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## MVPN's 'Basic Training' for military families slated for tomorrow

By **TYLER SCHELLIE**  
 Staff Writer

Sometimes when a military serviceman or servicewoman is on deployment for a long time, especially overseas or in a combat situation, their spouse, kids, or other family members find it hard to cope with the separation. Tomorrow, July 18, the Military Veteran Peer Network and West Texas Centers are holding a "Basic Training" educational session to help

spread awareness of the issue and give family members resources to help deal with the issues they're facing. "Something I've learned over the past few months is, there's quite a few family members and spouses that face these challenges who don't really know what to do in those situations," said Francisco Garza Jr., who runs the veterans' program at West Texas Centers. Garza explained that he's

opening to the public a state-certified course he uses to train his volunteers. "Basically what it covers is suicide awareness, and some of the basic information about some of the more common diagnoses as far as PTSD, depression, sex abuse, things like that," he said. "It's open for the public, but I usually use it more for volunteers. Sometimes when they're doing their jobs as a volunteer for certain

things they might interact with some of these things, or they might go through them themselves, honestly. It's just information to kind of give people the ability just to kind of handle that situation, especially spouses. My wife has gone through some things with me that, if she had had some understanding of what was going on, she might have been able to handle it a lot



Francisco Garza

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## Not just another bolo tie

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**  
 Staff Writer

Every year the Rotary Club recognizes a member who goes above and beyond for their club and community, with a special award in the form of a bolo tie, called the Ralphie Award. This year on July 3, Thomas Padilla, of the Rotary Club, was presented the bolo tie and was chosen as the 2017-2018 Ralphie recipient. "As all know, Thomas is a very unique fellow veteran and farmer," said Hardy Wilkerson, of the Rotary Club. "When he first joined our Club he immediately asked 'what can I do?'" Each year a Club Rotarian who demonstrates the characteristics of and outstanding Rotarian gets acknowledged. The award started after long-time Rotary member, Club President and district governor, who also served as Director to Rotary International, Ralph McLaughlin, passed and one of his bolo ties was presented to the Big Spring Rotary. The bolo is now passed year to year to a deserving club Rotarian for their pattern of outstanding service to the



Thomas Padilla, member of The Rotary Club, wears his bolo tie Ralphie Award, which is an award presented each year to a member of the Club who shows the most Rotarian Club characteristics.

Courtesy photo

**Notice:**  
 The Amphitheater Improvement Board will have its second open forum Today, Tuesday, July 17 at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring City Council Chambers, 307 E. 4th St. Landscape Architect, Kelly Cook, of KDC associates will provide a presentation on the project including some historical facts and plans for improvements to the facility. The board encourages all citizens to come and hear the plans and ask questions and present concerns. Plans for the improvements include placing a cover over the stage area to provide protection for performers and their equipment, improving handicap access and adding additional parking. Future plans will include adding a new performers green room, fencing for controlled access and phased in audience shade structures. For additional information, please call Barney Dodd, 432-755-9529, Debbie Wegman 432-466-9009 or Hayley Herrera, 432-263-8235

## First ever song swap approaching

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**  
 Staff Writer

Ready to get down at the Spring with food, drinks, fun, and some good ol' music? Then get ready as the City of Big Spring, BAD Events, and the FMH Foundation are presenting "Song Swap at the Spring," featuring coun-

try music artists Parker McCollom and Koe Wetzel. The shindig is scheduled to take place at the Historic Spring Marie Hall Plaza and Performance Stage, located in Comanche Trail Park at 800 Comanche Park Road.

"It's going to be an acoustic set. Koe will tell a story about his song and then play the song, and then Parker will tell a story about his song, and then play the

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## HTCP Summer Festival



By **TYLER SCHELLIE**  
 Staff Writer

This year's Trinity Catholic Church Summer Festival launches with delicious meals on Friday, August 3rd at 11 a.m., and promises to offer a variety of dishes for you to enjoy. "If you miss the food Friday, we will be having all of the plates again Saturday, beginning at 11 a.m. as well and will continue until they are all sold out, along with much more later on in the evening," Coordinator of Religious Education Diane Valdez said. Saturday will also be the day all of the games

begin, starting at 6 p.m. "We will be doing the ring toss, bingo and numerous other fun activities, all while enjoying drinks and food from the vendors such as turkey legs, sausage on a stick, burgers and much more for those who didn't eat early on," Valdez said. The church has been doing these events since the consolidation of 3 Big Spring churches in 2008. The Event takes place on the churches property, which is located on 1009 Hearn here in Big Spring. For more information, please contact the Trinity Catholic Church at (432)-714-4930.



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## Obituaries

### Timothy Duffey



Timothy Duffey, 44, passed away Sunday, July 8, 2018.

Timothy was born December 29, 1973 in Abilene to Donnie and Linda Duffey. He had a love for music and enjoyed playing the guitar. He also had a passion for animals, especially dogs. He had a kind heart and wanted to help every animal he encountered. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Timothy was preceded in death by his father, Donnie Duffey; paternal grandparents, Lloyd and

Ebbie Duffey; and maternal grandparents, William and Oletha Garrett.

Survivors: daughter, Stormie McMahan and husband, Mitch, and grandson, Ryan McMahan all of Midland; mother, Linda Duffey of Weatherford; sister, Kimberly Boling and husband, Brant, nieces, Kendalyne and Karissa Boling, and nephew, Bradon Boling all of Aledo; significant other, Sylvia Trevino of Big Spring; 5 beloved dogs; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family.

Because of Timothy's love of animals, the family asks that donations be made to local humane societies in his memory.

*Paid Obituary*

### Jacob Scott "Jake" Marin



Jacob Scott "Jake" Marin, 47, of Big Spring, died Saturday, July 14, 2018, in Midland. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Jake was born on March 3, 1971 in Big Spring, Texas to Janie Mendoza Marin and Frank Marin, Jr. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. His hobbies included spending time with family, watching the Dallas Cowboys and cruising around town with Tinkerbell. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife Marni Franco of Big Spring; one daughter: Aarika Marin (Krista) of Big

Spring; his parents: Janie and Frank Marin, Jr., of Big Spring; one sister: Marlina Paredes (Jerry); one brother: Brent Marin (Grace); his maternal grandmother: Juana Mendoza, all of Big Spring and a number of nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his best friend and dog daughter: Tinkerbell Marin.

He was preceded in death by one son: Adrian Marin; one daughter: Jaycee Marin; his maternal grandfather: Santos Mendoza, Sr. and his paternal grandparents: Mary and Frank Marin, Sr.

Pallbearers will be Jesse Reyes, Victor Ornelas, Jody Bennett, Jose Hernandez, Jeff Walleck and Gus Fierro. Honorary pallbearers will be Freddy Rodriguez, Kaden Reyes, Victor Ornelas, Jr. and Rigo Moran. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

*Paid Obituary*

### Bernardo Huante,



Bernardo Huante, 87, of Big Spring, died Sunday, July 15, 2018 at his residence. Rosary services will be 7:00 PM Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be 2:00 PM Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born December 28, 1930 in Zacapu, Michoacan, Mexico and married Marcelina "Belia" Rodriguez May 1, 1954 in Big Spring, Texas.

Bernardo owned Bernard's Bootery in Big Spring from 1969 until 1976. He owned and operated the Spanish Inn Restaurant in Sweetwater for 27 years, and retired to Big Spring in 1995. Bernardo enjoyed playing dominoes, playing golf and ballroom dancing.

ing.

Survivors include his wife, Belia Huante of Big Spring; two daughters, Patricia Rodriguez and husband, George of Grand Prairie, and Nandy Rios and husband, Tito of Abilene; two grandchildren, Adolfo H. Lopez and Alexia Ponce; two great-grandchildren, Nadya and Nickolas; and three sisters, Nina, Berta and Jovita.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Bernardo Huante, Jr. and Nalo Huante.

Pallbearers will be Adolfo H. Lopez, Pete Cerda, Benjamin Rodriguez, Manuel Rodriguez, David Haro, Michael Gomez and Louis Gonzales.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th St., Ste A, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

*Paid Obituary*

## Police, Sheriff Reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **MINNIE MARIE WILSON**, 48, of 307 E 4th was arrested on a warrant by another agency for theft of service >=\$100<\$750.

- **RUBEN LOPEZ-CASTANEDA**, 34, of 1100 Pickens St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **ADRIAN LEE HILARIO**, 31, of 1410 Nolan was arrested on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury family member.

- **ERIK ALEJANDRO FLORES**, 23, of 2622 Hunter Dr. on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **TERRY LEE ZYLSTRA**, 48, of 300 Destiny R. was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass of property/building/aircraft/vehicle.

- **ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ**, 54, of 1023 Stadium Ave. was arrested on a warrant for public intoxication with 3 prior convictions.

- **COLLIN ROSS HANSEN**, 26, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 100 block of Destiny Rd.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh Dr.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 400 block of Westover Rd.

- **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported on the 1400 block of NB HWY 87

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 600 block of S Nolan St.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1100 block of Pickens St.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 75 inmates at the time of this report.

- **ERIK ALEJANDRO FLORES**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **COLLIN ROSS HANSEN**, 26, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for failure to appear.

- **ADRIAN LEE HILARIO**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for assault causes bodily injury family member.

- **ANDREA DENISE LAND**, 45, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **RUBEN LOPEZ-CASTANEDA**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ**, 54, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for public intoxication with 3 prior convictions.

- **BRANDON SAVOY TRUITT**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for MTAG/invasive visual recording.

- **MINNIE MARIE WILSON**, 48, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for theft of property >=\$100<\$750, and issuance of a bad check.

- **TERRY LEE ZYLSTRA**, 48, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of criminal trespass.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of NW 10th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in

the 5200 block of S Service Rd I-20 One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Holbert One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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### Bobby Dodson,

Bobby Dodson, 80, of Coahoma, died Thursday, July 12, 2018 at his residence. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, July 20, 2018, at the First Baptist Church of Coahoma.



Bobby was born January 14, 1938, in Howard County to Pauline Doyle Hopper Dodson and Carl Eugene Dodson. He married Winnie Bobo on November 11, 1955, and she preceded him in death on Sep-

tember 1, 2014. Bobby worked for Howard County, Citation Oil Co.

and Sayers Operating. He retired when he was 76 years of age. Bobby is survived by one son: Danny Dodson of Coahoma; one daughter: Paula Norris (David) of Greenwood; in addition to his parents and wife Winnie, he was preceded in death by a grandson Aaron Norris and a brother Ronald Dodson.

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

## Support Groups

### 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.

### 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](mailto: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.

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# 10 Things to Know for Today

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

## 1. WHO'S FEELING THE HEAT AFTER HELSINKI SUMMIT

Trump's extraordinary performance alongside his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin fuels criticism of his presidency from both right and left.

## 2. RUSSIANS PRAISE PUTIN, PITY TRUMP

While the U.S. leader went home to widespread criticism after their Finnish summit, the Russian president came home to universal praise.

## 3. IN POLICY SHIFT, US OPEN TO MEETING WITH TALIBAN

Washington is open to holding direct talks with the Taliban to encourage negotiations between the militant group and the Afghan government to end 17 years of war.

## 4. MEXICANS MOB 'AMLO' FOR MATTERS BIG OR SMALL

Mexicans crowd outside the offices of President-elect Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador daily in hopes he can help with pensions, clemency for a jailed loved one or even offer a job.

## 5. FOR CAST OUT ROHINGYA, NOWHERE TO RUN

The monsoon season is bringing fresh dangers to the brutalized Muslim minority who live in ramshackle huts in refugee camps in Bangladesh.

## 6. WHERE HISTORY WILL BE MARKED

The Cape Cod town of Orleans plans a commemoration 100 years after being shelled by a German submarine during World War I.

## 7. HAWAII CHANGING TOUR BOAT OPERATIONS

Sightseeing outfits will follow the Coast Guard's revised policy and stay farther away after an explosion caused molten rock to penetrate the roof of a vessel, injuring dozens.

## 8. SURVIVOR BLAMES OFFICIALS FOR PRISON RIOT

A state corrections counselor taken hostage during a deadly riot last year at Delaware's maximum-security prison tells AP inmates need better conditions, counseling and programs.

## 9. 'FLIPPING THE BUSINESS MODEL ON ITS HEAD'

Fashion companies upend their design process with sharper technology like 3-D rendering to get trendy items to shoppers much faster.

## 10. WHO WOWED THE HOMETOWN CROWD

Nationals slugger Bryce Harper thrills Washington fans, dramatically edging the Cubs' Kyle Schwarber to win the All-Star Home Run Derby.

# Check it out at the Howard County Library

I have a few more fiction books to share with you. In "No Easy Target" by Iris Johansen (F JOH I), Margaret Douglas was raised in an abusive home. Her only escape was the nearby forest in which she sought refuge whenever she could. In the peaceful woods, she discovered a strange gift: the ability to understand animals and to communicate with them. Those creatures became her only friends so now Margaret wants nothing more than to live a quiet life, close to the animals and under the radar. Unfortunately, her abilities have not gone unnoticed, and there are those who would use them for their own purposes. Determined not to be a pawn in anyone's game, every time someone gets too close, Margaret uproots her life and outruns them. When John Lassiter breaks into Margaret's apartment, she vanishes again. As a CIA operative, he owes his life to his men, one of whom is being held captive by an enemy who has set his sights on Margaret. Lassiter must control her to use her as bait. Margaret finds herself matching wits with a man who refuses to stop or be stopped. She must use everything she has ever learned to survive, defeat a great evil, and prove that she's no easy target.



Monica Martinez

In "Accidental Heroes" by Danielle Steel (F STE D), TSA agent Bernice Adams finds a postcard of the Golden Gate Bridge at a security checkpoint bearing an ambiguous message. Her supervisor dismisses her concerns so she calls security. Senior Homeland security agent Ben Waterman arrives and also becomes

suspicious. As Ben scans the passenger manifest his focus turns to the A321, with Helen Smith as its senior pilot. Helen's military service and her tenure with the airline have been exemplary, but her husband's savage death in Iraq was more than anyone should bear. Also on board is a major movie star, an off-duty pilot who has just lost his forty-year career, and a distraught father traveling with the baby son he has abducted from his estranged wife. Sifting through data and relying on instinct, Ben becomes convinced that someone on Helen's plane is planning something terrible, and he is right. Passengers, crew, and experts on the ground

become heroes out of necessity to try to avert tragedy at the eleventh hour.

"Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate (F WIN L) finds twelve-year-old Rill Foss and her four younger siblings living a magical life aboard their family's shantyboat. When their father must rush their mother to the hospital one stormy night, Rill is left in charge until strangers arrive in force. Wrenched from all that is familiar and thrown into an orphanage, the Foss children are assured that they will soon be returned to their parents, but they quickly realize the dark truth. At the mercy of the facility's cruel director, Rill fights to keep her sisters and brothers together in a world of danger and uncertainty. Born into wealth and privilege, Avery Stafford seems to have it all: a successful career as a federal prosecutor, a

handsome fiancé, and a lavish wedding on the horizon. When Avery returns home to help her father weather a health crisis, a chance encounter leaves her with uncomfortable questions and compels her to take a journey through her family's long-hidden history, on a path that will ultimately lead either to devastation or to redemption.

Last but not least, this week I have a biography book to tell you about. In "Not Dead Yet" by Phil Collins (B COL P), Phil pulls no punches about himself, his life, or the ecstasy and heartbreak that's inspired his music. A drummer since almost before he could walk, Collins received on-the-job training in the seedy, thrilling bars and clubs before landing the drum seat in Genesis. Soon he would step into the spotlight on vocals and begin to stockpile the songs that would rocket him to international fame. He tells the candid, witty, unvarnished story of the songs and shows, the hits and pans, his marriages and divorces, and the ascents to the top of the charts and into the tabloid headlines. Collins breathes rare air but has never lost his touch for crafting songs from the heart that stir listeners around the globe. He recounts his harrowing descent into darkness after his "official" retirement, and the profound, enduring love that helped save him.

I've run out of time so until next week here's a quote from Lisa Schroeder: "Come with me," Mom says. To the library. Books and summertime go together."

The Howard County Library's hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 am to 6 pm; the internet/video room closes at 5:30. Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am to 7 pm; the internet/video room closes at 6:30. You may reach us at (432) 264-2260 and our fax number is (432)264-2263. Our website is <http://howard-county.ploud.net>. Visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/HowardCoLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/HowardCoLibrary).

## BOLO

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Rotary Club. Some past year recipients include: Jerry Grimes, Greg Brooks, Clarence Hartfiel, Jan Forsyth, and now, Thomas Padilla.

"He stepped up and took over Youth Services when Mark was President. Unfortunately for Thomas, but not for us, we had lost some key members that had coordinated our youth services, and with them the Institutional knowledge of contacts and how to continue many of our key youth

programs, Student of the Month, RYLA etc," said Wilkerson. "Thomas is a very conscious sort and immediately asked 'How do I do these things?'"

If his Bolo Tie is anything to go by, figure it out he did.

"He gave new life to our Youth programs, and this year ensured our RYLA scholarships were open to Coahoma and Forsan juniors also," said Wilkerson. "Ralph McLaughlin would have been proud to call Thomas Padilla a fellow Rotarian. I know I am. Thank you Thomas. You are our 2017-2018

Ralphie, and get to wear and represent the Bolo for a year."

Everyone who has been a bolo tie recipient has demonstrated the Rotary motto of Service above Self in their service to the Rotary Club and to the community.

"I feel especially grateful for the people who I asked questions too, and those who pointed me in the right direction so that I could move forward," said Padilla. "And I feel grateful for those who encouraged me to proceed forward, and who just helped me. We won this bolo together."

## SONG

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song, and they'll go back and forth like that," said Barney Dodd owner of BAD Events. "They'll tell stories and talk and play their music. It's a cool format."

This event, slated for Aug. 2 at 6:30 p.m., will take place at the newly-renamed "F. Marie Hall Plaza and Performance Stage" at Big Spring's Historic Spring. Hall's FMH Foundation donated a sizable portion of the money to renovate the Spring and build the stage and plaza. As part of the requirements included by the foundation for the grant, Big Spring will institute an annual concert series at the venue, and the "Song Swap" is the first installment in that series.

Parker McCollum is an Americana country singer who resides in Austin. His music incorporates genres as diverse as blues, roots rock, soul

and folk rock. His albums include 2015's "The Limestone Kid" and 2017's "Probably Wrong."

Koe Wetzal, an East Texas native based out of Stephenville, features what he calls "Texas Rock and Roll." Albums include 2015's "Out on Parole" and 2016's "Noise Complaint."

"We ask that no one bring outside food or drinks, and no dogs or pets," said Dodd. "Other than that bring your lawn chairs, and come on down. We are excited to bring this event to Howard County."

Dodd said that the event is free, but seating is limited to 1,000. Those planning to attend must obtain free tickets from the Big Spring Visitor's Center, 113 E. Third St. Tickets are first-come, first serve, and each person can only get two tickets.

Food Trucks and vendors will be available in the SM Energy Pavilion adjacent to the Historic Spring Plaza.

For more information contact the Big Spring Visitor's Center at 432-263-8235.

## MVPN

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better than what she originally did. That's kind of the thinking behind it."

Garza said the free program, scheduled for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 501 S. Birdwell Lane Suite A, is primarily classroom based.

"It'll be just a classroom instruction, but I share a lot of personal stories. My wife is actually going to be there just to give her perspective for the spouses," he said. "Sometimes I might have other veterans come in to explain some of the ways they've handled things, and how they've gotten better. It's really just an informational thing. The majority is just to bring about suicide awareness and resources that people can try, because not everyone is going to want to go to the VA, or they might not qualify for the VA, so MHMR is another one you can go to to get help."

Lunch will be catered at the event.

For more information or to register, contact Garza at 432-631-4779. Space is limited.

Contact Staff Writer Tyler Schellie at 432-263-7331 ext 235, or by email at [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com).

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Preachers include Steve Wells, pastor of South Main Baptist Church in Houston, and Brad Creed, president of Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC. Todd Still, dean of George W. Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor University, leads adult Bible study.

Nursery, preschool, children's day camp, and youth programs occupy those from birth through high school in the mornings while adults have their own experiences. Family and missions sessions begin at 8:45, Bible study at 9:45, and morning worship at 11:00. Evening services start at 8:00 with choir practice at 7:00. Supper is served at 6:00. Nursery, preschoolers, and children have their own evening activities except on Wednesday when the whole family joins in worship, and the children's choir sings.

Tuesday afternoon features an all-camp day camp in memory of Charlie Elliott, former minister of activities at First Baptist Church of Midland, who spent nearly 50 years involved with Paisano's day camp and recreation. The event incorporates testimonials, singing, critter races and sno-cones.

Ben Hanna, urban missionary with San Antonio Baptist Association, guides missions time. Ben and his wife Meredith previously spent ten years in Eastern Europe with the International Mission Board. Linda Millican, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Associate and Licensed Chemical Dependence Counselor, leads family hour. The practical workshop focuses on understanding and supporting loved ones struggling with substance abuse addiction.

Afternoon recreation, sports tournaments, a men's prayer meeting, and other activities exercise the body and spirit and create deep friendships that last generations. Paisano encourages family togetherness and spiritual renewal.

In August 1916, West Texans gathered and George W. Truett preached the first Paisano sermon standing on the bed of a wagon with a wooden barrel as the pulpit. Families camped in tents or slept under the stars. Attendees picnicked or cooked over campfires. The tradition of family and faith continues with the addition of a tabernacle, dining shed, and cabins. The beauty of stars in the evening hasn't changed, and all are still welcome.

*Paisano Baptist Encampment is located in Paisano Pass, between Alpine and Marfa, in far West Texas. For more information, visit the website at [www.paisanoencampment.org](http://www.paisanoencampment.org).*

## Judge temporarily halts deportation of reunified families



In this July 14, 2018, file photo, Jelsin Aguilar Padilla shakes immigration attorney Jorge L. Baron's hand after stepping off his flight from New York into the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport as he is reunited with his mother Yolany in Seattle.

By **ELLIOT SPAGAT and COLLEEN LONG**

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A federal judge on Monday ordered a temporary halt to deportations of immigrant families reunited after being separated at the border, as the Trump administration races to meet a July 26 deadline for putting more than 2,500 children back in their parents' arms.

U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw

imposed a delay of at least a week after a request from the American Civil Liberties Union, which cited "persistent and increasing rumors ... that mass deportations may be carried out imminently and immediately upon reunification."

Justice Department attorney Scott Stewart opposed the delay but did not address the rumors in court.

The ACLU requested that parents have at least one week to decide whether to pursue asylum in the

U.S. after they are reunited with their children. The judge held off on deciding that issue until the government outlines its objections in writing by next Monday.

ACLU attorney Lee Gelernt told reporters that he was "extremely pleased" by the halt and that parents need time to think over with their children and advisers whether to seek asylum.

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## Texas man gets prison for drug trafficking in New Mexico

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — A Texas man has been sentenced to 10 years in federal prison for heroin and methamphetamine trafficking in New Mexico.

Prosecutors say 39-year-old Jesus Gerardo Prieto Jr. of El Paso was sentenced Monday in federal court in Las Cruces.

Prieto was arrested last October at the Border Patrol checkpoint in Las Cruces after agents seized more than 432 grams of methamphetamine and about 117 grams of heroin found concealed inside his vehicle.

He was charged with distributing methamphetamine in August 2017 in New Mexico's Dona Ana County, distributing methamphetamine and heroin in October 2017 in Luna County and possession of methamphetamine and heroin with intent to distribute that same month in Dona Ana County.

Prosecutors say Prieto pleaded guilty five months ago to charges the indictment without a plea agreement.

## Texas shrimp industry crippled by immigrant visa cap

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — The Texas shrimp industry is facing a worker shortage as a result of the federal cap on U.S. visas for immigrant seasonal workers.

Andrea Hance, executive director of the Texas Shrimp Association, told the Brownsville Herald that an estimated 70 percent of the Brownsville-Port Isabel shrimp fleet is starting off this season short-handed. The shrimp industry relies heavily on workers with H-2B visas, which are U.S. visas for temporary non-agricultural workers. A decades-old law limits the number of such visas to 66,000 for the

whole country.

Congress failed to renew a cap exemption this year for returning workers, creating a worker shortage. The Labor Department last year released an additional 15,000 H-2B visas through a lottery, but it fell short of covering the workers needed for this shrimp season.

Hance said lacking 750 people from Mexico or Central America is crippling the Texas seafood industry. Most of the state shrimp industry's workers come from Mexico.

"We're going to lose \$1 million a day because the government won't allow these workers," she said.

Many crews are dealing with the shortage by not hiring headers,

which are workers responsible for removing shrimp heads before they're frozen at sea. Headless shrimp bring in \$1 to \$1.50 more per pound at the dock than shrimp with heads, Hance said.

Shrimp boat owners would employ U.S. citizens on their boats, but many U.S. seasonal workers in the shrimp industry often have to return to port early, which is costly to boat owners, Hance said. Most people "have no idea what it takes to step on this boat and stay out in the Gulf of Mexico for 30 to 45 days," she said.

"This is not an economic win by no means," Hance said. "Nothing about it makes sense."

## Howard County Democrats Host Texas Agriculture Commissioner Candidate Kim Olson

Special to the Herald

On Thursday July 19 the Howard County Democrats will host Kim Olson, Candidate for Texas Agriculture Commissioner, for two events open to the community, a 'Lunch and Listen' and a 'Meet and Greet'.

Olson, a retired Air Force Colonel with a 28-year military career, is a 4th generation farmer and educator. She and her husband operate a

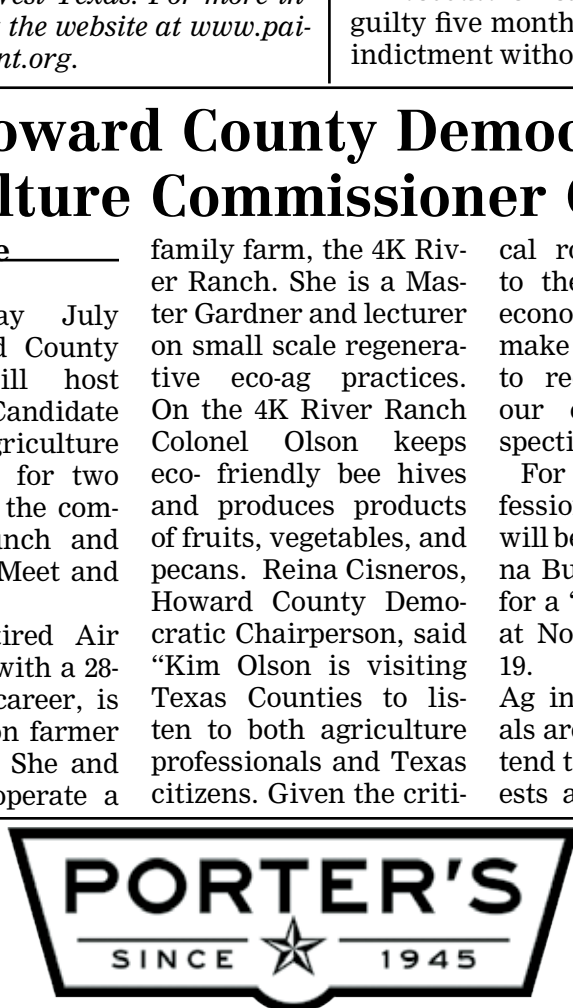
family farm, the 4K River Ranch. She is a Master Gardner and lecturer on small scale regenerative eco-ag practices. On the 4K River Ranch Colonel Olson keeps eco-friendly bee hives and produces products of fruits, vegetables, and pecans. Reina Cisneros, Howard County Democratic Chairperson, said "Kim Olson is visiting Texas Counties to listen to both agriculture professionals and Texas citizens. Given the criti-

cal role of agriculture to the Howard County economy, we wanted to make sure Olson is able to receive input from our community's perspective."

For Agriculture professionals Colonel Olson will be at the Dragon China Buffet meeting room for a 'Lunch and Listen' at Noon Thursday July 19. Ag producers and Ag industry professionals are encouraged to attend to share their interests and concerns with

Colonel Olson.

The Howard County Democrats will host Colonel Olson at a community 'Meet and Greet' at 2:00 pm in the Cactus Room in the Howard College Student Union Building. Olson welcomes input from Howard County citizens on Texas food safety, nutrition, water, and natural resources. Refreshments will be served and for more information contact Becky Moughon 432-816-1206.



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"It's hard to imagine a more profound or momentous decision," he said.

The hearing in San Diego occurred as the government accelerated reunifications at eight unidentified U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement locations. The families are scattered around the country, the adults at immigration detention centers, the children at shelters overseen by the government.

Annunciation House, a shelter in El Paso, said the government has begun transporting children in a "tremendous amount of airline flights" to El Paso and elsewhere. Director Ruben Garcia said he is preparing to take in as many as 100 reunified families a day.

Late last month, Sabraw ordered the government to reunite the thousands of children and parents who were forcibly separated at the border by the Trump administration this spring. He set a deadline of July 10 for children under 5 and gave the government until July 26 to reunite 2,551 youngsters ages 5 to 17.

On Monday, the judge commended the government for a revised plan submitted over the weekend to reunify the older children. The plan calls for DNA testing and other screening measures if red flags are raised during background checks.

Jonathan White of the Office of Refugee Resettlement, who is overseeing the government's effort, assured the judge that some reunifications of older children already occurred, and "it is our intent to reunify children promptly." He went into detail on how the process was working.

The judge praised White's testimony, saying, "What is in place is a great start to making a large number of reunifications happen very, very quickly."

"I have every confidence that you are the right person to do this," he told White.

It was a sharp change from Friday, when the government submitted a plan for "truncated" vetting that excluded DNA testing and other procedures used for children under 5. The government official said the abbreviated vetting was necessary to meet the court-imposed deadline but put children at significant risk.

Sabraw said late Friday that he was having second thoughts about his belief that the government was acting in good faith. In a hastily arranged conference call, he told administration officials that its plan misrepresented his instructions and showed "a very grudging reluctance to do things."

Sabraw said in court Monday that the initial plan was "exasperating," "completely unhelpful," and "written in a manner that seemed wholly divorced from the context of this case."

"This is not hard stuff," he said. "It's laborious, but it's not difficult to do."

Sabraw has scheduled three more hearings over the next two weeks to ensure compliance with his order.

Also Monday, advocates said in federal court in Los Angeles that immigrant children in government custody are being given poor food, kept in unsanitary conditions and face insults and threats.

The allegations came amid a long-running effort by attorneys to have a court-appointed monitor oversee the U.S. government's compliance with a decades-old settlement governing the treatment of immigrant children caught on the border.

Attorneys interviewed immigrant parents and children in June and July about their experiences in Border Patrol facilities, family detention and a youth shelter. They described much of the testimony as "shocking and atrocious."

Families described meals of frozen sandwiches and spoiled food, overflowing toilets and guards yelling at them and kicking them while they slept. Children said they were hungry and scared when their parents were taken away.

**Muslim candidates run in record numbers but face backlash**

By PHILIP MARCELO and JEFF KAROUB

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — A liberal woman of color with zero name recognition and little funding takes down a powerful, long serving congressman from her own political party.

When Tahirah Amatul-Wadud heard about Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's stunning upset over U.S. Rep. Joe Crowley in New York's Democratic primary last month, the first-time candidate saw parallels with her own longshot campaign for Congress in western Massachusetts.

The 44-year-old Muslim, African-American civil rights lawyer, who is taking on a 30-year congressman and ranking Democrat on the influential House Ways and Means Committee, said she wasn't alone, as encouragement, volunteers and donations started pouring in.

"We could barely stay on top of the residual love," said Amatul-Wadud, U.S. Rep. Richard Neal's lone challenger in the state's Sept. 4 Democratic primary. "It sent a message to all of our volunteers, voters and supporters

that winning is very possible."

From Congress to state legislatures and school boards, Muslim Americans spurred to action by the anti-Muslim policies and rhetoric of President Donald Trump and his supporters are running for elected offices in numbers not seen since before the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, say Muslim groups and political observers.

Many, like Amatul-Wadud, hope to ride the surge of progressive activism within the Democratic Party that delivered Ocasio-Cortez's unlikely win and could help propel the Democrats back to power in November.

Still, the path to victory can be tougher for a Muslim American. Some promising campaigns already have fizzled out while many more face strong anti-Muslim backlash.

In Michigan, Democrat candidate for governor Abdul El-Sayed continues to face unfounded claims from a GOP rival that he has ties to the controversial Muslim Brotherhood, even though Republican and Democratic

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AP photo

In this Monday, June 18, 2018, photo, attorney Tahirah Amatul-Wadud, left, who is challenging incumbent U.S. Rep. Richard Neal, D-Mass., greets residents of an apartment complex while campaigning in Springfield, Mass.

**Pianist's wife not guilty by reason of insanity in 2 deaths**



AP photo

In this 2014 file photo, concert pianist Vadym Kholodenko, poses with his wife Sofya Tsygankova and daughters, Nika, center, and Michela, at their home in Fort Worth, Texas.

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A Texas judge has found the estranged wife of concert pianist Vadym Kholodenko (va-DEEM' koh-loh-DEHN'-koh) not guilty by reason of insanity in the 2016 deaths of the couple's two daughters.

Judge Ruben Gonzalez in Fort Worth on Monday then ordered Sofya Tsygankova (tsih-GAN'-koh-vah), who was charged with capital murder, committed to a state mental hospital. The defense and prosecutors agreed with the ruling.

The Ukrainian-born Kholodenko in 2013 won the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in Fort Worth.

He found his daughters — 5-year-old Nika and 1-year-old Michaela — dead in their suburban home in March 2016. The parents had filed

for divorce a few months earlier. Prosecutors alleged Tsygankova smothered her children. She initially was deemed unfit for trial, but received mental health treatment and last year was ruled competent.

**Texas school district where 10 slain to use metal detectors**

SANTA FE, Texas (AP) — Trustees of a Houston-area school district where 10 people were fatally shot in an attack blamed on a student have voted to install metal detectors at all four campuses.

The board of the Santa Fe Independent School District on Monday approved recommendations from a security and safety committee to accept donated metal detectors.

A 17-year-old male student remains in custody and charged with capital murder

in the May 18 gunfire at Santa Fe High School. Eight students and two educators were killed. Thirteen others were hurt.

Investigators say the suspect wore a trench coat — violating the school dress code. Trustees voted to keep the existing dress code but with stricter enforcement as classes begin Aug. 20.

Trustees last week approved spending at least \$1.5 million for upgraded campus security.

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politicians alike have denounced the accusations as "conspiracy theories."

In Rochester, Minnesota, mayoral candidate Regina Mustafa has notified authorities of at least two instances where anti-Muslim threats were posted on her social media accounts.

And in Arizona, U.S. Senate candidate Deedra Abboud received a torrent of Islamophobic attacks on Facebook last July that prompted outgoing U.S. Sen. Jeff Flake, the Republican lawmaker Abboud is hoping to replace, to come to her defense on Twitter.

"I'm a strong believer that we have to face this rhetoric," said Abboud, who has also had right-wing militant groups the Fraternal Order of Alt-Knights and the Proud Boys stage armed protests her campaign events. "We can't ignore it or pretend like it's a fringe element anymore. We have to let the ugly face show so that we can decide if that is us."

There were as many as 90 Muslim-Americans running for national or statewide offices this election cycle, a number that Muslim groups say was unprecedented, at least in the post-9/11 era.

But recent primaries have whittled the field down to around 50, a number that still far exceeds the dozen or so that ran in 2016, said Shaun Kennedy, co-founder of Jetpac, a Massachusetts nonprofit that helps train Muslim-American candidates.

Among the candidates to fall short were California physician Asif Mahmood, who placed third in last month's primary for state insurance commissioner, despite raising more than \$1 million. And in Texas, wealthy businessman Tahir Javed finished a distant second in his Democratic primary for Congress, despite an endorsement from Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York.

Nine candidates for Congress are still in the running, according to Jetpac's tally. At least 18 others are campaigning for state legislature and 10 more seek major statewide and local offices, such as governor, mayor and city council. Even more are running for more modest offices like local planning board and school committee.

The next critical stretch of primaries is in August.

In Michigan, at least seven Muslim Americans are on the Aug. 7 ballot, including El-Sayed, who could become the nation's first Muslim governor.

In Minnesota, the decision by Keith Ellison, the nation's first Muslim congressman, to run for state attorney general has set off a political frenzy for his congressional seat that includes two Muslim candidates, both Democrats: Ilhan Omar, the country's first Somali-American state lawmaker, and Jamal Abdulahi, a Somali-American activist.

But historic wins in those and other races are far from assured, cautions Geoffrey Skelley, an associate editor at Sabato's Crystal Ball, a nonpartisan political analysis website run by the University of Virginia's Center for Politics.

Omar's chances of emerging from a field of five Democratic candidates in Minnesota's Aug. 14 primary was bolstered by a recent endorsement from the state Democratic Party, but El-Sayed is an underdog in his gubernatorial race, he said.

Other Muslim-American candidates might fare better in Michigan, which has one of the nation's largest Arab-American populations, Skelley added.

There, former state Rep. Rashida Tlaib has raised more money than her Democratic rivals in the race to succeed Democratic Rep. John Conyers, who resigned last year amid allegations of sexual misconduct. Former Obama administration official Fayrouz Saad is also running as a Democrat in the wide open race to succeed Republican Rep. David Trott, who isn't seeking re-election.

Either could become the first Muslim woman elected to Congress, which has only ever had two Muslim members: outgoing Ellison and Rep. Andre Carson, an Indiana Democrat seeking re-election.

Saad, who served most recently as director of Detroit's Office of Immigrant Affairs, recognizes the importance of representing her community in an era of rising Islamophobia.

The 35-year-old broke from the conservative Republican politics of her Lebanese immigrant parents following the 9/11 attacks because she felt Arabs and Muslims were unfairly targeted.

"I felt the way to push back against that was to be at the table," said Saad, adding that her parents' political leanings have also since moved to the left. "We have to step up and be voices for our communities and not wait for others to speak on behalf of us."

But not all Muslim candidates feel that way.

In San Diego, California, 37-year-old Republican congressional candidate Omar Qudrat declined to comment on how Islamophobia has impacted his campaign, including instances when his faith have been called into question by members of his own political party.

Instead, the political newcomer, who is one of at least three Muslim Republicans running nationwide this year, provided a statement touting his main campaign issues as faces Democratic U.S. Rep. Scott Peters in November: addressing San Diego's high number of homeless military veterans, improving public education and expanding economic opportunities for city residents.

"Running for public office is about advancing the interests of your constituents and the American people," Qudrat's statement reads. "Nothing else."

## Amazon's hopes its Prime Day doesn't go to the dogs

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO

AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK — Amazon is hoping customers don't see any more dogs, after early problems on Prime Day meant people trying to shop got only images of the cute canines delivering an apologetic message.

Amazon's website ran into some early snags Monday on its much-hyped Prime Day, an embarrassment for the tech company on the shopping holiday it created.

Shoppers clicking on many Prime Day links after the 3 p.m. ET launch in the U.S. got only images of dogs — some quite abashed-looking — with the words, "Uh-oh. Something went wrong on our end." People took to social media to complain that they couldn't order items.

By about 4:30 p.m., many Prime Day links were working, and Amazon said later Monday that it was working to resolve the glitches.

In an email to The Associated Press, it said "many are shopping successfully" and that in the first hour of the 36-hour Prime Day in the U.S., customers ordered more items than in the same time frame last year.

Still, the hiccups could mute sales and send shoppers elsewhere during one of Amazon's busiest sales periods that's also a key time for it to sign up new Prime members. Shoppers have lots of options, as many other chains have offered sales and promotions to try to capitalize on the Prime Day spending.

Analyst Sucharita Mulpuru-Kodali at Forrester Research called the glitch a "huge deal."

"This is supposed to be one of their biggest days of the year," she wrote in an email. "I am shocked this caught them off guard. But I guess the lesson is to not have a big unveil during the middle of the day when everyone comes to your site all at once."

Amazon, which recently announced that Prime membership would be getting more expensive, was hoping to lure in shoppers by focusing on new products and having Whole Foods be part of the process. It was also hoping parents would use the deals event to jump start back-to-school shopping.

Jason Goldberg, senior vice president of commerce at Publicis.Sapient, noted that the prob-

lems could turn off shoppers for a while, particularly those who planned to sign up for Prime membership.

"If you were planning to find Prime deals to lower the cost of back-to-school (purchases), you're almost certainly going back to your traditional venue of choice," he said.

Goldberg noted that it's easy for Amazon to extend deals on its own devices and brands, but trickier for it to extend deals for its third-party sellers because they signed up for different promotional slots.

While Amazon doesn't disclose sales figures for Prime Day, Deborah Weinswig, CEO of CoreSight Research, had estimated that it will generate \$3.4 billion in sales worldwide, up from an estimated \$2.4 billion last year. Prime Day also lasts six hours longer than last year.

In Europe, Amazon employees were using Prime Day to draw attention to their complaints against the company.

Unions in Spain said most of the company's 2,000 permanent staff there were on a three-day strike on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, other retailers like Macy's, Nordstrom, Best Buy, Walmart and Target have rolled out their own promotions, said Charlie O'Shea, lead retail analyst at Moody's.

"Brick-and-mortar retailers know that they have little choice but to continue offering their own deep discounts, which is evident in the proliferation of 'Black Friday in July' deals that are being launched earlier each year, as well as various 'price match' offers," he said in a note earlier Monday.

Amazon created Prime Day in 2015 to mark its 20th anniversary, and its success has inspired other e-commerce companies to invent shopping holidays. Online furniture seller Wayfair introduced Way Day in April, becoming its biggest revenue day ever.

Prime Day also usually helps boost the number of Prime memberships. Amazon disclosed for the first time this year that it had more than 100 million paid Prime members worldwide. It's hoping to keep Prime attractive for current and would-be subscribers after raising the U.S. annual membership fee by 20 percent to \$119 and to \$12.99 for the month-to-month option.

"It has been one of the best vehicles" for signing up members, said Goldberg.



AP photo

In this Aug. 3, 2017, file photo, packages ride on a conveyor system at an Amazon fulfillment center in Baltimore. Amazon's Prime Day starts July 16, 2018, and will be six hours longer than last year's and will launch new products.

## Investigation of Virgin Mary statue continues

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — The Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces continues to investigate a Virgin Mary sculpture in a Hobbs church that appears to be weeping.

The sculpture, which stands in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, has been attracting attention worldwide since visitors first reported the fluid in May.

Bishop Oscar Cantu of the diocese said Friday a sample of the fluid collected from the sculpture was sent for chemical analysis, and it was determined

that it was olive oil, the Las Cruces Sun-News reported.

"Some of the witnesses claimed it smelled of roses, so something similar to the oil I bless and consecrate each year that we use for baptism, for confirmations and for ordination of the priests," Cantu said.

That fact doesn't preclude the occurrence from being deemed a church miracle. But an investigation is under way to determine whether there was a natural cause behind the liquid found on the

hollow bronze sculpture, Cantu said.

The diocese also examined the interior of the statue and determined nothing irregular, Cantu said.

"There's nothing on the interior that's not supposed to be there, except for cobwebs," he said. "So we took pictures; we exam-

ined it."

Cantu was reassigned last week to a diocese in California. His last day in the southern New Mexico diocese is Sept. 28. But he said one of the items remaining on his agenda before he leaves is to take a trip to Hobbs and see the sculpture himself.

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# Hometown hero Harper wins thrilling HR Derby over Schwarber

By DAVID GINSBURG

AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON — The ball cleared the center field wall, and the sellout crowd roared. Bryce Harper threw his bat in the air, thrust both index fingers skyward and yelled with delight as a shower of streamers rained upon the crowd of 43,698.

It could have been a scene from a playoff game. That it was merely the All-Star Home Run Derby mattered not to Harper or the Washington Nationals fans, who were thrilled to see their hometown hero deliver the night's final longball Monday.

In the middle of it all — and in the middle of trying season — Harper grabbed the microphone and said: "This crowd: Wow! Washington Nationals, baby!"

With an exceptional display of power and clutch hitting, Harper rallied in the final round, connecting on pitches from his father to beat Kyle Schwarber of the Chicago Cubs 19-18.

Harper hit the contest-winning blast in extra time, the reward for hitting two homers at least 440 feet during the 4 minutes of regulation. After he connected with the game winner, the Nationals star immediately went into celebration mode.

"We have some of the best fans in all

of baseball, and to be able to that with my family out there, that's an incredible moment, not only for me but for the organization and the Nationals fans," Harper said.

Harper's teammate, Max Scherzer, the NL starter on Tuesday night, also appreciated the moment.

"It's awesome. Hometown," Scherzer said. "The crowd is behind him. He found some rhythm, kept it simple and just continued to hit home run after home run."

Wearing a headband that resembled the District of Columbia flag and displaying a right sleeve with stars and stripes, Harper trailed 18-9 with 1:20 left before rallying. He homered on nine of his last 10 swings before entering extra time.

The six-time All-Star arranged to have his dad, Ron, pitch to him in the annual contest on the eve of the All-Star Game. That made the victory even sweeter.

"I'm only as good as my BP guy," Harper said with a grin.

Hours before the session, Harper spoke excitedly about having his dad pitch to him in the contest. The 25-year-old said his father "worked his tail off every single day to provide for me and my family" and "now being able to have him throw to me in a big league ballpark is the cherry on top."



AP photo

Washington Nationals Bryce Harper (34) reacts to his winning hit during the Major League Baseball Home Run Derby, Monday, July 16, 2018 in Washington.

Afterward, Ron Harper said of his son: "He did great. So I'm really proud of him. He's a great kid. You couldn't ask for anything better."

It's been a tough year for Harper, who's hitting only .214 for the disappointing Nationals. He won a contest that many sluggers avoid, fearful it might wear them out and throw them off.

He can only hope this helps him get

back into the swing.

The 2015 NL MVP beat Freddie Freeman of the Atlanta Braves and Max Muncy of the Dodgers before trouncing the fifth-seeded Schwarber, who put the pressure on with a solid outing before Harper stepped to the plate.

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# Small Ball: Altuve, Betts bring compact pop to All-Star Game

By BEN NUCKOLS

AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON — In decades past they would have been given nicknames like "Pee Wee" and coached to shorten their swings, keep the ball close to the ground, find holes and use their speed to leg out base hits.

Now, "small ball" has a new meaning. This homer-happy era of baseball is proving that big sluggers can be found in tiny packages.

Consider some of the guys in Tuesday night's All-Star Game: Jose Ramirez, all 5-foot-9 and 165 pounds of him, whose 29 homers at the break are tied for the AL lead. Mookie Betts, also 5-foot-9, has 23 long balls and hit 31 last season. Ozzie Albies, who at age 21 could maybe hope for a late growth spurt, is 5-foot-8 and has 20 homers.

And of course there's the best inch-for-inch hitter in baseball, 5-foot-6 Jose Altuve, the three-time batting champion who's gone deep nine times this year but hit 24 homers in each of the past two seasons.

"You look around this

room, it's not just big guys. It's guys of all sizes," said first-time All-Star Alex Bregman, who's listed at 6 feet, 180 pounds and has 20 homers. "What you see are ballplayers. You don't have to be big to be a ballplayer. You have to have the skills."

And their skills are holding up just fine against giants like Aaron Judge (6-foot-7, 282 pounds, 25 homers), J.D. Martinez (6-foot-3, 220 pounds, 29 homers), Jesus Aguilar (6-foot-3, 250 pounds, 24 homers) and the consensus best hitter in the game with the ideal body type to match, Mike Trout (6-foot-2, 235 pounds, 25 homers).

Altuve credits hitters who understand how to maximize their physical tools.

"In Mookie, I see quick hands and a really good lower body, hitting-wise, and I can see why he hits a lot of home runs," Altuve said. "I would say it's more technique than strength."

Justin Verlander knows he can't relax when he's on the mound against a player like Altuve, his Astros teammate. Size doesn't

matter. Bat speed does.

"I think it's part of the change of the game. I've talked to Jose about it. He's changed himself a few years back and started swinging more aggressively," Verlander said. "You didn't used to see guys like that that were small that ... had that kind of pop. Oppo (opposite field) pop. That's the big thing that's changed, homers to opposite field. That's something I didn't used to see much except with guys like Miguel Cabrera. Almost everybody."

Baseball appears to be headed for a reckoning with the ugly side of hitters' power-first approach. Defensive shifts, obsession with launch angles and indifference to strikeouts are being blamed for everything from increasing the length of games to making the sport more dull and one-dimensional. There is talk of banning shifts or forcing relief pitchers to face more than one batter in order to generate more excitement and incentivize putting balls in play.

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AP photo

Houston Astros' Jose Altuve, second from right, walks with National League, Los Angeles Angels' Mike Trout, right, after a team photo, Monday, July 16, 2018.

# Benched! Foul ball made its mark at 1969 All-Star Game

By BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

WASHINGTON — How my dad got tickets to the 1969 All-Star Game is still a mystery to me. Great seats, too: Section 127, Row 1.

That was the last time the Midsummer Classic was in the nation's capital, at RFK Stadium. I was 11, loved baseball, grew up watching the Orioles and Senators. I'd never seen a National League player in person. I only saw them on our black-and-white TV, and had no sense of Dodger blue or Cardinal red.

Thanks to Steve Carlton, I collected some neat autographs that day. More on that later. Pointing my trusty Kodak camera, I took a bunch of great pictures — Hank Aaron, Bob Gibson, Roberto Clemente and Juan Marichal.

And because of Johnny Bench, I wound up with a very cool souvenir I never saw coming.

Bench was among 19 future

Hall of Fame players on the rosters, and he'd already hit a home run when he came up in the fourth inning. Facing Denny McLain, fresh off a 31-win season, it was quite a matchup.

And I had a front-row seat, down on the field, out toward left.

So when Bench hooked a hard foul over the dugout behind us, I barely turned around. When I did, it was too late.

Thwack!

The ball hit me right in the forehead. It caromed off something. I might've heard it whizzing at the last second, but I'm not sure.

It definitely dazed me, and my mom was worried.

"I think he needs to see a doctor," she told my dad.

"I think he needs to see Willie Mays," dad answered.

Crisis averted.

A couple guys dumped their Cokes so my parents could use the ice.

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AP photo

This collage of photos shows Ben Walker, left, holding the Johnny Bench foul ball that hit him in the head at the baseball All-Star game at RFK Stadium in Washington on July 23, 1969, Ben Walker reaching for an autograph from Atlanta Braves pitcher Phil Niekro, also on July 23, 1969, and the ticket to the game that was rained out on July 22 and played on July 23, 1969.

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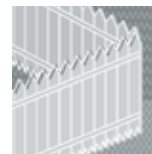
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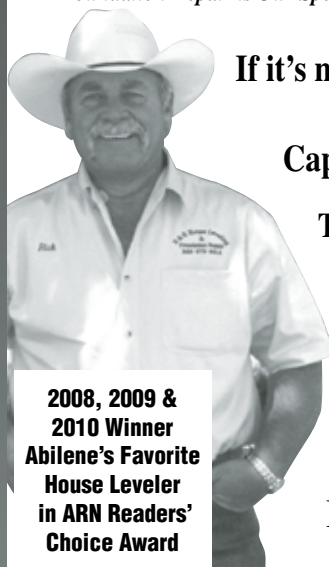


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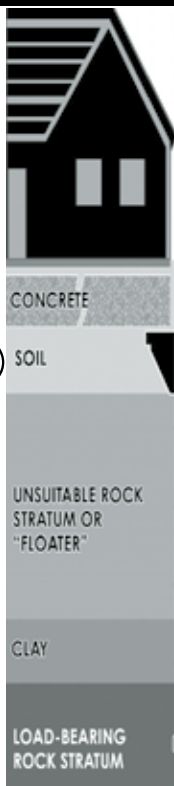
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**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** The word "spoiled" describes what happens when the airflow of humanity is blocked by a cushion. You're willing to recognize the ways in which you've been cushioned by life and are better off for that recognition.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Sleep. It's such a simple fix that many overlook it. But it's better than any synthetic fix or natural remedy. Rest can resolve physical ailment, emotional stress or mental fatigue. Try it.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** The songbird isn't singing out solutions, witticisms or entertaining stories. The songbird

By Holiday Mathis



is just expressing whatever comes naturally and the resulting song lands lovely on every open ear. You'll be such a bird today.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Being weary and overworked has an ill effect on anything you take on, so you owe it to everyone around you to have some fun, relax, ask for help when you need it and generally take good care of yourself.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** When you see the full array of choices you have, the one you actually make becomes more meaningful to you than if you had just taken the default option without thinking about it.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** If you don't feel like cele-

brating yourself, or even (SET ITAL) being (END ITAL) yourself, that's fine. It's natural for people in flux. Each day is a new opportunity. Each hour, each moment -- you can always become a better version of yourself.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Like clouds that pass in front of the sun, the shade people give one another can pass in a moment if you let it. We're all human. No one says the perfect thing all of the time. Try not to take or give offense.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Open up and share your feelings. Otherwise they won't know what you're going through. Also, they won't know to reach out to you for help when they are going through the same thing.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Don't say "maybe" and keep people wondering. Say "no" and say it fast so people can process the information and move on. This is the cleanest and best way for all.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** While the cynic

grumbles about the pointlessness of trying to please people, the optimist accepts that relationships are frustration. Celebrate whatever good comes of them as the miracle that it is.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Playing it cool won't work today. Anyway, it takes more confidence to show some emotion. Revealing your feelings, or at least a glimpse of them, lets people know who you are and what you care about.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Don't jump ship just because it's sitting a bit low in the water. Show a little faith in your vessel. Get a cup and start bailing. The same goes for your idea, project or relationship.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 17).** Following a shining inspiration, you'll see different parts of the world this year. Humanitarian instincts will have you doing what you can to help others get the same rights and freedoms you enjoy. This leads to important alliances. Your life will become infused with love and tenderness. You'll be awarded in November. Libra

and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 5, 33 and 14.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "Once I started following my interest in astrology, I realized there are a lot of different kinds. What can you tell me about Egyptian astrology?"

The first horoscope wheel dates back to ancient Egypt. Egyptians originated the practice of daily horoscopes in their own news papyrus -- kind of. However, there were several key differences in horoscope readers, and horoscopes, then and now. For starters, ancient Egyptians always followed the astrologer's advice. This probably stemmed from the fact that all astrologers were priests, so horoscopes were regarded as divine directives. Also, Egyptian astrology followed a special calendar, not as astronomical. Sun sign astrology as we know it only evolved after Romans expanded scientific knowledge. Finally, only pharaohs had personal access to astrologers. Subsequently, democratic Rome was responsible for making

astrology accessible to all. Wonder what would your ancient horoscope look like? Upon opening the morning edition of your local papyrus you'd discover several things: if the day is very favorable, favorable, adverse or very adverse, a myth surrounding the day, and advice.

A horoscope in a current Egyptian newspaper reads like this: Day: Very unfavorable. Today was the day that the offering to Sobek was taken away. Do not eat fish.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Television mogul Mark Burnett was born when the sun and Mercury were in intuitive Cancer, suggesting keen instincts that go beyond what can be known about the facts, figures and test markets. The producer of such shows as "Survivor," "Shark Tank" and "The Voice" also features Leo, the entertainment energy, prominently, with natal Venus and Uranus placed there.

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Here's How It Works:

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

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ANSWER:

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!

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Setting the stage

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

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

The bidding:  
South West North East  
2 NT Pass 3 ♣ Pass  
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠

Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

**Occasionally** declarer may arrive at a position where it does not matter whether a crucial finesse is successful because, whether it wins or loses, he is certain to make the contract.

**Consider the present deal** where West leads a diamond, dummy's king losing to East's ace. A diamond return is won by West, who shifts to a club. After taking East's queen with the ace, how should declarer proceed?

**The outcome appears to hinge** on the location of the two missing queens in spades and hearts. Finesses against both queens are available, since

declarer has the A-K-J of both suits. However, South has no way of knowing whether either finesse, if attempted, will win. Then, too, there is the matter that with nine spades in the combined hands, the normal way to play the suit is to cash the A-K and try to drop the queen.

**It is certainly good policy** to avoid a finesse or play for a drop if there is an alternative approach that offers a better chance of success. Accordingly, before committing himself in either suit, South first strips dummy's hand and his own of diamonds and clubs. After cashing the ace of trumps, he ruffs a diamond in dummy, then cashes the king of clubs and ruffs a club in dummy.

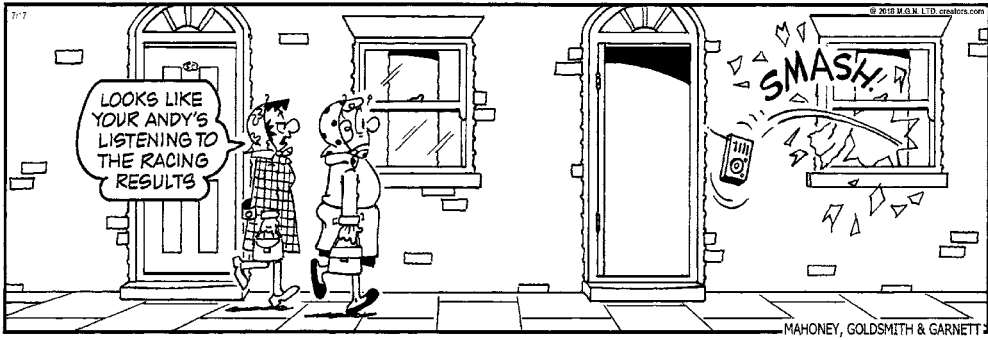
**The stage is now set** for the critical play. Declarer leads a trump and finesses the ten after East follows low. South does not know whether the finesse will succeed, but he does know that, win or lose, he will make the contract.

**If the ten wins**, as it does in the actual deal, he acquires his 10th trick right away. If the ten loses because West started with Q-x of trumps, the contract is equally certain, because West must yield the game-going trick whatever he returns: a heart goes right into South's A-J-8, while a diamond or club return allows declarer to ruff in dummy and discard a heart from his hand.

Tomorrow: Never relax.

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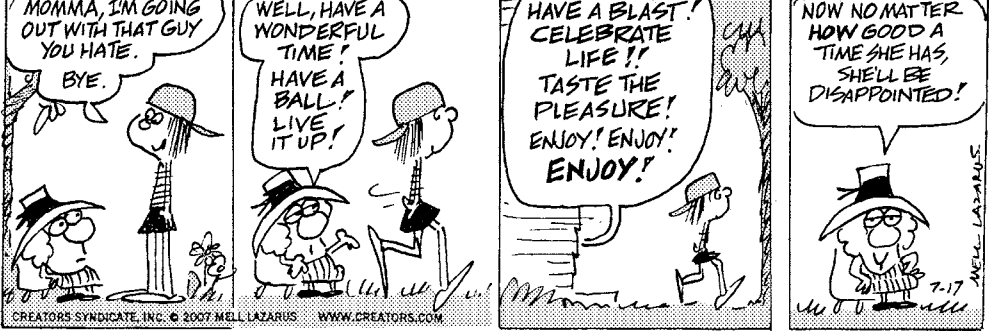
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, July 17, the 198th day of 2018. There are 167 days left in the year. Today's Highlights in History: On July 17, 1944, during World War II, 320 men, two-thirds of them African-Americans, were killed when a pair of ammunition ships exploded at the Port Chicago Naval Magazine in California.

Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, is 71. Rock musician Terry "Geezer" Butler is 69. Actress Lucie Arnaz is 67. Actor David Hasselhoff is 66. Rock musician Fran Smith Jr. (The Hooters) is 66. German Chancellor Angela Merkel (AHN'-geh-lah MEHR'-kuhl) is 64. Television producer Mark Burnett is 58. Actress Nancy Giles is 58. Singer Regina Belle is 55. Rock musician Kim Shattuck is 55. Country singer Craig Morgan is 54. Rock musician Lou Barlow is 52. Contemporary Christian singer Susan Ashton is 51. Actor Andre Royo is 50. Actress Bitty Schram is 50. Actor Jason Clarke is 49. Movie director J. Gary Gray is 49. Singer JC (PM Dawn) is 47. Rapper Sole' is 45. Country singer Luke Bryan is 42. Actor Eric Winter is 42. Hockey player Marc Savard is 41. Actor Mike Vogel is 39. Actor Tom Cullen is 33. Actor Brando Eaton is 32. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jeremih (jeh-ruh-MY') is 31. Actress Summer Bishil (BIHSH'-ihl) is 30. Actress Billie Lourd is 26. Actor Leo Howard is 21.

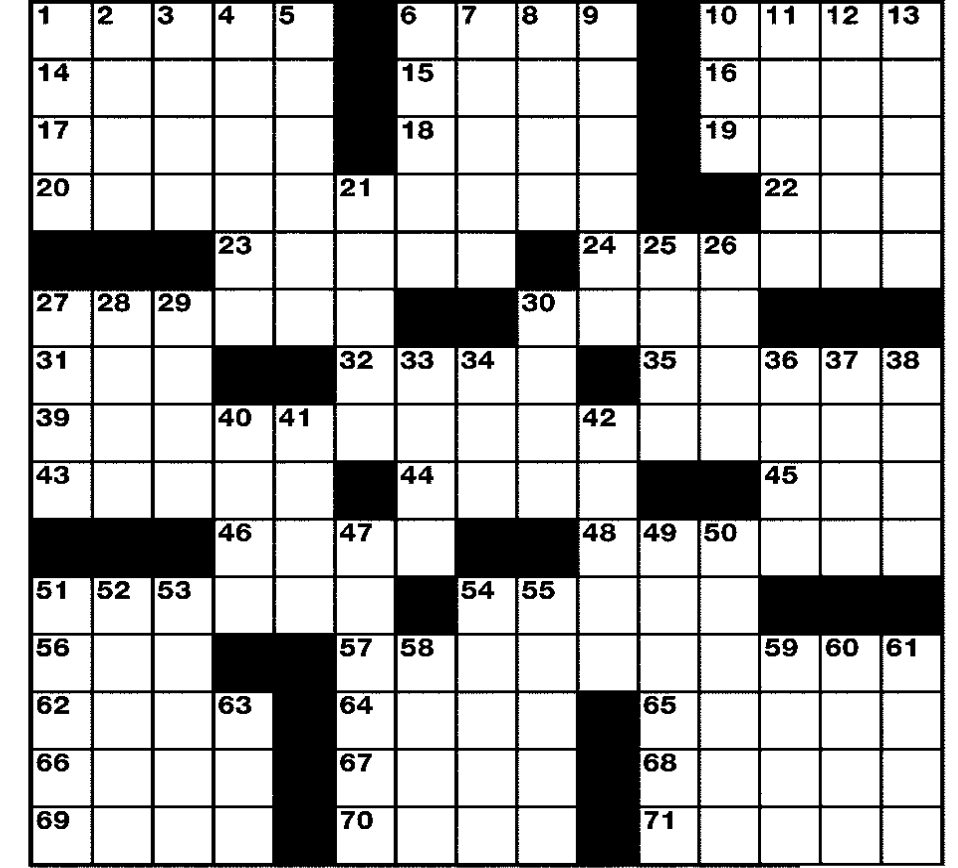
Thought for Today: "Dreams have as much influence as actions." Stephane Mallarme (stay-FAN' ma-lar-MAY') French essayist and poet (1842-1898).

Newsday Crossword

SHOW YOUR SMARTS by Billie Truitt Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

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Answer to previous puzzle: SPEC BRAS CALF CEDAR RAMP OHIO ARISE ANTE MOVE MUTE BUTTON EYES DEN ODDS EISS LAND SAHARA AMPM PEAR ROMAN SILENT TREATMENT ELITE SEAL ENDS DEITERS SPEW DRY ODES RIP CHAR QUIET PLACE AUDI URSAL EASEL SLAT EGOS STINK TAME LENT EATS

# NBA preps for expanded betting on games

By **TIM REYNOLDS**

AP Basketball Writer

LAS VEGAS — Here's a scenario: LeBron James is four assists and three rebounds shy of a triple-double after three quarters. A bettor, who is watching at home and utilizing a mobile app, decides to gamble that James will get those assists and rebounds in the final 12 minutes. The wager then gets made before play resumes.

The NBA wants that bettor to see the best possible data.

So the league is seeking to get stats out quicker than ever.

Fast isn't fast enough for the NBA anymore, not when it comes to stats — especially now that the U.S. Supreme Court has opened the door for states to allow wagering on games. The league has upgraded its stat systems in the past year to try and get its data out as close to real-time as possible, even aiming to beat the typical lag of 7-15 seconds that it takes for television or streaming services to show whatever happened.

It's about what the NBA calls official data. The league's stance is that getting accurate stats to bettors is critical so the player knows what they're betting on and the casinos will know when to pay out or not. But how much value that data has for casinos — and whether they will pay anything for it — remains unclear.

"My view is we should be compensated for our intellectual property, but we can do that directly, again, with commercial relationships with gaming establishments," said NBA Commissioner Adam Silver, whose

league had hoped this matter would be resolved with federal regulation instead of various policies getting worked on state by state.

Silver met with betting officials in Las Vegas earlier this month, and how data should be provided was one of the topics on the agenda. The NBA has said it is seeking a 1 percent

that it has in the United Kingdom.

In-game betting, which is huge in Europe, is still relatively small in this country. Most Nevada bookmakers say in-game options make up no more than 5 percent of their sports-wagering business, although William Hill has said it accounted for nearly 25 percent of its sports business in the

important for in-game betting."

The NBA switched last year to software provided by Genius Sports, a London-based company that collects and distributes official data for dozens of sports federations around the globe and even recently completed a deal to work with the NCAA. The NBA data collected by Genius has been distributed globally by Sportradar, which sends it to media outlets, broadcasters and betting outlets outside the U.S.

Sportradar, the NBA said, is now working on obtaining the ability to send the data to U.S.-based betting entities.

NBA stat crews all generally work the same way: a primary caller uses a code to describe a play as it happens, a primary inputter uses a touch-screen tablet to punch in what he or she hears the caller say into the headsets that the crew share, a secondary inputter cleans up any mistakes, and a secondary caller is in contact with league offices in Secaucus, New Jersey, and reviews any plays that need additional study.

Those various crews, many members of which have received training during the summer league in Las Vegas, are the ones who decide who gets an assist or a rebound.

"The NBA has always been front and center on rapidly deploying statistics, first because of our television partners and then the Internet happened and that was good for the Internet," said Steve Hellmuth, the NBA's executive vice president for media operations and technology. "So it's kind of always been in our DNA."



AP graphic/Timothy Dawson

"integrity fee" on wagers, which the league said would offset their additional security costs and compensate them for the data they can provide.

The casinos, however, are balking at a legislative mandate insisting upon the use of official data. Joe Asher, the CEO of bookmaker William Hill USA, told The New York Times that such a mandate "sets up monopoly pricing power. This whole thing of official league data is like a smoke screen."

It's a major issue to work through, especially if in-game betting — people betting on various aspects of games after they've already started — catches on in the United States the same way

U.S. during 2017.

Only a handful of states have legalized sports betting since the Supreme Court decision in May, though several more states are expected to get operations up and running in the next year or so. Bettors now have been largely playing the basics — will Team X beat Team Y by more than six points, will the teams combine to score more than 210 points, that sort of thing.

"There's a couple things about official data that make it advantageous for sports betting," said Scott Kaufman-Ross, an NBA vice president who oversees fantasy sports and gaming. "Most is the speed. ... That's

# A look at potential WNBA All-Stars



AP photo

Las Vegas Aces forward Tamera Young (1) is fouled by Minnesota Lynx center Sylvia Fowles (34) during a layup attempt during the second half.

By **DOUG FEINBERG**

AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — The ballots have been cast and the WNBA is set to reveal its All-Stars.

The league will announce its 22 All-Stars on Tuesday night, including the two captains who will choose their teams. This season the WNBA also took conference affiliation out of the midseason game so potentially, although unlikely, all 22 players could be from one conference. The All-Stars will be selected through a combination of voting by fans (40 percent), current WNBA players and coaches (20 percent each) and a national panel of sports writers and broadcasters (20 percent).

Here's a look at who could be on the All-Star teams this year when the game is played in Minnesota on July 28:

## GUARDS

Sue Bird, Storm — Averaging 7.1 assists a game. Imagine how many she could have in the All-Star Game.

DeWanna Bonner, Mercury — Has provided Phoenix with that third scoring option to take some of the pressure off Diana Taurasi and Brittney Griner.

Skylar Diggins-Smith, Wings — Having an incredible MVP-caliber season averaging 19.5 points and 6.5 assists. Her best season as a pro so far.

Chelsea Gray, Sparks — Putting up solid numbers and has constantly hit big shots.

Tiffany Hayes, Dream — Missed a few games with a foot injury, but still putting up strong numbers.

Jewell Loyd, Storm — Continues to develop as a player and is one of the game's bright young stars.

Kayla McBride, Aces — Provided an outside scoring threat for Bill Laimbeer and Las Vegas. Seems to have gotten better as season has gone along.

Allie Quigley, Sky — Shooting 42 percent from 3 this season and playing really well.

Diana Taurasi, Mercury — Is putting up one of her best seasons ever and looks to be in the best



AP photo

Phoenix Mercury center Brittney Griner (42) fends off Connecticut Sun defenders Jonquel Jones, left, and Alyssa Thomas (25) during the second half of a WNBA basketball game Friday, July 13, 2018.

shape of her career.

Courtney Vandersloot, Sky — Leads the league with 7.7 assists a game and knows how to get the ball to players in the best position to score.

## FORWARDS

Liz Cambage, Wings — Has left quite the impression so far in her return to the WNBA, dominating on both ends of the court.

Tina Charles, Liberty — Has become more comfortable shooting 3s this season making her more dangerous on the offensive end

Elena Delle Donne, Mystics — Just became the fastest player to reach 3,000 points in her career.

Sylvia Fowles, Lynx — Still one of the top post players in the game.

Brittney Griner, Mercury — One of the most dominant players on both ends of the court.

Natasha Howard, Storm — Has had a breakout year in Seattle now that's she starting after coming off the bench in Minnesota for a few years.

Maya Moore, Lynx — One of the best players in the league year in and year out.

Chiney Ogumike, Sun — Came back strong so far this season from an Achilles injury that sidelined her all of last season.

Nneka Ogumike, Sparks — Not far off her MVP form from a few years ago.

Candace Parker, Sparks — Narrowly missed a tri-

ple-double in her last game and could put up those types of numbers in any game.

Breanna Stewart, Storm — Front-runner for MVP at the midway point of the season and seems to be only getting better each year.

A'ja Wilson, Aces — Has taken the league by storm in her rookie year, putting up incredible numbers.

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# Usain Bolt to trial with A-League's Mariners

**Associated Press**  
SYDNEY— Eight-time Olympic gold medalist Usain Bolt will trial for six weeks with the Central Coast Mariners from next month in a deal which could see him play for a season in Australian football's A-League.

Australian football agent Tony Rallis said Monday a "deal between the Mariners and Usain Bolt in principle has been agreed, subject to a couple of benchmarks."

Rallis said it would be necessary for the 31-year-old Bolt to trial and for Football Federation Australia to support his salary.

"Once the FFA comes back and says that they'll be part of the process, we're going to the trial," Rallis said.

Bolt has a long-held ambition to play professional football and, since his retirement from the track, has trialed with Germany's Borussia Dortmund and Stromsgodset in Norway.



**Usain Bolt plays soccer with then-Melbourne Heart players at Etihad Stadium during his last visit to Melbourne in 2012.**

"If he's competitive, he will lift our A-League profile," Rallis said. "He will create dreams for young people and he will give the A-League a profile no amount of money can buy. This bloke's an ambitious athlete. The A-League needed a hero and we got superman."

Rallis said the owner of the Mariners would guarantee 70 percent of his salary and the FFA would be expected to fund the remainder.

Mariners chief executive Shaun Mielkamp said there was still a lot of work to do and a trial was imperative to determine Bolt's skill level.

"It would only be big if he can play and if he can go really, really well," he said. "Beause if he comes and he's not up to the level then it actually has a detrimental effect."

"But if he comes and he's as good as our reports are saying that he can be, then that would be very exciting and I'm sure that this stadium would be pretty full every time he put the boots on."

# Ohio's governor to dedicate state park named for Jesse Owens



AP photo

**In this Aug. 5, 1936 file photo, American athlete Jesse Owens practices in the Olympic Village in Berlin. Two of Owens' daughters are expected to accompany Ohio Gov. John Kasich during dedication events at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium in Columbus, Ohio.**

**Associated Press**

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio's governor plans to dedicate a new state park and wildlife area named for Olympic great Jesse Owens.

Two of Owens' daughters are expected to accompany Gov. John Kasich (KAY'-sik) during Tuesday's dedication

events in Columbus at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium and later in the day at Miner's Memorial Park in McConnellsville.

The Republican governor announced the creation of the park earlier this year in his final State of the State speech.

# BENCHED

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They wrapped it in a handkerchief and put the pack on my head, and that helped.

I felt even better when a fan brought over the actual ball — it bonked off my noggin, flew onto the field and was picked up by third base coach Leo Du-rocher, who tossed it back into the seats.

(We went to the game with my best friend, John. I texted him last week in Colorado to ask what he remembered about the day. His answer: "You got a

hard head, buddy")

Anyway, the next inning, the great Willie Mays appeared as a pinch-hitter. And I clearly saw him.

Funny thing, Mays wasn't the player I really wanted to see. Neither were Pete Rose, Willie Mc-Covey, Ernie Banks, Tom Seaver or any of the American League stars.

I wanted to see Chris Cannizzaro.

Who?

Major League Baseball had added four expansion teams that year — the Montreal Expos, San Diego Padres, Kansas City Royals and Seattle Pilots. To me, the Padres were by far the most interesting.

That's because I'd heard all about the Pa-dres' crazy brown uniforms, but hadn't seen them in color. When I recently found those washed-out pictures in my mom's basement in suburban Maryland, almost half of them featured the San Diego catcher. He hit .220 that

season. He never got into the game, by the way.

I also found my weathered, black autograph book. An hour before the game, I took it down to the NL dugout — it was easy, in those days — stood at the railing and asked Carlton to sign. He said sure, even though he was the starting pitcher.

Then he just disappeared into the dugout. With my book. I can remember being confused and afraid it was gone forever. I had worked hard to fill it over the years, too, with signatures from Brooks Robinson, Harmon Killebrew and even Mrs. Babe Ruth.

Five anxious minutes later, Carlton emerged. He said he'd gotten NL starters Cleon Jones and Felix Millan to sign, and apologized for not getting more.

Can you imagine?

Now, back to the best souvenir of all. You might think it was the ball Bench hit. I still have it. But that wasn't the top prize, at least not that week.

Instead, it was the knot the ball left on my head. A badge of honor from a real-live big leaguer. I proudly showed off the bruise the next day when I pitched for the Dub's Pizza Seals.

Now that was something no one else had.

# DERBY

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"As soon as I got done with that round I told myself that (Harper) had it," Schwarber said. "I knew that he had the home crowd behind him."

Harper, who has 23 home runs this season, advanced to the final with an astonishing spree of longball hitting. He trailed Max Muncy of the Dodgers 12-4 with 2:20 left, then peeled off six homers in 47 seconds before calling a timeout.

Harper returned to hit three more home runs in 22 seconds, the last of them inside the right-field foul pole.

The semifinal matchup between Schwarber and Philadelphia's Rhys Hoskins went down to the final swing. After stunning top-seed Jesus Aguilar of Milwaukee in the opening round, the eighth-seeded Hoskins ripped 20 long balls to put the pressure on Schwarber.

Using a late surge, Schwarber pulled one ball after another over the right field wall to squeeze out a 21-20 victory — by far the highest-scoring matchup of the night.

The fans dutifully cheered most home runs during the first round, but they saved their loudest cheers for Harper, the last player to step to the plate.

After Freeman hit 12 home runs over the 4-minute span, Harper unleashed six shots of at least 440 feet and secured the victory with a drive to center long before the clock expired. As the ball cleared the wall, the left-handed hitting Harper walked out of the batter's box and thrust both arms in the air.

Milwaukee's Aguilar, the NL home run leader at the break, was eliminated in the opening round by Hoskins 17-12.

Aguilar hit too many balls to straightaway center, where the wall stands over 400 feet from the plate. Hoskins pumped most of his drives into the left-field seats, where it's 336 feet down the line.

The most thrilling first-round match featured a near buzzer-beater by Houston's Alex Bregman, who fell to Schwarber 16-15. The difference was the pair of homers that Schwarber hit during 30 seconds of extra time.

Bregman — the lone AL representative — appeared defeated with a minute left, but he mounted a late surge and lost when his final swing produced a drive that landed at the base of the center-field wall.

Muncy advanced by defeating No. 6 seed Javier Baez of the Cubs, 16-15. Baez hit the longest shot of the Derby, a 479-footer.

# ALL-STARS

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But there might be an upside to a more egalitarian sport in which players aren't expected to change their approach for no reason other than their stature.

Betts knows that a decade or two ago, he might have been coached differently.

"Probably get it on the ground, use my speed. Times have changed," Betts said. "We, as in small guys, may not be as big and strong, but we can pack the power. I think that's just one of those things we have to go out and show."

And there are competing theories about what's allowed smaller guys to flex their compact muscles.

Verlander gave the one-word an-

swer a pitcher might be expected to give: "Baseballs."

Theories that the ball is juiced were given some statistical backing before the season when Major League Baseball released a study saying baseballs have been producing less drag, causing them to carry farther. But MLB said it didn't understand why or how the change occurred.

Hitters, naturally, have a different explanation. They blame the pitchers.

"Honestly, I feel like everybody is throwing harder. You don't have to hit the ball as hard anymore," Dodgers outfielder Matt Kemp said. "Honestly, all you have to do is square it up and the ball is going to fly if they mess up. These guys are throwing really hard. Strikeouts are up. Home runs are up. Everything is up. It's just a game of who throws harder and who can square it up."

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