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**Upcoming Events**

**Thursday - Saturday**

**Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo**  
*Big Spring Rodeo Bowl*  
 Gates open at 7 p.m. each evening. Events start at 8 p.m.

Friday: Jason Boland Concert and Dance, 9:30 p.m.  
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**Saturday**

10 a.m.  
**Rodeo Parade**  
 Starting at 10th and Main  
 Registration forms at KBEST Media

**June 28-29**

18th Annual **Funtastic Fourth Celebration**  
 Downtown Big Spring  
 Friday: Country Night  
 Opening Ceremony 5:45 p.m.  
 Spur 327, Mark McKinney, Rick Trevino, Mark Chesnutt

Saturday: Rock Night  
 Gates open 9 a.m.  
 Rock Night starts at 5:15 p.m.  
 Fatal Flawz, Loco Motives, The Band Big Spring, RATT

## DEA, BSPD team up to serve drug warrants, indictments



HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat  
**Law enforcement agencies surrounded a house on the corner of Alamesa and Dixon early Tuesday morning. The raid was part of a multi-agency bust that took place simultaneously at two other locations in town.**

**Special to the Herald**

The Big Spring Police Department issued the following press release Tuesday afternoon:

"For the past several months the Big Spring Police Department Narcotics Division has been involved in a joint investigation with the Drug Enforcement Administration involving the Willis Duvall drug organization. On the 18th of June 2019 at approximately 6:30 A.M., three federal search warrants and several federal indictments were simultaneously executed in the 3700 block of Dixon, the 1600 block of Oriole and the 1600 block of Avion by the Big Spring Police Department/Howard County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team and the Department of Public Safety Special Response Teams. This morning's activities resulted in several arrests on the indictments and a seizure of firearms, currency and controlled substances. Each of the individuals arrested on the federal indictments have been transported to Taylor County Jail where they will be arraigned in federal court.

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## Former Martin County Sheriff Woodward sentenced to 3 years' probation on domestic violence charge

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer  
 (Note: Adrienne Green, News Director for KBest Media, contributed to this report).



Woodward

Former Martin County Sheriff John Woodward agreed to a plea deal and was sentenced, as part of a plea deal, to three years' probation for domestic violence against his live-in girlfriend which occurred in September 2018.

The plea was entered Tuesday at the Martin County Courthouse in Stanton.

"He pled guilty and he's going to be

placed on three years' probation. He's mandated to go at his expense to a 30-day in-patient treatment program for drug and alcohol rehabilitation, along with the accompanying after-care program," said 118th District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson. "He's also been ordered to attend anger management classes, batterer's intervention treatment. In addition, he paid restitution of \$30,000. That's not only for medical expenses, that's a minor aspect of things. It's for relocation, that type of thing. Those were included as well."

In addition, a protective order guarding the victim was extended two more years.

Wilkerson went on to say that, while Woodward will receive no fine and no prison sentence for the third-degree felony of Domestic Violence/Impeding

Breath if he lives up to the terms of the deal, he could receive up to 10 years in prison if he fails to do so.

Wilkerson said he was prepared to take the case to trial.

"We were fully prepared to go to trial. The subject negotiations were broached in the last 24 hours. I had no input into that one way or the other," he said. "That was pretty much exclusively between the defense and the victim as to what would be appropriate. I told her, 'I am ready to go...let's go.' She listened, she was conflicted, like any domestic case always seems to have those issues. Ultimately, she said, 'Let's do the agreement,' and that's what we did."

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

## VA Director JangDhari moving on to new post



HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat  
**Recent West Texas VA Health Care System Director Kalautie JangDhari, center, mingles with well-wishers at her farewell reception last Thursday. JangDhari will be taking over as director of a VA Health Care System in Miami.**

By **ANNA GUTIERREZ**  
 Staff Writer

Kalautie Jangdhari came to Big Spring three and a half years ago, and it was only supposed to be for six months.

ly the Acting Associate Director, and he was chosen because of his knowledge of the VA and this community and the

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Unfortunately, her time here at the West Texas VA Health Care System has come to close, and she's moving to Miami.

"I believe the biggest accomplishment while I was here, and not by me but by the entire organization, has been team-building to really focus on delivering quality services for our patients," says Jangdhari. "This is a place where I came in as an 'acting', and I was only supposed to be here for two months. That turned into over three years. That tells you about the community, the relationships, the value of our organization, and, most importantly, the value of people, both employees and patients."

"I have mixed emotions on leaving Big Spring," continues Jangdhari. "I know they will get good people coming in. The VA is ripe with wonderful people who have great potential. It's melancholy."

"The Acting Interim Director will be Jason Cave. He was most recently the Acting Associate Director, and he was chosen because of his knowledge of the VA and this community and the

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## Obituaries

### Charles W. Grizzard



Charles W. Grizzard, age 86, of St. Augustine, passed away on June 15, 2019 at the Bailey Family Center for Caring.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Eva Joyce Grizzard; children, Charles R. Grizzard (Tonya), Lisa Joyce Grizzard McCutchan (James), E. Dalton Grizzard (Ted); special family members, Jimmy Lee Grizzard (Cindy), Jeannie Grizzard Lewis (Don), Pris Grizzard Brown, (Ron); brothers, Herman Grizzard (Jane), Jack Grizzard; grandchildren, Desiree Perez (Shon), Deidre

Masters, Darby Grizzard, Demi Grizzard, Kaylee McCutchan, Kolton McCutchan, Brian Schiller (Marsha), Angela DelPrincipe (Dan); great-grandchildren, Kailani Perez, Anna DelPrincipe, Sophia DelPrincipe; many nieces and nephews and greats. He was preceded in death by father, Charles R.; mother, Eva Ruth Grizzard; brother, James F. Grizzard; and sister, Velma Grizzard Landers.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2019, at Anastasia Baptist Church with Pastor Bobby Crum officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Heights Baptist Church, San Angelo, Texas.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **MIRANDA SARAH JOHNSON**, 21, of 1706 Donley St., was arrested on a warrant for no driver's license.

• **BRANDON SCOTT HAYMAN**, 30, of 7206 S. Service Rd., was arrested on a warrant for burglary of a habitation.

• **MIGUEL GRANADOS**, 51, of

3502 S. Hwy 87, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **RUNAWAY** was reported in the 800 block of Willia St.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King, and six incidents were reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal St., at 821 and 461, and the 500 block of E. 3rd St.

• **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 300 block of S. Nolan St.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 700 block of E. 16th St.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 97 inmates at the time of this report.

• **MIGUEL ANGEL GRANADOS**, 51, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of public intoxica-

tion.

• **BRANDON SCOTT HAYMAN**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for burglary of a habitation.

• **MIRANDA SARAH JOHNSON**, 21, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of theft of property (\$750 to \$2,500).

• **MIRANDA SARAH JOHN-**

**SON**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for no driver's license.

• **DAVID LEAL**, 24, was arrested by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated-second offense, and possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 1700 block of E 15th St. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was re-

ported in the 3200 block of Ave. C. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80. On person was transported to

Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of E. 14th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of Austin. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Take Note

• The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSS-WCB) is taking applications for the Water Quality Management Plan Program (WQMP) for the 2020-2021 biennium. This program addresses water quality issues known to the state of Texas by assisting land owners with cost-share practices and technical assistance to combat agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint source (NPS) pollution. The application deadline is June 28, 2019. Applications can be submitted to the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District (HSWCD). If you want to apply or have any questions come by the USDA office, 302 W. I-20, Ste. 101, Big Spring, Texas, 79720, or call 432-267-1871, ext. 3.

• Benefit/Fundraiser will be held to help cover Brian Grant's funeral expenses. Seeking donations of briskets, deserts, door prizes, raffle and silent auction items to be used in conjunction with the fundraiser. There will be BBQ plates including brisket, sausage, potato salad and trimmings. One of the raffle items will be a one-of-a-kind Bruce Broughton custom rifle.

The fundraiser is set set for June 29, 2019, at Midway Baptist Church, 6200 N. Service Rd. For information, please contact Will Stapp 432-816-5118

• Lighthouse Restoration Center will be hosting Vacation Bible School for all children through seniors in high school; the only requirement being they are fully potty trained. VBS will begin Monday, June 3, 2019 and will run for one week, ending June 7. Classes are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and a hot lunch will be served to all who attend. Please arrive by 8 a.m. to register your children. Lighthouse Restoration Center is located at 604 E. 13th St. For more information, please call 432-270-5597.

• Coahoma Freedom Parade will take place Saturday, July 6, 2019; parade begins at 10 a.m.

The parade line-up will be begin at 9 a.m. at the high school stadium parking lot. Judging begins at 9:30 a.m. There will prizes awarded for Most Patriotic parade entries. A park celebration will be held after the parade. Special guests will include the Masked Rider from Texas Tech University, The Six White Horses from Hardin Simmons University, Jimmy Sherrod and Big Boy Toys from Garden City, and J.R. McNutt will provide live entertainment. A hamburger meal consisting of chips, cookie and a drink, will be sold for \$6 each with proceeds going to the Coahoma Lions Club. Activities include a basketball free-throw contest, bouncy house, and water slide. Caps and t-shirts are available at Coahoma City Hall. For more information, contact Connie Shaw at 394-4000.



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## Support Groups

### WEDNESDAY

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

• **Celebrate Recovery** meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-8600.

### THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

### FRIDAY

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

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

### SATURDAY

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

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

• **Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group** meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

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

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



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**Weather**



**Today:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 101. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west in the afternoon.

**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 70. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east after midnight.

**Thursday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 105. South wind around 10 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 74. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Friday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 100. South wind around 15 mph.

**Friday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 73.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 97.

**Saturday Night:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly clear, with a low around 72.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 97.

**Sunday Night:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70.

**Monday:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Sunny, with a high near 94.

**Monday Night:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly clear, with a low around 69.

**Tuesday:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Sunny, with a high near 93.

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

**JANGDHARI**

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way he was able to help us move forward with his experience and personality. We are really looking forward to and honored that he's coming back in that capacity while they do the search. James Douglas will be Interim Associate Director. Both start on July 1 for up to 120 days."

"I see so many good things on the horizon. It takes at least three years to really move an organization forward, so hopefully some of the things we've started and initiated over the last three years will be realized over the next three years. We have brought back in specialty care services and expanded the way we do primary healthcare services. We had a high turnover of staff, and I can say that we've been able to not only expand the number of staff, but also retain that staff."

"With the Mission Act, not only will we now be able to provide that quality primary and mental health care, but we're able to work with our partners in the community for when the patient wants to go somewhere other than the VA. Sometimes it is much more convenient for our patients to visit doctors in their area. We are in a highly rural area, and this will save some travel and offer an opportu-

nity to partner more with our community because they will become affiliates, of a sort, and we'll be able to manage the comprehensive care for the patients. They will still be based with the VA, and that's what we want to do is provide for their whole health and offer those services that we're not able to provide by using our community partners."

"I want to thank the community. They have been the biggest supporters of this VA. During some of the toughest and most challenging times, they've lifted the VA up and supported the VA. The stakeholders have been actively engaged in providing input so that we can help make a difference. I hope they realize we've heard what they've said, and we've tried to change accordingly for the betterment of the veterans."

"Finally, I'd like to thank the staff. Leadership can come and go, but with a good plan made by the people who are doing the work, anyone can come in and lead a great organization. I was able to do that because of the staff we have. It's because of the good people that are here for the right reasons and doing the right things."

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

**Take Note**

- Senior and/or mature adults are invited to come to a dance every first and third Friday each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center, located at 100 Whipkey Drive. Come two-step the evening away, or just mingle with old friends and make new friends.

Dances are from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live entertainment. No alcohol or smoking permitted. Cost is \$5 per person

- Maranatha Baptist Academy, at 903 Johnson, is now taking applications for ongoing enrollment for our Fall Session, August 1, 2019-2020 School term. Call 432-213-1046 for an appointment, Dr. Lillian Bohannon, Administrator. Please have shot records and birth certificate available at the time of registration. We use Accelerated Christian Education curriculum for grades Kindergarten through twelfth grade graduation. We provide information so you can home school or use our facilities for full time in our school. We also provided tutoring for all grades. If interested in a quality Christian Education at a price you can afford, please come by or give us a call.

- Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Appli-

cations can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month. We meet at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you.

- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

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

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

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

- The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

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"We would like to thank the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Department of Public Safety and their Special Response Teams, the Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, the United States Marshalls, and the Howard County Sheriff's Office for their participation and assistance.

"This continues to be an ongoing federal investigation and no further information will be released."

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# NazKids clean up!



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Courtesy photo

## Tech's Rawls College of Business expanding programming to meet needs of banking industry

Special to the Herald

The Excellence in Banking Program will focus on modern banking operations and practices.

Positive economic growth in West Texas continues to drive the demand for qualified employees across a variety of sectors. Behind the economic growth lies the banking industry, which needs for qualified employees of its own.

In response to the economic and industry events that have led to the demand for qualified bankers, the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business at Texas Tech University has developed a new Excellence in Banking Program.

"We are excited to partner with banks and bankers to help satisfy a critical need in West Texas and across the state," said Margaret L. Williams, dean of the Rawls College of Business. "This program was motivated by Rawls alumni who are leaders in the banking industry, and with their help, we

plan to develop a curriculum to effectively prepare students to address the banking needs of the future."

Scheduled to launch this fall, the program is designed to produce top-notch bankers by giving students a comprehensive understanding of modern banking operations and practices.

"This initiative is another example of the university building a partnership that includes alumni, business leaders and faculty in order to develop academic programs that address industry needs in the state of Texas," said Lawrence Schovanec, Texas Tech president. "This program will present our students with opportunities beyond the classroom that will better prepare them for the workforce and, in turn, contribute to strengthening the state's banking industry."

Students will complete courses in finance, accounting and advanced banking topics to prepare them for long-term success in the ever-changing banking

industry. To make certain that the program is preparing students for current industry demands, the program will be advised by a seasoned board of industry leaders.

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# New gene segment discovery has potential against cancer, autoimmune disorders

Special to the Herald

COLLEGE STATION – A small segment of a human gene STING, stimulator of interferon genes, could hold the key to treating autoimmune diseases and cancer, according to a study by Texas A&M AgriLife Research scientists.

Dr. Pingwei Li, AgriLife Research biochemist and structural biologist, College Station; post doctorates Drs. Baoyu Zhao, and Fenglei Du and graduate student Pengbiao Xu, College Station, discovered a protein motif that could enable future applied science researchers to develop drugs to suppress unwanted immune responses in humans that cause autoimmune disorders.

Their research, "A conserved PLPLRT/SD motif of STING mediates the recruitment and activation of TBK1," was published in the May 30 issue of the international scientific journal Nature.

STING are proteins that signal immune responses in humans and other animals, Li said. The PLPLRT/SD motif the scientists discovered is a short stretch of amino acids near the end of the STING protein that plays a critical role in turning on the immune system to fight against viral infections.

TBK1 is a protein kinase associated with diseases like frontotemporal dementia, some cancers and autoimmune diseases like Lupus, Li said. The Li lab identified a short sequence in the protein STING that recruits and activates TBK1, thus turning on the immune response.

The scientists found that a conserved PLPLRT/SD motif within the C-terminal tail of STING mediates the binding of TBK1, Li said. This demonstrates the direct binding between STING and TBK1 is essential for STING mediated signaling.

"Our immune system is like an electrical circuit," he said. "We discovered that this motif of STING is in-

involved in the activation of the TBK1, essentially like a switch that turns the immune system on to produce interferons to fight against viral infections or cancer."

Li's research was

initially funded for three years via a nearly \$1 million grant from the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, or CPRIT. Recently, he received another \$1.8 million in funding from the National Institute of Health through the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases to continue their studies about the antiviral immune response for the next five years.

The team of scientists determined the crystal structure of TBK1 bound to STING reveals the detailed molecular interactions between these two proteins. They used a very powerful X-ray beam produced by the Advanced Light Source at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory of the University of California to collect high-quality diffraction data, Li said.

These findings provide a basis for future scientific inquiry and development of STING binder and blocker drugs in the fight against viral infection, cancer and autoimmune disorder, Li said. It's a seemingly small discovery in basic research, but one that could have enormous implications regarding the way diseases are treated in the future.

Li said there are incredible interests in the pharmaceutical industry to identify new ways to block TBK1 activation to control unwanted, harmful immune responses.

"We conducted the basic research, and others will follow with applied research on what we discovered," he said. "There is still a lot that is unknown, but to play a part in research with so much potential to treat cancer and debilitating autoimmune diseases is very gratifying."

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### LEADING OFF: Scherzer breaks nose, Judge nears return

Associated Press

The look at today's happening around the majors today:  
**OUCH!**

Nationals ace Max Scherzer has a broken nose after fouling a ball off his face during batting practice Tuesday, and it's unclear when he'll return to the mound. Scherzer was attempting a bunt when he redirected a pitch off his face. The three-time Cy Young Award winner was scheduled to start one of the two games during a day-night doubleheader against Philadelphia on Wednesday. The Nationals said Scherzer's status — as well as the team's pitching plan for the doubleheader — was still to be determined.

**ROUGH CUTS**

With Aaron Judge nearing a return from the injured list, the Yankees are facing an unusual roster crunch. Judge could be back in the Bronx by a day, and Cameron Maybin would be a most logical option to get cut on his return — except Maybin has been the club's hottest hitter, homering Tuesday in his fourth consecutive game. Maybin can't be optioned to Triple-A, so keeping him would likely require the Yankees to go short-handed in the bullpen instead.

**DIGITAL DUSTUP**

Major League Baseball said it was inappropriate for the umpires' union to comment on Manny Machado's one-game suspension for his conduct following his ejection for arguing a called third strike Saturday. The MLB Umpires Association tweeted about the ban Tuesday, criticizing Machado for "VIOLENTLY throwing his bat against the backstop with absolutely no regard to anyone's safety." The tweet featured the hashtags #Violence, #TemperTantrum and #NotTolerated and others. MLB said in a

statement it does "not believe it is appropriate for the union representing Major League Umpires to comment on the discipline of players represented by the Players Association." MLB also said it was "inappropriate" to compare Machado's outburst to the "extraordinarily serious issue of workplace violence." Machado declined comment on the tweet. He is appealing the suspension.

**TAKE YOUR TIME**

The Cubs plan to move slowly with Kyle Hendricks after tests confirmed the right-hander is dealing with a shoulder impingement. Hendricks was placed on the 10-day injured list Saturday, one day after he permitted five runs in 4 1/3 innings in a 5-3 loss to NL West-leading Los Angeles. Hendricks was 6-0 with a 1.99 ERA in his previous eight starts before stumbling against the Dodgers. "There's no question we'll take the length of the season into account," general manager Jed Hoyer said Tuesday before a game against the Crosstons White Sox. "We know how impactful he is when he's right and we want to get him right and if that means patience, we'll exercise it."

**NO HITS OR NO HASSLE**

Diamondbacks veteran Zack Greinke makes his first start since taking a no-hitter into the seventh against Washington. Greinke allowed an infield single leading off that inning and was pulled after 7 1/3 innings due to a rain delay, then started the no-hitter wouldn't have mattered much to him anyway. "I don't really think about (no-hitters) that much. I just assume I'll never throw one," he said, later adding: "Just probably be more hassle than anything." Greinke is set to share the mound with Colorado righty Jon Gray.

### The 86th Big Spring Cowboy Reunion & Rodeo kicks off tomorrow



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Trick rider Madison MacDonald Thomas carries the American Flag to open the 85th Annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion & Rodeo on Thursday, June 21, 2018. She returns this year for the 86th Annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.

### Rangers will retire Michael Young's No. 10 jersey in August

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Baseball Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Michael Young was really bummed about being traded to the Texas Rangers in the summer of 2000.

"Texas became home for the kid from California, and later this summer the Rangers will retire the No. 10 jersey of the former seven-time All-Star infielder, who has played more games and has more hits than any player in franchise history.

"Part of me is still really trying to process this whole thing and recognize what it means," Young said Tuesday.

Young, part of the franchise's only two World Series teams, will be the fifth Ranger to have his number retired by the club, and the second this season.

The Rangers' announcement came only 10 days after former third baseman Adrián Beltré's No. 29 jersey was retired, with Young part of that ceremony. Young will be honored Aug. 31 before a game against Seattle.

A Double-A player when he got traded from Toronto, Young's only thoughts then had been about making the majors with the Blue Jays. His first two big league games were for Texas at the end of the 2000 season.

Young was called up for good in May 2001 to be

the everyday second baseman for the Rangers, and stayed through 2012. His final season in 2013 was split between Philadelphia and the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"If the fans thought I played hard and my teammates thought I was a good teammate, I can't really ask for anything for more," he said. "I'd be very, very content and happy with that."

In his franchise-record 1,823 games played, Young also set Rangers records with 2,230 hits, 1,085 runs scored, 415 doubles and 55 triples — all still stand today. He started at all four infield positions and won a Gold Glove at shortstop in 2008.

Young switched to shortstop in 2004 after Alex Rodriguez was traded, then moved to third base when 20-year-old shortstop Elvis Andrus debuted in 2009. He became a utility infielder and designated hitter when Beltre was signed in 2011.

While Young used to think about how his career might have gone had he stayed at second base, the switches allowed him to have teammates like Alfonso Soriano, Ian Kinsler, Andrus and Beltré.

"Those are all things that I really, really enjoyed in my career," Young said. "I do think it probably took maybe a little something away from what I could have accomplished personally, but that's all right. I'm totally fine with that."

The 42-year-old Young returned to the Rangers as special assistant to the general manager in November 2014.

"To see who he is now, to see the impact he's made on this organization, it's everything that I preach and believe in," said first-year Rangers manager Chris Woodward, who like Young is 42 and grew up in Covina, California. "Leadership at that level, the humility about him now, the humbleness, to wanting to learn."

The other numbers retired by Texas are the No. 7 of Hall of Fame catcher Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez, the No. 26 of the late Johnny Oates, the manager for their first three AL West titles over a four-year span in the late 1990s, and the No. 34 of Hall of Fame strikeout king Nolan Ryan. Major League Baseball retired No. 42 in 1997 to honor Jackie Robinson.

Nobody has worn No. 10 for Texas since Young's last game there in 2012. The most notable No. 10 previously was Jim Sundberg, a six-time Gold Glove catcher for the Rangers from 1974-83.

"If someone asks me about No. 10, I'd be quick to point out Jim Sundberg's career as well," Young said. "I think it's important to recognize that. He had an incredible impact on this organization as well, and if I was able to carry that torch a little bit, that's something I'd be very proud of."

### Indians hit 3 straight HRs, Plesac shuts down Rangers, 10-3

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Baseball Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Jose Ramirez went into the upper deck for his first home run in more than a month. The Cleveland Indians later got a trio of long balls unlike any they have had in nearly 15 years.

While rookie Zach Plesac allowed only two hits pitching into the eighth inning, Cleveland hitters were going deep. Ramirez ended a 29-game homerless drought in the third, and the Indians opened the seventh with three homers in a row to overwhelm the Texas Rangers 10-3 on Tuesday night.

"Everybody's contributing. It's nice," said Tyler Naquin, who had the last of the three homers in a five-pitch span off reliever Drew Smyly.

After Jake Bauers led off the Indians' seventh with a 389-foot shot to right-center, Roberto Perez and Naquin followed with homers that measured more than 400 feet. Those were Cleveland's first back-to-back-to-back homers since July 16, 2004.

"Doesn't happen very often, so surely guys enjoy it," manager Terry Francona said.

The three-run homer by Ramirez to right measured at 431 feet and made it 4-0. His fifth homer of the season was his first since May 14.

"Oh my goodness. That seemed like that was a lot of frustration all balled up into one swing," Francona said.

"That was a loud swing. Hopefully that propels him a little bit."

Plesac (2-2) struck out six and walked five, the last two free passes to the Nos. 8 and 9 hitters to open the eighth and end his fifth career start. The only run the right-hander allowed came on Rowned Odor's one-out first hit in the fifth that was the first hit he allowed.

"Yeah, I knew. But I got down 1-0, had to execute a pitch. I left it up over the plate and he was ready to hit it," Plesac said. "I wasn't thinking about it or anything. I was more worried about executing pitches and attacking the zone."

Oliver Perez got a double-play liner and a strikeout to get out of the eighth.

Two of the five Texas hits came in the ninth, including Willie Calhoun's two-run homer.

Rangers starter Adrian Sampson (5-4), who was 5-0 his previous six games, allowed five runs (three earned) in three innings. He gave up six runs in five innings at Boston in a no-decision last week.

"It just didn't look like he had a whole lot of life really from the first inning on," manager Chris Woodward said. "It just seemed like he was kind of fighting, not only his mechanics but just the ability to execute pitches."

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### Reds hit 3 homers off Justin Verlander, beat Astros 4-3

By JOE KAY

AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI — Justin Verlander gives up a lot of fly balls. Great American Ball Park yields a lot of home runs. The Cincinnati Reds took advantage of the combination to finally win a series.

Jesse Winker and Derek Dietrich homered off Verlander in the first inning Tuesday night, and the Reds held on for a 4-3 victory over the Houston Astros that clinched their first series win in nearly a month.

By taking the first two games, the Reds won a series for the first time since May 24-26, when they took two of three from the Cubs. The Astros hadn't dropped a series since April 29-May 2.

"The results are great," manager David Bell said. "We've talked about getting on a streak, but we've been playing good teams. We're raising our level of expectations to do what it takes to win games."

The homer made the difference, as the Reds hit three off Verlander (9-3) for all their runs.

The Reds quickly got to Verlander, who hadn't allowed a pair of homers in one inning all season. Winker connected on Verlander's fourth pitch, the third leadoff homer allowed by the right-hander this season. Joey Votto's double and Dietrich's first homer since May 28 made it 3-0.

"Picking up a three-spot is always good, no matter who you're facing, but especially against a pitcher like

Verlander, where there's no room for error," Reds starter Anthony DeSclafani said.

Fane Farmer added a homer in the seventh off Verlander, who has given up three homers in each of his last two starts. Verlander went seven innings and struck out eight.

He's allowed 20 homers, 17 of them solo shots. In his last two starts, he's given up 10 hits, six of them homers. His career high for homers allowed in a season is 30 with Detroit in 2016.

"Maybe I could throw less strikes, but I'm someone who traditionally wants to attack the (strike) zone and not let too many guys on base, so I kind of live and die by that," Verlander said.

Asked what he could do to cut down on homers, Verlander said, "Invent a sinker? I don't know."

DeSclafani (4-3) pitched into the sixth inning and remained unbeaten in June. He gave up six hits, including Yordan Alvarez's RBI double with one out in the sixth that cut it to 3-1 and ended his outing. Alex Cramer hit a two-run homer in the eighth off Amir Garrett.

Closer Raisel Iglesias was used in a setup role again, fanning two in the eighth. Michael Lorenzen retired the side in order in the ninth for his second straight save and fourth overall.

The Astros stranded 10 batters — six in scoring position — while also losing the series opener 4-3. They stranded five in scoring position Tuesday and had three double plays that scuttled rallies.



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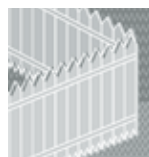
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ANSWER:

Tomorrow's Horoscope

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



Greed is what happens when people disbelieve the wholeness of their own soul. The remedy for greed is knowing that you already have it, and that it is enough.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

The way you know that a thing is for you is your senses will tell you. To be one with your senses is to be in touch with a part of you who knows what the animals know.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Be forewarned: Some people around you are talking about what they know just the same way they're talking about what they don't know -- that is to say, with arrogant confidence.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Innocent trespassers

could wander into unmarked territory. Those who see the markers and ignore them may not signal ill intent. Neither are they innocent. Minding your own business starts with knowledge of its boundaries.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

Youth and innocence are resilient. They don't know better. The one who, after being knocked around by life and becoming privy to its unfavorable odds, is inexplicably still resilient is the keeper of a rare fire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

However much you've done, you can do more. Push yourself. By definition, everything remarkable happens beyond the bounds of expectation.

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**A killing defensive maneuver**

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Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 6 5  
♥ J 10 8 2  
♦ Q 5  
♣ Q J 10 7 3

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

**EAST**  
♠ 7 4 2  
♥ K 6 3  
♦ K 10 8 7 4 2  
♣ A

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K  
♥ A Q 9 4  
♦ J 3  
♣ K 9 8 5 2

The bidding:  
1♣    1♠    2♣    2♦  
2♥    Pass    3♥    3♠  
4♥

Opening lead — ace of diamonds.

This deal was played in a team match. At both tables, the contract was four hearts played by South, but at one table the contract was made, while at the other it was defeated.

At the first table, West led the ace of diamonds and continued the suit when East signaled with the eight. East took his king and shifted to a spade.

Declarer won with the ace, cashed the king, then played a club to the ten. East took his ace, but had no safe exit card. A trump return would allow

South to win in dummy and trap the king via finesse, while a spade or diamond return would allow declarer to ruff in dummy and take two trump finesses against East. So South made four hearts.

At the second table, the A-K of diamonds were also cashed, but here East found the way to stop the contract. He was not concerned with whether West had a spade trick, because he saw a sure way to score the setting trick himself with the king of hearts.

At trick three, he cashed the ace of clubs and then led a spade. South was powerless against this thoughtful defense, which left him with no means of getting to dummy to take the heart finesse. He knew that if he led a club toward dummy, it would be ruffed, so he cashed the ace of hearts. When the king failed to fall, he had to settle for king one.

East had appraised the situation accurately. He reasoned, from the bidding and play, that declarer's distribution was almost surely 2-4-2-5, in which case South could not prevent him from scoring a trump trick if he cashed the club ace before exiting with a spade.

Defending in this manner could not do his side any harm, but the failure to cash the ace of clubs first could, as it did at the first table, cost the contract.

Tomorrow: Imaginative play.  
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Mercury and Pluto Argue

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You don't have to struggle against your desire. Instead, embrace it. It's not a foreign entity visiting to annoy you. Desire comes from your heart, and it has something to teach you.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** They'll say you're following in footsteps, though you're actually making your own. The point was never to do what they were doing. It's just that you seek something that they also happened to have sought.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You recognize talent because you have it, too. This is why humans recognize most things. For better or worse, it's a day to acknowledge that you are only seeing certain things in other people because you possess them as well.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You were born into a particular environment with a certain group of genes and a situation largely out of your control. And yet ... there's very little about this that is fixed -- not your talents and certainly not your destiny. Work it.

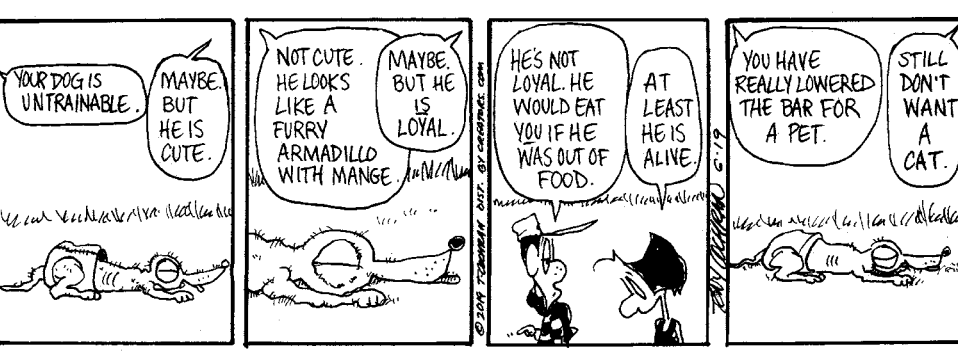
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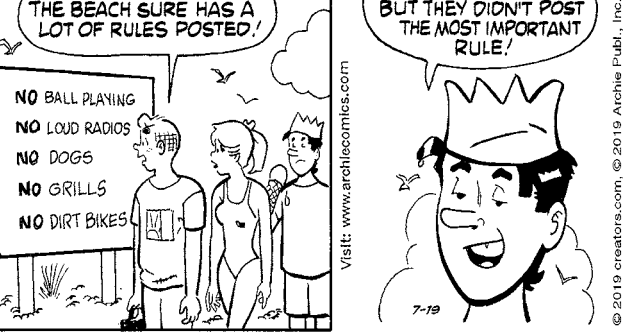
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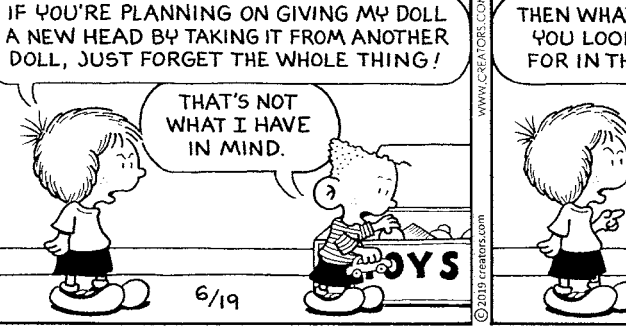
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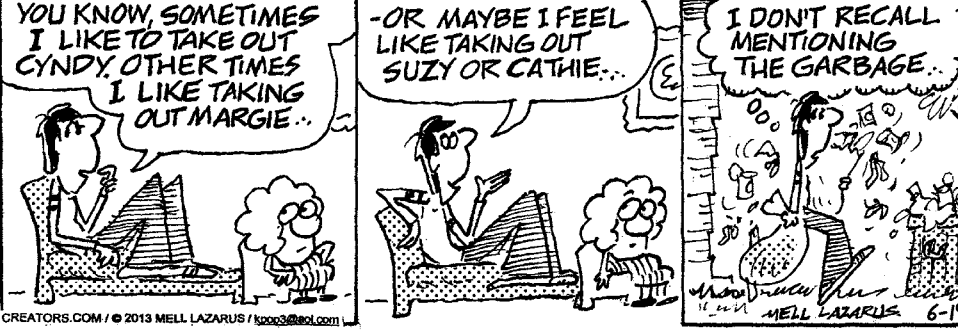
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## This Date In History

**Today in History**  
Today is Wednesday, June 19, the 170th day of 2019. There are 195 days left in the year.  
Today's Highlight in History: On June 19, 1865, Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War was over, and that all remaining slaves in Texas were free — an event celebrated to this day as “Juneteenth.”  
On this date:  
In 1775, George Washington was commissioned by the Continental Congress as commander in chief of the Continental Army.  
In 1868, “Tales from the Vienna Woods,” a waltz by Johann Strauss “the Younger,” was first publicly performed by Strauss’ orchestra.  
In 1917, during World War I, King George V ordered the British royal family to dispense with German titles and surnames; the family took the name “Windsor.”  
In 1934, the Federal Communications Commission was created; it replaced the Federal Radio Commission.  
In 1938, four dozen people were killed when a railroad bridge in Montana collapsed, sending a train known as the Olympian hurtling into Custer Creek.  
In 1944, during World War II, the two-day Battle of the Philippine Sea began, resulting in a decisive victory for the Americans over the Japanese.  
In 1952, the U.S. Army Special Forces, the elite unit of fighters known as the Green Berets, was established at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The celebrity-panel game show “I’ve Got A Secret” debuted on CBS-TV.  
In 1953, Julius Rosenberg, 35, and his wife, Ethel, 37, convicted of conspiring to pass U.S. atomic secrets to the Soviet Union, were executed at Sing Sing Prison in Ossining, New York.  
In 1964, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was approved by the U.S. Senate, 73-27, after surviving a lengthy filibuster.  
In 1987, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a Louisiana law requiring any public school teaching the theory of evolution to teach creation science as well.  
In 2006, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice warned North Korea it would face consequences if it test-fired a missile thought to be powerful enough to reach the West Coast of the United States.  
In 2017, Otto Warmbier a 22-year-old American college

student died in a Cincinnati hospital following his release by North Korea in a coma after more than a year in captivity. Ten years ago: New York Times reporter David S. Rohde and Afghan reporter Tahir Ludin escaped from militant captors after more than seven months in captivity in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Texas billionaire R. Allen Stanford was indicted and jailed on charges his international banking empire was really just a Ponzi scheme built on lies, bluster and bribery. (Stanford was sentenced to 110 years in prison after being convicted of bilking investors in a \$7.2 billion scheme that involved the sale of fraudulent certificates of deposits.) Five years ago: President Barack Obama announced he was dispatching 300 U.S. military advisers to Iraq to help quell a rising insurgency. Rep. Kevin McCarthy of California won election as House majority leader as Republicans shuffled their leadership in the wake of Rep. Eric Cantor’s primary defeat in Virginia. Gerry Goffin, 75, a prolific and multi-dimensional lyricist who with his then-wife and songwriter partner Carole King wrote such hits as “Will You Love Me Tomorrow,” “(You Make Me Feel Like) a Natural Woman,” “Up On The Roof,” and “The Loco-Motion,” died in Los Angeles. One year ago: The United States said it was pulling out of the United Nations’ Human Rights Council, a day after the U.N. human rights chief denounced the Trump administration for separating migrant children from their parents; U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley cited longstanding U.S. complaints that the council was biased against Israel. Koko, a western lowland gorilla who was taught sign language at an early age as a scientific test subject and eventually learned more than 1,000 words, died at the Gorilla Foundation’s preserve in California’s Santa Cruz mountains at the age of 46. New York mayor Bill de Blasio said as of Sept. 1, police would start issuing summonses to people caught smoking marijuana in public rather than arresting them.

**Today's Birthdays:** Pop singer Tommy DeVito (The Four Seasons) is 91. Actress Gena Rowlands is 89. Hall of Fame race car driver Shirley Muldowney is 79. Singer Elaine “Spanky” McFarlane (Spanky and Our Gang) is 77. Nobel peace laureate Aung San Suu Kyi is 74. Author Sir Salman Rushdie is 72. Actress Phyllicia Rashad is 71. Rock singer Ann Wilson (Heart) is 69.

Musician Larry Dunn is 66. Actress Kathleen Turner is 65. Country singer Doug Stone is 63. Singer Mark DeBarge is 60. Singer-dancer-choreographer Paula Abdul is 57. Actor Andy Lauer is 56. Rock singer-musician Brian Vander Ark (Verve Pipe) is 55. Actor Samuel West is 53. Actress Mia Sara is 52. TV personality Lara Spencer is 50. Rock musician Brian “Head” Welch is 49. Actor Jean

Dujardin is 47. Actress Robin Tunney is 47. Actor Bumper Robinson is 45. Actress Poppy Montgomery is 44. Alt-country singer-musician Scott Avett (The Avett Brothers) is 43. Actor Ryan Hurst is 43. Actress Zoe Saldana is 41. Former NBA star Dirk Nowitzki is 41. Actor Neil Brown Jr. is 39. Actress Lauren Lee Smith is 39. Rapper Macklemore (Macklemore and Ryan Lewis)

is 37. Actor Paul Dano is 35. New York Mets pitcher Jacob DeGrom is 31. Actor Giacomo Gianniotti is 30. Actor Chuku Modu (TV: “The Good Doctor”) is 29. Actor Atticus Shaffer is 21. **Thought for Today:** “Exuberance is better than taste.” — Gustave Flaubert, French author (1821-1880).

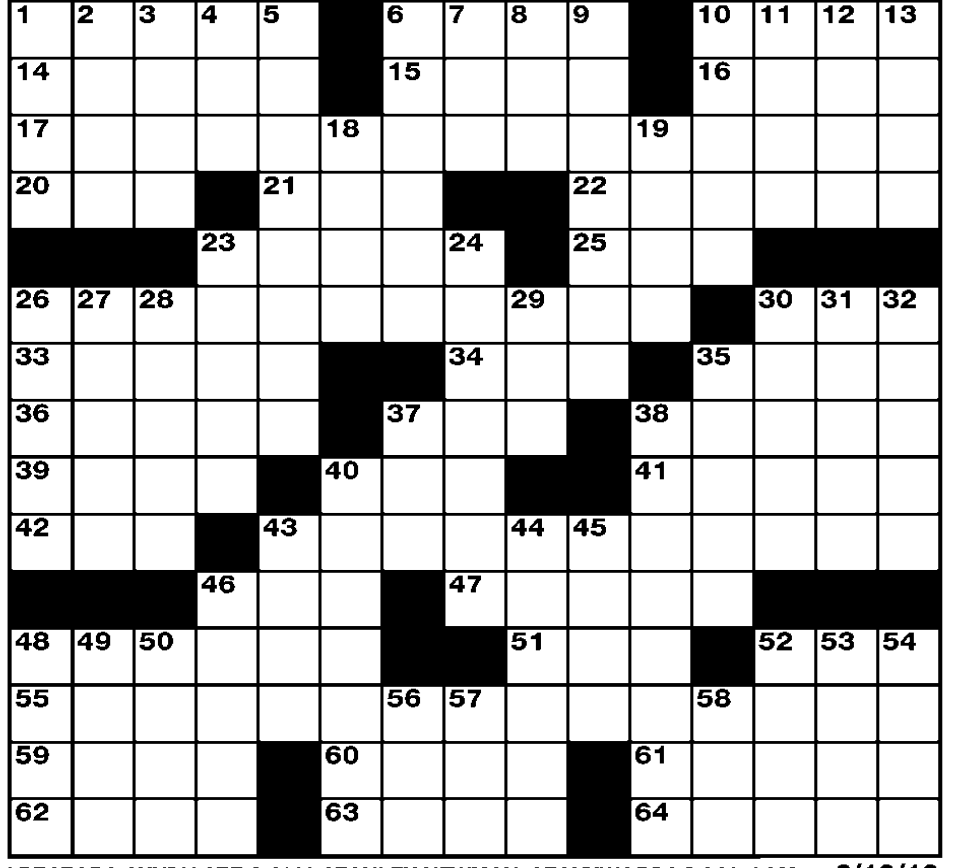
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- ACROSS**  
1 Mean fairy-tale creatures  
6 Highest amount  
10 \_\_ Piper of Hamelin  
14 Lift up, as a flag  
15 Diva's solo  
16 Vein of 7 Down  
17 Wall St. trading floor  
20 Sturdy furniture wood  
21 Novelist Rita \_\_ Brown  
22 Onetime German emperor  
23 Desert haven  
25 Jar topper  
26 Steeple  
30 “Hey, dude!”  
33 Sort of salad dressing  
34 Young fellow  
35 Minor mistake  
36 Assumed name  
37 Make good as new  
38 Suffix meaning “scenery”  
39 Animal clinic healers  
40 Physician, familiarly  
41 Stun gun  
42 Hurricane center  
43 Bout venue  
46 Website ID  
47 Animated characters  
48 Italian sausage seasoning  
51 “\_\_ be a pleasure”  
52 Airport screening org.

- 55 Where a train meets a road  
59 \_\_ spumante wine  
60 Taken-back auto  
61 Prove false  
62 Try out  
63 Getz of jazz  
64 Shrill cries
- DOWN**  
1 “This can't be!”  
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3 Imperil  
4 Louisville winter hrs.  
5 Tolerates  
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- 8 TV evening news hour  
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11 Charged particles  
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13 Altered animal  
18 40 Down and coins  
19 Wig material  
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24 Ask for  
26 Long for  
27 Alex who wrote Roots  
28 Band together  
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30 Not at all enthusiastic  
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- 32 Diva's gig  
35 Lasting marks  
37 Cunning animal  
38 Waits for instructions  
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45 Attend  
46 In the dark  
48 Campus club  
49 Slacken  
50 Petty complaints  
52 Money drawer  
53 Cut quickly  
54 Long time  
56 Until now  
57 IRS regulation expert  
58 Comprehend



# Leonard quiet on future as Raptors celebrate with parade

By IAN HARRISON

Associated Press

TORONTO — Fresh off leading the Toronto Raptors to their first NBA title, Kawhi Leonard received the key to the city at Monday's championship parade and rally.

For now, however, the two-way star and two-time NBA Finals MVP isn't saying whether he'll use it to keep a door open or close it behind him and move on.

Leonard spent several days partying with his teammates in Las Vegas and Los Angeles after last Thursday's Game 6 clincher over Golden State, returning to Toronto in time to ride in one of five open-top double-decker buses that carried the Raptors along a crowded parade route.

A three-time All-Star and two-time NBA defensive player of the year, Leonard is expected to decline the player option on the final year of his contract and become a free agent. Toronto can offer him a five-year deal worth around \$190 million, one year and some \$50 million more than any other team.

Before stepping on stage Monday for a ceremony in the square outside Toronto's City Hall, Leonard said he hasn't been thinking about his future. Instead, he's trying to extend the celebratory vibe as long as possible.

"I'm enjoying this" he said. "It's not time to stress, it's still time to have some fun. I've just been enjoying my experience."

After two months of playoff basketball, Leonard doesn't have a lot of time left to be a fun guy — free agency gets underway at 6 p.m. Eastern on June 30.

"I'm going to take the right time," he said. "You don't need too many days to figure it out. We'll see what happens. Once that time comes, then we'll all lay the pros and cons out."

Visibly bothered by soreness during stretches of the Eastern Conference Finals against Milwaukee, Leonard declined to say how much pain he endured en route to winning his second career title.

"We're always battling through things," he said. "You know, knee pains, ankles, fingers. Everybody was just grinding it out."

Injured for all but nine games in his final season with San Antonio, Leonard played 60 regular-season games for Toronto and 24 more in the postseason, upping his minutes once April arrived.

While winning the Larry O'Brien Trophy was an obvious success, Leonard said he has enjoyed all aspects of his season north of the border, even the varied Canadian weather.

"It was a good experience, experiencing Mother Nature, all four seasons," he said. "Man, it was a great experience. Everybody off the court was great. The fans, just meeting people in Canada. It's been fun."

Fans chanted "Stay! Stay! Stay!" when Toronto Mayor John Tory presented Leonard with the key.

Later, the festive mood of the event was marred by gunfire. Four people were shot, leading to a stampede. Three people were arrested and two guns were recovered, police said.

Leonard is one of three Raptors starters with uncertain futures. Center Marc Gasol also has a player option, while guard Danny Green is a free agent.

Guards Kyle Lowry and Fred VanVleet and forward Serge Ibaka are heading into the final year of their contracts.

Ibaka and Leonard have become friends in their time together as teammates.

"I've been talking with him a lot during the season and in the playoffs, but after we won, I can see the man is happy," Ibaka said. "That's the most im-

portant. We play this sport because we want to enjoy and have fun and be happy and be somewhere people love you. I'm sure he feels that people here love him, and after this moment, that's the most important."

Lowry attended the parade wearing a game-worn Damon Stoudamire pinstripe Raptors jersey. Stoudamire was the first player drafted by Toronto in 1995 and won rookie-of-the-year honors in 1996. Lowry and Stoudamire were teammates in Memphis from 2006 to 2008.

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## RANGERS

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Smyly, the veteran right-hander who was starting earlier in the season, took over in the fourth with a 32-pitch inning. A two-run single by Jason Kipnis made it 7-0 right after a double steal.

After the three homers in the seventh, Smyly has an 8.42 ERA and allowed 19 homers over 51 1/3 innings in his 13 games this season.

"He really hasn't been built up and he hasn't been starting, so I don't know if that was just a decline in stamina," Woodward said. "I'm not sure. First inning, he didn't get hit that hard. A lot of bloopers and weak contact. He just left some of his pitches up."

### SHORT HOPS

Indians rookie Oscar Mercado had two hits and scored three times. He is hitting .308 in his 28 games. "It's 100 at-bats, but it's been a really good 100 at-bats," Francona said. ...The Rangers are now 0-3 with a chance to reach seven games over .500. ...Bauers is 11 for 22 with five RBIs the last five games. ...Rangers second-round draft pick Ryan Garcia, the Pac-12 pitcher of the year from UCLA, signed for a bonus of \$1,469,900 and was at the game. The right-hander was 10-1 with a 1.44 ERA with 117 strikeouts this season.

### TRAINER'S ROOM

Indians: Francona said RHP Mike Clevinger had some swelling and discoloration in his left ankle after taking an awkward step off the mound Monday

night during his first start since April 7. He will throw a side session later this week. "I think all things lead towards him being OK," Francona said.

Rangers: OF Hunter Pence, placed on the 10-day injured list Monday with a strained right groin,

described his injury as "very minor, not too bad." ... OF Joey Gallo got to the team's complex in Arizona. Manager Chris Woodward said Gallo, out since June 2 with a left oblique strain, is swinging 100 percent and taking flyballs.

### UP NEXT

Indians: Right-hander Adam Plutko (3-1, 4.63 ERA) will try to win his third consecutive start. He allowed four earned runs over 12 innings the last two.

Rangers: Joe Palumbo will be recalled from Double-A Frisco for his second career start. The lefty allowed four runs over four innings in a no decision in his big league debut June 8 against Oakland.

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