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Upcoming Events

Today

Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo
Big Spring Rodeo Bowl
Gates open at 7 p.m. each evening. Events start at 8 p.m.
Tonight: Jason Boland Concert and Dance, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday: Wade Bowen Concert and Dance, 9:30 p.m.
At the door, ticket prices are \$12 Adults, \$8 Children

Saturday

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

June 28 & 29

Funtastic Fourth Downtown

July 3

Pops in the Park

Readers Choice will be announced

June 30!

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Budget amendments discussed by BSISD board

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

Budget amendments were the primary topic of discussion at Thursday evening's Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees meeting.

During the meeting, the five trustees present discussed two amendments to the current fiscal year's budget, one to add \$35,000 to the curriculum and instruction budget for the district, and the other to spend \$40,000 improving security at Memorial Stadium following several incidents of high-dollar vandalism at the facility.

"Always at the end of the year, we're always close to needing more money, and I wanted to recommend you amend that for \$35,000...for curriculum and instructional staff development," said BSISD Chief Financial Officer Susan Bryan. "Really, the reason we need that is, we have some training in July and August that we need to pay for. Normally, we would pay that out of federal expenditures, but there are some new federal guidelines that say we

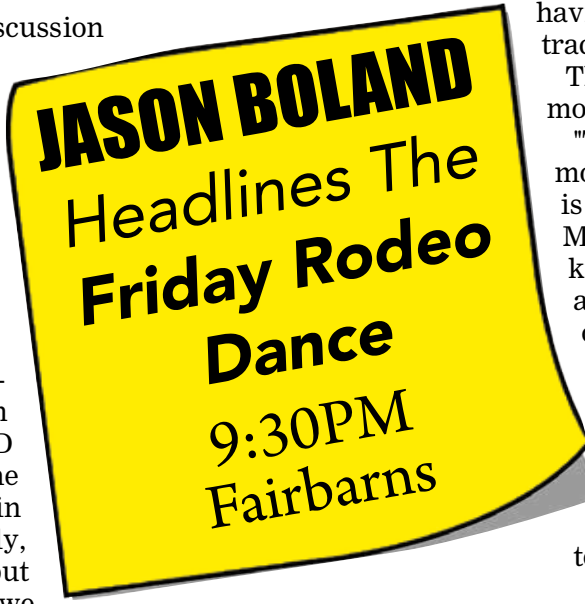
need to get approved vendors on an approved vendor list, and they have to meet certain guidelines, and we're having some trouble with contracted services."

The second item proved the more controversial of the two.

"The other one is security monitoring at \$40,000...this is for security cameras at Memorial," said Bryan. "You know, we did all that work, and we want to take care of it, and we've had a lot of vandalism over the last few years."

Board Vice President Julie Harris questioned the cost of the project.

"On that security system, how many bids did we



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Amphitheater project Phase 1 in progress

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
Managing Editor

Construction began, on May 22, at the amphitheater, with the demolition of the lower and mid-level handicap seating level. The construction is being done by Alldredge Gardens, in conjunction with oversight by KDC Associates.

"We lost a couple of days at the beginning of the construction phase due to weather in the beginning, but at this point we are able to stay on track, according to the construction company," Hayley Herrera, Community Services Director, said.

Both companies have previously worked in Big Spring with The Spring project and understand the historical significance in these landmarks.

"KDC and Alldredge Gardens are excited about coming back for another project with such a significant historical importance to Big Spring," Herrera said.

Pops in the Park is coming up on July 3 and the construction has caused a few questions to be asked, but according to Herrera and the construction companies, Pops in the Park will not be affected by the construction process.

"We have been assured the construction area will be cleaned up ahead of



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Construction crews are shown working on Phase 1 of the amphitheater project, during which the area will be made ADA-compliant. According to the CVB, the work will be put on hold and the amphitheater cleared up in time for Pops in the Park, after which work will resume.

time and Pops in the Park will be able to take place as usual," she said. "We have worked closely with KDC to ensure that

the community is able to celebrate the See **PROJECT** Page 3

Finding a place to help, providing a voice

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
Managing Editor

The desire to focus her energy on someone besides herself is how Sheryl Smith became a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteer.

"I began researching volunteer opportunities in Howard County when I reached a point in my life where I knew I needed to focus my energies on someone besides myself," Smith said. "I saw the banner over the street in Big Spring, attended the lunch and learn and was immediately drawn to the idea of walking through the foster care system with a child."

After the lunch n learn, Smith still had a few questions, but it seemed as if her heart had found a calling. Being a CASA volunteer is a way to provide a voice for children who have been abused or neglected and ensure the child's best interest is represented in court.

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Three vehicle accident results in fatality

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Police Department issued the following press release regarding a fatality which occurred Thursday night:

On the June 20, 2019, at approximately 11:12 p.m., Big Spring Police Department Officers and Big Spring Emergency Medical Services were dispatched to the 1800 block S. Gregg in reference to a major accident involving three vehicles.

Upon preliminary investigation, officers have determined that a 2014, white in color, Chevrolet Equinox SUV, occupied only by the driver, identified as Gary Miers Jr. 42, exited the DK Convenience store westbound into the 1800 blk of S. Gregg and into the southbound lanes at which time his vehicle was struck by a 2018, yellow in color, Chevrolet Camaro, occupied by four occupants and driven by Dakota Backes 19 years of age who was driving southbound in the outside lane of 1800 blk S. Gregg and also, a 2013, white in color, Chevrolet 1500 pickup, occupied by two occupants and driven by Mackenzie Powell, 22 years of age, who was traveling southbound in the inside lane of the 1800 blk of S. Gregg.

Gary Miers Jr. was found to be deceased at the scene of the accident. Howard County Justice of the Peace Judge Connie Shaw responded and pronounced Miers Jr. deceased. No other occupants reported injuries at the time of the accident. At this time this accident is still under investigation and no further information is available.



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Obituaries

Eric Zebulun Pool

Eric Zebulun Pool, 21, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at his residence. Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Saturday, June 22, 2019, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, with Pastor Michael Willard of Cornerstone Covenant Church, officiating. He will lie in state all day until 9 p.m., Friday, June 21, 2019. Interment will follow the service at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



Survivors include his parents, Jennifer and Alex Lopez of Big Spring; his father, Charles Pool, Jr. of Colorado City; step-father, Shaun Terrell of Snyder; three brothers, Charles Pool III and wife, Rayna, Eddie Pool, and Teagan Terrell all of Big Spring; two sisters, Adalie Lopez of Big Spring, and Marissa Lopez of Marshall; his grandparents; and a niece.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Police Report

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **RODNEY MARTINEZ JR.**, 23, of 504 Abrams, was arrested on three outstanding warrants from other agencies.
- **EDDIE JOE ALVARADO JR.**, 23, of 1500 Lincoln Ave., was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **VIOLA LEE YOUNG**, 43, of 1307 Lincoln Ave., was arrested on charges of theft of property/shoptlifting (\$100 to \$750), and

failure to identify or giving false/fictitious information.

- **DAVID JUAREZ**, 43, of 3683 N. CR 4501, was arrested on warrants for bail jumping/failure to appear and two outstanding warrants from other agencies.
- **MICHAEL NOLAN DE AX**, 22, of 6300 Caylor, was arrested on an oS. Johnson St., 3600 block of W. Hwy 80, and the 3700 block of Wasson Rd.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 4900 block of N. FM 700, 200 block of W. FM 700, and 3600 block of

W. Hwy 80.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1500 block of Lincoln Ave..
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported at 5th and Nolan.
- **ROBBERY** was reported in the 600 block of E. 15th St.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Dr.
- **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported at Cedar and FM 700.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 98 inmates at the time of this report.

- **EDDIE JOE ALVARADO JR.**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **CARLEE RYAN BARRAZA**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of unlawful use of a criminal instrument and warrants for displaying expired registration and failure to appear-possession of marijuana.
- **REBECCA LYNN COMSTOCK**, 35, was arrested by

BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **MICHAEL NOLAN DE AX**, 32, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for violating promise to appear.
- **DAVID JUAREZ**, 43, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for speeding 10% or more above posted speed limit, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and bail jumping/failure to appear.
- **COMANECKI OLYN LOPER**, 38, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for manufacture of delivery of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (four grams to 200 grams), and manufacture of delivery of a controlled sub-

stance penalty group 1 (one gram to four grams).

- **RODNEY MARTINEZ JR.**, 24, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for three counts of bail jumping/failure to appear.
- **KYLE WINDELL RICHARDS**, 35, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for two counts of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.
- **CAMERON WILLIAMS**, 18, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750).
- **VIOLA LEE YOUNG**, 43, was arrested by BSPD on a charges of theft of property (\$100 to \$750), and failure to identify or giving false/fictitious information.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wright Ave. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Lincoln. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of W. I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

ed in the 1500 block of Tucson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at Cedar and FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **BUILDING FIRE** was reported in the 600 block of Johnson. Fire was out upon arrival.

One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. On person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 8000 block of N. Service Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 3400 block of Gail Hwy. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported

Take Note

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSW-CB) 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, desserts, 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 for June 29, 2019, at Midway Baptist Church, 6200 N. Service Rd. from

12 p.m. until 3 p.m., or until food runs out. For information, please contact Will Stapp 432-816-5118

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.

Flora Vega

Flora Vega, 69, of Big Spring, died Thursday, June 20, 2019 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been set up at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to help the family with funeral expenses.

Support Groups

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.
- Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.
- Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

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.

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Weather



Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 102. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 73. South wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 96. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: Isolated showers and thunderstorms before 1am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. South wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 94. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly clear, with a low around 68.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 94.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 68.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 94.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 69.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 93.

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

PROJECT

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annual event.”

At this time, the ADA phase of the project is the only part of the improvements that is planned

until more funding can be obtained. The next part of the project is Phase 1B which will include the stage covering.

To find out more about how to support the renovation at the amphitheater, reach out to Barney Dodd, the Amphithe-

ater Improvement Board president at 432-755-9529.

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CASA

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“It’s very important for these children and youth to know, in spite of all the changes and unknowns they are experiencing, there is someone who will be a constant and available to them,” she said.

During her time as a CASA, she has seen the impact volunteers have on the children’s lives. The consistency that is offered allows the children to see they are worthy of someone’s time and attention. The difficult process that plagues child protective services has also been brought to Smith’s attention, during this time.

“Over and over, I have seen these children just need to know they are worthy of our time and attention, even just a smile makes such a difference,” she said. “I have also seen how difficult it is for the CPS system to provide the type of one-on-one relationship a CASA is allowed to have. The result of that one-on-one is invaluable to the court system in making decisions for the best interest of the children and youth.

According to Smith, the best way to begin the process of becoming a CASA is to attend one of

the lunch n learn sessions offered, do your background research and learn all they can about being an advocate for the children Those who are over 21, able to pass a criminal background check and CPS check and can effectively communicate orally and in writing and willing to commit to at least one year of your time are eligible to become a CASA.

“Being a CASA has changed my perspective on life by forcing me to look outside myself and see opportunities to be an encouragement to others who are going through a difficult time,” she said. “I had a teenager ask me why I worked for CASA without being paid, my response was ‘for my heart.’”

She continued, “My favorite part is knowing that whatever I do for a child or family will bring a bit of joy and hope to them. My role as a CASA allowed me to become very close to the children I was serving and their family; I have been blessed by the relationships I have made through this work.”

For those who want to know more about becoming a CASA, call 432-413-4556 to find out about upcoming lunch n learns and trainings.

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BSISD

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get? I mean, I’ve done security systems, and that seems like a lot,” she said.

Trustees discussed the issue in depth. The planned security improvements at the stadium included 21 security cameras plus installation and wiring, and a cloud-based storage system for recorded videos. Three control hubs would be located in each of the stadium’s two press boxes and in the referee’s locker room.

Trustees discussed planned security upgrades to Big Spring schools, including Big Spring Intermediate School.

“I’m having a hard time, battling myself, because I do want to protect that, but also there’s other security needs where our kids are actually housed, and that should be the most important,”

Harris said.

After more discussion, the trustees voted to approve the \$35,000 for curriculum and staff development, and to table the \$40,000 security upgrade for future consideration.

In other business, trustees approved a “Force Majeure” agreement with Sinclair Oil and Four Sevens Operating Company over a previous contract.

In 2015, BSISD contracted with Sinclair and Four Sevens to allow them to perform horizontal drilling under BSISD property for three years. BSISD received approximately \$380,000 as part of the deal.

The project was delayed by nearly a year – 330 days – because the Texas Railroad Commission required a pooling application, which took that amount of time to receive approval.

“Force majeure” is a standard clause in contracts that changes

some of the contract’s requirements in case of an unforeseeable occurrence such as a natural disaster; or, in this case, a delay caused by the government.

On advice of their lawyers, the BSISD trustees approved a 330-day extension to the contract.

Trustees also:

- Approved Board President Julian Serrano as delegate to the Texas Association of School Boards Delegate Assembly, with Board Member Maria Padilla being chosen as an alternate.
- Approved an agreement for audit services.
- Approved a resolution regarding an intergovernmental agreement with OMNIA Partners.

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

Take Note

• 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 Sherrrod 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.

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 20-22:
86th Annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo:
It is rodeo weekend!
R360 Rodeo Bowl

June 22, 2019
The Quail Dobbs Memorial Rodeo Parade:
will be Saturday June 22 @ 10am Downtown

June 28-29:
Funtastic Fourth: Downtown Big Spring
Tickets and more information at www.bigspringdra.com
Friday Night:
Mark Chesnutt, Rick Trevino, Mark McKinney,
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Rain, Rain, Please Come Back

Growing up in Northern Nevada, we had a lot of rain storms producing lightning, thunder, and, once-in-a-while, a little hail, but everywhere there was water. The Humboldt River flowed through our fair city and gave us lots of entertaining nights in the winter. It would freeze over and made ice skating one of our many fun times for the youth.

In the summer, especially at our house, we lived for the rain to descend on us. We played in it, sailed little wooden boats in it, and splashed in the mud holes as often as we could.

Daddy would water the garden beginning about 6 a.m., and we got up early when he did, just so we could run out and play in the sprinklers. Then he would meet us with a water hose with the nozzle turned on full blast. When he did that, we would tackle him sopping wet, take the hose away, and soak him as well.

We played in the cold mountain creeks, wading on hot summer days. We went to the city pool every day we could. Water just seemed such a neat time in my memory.

Here in West Texas, cotton farmers pray the rain will fall at the right time. Sometimes it does, and, often times, it rains too much or not enough.

It still seems the rain that comes is just as important to me now as in my childhood. I still like to run out (sorry at my age it's walk out) and get wet in the cool rain on a hot summer day. I still like to swim or wade in a pool.

And thinking about the refreshing rain, Jesus told us in His Word that times of refreshing would come. Sometimes the dry spells of life, when nothing seems to be going right, when the bills are due and the money isn't there, and the children are sick, and the doctor can't seem to help, we need something more. Times of refreshing will come. Our job is to pray that God in His Heaven will turn on the refreshing rain of His blessings. He does control it all. He will send that blessed rain again and again.

Something to think about...

Have ever bought something with those dreaded words, "some assembly required?" The excitement builds as you dump out what appears to be over a million pieces from the box. Of course, it looks nothing like the picture on the front, so you break open the thick instructional booklet and get to work. After several frustrating hours, you finally get it all together. There always seems to be some extra, unnecessary parts left over; I'm not sure what that is all about. Though it can be challenging, what we bought won't work as designed without assembling all the parts together. I believe that the same is true for us as followers of Jesus. Some assembly is required. We are better together!

We really need each other in this journey we call life. When I was in college, I read about "Failure to Thrive Syndrome." At one time, in Romania, there were so many orphans that they had to put children in overcrowded, understaffed orphanages. The workers did their best to take care of all the basic physical needs of the children. They were given enough food, their diapers were changed, they had the basics - shelter, food, clothing. But they weren't held; they weren't loved; they weren't given much human contact. Many of these children disconnected from the world and even died for a lack of love. They couldn't find any physical reason for this other than a lack of human contact, and they called the condition, "Failure to Thrive Syndrome." I believe that if we neglect the kind of contact we need with God's people, we will fail to thrive in our spiritual lives. We won't develop, grow and mature in the right way. We need each other. We are better together!

I get it. I really do. There are days we're just not feeling it. When gathering with God's people for worship starts out as more of a chore than a blessing and privilege. Though I find, kind of like exercise, when we muster up that initial motivation to get ourselves to the gathering, we discover all kinds of benefits and blessings that come with our participation in the fellowship of Believers. It is a powerful practice that produces spiritual growth. If we want to live the way God designed us and reflect the image of Jesus, then some assembly is required!

As God's word reminds us: 23 Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. ~ Hebrews 10:23-25 NIV

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Supreme Court upholds cross on public land in Maryland

By JESSICA GRESKO

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 40-foot-tall, World War I memorial cross can continue to stand on public land in Maryland, the Supreme Court ruled Thursday in an important decision about the use of religious symbols in American life.

The justices said preserving a long-standing religious monument is very different from allowing the building of a new one. And the court concluded that the nearly 100-year-old memorial's presence on a grassy highway median doesn't violate the Constitution's prohibition on the government favoring one religion over others. Seven of the court's nine justices sided with the cross' backers, a lineup that crossed ideological lines.

The case had been closely watched for its potential impact on other monuments. Defenders of the cross in Bladensburg, a suburb of the nation's capital, had argued that a ruling against them could doom hundreds of war memorials that use crosses to commemorate soldiers who died.

But the case was also seen as an indication of how far the court's conservative majority would be willing to go in approving of religious symbols in public life. In the end, a majority of the justices signed on to a relatively narrow ruling, declining to go as far as they had been urged to by some of the cross' defenders.

Justice Samuel Alito wrote in a majority opinion for himself and four colleagues that "when time's passage imbues a religiously expressive monument, symbol or practice with this kind of familiarly and historical significance, removing it may no longer appear neutral."

"A government that roams the land, tearing down monuments with religious symbolism and scrubbing away any reference to the divine will strike many as aggressively hostile to religion," Alito wrote.

Alito also wrote that the Maryland cross' connection to World War I was important in upholding it because crosses, which marked the graves of American soldiers, became a symbol closely linked to the war.

Two of the court's liberal justices, Stephen Breyer and Elena Kagan, both of whom are Jewish, joined their conservative colleagues in ruling for the memorial, which on its base lists the names of 49 area residents who died in World War I.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who is also Jewish, and Justice Sonia Sotomayor dissented, with Ginsburg writing that "the principal symbol of Christianity around the world should not loom over public thoroughfares, suggesting official recognition of that religion's paramourty." Ginsburg read a summary of her dissent in court, a way of expressing deep disagreement.

In all, seven justices wrote to explain their views in opinions that totaled some 80 pages, an indication of the depth of feeling the case provoked but also differences in the justices' positions.

The case began as a lawsuit by three people who live near the cross and the District of Columbia-based American Humanist Association, which includes atheists and agnostics. They argued that the memorial should be moved to private property or modified into a nonreligious monument such as a slab or obelisk.

Monica Miller, the lawyer who argued on behalf of the American Humanist Association at the Supreme Court, said after the decision was announced that while the organization was disappointed, the ruling is "very limited" and "could have been a lot worse."

Two justices, Neil Gorsuch and Clarence Thomas, said they would have thrown out the lawsuit by the cross' challengers altogether. Gorsuch wrote that people offended by religious displays shouldn't be able to sue over them. Gorsuch wrote that in "a large and diverse country, offense can be easily found" and that the answer shouldn't be a lawsuit. He pointed out that many Washington buildings including the Supreme Court include religious symbols in their decoration.

The cross' defenders included the American Legion, which raised money to build the monument, Maryland officials who took over maintenance of the cross nearly 60 years ago and the Trump administration.

"The Court's decision today is a win for protecting religious freedom and American historical tradition," Justice Department spokeswoman Kelly Laco said in a statement following the ruling.

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, a Republican, also praised the ruling in a statement as a "great victory."

In the past, similar monuments have met with a mixed fate at the high court. On the same day in 2005, for example, the court upheld a Ten Commandments monument on the grounds of the Texas Capitol while striking down Ten Commandments displays in Kentucky courthouses. The setting of the Texas monument among many other monuments was important to the case's outcome, while the displays in Kentucky courthouses were struck down because they were seen as having a religious purpose. Breyer, who voted to uphold the Maryland cross, was justice whose vote was central to both Ten Commandments cases.

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On Wednesday, the Lectionary Bible Study, led by Taylor Todd, meets at 5 p.m. in the church library. The Chancel Choir rehearses at 6.

Louise Hitch is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Danny Kennemur was Lector last Sunday, and ushers were Paschal Odom, Lucy Odom, Jim Little, and Vicki McLean.

Thanks to Sandy Patterson for providing the piano accompaniment for the worship service last Sunday and to Susan and Joseph Dawes for the choral offertory, "Hymn of Promise", by Natalie Sleeth.

The "Lunch Bunch" met at Big John's BBQ this Thursday at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting place will be announced at the worship service Sunday.

The Session met at 6 p.m. in the church library on Thursday, June 20.

The lectionary passages for Second Sunday after Pentecost are I Kings 19:1-7, 8-15a; Psalm 42 and 43; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39. Rev. Taylor Todd will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir will begin the service with the introit "Father, I Adore You" by Terrye Coelho. The Anthem by the Choir will be "A Sound Came from Heaven" by Douglas Mews

Please note that our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast starts at 11.

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First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. The usual Sunday morning mchedule includes the 9 a.m. Traditions Service featuring the pipe organ, Choir, trumpet, and hymns, followed by Sunday School, and then The Bridge service at 11 a.m., which features contemporary music led by a wonderful praise team.

On Sunday, June 23, Pastor Derrell Patterson begins a sermon series on I Kings, "First Kings, Then Prophets". The message, "Solomon Asks For Wisdom" is from I Kings 3:5-13. Jesus also had important things to say about what we ask from God. Worship services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11 a.m. on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM. You can also find the service live streamed on our Facebook page at First United Methodist Church Big Spring. You can watch previous worship service videos on that Facebook page including recordings of our Christmas program, "Our Savior".

The Philathea Sunday School Class is studying John Wesley and the Methodist Movement from June to August. Their classroom is across from the church office and the study is Sunday mornings from 10-11 a.m.

The Wednesday noon Bible study meets in Youth Hall instead of Garrett Hall because of the renovation taking place. The meal is served at 11:50 for \$5, followed by a Bible lesson. The study of John Wesley and the Methodist Movement is also presented for Wednesday noon Bible study.

Real Life Wednesdays for the month of June include the women's Bible study, choir rehearsal and Celebrate Recovery, which all meet at 6 p.m. The Praise Team Rehearsal is at 7 p.m. The Children's Choir will resume in the Fall.

"Celebrate Recovery" sessions are offered every Wednesday in Youth Hall for anyone in the community seeking freedom and healing from hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Worship and helpful Bible-based discussions begin at 6 p.m. The public is invited to drop by the north entrance of the building on Scurry Street any Wednesday.

Other events on the church calendar include:

- June 26: Youth Study at the church, 10 a.m.
- June 26: "Lunch and Sermon" for Youth (noon).
- June 30: Fifth Sunday Service (Only one morning worship Service, at 11 a.m.)
- Mission Mondays, July 8 and July 15, 1 to 3 p.m..
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Philippians 2:4-5 says, "Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had" (NLT).

Bottom Line: It should never be about me, but Him. Living, loving, and serving Christ are the pri-

orities. And a second one is just like it – loving and being a servant to others. Hmmmm, I think Jesus said something about this – Matthew 22:37-39. Let's do it His way!

You are invited to join us each Sunday at 10:50 a.m. as we worship our Lord Jesus Christ.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church welcomes all to participate in our services. We are located at 1001 S. Goliad, north of the high school, and would love to have you visit. Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by brunch in the Parish Hall. On Wednesdays, we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m., and evening we have evening prayer, dinner, and book study starting at 5:30 p.m. What a great opportunity to have meaningful fellowship and develop relationships with people who have a common interest, following the steps of Christ. Please come and join us for a time of worship and fellowship in a place that welcomes all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

We at Cornerstone Covenant Church would love the opportunity to Connect with YOU! Please join us this week at one of the following events:

- Sunday, June 23- Join us this Sunday at our 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship service. Come on out as you can expect biblical teaching and preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise and worship. We would love the opportunity this Sunday to share what God has for you, and get to know you better.

- Tuesday, June 25- Join us at 7 p.m. as 50 and Over small group will be gathering for a potluck and game night. Bring your game face and we will see you at the Flower's Residence located at 2405 E. 25th St. For more information, please contact Faye Flowers at 432-213-3883.

- Monday, July 15th - Let's hear it for the girls! Join us for our Women's Far Above Rubies night. Ladies, please bring a dish to share as we will be gathering in the ARC from 6 to 8 p.m. We welcome women of all ages to join us for an evening of laughter, fun and fellowship with fellow sisters in Christ. For more information, contact Debbie Reiger at 432-935-1257

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- Van transportation - We have an active Van Ministry that picks-up on Sundays for our 11: a.m. worship service. If you are needing a ride, please contact the church office.

Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so that lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ. Please join us every Sunday at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and Wednesday at 7 p.m. for worship services.

CCC is located at 706 E. 12th Street. For office hours or other questions, please contact our administrative office at 432-264-0015, or email us at info@cccbigspring.org. You can also find us at [facebook.com/CCCBigSpring](https://www.facebook.com/CCCBigSpring), or visit us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

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Bible study and Sunday school begin at 9:30 a.m., and our Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday.

Our Wednesday evening Bible study is taking a break. Please join us as we watch a movie. Each week we will watch a different movie beginning at 6 p.m. Bring your own meal; we will start eating at 5:30 p.m. Popcorn will be served. Please come and join us again soon.

We will have a VBS on June 26. A light meal will be served from 5:00-5:45. VBS will be from 6-8 p.m.

Bo Vizcaino will present the scripture readings this week.

Tune in to KBYG every for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts". Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

First Baptist Church

"I will proclaim the name of the LORD. Oh, praise the greatness of our God." Deuteronomy 32:3

You're invited to become part of the First Baptist Church family Sunday at 10:50 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. as they gather in honor of Almighty God-Jehovah-Shalom: The LORD is Peace. Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a mix of both contemporary praise music and classic hymns of the faith. Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the sum-

mer sermon series titled "Choose Love". Drawn from 1 Corinthians 13, the message will focus on the excellence of love-specifically, the divine love of God- which is a selfless, giving love towards each other. FBC now offers Deaf Interpretation in the morning service. If you need assistance accessing the sanctuary due to mobility issues, use the west circle drive, and someone will be glad to assist you inside and park your vehicle. If unable to attend, you may join the service through the live stream on the church website at fcbigspring.org. (Click on 'MORE' tab, then 'SERMONS').

At 9:30, Sunday school groups meet throughout the building with children gathering in the Good News Garage on the first floor, and teens, college students, and adults meeting in second floor classrooms. Greeters are available to help you find your class.

At 5 p.m., gather for a time of corporate prayer in the chapel. Evening worship service begins at 5:30 p.m., and offers the wonderful opportunity to prepare one's heart for the upcoming week.

Mother's Day Out is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 9-3. Contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 to inquire about available openings for your little ones.

The Summerama program is going strong and runs through July 25. Summerama is for children who have completed kindergarten through sixth grade. They will meet each Tuesday and Thursday from 9-3 in the Family Life Center. Call 267-8223 for additional information. Wednesday evening activities begin at 6 p.m., and include adult Bible study and prayer time, Real LYF for children, Youth group, and adult worship choir practice. Contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 432-270-8332 for details about teen events, or just come to the second floor Youth room at 6 and join the fun!

To find out more about what's happening at FBC, go to the website fcbigspring.org or call 267-8223.

FBC is located at 705 W. FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church. "...may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, ...guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7

NazFamily Church

• Acts - The Spirit Unleashed

The story is told of Thomas Aquinas entering the presence of Pope Innocent II, who was counting a large sum of money in the Vatican one day. The Pope looked up at Aquinas and said, "Look, the Church no longer has to say with St. Peter, 'silver and gold have I none.'" Thomas immediately replied, "True, holy father, but neither can She still say, 'in the name of Jesus rise up and walk.'"

In our ministry we still have to confess with Peter most days, "silver and gold have we none." But, it is my prayer that we are also able to say with him, "in the name of Jesus of Nazareth rise up and walk!" It is my deep hope that we continue to be a source of healing and restoration in our community helping the broken rise up and walk that we may follow Christ together. Join us this Sunday as we continue exploring the Acts of the Spirit through the followers of Jesus together.

• Super Hero Faith!

Join us this summer at our NazFamily V.B.S. as we discover how to be a hero in our faith. We will have music, games, crafts, snacks, and so much more for this kids in our community. This event is absolutely free, and we would love to see you there. July 10-12, we will meet from 6 to 8:30 p.m., with a special V.B.S service on Sunday July 14. You can reserve a spot for your child or as a volunteer through our NazFamily Facebook page.

• Garage Sale

Our annual Work & Witness Garage Sale will be this Saturday, June 22. You can begin to bring any items you would like to donate. All the proceeds will go to help support NazFamily Missions. Thank you for your support!

• Family Fun Night

On Wednesday, June 26, there will be water games, treats, and fun for the entire family. We will start at 6:30 p.m. Invite your friends and neighbors and come out to join in on the fun

• Now Enrolling

New Hope Christian School is currently enrolling children for our summer program, and Nazarene Christian Academy is enrolling students for the 2019 - 2020 academic year. Our students experience a fun, safe, and loving environment where they can grow emotionally, socially, spiritually, and academically.

Contact us at 432-263-0203 for more information.

College Baptist Church

Lots of exciting things are going on at College Baptist Church. Please come join us as God continues to allow us to be on the move with Him.

What inspiring messages in song led by Jamie Scott and our praise team as we present our hymns of praise to our heavenly Father. Our pastor, Bro. Ken McMeans, will lead us as we delve into God's Word, which inspires us to live as Jesus lives through us.

We are located at the southeast corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane. Join us on Sundays for Sunday school Sunday morning at 9:15 for all ages, followed by worship at 10:45 in the auditorium. RA's (grades first through fifth boys mission club) and GA's (grades first through fifth missions club) meet Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m. Youth LIFE group meets at 5 p.m. Churchwide snack supper and Bible study (for everyone) is at 6 p.m. Wednesday, King's Kids, and prayer and Bible study for youth and adults all meet at 7 p.m.

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CHURCH

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Our youth are gearing up for youth camp, heading for Glorieta, June 29 through July 3. We are meeting at the Pizza Inn to help them raise funds for this event on Monday, June 24, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. Come and celebrate the joy with us in worship as we praise the Mighty God we serve. Please call 432-267-7429, for more information about this great Church.

Blessed Hands Deaf Chuyrch

The congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invites you to worship with them Sunday at 10:50 a.m. Currently, they are joining with the First Baptist Church family in the main sanctuary with interpreters provided. First Baptist Church is located at 705 W. FM 700. For information about additional activities or to learn more about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, contact Pastor Jim Walterhouse at jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

Spring Creek Fellowship

Vacation Bible School was a GREAT success! Thank you to all the volunteers and the parents who allowed us to spent time with your children. All men are invited to the weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. at Evita's Restaurant in the mall. Please join us. Children's Church is a great place for your child to learn and play while you enjoy Worship. This ministry is for children ages K through fourth grade. We will be building on our Kid Connect lessons. Please bring your children for the fun and learning "PUP", which stands for "Picking Up Pieces", is a new sisterhood for widows in our community. All widows in Big Spring and the surrounding areas

are welcome. Meetings will be held the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6 p.m., and dinner will be served. We would love to see you there. For address or more info, please contact the church office.

The Signal Mountain Quilters Group meets on the second Friday of each month. This group is open to all in the community who are interested. The proceeds from the quilt they are making this year will be donated to The Life Center.

- Volunteer Opportunities:
- Funeral Meal Team
 - Nursery
 - Children's Church
 - Van Ministry
 - "People Helping People" Ministry
 - "Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry

"Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry will be open the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 9 to 11 a.m. to help anyone who needs food. We are in the mall. Go in the door where the movie theater is located and we are in the first spot on the left. Volunteers are needed to unload trucks on Wednesdays before they are open on the weekend. If you are interested in volunteering with the "Our Daily Bread Food Pantry" ministry, please contact Kay Elder.

Donations are needed for our Blessing Box placed outside in front of the church. This ministry is separate from "Our Daily Bread" and is supported completely by donations of nonperishable foods. Please consider donating nonperishable food items on a regular basis if you are able. Everyone is welcome to take what they need and donations are greatly appreciated.

The Pain Management Class meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. If you have chronic pain and would like to learn how to manage it, please attend this class. It meets in Room 4 of the Adult Connections Classrooms in the mall.

The Taylor School of Ministry is now in session. This session will address "How to Study the Bible".

If you are interested, please contact the church office.

"People Caring for People" is a ministry serving widows in our area with small projects and "honey do" kinds of things. This ministry operates through donations. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either in a "hands on" way or by donation, please contact the church office.

We have an "App" for your convenience. It is easy to work with and has many applications. Go to your App Store, search for "The Church App" and download. Then search for "Spring Creek Fellowship Texas". That should take you to our Home Page.

- Weekly Happenings:
- Sunday
- 9:15-10:15am -Sunday School/Connection Groups
 - 10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.- "Holy Grounds Café" is open with coffee, drinks and fellowship.
 - 10:45 a.m.-12 p.m.-Worship Service
 - 11:00 a.m.-12 p.m.-Children's Church
 - 5 p.m. Prayer Meeting
- Tuesday
- 6 p.m.- Pain Management Class-Room 4
 - 7 p.m.-Women's Bible Study
- Wednesday
- Community Groups-various times and places
- Thursday
- 7 p.m.-Men's Bible Study-Kingdom Disciples
- Saturday
- 7:30 a.m.-Men's Prayer Breakfast. Breakfast at Evita's Restaurant in the mall.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, please contact the church office or visit our website at springcreekfellowship.org.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring, Texas. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

"Every Member a Minister"-1 Peter 4:10 NKJV

Reflections:

The Art of Aging

I have discovered another principle of physics. As the body grows older, gravity increases exponentially. When the body is young, its parts stay in place, firm and fit, but as age sets in, the parts start to slide -- downward. And the energy expended to lift the body from a sedentary position increases.



BILL TINSLEY

I love to watch children skipping and dancing down the sidewalk. My grandchildren, ages eight, six and two, run wherever they go, and climb anything they can find. I enjoy the grace of teenagers gliding effortlessly on skateboards, sprinting after a fly ball, leaping to make the catch, and I think to myself, once upon a time, that was me.

There are different perspectives about growing old. "Grow old along with me", wrote Robert Browning. "The best is yet to be, the last of life, for which the first was made: our times are in His hand."

Thomas Jefferson was not so kind. "First one faculty withdrawn and then another, sight, hearing, memory, affection and friends, filched one by one, till we are left among strangers, the mere monuments of times, facts, and specimens of antiquity for the observation of the curious."

I have heard others say, "There is nothing good about growing old." And, "growing old isn't for wimps." The last of these saying is probably true, but not the first.

When Billy Graham was in his nineties, he wrote, "I can't truthfully say that I have liked growing older. At times I wish I could still do everything I once did, but I can't. I wish I didn't have to face the infirmities and uncertainties that seem to be part of this stage of life, but I do." He asks the important question, "Is old age only a cruel burden that grows heavier and heavier as the years go by, with nothing to look forward to but death? Or can it be something more?"

In his book, "Nearing Home", Graham wrote, "Growing old has been the greatest surprise of my life. ... When granted many years of life, growing old in age is natural, but growing old in grace is a choice. Growing older with grace is possible to all who set their hearts and minds on the Giver of grace, the Lord Jesus Christ."

My wife and I celebrated our 50 anniversary last year. I wrote a book about our journey and published it on Amazon, Our Story. It highlights our life together for more than half a century with joy, laughter, celebration, sorrow, loss and disappointment. The longer we live, the deeper we discover life's textures. The colors become more vibrant, and the blessings and goodness of God, more clear.

Along with David, I can say, "I will utter dark sayings of old which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not conceal them from their children, but tell to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and His strength and His wondrous works which He has done!" (Psalm 78:2-4).

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com

Expert Sinner



TOM SLOAN

"For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good." Romans 7:14-16

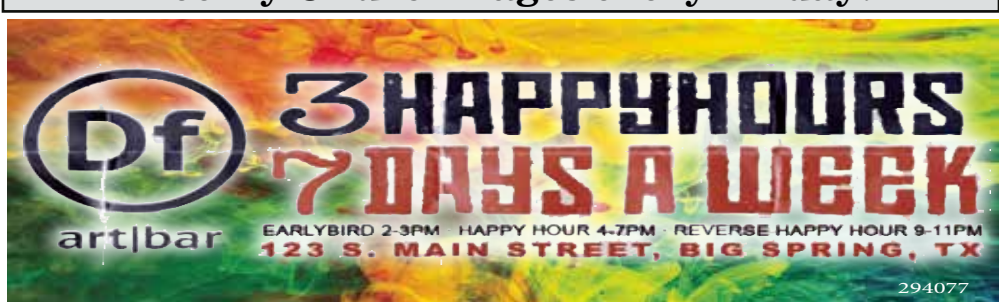
I am an expert sinner. Yep, I know this because as far back as I can remember, I have been sinning. Yes, I have confessed with my mouth the Lord Jesus, and I believe in my heart that God has raised Him from the dead. I know that God loves me, and I am His forgiven and justified child. Furthermore, I know the difference between right and wrong. I know that sin is sin and that it hurts us. I have read all the verses in the Bible that command us to "depart from evil, and do good".

It hurts my heart when I sin, and yet, there is something in me that is attracted to it. I hate my sin, but I love to sin...go figure. I have fasted, made vows (and broken them), lain prostrate on the floor praying and begging God to give me total and permanent victory over my sin because the Law taught me to hate it.

The Law is good, but it offers me no relief from my sin. For all that effort, toil and tears, I have never been able to attain to sinless perfection. But one thing I have learned - where my sin abounds, God's grace does much more abound. And this grace abounds because Christ is the end of the Law for righteousness to all who believe.

So, I am learning to rest in the fact that I like to sin, and God loves to forgive.

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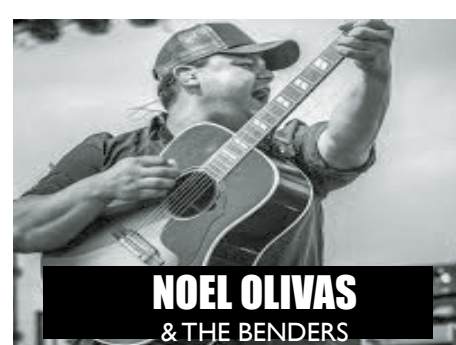
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Special to the Herald

Big Spring, Texas, June 20
Day 1 results

Bareback riding leaders: 1. Tyler Johnson, 78 points on Pete Carr Pro Rodeo's Ragin Angel; 2. Will Lowe, 77; 3. Jade Taton, 65; no other qualified rides.

Steer wrestling leaders: 1. (tie) Clayton Hass and

Sterling Wallace, 4.0 seconds each; 3. Maverick Saddle, 5.8; no other qualified rides.

Saddle bronc riding leaders: 1. Jacobs Crawley, 79 points on Pete Carr Pro Rodeo's Sheep Camp; 2. Treyton Antonick, 72; no other qualified rides.

Tie-down roping leaders: 1. Shad Mayfield, 10.4 seconds; 2. Coley Salge, 11.4; 3. Maverick Harper, 12.6; 4. Jerrad Hofstetter, 18.7; no other qualified

runs.

Barrel racing leaders: 1. Stephanie Fryar, 15.71 seconds; 2. Shelley Morgan, 15.72; 3. Tyra Kane, 15.77; 4. (tie) Nicki Zimmerman and Tierra Gray, 15.79 each; 6. Lois Ferguson, 15.92.

Bull riding: First round leaders: No qualified rides. Second round leaders: No qualified rides. Average: No qualified rides.

T-wolves land Texas Tech's Culver after draft-day trade

By DAVE CAMPBELL

AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Timberwolves, under new president of basketball operations Gersson Rosas, have embarked on a roster revamp to improve their defense and 3-point shooting in an attempt to thrive in the current pace-and-space era in the NBA.

With center Karl-Anthony Towns well established as their go-to guy, the race has begun to accumulate as many versatile perimeter players as possible. Rosas took an aggressive tack toward his first draft with the team, and the Timberwolves wound up with another wing: Jarrett Culver.

"What we were able to do tonight is pretty rare," Rosas said Thursday. "A lot of times those things don't come together."

With the 11th overall selection, the Wolves took North Carolina small forward Cameron Johnson, but with the intent of trading him with power forward Dario Saric to Phoenix in a proposed pre-draft swap that pushed them up five slots for the rights to Culver, according to a person with knowledge of the agreement. The person spoke to The Associated Press on Thursday because the trade cannot become official for salary cap purposes until July 6, when free agent contracts can be signed.

In the second round, with the 43rd overall selection, the Wolves took Washington's Jaylen Nowell, who

can play either guard spot.

"For us to be able to put a group of wings like we're going to be able to put on the floor at certain points this year gives us a lot of versatility, gives us some shooting, gives us playmaking," Rosas said. "That's how we want to play."

Culver, a 6-foot-6 shooting guard, comes with a strong defensive pedigree. He played two seasons at Texas Tech, helping the Red Raiders reach the Final Four for the first time in program history. Culver's last game was actually in Minnesota when the Red Raiders lost to Virginia in the NCAA championship game. He was the first recruit coach Chris Beard contacted after taking the job, a native of Lubbock, Texas, who stayed in town to play for the hometown school.

Beard transformed Texas Tech into a defensive machine, and Culver was his best offensive player. Though he might not fit the profile of the pure 3-point shooter the Timberwolves have lacked for years, Culver ought to provide another boost to a team that can surely use more lockdown defenders, too, just like last year's first-round draft pick, Josh Okogie.

"That's one of the best parts of my game, the defensive side," Culver said. "I feel like I can make an impact on the defensive side and come in and do that. Also, playing with some great players over there, I feel like I can make an impact on the offensive end and be another threat."

As a sophomore, Culver's 3-point

percentage fell to 30.2 from 38.4 during his freshman year.

"I'm still confident in my shot, for sure. All the work that I've put in, I know it's going to go in," Culver said, adding: "I feel like a big reason why it dropped is just because I had the ball in my hands more. I was guarded differently by a lot of teams. If you know the numbers, my freshman year, I wasn't having off-the-dribble shots, and I wasn't really having the ball. It was more kick-out threes. Then this year, I was really having to take tougher shots."

Culver said he planned to get in the gym for a late-night workout once the draft festivities were done. The Timberwolves weren't allowed to formally acknowledge him, because of the moratorium on finalizing the trade, and like some of the other draftees he rather awkwardly donned a Suns hat on stage and received a Suns wristwatch as part of the requisite pomp.

"I'm not keeping that," Culver said later. "I already gave that back. I'm making sure I got my Minnesota one on."

Rosas acknowledged the trade in general terms of moving up, but he wasn't allowed to speak to reporters specifically about Culver.

"We saw a couple of breaks in the draft where we knew we had to get ahead of, and we were fortunate to get into the right territory," Rosas said.

Saric was acquired last November from Philadelphia in the Jimmy Butler trade, with small forward Robert

Covington and point guard Jerryd Bayless. Covington was the centerpiece, but he played in only 22 games for the Wolves because of a knee injury. Saric, thus, wound up with the most visibility. The 6-foot-10 native of Croatia averaged 10.5 points and 5.5 rebounds in 68 games for Minnesota, getting 28 starts.

Rosas, who left the Houston Rockets front office last month to take over the Timberwolves, vowed to use all avenues possible to help the team return to the playoffs. The only untouchable player on the roster would be All-Star Karl-Anthony Towns.

"We want to make sure that we've got people in place that can grow and develop with him and peak at the right time," Rosas said this week. "You win in this league with high-end players, and fortunately on our roster we've got a high-end player."

There's a lot of work remaining this summer for Rosas. The NBA's free agency frenzy, of course, is coming fast, with Derrick Rose, Taj Gibson and Anthony Tolliver all about to become unrestricted free agents and Tyus Jones on track to be a restricted free agent. The rest of the front office and coaching staff have to be filled out, too. The Timberwolves this week announced the addition of David Vanterpool as associate head coach. After spending the last seven seasons as an assistant with the Portland Trail Blazers, Vanterpool will essentially be the defensive coordinator for new coach Ryan Saunders.

Spurs take teens Samanic, Johnson to open NBA draft

By RAUL DOMINGUEZ

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Spurs have a long and successful history of drafting European players and stashing them overseas until both parties are ready.

Croatian power forward Luka Samanic does not plan on waiting and neither does San Antonio.

The Spurs selected Samanic with the 19th overall pick and fellow 19-year-old Keldon Johnson of Kentucky at No. 29 in Thursday night's draft.

"No, no, no, right away," Samanic said of playing in the NBA. "Yep, tomorrow (he's arriving in San Antonio)."

The 6-foot-10, 230-pound forward plans to play for

the Spurs in the Las Vegas and Salt Lake City summer leagues.

"He's a really skilled player at a position that now is requiring great skill in our league," San Antonio general manager R.C. Buford said. "He's got to tighten up his game. He's got to get better physically, but from a skill and talent standpoint, we felt like we were acquiring someone that would fit in with the development of a lot of our young guys."

Samanic played for Petrol Olimpija last season, where he averaged 7.96 points and shot 34% from 3-point range.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said acquiring more 3-point shooting in the offseason was vital for the team next season and Samanic believes he can help.

"If you think you are a shooter, like I think I am,

and I have a touch for the 3, you just have to keep shooting even if some days you're making less," he said.

Samanic has attempted to pattern his game after Golden State forward Kevin Durant but said his game probably compares more to former Utah forward Andrei Kirilenko.

"My ability to switch on defense, to shoot the ball, run, screen and rebound," Samanic said of his strengths. "Whatever Coach Pop wants me to do."

Johnson, a 6-foot-6 wing who played at Kentucky for one season, averaged 13.5 points and 5.9 rebounds last season. Buford said the Spurs had Johnson rated as the top player in the draft at his position.

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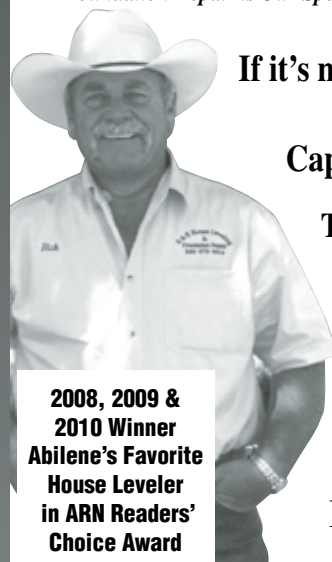
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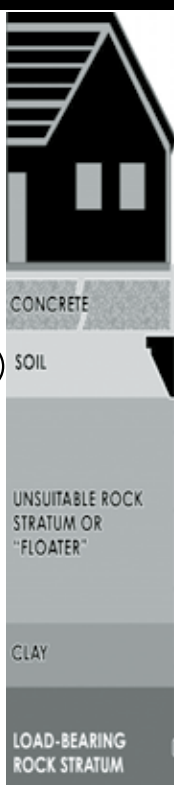
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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've not been great at giving yourself pep talks, but you'll get better with practice. Practice today. The best encouragement you could possibly get will be from you to you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Yes, this looks a lot like what you've already seen, but it's not. If you approach it like you already know, you'll miss what's really there and make mistakes. Your

mantra for top performance: Everything that happens is new.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Greed continues to be the worst quality to possess or be around. The immunization for the disease of greed is self-acceptance. Avoid greedy people at all costs, and take measures necessary not to become one of them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Life is a constant negotiation today, though most of the back and forth just seems like your daily routine. When to smile, whom to help, how to approach relationships -- these are the subtle agreements you make ... or don't.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). While there's much satisfaction in making a fair exchange, there's a higher level to be reached. Happiness is ... a trade that is not only fair; it also brings an element of delight to both parties.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are the grandmaster of paradox

today. For you, doing nothing is more difficult than doing something -- in the same way that not thinking is harder than thinking.

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It is said that spicy food raises the metabolism, and spicy living does the same for your energy level. You'll add a little risk, novelty and excitement, and suddenly, things will pick up across the board.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Humanity's worst sins have been crimes of indifference -- instances where people who could have helped stood by instead, not fully comprehending their responsibilities as humans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Sincerity is better than falsehood, but one person's truth won't make a difference for all involved. You go 10 steps beyond to really understand everyone's part in the situation and present solutions that are likely to help.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're drawn to unexplored territories today, and it's very likely that you'll be the one to make discoveries and map out the terrain for those who come along

later.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 21). You'll turn last year's fear into this year's glory. Fear is a motivator, a call to action and the nutrition that grows intelligence. The very things you were afraid of will be the reason you emerge with new sources of sustenance, security and power. You're grateful for what you've been through, and you will help others through it, too. Aries and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 14, 3, 28 and 11.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Maybe you can't get physically addicted to an actual person, but you can get physically addicted to the particular chemistry a person seems to inspire your body to create. **TAURUS:** A certain someone renders you vulnerable, and that's a big part of their appeal. **GEMINI:** A relationship's past is over. Things improve with a focus on here and now. **CANCER:** Though another person may have a positive influence on you, you're the one doing the work. Give

yourself credit. **LEO:** Love is when you make plans and the other person is just as excited about them as you are. **VIRGO:** It's easier for you to advocate for someone else than stand up for yourself. This weekend requires you do both. **LIBRA:** You'll work through relationship stress by staying patient and supportive as you focus on the source of the problem. **SCORPIO:** You can be feisty, but your love's favorite thing about you is your tenderness. **SAGITTARIUS:** To control yourself is sublime, while any version of controlling others is agonizing. **CAPRICORN:** The relationship may be carefree, but your approach to relationships in general has a real structure and logic behind it, which works well for you. **AQUARIUS:** They'd be better off following your plan, but either way, keep following it yourself. **PISCES:** Feeling nervous? That's because you're living an exciting life.

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Contract Bridge
By Steve Becker
Bidding quiz

You have the following hand, both sides vulnerable:

♠K95♥—♦AJ87♣AQ10863

- 1. You bid One Club,** and partner responds One Heart. What would you bid now?
- 2. You bid One Club,** and partner responds One Spade. What would you bid now?
- 3. Partner bids One Diamond,** and you respond Three Clubs. Partner bids Three Diamonds. What would you bid now?
- 4. Partner bids One Spade,** and your right-hand opponent bids Two Hearts. What would you bid now?

1. Two clubs. This was a promising hand until partner responded one heart; now much of the glamour has disappeared. Being void in a suit can greatly improve the value of a hand, but not when the void is in partner's suit.

The heart response portends potential danger ahead, so your best move is to bid two clubs to indicate a minimum opening bid. Later bids by partner may restore the original promise of your hand, but until a fit is found, you must tread gingerly.

2. Two diamonds. There is some question as to whether your limited high-card values justify this bid (a reverse), but there is no better call

available. Bidding two diamonds after opening one club implies not only longer clubs, but extra values -- and that is exactly what you have after partner's one-spade response. The alternative bids are two spades and three clubs, but they do not represent your hand quite as well as two diamonds does.

3. Four diamonds. You should have a diamond slam firmly in mind, but it is best to bid only four diamonds at this point to clarify your intentions and to allow partner room to maneuver. Blackwood is not desirable when you are void in a suit, since partner's response would not help you decide how far to go if you used it. If partner bids five diamonds over four, you should carry on to six.

4. Three clubs. There are two possibilities here. One is to make an immediate cuebid of three hearts to show your void and in that way suggest a slam. The other is to bid three clubs, planning to cuebid hearts on the next round.

Of the two, bidding clubs first would seem to make more sense. One reason is that a direct cuebid might result in permanently suppressing your excellent club suit; another reason is that an immediate cuebid would suggest better spade support than the K-9-x.

Tomorrow: A necessary risk.
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A Day to Remember the Fallen

Dear Annie: I wanted to send you my observation about your advice and columns: You are outstanding! Your replies are heartfelt, and I feel your compassion. Thank you. -- A Friendly Reader

Dear Friendly Reader: You made my day -- thank YOU!

Dear Readers: Isn't it great when things go well in your life and you receive praise? We all feel terrific when that happens, like in the first letter today. However, that is a preamble to a major mistake I made, and I want to apologize for confusing Veterans Day and Memorial Day. More than a few readers chastised me, and I truly appreciate their correction. I promise to know the difference going forward. Here were two of the most heartfelt letters, which I thought you'd like to see:

Dear Annie: This is in regard to the open letter you sent to your readers.

While one SHOULD honor armed service men and women on Veterans Day, Memorial Day is NOT the day to do it.

You must remember that many veterans are thinking about their fallen friends; it just makes them feel guilty that you are mentioning them on Memorial Day.

Here's a possible letter that you could have sent: (SET ITAL) Dear Readers: This Memorial Day, let's all think about the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, keep their memories alive, and honor them on this solemn day of remembrance. (END ITAL)

My husband died while serving with NATO on active duty 10 years ago. Thank you! -- From Real-Life Experience

Dear Annie: Thank you for taking time in your column to thank all the men and women who are serving in the U.S. armed services. However, you should know the differences between Memorial Day, Armed Forces Day and Veterans Day.

Memorial Day is a federal holiday that honors the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military and is observed on the last Monday of May every year. Many Americans celebrate Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in local or national parades. It also unofficially marks the beginning of the summer season.

Veterans Day is a federal holiday that honors the men and women who previously served in the U.S. Armed Forces and are still living, though many also celebrate for the deceased as well. The holiday falls on Nov. 11 of every year, commemorating the first anniversary of the end of World War I on Nov. 11, 1918. Veterans Day is celebrated with parades and community gatherings as well, but most just enjoy the day off, and veterans get free food at participating restaurants.

Armed Forces Day is not a federal holiday but is observed every third Saturday in May to honor

active duty (current) service members. Armed Forces Day falls during Military Appreciation Month, joining Memorial Day and Military Spouse Appreciation Day. The holiday was created on Aug. 31, 1949, by Defense Secretary Louis Johnson to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days and to unify the armed forces under one agency -- the Department of Defense. This day is for those who currently wear the uniform and serve the country. -- A Proud Wife and Mom of Veterans

Dear Real Life and Proud Wife and Mom: Thank you for enlightening all of us. We should honor our brave men and women in the armed forces, active and veterans, every day of the year. But it is helpful to know the differences between these special days, and your letters spelled them out beautifully.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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Fun By The Numbers

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

Here's How It Works:

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

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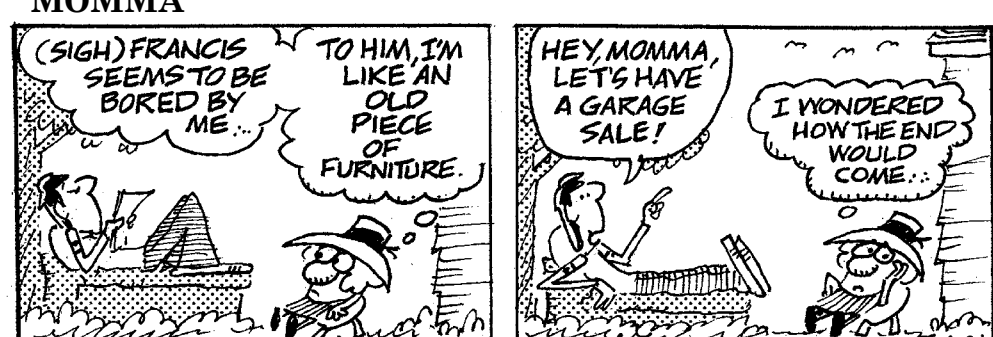
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Friday, June 21, the 172nd day of 2019. There are 193 days left in the year. Summer begins at 11:54 a.m. Eastern time.

Today's Highlight in History: On June 21, 1964, civil rights workers Michael H. Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James E. Chaney were slain in Philadelphia, Mississippi; their bodies were found buried in an earthen dam six weeks later. (Forty-one years later on this date in 2005, Edgar Ray Killen, an 80-year-old former Ku Klux Klansman, was found guilty of manslaughter; he was sentenced to 60 years in prison, where he died in January 2018.)

On this date: In 1377, King Edward III died after ruling England for 50 years; he was succeeded by his grandson, Richard II. In 1788, the United States Constitution went into effect as New Hampshire became the ninth state to ratify it. In 1834, Cyrus Hall McCormick received a patent for his reaping machine. In 1942, German forces led by Generaloberst (Colonel General) Erwin Rommel captured the Libyan city of Tobruk during World War II. (Rommel was promoted to the rank of Field Marshal; Tobruk was retaken by the Allies in November 1942.) An Imperial Japanese submarine fired shells at Fort Stevens on the Oregon coast, causing little damage. In 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Miller v. California, ruled that states may ban materials found to be obscene according to local standards. In 1977, Menachem Begin of the Likud bloc became Israel's sixth prime minister. In 1982, a jury in Washington, D.C. found John Hinckley Jr. not guilty by reason of insanity in the shootings of President Ronald Reagan and three other men. In 1988, "Who Framed Roger Rabbit," a comedy fantasy starring Bob Hoskins that combined live action and legendary animated cartoon characters, premiered in New York. In 1989, a sharply divided Supreme Court ruled that burning the American flag as a form of political protest was protected by the First Amendment. In 2001, a federal grand jury in Alexandria, Va., indicted 13 Saudis and a Lebanese in absentia for the 1996 bombing of the Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia that killed 19 American

servicemen. Death claimed actor Carroll O'Connor at age 76 and blues musician John Lee Hooker at age 80. In 2002, one of the worst wildfires in Arizona history grew to 128,000 acres, forcing thousands of homeowners near the community of Show Low to flee. In 2013, President Barack Obama nominated James Comey, a Bush-era Justice official, to head the FBI, succeeding Robert Mueller. The Food Network said it was dropping Paula Deen, barely an hour after the celebrity cook posted the first of two videotaped apologies begging forgiveness from fans and critics troubled by her admission to having used racial slurs in the past. Ten years ago: Newsweek reporter Maziar Bahari was among hundreds of people arrested during the Tehran government's crackdown on nationwide protests over Iran's disputed presidential election. (Bahari was released nearly four months later.) Five years ago: An armed South Korean soldier fled after killing five of his comrades and wounding seven at an outpost near the North Korean border. (The soldier, identified only as Sgt. Yim, was captured two days later.) Gerry Conlon, 60, who was unjustly imprisoned for an Irish Republican Army killing and inspired the Oscar-nominated film "In the Name of the Father," died in Belfast. One year ago: First lady Melania Trump visited with migrant children during a brief stop at a Texas facility housing some children separated from their parents at the border; she caused a stir when she left Washington wearing a green, hooded military jacket with lettering that said, "I really don't care, do u?" Pulitzer Prize-winning conservative columnist and pundit Charles Krauthammer died at 68; he had said a year earlier that he was being treated for a tumor in his abdomen. Today's Birthdays: Composer Lalo Schifrin is 87. Actor Bernie Kopell is 86. Actor Monte Markham is 84. Songwriter Don Black is 81. Actress Mariette Hartley is 79. Comedian Joe Flaherty is 78. Rock singer-musician Ray Davies (The Kinks) is 75. Actress Meredith

Baxter is 72. Actor Michael Gross is 72. Rock musician Joe Molland (Badfinger) is 72. Rock musician Don Airey (Deep Purple) is 71. Rock musician Joey Kramer (Aerosmith) is 69. Rock musician Nils Lofgren is 68. Actress Robyn Douglass is 67. Actor Leigh McCloskey is 64. Cartoonist Berke Breathed is 62. Actor Josh Pais is 61. Country singer Kathy Mattea is 60. Or-

egon Gov. Kate Brown is 59. Actor Marc Copage is 57. Actress Sammi Davis is 55. Actor Doug Savant is 55. Country musician Porter Howell is 55. Actor Michael Dolan is 54. Writer-director Lana Wachowski is 54. Actress Carrie Preston is 52. Actress Paula Irvine is 51. Rapper/producer Pete Rock is 49. Country singer Allison Moorer is 47. Actress Juliette Lewis is 46. Actress

Maggie Siff is 45. Musician Justin Cary is 44. Rock musician Mike Einziger (Incubus) is 43. Actor Chris Pratt is 40. Rock singer Brandon Flowers is 38. Britain's Prince William is 37. Actor Jussie Smollett is 37. Actor Benjamin Walker is 37. Actor Michael Malarkey is 36. Pop singer Kris Allen (TV: "American Idol") is 34. Pop/rock singer Lana Del Rey is 34. Actor Jascha Washington is 30.

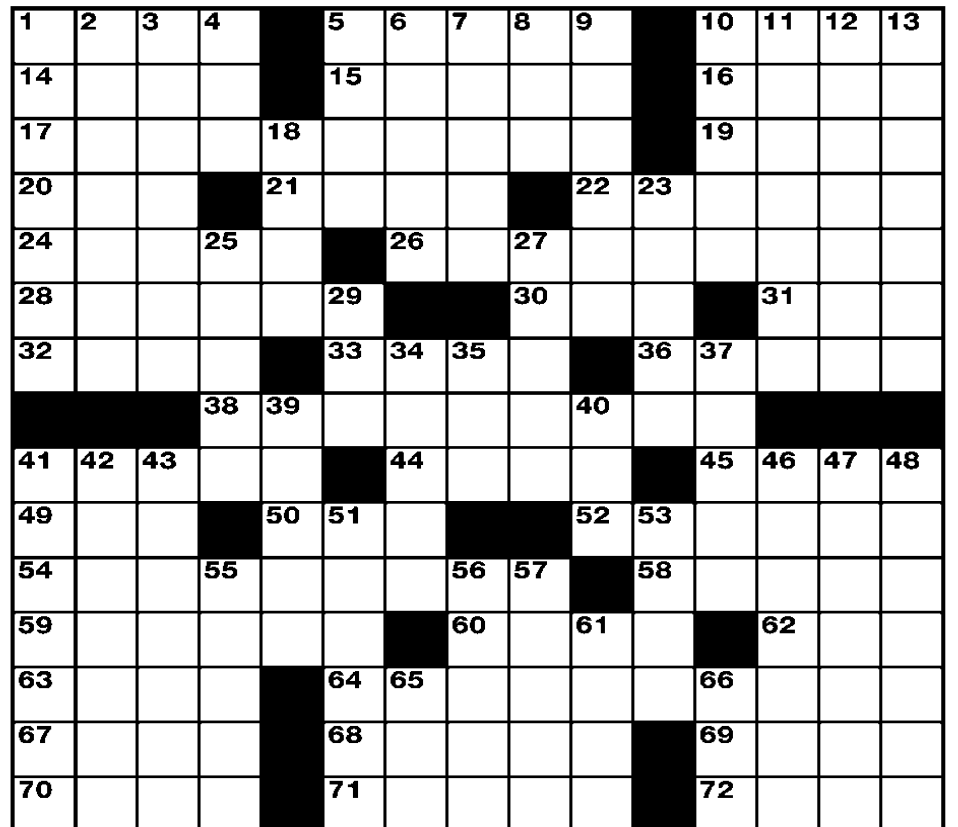
Country musician Chandler Baldwin (LANCO) is 27. Pop singer Rebecca Black is 22.

Thought for Today: "In America, to look a couple of years younger than you actually are is not only an achievement for which you are to be congratulated, it is patriotic." — Cynthia Propper Seton, American writer (1926-1982).

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Sandwich shop stack
 - 5 Ancient fortune-teller
 - 10 Sharp feeling
 - 14 17+-million square-mile region
 - 15 Alps-to-Arles river
 - 16 Eye part with the iris
 - 17 Bike part needing cleaning
 - 19 French roast
 - 20 W-2 addressee
 - 21 Ascend
 - 22 Draw, as a response
 - 24 Mr. Puck's place
 - 26 Outdoor puzzle
 - 28 Academic term
 - 30 Like some potato skins
 - 31 Austrian's article
 - 32 Wood-smoothing tool
 - 33 Major ESPN media partner
 - 36 Many Disney Junior characters
 - 38 "Don't rush it"
 - 41 Silhouette feature
 - 44 Silhouette feature
 - 45 "Great" kid-lit sleuth
 - 49 Mighty-for-its-size creature
 - 50 Prefix for sphere
 - 52 Bard's fairy king
 - 54 Captain Kirk's employer
 - 58 Lone Ranger's farewell
 - 59 Gauguin's island paradise
- DOWN**
- 60 Subway Series team
 - 62 "Just ___ suspected!"
 - 63 Geologic times
 - 64 Competitive canine
 - 67 Curling venue
 - 68 Guy
 - 69 Mystery author byline
 - 70 Small bouquet
 - 71 Pickle piece
 - 72 Where to see Hamilton
 - 6 Informal affirmative
 - 7 Lose it
 - 8 One, up front
 - 9 Back out
 - 10 Holiday with hamantaschen
 - 11 Tropical fruit
 - 12 One online a lot
 - 13 Equestrian accessories
 - 18 Son of Frankenstein
 - 18 Son of Frankenstein
 - 23 Caused
 - 25 Person treated
 - 27 Heavy-duty carts
 - 29 Fuel suffix
 - 34 Anagram of "ocean"
 - 35 Excessive fuss
 - 37 Dominated, in sports
 - 39 Purloinment
 - 40 Starter like ceno-
 - 41 Percy Miller's rapper alias
 - 42 New York neighbor
 - 43 Nevadan neighbors
 - 46 Princess of the Minotaur myth
 - 47 Prematurely
 - 48 Naval flags
 - 51 Traditional film serial settings
 - 53 Command post
 - 55 Fraught with danger
 - 56 J'Accuse...! name
 - 57 Edison's current opponent
 - 61 Conveyance boarded near chalets
 - 65 Demo presenter
 - 66 Take in



Answer to previous puzzle

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Thursday's Sports in Brief

Associated Press

PRO BASKETBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Zion Williamson was the No. 1 pick of the New Orleans Pelicans — a surprise to nobody who watched basketball this past season.

The 6-foot-7, 285-pounder compiled a college career worth of highlights into just one season, becoming the third freshman to be voted player of the year by The Associated Press. He averaged 22.6 points and 8.9 rebounds while shooting 68% from the field.

Williamson will step into an open position in New Orleans, which recently agreed to trade All-Star Anthony Davis, the last freshman to win the AP award, to the Los Angeles Lakers.

The Memphis Grizzlies also quickly addressed a positional need by taking Murray State's Ja Morant with the No. 2 pick. The Grizzlies agreed to trade Mike Conley, their longtime point guard, to Utah a day earlier.

RJ Barrett then made it two Duke freshmen within the top-three picks when the New York Knicks took the guard who actually edged out Williamson to lead the Atlantic Coast Conference in scoring.

De'Andre Hunter of national champion Virginia was taken fourth but won't be teaming up with Williamson. The Pelicans acquired the rights to the pick in the Davis deal but agreed to trade it shortly before the draft to Atlanta. The original trade can't be official until July 6, so Hunter was outfitted with a Lakers hit and the draft board behind the stage listed the pick as belonging to the Lakers.

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert was released from a Detroit-area hospital nearly a month after suffering a stroke and will recover at an in-patient rehabilitation center.

Quicken Loans CEO Jay Farner said Gilbert was discharged Wednesday from Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan. The 57-year-old Gilbert was taken to the hospital by a family friend while experiencing stroke-like symptoms on May 26.

He suffered the stroke while under medical care and was taken into surgery for a catheter-based procedure.

Cavs general manager Koby Altman opened his news conference following the NBA draft by saying the organization was lifted by news of Gilbert's release. Altman said he was able to FaceTime with Gilbert earlier in the day.

HOCKEY

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — The NHL is expanding its video review process to allow an unlimited number of coaching challenges to address concerns raised after several notable missed

calls during the playoffs.

The new freedoms, however, come at a price.

The league's general managers approved lifting limits on the number of times a coach can challenge a play during the game for goalie interference, off-side and added the element of possible missed calls that would have resulted in a stoppage in play before a goal was scored.

On the downside, the first challenge that proves unsuccessful will result in a minor penalty. A second unsuccessful challenge in the same game would result in a double minor.

The league also will allow officials review major penalties to determine whether the call was accurate. Upon review, the referee would then have the option to reduce a major penalty to a minor.

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Defenseman Alex Edler signed a two-year extension with the Vancouver Canucks at an average salary of \$6 million. The 33-year-old Swede could have become a free agent July 1.

In 13 seasons with the Canucks, Edler has the most points among defensemen in franchise history. Edler had 10 goals and 24 assists in 56 games last season but struggled with injuries.

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Veteran goalie Ryan Miller has re-signed for another season with the Anaheim Ducks.

Miller is the winningest U.S.-born goalie in NHL history with 378 career victories. The former Vancouver and Buffalo netminder has won 20 games over the past two seasons in Anaheim as John Gibson's backup.

Miller turns 39 years old next month, and he was cagey about his future after Anaheim missed the playoffs this year.

PRO FOOTBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL competition committee has decided against making any changes to the new rule for reviewing pass interference.

That means the rule stands as approved by NFL owners in March.

Owners decided in May to let the competition committee consult with coaches and decide whether to refine the rule further. During the rule's one-year trial this season, coaches still can challenge until the two-minute warning of each half or overtime. Then a replay official will be responsible for any reviews.

But that replay official will need "clear and obvious visual evidence" to review and overturn potential pass interference in an attempt to avoid too many stoppages, and that official will have only the angles on the television broadcast available to

overturn an on-field decision. The committee also decided against exempting Hail Mary passes, so those plays will be reviewed following the on-field officiating guidelines.

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Drew Campbell's single off Cole Gordon drove in Danny Oriente for the winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning, and Louisville eliminated Mississippi State with a 4-3 victory in the College World Series.

The Cardinals (51-17) made up a three-run deficit to advance past a third game for the first time in their five CWS appearances. They'll play No. 2 national seed Vanderbilt in the Bracket 2 final on Friday.

Mississippi State (52-15) had been 47-0 when leading after eight innings, but closer Cole Gordon struggled after having allowed no runs over his last seven appearances.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Starved for fans despite success on the field, the Tampa Bay Rays have been given the go-ahead by Major League Baseball to look into playing a split season in Montreal.

No timetable for the possible plan was announced. An idea under consideration is for the Rays to play early in the season in Tampa Bay and finish up in Montreal, the former home of the Expos.

Commissioner Rob Manfred made the announcement at the end of the owners' meetings, saying the executive council had granted the Rays "broad permission to explore what's available."

Manfred said it's too soon to detail the particulars — as in, where the team would play postseason games, or in what stadiums. He did not address whether this would be a step toward a full move.

SOCCER

LE HAVRE, France (AP) — The United States faced its toughest test of the Women's World Cup and the defending champions were again dominant, beating Sweden 2-0 to serve up revenge against the fierce rivals that stunned the Americans in the last Olympics.

Lindsey Horan scored within the first three minutes, the fastest goal of this tournament. The United States went up 2-0 on an own goal off Jonna Andersson in the 50th minute that gave the Americans a tournament-record 18 goals in the group stage. The U.S. did not concede a goal for the first time in group play.

Already assured a spot in the round of 16 before the game, the United States finished atop its group and will head to Reims to face Spain on Monday. Sweden will play Canada in Paris.

LEADING OFF: Pujols in St Louis, Judge back, Keuchel debut

Associated Press

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

BACK WHERE IT BEGAN

Albert Pujols returns for his first game in St. Louis since leaving the Cardinals to sign a \$240 million contract with the Angels before the 2012 season. The slugger won three NL MVP awards and made nine All-Star teams with the Cardinals, leading them to World Series championships in 2006 and 2011. Pujols, sixth on the career list with 645 home runs, batted .328 with 455 doubles, 445 homers and 1,329 RBIs in 1,705 games for St. Louis. He is scheduled to meet the media at Busch Stadium before the opener of an interleague series.

JUDGE-MENT DAY

Aaron Judge is all set to swing back into action for the first-place New York Yankees. The slugger is expected to be reinstated from the injured list to play against Houston,

his first game since straining his left oblique April 20. "I'm not going to try to baby it or go at 80%. We're in the major leagues," Judge said Thursday at Yankee Stadium. "We're ready to go. That's not something I'm worried about happening again." Judge wrapped up a five-game rehab assignment with Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre on Wednesday, going 2 for 16 with a homer.

BRAVE NEW WORLD

Dallas Keuchel makes his season debut in his initial start for first-place Atlanta at Washington. After a long wait in free agency, the 2015 AL Cy Young Award winner signed a one-year deal this month that pays him \$13 million. The two-time All-Star went 12-11 with a 3.74 ERA in 34 starts last season for Houston. Stephen Strasburg (7-4, 3.75 ERA) takes the ball for the Nationals, who are coming off a three-game sweep of Philadelphia in a rain-shortened series. They've used a 17-7 surge to get within two games

of .500 (36-38) for the first time since April 28.

NORTHERN EXPOSURE?

Starved for fans despite success on the field, the Tampa Bay Rays have been given the go-ahead by Major League Baseball to look into playing a split season in Montreal. No timetable for the possible plan was announced. An idea under consideration is for the Rays to play early in the season in Tampa Bay and finish up in Montreal, home of the Expos from 1969-2004 before they moved to Washington and became the Nationals.

"My priority remains the same, I am committed to keeping baseball in Tampa Bay for generations to come," Rays principal owner Stu Sternberg said in a statement. "I believe this concept is worthy of serious exploration."

Forget it, St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Kriseman said. Tropicana Field is located in his city.

"I want to be crystal clear. The Rays

cannot explore playing any Major League Baseball games in Montreal, or anywhere else for that matter, prior to 2028 without reaching a formal memorandum of understanding with the city of St. Petersburg," he said. "And ultimately such a decision is up to me, and I have no intention of bringing this idea to our city council to consider. In fact, I believe this is getting a bit silly."

ENCORE! ENCORE!

Indians right-hander Trevor Bauer (5-6) ended the longest winless drought of his career with his first major league shutout Sunday in Detroit. Now he gets to face the Tigers again. After a 5-2 road trip, Cleveland is home for the opener of a weekend series. Bauer is back on the mound five days after his four-hitter with eight strikeouts and no walks against the Tigers. He was 0-5 over his previous eight outings before Cleveland won 8-0 in his 166th career start since his big league debut in 2012.

Andrus helps Rangers, Minor to 4-2 victory over Indians

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ARLINGTON, Texas — When Elvis Andrus scored on a wild pitch after his RBI triple in the first inning, the Texas Rangers already were feeling pretty good because they had Mike Minor on the mound at home.

Minor limited the Cleveland Indians to one run and three singles over eight innings after they had scored 10 runs each of the last two nights, and Texas earned a series split with a 4-2 victory Thursday.

"That's desperately what we needed right there. Losing two in a row, got beat up a little bit," manager Chris Woodward said. "Just phenomenal, I don't know what else to say honestly. It's every time out, every time he takes the ball he just gives us a good outing."

The Rangers lefty improved to 7-4 with a 2.52 ERA overall. Minor has a 2.03 ERA in eight home starts, allowing only six runs in the last seven since the Chicago Cubs scored six runs against him on opening day back in March.

With the temperature reaching 95 degrees, and heat index at 110 and above, Minor threw 70 of his 110 pitches for strikes. It was the Rangers' 18th game in 17 days, and they have a three-game weekend series against the Chicago White Sox before an off day.

"I knew that it'd be nice to split with these guys," Minor said. "To split here and kind of salvage a little bit, a day game, a hot one and our regular guys still played, I felt good about it just because some of those guys could have easily taken a day off."

Woodward hadn't planned to send Minor back out for the eighth inning, but the pitcher told him he

was doing fine.

"He didn't even have sweat on his face," Woodward said.

Shawn Kelley worked the ninth for his ninth save in 13 chances after giving up a leadoff homer to Carlos Santana.

Cleveland, which scored 44 runs in the first six games of its 5-2 trip, got its run off Minor in the sixth on an RBI single by Jordan Luplow after a two-out single and walk.

Andrus also homered, hitting his first homer since May 12 at Houston right after Danny Santana had gone deep in the eighth to make it 4-1. It was the seventh homer for both players, the third for Santana in the four-game series.

Santana doubled and stole third in the first before Andrus tripled to right-center. Andrus scored on a wild pitch by Shane Bieber (6-3) that ricocheted off catcher Kevin Plawewski and went several feet in front of the plate.

"It was just kind of a funky inning ... (Plawewski) made a nice block but it kind of sprung back out off his leg. That was just kind of an awkward play," said Bieber who didn't allow any more runs while striking out eight without a walk in six innings.

"I thought he battled his (behind) off. First inning, he's giving up some hard contact, a couple runs and then he just battled the rest of the way," manager Terry Francona said. "Matter of fact, if we tied that game we were going to let him go back out."

THREE Ks, YOU'RE OUT

Rangers third baseman Asdrubal Cabrera was ejected in the sixth after disagreeing with a called third strike. While Woodward was out discussing the ejection with home plate umpire Doug Eddings, Cabrera tossed his batting gloves from the dugout

toward the plate. Cabrera struck out all three at-bats.

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