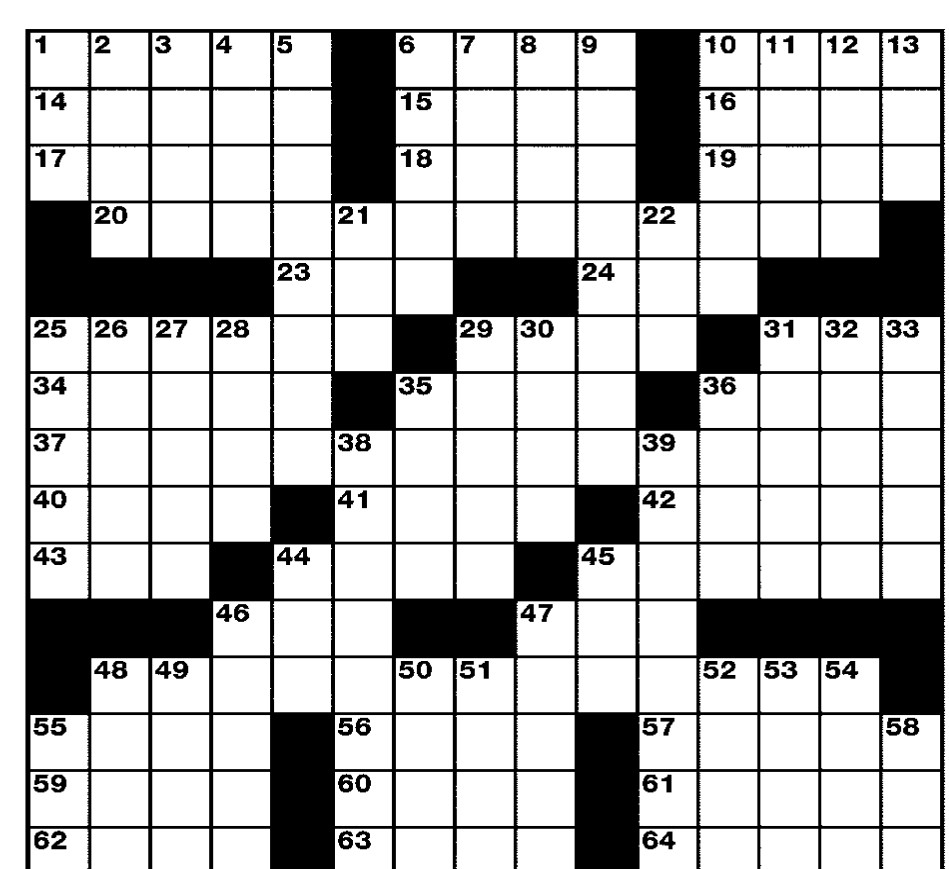
Thought for Today: "Nothing is improbable until it moves into the past tense." George Ade American writer (1866-1944)

Newsday Crossword

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- 35 Decisive defeat 36 Sand hill 38 Round Table knight 39 In the open air 44 Alphabet openers 45 Plane's height: Abbr. 46 Period after sunset 47 Mature enough 48 Hunk of bacon 49 Overdue 50 Farm storage building 51 Sign of the future 52 All over again 53 Location 54 Ripped (up) 55 Justice Dept. agency 58 Forget-me-___



Answer to previous puzzle: M E S A S P I S S T A D A M A V E R T A N T E D O V E M A R I A P U R E O M I T A D V A N T A G E S L E S S E E D A B W O V E A S K E D F I S H E S B I R D E A R F A C I A L E D A M S R A M L E D T O S E N I O R P O P N E S T T A T T L E E V I C T T O G A E E E A L I W H O A A D M I R A T I O N E A R N T O O N S I M O N A L E C T R O T E R A S E R O S E A E R O D E T E R

Houston's Harden wins NBA MVP over James and Davis

By BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer
SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Third time was the charm for James Harden.

The Houston Rockets star was voted the NBA's Most Valuable Player after twice being runner-up, beating out four-time winner LeBron James and Anthony Davis of the Pelicans at the NBA Awards on Monday night.

Harden joined Michael Jordan as the only players to average at least 20 points, eight assists, five rebounds and 1.7 steals in a season.

He led the league in scoring, 3-pointers and 50-point games with four while helping the Rockets to an NBA-leading 65 wins.

"The last four years have been like knocking on the door, knocking on the door. Now the moment is finally here," Harden said backstage. "Just every single year you try to come back and be better than you were the year before, and just to be holding that trophy finally, it means a lot."

James didn't attend the show in Barker Hangar at the Santa Monica Airport amid frenzied speculation about his future. He has until Friday to tell the Cavaliers if he will pick up his \$35.6 million option for next season or opt for free agency.

Harden, who is from Los Angeles, led his mother on stage before he accepted the trophy from Commissioner Adam Silver.

"I'm not going to get emotional," he said from behind dark sunglasses. "She's my backbone in good times and bad times."

Harden received a total of 965 points and 86 first-place votes. James finished second with 738 points and 15 first-place votes, while Davis was third with 445 points and no first-place votes.



NBA player James Harden, of the Houston Rocket accepts the most valuable player award as his mother, Monja Willis, looks on at the NBA Awards on Monday, June 25, 2018, at the Barker Hangar in Santa Monica, Calif.

AP photo

Harden didn't prepare a speech. "I felt like last year I should have won as well, so I didn't see a difference between last year and this year," he said backstage. "If I won it, then I was going to go off the top and try to show my appreciation to everybody helping me along the way."

Harden's teammate, Chris Paul, popped up among reporters backstage and asked Harden how many bottles of liquor Rockets CEO Tad Brown would have to buy at the next location.

"Couple cases," Harden said, grinning.

The Rockets had another winner in Daryl Morey, who was honored as Executive of the Year.

In other awards, Ben Simmons of the Philadelphia 76ers won Rookie of

the Year. The guard averaged 15 points, eight rebounds and eight assists, joining Hall of Famer Oscar Robertson as the only rookies to post those numbers in a season.

Simmons helped Philadelphia to a 52-30 record, including ending the season with a 16-game winning streak.

He beat out finalists Donovan Mitchell of Utah and Jayson Tatum of Boston.

Guard Victor Oladipo of the Indiana Pacers earned Most Improved Player. He averaged 23.1 points in his first season with the Pacers while nabbing his first All-Star berth. He also led the league in steals for the first time.

The Defensive Player of the Year went to center Rudy Gobert of the Utah Jazz.

He was the leading vote-getter for the league's All-Defensive first team while anchoring a Jazz defense that ranked second in the NBA in defensive rating.

Lou Williams of the Los Angeles Clippers took Sixth Man honors.

The guard became the first player to average at least 20 points for the first time in his 13th season or later. He led the league in fourth-quarter points and scoring average.

Williams kissed his two young daughters on his way to the stage after becoming the Clippers' third winner in the last five years.

Dwane Casey was chosen Coach of the Year for his work with the Toronto Raptors, who fired him last month. He has since become coach of the Detroit Pistons.

"Can't look in the rear view mirror," Casey said backstage. "Winston Churchill said success is measured by failure, failure, and then come back with enthusiasm, and that's what I've done."

Casey led the Raptors to the No. 1 seed in the East for the first time in franchise history after winning a team-record 59 games. Casey coached the East in the All-Star Game for the first time.

Casey won over Quinn Snyder of Utah and Brad Stevens of Boston.

Robertson received the Lifetime Achievement Award from presenters Charles Barkley and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

After Barkley mentioned last year's recipient Bill Russell, Boston's Hall of Fame center flipped his middle finger in Barkley's direction.

Robertson is the career leader in triple-doubles and was the first player to average one for a season. His anti-trust case against the NBA also ushered in free agency for players, which Robertson said was his most important assist.

Joshua ordered by WBA to fight Povetkin and ditch Wilder



AP photo

In this file photo dated Saturday, March 31, 2018, Britain's Anthony Joshua celebrates after his WBA, IBF, WBO and IBO Heavyweight Championship title bout against New Zealand's Joseph Parker in Cardiff, Wales. Joshua was given a 24-hour deadline on Tuesday June 26, 2018, to sign a deal to fight Russian contender Alexander Povetkin or face being stripped of the WBA portion of his world heavyweight boxing titles.

Associated Press

LONDON — Anthony Joshua was given a 24-hour deadline on Tuesday to sign a deal to fight Alexander Povetkin or face being stripped of the WBA portion of his world heavyweight boxing titles.

Joshua's promoter, Eddie Hearn, indicated he was close to agreeing on a unification bout with WBC champion Deontay Wilder, but the American's team claim to be holding out for "clarifications."

The WBA has lost patience and want him to fight its mandatory challenger from Russia.

WBA president Gilberto Mendoza said in a statement: "The WBA have allowed over a month extension to negotiations with Povetkin and also ongoing discussions with Deontay Wilder."

"It appears the Wilder team have not returned the contract for the fight and therefore we are requesting a date for the Joshua versus Povetkin fight with immediate effect."

There seems no choice for Joshua (21-0, 20 KO), who holds three of the big four heavyweight titles and can't afford to relinquish one in his bid to become the first undisputed champion since Lennox Lewis in 2000. His WBA and IBF belts were joined by the WBO version he relieved from Joseph Parker in March.

A Joshua-Povetkin fight this year would push Wilder to next year.

The WBA originally gave the promoters of Joshua and Povetkin until May 5 to reach an agreement then extended it.

Povetkin (34-1, 24 KO) became the WBA mandatory challenger last December when he beat Christian Hammer of Romania by unanimous decision. He enhanced his record in March by knocking out David Price of England in the fifth round on the undercard of the Joshua-Parker fight in Cardiff.

Povetkin held the WBA "regular" title from 2011 to 2013, when he suffered his only loss in a unification fight with Wladimir Klitschko by unanimous decision.

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A guide to the World Cup when you know nothing about soccer

By LEANNE ITALIE

Associated Press
NEW YORK — So, there's this thing called the World Cup ... The group stage of the most widely watched sporting event in the world is about to conclude, and you want to be part of the action going forward. The problem is, you know nothing about soccer or how the World Cup actually works.

Here's a guide for soccer newbies about some of the more rudimentary aspects of play:

THE ROUND OF 16

We're just about there, coming out of the round-robin group stage where all 32 national teams play three games for points. There are no draws in the next phase. Instead, the winner of each of the eight groups (four teams per group) plays against the runner-up from another group.

In the group stage, teams earn three points for a win and one point for a draw. The top two teams in each group advance to the Round of 16. There are tiebreakers if teams have the same number of points coming out of group play, but you don't want to go there. It's complicated. Just enjoy the show.

Once all 16 in the Round of 16 are in place, the competition pivots to single elimination, bracket style, like March Madness. If the score is tied after the regulation 90 minutes, two extra periods of 15 minutes each are played. If it's still tied after that, there's a penalty shootout, with five players taking turns on the opponent's goalie.

It takes just one round to go from 16 to eight teams, then four, then two, until a winner takes home what just might be the most unsightly trophy in professional sports.

WHAT IS A SET PIECE?

In a film or theatrical production, a set piece is a dramatic or elaborate scene. At the World Cup, it's what happens when a play begins with the ball at a standstill after a foul or out-of-bounds call. It sounds more elegant than it is, but it can be crucial in terms of scoring.

STOPPAGE TIME

Injuries, substitutions, a well-lobbed vuvuzela that makes it onto the field — certain things can slow the game's pace, but soccer's running clock never stops. The 90 minutes of regulation play often includes a minute or two added per half,

along with some at the end, to account for those delays. It usually amounts to no more than six minutes per game, but if all heck breaks loose and interrupts play, it can be more.

OFFSIDE, IT SEEMS SIMPLE BUT NO

There are lines on the field. The lines mean something, but things get soccer-quirky when it comes to this call.

The offside rule goes like this: If an attacker (a forward) is on the opponent's side of the field and a teammate touches the ball, at least two players from the opposing team must be closer to the goal line than the attacker. If not, the attacker can't be involved in the play.

When an official calls a team for being offside, the other team gets possession of the ball for an indirect free kick, taken from the spot where the offense occurred.

Still with me? It's a tricky call since refs must have just the right sight line to see it.

WHAT'S ALL THIS VAR TALK?

It stands for video assistant referee and involves camera technology to correct and clarify the decisions made by the regular refs. After trials last year, it is being used for the first time in a World Cup. Goal line technology was used in Brazil four years ago, but this is the debut of VAR.

The video-watching refs are centralized in Moscow and have access to lots of camera angles and speeds, including ultra-slow motion, at all the stadiums.

Refs on the field are allowed to go to video to advise or clarify game-changing situations, offside situations, red card situations (those are really bad) and matters of mistaken identity (it's rare) when a card is thrown or a player is sent off the field.

WHAT ABOUT THOSE CARDS

Yellow cards are warnings. Earn two and a player is not only outta there, but his team must play a man down the rest of the match and he earns a one-game suspension. The suspension, from the next match, can also be true if a player earns two yellows in separate matches.

But there's this whole reset thing come semifinal time intended to prevent a player's elimination from a final because of yellow card accumulation. Which isn't to say a player in a semifinal facing a straight red card or two yellows couldn't be banned from a final.



FIFA WORLD CUP RUSSIA 2018

Baseball Expanded Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB
L10	Str	Home	Away	
New York	51	25	.671	
—	—	5-5	W-1	29-11
22-14				
Boston	52	27	.658	
½	—	5-5	W-1	25-12
27-15				
Tampa Bay	38	40	.487	
14	9½	6-4	W-4	19-16
19-24				
Toronto	37	41	.474	
15	10½	7-3	W-3	20-20
17-21				
Baltimore	23	54	.299	
28½	24	4-6	L-2	11-24
12-30				

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB
L10	Str	Home	Away	
Cleveland	43	34	.558	
—	—	7-3	L-1	27-13
16-21				
Minnesota	34	40	.459	
7½	11½	5-5	W-1	20-20
14-20				
Detroit	36	43	.456	
8	12	4-6	L-6	23-18
13-25				
Chicago	26	51	.338	
17	21	2-8	W-1	14-26
12-25				
Kansas City	24	54	.308	
19½	23½	2-8	W-1	11-29
13-25				

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB
L10	Str	Home	Away	
Houston	52	28	.650	
—	—	7-3	L-1	23-17
29-11				
Seattle	48	31	.608	
3½	—	4-6	W-1	25-14
23-17				
Los Angeles	41	38	.519	
10½	7	4-6	L-3	20-21
21-17				
Oakland	41	38	.519	
10½	7	7-3	W-1	20-20
21-18				
Texas	35	45	.438	
17	13½	8-2	W-1	16-24
19-21				

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB
L10	Str	Home	Away	
Atlanta	45	32	.584	
—	—	6-4	W-2	23-15
22-17				
Philadelphia	41	35	.539	
3½	½	6-4	L-2	24-14
17-21				
Washington	41	36	.532	
4	1	4-6	L-1	19-20
22-16				
New York	31	45	.408	
13½	10½	3-7	L-7	13-25
18-20				
Miami	32	47	.405	

W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB
L10	Str	Home	Away	
Milwaukee	45	32	.584	
—	—	5-5	L-2	23-16
22-16				
Chicago	42	34	.553	
2½	—	3-7	L-5	21-14
21-20				
St. Louis	41	36	.532	
4	1	5-5	W-3	22-18
19-18				
Pittsburgh	37	41	.474	
8½	5½	4-6	W-1	21-21
16-20				
Cincinnati	32	46	.410	
13½	10½	7-3	L-1	17-23
15-23				

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB
L10	Str	Home	Away	
Arizona	44	34	.564	
—	—	6-4	L-1	23-16
21-18				
Los Angeles	42	35	.545	
1½	—	7-3	W-4	21-19
21-16				
San Francisco	40	39	.506	
4½	3	6-4	W-2	24-13
16-26				
Colorado	38	40	.487	
6	4½	5-5	L-2	15-22
23-18				
San Diego	35	46	.432	
10½	9	2-8	L-3	18-23
17-23				

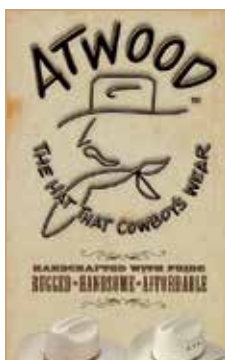
AMERICAN LEAGUE

Sunday's Games
Boston 5, Seattle 0
Cleveland 12, Detroit 2
Tampa Bay 7, N.Y. Yankees 6, 12 innings
Atlanta 7, Baltimore 3
Houston 11, Kansas City 3
Minnesota 2, Texas 0
Chicago White Sox 10, Oakland 3
Toronto 7, L.A. Angels 6, 10 innings
Monday's Games
Oakland 5, Detroit 4
Kansas City 2, L.A. Angels 0
N.Y. Yankees 4, Philadelphia 2
Seattle 5, Baltimore 3
Tampa Bay 11, Washington 0
Texas 7, San Diego 4
Toronto 6, Houston 3
St. Louis 4, Cleveland 0
Tuesday's Games
Washington (Scherzer 10-3) at Tampa Bay (Eovaldi 1-3), 12:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Severino 11-2) at Philadelphia (Arrieta 5-5), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Paxton 6-2) at Baltimore

(Gausman 3-6), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Lamb 0-0) at Boston (Price 8-5), 7:10 p.m.
Oakland (Montas 4-1) at Detroit (Hardy 3-1), 7:10 p.m.
San Diego (Ross 5-5) at Texas (Bibens-Dirkx 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Junis 5-8) at Milwaukee (Peralta 2-0), 8:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Lynn 5-5) at Chicago White Sox (Lopez 2-5), 8:10 p.m.
Toronto (Borucki 0-0) at Houston (Morton 9-1), 8:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Kluber 11-3) at St. Louis (Martinez 3-4), 8:15 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Kansas City (Duffy 3-7) at Milwaukee (Suter 8-4), 2:10 p.m.
Toronto (Estrada 4-7) at Houston (Keuchel 4-8), 2:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Cessa 0-0) at Philadelphia (Eflin 5-2), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (LeBlanc 3-0) at Baltimore (Cobb 2-9), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Heaney 4-5) at Boston (Porcello 9-3), 7:10 p.m.
Oakland (Manaea 7-6) at Detroit (Fiers 5-4), 7:10 p.m.
San Diego (Richard 7-6) at Texas (Minor 5-4), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Gibson 2-5) at Chicago White Sox (Shields 2-9), 8:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Bieber 2-0) at St. Louis (Flaherty 3-2), 8:15 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Sunday's Games
Cincinnati 8, Chicago Cubs 6
L.A. Dodgers 8, N.Y. Mets 7, 11 innings
Arizona 3, Pittsburgh 0
Atlanta 7, Baltimore 3
St. Louis 8, Milwaukee 2
Miami 8, Colorado 5
San Francisco 3, San Diego 2, 11 innings
Washington 8, Philadelphia 6
Monday's Games
N.Y. Yankees 4, Philadelphia 2
Miami 9, Arizona 5
Pittsburgh 6, N.Y. Mets 4
Tampa Bay 11, Washington 0
Atlanta 5, Cincinnati 4, 11 innings
Texas 7, San Diego 4
St. Louis 4, Cleveland 0
L.A. Dodgers 2, Chicago



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