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Bid process, other issues debated by City Council

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

A more-contentious-than-normal Big Spring City Council meeting Tuesday evening saw the council discussing the merits of a bid process for utility contractor services, the recent local increases in tax valuations and the size of truck that should be prohibited from using "No Thru Trucks" roads.

Bolter Equipment Service Inc. was city staff's recommendation to receive the bid award on contractor services for utility maintenance and replacement in the city. The information released with the meeting's agenda revealed no other information, such as the bid amount or other bids received by the city.

Robert "Wes" Baird of Big Spring's Baird Companies spoke at the meeting, claiming that his company

had submitted the low bid and asking why the city staff chose to recommend Bolter instead.

"I was wanting to know why my business wasn't considered for this," he said. "I was asked to bid by the city for this, which I did, and I have contacted the city a couple of times, and I can't get any answers at all, but from what I understand mine was actually the low bid. I can't get any answers why I wasn't

accepted."

Through the discussion, it was revealed that the city's bid procedure called for companies to provide a cost for plumbing utility work on a per-foot basis, and gave no estimated quantities for how many feet would be replaced by the company during the project.

"The more you do, it drastically affects the



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 HERALD photo/Roger Cline

On the right, contractor Robert Baird of Baird Companies in Big Spring addresses the City Council Tuesday evening regarding his recent bid on utility contractor services. Although Baird's bid was lower, city staff recommended awarding the contract to Bolter Equipment Service Inc. because Baird's bid did not conform to units requested in the bid packet. Baird claimed that a city staff member told him to bid in the units he used. The council voted to reject all bids and rewrite the bid packet, clarifying some requirements before re-issuing the request for bids.

VA's Art Expo honors female veterans



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

42 artistic entries were judged by both assigned judges, veterans and members of the public Tuesday at the West Texas VA Health Care Center. Winners included "Hoot Owl" by Ambria Saverance (acrylic on canvas, shown here right of center), Veteran's Choice; "The Cross" by Ambria Saverance (woodcarving), First Place, general vote; "Sunfusion" by Daniel Sayre (woodcarving), Judges' Choice; and "Steam Locomotive" by Daniel Sayre (woodcarving), Honorable Mention.

Empowered women empower women



Courtesy photo

2017's keynote speaker, Wendy Perez, from ChurchLV of Las Vegas gives a motivational speech to attendees of last year's Beyond Women's Retreat.

By **TYLER SCHELLIE**
 Staff Writer

The Women's Retreat, hosted by Family Faith Center, is back and is scheduled for Friday, August 3 through Saturday, August 4. Doors open at 6 p.m. You can register online, or in person.

"As women, we often do more and go beyond our natural abilities. Many of us are empowered beyond how we see ourselves and even how others see us. Through God and the uniting of women, we believe that we can come together not only to empower ourselves, but to empower each other to go beyond what's expected in our spiritual and natural lives,"

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Women Veterans Program Manager Cynthia Schaffner with the West Texas VA Health Care System stands with her favorite photo of a female veteran, Judi Roberts of the U.S. Air National Guard, on Tuesday. "Today we are exhibiting a couple of wonderful things," Schaffner said. "We're honoring our female veterans, so we have a National Female Veterans art exhibit. We also have the WASP art exhibit, the Women of Air Force Service Pilots, that came from a museum in Sweetwater. We have some radios that were donated for exhibit by Mr. Jim Weeks. He's with KBYG, and they're radios from 1942 to '82. And we have veterans and employees who have exhibited their own work, and we're having a contest."

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Downtown Throw Down

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

Six weeks, six different bands, but only one winner. Get ready for some rocking, honkey tonk, soul playing music as the Downtown Throw Down brings another annual battle of the bands contest. This contest is a six week long event that will take place at the Train Car Cigar Bar, located at 100 South Main St. in downtown Big Spring.

The Downtown Throw Down is set to start at 8

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Obituaries

Jim Freshour,



Jim Freshour, 77, of Big Spring, died Monday, July 9, 2018, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday, July 12, 2018, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating.

Jim was born January 26, 1941 in Haskell, Texas to Imogene Rousseau Freshour and Luther Fre-

shour. He moved to Big Spring in 1973 from Snyder. Jim graduated from University of Texas at Austin with his Degree in Pharmacy and worked as a Pharmacist at the Big Spring State Hospital from 1972 until 2018.

He is survived by three sons: David Freshour (Desire) of Big Spring, Jerry Freshour (Kassie) of League City and Daniel Freshour (Laura) of Montoursville, PA.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Beth Freshour.

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

Stacey Welch,



Stacey Welch, 50, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, July 8, 2018, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, July 12, 2018, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Carlos Escalante, Associate Pastor of Berea Baptist Church, officiating.

Stacey was born April 17, 1968 in Big Spring, Texas to Norma Weaver Fields and Walter Fields.

She grew up in Big Spring but lived in Lubbock for about 15 years. She married James Welch on September 25, 1995 and they lived in Midland for about 7 years.

She is survived by her husband James Welch of Midland; one son: Stephen Juarez of Colorado; one daughter: Sara Miller of Florida; one brother: Wesley Fields of Midland and one sister: Terri Lynn Yanez of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

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

Police, Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the
- THEFT was reported in the
- ACCIDENT MINOR
- DISTURBANCE was reported in the
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported o
- ACCIDENT MAJOR was reported on 3rd and Gregg.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 73 inmates at the time of this report.

- DEVON MARCUS MUSCHARA, , was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for driving while intoxicated.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL CALL was reported on N 6th and Main. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1600 block of Harding. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1500 block of E 11th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
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of Gregg St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 600 block of W I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 400 block S 1st St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2300 block of Settles. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1100 block of Dogwood. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Take Note

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more.

To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

• 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.BecomeaCA-SA.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 in 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 supper 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 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.

Eldon Holland,

Eldon Holland, 96, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, July 11, 2018, at the VA Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

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.

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. t 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

• GriefShare is a Biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Meetings are weekly May 24 through Aug. 24, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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I still have a few western books to tell you about this week. In **"Hang Him Twice"** by William W. Johnstone with J. A. Johnstone (LP W JOH W), Dooley Monahan ends up on a wanted poster by accident. On the trail west, the hapless gunslinger stops a mean hungry bear from making lunch out of the legendary Buffalo Bill Cody.

In return, Coby grubstakes Dooley for the purchase of a silver mine in the lawless, violent boomtown. Dooley can't believe his luck, but when he guns down three deadly outlaws, the grateful townsfolk pin a sheriff's badge on him.

Turns out there's a war going on between two rival gangs. Stagecoaches are being robbed every other day, and fingers are being pointed at Dooley himself. He discovers there's a tradition that if a sheriff is no good, they hang him. If the next one is no better, they hang him twice.

In **"Gunsight Range"** by William Colt MacDonald (LP W MAC W), Nash Canfield was a liar, a drunkard, and

a cheat. When he was murdered, even the sheriff didn't work hard to solve the case. Many wanted Canfield dead, but it looked like the wife or brother-in-law were guilty.

When detective Greg Quist set out to investigate the year-old murder, everyone else was hell-bent on keeping the case closed. Quist had to outsmart the sheriff, the ranchers, and a bunch of hired gunslicks, all out to run him out of the country.

"Winter Moon" by Luran Paine (LP W PAI L) is a Circle V Western. The blowing up of the express office safe had gone off without a hitch for the four members of the Buck Streeter gang, netting them \$28,000. Since then, they have taken refuge in an abandoned shack on a plateau above the town of Brigham. With

its banks and express office across the street from each other, Brigham seems like the perfect place to stage their next robbery before laying low for a while.

That's it for the westerns until next month. Next I'll tell you about some non-fiction books.

"There is More: When the World Says You Can't, God Says You Can" by Brian Houston (200 HOU B) inspires you to reach for the stars with your feet planted firmly in the truth of God's promises.

Drawing on powerful stories of God's provision, Brian offers inspiration as well as practical application for living out God's incredible purpose with joy. He invites you into God's Word to remind you that God's amazing plans for your life supersede your biggest hopes. The "more"

that God wants for your life is beyond comprehension.

"Hear My Heart: What I Would Say To You" by Billy Graham (248.4 GRA B) gives us a moving glimpse into Billy's heart-his last words to us all, as he himself shared them. It also presents an inspiring portrait of him as a Christian, a leader, a family man, a friend, and a preacher of the Word from people who knew him up close.

In **"Shaken"** by Tim Tebow (248.4 TEB T), Tim tells what he's learned during the highs and lows of his journey in the NFL. It also features practical wisdom from the pages of Scripture and moving narratives of individuals who have impacted his life.

Their inspiring stories will encourage you also to tackle fear, overcome bitterness, and take on the obstacles life throws at you.

"Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World" by Max Lucado tells us that although we all encounter anxiety, we don't have to give in to it. There is

a path out of the valley of fret, and the road map is found in the verses of Philippians 4:4-8. There are some key mile markers along the road to peace and calm: Celebrate God's goodness; Ask God for help; Leave your concerns with Him; Meditate on good things. Trust God and you can "be anxious for nothing."

I have run out of time so until next week I leave you with a quote from Charles Dickens:

"The best way to lengthen out our days is to walk steadily and with a purpose."

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Monica Martinez

CITY

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price," Baird said. "It's a big difference. You haul a few pieces of equipment out for a single day mobilization to do a three-hour project versus being there an entire week. It just comes down to money."

City councilman Jim DePauw in particular spoke up on the issue, calling for increased transparency in the city's bid processes.

"I've been preaching for a long time about transparency, and maybe we need to read the definition of 'transparency,' because here we have in front of us a memo. We just had three bids that we did that listed who the bidders were and what the dollar amounts were. This memo says, for those who don't have it in front of them, it says, 'Sealed bids were opened on such and such a date, the staff recommends the bid to be awarded to Boler Equipment Services.' No description of who bid it, no description of what the dollar values were. No reason given for why Boler, who was the apparent high bidder...I came to the bid opening. Mr. Baird was \$5,079. I believe Boler's bid was \$5,500-something dollars."

DePauw then read the dictionary definition of "transparency" as it relates to business and governmental processes.

DePauw said he called around to several local contractors who said they would not bid on a project unless quantities of work required were indicated in the bid packet.

"Red Deer Construction, he bids work in Midland and he's familiar with bidding this way, but he said he'd prefer to have quantities," he said. "If you haven't been in the construction business, what you don't realize is, you might get called out to replace 20 feet of a water line, or you might get called out to replace all the water line on Dallas Street, which would be 2,000 feet. You do 20 feet, you get to haul all your equipment out there, then you get started, and getting started is the hard part, and then you do the work, and that 20 feet is going to take you all day. If you have 2,000 feet, you're coming every day for a long time to do the work. You don't have to haul your equipment out there each time. So there's economies in scale in doing a large quantity. Tech Excavation, which has done a lot of work here - I know they did a lot of work at the college - I talked to them and they said they will not bid any work anymore that doesn't have quantities. They just won't do it, because they will get burned in the manner I just described. Jennifer Connolly of Connolly construction said she did not receive a bid package and she would also not bid it unless it

had quantities."

Greg Boler of Boler Construction was also at the meeting, and offered to answer questions for the council.

The council ultimately voted six to one (with Councilman Terry McDaniel representing District 3 dissenting) to reject all bids, and to have city staff rewrite the bid packet to include quantities, providing the City Council an opportunity to review and approve the packet before sending it out.

"I was happy with the rebid, pending that they allow some quantities," Baird said. "I honestly think that they need to change the bid packets. I honestly believe that."

In other business, the city council spoke with Howard County Appraisal District Chief Appraiser Lisa Reyna. The item on the agenda was the Appraisal District's budget for 2019, which Reyna said was just a preliminary budget and had not been approved by the Appraisal District's board yet. Discussion at the city council meeting turned more toward reasons for the recent increase in property valuations, and some of the difficulties the Appraisal District faces in reaching accurate valuations.

Big Spring resident Willie Doss kicked off the discussion by addressing the council about the increase in her property taxes.

"I go down here to the Appraisal Board every year - I've been here 18 years, and I've missed one year - about them raising my taxes," Doss said.

Reyna said the Appraisal District is required by law to appraise property at market value.

"It doesn't give any leeway," Reyna said. "We do do quality control. If we could go through each year and increase it a little bit we could, but sometimes we don't know how the market is going to do, so we go by market value."

One issue Reyna mentioned is that her office is not permitted to use multiple listing service, or MLS, a tool available to real estate agents, to determine market value.

"We don't have access to the MLS," Reyna said. "We used to have it and we used to be able to go get information. Apparently there was an issue, and I'm not dogging anybody or anything, but realtors said that we shouldn't be privy to that information. So I guess they got in a big group and went and said 'Y'all can't have our information anymore.'"

Sources for market value evaluation is scarce, she said.

"We don't have access to a lot of sales information. Texas is a non-disclosure state," she said. "We send out sales letters to people who've bought and sold properties. We probably have about 700 sales in the last 18 months in our system. We send out sales letters, go

on the internet and see what's sold, if there's information there. So we don't have a lot of avenues to get our sales information, but we do have to be at market value on our properties. We get an audit every year."

The council voted five for, two against (with Council members Doug Hartman representing District 2 and Terry McDaniel representing District 3 dissenting), to approve the Appraisal District's preliminary budget, with the understanding that the budget is not yet finalized.

The council also discussed and approved a plan to amend the city's traffic ordinances to create "No Through Trucks" designations for neighborhood streets in the city, pending changes to the weight of trucks exempt from the designation.

The proposed change originally impacted vehicles with "three or more axles and/or a gross vehicle weight of more than 10,000 pounds."

DePauw pointed out that, when pulling a loaded trailer, many personally owned vehicles come close to that restriction.

"That would be me, my pick-up truck, a 16-foot trailer, and (City Councilman) Howard's (Stewart) Christmas lights," DePauw said. "I'd go over that. I think that probably needs to be raised to 26,001 pounds, which would be a CDL driver in a commercial vehicle."

Other possible weight limits were discussed, including 15,000 pounds. Ultimately the council voted to accept the amendment to the ordinance, with the caveat that the council and staff will research weight limits and return at the amendment's second reading with a revised weight limit.

The council also:

- Accepted \$37,000 and \$15,000 grants from the Big Spring Area Community Foundation, and restricted them for the planned Downtown Plaza and the Heart of the City Plaza, respectively.
- Approved naming rights for SM Energy at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater, in exchange for a \$60,000 grant for renovation and improvement of the facility.
- Approved hiring KDC Associates design/architecture firm for design of the Downtown Plaza. KDC was the company that designed the Historic Spring Restoration Project.

The next Big Spring City Council meeting will be July 24 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth Street.

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WOMEN

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Lead Pastor of Family Faith Center Christina Segundo said.

The retreat features keynote speaker, Pastor Nicole Crank, who is a dynamic inspirational speaker, pastor, blogger and author with a down-to-earth message of hope and redemption in Christ.

After developing a hugely successful career in the corporate world, Nicole soon recognized her true call in life, which was to share her personal insights and hard-learned life lessons as only she could. Along with the inspirational words from Nicole, the weekend will be a fun filled two day event with numerous activities, including canvas painting, under the neon moon Zumba, treat yo-self to pampering and more activities in the game room.

The activities continue Saturday morning with the outdoor obstacle course which will be physical, yet more fun than straining as this is meant to be a fun relaxed retreat. They conclude the outdoor fun with a group color powder splash, but that's not all. More events continue on throughout the day. Yogurt and a juice bar will also be available that Saturday morning. For more information, please contact the Family Faith Center at (432) 267-6001.

DOWN

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p.m. on Thursday, August 9, lasting through Thursday, September 13.

The Lineup for The Downtown Throw Down 2018 includes:

August 9 - Jordan Robert Kirk

August 16 - Keeping Harvey Company

August 23 - Chad Miller And The Good Fortune

August 30 - Brittany Oviedo Band

September 6 - Ragtown Chiefs

Sept 13 - Big Spring

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Texas is America's top state for business, according to CNBC exclusive study

ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, N.J., July 10, 2018—CNBC, First in Business Worldwide, unveiled the results of its twelfth annual list of America's Top States for Business with Texas taking the number one position. The Lone Star state scored 1,651 out of 2,500 points.

CNBC Special Correspondent Scott Cohn reported today live from Enchanted Rock State Natural Area in Fredericksburg, TX and counted down the top five states during CNBC's "Squawk Box" (M-F, 6AM-9AM ET) and on CNBC Digital. Coverage of America's Top States for Business will continue on-air and online through CNBC's Business Day programming today.

Since the study was introduced in 2007, Texas has placed in the top five every year and is the only state to be named a four-time winner. This year, the state had top ten finishes in five of the ten categories of competitiveness, including two number one spots. Texas added more than 350,000 jobs in the past year and had solid economic growth—including a 5.2% state GDP increase in the fourth quarter—putting the state in first place for the Economy category, up from number 25 last year. However, the state had some of the same weaknesses it had the last time it finished on top—taking the number 31 spot for Quality of Life and number 37 for education this year.

"With its robust economy, solid infrastructure and world class workforce, Texas is always tough to beat," said Cohn. "It is even more so when the energy industry is healthy, as it is now."

CNBC Digital offers a detailed analysis of how Texas claimed the top spot including a complete economic snapshot (employment, budget, tax and housing data). The rankings for all 50 states are available at topstates.cnbc.com. In addition, the site also has exclusive stories, lists and videos including the best and worst states to live in, the least and most expensive states in 2018, among others.

Follow us on Twitter @CNBC and take part in the social conversation surrounding CNBC's Top States coverage using hashtag #TopStates.

CNBC's exclusive study has ranked all 50 states based on their scores in ten categories of competitiveness. This year's study subjects the states to 64 metrics across those categories. The tried and true methodology rates the states based on the attributes that matter most to business. To do that, we score every state's economic development marketing materials to see what they are pitching to businesses. The more frequently a selling point appears, the more weight it carries in the study.

America's Top 5 States for Business:

1. Texas (Highest Rank - #1 in Infrastructure and Economy; Lowest Rank - #37 in Education)
2. Washington (Highest Rank - #2 in Workforce; Lowest Rank - #37 in Cost of Living)
3. Utah (Highest Rank - #2 in Economy; Lowest Rank - #34 in Education)
4. Virginia (Highest Rank - #3 in Workforce; Lowest Rank - #34 in Cost of Doing Business)
5. Colorado (Highest Rank - #5 in Workforce; Lowest Rank - #37 in Cost of Doing Business)

Remains of WWII soldier from Texas, 19, buried in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — The remains of a World War II soldier from the Texas Panhandle who died during combat in 1944 in Germany have been recovered and buried in his home state.

Services were held Monday for 19-year-old Army Pvt. Kenneth D. Farris of Dodson. Burial was at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency say Farris served with Company B, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division. He was wounded on Nov. 28, 1944, and left for an aid station but never arrived.

Farris was declared missing in action, then deceased in November 1945.

Between 1946 and 1950, dozens of unidentified remains were recovered from Germany's Hürtgen Forest. Some were interred in Belgium, then later in France.



AP photo

This undated photo provided by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency shows World War II soldier U.S. Army Pvt. Kenneth D. Farris, of Dodson, Texas.

Remains disinterred in 2017 were identified in April as Farris, with help from DNA.

Arrington Statement on Judge Kavanaugh's Nomination to the Supreme Court

WASHINGTON — Congressman Jodey Arrington (TX-19) released the following statement on the nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court of the United States:

"In order for our democracy to work, our judges must interpret the Constitution - not according to their personal or political preferences - but as it was intended by our Founders when they wrote it. As my favorite Justice, the late Antonin Scalia was fond of saying, the Court's job is to apply the Constitution, not write it. President Trump has once again fulfilled a central campaign promise to appoint such jurists by nominating Brett Kavanaugh.

I had the pleasure of working with Judge Kavanaugh and his wife, Ashley, a fellow West Texan, in the

White House. Knowing Brett's character and qualifications, I believe he is an outstanding choice whose absolute loyalty will be to the Constitution and Rule of Law. For the President to nominate a qualified constitutionalist who had the good judgment to marry a West Texan - that's about as good as it gets for me."

Congressman Jodey Arrington is a member of the U.S. House of Representatives serving the Nineteenth Congressional District of Texas. He serves as a member of the House Agriculture Committee, House Budget Committee, and

Chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.



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US moves to unite migrant children with parents by deadline

By ELLIOT SPAGAT

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Immigrant children around the U.S. left shelters with their backpacks and a tender goodbye hug from staff members as the Trump administration began reuniting dozens of youngsters with their parents Tuesday under a court-ordered deadline.

It was the largest single effort to date to undo the effects of President Donald Trump's zero-tolerance policy of separating families who try to slip across the Mexican border into the country.

More than 50 children under age 5 could be back in the arms of their parents by the deadline at the end of the day, the Justice Department said. Authorities gave few details on where the reunions would be held, and many were expected to take place in private.

Government attorneys returned to federal court in San Diego on Tuesday to seek an extension for releasing 20 other children under 5, saying officials need more time to track down parents who have already been deported or released into the U.S.

Asked about the missed deadline, Trump said: "Well, I have a solution. Tell people not to come to our country illegally. That's the solution."

Meanwhile, the administration faces a second, bigger deadline — July 26 — to reunite thousands of older children who were also separated from their families at the border in the past few months.

Staff members at a nonprofit organization that has been housing many of the youngest children "made sure every backpack was full and every child got a hug and a goodbye," Southwest Key CEO Juan Sanchez said.

Most of the parents will be released into the U.S. from immigration detention centers, and the children will be freed from government-contracted shelters. The adults may be required to wear ankle monitors while their cases wind through immigration court, a pro-



AP photo

Ever Reyes Mejia, of Honduras, carries his son to a vehicle after being reunited and released by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Grand Rapids, Mich., Tuesday, July 10, 2018.

cess that can take years.

More than 2,000 children were separated from their parents by U.S. immigration authorities at the border this spring before Trump reversed course on June 20 amid an international outcry.

Late last month, U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw in San Diego set a 14-day deadline to reunite children under 5 with their parents and a 30-day deadline for older children.

In trying to meet the first deadline, the government began with a list of 102 children potentially eligible to be reunited and whittled that to 75 through screening that included DNA testing done by swabbing the inside of the cheek.

The government defended its screening, saying it discovered parents with serious criminal histories and one case of credible child abuse.

"Our process may not be as quick as some would like, but there is no question it is protecting children," said Chris Meekins, a Health and Human Services Department official helping to direct the process.

In fact, through DNA testing, two adults who apparently thought they were parents of a child were determined not to be, he said.

"If we find out they are not the legal parent, then clearly we are not going to reunite them," Meekins said.

In ordering an end to the separation of families, the president said they should instead be detained together. But the government does not have the room: Immigration and Customs Enforcement has three family detention centers with space for 3,000 people, and they are already at or near capacity, though the Trump administration is trying to line up space at military bases.

Also, on Monday, a federal judge in Los Angeles emphatically rejected the Trump administration's efforts to detain immigrant families for an extended period. A longtime court settlement says children who cross the border illegally cannot be detained for more than 20 days.

In New Mexico, 'praying for rain' won't be enough

By SUSAN MONTROYA BRYAN

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — New Mexico's supply of groundwater should be reserved for periods of drought, communities should have sharing agreements in place when supplies are short and alternatives such as desalination should be explored regardless of the cost.

The recommendations are part of the state's draft water plan released late Monday by New Mexico's top water managers.

Updated every five years, the plan acknowledges the growing pressures of dry conditions and climate change on New Mexico's drinking and irrigation supplies. Like the rest of the American Southwest, New Mexico remains mired in severe to exceptional drought because of record-high temperatures and record-low precipitation in the winter and spring.

Stretches of the Rio Grande have gone dry, mountain pastures along the Arizona-New Mexico border are brown, and the aquifer that serves parts of New Mexico, Texas and several other states continues to drop.

"There's no question we need a long-term strategy when it comes to water shortage, and it can't be praying for rain," said New Mexico Senate Majority Leader Peter Wirth, a Santa Fe Democrat who has been working on water issues for years.

Not enough money has gone into water planning in recent years, and the plan has be-

come more a reaction to the evolving conditions, Wirth said.

There are also legal pressures that could force the state to make changes, namely a lawsuit filed by the state of Texas over New Mexico's management of the Rio Grande. That case is pending before the U.S. Supreme Court and could end up costing the state millions of dollars.

"Status quo is not going to work, and the external factors are moving at such a pace that we can either sit back and suffer the consequences or be proactive and really try to drive this forward in a collaborative way," Wirth said during an interview Tuesday.

The water plan covers the challenges of balancing supply and demand, the need for more data on how much water is being used, conservation and billions of dollars in infrastructure needs.

One of the projects highlighted in the plan is the Ute pipeline. Decades in the making, the pipeline aims to ease the strain on the Ogallala aquifer along the Texas-New Mexico state line by tapping into Ute Reservoir. Some critics say the cost will outweigh the benefits as the runoff that feeds the reservoir could be uncertain as drought persists.

Building new ways to divert water won't solve New Mexico's problems, said Jen Pelz with the environmental group WildEarth Guardians.

"The new draft state water plan is just business as usual for New Mexico," she said. "Instead of working to live within our means and come up with strategies to use and manage water in a sustainable manner, the state continues its policy of trying to stretch supplies as far as possible with new infrastructure and denial."

Despite short-term relief for some areas as the monsoon season kicks into gear, forecasters have said it will take more than a single robust rainy season to erase the water deficit that has built up. About 30

miles of the Rio Grande below Isleta Pueblo and north of Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge are now a sandy wash, prompting the rescue of endangered silvery minnow from the dry river.

In the Zuni Mountains near the Arizona-New Mexico border, pastures have been reduced to crisp tufts of dormant grass and watering holes have evaporated, leaving behind only dry cattail stalks.

The dry conditions and threat of wildfire also forced

the temporary closure of popular trails and camping spots in northern New Mexico in June.

Ranchers and farmers around the state have felt the pinch too, resulting in herd reductions and smaller irrigation allotments.

The lack of moisture for the first half of 2018 has been exacerbated by warm temperatures. Last month was about 5 degrees warmer than average, marking the second warmest June on record for New Mexico, forecasters say.



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Astros beat A's 6-5 on late bizarre play

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Alex Bregman agreed when someone called the final play on Tuesday night in Houston a circus. Oakland catcher Jonathan Lucroy described it as "a big zoo."

Both descriptions could work for the wild way this one ended.

Bregman homered twice and his tapper just in front of the plate in the 11th inning led to a bizarre sequence that ended the game, as Lucroy's throwing error handed the Astros a 6-5 victory over the Athletics.

"It was a crazy play," said Oakland manager Bob Melvin, who had to watch it from the clubhouse after being ejected for arguing a check swing in the fourth. "Crazy way the game ended."

Justin Verlander pitched six sharp innings and the Astros took a 4-0 lead into the ninth before the Athletics tied it.

Stephen Piscotty hit a solo homer with two outs in the top of the 11th off Collin McHugh (5-0) to put the A's ahead, but the Astros staged their own rally.

All-Star closer Blake Treinen (5-2) walked pinch-hitter Josh Reddick, who went to third on a single to right field by rookie Kyle Tucker. With



Houston Astros' Alex Bregman watches his home run against the Oakland Athletics during the first inning of a baseball game Tuesday, July 10, 2018, in Houston.

the infield playing in, Tony Kemp hit a grounder to shortstop Marcus Semien. He made a low throw home that Lucroy was unable to handle, allowing Reddick to slide in safely with the tying run.

With one out, Bregman's dribbler

started out foul before spinning into fair territory just a few feet up the first base line. Bregman failed to run initially, so Lucroy scooped up the ball and reached for Bregman as he backpedaled — the bat still in his hand — in an effort to dodge the tag.

But the ball slipped out of Lucroy's bare hand, pinballed off plate umpire David Rackley and Lucroy, and then fell to the ground.

"That's when we were playing dodgeball there for a couple of seconds," Lucroy said. "That was just a big mess, a big zoo behind the plate there. Hopefully I never have to see that again. That's the first time that's ever happened in my eight years. Hopefully it's the last time."

Still with plenty of time, though, Lucroy picked up the ball, set his feet with an angle to throw to first base — and fired the ball off the back of Bregman's helmet as he ran up the line.

The ball ricocheted into foul territory in right field, and Tucker trotted home with the winning run.

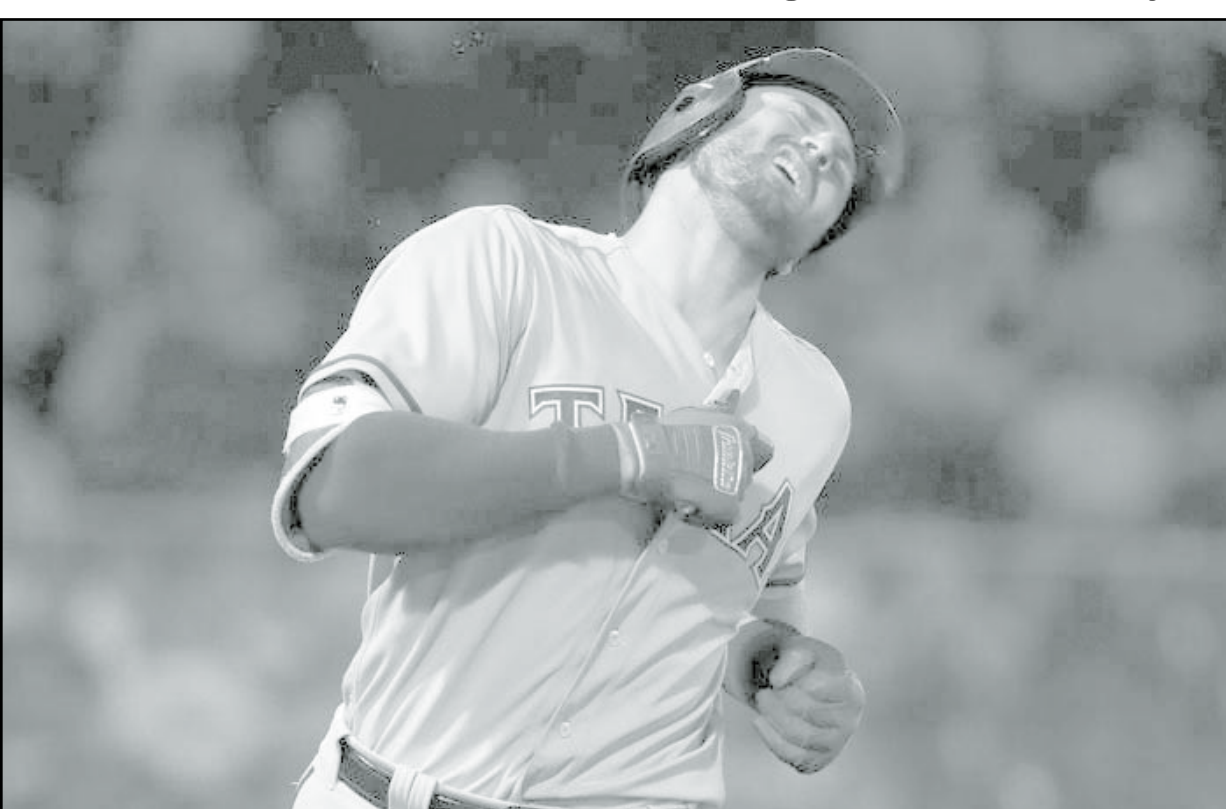
Following a replay review, the play stood as called on the field.

Bregman was glad things worked out in Houston's favor, but mad that he swung at what he called a "horrible pitch."

He called his swing "a circus of the whole thing," and added: "I think it was the softest ball anyone's ever hit."

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Red Sox beat Rangers 8-4 for 8th straight win



Texas Rangers' Joey Gallo reacts after flying out against the Boston Red Sox during the ninth inning of a baseball game Tuesday, July 10, 2018, in Boston.

By DOUG ALDEN

Associated Press

BOSTON — Andrew Benintendi bolstered his All-Star credentials, then happily left it up to the fans to decide.

Benintendi hit two doubles and drove in two runs in his final game before fan votes are tallied, and the Boston Red Sox beat the Texas Rangers 8-4 on Tuesday night to extend their winning streak to eight games.

"More importantly, we won the game," Benintendi said. "We had a lot of big hits from a lot of guys tonight."

Eight players had hits for Boston and Benintendi was one of four with two — his fifth straight game with multiple hits. He also walked and stole a base while helping the Red Sox improve on the best record in the majors with their eighth straight win.

Jackie Bradley Jr. hit a pair of RBI doubles and Xander Bogaerts hit a two-run triple as Boston scored five runs in the third and won for the 15th time in 18 games.

"We're having fun. It's pretty good a lineup right now from top to bottom," Boston manager Alex Cora said.

Matt Barnes (3-2) got the win with one out of relief, striking out the side in the seventh after the Rangers had pulled within 6-4 with two runs in the sixth. He was the fourth of five relievers the Red Sox rode to another victory after getting three solid innings from Hector Velazquez, who was making his first start since April and wasn't expected to go much longer Tuesday after spending the previous two months in the bullpen.

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A look at what's happening around the majors on Wednesday

Associated Press

BRYANT BACK WITH CUBBIES

Kris Bryant flew to the Bay Area on Tuesday night and is hoping to play in the Cubs' series finale against the Giants. Bryant has been out since June 23 with inflammation in his left shoulder. He played rehab games for Double-A Tennessee on Monday and Tuesday before making his way to AT&T Park.

The 2016 NL MVP is hitting .280 with nine homers and 36 RBIs in 66 games this season. Johnny Cueto will try to bounce back for San Francisco after allowing 10 hits and five runs in his return from the DL last week.

POORLY PENNED

The Indians return to the park following an excruciating loss Tuesday, when relievers Cody Allen and Dan Otero combined to allow seven and two runs in the ninth inning of a 7-4 loss to Cincinnati. Trevor Bauer opened the game with eight scoreless innings for Cleveland, but Allen allowed six runs in the ninth and Otero allowed another before the Reds finally made the last out on the basepaths. Cleveland's bullpen entered Tuesday with a 5.13 ERA, better only than the Rockies (5.28) and Royals (5.35). The Reds try to complete

a surprising three-game sweep behind Tyler Mahle (7-6, 3.66).

ARMED AND READY

Mets ace Jacob deGrom makes his scheduled start before heading to the All-Star Game when New York tries to split a four-game series with first-place Philadelphia. Despite leading the majors with a 1.79 ERA, deGrom (5-4) is 1-4 in his last nine and the Mets have won only two of those games. Phillies right-hander Vince Velasquez (5-8, 4.69) is expected back from the 10-day disabled list after recovering from a bruised forearm. Velasquez was hit just below the right elbow by a line drive on June 30. He retriended the ball and threw it left-handed to first base to get the out, falling to the ground in pain immediately afterward.

STRUGGLING SHELBY
Arizona Diamondbacks starter Shelby Miller makes his fourth start since coming back from Tommy John surgery. The right-hander will face the Rockies at Coors Field and try to improve on his first three starts, during which he's allowed 20 hits and 14 earned runs in 17 innings. One positive note for the 27-year-old Miller has been his 18 strikeouts.

Cubs capitalize, bounce back from tough loss to beat Giants



Chicago Cubs' Victor Caratini drops his bat after hitting an RBI double against the San Francisco Giants during the seventh inning of a baseball game Tuesday, July 10, 2018, in San Francisco.

By JANIE McCAULEY

AP Baseball Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Jose Quintana told Kyle Hendricks he would do all he could to follow him with another strong start by the Cubs rotation.

This is exactly what manager Joe Maddon hoped to see: the pitching getting on a little roll and hitters doing their part as the second half nears.

Victor Caratini hit an RBI double

during a decisive seventh inning, helping Chicago back Quintana in a close game and beat the San Francisco Giants 2-0 on Tuesday night.

A night after losing 2-1 in 11 innings despite a strong start from Kyle Hendricks, the Cubs had enough offense for Quintana (8-6) — and they could have a healthy third baseman Kris Bryant back in the lineup for Wednesday afternoon's series finale.

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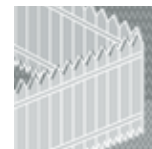
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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case
No. 0312183
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun
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Status/Permit No. 840782
NOTICE OF PROTEST
DEADLINE:
5:00 PM, Jul 25, 2018
Address: Railroad
Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
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Sec. 18, Bk. 33 T2N, T&P
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A-1674, SPRABERRY
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Wellbore Profile(s) :
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Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 792.0 F
WEST L
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(offlease) L
Survey Lines : 1116.0 F W
(offlease) L, 2103.0 F S
(offlease) L
Wellbore Profile(s):
Horizontal
Rule 37 Case No. 0312185
(Dist. 08) Page 1
Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 990.0 F
WEST L
100.0 F SOUTH L
Terminus Location
BH County: HOWARD
Section: 7 Block: 33
T2N Abstract: 321
Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 990.0 F
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25.0 F NORTH L
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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37
Case No. 0312186
DATE OF ISSUANCE:
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Commission of Texas
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RR CO/LITTLE, P E Survey, A-
1674, SPRABERRY (TREND
AREA) Field, HOWARD
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(offlease) L
Wellbore Profile(s) :
Horizontal
Rule 37 Case No. 0312186
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Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 1254.0 F
WEST L
100.0 F SOUTH L
Terminus Location
BH County: HOWARD
Section: 7 Block: 33
T2N Abstract: 321
Survey: T&P RR CO
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Lease Lines : 2018.0 F W
(offlease) L, 2219.0 F S
(offlease) L
Survey Lines : 2018.0 F W
(offlease) L, 2219.0 F S
(offlease) L
Wellbore Profile(s) :
Horizontal
Rule 37 Case No. 0312214
(Dist. 08) Page 1
Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 383.0 F
EAST L
100.0 F SOUTH L
Terminus Location
BH County: HOWARD
Section: 7 Block: 33 T2N Ab-
stract: 321
Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 339.0 F
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Lease Lines : 1988.0 F W (offlease) L, 2218.0 F S

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Survey Lines : 1988.0 F W (offlease) L, 2218.0 F S (offlease) L
Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal
Rule 37 Case No. 0312213 (Dist. 08) Page 1
Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 515.0 F EAST L
100.0 F SOUTH L
Terminus Location
BH County: HOWARD
Section: 7 Block: 33 T2N Abstract: 321
Survey: T&P RR CO
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Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal
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SUDOKU

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

Level: Beginner

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!

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

ANSWER:

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!

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Venus Trine Uranus

Venus trine

Uranus reminds us that people are not particularly trustworthy, but if you never extend the benefit of the doubt, you run the risk of staying small and poor. Calculated risk is the way to wealth of spirit and coin. If you think they are likely to do the right thing, trust them. In the end, you'll be richer for your social and economic daring.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Once you thought you knew what you wanted to be when you grew up, but not anymore. Anyway, it's not what you should be but what you should (SET ITAL)do(END ITAL) that matters. The action is an expression of you but not totally who you are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Can you feel two things at the same time? Maybe. Or maybe every emotion is a mix. Let the feeling flow, because it will be cleansing. Feel it all so you can close the curtain on this act and move on to the next one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Good food, music and conversation deserve special notice and thoughtful consideration. You don't take any of that for granted. You want to know what goes into it. You'll use your leisure as a means of mental development.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

As for that task that seems to be making you so unhappy: Maybe you can't cut it out completely yet, but there's a way to do less of it. There's also a way to react differently to it. Take this on. Find the way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

What you're looking for will be found soon -- or rather, it will come find you shortly after you stop looking. So give it a break and do something else for a little while.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

The love, care and respect you give yourself will show others that you're someone to treat with love, care and respect. You'll attract only those who are ready and able to give you what you

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



about others and to put others before themselves. Don't make this costly mistake.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 11)

Increased vitality is your cosmic birthday gift. By being healthier, you inspire others to lead healthier lives. Your help matters to family. They will be a source of pride and promotion for you. What you accomplish by the end of the year will put you in the running for an award. Love and adoration will be lavished on you in 2019. Taurus and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 50, 4, 44, 48 and 13.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:

"What activity might my 4-year-old Virgo and 7-year-old Taurus enjoy doing together? I'm a stay-at-home mom who is running short on ideas and patience lately. My kids fight when they are bored. I have to constantly keep them busy if I don't want to listen to the bickering!"

One activity that earth-sign children (Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn) especially enjoy is making fairy houses. Go on a walk, and gather up twigs, rocks, leaves, pine cones and other interesting bits of nature. Find a location that seems hospitable to a fairy, and use the materials you collected to build a dwelling. It can be open and airy, like a little nest, or covered. It can be as elaborate as the children want to make it. This activity engages the imagination and tunes the senses in to the wonders of nature that might normally go unnoticed. You don't have to live near a garden or forest, either: City fairies need houses, too! As for your children getting along, they will do much better together when they are in their teenage years. In fact, they will likely be so close that they will conspire to keep each other's secrets from you -- something to watch out for!

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A costly miscalculation

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding:			
North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
6 ♥	Dble	Redble	

Opening lead — seven of clubs.

In this deal from a rubber-bridge game, one disastrous misstep cost 3,020 points! The wrong opening lead resulted in South making six hearts redoubled with an overtrick — 2,620 points — instead of going down one — 400 points. The slam was certainly a good contract even though, as the cards lay, it could have been defeated. Whether West would have led a diamond without East's double is not

100 percent certain, but there is no doubt that a diamond lead would have sunk the slam. However, West led a club instead, mostly because East's double of the slam in this sequence asked West to lead dummy's first-bid suit.

The club lead was in line with the widely accepted view that, in an uncontested auction, the double of a slam by the player not on lead directs his partner to make an unusual lead. It specifically bars what would be regarded as a normal lead on the bidding — in this case, a diamond.

It is doubtful that East in fact intended his double to be conventional. It is much more likely that he doubled because he thought his pair of A-Q's were comfortably ensconced over dummy's kings and that South would go down regardless of which suit West led.

This was poor judgment. First, East should have realized that a diamond lead — the one suit the opponents had not mentioned — was surely preferable to a club lead, and that there was no good reason to discourage that lead. Secondly, East could not reasonably expect to beat the contract more than one trick, so the effect of his double was that in an effort to gain an extra 100 points, he ran the risk of losing more than 3,000!

Tomorrow: Solving a defensive problem.
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	KMID (3)	UNI (4)	KPEJ (5)	KOSA (7)	KTLE (8)	KWES (9)	KMLM (12)	KPBT (13)	KWWT (14)	KWES2 (15)	WTBS (33)	TNT (34)	ESPN (35)	ESPN2 (36)	FSN (38)	USA (55)	A&E (58)	DISC (60)
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5:30	Local 2 ABC	P. Luche	Broke Girl Mom	CBS 7	Tele	News	Behind	Mack	Mama's	American	Fam. Guy	NCIS: New Orleans	SportsCenter	Pardon	Epic	NCIS (DVS)	The First 48	Misfit Garage
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8:30	Mod Fam House	La bella	24 Hours-Hell	Big Brother	Sin Senos Si	World of Dance	Light of Southwest	The Rockies	G. Pyle WKRP	Big Bang	Big Bang	(15) Movie: The Hangover Part III (DVS)	Baseball Tonight	NBA Summer League Basketball	Postgame Stars In.	Colony (DVS)	(:01) Wahl-burgers	Sticker Shock
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ANDY CAPP

STAFF: HAVE YOU HEARD SALLY IS GOING OUT WITH LITTLE MAURICE AGAIN? REALLY? I THOUGHT SHE DUMPED HIM FOR BEING SHORT, SPOTTY AND DULL. WHAT'S CHANGED? HE WON THE LOTTERY.

AGNES

OK! I'M READY TO STITCH UP SOME FINE HAUTE COUTURE TO GET DEEP INTO THE RICH PEOPLE'S POCKETS! YOU HAVE THREAD? NO...NO THREAD AS YET. YARD GOODS? SCISSORS? PINS? NO. NO. ALSO, UNLESS THIS PUPPY IS A HAND-CRANK MACHINE, YOU COULD USE A PLUG ON THIS WIRE.

ARCHIE

GOT ANY MORE BANANAS, MR. ANDREWS? AND ANOTHER CARTON OF MILK? GOOD GRIEF! MUNCH SLURP CRUNCH! GULP! THAT KID IS LIKE A PLAGUE OF LOCUSTS! YEAH, TOO BAD SCHOOL IS OUT FOR THE YEAR! IT WAS THE ONLY THING THAT LET JUG KNOW BREAKFAST WAS OVER!

ONE BIG HAPPY

JOE, I GAVE YOU A FIVE-DOLLAR BILL. THE ICE CREAM SANDWICH WAS A DOLLAR FIFTY. HOW MUCH CHANGE DO YOU OWE ME? DAD, YOU KNOW I DON'T LIKE MATH. IT'S GOT SO MANY PROBLEMS!

NEST HEAD

I GOT THE FRONT DOOR. DID YOU GET THE BACK? YEP! WE SHOULD GET STARTED ON THE WINDOWS, THEN. WHY DIDN'T WE THINK OF THIS BEFORE? BECAUSE UNTIL GRAMPA BROUGHT IT UP, WE DIDN'T KNOW WE COULD AIR-CONDITION THE WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD! OH, YEAH.

MOMMA

OUR ANNIVERSARY IS COMING UP, MOMMA! YOU MAY BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT THOMAS AND I HAD A VERY BIG FIGHT THE DAY BEFORE OUR WEDDING! THAT'S RIGHT! WE WERE ON THE VERY BRINK OF CANCELING THE WHOLE SHEBANG AND GOING OUR SEPARATE WAYS!! AND WHY WAS ALL THAT GOOD NEWS KEPT FROM ME?

This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, July 11, the 192nd day of 2018. There are 173 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 11, 1804, Vice President Aaron Burr mortally wounded former Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton during a pistol duel in Weehawken, New Jersey. (Hamilton died the next day.)

On this date:

In 1767, John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States, was born in Braintree, Massachusetts.

In 1798, the U.S. Marine Corps was formally re-established by a congressional act that also created the U.S. Marine Band.

In 1859, Big Ben, the great bell inside the famous London clock tower, chimed for the first time.

In 1937, American composer and pianist George Gershwin died at a Los Angeles hospital of a brain tumor; he was 38.

In 1952, the Republican National Convention, meeting in Chicago, nominated Dwight D. Eisenhower for president and Richard M. Nixon for vice president.

In 1955, the U.S. Air Force Academy swore in its first class of cadets at its temporary quarters at Lowry Air Force Base in Colorado.

In 1960, the novel "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee was first published by J.B. Lippincott and Co.

In 1972, the World Chess Championship opened as grandmasters Bobby Fischer of the United States and defending champion Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union began play in Reykjavik, Iceland. (Fischer won after 21 games.)

In 1977, the Presidential Medal of Freedom was presented to polio vaccine pioneer Dr. Jonas Salk and (posthumously) to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. by President Jimmy Carter.

In 1979, the abandoned U.S. space station Skylab made a spectacular return to Earth, burning up in the atmosphere and showering debris over the Indian Ocean and Australia.

In 1991, a Nigeria Airways DC-8 carrying Muslim pilgrims crashed at the Jiddah, Saudi Arabia, international airport, killing all 261 people on board.

In 1995, the U.N.-designated "safe haven" of Srebrenica (sreh-breh-NEET-sah) in Bosnia-Herzegovina fell to Bosnian Serb forces, who then

carried out the killings of more than 8,000 Muslim men and boys. The United States normalized relations with Vietnam.

Ten years ago: Oil prices reached a record high of \$147.27 a barrel. IndyMac Bank's assets were seized by federal regulators. A North Korean soldier fatally shot a South Korean tourist at a northern mountain resort, further straining relations between the two Koreas. Dr. Michael E. DeBakey, the cardiovascular surgeon who pioneered such procedures as bypass surgery, died in Houston, Texas, at age 99.

Five years ago: In a potential setback for George Zimmerman, the jury at the neighborhood watch captain's second-degree murder trial in Sanford, Florida, was given the option of convicting him on the lesser charge of manslaughter in the shooting of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin. (Zimmerman ended up being acquitted of all charges.) Tens of thousands of workers across Brazil walked off their jobs in a mostly peaceful nationwide strike, demanding better working conditions and improved public services in Latin America's largest nation.

One year ago: Emails released by Donald Trump Jr. revealed that he'd been told before meeting with a Russian attorney during the presidential campaign that the Russian government had information that could "incriminate" Hillary Clinton. MSNBC "Morning Joe" host and former Republican congressman Joe Scarborough announced that he was leaving the Republican party, partly because of its loyalty to President Donald Trump. Seattle's Robinson Cano homered off Cubs closer Wade Davis leading off the 10th inning and the American League beat the National League 2-1 in the All-Star game.

Pointer is 68. Actor Stephen Lang is 66. Actress Mindy Sterling is 65. Boxer Leon Spinks is 65. Actress Sela Ward is 62. Reggae singer Michael Rose (Black Uhuru) is 61. Singer Peter Murphy is 61. Actor Mark Lester is 60. Jazz musician Kirk Whalum is 60. Singer Suzanne Vega is 59. Rock guitarist Richie Sambora (Bon Jovi) is 59. Actress Lisa Rinna is 55. Rock musician

Scott Shriner (Weezer) is 53. Actress Debbe (correct) Dunning is 52. Actor Greg Grunberg is 52. Wildlife expert Jeff Corwin is 51. Actor Justin Chambers is 48. Actress Leisha Hailey is 47. Actor Michael Rosenbaum is 46. Pop-rock singer Andrew Bird is 45. Country singer Scotty Emerick is 45. Rapper Lil' Kim is 43. Actor Jon Wellner is 42. Rock singer Ben Gibbard is 42.

Rapper Lil' Zane is 36. Pop-jazz singer-musician Peter Cincotti is 35. Actress Serinda Swan is 34. Actor Robert Adamson is 33. Actor David Henrie is 29. Actor Connor Paolo is 28. Tennis player Caroline Wozniacki is 28. R&B/pop singer Alessia Cara is 22.

Thought for Today:

"Those people who think only of themselves, are hopelessly uneducated. They are not educated, no matter how instructed they may be."

Nicholas Murray Butler
American educator
(1862-1947)

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ACROSS

1 Gung-ho
5 Community gym site: Abbr.
9 Oil-bearing rock
14 Like an owl, supposedly
15 ___ Grey tea
16 Wholesale quantities
17 Car-wheel connector
18 On the summit of
19 Beginning stage
20 Remark to a waiter
23 Go in
24 *Mad Men* network
25 Atlas page
28 Very funny people
32 Tiny rock
34 Eisenhower nickname
37 Pulsations
39 "___ well that ends well"
40 TV show interrupter
44 Opera solo
45 Auction bid
46 Timid
47 Feel sorry about
50 Foul-smelling
52 Cob of corn
53 Sheep sound
55 Flat-bottomed boat
59 Very close
64 Place for a home barbeque
66 In ___ straits (needing help)
67 Online diary
68 Tiny bit of paint
69 At any time
70 Poor, as an excuse

DOWN

71 Gives up legally
72 "For Pete's ___!"
73 Potato buds
13 Indiana's winter hrs.
21 Big family
22 Band's sound-boosting box
26 Muslim Almighty
27 Annoying
29 Anthem contraction
30 Mexican food
31 Unable to bend
33 Pub
34 Words of concern
35 Divided Asian nation
36 Moved to another country
38 ___ and sound (out of danger)
41 Scratch up
42 ___ down (disappoint)
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48 Novels saved on tablets
49 Letter after sigma
51 Work at something casually
54 Peru's mountains
56 Four-person footrace
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65 Pub beverage

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With World Cup title, France could launch a dynasty

By JOHN LEICESTER

AP Sports Columnist

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — It's good the French make lots of Champagne, because with the trophy-winning potential of its team that will play in the World Cup final on Sunday, they could be bathing in the stuff for years to come.

Like Spain's team that won everything — two European Championships and one World Cup — in an awesome spell of dominance from 2008 to 2012, the youthful, skillful Bleus could have the makings of a dynasty. Why?

Let's count the ways.

Heaps of talent, not just on the pitch but on the bench and back in France, too.

A defense that defanged the World Cup's most prolific scoring team, Belgium, in a semifinal so engrossing that 90 minutes seemed to zip past in half that time.

Youth, so much youth, running through key positions in the team like an electric current. The average age of France's starting line-up in the 1-0 victory over Belgium was a shade under 26. Good for many years to come.

And — really he should go at the top of this list — Kylian Mbappe, a.k.a football dynamite and surely the strongest candidate for the World Cup's best player award.

Imagine how much better, how much more polished France's young diamond will be at age 21, at the 2020 European Championship, or at age 23, at the 2022 World Cup in Qatar, and on and on. The mind boggles at the potential of the 19-year-old who may be the best deal Paris Saint-Germain ever make, bought one year ago for 180 million euros (\$210 million) and perhaps worth now double that after four fantastic weeks in Russia.

France's timing is good, too. Coach Didier Deschamps is getting his pieces to fit just as other football powers



AP photo

In this photo taken with slow shutter speed France's Kylian Mbappe runs with the ball during the semifinal match between France and Belgium at the 2018 soccer World Cup in the St. Petersburg Stadium, in St. Petersburg, Russia, Tuesday, July 10, 2018.

in Europe are unraveling.

Portugal, the reigning European champion, will soon have to find a way to win without Cristiano Ronaldo, who although still remarkably potent at age 33, can't carry his country forever.

Germany is in disarray, searching for scapegoats and answers, after the 2014 World Cup champion exited lamely from the group stage this time.

And Spain has flogged its tiki-taka game of possession and passing to death and needs to find a new path to victory and without midfielder Andres Iniesta, who retired after Spain's loss to Russia in the first knockout round. Spain's new coach Luis Enrique has his work cut out.

In short, there's a vacuum to fill and France is poised to do it.

Unless the English get there first.

Like Deschamps, England coach Gareth Southgate has built his team around young players. If England

beats Croatia in the second semifinal on Wednesday, then the final could see the two youngest teams in the knockout round fighting not just for this trophy but for the momentum that could then help them win more.

For months, Deschamps has been downplaying expectations by making out that France's youth was a drawback, not its strength. True, the France team that won the World Cup in 1998 with Deschamps as its captain was considerably older. But the strength of this team is that its young players already have wise heads that belie their tender years.

Just 25, Raphael Varane is a rock in the French defense, with a young man's speed but the big-game maturity from having won multiple trophies with Real Madrid. With his partner at the back, Samuel Umtiti, still just 24, France has a central defensive pairing that should frustrate attackers long into the future.

Umtiti's winner against Belgium was only his third goal for France. But its quality — he out-jumped the taller Marouane Fellaini to head in a corner — suggested there could be more where that came from.

Paul Pogba, at 25, is curbing his natural exuberance, his playground-football instincts and putting in more sober, stable performance in the mid-field.

On the flanks, left-back Lucas Hernandez and right-back Benjamin Pavard, both aged 22, continue to impress. Pavard struggled at times against the speed of Belgium's Eden Hazard and played with more restraint than in previous games, missing several opportunities to get the ball to Mbappe when he was making runs.

But Pavard and Hernandez have shown they are very quick studies. The victory against Belgium was, for each of them, only the 11th time they have played for France. Remarkable that their 12th game will be a World Cup final. Digging up these two treasures was one of Deschamps' smartest moves.

The big questions for France ahead of Sunday revolve around its central strike partnership of Antoine Griezmann and Olivier Giroud. Both squandered chances against Belgium. Griezmann, at 27, still has a future with France. But Giroud, at 31, is increasingly looking like the odd man out, the ponderous weak link when France is surging forward at speed, unable to keep up with Mbappe's inventiveness and his Usain Bolt-like runs.

After Russia, one answer may be to move Mbappe to the center of the France attack and put Giroud out to pasture.

But how and where to best use Mbappe is a good problem to have.

First things first: Win Sunday, turn all this youthful promise into a trophy, so others can follow.

Southgate, England ready to face music of soccer history



AP photo

England head coach Gareth Southgate talks to journalists during England's official news conference on the eve of the semifinal match between England and Croatia at the 2018 soccer World Cup in the Luzhniki stadium in Moscow, Russia, Tuesday, July 10, 2018.

By RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

MOSCOW— Gareth Southgate and England are ready to face the music.

No other soccer nation dwells on decades of failure quite like the English. Southgate was so demoralized by his penalty kick failure against Germany in the 1996 European Championship semifinals, he avoided The Lightning Seeds "Three Lions," the team's official song when it hosted the tournament.

Now the song, with its repeated chorus of "football's coming home," is a staple again. No. 5 this week on YouTube UK's top music videos chart with more than 2 million views on the day of England's last match.

"Football's coming home" is a song I couldn't even listen to for 20 years, frankly, so for me it has a slightly different feel," Southgate said Tuesday on the eve of England's World Cup semifinal match against Croatia. "But it's nice to hear people enjoying it again."

When the song first was released, the chorus proclaimed "Three lions on a shirt/Jules Rimet still gleaming/Thirty years of hurt/never stopped me dreaming." A 1998 update changed the third verse to "no more years of hurt."

England hasn't played in the semifinals of a major tournament since Southgate's penalty kick at Wembley was saved by Andreas Koepke 22 years ago, and Andrea Moeller put the next kick over David Seaman and under the crossbar. The most-cherished national team memory remains the 1966 World Cup final victory at Wembley over West Germany, a demarcation point in the island's history as much as 1066 (the Norman invasion) and 1707 (union with Scotland).

"It was a long time ago, so not too many of us can remember that far back," said midfielder Jordan Henderson, born in 1990.

The winner Wednesday advances to Sunday's final against France. Southgate wants to break stereotypes, and not just on the field.

"I'm rare breed. I'm an Englishman that doesn't drink tea," he said.

England and Croatia are teams that innovated over time but have generally been immutable during the World Cup, sticking to virtually identical starting lineups except for group phase finales, after advancement was secure. In the other four games, Croatia's only variable to its 4-2-3-1 formation was whether to start captain Luka Modric in a deep midfield role and Andrej Kramaric more advanced, or to move up Modric and start Marcelo Brozovic.

Right back Sime Vrsaljko limped off during the quarterfinal win over host Russia and goalkeeper Danijel Subasic had a hamstring injury during extra time but remained in the match. When asked about injuries, Croatia coach Zlatko Dalic responded through a translator with inconclusive palaver about Vrsaljko having "this niggle."

England has gone with a 3-5-2, and the only change was to start Ruben Loftus-Cheek in midfield after Dele Alli injured a thigh.

"The biggest thing that the gaffer's brought since

he's come in, which he's brought right from day one, was identity, and about the way that we wanted to create a team," Henderson said. "You can see that togetherness on the pitch now, and I think that's valuable in crucial moments in big games, and yeah, I can definitely say this is most together England team that I've been involved in, and so I think that makes a massive difference and you get your rewards for that."

With an average age of 26, England is one of the youngest teams at the World Cup.

"We were never quite sure how far this team could go," Southgate said. "The age of the players, the improvement in the players, the hunger in the players has been apparent for everybody to see. We're really proud in the style that we've played, with the intelligence that we've played, and that we've performed under pressure and dealt with difficult situations in games where we've had to wait until the last minute to score, we've had to recover from conceding in last minute, we've been through extra time, penalties."

Croatia made its only semifinal appearance in 1998, losing 2-1 to host France. Defender Dejan Lovren is a teammate of Henderson's on Champions League finalist Liverpool, and Lovren bristled when asked about a 4-1 loss at Tottenham last October when England striker Harry Kane scored twice.

"It's completely irrelevant," he said through a translator. "Why didn't you ask me how I played well against him? You are just nitpicking my poor performances."

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Tuesday's Sports In Brief

Associated Press

WORLD CUP
ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — France is back in the World Cup final for the first time since Zinedine Zidane's headbutt in 2006.

Twelve years after one of soccer's most infamous moments, Samuel Umtiti used his head to score from a corner kick in the 51st minute and earn France a 1-0 victory over Belgium in the first of the all-European semifinals.

The French players danced on the field after the final whistle and shook the hand of Thierry Henry, who helped Les Bleus win the World Cup in 1998 and is now Belgium's assistant coach.

France will face either Croatia or England in the final on Sunday in Moscow. Those two teams play in the other semifinal match on Wednesday, also in Moscow.

France goalkeeper Hugo Lloris produced a great save in each half, denying the potent Belgian attack of Eden Hazard, Kevin De Bruyne and Rom-

elu Lukaku the chance to advance the country to its first major final.

TENNIS
LONDON — Serena Williams came up with a comeback to reach the semifinals at Wimbledon, then walked off Centre Court with her right index finger aloft.

Williams moved closer to her eighth title at the All England Club and 24th Grand Slam trophy overall — but first since missing more than a year while having a baby — by beating 52nd-ranked Camila Giorgi of Italy 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the quarterfinals.

Next up for the 36-year-old American is a match against No. 13 seed Julia Goerges of Germany, a 3-6, 7-5, 6-1 winner against No. 20 Kiki Bertens of the Netherlands.

The other semifinal Thursday will be No. 11 seed Angelique Kerber of Germany vs. No. 12 Jelena Ostapenko of Latvia. Kerber needed seven match points to close out No. 14 Daria Kasatkina of Russia 6-3, 7-5 at Centre Court, while Ostapenko defeated 2014 Australian Open runner-up Dominika

Cibulkova of Slovakia 7-5, 6-4 on a windy No. 1 Court.

In the last men's quarterfinal, which was suspended because of darkness after the third set Monday night, 2009 U.S. Open champion Juan Martin del Potro defeated Gilles Simon of France 7-6 (1), 7-6 (5), 5-7, 7-6 (5).

NBA
LAS VEGAS — NBA Commissioner Adam Silver is certain that changes are coming to the league.

Some are easy, others, not so much. Speaking after the NBA's Board of Governors meeting, Silver said he thinks the league is ready to scrap the rule requiring players to be out of high school for a year before becoming eligible to enter the draft. That one should be relatively simple to move forward now, while notions such as how to find more competitive balance are still a puzzler to the league and its commissioner.

Silver said he loves 'where the league is right now,' but believe there could be a better system. Part of that, he thinks, will be reverting back to the policy that will allow players to go into the league right out of high school — something that should be in place in time for the 2021 NBA Draft, though that timeline has not been formally announced.

Any change to the rule will require that the league's Collective Bargaining Agreement will have to be amended.

LAS VEGAS — Michele Roberts was unanimously re-elected to another four-year term as executive director of the National Basketball Players Association.

Roberts first moved into the role in 2014, about two years before the

players and the league agreed on the current Collective Bargaining Agreement. The extension means that Roberts will almost certainly be deeply involved in negotiating whatever the next CBA will look like.

The union was without an executive director for more than a year before Roberts got the job, and she said overcoming the skepticism of players — who were reeling after the way Billy Hunter's term as director came to a turbulent end — was critical to her success.

Her second term will end in 2022, when both the players and the league can decide to opt out of the current CBA. She said the union is already preparing for what the next CBA will look like.

NFL
NEW YORK — The NFL Players Association filed a grievance with the league challenging its national anthem policy.

The union says that the new policy, which the league imposed without consultation with the NFLPA, is inconsistent with the collective bargaining agreement and infringes on players' rights. The filing met a statute of limitations deadline and will be heard by an independent arbitrator, an NFLPA spokesman said.

In May, the NFL approved its national anthem policy at its owners meetings in Atlanta. The policy allows players to protest during the national anthem by staying in the locker room, but forbids them from sitting or taking a knee if they're on the field or the sidelines. Teams will be subject to fines if players don't comply and will have the option of punishing players.

CUBS

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Quintana allowed three hits in six scoreless innings to beat the Giants for the first time in his career after the lefty went 0-3 with a 5.82 ERA over his first three starts.

"I said to Kyle 'I'll try to follow you,'" Quintana said. "It's really good for us."

Addison Russell's one-out double in the seventh chased Giants starter Derek Holland (5-8). Russell advanced on Sam Dyson's wild pitch and scored on a bad throw by catcher Nick Hundley trying to get Russell at third. Caratini later doubled.

Carl Edwards Jr. struck out the side in order in the seventh, Justin Wilson followed with a perfect eighth and

Steve Cishek closed it out for his third save after taking the loss Monday. Maddon said afterward Brandon Morrow wasn't available for the ninth because of a planned second consecutive day off.

The Giants got just one baserunner over the final four innings.

"We've had a lot of good innings out of a lot of different members of our bullpen," Maddon said. "So when it got to that tonight it's not like it was anything new."

Holland struck out eight and didn't walk a batter in 6 1/3 innings. Johnny Cueto had been the announced scheduled starter, but manager Bruce Bochy gave Cueto an extra day to recover, something that could be the norm in the second half for the veteran right-hander.

Holland has been ver-

satile: In less than a week, he pinch-ran, pitched twice in relief then returned to the rotation.

"If I have to go back to the 'pen I'll be perfectly fine," he said. "Whatever Bochy and the guys come up with, I'm going to do."

Giants center fielder Gorkys Hernandez returned to the lineup after missing Monday's game nursing a tight calf that forced him to an early exit Sunday against the Cardinals.

Aside from a pinch-hit appearance in the eighth, Buster Posey had the night off for the Giants and was scheduled to catch the day game Wednesday. He has to skip the All-Star Game because of a lingering right hip injury that will require an injection.

don, who was greeted by an RBI single from Matt Olson to make it 4-2.

Rondon struck out Piscotty before a wild pitch left runners at second and third. There were two outs when Semien's second double of the game tied it at 4.

Bregman hit his first homer off Sean Manaea in the first inning. George Springer added RBI singles in the second and fourth to make it 3-0.

Bregman, chosen for his first All-Star Game on Sunday, connected off Emilio Pagan in the seventh for the first multihomer game of his career.

Verlander yielded three hits and struck out six, lowering his ERA to an AL-best 2.05. Manaea allowed seven hits and three runs in four-plus innings.

The Athletics hadn't given up a run in 23 1/3 innings when Bregman homered in the first.

RANGERS

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Rougned Odor homered and Joey Gallo hit a two-run double for the Rangers, who have lost four of five.

Texas also ran into some tough defense, including a diving grab by Bradley on a sinking line drive and a catch by Mookie Betts at the right-field wall to rob Nomar Mazara of a home run.

"That's this ballpark. You know that coming in," Texas manager Jeff Banister said. "You've got a very athletic guy in right field — this is his home ballpark — and he knows how to play it."

Yovani Gallardo (3-1) made it through the first two innings without allowing a baserunner, but ran into trouble in the third.

After entering the inning with a 1-0 lead, Gallardo faced the entire Boston lineup in the third as the Red Sox tagged him for six hits — three of them doubles — and five runs.

Blake Swihart and Bradley start-

ed the rally on back-to-back doubles with one out. Gallardo struck out Mookie Betts for the second out, but Benintendi doubled in a run, Martinez singled and Xander Bogaerts hit a triple over the head of Delino DeShields in the center-field triangle to drive in two more and put the Red Sox up 5-1.

Velazquez allowed one run on two hits over the first three innings. Jalen Beeks, recalled from Triple-A Pawtucket earlier Tuesday, pitched the next 2 1/3, allowing three runs on four hits, before he was pulled for Brandon Workman with one out in the sixth and runners at second and third.

Odor, whose homer in the second cleared the Texas bullpen and landed deep in the tunnel in right, singled and Isiah Kiner-Falefa doubled before Workman came on to face Gallo, whose double to center scored two to pull the Rangers to 6-4.

Barnes took over in the seventh, Joe Kelly pitched the eighth and Ryan Brasier finished it off with a scoreless ninth.

ASTROS

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Treinen had converted 20 straight save chances since April 18.

Houston reliever Ken Giles allowed three consecutive singles with nobody out in the ninth as the A's pulled to 4-1. The television broadcast appeared to show Giles cursing at manager AJ Hinch as he was lifted. Hinch was asked about the outburst by Giles, who earlier this season punched himself in the face as he left the mound following another bad outing.

"That stuff happens in the heat of battle," Hinch said. "I'll have to look at it. He can let me know if it was directed at me; I didn't hear anything. And you can certainly understand that I'll address it if it turns out it was at me."

Giles was replaced by Hector Ron-

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