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June 28 & 29
 Funtastic Fourth Downtown

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July 3
 Pops in the Park Comanche Trail Amphitheater
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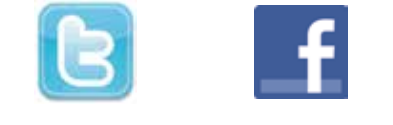
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Strande elected Mayor Pro-Tem at Tuesday Council meeting



HERALD photo/Roger Cline
 Mary Williams, shown, was the first speaker during the Public Comment section of Tuesday's Big Spring City Council meeting. Williams urged the council to rescind local policy against carpools in Big Spring. Four speakers addressed the council during the Public Comment time.

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer



By a Big Spring City Council vote of 3-2, District 5 Councilwoman Camilla Strande is now Big Spring's Mayor Pro-Tempore. During Tuesday's regular City Council meeting, District 6 Councilman Jim DePauw nominated Strande for the post, the holder of which serves as a "deputy mayor," assuming mayoral duties in the event of the mayor's absence.

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Funtastic Fourth is this weekend

By ANNA GUTIERREZ
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring Downtown Revitalization Association (DRA) presents the 18th Annual Funtastic Fourth on June 28 and 29 in downtown Big Spring. There will vendors throughout the event with lots of entertainment on the schedule, including local talent.

"All tables and seats in the VIP area have been sold" says Louann Sullivan, Big Spring DRA Vice President/Treasurer. "We still have standing-room-only tickets available for the VIP area. General Admission tickets are \$10 each, and beginning Friday at noon, all tickets will have to be purchased at the gate located at 100 E. 3rd St. If you already have a ticket, there are two other gates from which you can enter, and those are located at 3rd and Scurry and at 2nd and Main. Gates open at 5 p.m. Friday and at 9 a.m. on Saturday. We would like to stress that all military members and veterans get in free to our event."

There are still slots available for food vendors, and they will accept vendor sign-ups up until the day of the event as long as you have all the appropriate certifications and permits from the city.

Funtastic Fourth is for the whole family, and all children 12 and under will get in free with a paid adult admission. There will be games and a kids zone, and the kids zone is also free.

Friday night is country night, and Saturday is rock night. Saturday is also full of events throughout the day. A full schedule of events can be found on the Big Spring DRA

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Pops preparing to celebrate Independence Day with a bang

Annual event still needs donors, vendors



HERALD file photo
 Fireworks light up the sky over the Amphitheater stage at a previous year's Pops in the Park celebration.

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

July is going to start off with a bang...and some Pops. Pops in the Park will be July 3 as usual, but Pops Chairperson Emily McCann said the annual event still has space for more vendors, and could use some donations to keep Big Spring's annual fireworks show and Independence Day celebration a first-class show.

"We are still trying to get some more vendors, and we're still trying to get some donations," McCann said. "That money goes to help keep Pops free to the public."

McCann added that the event costs in the neighborhood of \$60,000 to \$70,000 annually.

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Texas Plains Trail Region Hotel Settles, CVB showcase Big Spring history for traveling group



By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau along with the historic Hotel Settles hosted members from the Texas Plains Trail Region last week for their routine meeting.

"The Texas Plains Trail Region travels throughout their represented counties in order to learn about the history in the area, and see what the communities have to offer," Manny Negron, Tourism Coordinator at the CVB, said.

Their meeting consisted of routine agenda items and was wrapped up with a tour of the Spring Project and a presentation from Big Spring representatives. The group was given an update on the amphitheater project, as well as some of the upcoming events - Funtastic Fourth, Pops in the Park, etc. - in the community.

"We had a wonderful opportunity to showcase Big Spring. I had the privilege of showing off all the great things that are happening in our community and tell the history of the Historic Spring and how that project came to be," Negron said.

The Plains Trail Region works with a variety of organizations to promote heritage travel throughout the region. The Texas

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Courtesy photo
 Members of the Texas Plains Trail Region, a group that visits and learns about history in regional counties, visited the remodeled Historic Spring in Big Spring recently.

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Obituaries

John Emmet Robinson



John Emmet Robinson, 89, was born in Howard County, Texas, Dec. 11, 1929, and passed from this life June 24, 2019.

There will be family visitation Thursday, June 27, 2019 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring. They will celebrate his life with a graveside service in the Garden City Cemetery Friday, June 28, 2019 at 2:30 p.m.

John was born to Willie Levi Robinson and Bertie Mae Deel and was the second of 16 children. He joined the Army after graduating from Garden City High School and later fought in the Korean War. After returning home, he started Robinson Water Well Service and was known to many as "The Windmill Man". John's favorite times were being with his two grandchildren and fishing with his buddies. He also served several terms as Glasscock County Judge, in Garden City.

John was preceded in death by his parents;

his siblings, Viola Hillger, Mary Hillger, Jim Robinson, Bill Robinson, Kenneth Robinson, Richard Robinson.

He is survived by his daughter, Millie Christie Hirt and husband, Steven; his loving grandchildren that he adored, Christie Hirt Hinton and her husband, Tony Hinton, Cody Hirt and his wife, Jordana Hardgrave Hirt; and his great-grandchildren, Hayden Hinton, Kason Buffaloe, Tanner Hinton, Hannah Hirt and Reid Hirt; also sisters, Bertie Wooten, Betty Davis (Wayne), Deanie Craft, Debbie Robinson, Becky Curnett (Fred); and brothers, Loren Robinson (Fay), Gary Robinson (Tomika), Melvin Robinson, and Jerry Robinson; and many nieces and nephews.

The family of John Robinson would like to express their thanks to the staff of Parkview Nursing and Retirement Center in Big Spring.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Veteran Outdoors www.veteranoutdoors.com or the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid Obituary

Jose "J. B." Brito



Jose "J. B." Brito, 32, of Big Spring, died Saturday, June 22, 2019, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, June 28, 2019, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.,

Thursday, June 27, 2019, at the funeral home.

Survivors include two sons, Joseph Isaac Brito and Nathan Aaron Brito, both of Big Spring; three sisters, Cynthia Jairo and husband, Matt of Lake Dallas, Michelle Rivas and husband, Jason of Dallas, and Linda Brito and husband, Adam Villa of Stanton; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Flora Vega



Flora Vega, 69, of Big Spring, died Thursday, June 20, 2019, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, June 27, 2019, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Flora was born Febr. 20, 1950, in Big Spring, Texas to Chona Juarez Nunez and Joe Nunez.

She is survived by three sisters, Dominga Rivera of Big Spring, Linda Juarez of Dallas, and Mary Rodriguez and husband, Juan of Big Spring; three brothers, Ruben Juarez, Gilbert Lopez and Augustine Moreno, all of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Manuela Saiz and Amelia Saiz.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **RANDY GARCIA**, 26, of 1612 Bluebird, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.
- **ATHEA RYANNE NALL**, 35, of 926-1/2 Cedar, Abilene, Texas, was arrested on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to ap-

pear, and an outstanding warrant from another agency.

- **RAUL CAZARES-GONZALES**, 58, of 8513 El Camino, Coahoma, Texas, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King, and the 2500 block of Williams Rd.
- **THEFT OF A FIREARM**

was reported in the 2700 block of Apache Dr.

- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported at FM 700 and Wasson.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 2900 block of Old Hwy 80.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1700 block of Young St.

Sheriff

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

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

- **RAUL CAZARES-GONZALES**, 58, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **VICTOR MANUEL DEHOYOS**, 38, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for possession of a dangerous drug.
- **LONGINO LOPEZ FLORES**, 22, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for failure to appear-evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, and motion to revoke-evading arrest or detention

with a vehicle.

- **RANDY GARCIA**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.
- **MARK MATTHEW LINDEM**, 41, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (one gram to four grams).
- **ATHEA RYANNE NALL**, 35,

was arrested by BSPD on warrants for motion to revoke-possession of a controlled substance penalty group 3 (less than 28 grams), possession of drug paraphernalia, and failure to appear.

- **BRANDON DEAN NEAGLE**, 36, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for theft of property (\$100 to \$750).



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Loydeen Mince



Loydeen Mince was born on March 4, 1945 and died on Saturday, June 22, 2019.

Loydeen Morgan married Jesse D. Mince on Feb. 25, 1961. They have five children together, two of which preceded her in death, son, Allen D. Mince; and daughter, Sandra G. Mince. She is survived by her husband, Jesse; daughter, Tammie S. Jones and husband, Scott R. Jones; daughter, Lori D. Mince; and son, Jesse "Hoss" Mince.

There are 31 grandkids and 41 great-grandkids.

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

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Old Mill Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Ridgelea. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Ln. On person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of E. 20th St. On person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Hwy 87. On person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Rd. On 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.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Abrams. On person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at I-20 mile marker 171. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Harding St. No transport was required.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 3900 block of Dixon. No transport was required.
- **BUILDING/STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 2400 block of Alabama. Fire was contained.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

- **RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy)** a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 432-517-9207 for more information.
- Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-8600.

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.
- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. t 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.



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Weather



Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 94. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 70. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 93. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 70. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 94. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph.

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

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 95.

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

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 94.

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

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 91.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 91.

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

COUNCIL

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Mayor Shannon Thomason nominated District 2 Councilman Doug Hartman for the post. During a vote by show of hands, District 4 Councilwoman Gloria McDonald, Strande and DePauw voted for Strande, while Thomason and District 1 Councilman Raul Marquez – the former Mayor Pro-Tem – voted for Hartman.

Hartman and District 3 Councilman Terry McDaniel were absent from the meeting.

In other business, the council voted to return \$1 million slated for street construction involving streets which already have required ADA improvements and utility lines, which were in need of repaving.

"What we wanted to do was repave a street that already had fairly decent utilities in it, and also had the ADA sidewalks and requirements for the ADA, because what the government says is, when you repave a street, you have to bring it all up to ADA standards," said City Financial Director Don Moore. "So if we were to repave a street that didn't have those two things – the ADA and the utilities – already in place, then that million dollars wouldn't go very far. We might get a 500-foot street. All the Public Works and Todd (Darden) the city manager all worked and they finally found that there is no street that fits that description. So what we're doing here is, we're just taking that out of commitment. We can't leave it in committed fund balance if that purpose is not available. We're just taking it out of committed fund balance and putting it back in unrestricted fund balance so that it can be budgeted however."

Several council members expressed concern that the money in question would not be used for street repairs before the end of the current fiscal year.

When Councilman DePauw started to ask a question, Mayor Thomason called him on a point of order.

"Let me stop you right there, we're getting out of order here," Thomason told DePauw.

"This goes to what I'd like to do. I don't want to see..." DePauw started again, at which point Thomason struck his hammer on the desk.

"Mr. DePauw, you're out of order," Thomason

said.

"Why?" queried DePauw.

"We require a motion first, before discussion," responded the mayor.

To allow discussion to continue, McDonald moved to approve the measure.

During the following discussion, it became apparent that street work would not be able to be set in motion before the end of the fiscal year Sept. 1, and that the money could be placed in the next fiscal year's budget, adding to about \$500,000 the council annually sets aside for sealcoating streets, to perform extra street work during the next year.

Councilman Marquez called the question, and McDonald's motion was approved 4-1, with DePauw dissenting.

The council also:

- Heard public comment from four individuals, including Mary Williams, Danny Heckler, Kerry Cale, and Ken Thomas.

- Awarded bids on a 14-yard dump truck to Lonestar Truck Group of San Angelo for \$108,799; a bid for Comanche Trail Golf Course irrigation control system and pump station improvements to Greenworks Enterprises Inc. for \$103,580 and Merket Industries for \$58,950; and a bid for the Phase I dirt work for the planned Big Spring/Howard County Big Sandy Draw landfill to DE Rice Construction of Borger for \$3,816,960.25 on the phase.

- Heard a presentation from Howard County Appraisal District Director Lisa Reyna on the Appraisal District's budget for FY 2019-2020.

- Removed from the table a resolution amending the Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria by decreasing administration fees for tax abatement applications. Thomason moved to eliminate the fees entirely, and the motion failed 1-4. DePauw then moved to set the fee at \$1,000, which passed 5-0.

- Elected Marquez to the Tax Abatement Advisory Committee for a one year term.

- Elected McDonald to the Convention and Visitors Bureau Board.

- Approved an agreement for engineering services with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper for bidding and project management for taxiway lighting and installation.

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POPS

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Vendors wanting to sell their wares at Pops in the Park should contact Stephanie Guzman at 432-264-2505.

"If you'd like to donate, just go to the Chamber of Commerce, or call me at 432-816-5450," McCann said.

Although the Pops' venue, the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater, is currently being renovated, McCann said the work will pause for Pops, leaving the facilities in a usable state.

"They said they're going to halt their construction a few days before then," she said. "We'll have

Pops and then they'll go back to what they are doing."

The renovations, Phase 1 of the Amphitheater Improvement Program, will bring the amphitheater into compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act standards by improving access and safety for those with mobility issues.

On July 3, the amphitheater gates will open at 5 p.m.

"I would suggest that people arrive as early as possible to get a good parking place, especially those needing handicapped parking," McCann said.

Pre-show for Pops will be provided by Eddie Austin and the Texas Silhouettes, and the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra will

perform patriotic music and accompany the annual fireworks show at the end of the night.

"We'll have the Confederate Air Force fly-over," McCann said. "That should occur around 7:15, hopefully during the playing of the National Anthem...so, after the pre-show but before the symphony."

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Take Note

- 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.

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Facebook page or on their website www.bigspringdra.com.

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Michael "Alexandria" Akin, 23, died Monday, June 17, 2019. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Loydeen Adele Mince, 74, of Big Spring, died Saturday, June 22, 2019. No services are planned.

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Texas man who threatened Trump from prison gets 37 months

LAKE CHARLES, La. (AP) — A Texas man who threatened President Donald Trump from a Louisiana prison has been sentenced to just over three years in federal prison.

Buddy Keith Myers, 24, of Simms, Texas, was sentenced Monday for threatening the president, prosecutors said Tuesday. He'd faced up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Myers pleaded guilty Aug. 28.

A statement filed with his plea says he told investigators the threats were serious. He wrote letters in 2018, threatening Trump with death or injury. He drafted most on inmate request forms, giving some to officials at Allen Correctional Center and mailing at least one to the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, according to the statement.

Myers finished a 5-year sentence for attempted carjacking while in federal custody for the threats, state corrections spokesman Ken Pastorick said.

He said Myers had been scheduled to get out of prison early for behaving himself and completing prison programs, but was turned over to federal marshals on his early release date last year.

"Because of the federal detainer, he didn't get good-time parole," Pastorick said.

State won't compensate wrongly convicted ex-death row inmate

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas state comptroller has denied compensation to a man who served 12 years on death row for a murder prosecutors and a judge have said he didn't commit.

A judge had ruled Alfred Dewayne Brown, at the request of Harris County prosecutors, innocent last month of the 2003 slaying of a Houston police officer. Brown had been convicted and condemned in 2005 for Officer Charles Clark death during a robbery of a check-cashing store.

Officials had said Brown is entitled to almost \$2 million under state law. However, the Houston Chronicle reports the state comptroller's office offers little insight to the reason for its denial of compensation.

Brown's attorney, Neal Manne, says he'll ask the comptroller to reconsider. If nothing results, he can appeal to the Texas Supreme Court.

Request for more prosecutors denied in fatal drug raid probe

HOUSTON (AP) — Officials have rejected a request for money to hire more prosecutors to investigate a deadly January drug raid that killed a couple and injured five Houston police officers.

Instead, Harris County commissioners suggested an independent probe may be needed.

The Harris County District Attorney's Office had asked for more than \$1.7 million to hire more personnel. Prosecutors say they're needed as the investigation into the Jan. 28 raid has morphed into a probe of 14,000 cases handled by the Houston Police Department's narcotics division.

The raid came under scrutiny after allegations arose that an officer lied to obtain a search warrant.

In a statement, Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg said her office "remains dedicated to fully investigating" the raid.

Dallas-bound flight makes safe emergency landing in Reno

RENO, Nev. (AP) — An American Airlines flight heading to Dallas-Fort Worth returned to Reno shortly after takeoff and made a safe emergency landing after issues with the landing gear and a tire.

American Airlines says Flight 1266 took off from Reno-Tahoe International Airport around 1 a.m. Tuesday and circled the airport for about an hour to burn off fuel before landing safely about 2:30 a.m.

No injuries were reported on the plane carrying 169 passengers and crew members.

Airport spokesman Brian Kulpin tells the Reno Gazette Journal that the Boeing 737-800 reported it had "blown a tire" and had an issue with the landing gear.

Border official resigns amid uproar over migrant children

By **NOMAAN MERCHANT**

Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — The acting head of U.S. Customs and Border Protection resigned Tuesday amid an uproar over the discovery of migrant children being held in pitiful conditions at one of the agency's stations in Texas.

Acting Commissioner John Sanders' departure deepened the sense of crisis and added to the rapid turnover inside the agencies responsible for enforcing President Donald Trump's hardline immigration priorities as the U.S. deals with record numbers of migrant families coming across the border.

In a message to employees, Sanders said he would step down on July 5. He did not give a reason for leaving.

"Although I will leave it to you to determine whether I was successful, I can unequivocally say that helping support the amazing men and women of CBP has been the most fulfilling and satisfying opportunity of my career," he said.

Hours after Sanders' departure became public, two officials told The Associated Press that he was being replaced by Mark Morgan, who was named acting director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement just last month. The officials were not authorized to speak publicly about the move and declined to be identified.

In an interview last week, Sanders blamed the problems in detention on a lack of money and called on Congress to pass a \$4.5 billion emergency funding bill to address the crisis. The House approved the legislation on Tuesday night, setting up a showdown with the Senate where Republican leaders plan approval of a different, bipartisan bill this week that does not offer as many protections and services for migrants.

At the White House, Trump said that he did not ask for Sanders' resignation — adding that he doesn't think he has ever spoken to the man — but that he is "moving some people around into different locations" amid the crisis.

While activists welcomed Sanders' departure, Trump defended U.S. border authorities, saying, "The laws are so bad and the asylum rules and laws are so bad that our Border Patrol people, who are so incredible, aren't allowed to do their jobs."

The unprecedented surge of migrant families has left U.S. immigration detention centers severely overcrowded and taxed the government's ability to provide medical care and other attention. Six children have died since September after being detained by border agents.

After he was picked to lead ICE, Morgan, the new acting director, showed a willingness to deport families during enforcement sweeps. However, past Trump immigration officials hesitated over concerns about logistics and the public's reaction.

The Trump administration has faced a barrage of criticism in recent days over conditions inside the Border Patrol facility in Clint, Texas, first reported by The Associated Press: inadequate food, lack of medical care, no soap, and older children trying to care for toddlers.

In one case reported in Clint, attorneys said a 2-year-old boy without a diaper was being watched by older children. Several youngsters had the flu. Many were separated from extended family members like aunts and uncles who brought them to the border; others were teenage mothers with babies.

As word of the children's plight got out, people moved by their stories started showing up the station's doors to donate boxes of diapers and even a Cookie Monster stuffed toy. They were not allowed in the building. Customs and Border Protection says it has enough supplies, but was checking with lawyers to see if it could accept donated items.

"On just a gut level I see myself, I see my family, I see my neighbors, I see my students in these migrants," said Diego Carlos, who teaches social studies at an El Paso high school and joined a small protest outside the

station.

"Literally, I have students who come over from the border almost every day to go to school at the school I teach," Carlos added.

An official from Customs and Border Protection said Tuesday that the majority of the roughly 300 children detained at Clint last week had been moved to facilities operated by the Office of Refugee Resettlement. The official, who briefed reporters on the condition of anonymity, wouldn't say exactly how many.

But around the same time Sanders announced his resignation, his agency said officials had moved more than 100 children back to the station.

The human costs of the migrant surge were driven home this week by a searing photo of the bodies of a Salvadoran man and his nearly 2-year-old daughter, face down in shallow water along the Mexican side of the Rio Grande. On Sunday, two babies, a toddler and a woman were found dead on the Texas side, overcome by the sweltering heat.

Trump said he is "very concerned" about conditions at the border but claimed without evidence that things are "much better than they were under President Obama, by far" and in "much better shape than it ever was" — an assertion immigration activists said is simply not true.

"We did not have the kind of overcrowded conditions for unaccompanied kids in Border Patrol holding cells like we saw in Clint," said Michael Bochenek, a lawyer from Human Rights Watch.

Previously CBP's chief operating officer, Sanders was named acting commissioner in April after the agency's previous leader, Kevin McAleenan, became acting secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. Other key DHS agencies also have interim or acting directors, including U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Morgan, who also served as chief of the Border Patrol, a subsidiary of CBP, under President Barack Obama, is now expected to be replaced as ICE's acting leader by Matthew Albence. Albence served as acting director earlier this year after the departure of another former leader, Ronald Vitiello.

ICE on Saturday delayed an operation to sweep U.S. cities and arrest hundreds of people accused of flouting orders to leave the country, days after Trump tweeted about the upcoming crackdown. Former ICE acting director Thomas Homan, a Trump administration ally, then went on television to accuse McAleenan of leaking information about the operation because he opposed it.

CBP is the agency that apprehends and first detains migrant parents and children crossing the Mexican border.

CBP's facilities at the border were almost all built when most people crossing into the U.S. illegally were single adults. Now, the agency is apprehending tens of thousands of parents and children weekly. It recorded 84,500 apprehensions of adults and children traveling together in May.

In the wake of Sanders' resignation, Democratic Rep. Bennie G. Thompson of Mississippi, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, lashed out at the administration's immigration policies and "bad actors in the White House."

"There is simply no excuse for the horrific conditions children and families are being held in at the border," he said.

Jennifer Quigley, director of refugee advocacy for Human Rights First, called on Congress to hold hearings on the youngsters' treatment.

"Trump administration officials need to be held accountable for the disgraceful response to the situation at the border," she said in a statement. "This is only the tip of the iceberg. We need a full accounting of how children came to be caged in filthy and unsafe conditions."

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Rangers beat Detroit 5-3, handing Tigers another loss

By NOAH TRISTER

AP Baseball Writer

DETROIT — Before the game, Texas manager Chris Woodward said that if Jesse Chavez could pitch efficiently enough, he could last five or six innings.

The right-hander surpassed that.

Chavez pitched into the seventh in his longest outing in over two years, and the Rangers became the latest winning the Tigers 5-3 on Tuesday night. Detroit has lost 18 of its last 20 home games, and that does not include a game last month that was suspended with the Tigers trailing.

Chavez (3-2) allowed an unearned run and five hits in 6 1/3 innings, striking out seven with no walks. The right-hander has pitched mostly in relief this season. This was his fifth start, and he didn't go more than three innings in any of the previous four.

"He pitched a lot like we've been seeing out of the bullpen," Woodward said. "It was our first test at getting some serious length."

Chavez's most recent appearance before Tuesday was a five-inning relief outing against Cleveland. Then he made it through 79 pitches against Detroit.

Tuesday was his longest outing since he went seven innings on June 16, 2017.

"You just try and get the guys in the dugout as quick as you can," Chavez said. "With our offense, who knows what they can do every inning? It's unbelievable. I figure if I get out off the mound as quick as I can, give those guys a chance, then good things will happen."

Ronald Guzman homered for Texas, and Ronny Rodriguez went deep in the ninth inning for Detroit.

Jordan Zimmermann (0-5) allowed three runs in five innings. Detroit has

lost five straight and nine of 10.

"No one is going to feel sorry for you," Tigers manager Ron Gardenhire said. "We know where we're at right now. We're not winning ballgames, we're not hitting, and we're still making errors. We keep seeing a couple errors a night. We've got to get rid of those errors."

Nomar Mazara opened the scoring for Texas with an RBI single in the first, and Logan Forsythe added a sacrifice fly later that inning. Joey Gallo — back from the injured list after missing over three weeks with a left oblique strain — added an RBI double to make it 3-0 in the third.

Guzman hit a solo homer in the sixth. Detroit answered with a run in the bottom of that inning, when shortstop Elvis Andrus' throw to first got away for an error.

Guzman hit a sacrifice fly in the eighth.

Rodriguez hit a two-run homer with two outs in the ninth to make it 5-3.

The Rangers were without Asdrúbal Cabrera, who was starting a three-game suspension for hitting an umpire with equipment.

DEBUT

Locke St. John relieved Chavez and retired the last two batters of the seventh in his big league debut.

"I'd say when I got halfway to the pitcher's mound is when I kind of lost feeling in my legs," the 26-year-old left-hander said. "But I gained it again when I stepped on the mound. I just tried to breathe."

TRANSACTIONS

The Tigers announced that they have agreed to terms with right-hander Ted Stuka, their 14th-round pick in this year's draft. Texas announced the signing of right-handers Anthony Hoopii-Tuionetoa (30th round) and Nick Yoder (34th round).

After the game, Detroit optioned infielder Dawel Lugo to Triple-A Toledo.

Gurriel, Cole help Astros to 5-1 win over Pirates

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Houston's Gerrit Cole tried to think too much about what it would be like to face his former team leading up to Tuesday night's meeting with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

After turning in a solid performance to lead the Astros to a 5-1 win over the Pirates he allowed himself a little time to reminisce, saying that there was probably a lot of emotions on both sides.

"It was unique," he said. "I remember facing these guys in spring training and throwing live BPs and throwing (simulated) games and coming up with some of them. There's just a lot of memories that you have."

Cole (7-5) yielded seven hits and one run in six innings against the team which drafted him first overall in 2011 and where he spent five seasons before a trade to Houston before last season. Cole struck out three and walked two as he won his third straight decision.

"He mixed all his pitches in," Pittsburgh manager Clint Hurdle said. "He threw some change-ups, threw some curveballs, used the slider. Fastball was elevated, good velocity, good life. One of those games where at the end of the day, you're looking for the big hit and we didn't get it."

Yuli Gurriel and Alex Bregman homered to back up Cole and help the Astros to the win.

After winning just one time on a seven-game road trip which ended Sunday, the Astros opened a six-game homestand with the victory over the Pirates, who came into town on a four-game winning streak. Houston reached 50 wins on Tuesday night to join the Dodgers, Twins and Yankees as the only teams to reach the mark this season.

Bregman got things going in the fourth with a double off Trevor Williams before Gurriel launched a fastball into the seats in left field with two outs in the inning to make it 2-0.

An RBI single by Melky Cabrera got the Pirates within 1 in the sixth before Bregman opened the bottom of the inning with his 22nd home run to make it 3-1.

Williams (2-2) allowed eight hits and four runs in 6 2/3 innings.

"There are a few balls I wish I would have gotten back ... they put together some tough ABs off of me, especially late," Williams said.

Houston added a run on a sacrifice fly by Robinson Chirinos for the second out of the seventh inning and Williams was lifted when George Springer singled after that.

It was the hit of the night for Springer, who returned to the lineup on Tuesday for the first time since straining his left hamstring on May 24.

Cole got a big assist from his defense in the fourth inning when Josh Reddick reached over the short wall in right field to rob Starling Marte of a home run for the first out of the inning.

"At the very last second it took a hard right turn," Reddick said. "Kind of unexpected for me because I thought I had a good shot at it and all of the sudden I had to quick jump. And it wasn't the prettiest, cleanest of catches but I caught it. That's all that matters."

Cole didn't allow more than one baserunner in an inning until the fifth when José Osuna singled with one out before Elias Díaz walked. But the Pirates came away emptyhanded when Cole retired Adam Frazier before striking out Kevin Newman to end the inning.

Corey Dickerson doubled to start the sixth and advanced to third on a groundout by Marte. The Pirates cut the lead to 1 when Dickerson scored on the ground ball single by Cabrera with two outs in the inning. Colin Moran singled after that before Cole walked Osuna to load the bases. But he was able to limit the damage when Díaz grounded out.

The Astros padded the lead on an RBI double by rookie Yordan Alvarez with no outs in the eighth.

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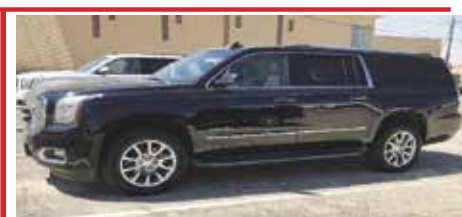
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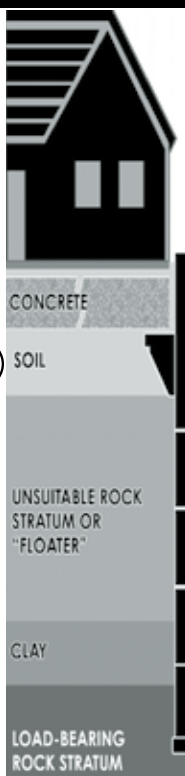
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mercury Catches Fire

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The rivalry going on may not be your own, but it matters to some of the people you love. Emotions are high. Alliances are drawn. And you may find yourself rooting for someone despite your best intentions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've picked up wisdom along the way as well as pithy sayings, fun jokes and interesting anecdotes. Armed with elegant erudition, you'll make friends and do well in business.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Simple patience looks like waiting around, but it's not the same thing as inaction. Patience is an inner stance, accepting the circumstance and looking for the best in it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Group situations can bring out the best in everyone, or they can cause people to relax into the illusion of safety in numbers. As you do your part, you can't help but influence the next person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The drive to create fun is as important as other human drives and the priority of the day. Bits of life turned into humor will be the healing balm that makes life sweeter.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The good ideas don't take hold any faster just because they are good ideas. Any idea at all

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



must be exposed several times before it's adopted. Present your option again. You're going to help people, though it could take a while.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). History has its own recipe. The truth gets mixed in with the needs and wants of those relaying the story. A mythology slowly forms as facts change just a little with each retelling.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your imagination is going strong today, and you may not be sure whether to correct it or assist it. Much depends on the direction in which your thoughts are flowing. Your happiness depends on imagining in a good direction.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). To be satisfied or discontented with oneself is more a matter of decision than of any fixed state of reality. Self-esteem is nothing more than a judgment you make, and you can change your mind about it

any time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Truths are often half-spoken. It's like we know how potent the truth is, and therefore, the first form it comes to us in is usually a whisper or a hint.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's the same with operating people and machines today -- you have to first learn what buttons to push to make things happen, but once you know, it will be obvious what to do and what to avoid doing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your tenacity of purpose is strongest when you know you're in the flow of all that's right. While it would be nice if such a knowing were an innate feeling, it's not. You have to check, question and doubt to realize what is right.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 26). You go into this solar journey with a passionate flame in your heart. The next two months are a blur as you share your excitement and ignite the spark in others. You'll soon have a whole team helping you make your vision come to life. November shows you bringing something remarkable home from your travels. Virgo and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 23, 14 and 49.

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Annie's Mailbox

Overcoming Insensitive Comments

Dear Annie: I endured a very traumatic childhood. I was verbally abused. I was physically abused. I was sexually abused and raped.

I'm writing because I want to know the best way to respond to ignorant and insensitive remarks about my childhood. I have been told, "just leave it in the past"; "focus on the positive"; "it's all a mindset"; "forgive and forget"; and "just let it go." I don't feel angry at these people for their remarks. I know they are trying to help and that they just don't understand.

People don't understand that the traumatic events I endured as a child will stay with me for the rest of my life. I have nightmares and flashbacks all the time. I could be doing anything and, all of a sudden, a horrible memory or image pops into my head. With therapy, I have learned to cope and push aside these memories, but they keep coming back. That is why I can't just leave it in the past or forget about it. All I can do is learn to cope.

I feel that trauma is much like grief. For instance, I have lost my father, my brother, and my niece. The two seem similar in that grief stays with you for the rest of your life. You'll always miss your loved one. Grief strikes you at any moment just like trauma. Grief is painful and difficult to endure. And for someone who is grieving, other people wouldn't dare tell them to "just leave it in the past" or "just let it go" or "it's all a mindset." Those comments would be con-

sidered highly insensitive. How do I respond to people who make these insensitive remarks to me or to others who have endured trauma? -- Grieving My Childhood

Dear Grieving My Childhood: What an important letter. Having to endure any type of trauma is awful and potentially an ongoing process. It is insensitive for someone to convey the message that you should "get over it." My guess is that these words come from a place of their not knowing what type of trauma you experienced, or what grief feels like. If they did know what you went through, they might give you a huge motherly hug and just hold you, or they might know that you need space and time.

You are correct that the memory of the trauma will never go away, but with a good therapist, which you seem to have, you could find both physical and mental release. Somatic Healing is a great option in helping with PTSD and can lessen some of the nightmares and flashbacks.

Your letter will help other people understand trauma better. Good luck to you, warrior woman. My hope is that you will continue to transcend the trauma from your childhood and live a life that is not just coping but one that is shining bright and that allows others to heal as well. You are on the right track by showing so much wisdom.

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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!

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

ANSWER:

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
The better way

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 9 3
♥ K Q 6
♦ K Q 7 4 2
♣ Q J 3
WEST
♠ K 7 2
♥ 7 4 2
♦ 9 5
♣ A K 8 6 5
EAST
♠ Q 10 8 6 5
♥ 8 3
♦ J 10 8 3
♣ 10 7
SOUTH
♠ A J 4
♥ A J 10 9 5
♦ A 6
♣ 9 4 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♦ Pass
Opening lead — king of clubs.

Most errors at the bridge table are of a simple sort. It is not the difficult hands that cause the loss of myriads of points, but rather the far more frequent run-of-the-mill hands that are responsible for such losses.

Consider this hand where West led the king of clubs, East playing the ten to begin a high-low. West continued with the ace and another club, and East ruffed to bring his side to three tricks. East then shifted to a spade, taken by South with the ace.

Declarer drew three rounds of trump and tested the diamond suit by cashing the A-K-Q. On the third dia-

mond, South disposed of one of his spade losers, but when the diamonds failed to break 3-3, he had to go down one.

However, declarer should have made the contract. In effect, he banked all his hopes on a 3-3 division of the opposing diamonds, making no provision for the possibility that the diamonds might be divided 4-2.

After winning the ace of spades, South should have drawn only two rounds of trump, retaining the king in dummy as a subsequent entry. He could then cash the A-K of diamonds and ruff a low diamond with a high trump.

This would establish the Q-7 as tricks. A heart to the king would then put him in dummy to cash the two diamonds and discard both his spade losers.

It is important to observe the effect this line of play has on the chances of making the contract. In normal circumstances, a 3-3 break occurs about 36 percent of the time, while a 4-2 break is a 48 percent probability. If declarer can develop an approach that will succeed against either a 3-3 or 4-2 division, he can raise his chances to 84 percent.

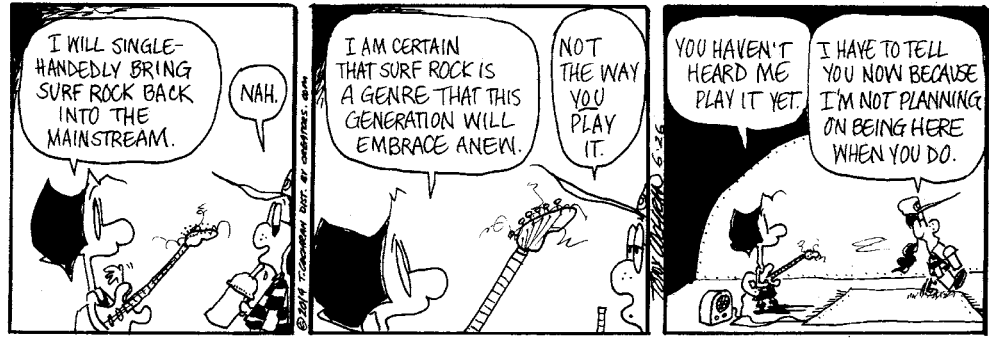
In the given case, where East is known to have started with only two clubs and West with five, the chance of a 3-3 break is even less likely, so declarer has all the more reason to seek a more viable approach.

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6:30	Wheel		Big Bang	ET		News	Israel		M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Burgers							
7:PM	Press Your Luck	La reina soy yo	MasterChef	Big Brother	Un poquito tuyo (SS)	Ellen's Game	News	Rivers of Life	Andy G.	Penn & Teller	Big Bang	Movie: The Intern, Rene Russo (DVS)	O.J.: Made in America		Law & Order: SVU	Wahlburgers	Homestead Rescue	
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10:PM	Extra	Soy tu dueña	Two Men	Simpsons	Access	De'siones	Daly	NOVA	Hitchcock	King	New Girl	Bones	SportsCenter	UFC Main Event	MLB Baseball: Texas Rangers at Detroit Tigers.	NCIS (DVS)	(12:04) Wahlburgers	Homestead Rescue
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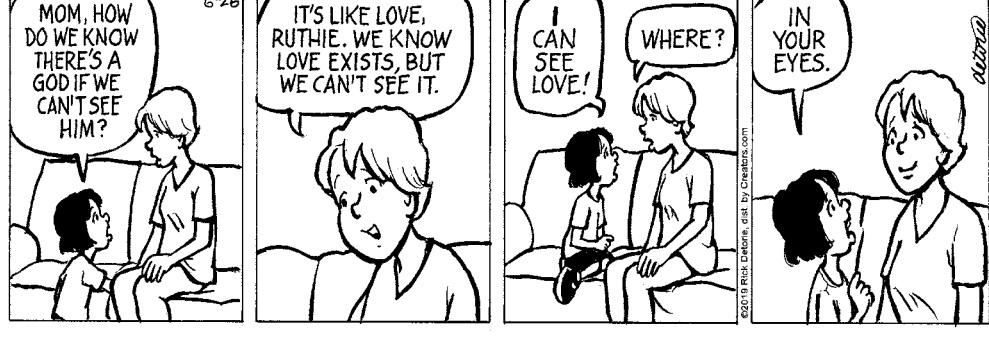
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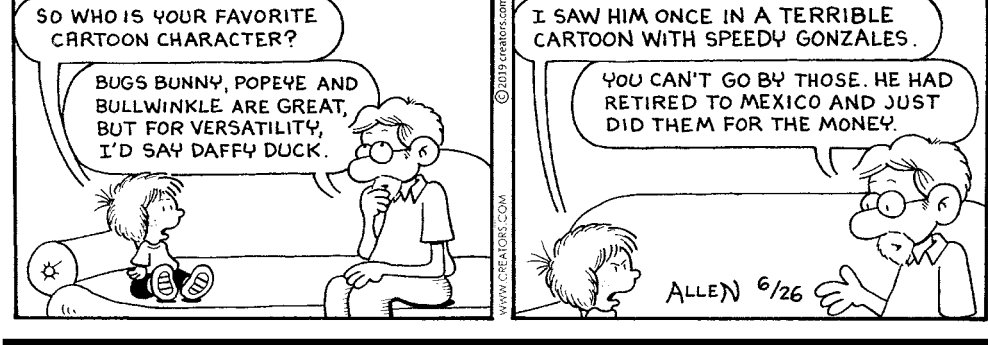
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, June 26, the 177th day of 2019. There are 188 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On June 26, 1963, President John F. Kennedy visited West Berlin, where he delivered his famous speech expressing solidarity with the city's residents, declaring: "Ich bin ein Berliner" (I am a Berliner).

On this date:
In 1870, the first section of Atlantic City, New Jersey's Boardwalk was opened to the public.
In 1917, the first troops of the American Expeditionary Force deployed to France during World War I landed in St. Nazaire.
In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was nominated for a second term of office by delegates to the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.
In 1948, the Berlin Airlift began in earnest after the Soviet Union cut off land and water routes to the isolated western sector of Berlin.
In 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson announced his choice of Abe Fortas to succeed the retiring Earl Warren as chief justice of the United States (however, Fortas later withdrew in the face of stiff Senate opposition).
In 1977, 42 people were killed when a fire sent toxic smoke pouring through the Maury County Jail in Columbia, Tennessee. Elvis Presley performed his last concert at Market Square Arena in Indianapolis.
In 1988, three people were killed when a new Airbus A320 jetliner carrying more than 130 people crashed into a forest during a demonstration at an air show in Mulhouse (muh-LOOZ), France.
In 1990, President George H.W. Bush went back on his "no-new-taxes" campaign pledge, conceding that tax increases would have to be included in any deficit-reduction package worked out with congressional negotiators.
In 1993, President Bill Clinton announced the U.S. had launched missiles against Iraqi targets because of "compelling evidence" Iraq had plotted to assassinate former President George H.W. Bush.
In 1997, the first Harry Potter novel, "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone," by J.K. Rowling (ROHL-ing), was published in the United Kingdom (it was later released in the United States under the title "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone").
In 2008, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a handgun ban in the District of Columbia as it affirmed, 5-4, that an individual right to gun ownership existed. Juan Alvarez, who triggered a 2005 rail disaster in Glendale,

California, by parking a sport-utility vehicle on the tracks, was convicted of 11 counts of first-degree murder. (Alvarez was later sentenced to 11 consecutive life terms.)
In 2013, in deciding its first cases on the issue, the U.S. Supreme Court gave the nation's legally married gay couples equal federal footing with all other married Americans and also cleared the way for same-sex marriages to resume in California. New England Patriots tight end Aaron Hernandez was arrested in the shooting death of Odin Lloyd. (Hernandez was convicted of first-degree murder; he killed himself in his prison cell in 2017.)
Ten years ago: Los Angeles County medical examiners performed an autopsy on the remains of pop star Michael Jackson a day after his death at age 50. The Democratic-controlled House passed a global warming measure 219-212 following intense lobbying by President Barack Obama. A federal judge in New York ordered disgraced financier Bernard Madoff stripped of all his possessions under a \$171 billion forfeiture order.
Five years ago: The U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that President Barack Obama had exceeded his executive authority in 2012 when he appointed members to the National Labor Relations Board without Senate confirmation. The nation's highest court also unanimously struck down the 35-foot protest-free zone outside abortion clinics in Massachusetts, declaring it an unconstitutional restraint on the free-speech rights of protesters. Former Senate majority leader and White House chief of staff Howard Baker, 88, died at his Tennessee home.
One year ago: A sharply divided Supreme Court upheld President Donald Trump's ban on travel from several mostly Muslim countries; dissenting Justice Sonia Sotomayor (SOHN'-ya soh-toh-my-YOR') said the court was making a historic mistake by refusing to recognize that the ban discriminates against Muslims. Joe Crowley of New York, the fourth-ranking House Democrat, lost a primary to 28-year-old liberal activist Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. General Electric Co. was removed from the Dow Jones industrial average, where it had been an original component in 1896; it was replaced by

the Walgreens drugstore chain.
Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician-film composer Dave Grusin is 85. Actor Josef Sommer is 85. Singer Billy Davis Jr. is 81. Rock singer Georgie Fame is 76. Actor Clive Francis is 73. Rhythm and blues singer Brenda Holloway is 73. Actor Michael Paul Chan is 69. Actor Robert Davi is 68. Singer-musician Mick Jones is 64. Actor Gedde Watanabe (GEH'-dee wah-tah-

NAH'-bee) is 64. Rock singer Chris Isaak is 63. Rock singer Patty Smyth is 62. Singer Terri Nunn (Berlin) is 60. U.S. Bicycling Hall of Famer Greg LeMond is 58. Rock singer Harriet Wheeler (The Sundays) is 56. Country musician Eddie Perez (The Mavericks) is 51. Rock musician Colin Greenwood (Radiohead) is 50. Writer-director Paul Thomas Anderson is 49. Actor Sean Hayes is 49. Actor

Matt Letscher is 49. Actor Chris O'Donnell is 49. Actor Nick Offerman is 49. Actress Rebecca Budig is 46. Retired MLB All-Star Derek Jeter is 45. Contemporary Christian musician Jeff Frankenstein (Newsboys) is 45. Country singer Gretchen Wilson is 45. Rock musician Nathan Followill (Kings of Leon) is 40. Pop-rock singer-musician Ryan Tedder (OneRepublic) is 40. Actor-musician Jason Schwartz-

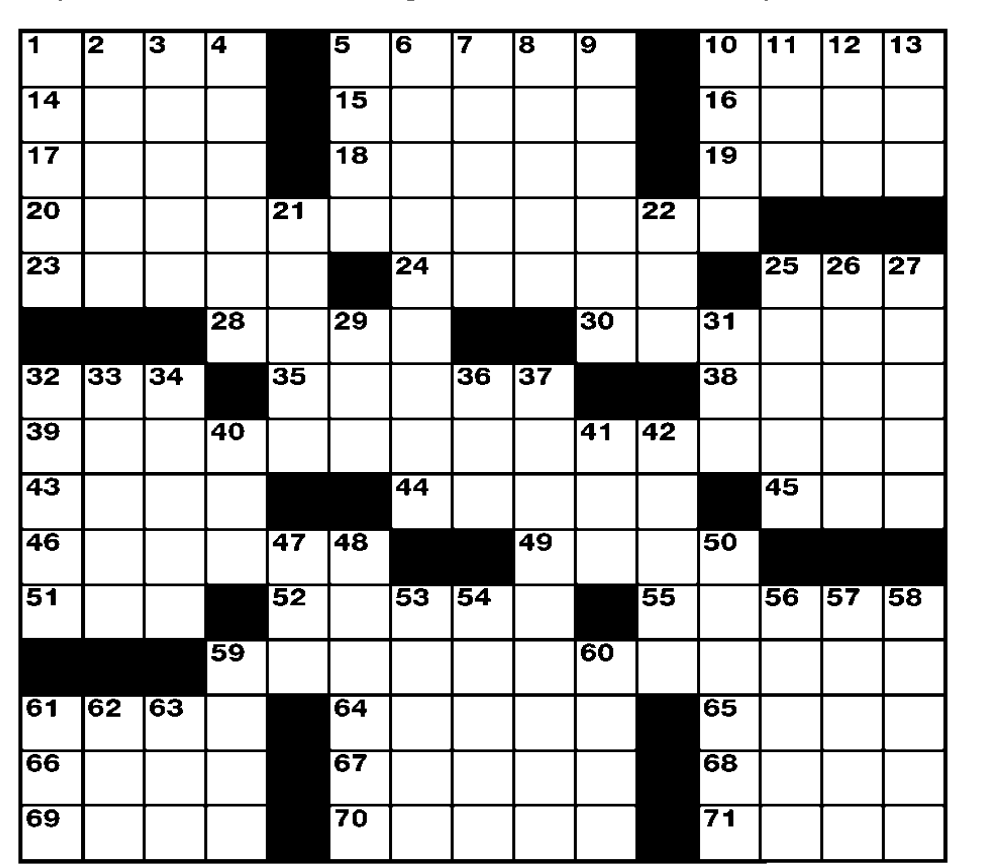
man is 39. Actress Aubrey Plaza is 35. Actress-singer Jennette McCurdy is 27. Actress-singer Ariana Grande is 26.
Thought for Today: "The formula for success is simple: practice and concentration then more practice and more concentration." — Babe Didrikson Zaharias, American athlete and golfing Hall of Famer (born this date in 1911, died in 1956).

Newsday Crossword

IN YOUR MAILBOX by Carolyn Stewart Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Former Italian money
 - 5 Looks over quickly
 - 10 Optimistic wish
 - 14 Getting the job done
 - 15 Spider-Man portrayer Maguire
 - 16 ___ Grey tea
 - 17 President before Wilson
 - 18 Abates
 - 19 Molecule part
 - 20 The "g" in cologne
 - 23 Pro hockey house
 - 24 Photographer Adams
 - 25 Bit of paint
 - 28 Defeat soundly
 - 30 Illusion in the desert
 - 32 Prescription regulator: Abbr.
 - 35 Donut filling
 - 38 Wicked
 - 39 Something debated in Congress
 - 43 Number on a wine label
 - 44 Fix stitching
 - 45 Understand
 - 46 Legal filings
 - 49 Abound
 - 51 Japanese money
 - 52 Place for a stickpin
 - 55 Chain of mountains
 - 59 Salesperson's handout
 - 61 Hotel lobby furniture
 - 64 Sudden outpouring
 - 65 Palm-tree berry

- DOWN**
- 1 Much, informally
 - 2 "... the bombs bursting ___"
 - 3 Ransack
 - 4 Go to
 - 5 Editor's notation
 - 6 Small furry marsupial
 - 7 Norwegian playwright
 - 8 Runs into
 - 9 Methodical procedure
 - 10 Learn via the grapevine
 - 11 Feedbag morsel
 - 12 Golf teacher
 - 13 Stately tree
 - 21 Some undercover agents
 - 22 Quarterback Manning
 - 25 Actress Bette or Viola
 - 26 Nimble
 - 27 Beauty and the Beast heroine
 - 29 Web address
 - 31 Confederate soldier, for short
 - 32 Overhead visit from a plane
 - 33 Farm machinery giant
 - 34 Once more
 - 36 Ingested
 - 37 Decoration for Christmas kissing
 - 40 Wrath
 - 41 Victory sign
 - 42 Decorative pitchers
 - 47 Winter bug
 - 48 Talked back to
 - 50 Bright-colored parrots
 - 53 Kate Middleton's sister
 - 54 Approve, as a 39 Across
 - 56 Tortilla chip
 - 57 Corn or wheat
 - 58 Polishes for publication
 - 59 Don't go quietly
 - 60 Tennis tourney segments
 - 61 Tiny taste of tea
 - 62 Verse of tribute
 - 63 Competitive rival



Tuesday Sports in Brief

Associated Press

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Kumar Rocker struck out 11 while pitching 6 1/3 innings of three-hit ball, and Vanderbilt got to Michigan's shaky bullpen in a 4-1 win in Game 2 of the College World Series finals Tuesday night.

The Commodores (58-12) forced a winner-take-all Game 3 on Wednesday night at TD Ameritrade Park. Michigan is playing for its first national title since 1962, and Vanderbilt is trying for its first since 2014.

Rocker (12-5) set the tone in another in a line of strong performances. Ten of the 6-foot-4, 255-pound freshman's first 11 pitches were strikes.

Michigan (50-21) failed to score in the opening inning for the first time in its five CWS games and five of the first six batters struck out.

MLB
NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Yankees homered for the 28th straight game, breaking a major league record.

They wasted no time setting the mark Tuesday night.

DJ LeMahieu hit a leadoff shot into the second deck down the left field line against Toronto lefty Clayton Kershaw, giving the Bronx Bombers sole possession of the record. New York began the night tied at 27 games in a row with the 2002 Texas Rangers, a team that featured Alex Rodriguez and Rafael Palmeiro.

The Yankees quickly added another one, too. Aaron Judge followed LeMahieu with an opposite-field drive into the right field stands. It was the first home run since April 20 for Judge, who returned Friday from an oblique injury that sidelined him for two months.

It was the 11th time in franchise history the Yankees started a game with consecutive home runs.

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Shohei Ohtani will throw off a mound

Wednesday for the first time since Tommy John surgery.

The Los Angeles Angels announced the latest big step in their two-way star's comeback Tuesday night.

Ohtani had surgery Oct. 1 at the conclusion of his AL Rookie of the Year season. He returned to the Angels' lineup as a designated hitter May 7, posting nine homers and 30 RBIs already this season with an .834 OPS.

The Angels repeatedly have said Ohtani won't pitch in games until 2020, but his recovery appears to be progressing well.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — The principal owner of the Rays says it's unrealistic for his team to play full time in the Tampa Bay area, and a shared season with Montreal is the best option.

Stu Sternberg said at a news conference Tuesday he would be "hard-pressed" for the team to stay exclusively in Tampa or St. Petersburg. He believes "strongly in the sister-city concept" with Montreal and is "asking for open minds."

Tampa Bay is averaging less than 15,000 fans a game. Commissioner Rob Manfred says the Rays have "broad permission to explore what's available."

An agreement between the Rays and St. Petersburg for Tropicana Field runs through 2027. St. Petersburg's mayor has shot down the two-city possibility.

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Hard-throwing closer Jordan Hicks is set to undergo Tommy John surgery on Wednesday.

The 22-year-old Hicks was diagnosed with a torn ulnar collateral ligament on Monday following a MRI. Hicks was previously diagnosed with tendinitis in his right triceps.

Hicks was 2-2 with a 3.14 ERA in 29 games this season for the Cardinals. He had 14 saves in 15 opportunities.

HOCKEY

Canadian women's star Hayley Wickenheiser was elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame in her first year of eligibility.

Wickenheiser headlines the 2019 Hall of Fame class that also includes former NHL players Sergei Zubov and Guy Carbonneau, Czech hockey star Vaclav Nedomansky and builders Jim Rutherford and Jerry York. Hall chairman Lanny McDonald announced the inductees Tuesday.

In 79 international games, Wickenheiser recorded 58 goals and 88 assists for 146 points. She won four Olympic gold medals, seven world championship golds, one Olympic silver and six world championship silvers.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Washington Capitals defenseman Brooks Orpik has decided to retire after 15 NHL seasons and two Stanley Cup championships.

The 38-year-old announced his retirement Tuesday. Orpik says his body is telling him "it is time to move on to something new" after 1,171 regular-season and playoff games.

Orpik won the Stanley Cup with Pittsburgh in 2009 and Washington in 2018. The rugged blue liner was a respected leader in the Capitals' locker room the past four seasons. Teammates nicknamed him "Batya," the Russian word for "Dad."

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The Blues signed coach Craig Berube to a three-year contract extension Tuesday after he led St. Louis to its first Stanley Cup championship in his first season in charge.

The Blues were in last place at the start of the year, but Berube led them on an 11-game win streak in January and February to position them for the playoffs. They wound up going 38-19-6 in the regular season, then beat the Jets, Stars and Sharks in the playoffs to reach the Stanley Cup Final.

The Blues beat the Bruins in seven games to win the first championship in their 52-year history.

Berube, who also spent two seasons coaching the Flyers, joined the franchise as an associate coach in 2017. His new deal will be formally announced at a news conference Wednesday.

BOXING

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — Former heavyweight champion Wladimir Klitschko says his boat trip off Spain with family and friends was cut short after a fire broke out on board.

The 43-year-old Ukrainian said in a tweet Tuesday the group was evacuated from the motor yacht in the Mediterranean Sea on Sunday night.

Spain's Maritime Rescue Service confirmed it responded to an emergency call, though a spokeswoman declined to provide the identities of those involved because of privacy rules.

HONORS

NEW YORK (AP) — A plaque in Monument Park at Yankee Stadium has been dedicated to commemorate the Stonewall Inn uprising 50 years ago, which sparked a pivotal rebellion in the LGBTQ rights movement.

The plaque was unveiled Tuesday night before New York played the Toronto Blue Jays. It is located on a wall alongside tablets honoring Jackie Robinson and Nelson Mandela for their work fighting prejudice, breaking barriers and creating equality.

Steps away sit monuments and plaques that celebrate Yankees greats from Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig to Derek Jeter and Mariano Rivera.

New York pitchers CC Sabathia and Dellin Betances, along with general manager Brian Cashman, were on hand for the ceremony.

This Date in Baseball

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June 27

1917 — Catcher Hank Gowdy of the Braves became the first major league player to enter military service in World War I.

1939 — The Brooklyn Dodgers and the Boston Braves played a 23-inning, 2-2 tie. Whit Wyatt pitched the first 16 innings for the Dodgers. Both clubs played a 26-inning tie in 1920 at the same Braves Field.

1958 — Billy Pierce of the Chicago White Sox retired 26 straight Washington batters before pinch-hitter Ed Fitzgerald hit a double just inside the right-field line for the only hit. Pierce then struck out Albie Pearson on three pitches and beat the Senators 3-0.

1973 — David Clyde, a \$125,000, 18-year-old bonus baby with the Rangers, pitched five innings, struck out eight and allowed one hit in his first major league start. Texas beat the Minnesota Twins 4-3 before 35,698 fans — the Rangers' first home sellout at Arlington Stadium.

1980 — The Los Angeles Dodgers' Jerry Reuss pitched a no-hitter against the San Francisco Giants in an 8-0 victory at Candlestick Park. The only player to reach base was Jack Clark in the first inning on a throwing error by shortstop Bill Russell.

1986 — San Francisco rookie Robby Thompson set a major league record when he was caught stealing four times in the Giants' 7-6, 12-inning victory over the Cincinnati Reds. Catcher Bo Diaz threw out Thompson in the fourth, sixth, ninth and 11th innings.

1993 — Anthony Young of the New York Mets set a major league record by losing his 24th straight decision, 5-3 to the St. Louis Cardinals.

1999 — Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 27th homer and robbed Juan Gonzalez of a three-run shot with a spectacular over-the-fence catch as the Seattle Mariners beat the Texas Rangers 5-2 in the final game at the Kingdome.

2003 — Boston set a major league record by scoring 10 runs before the first out. The 50-minute, 91-pitch first inning came during a 25-8 victory over Florida. The Red Sox also tied an AL record with 14 runs in the first inning. Johnny Damon matched a major league mark with three hits in an

inning.

2008 — Carlos Delgado of the New York Mets homered twice, including a grand slam, and set a franchise record with nine RBIs in a 15-6 rout of the Yankees at Yankee Stadium in the opener of the teams' two-ballpark doubleheader. The Yankees beat the Mets 9-0 at Shea Stadium in the night game.

2010 — Jamie Moyer surrendered his record-breaking 506th home run but was sharp otherwise, and the Philadelphia Phillies took advantage of Toronto's troubles to beat the Blue Jays 11-2. Moyer only mistake was a two-run homer by Vernon Wells in the third inning. Moyer passed former Phillies Hall of Famer Robin Roberts for the most homers allowed in a career.

2016 — Kris Bryant became the first major league

er to hit three homers and two doubles in a game, and Jake Arrieta added a solo shot, leading the Chicago Cubs to an 11-8 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

2016 — The Texas Rangers wrapped up a weird win at 2:44 a.m., rallying after a rain delay of more than 3 1/2 hours in the ninth inning to beat the New York Yankees 9-6 with maybe 100 fans left in the stands. Umpire crew chief Paul Nauert signaled for the tarp at 10:40 p.m. The game resumed at 2:15 a.m. Texas trailed 6-5 when Kirby Yates replaced closer Aroldis Chapman after the delay with a runner on first and no outs. Yates (2-1) hit three batters, and Beltre and Elvis Andrus each hit a two-run singles.

Today's birthdays: Yordan Alvarez, 22; Yackiel Rios, 26; Abraham Almonte, 30.

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