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Upcoming Events

- Today
- BSEDC Meeting**
5:15 p.m.
Chamber Board Room
215 W. Third
- Aug. 21
- Commissioners' Court**
Howard Co. Courthouse
3:30 p.m.
 - Wreath Making Class**
Heritage Museum
6 p.m.
- Aug. 22
- Alive After 5**
Big Spring Ford
5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 24
- Back to School Bash**
7 p.m.
Hotel Settles
Movie - Dumbo
- Downtown Throwdown
- 8 p.m.
The Train Car
- Aug. 26
- Last Day for Leadership Big Spring Applications**
Turn in to Big Spring Area Chamber Office
215 W. Third
- Aug. 30
- Howard County Bowl**
6 p.m.
Memorial Stadium
- Don't forget to submit your We Salute! nominations; good deeds, positive impacts to the community, etc. can be emailed to editor@*

School is in session: BSISD returns



HERALD photos/Roger Cline
 Above, Billie White (left) and Ricky White arrive at Marcy Elementary Monday morning for Ricky's first day in kindergarten as other parents and students wait for the bell. Right, Claudia Leos helps get kindergartner Sofia ready for the start of school at Marcy as third grader Sayeed looks on.



Big Spring State Hospital hosting job fair

By ANNA GUTIERREZ
 Staff Writer

Big Spring State Hospital has many entry-level positions that need to be filled, so they will be hosting a community job fair on Wednesday, Aug. 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"We have over 60 vacancies," said Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospi-

tal Director of Community Relations. "The vacancies are for Certified Nurses' Aides (CNAs), housekeeping and food service, mainly. We have received approval to increase the starting pay for CNAs, so if you haven't checked with us in a while, please come fill out an application to see what we can offer."

Dress to impress, as job interviews

will be conducted on site during this job fair. Big Spring State Hospital is located at 1901 U.S. Hwy 87, and the job fair will take place in the chapel building. For more information, please contact Dee Lindsey at 432-268-7535.

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

Texas LawShield: Surviving an active shooter situation

By ANNA GUTIERREZ
 Staff Writer

Hide? Run? Fight?

Do you know what to do if you're caught in an active shooter situation? Unfortunately, in this day and age, that is a reality too many of us face. With the recent events involving El Paso and Ohio, the reality is an active shooter event can happen anywhere and at anytime. Being prepared and understanding options will help better prepare should you ever find yourself in a chaotic situation such as an active shooter.

When Columbine happened and active shooter scenes were "rare", the accepted approach in such situations was to hide. But as active shooters quickly became more commonplace, studies on the scenes began to encourage a different course of action.

Texas LawShield will host a seminar to provide information about what steps to take to survive if you are involved in an active shooter situation.

Topics will include:

- Run! Hide! Fight! and other basic survival strategies;
- Situational awareness in the face of danger;
- How to create an effective action plan.

"We have hosted these seminars in some of the bigger cities in Texas," says Casey Chavez with Texas LawShield. "We hope to be able to provide this same service to Big Spring so that they don't have to drive an hour to Midland for this workshop. We want Big Spring to have the same resources as the bigger cities."

Continues Chaves, "The speaker for this seminar will be Jeremy Jones, who is a law enforcement officer from Lubbock, Texas. The event is also being co-hosted by Doug Wagner, who is a local License to Carry instructor. We always look for local businesses and individuals to help us get the

word out."

The seminar will take place at Runnels Academy, 102 E. 10th St., in the second floor meeting room, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. It should also be noted, Runnels Academy is not endorsing or hosting the event, but has offered the use of the building for the class to take place.

There is no fee for this seminar. Everyone over 18 is encouraged to attend. You can find more information at www.TexasLawShield.com.

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

BSEDC Board to consider 'Project Greasewood' in closed session

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors will meet Tuesday at 5:15 in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Board Room, 215 W. Third St.

Most of the meeting will be taken up by a closed executive session to discuss a "business prospect" listed in the meeting's agenda as "Project Greasewood," and to discuss infrastructure.

The Big Spring City Council has been invited to take part in the closed session with the EDC Board. In anticipation of a possible quorum of city council members, a notice has also been issued for a city council meeting.

Following the closed session, the board will consider action to approve a resolution authorizing application for the allocation of private activity bonds with the Texas Bond Review Board for "Project Greasewood," and consider approving a Certificate of Resolution supporting the Texas allocation of private activity bonds.

The board will also consider approval of

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Preparing for a new year BSISD annual convocation prepares teachers



HERALD photo/Anna Gutierrez
 Big Spring ISD staff, teachers and administration joined together for the annual convocation at Dorothy Garret Coliseum last Friday. Teachers enjoyed a nice meal, music from BSISD state marching band, Rhapsody, and other festivities.

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Obituaries

Theresa Joan Lindsey



Mrs. Theresa Joan Lindsey (Granny), 89, of Big Spring, Texas, died on Saturday, Aug. 17, 2019, in Big Spring. Services for Mrs. Lindsey will be held Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2019, at 2 p.m. at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home with Reverend Mark Rawlins officiating. Internment will follow at Hillside Memorial Gardens. Services are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lindsey was born Dec. 2, 1929, in Little Rock, Arkansas to William Montgomery and Lottie (Pugh) Pritchard. She married Tommy Earl Lindsey on Dec. 21, 1948, in Las Cruces, New Mexico. He preceded her in death May 7, 1971. Theresa was a cook, working for many different restaurants over the years, was a great mom, grandma, great-grandma and great-great-grandma. Anyone that came to know her she loved.

She is survived by two sons, Robert Lindsey and wife, Joann, Fayetteville, Arkansas, and Michael Lindsey, Snyder, Texas; five grandchildren, Tracy

Michelle Tedford, Abilene, Texas, Katrina Gonzales and husband, Jason, Big Spring, Texas, James Turnbo and Tina Anderson, Big Spring, Texas, Michael Lindsey and wife, April, Snyder, Texas, Eric Lindsey, Snyder, Texas; 11 great-grandchildren, Brittany, Chelci, Jessica and Kira Gonzales, Tony Solis, Brandon and Kriston Breth, Tyler Avery, Ariel and Emmerie Lindsey; six great-great-grandchildren, Haiden Barber, Brooklyn and Rylan Wiseman, Ri'tianna Barrera, and Aadriel and No-va-lee Gonzales.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; daughter, Pamela Faye Lindsey; son, William David Lindsey; four sisters, Mary Leeper, Daisy Bonds, Sue Hunter and Mimajean Pritchard; four brothers, Leonard Prichard, Russell Prichard, Doyle Pritchard and Jack Prithcard.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2019 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be posted at www.bellcypertseale.com Bell-Cypert-Seale, 3101 College Ave., Snyder, TX, 79549, phone 325-573-5454, fax 325-573-6001, or email cypertseale@yahoo.com.

Paid Obituary

Patsy Smith



Patsy Smith, 86, of Big Spring died Saturday, Aug. 17, 2019. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Patsy was born Nov. 1, 1932, in Cleburne, Texas, to Lillie Overlin Teague and John Morton Teague. She married George B. "Smitty" Smith on April 1, 1949. He preceded her in death on May 1, 2019. Patsy was a homemaker but also

worked at Moss Elementary for a number of years. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a

member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Patsy is survived by one daughter, Tina Medina and her husband, Vaughn of Big Spring; two grandchildren, Kaycie Flores and her husband, Adam, and Jeremy Saucedo; and eight great-grandchildren, Tyler Litke, Logan Saucedo, Makenzie Saucedo, Julianna Flores, Jeremiah Saucedo, Jaxsyn Saucedo, Joshua Saucedo, and Reqaq Yanez.

In addition to her parents and husband, Patsy was preceded in death by one brother, Jack Teague; and two sisters, Nell Owensby and Obara Miers.

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

Paid Obituary

Jack Huskey



Jack Huskey, 48, of Big Spring, formerly of Judsonia, Arkansas, passed away Saturday, Aug. 17, 2019, in San Antonio.

He will lie in state from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, 2019. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. with Military Presentation beginning at 6 p.m.

Jack is survived by his wife, Ellen Huskey of Big Spring; one step-son, Michael Kuykendall of Big Spring; his mother and step-father, Diane and Mark Sibley of Perryville, Arkansas; his father, Roger Huskey of Searcy Arkansas; one niece; and several aunts and uncles.

Jack was preceded in death by one step-son, David Amonett; his grandparents; and one sister, Angela Huskey.

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

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 80 inmates at the time of this report.

• **BRANDEE LEANN CASTILLO**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **GLEN ALLEN DANIELS**, 60, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated-second offense.

• **BENJAMIN JAMES DILL**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.

• **DALTON GENE GLOVER**, 25, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **ANTONIO GONZALES JR.**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on charges of hindering officers discharging official duties, failure to identify, and resisting arrest, search or transport.

• **MARK MAXIMIANO GUTIERREZ**, 28, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for failure to dim headlights when meeting oncoming traffic, expired registration, and a charge of driving while intoxicated (BAC over 0.1).

• **ALEX JOSE GUZMAN**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **SUMMER LEANN HARDWICK**, 19, was arrested by BSPD

on a warrant for driving with invalid license.

• **KAREN DANIELS HENRY**, 63, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **QUINCY LAMAR HENRY**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on charges of unauthorized use of a vehicle, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **KEITH WAYNE HITT**, 56, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for criminal trespass.

• **BUCK NELSON LEWIS**, 47, was arrested by DPS on a warrant for driving while intoxicated with child under 15 years of age.

• **JOE DOWELL MATTHEWS**, 62, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated-third or more offense.

• **ANTONIO PENA JR.**, 35, was arrested by BSPD on three warrants from the Attorney General for contempt of court disobedience.

• **BROOK LYNN PETERSON**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving with invalid license with previous conviction or suspension without financial resolution.

• **KASHELL LYNN MARIE RAYMOND**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on charges of manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (one gram to four grams), manufac-

ture or delivery of a controlled substance penalty group 2 (four grams to 400 grams), possession of marijuana (less than two ounces), and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **AMADOR RIOS JR.**, 38, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **MICHAEL VELINDA ROBERTSON**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JACOBE RYAN RODRIQUES**, 18, was arrested by BSPD on charges of theft of a firearm, discharging a firearm within city limits, and possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram).

• **MARK WAYNE SADLER**, 59, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for criminal trespass.

• **STEPHANIE SERRATO**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for no drivers license, child under 8 and under 4'9" to ride unrestrained, failure to appear, and theft of property (\$2,500 to \$30,000).

• **SAUL VAQUERA**, 50, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief-impairing or interrupting public works.

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Joyce Flinchbaugh

Joyce Flinchbaugh, 75, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Aug. 19, 2019, in a Midland hospital.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **JACOBE RYAN RODRIQUES**, 18, of 2711 Larry Dr., was arrested on charges of theft of firearm, discharging firearm within city limits, and possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram).

• **ANTONIO GONZALES JR.**, 31, of 1205 Ridge Road, was arrested on charges of hindering officers discharging official duties, failure to identify and resisting arrest, search or transport.

• **ALEX JOSE GUZMAN**, 23, of 205 Circle Dr., was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass of a property, building, aircraft or vehicle.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1400 block of E. 6th St.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 3300 block of Fordham Ave., and the 1200 block of E, 3rd St.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

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

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

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

• 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.

• 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. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.



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Weather



Today: Sunny and hot, with a high near 101. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 75. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 99. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 75. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 99. South wind around 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 75.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 98.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 76.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 98.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 75.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 99.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 75.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 99.

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

Rhapsody, Pride Drive performance



Courtesy photos

The 2019 State Marching Qualifying BSHS Pride Drive performed for the BSISD staff during the recent convocation at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The school's choir – one of two in the state of Texas to perform at the State Choir Directors' Convention this summer – also performed.

Take Note

- Coahoma High School All-School Reunion will take place Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019 at Coahoma Elementary Cafeteria, located at 400 Ramsey Ave. There will be breakfast, coffee, and door prizes. Guest speaker will be Putt Choate.

- 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.

- 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. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

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

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

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

- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited

to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies, as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home.

We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

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

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

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

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

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BSEDC

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the EDC's 2019-2020 budget before inviting public comment and comments from board members.

The EDC meetings are open to the public and the community is encouraged to attend. Meetings take place the third Monday of the month.

For those needing special accommodations or hearing-impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should contact the BSEDC at 264-6032. Requests for an interpreter should be made at least 48 hours in advance of a meeting.

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

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TSTC Holds Summer 2019 Commencement; more than 135 graduates

ABILENE – More than 135 graduates received certificates and associate degrees at Texas State Technical College's Summer 2019 Commencement held Friday, Aug. 16, at the Abilene Convention Center. Graduates from TSTC's West Texas campuses in Abilene, Breckenridge, Brownwood and Sweetwater were recognized.

For TSTC Provost Rick Denbow, commencement is the best day of each semester.

"It is a great time to see the accumulation of all the students' hard work pay off. Most of these students are graduating with jobs already lined up, which is even more exciting," Denbow said.

Several students could be found celebrating their newfound jobs with their fellow classmates and instructors.

Faye Miller received an Associate of Applied Science degree in Chemical Dependency Counseling and will start working soon.

"I start work at the Walker Sayle Unit on Monday, and I am so excited," Miller said. "This is a start to a new chapter for me, and I am so glad to make my family proud."

During his commencement ceremony address, Texas Senator Charles Perry offered pearls of wisdom as the students embark on their professional careers.

"The great equalizer in life is that we are all given the same 24 hours in a day. It's what you choose to do with them that will define you and your life," Perry said.

Graduate Alan Acosta knows the value of time and is graduating with his Certificate Level 1 in Structural Welding at just 19 years old. Acosta was a dual



Courtesy photo

Texas Senator Charles Perry gave the commencement ceremony address at Texas State Technical College Summer 2019 Commencement.

enrollment welding student when he attended Brownwood High School, which allowed him to earn his first semester of college while still in high school. "I think it's important to start early, and find a job you like and work hard at it," Acosta said.

This commencement saw the first cohort of graduates from the programs offered at the new Industrial Technology Center in Abilene. Caleb Ames received his Certificate Level 1 in Industrial Systems and is the first student to graduate from the Abilene program.

"I am excited and nervous, but mostly excited. I love that I get to work with my hands every day, and I love that I was in this program because there are numerous career opportunities within the industrial systems," Ames said.

Ames will start work as a frac mechanic for Propetrol in a week.

For others, this commencement was bittersweet. Students in the Electromechanical Technology program mourned the loss of their instructor Mary Madden, but said they would honor her memory by being the best employees they could be, as she would expect of them.

"I wouldn't be walking this stage without the guidance of Mrs. Madden," Chris Hill, a graduate of the Electromechanical Technology program, said. "She would demand a lot from you, but that's because she would give it right back. She made sure we knew she was there to help us succeed, and I plan to honor her by being the best worker out there."

Hill earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in Electromechanical Technology and will work for a private contractor in San Antonio.

Earlier in the day, the Associate Degree in Nursing program held a pinning ceremony.

For more information, log on to tstc.edu.

NRA Announces All-Star Lineup of Presenters at 2019 Personal Protection Expo

FORT WORTH – The NRA Personal Protection Expo, Sept. 6-8, 2019 at the Fort Worth Convention Center in Fort Worth, TX is the nation's premier event for personal protection, concealed carry, and home defense products and education.

Over 120 seminars and workshops will be available to Expo attendees. The admission ticket is valid for all three days and will provide showgoers access to a wide range of free seminars, training and educational content, as well as access to an expansive exhibit hall showcasing an array of personal defense and concealed carry firearms and accessories.

In depth workshops ranging from 2-4 hours and designed to enhance self-defense and general preparedness skills will be available for an additional fee. Elite instructors from across the nation are coming together to offer an unprecedented number of high-quality, limited-access training events.

Some of the best-in-class presenters at this year's NRA Personal Protection Expo include:

Tom Kier – Considered to be a subject matter expert by USSOCOM and holds a Master Instructor rank in Sayoc Kali "The Art of the Blade" with over 27 years of training in the system. Kier presents a hands-on approach to the use and avoidance of

combative edged weapons in his workshop, "Edged Weapons for Every Day Carry".

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To view the entire list of seminar topics and presenters or to purchase admission tickets, visit the official website at <https://www.nrapersonalprotectionexpo.com>.

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NOTICE OF 2019 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR City of Big Spring, Texas

A tax rate of \$ 0.743800 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of City of Big Spring, Texas. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of City of Big Spring, Texas proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of Needed Infrastructure Replacement.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.743800</u> per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.729311</u> per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.702176</u> per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.743808</u> per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Big Spring, Texas from the same properties in both the 2018 tax year and the 2019 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that 0.743808 may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

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<http://www.co.howard.tx.us/page/howard.County.Assessor.Collector>

You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

First Hearing: Tuesday, August 27th, 5:30 PM at City Council Chambers, 307 East 4th St.

Second Hearing: Tuesday, September 10th, 5:30 PM at City Council Chambers, 307 East 4th St.

Fiscal Notes: Texas and the 1115 Medicaid Waiver

(AUSTIN) – In the August edition of Fiscal Notes, released today, the Comptroller's office examines the state's Medicaid waiver for its Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement program, commonly called the 1115 Medicaid waiver.

The federally funded program will provide Texas with up to \$25 billion between 2018 and 2022, but it is currently set to expire during the next two years.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is negotiating with the federal government to extend the waiver; without it, vulnerable populations could lose access to vital health care resources.

"Federal revenue provides more than half of the money we spend on health and human services, so anything that affects that funding stream can have significant consequences," said Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar.

"The 1115 Medicaid waiver channels federal funding to medical providers that serve the state's most vulnerable populations."

This issue also takes a look at Texas' state jail program, created in 1993 as a less restrictive and more cost-effective alternative to prison, with an emphasis on treatment, rehabilitation and successful re-entry to society.

Recently, some have criticized the program for drifting away from its original goals.

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Community Report: First day of school photos



Courtesy photos

Far left: Photo submitted by Mindy Sedberry: Mason is ready for his year as a freshman at Fisd. Middle photo: Photo submitted by Erica Melton: Carlie, Raeley, Gentry and Erica (Mom) are ready to tackle a new year. The kids will be returning to the classroom and Mom will be returning as a bus driver and a Pre-K teacher. Right: Photo submitted by Anna Gutierrez: Adyson Chavez is ready to tackle another year at Greenwood ISD.

Governor brings big tech to the table after El Paso attack

By PAUL J. WEBER

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Gov. Greg Abbott called Monday for the help of big tech platforms in the wake of an El Paso mass shooting that authorities say was carried out by a gunman who posted a racist screed online before killing 22 people at a Walmart.

It's unclear what the invited companies, which include Google, Facebook and Twitter, will offer or say in the aftermath of the tragedy. None addressed questions about their role after Abbott announced the tech giants will join the FBI and state lawmakers this week in Austin to discuss the El Paso shooting and how to prevent future attacks.

Authorities say the suspected El Paso gunman confessed to targeting Mexicans during the Aug. 3 shooting. They also believe Patrick Crusius, 21, railed against immigrants and an influx of Hispanics into the U.S. in a rambling document that appeared on the 8chan message board.

Crusius has been placed on suicide watch in the El Paso County Jail, where he is held without bond on a capital murder charge, El Paso County sheriff's spokeswoman Christina Acosta said Monday.

In April, executives from Google and Facebook acknowledged while testifying before Congress that the companies have a duty to try to curb hate while being grilled about their responsibility for the spread of white supremacist views in the U.S. But they defended policies at the two companies that prohibit material that incites violence or hate.

Abbott, a Republican, described the gathering as a starting point to combat the rise of extremist groups and "hateful ideologies" and keeping guns out of the hands of "deranged individuals." He said they will also discuss domestic terrorism and cybersecurity threats.

Abbott spokesman John Wittman said the tech companies were invited to offer insights. Neil Potts, Facebook director of public policy who appeared before the House Judiciary Committee earlier this year, is also set to represent the company at the meeting in Texas.

Abbott called for cracking down on internet sites used by violent extremists in the immediate aftermath of the shooting. He has not proposed any new major gun control measures ahead of Thursday's meeting, which will include several Democratic lawmakers from El Paso who have pushed for tighter gun restrictions in Texas.

No gun-rights groups are among more than two dozen attendees scheduled to attend the meeting in the Texas Capitol, but Wittman said a gun-rights advocate will be invited to attend a similar gathering late this month in El Paso.

Abbott held similar gatherings in 2018 after a gunman killed 10 people at a high school near Houston. Those meetings resulted in a 43-page report with proposals for more armed guards in schools and boosting mental health screening. A year later, Abbott relaxed gun laws in a legislative session that was applauded by the National Rifle Association.

California governor signs law to limit shootings by police

By DON THOMPSON

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Spurred by the fatal police shooting of a young unarmed black man that roiled California's capital city, state lawmakers approved changes to the nation's oldest law governing when officers can use deadly force and it was signed by the governor Monday, though even supporters aren't sure it will save many lives.

"It's an open-ended question," Gov. Gavin Newsom said after adding his signature to the bill during a ceremony in an open courtyard to hold the crowd of legislators, family members of those killed in police shootings and advocates, many of them black or Latino. "This is remarkable to get to this moment on a bill that was so controversial, but it means nothing unless we make this moment meaningful."

Supporters and law enforcement officials said the new standards, which take effect Jan. 1, are among the nation's most comprehensive when combined with more police training. But they must be coupled, Newsom said, with cultural and systemic changes, including more transparency and a rebuilding of trust with the community.

California's old standard made it rare for police officers to be charged following a shooting and rarer still for them to be convicted. It was based on the doctrine of "reasonable fear," meaning if prosecutors or jurors believed officers had a reason to fear for their safety, they could use lethal force.

The new law will allow police to use deadly force only when "necessary" to defend against an imminent threat of death or serious injury to officers or bystanders.

It passed with bipartisan support after major police organizations won concessions and ended their vehement opposition.

Lawmakers dropped an explicit definition of "necessary" that said officers could use maximum force only when there was "no reasonable alternative." They also removed an explicit requirement that officers try to de-escalate confrontations. Law enforcement officials said that would have opened officers to endless second-guessing of what often are split-second, life-and-death decisions.

The bill's lead author, Democratic Assemblywoman Shirley Weber of San Diego, said the major elements of the bill "are still there, and they will make a difference in California and the nation."

The measure still contains the strongest language of any state, according to the American Civil Liberties Union, which proposed the bill and negotiated the changes.

Yet several police agencies said the new law, which replaces one passed in 1872, simply codifies policies already used in major California cities that emphasize de-escalation.

A more significant deterrent is a pending Senate bill requiring that officers be trained in ways to defuse confrontations, alternatives to opening fire and how to interact with people with mental illness or other issues, said California Police Chiefs Association President Ron Lawrence.

"Officers, when they're in that moment of fight or flight ... they're going to resort to muscle memory and what they've been trained to do," said Lawrence, chief of the Citrus Heights police department in suburban Sacramento. "Are they going to worry about the law and potentially being criminalized? Of course, but at the end of the day they're going to resort to the way they've been trained."

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Angels back in Texas after Skaggs' death, Rangers rally, 8-7

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Andrew Heaney struggled to describe his emotions with the Los Angeles Angels back in Texas for the first time since pitcher Tyler Skaggs was found dead in his hotel room before the start of a series against the Rangers last month.

Standing next to the No. 45 jersey hanging from the locker still reserved for Heaney's best friend, a joyous shout arose from a pre-game clubhouse competition near him. The Angels are showing some signs of healing, with Skaggs' memory clearly still weighing heavily on them.

"It's like a new kind of normal, but it's just a different ...," Heaney said before the game, his words trailing off. "Like I already have a hard enough time understanding my own emotions about it. Honestly I can't really give like you a good answer as to ... I'm sorry."

The Angels let a six-run lead get away in their return to the home of the Rangers on Monday night, losing 8-7 in 11 innings of Isiah Kiner-Falefa's high-chop infield single off Noé Ramirez (4-2) to score Jose Trevino, who started the rally in the fourth inning with his first career homer.

"Resilient obviously is the word I use a lot," Rangers manager Chris Woodward said. "I think it goes beyond that tonight."

Shohei Ohtani extended the longest hitting streak of his career to 10 games with an RBI triple, then had a broken bat line drive that turned into an inning-ending double play with the bases loaded in the 10th. The Japanese star reached base four times and scored twice.

Albert Pujols' 652nd career homer and 19th of the season capped a five-run first inning, and the Angels led 7-1 before Trevino's drive into the first row above the 14-foot fence in left and Scott Heineman's

first two big league RBIs got the Rangers closer.

Hunter Pence, who had three hits and reached base five times, pulled Texas within a run with a single in the eighth. Rougned Odor followed with a tying RBI single.

Rafael Montero (2-0) pitched two scoreless innings.

There were signs of healing for the Angels seven weeks after Skaggs' death stunned them and forced the postponement of the opener of a four-game set. The remaining three games were played, the first on an eerily quiet night with no music or on-field promotions.

The makeup game is part of a doubleheader Tuesday as the teams are set to play four games in three days, including a series opener that lasted 4 hours, 35 minutes. The coroner hasn't released a cause of death for Skaggs, who was 27.

Manager Brad Ausmus said memories of Skaggs are everywhere: home and road. He recalled recently watching a video that plays before every game in Anaheim, and thinking of Skaggs precisely reciting some of the words during the last homestand before he died.

"It's a lot easier than last time we were here for sure," Ausmus said. "There's always things that pop up during the course of a day, whether it's one or two times a day that remind you."

Right fielder Kole Calhoun robbed Elvis Andrus of what probably have been an RBI triple in the fourth with a running, over-the-shoulder catch on the warning track.

"It's definitely a little weird," Calhoun said before the game. "Even as a team, it's just definitely a little different. Kind of a little bit of a takes you back to like an empty feeling kind of thing. He's definitely still on our mind."

Assuming both teams don't get into AL wild-card contention, this is the last trip to the Dallas area for

the Angels this season. And next year, the Rangers will play in a new ballpark across the street from the one with all the difficult memories for LA.

"It's funny like for a place I came when I was a kid, this is where I grew, this is the team that I kind of like rooted for," said Heaney, a native of Oklahoma. "Then that happens. It like completely erases all the good memories that I have here. Glad there will be a new place."

Mark Your Calendars!

AUGUST

Aug. 22 - Forsan Community Pep Rally at 8 p.m. Football scrimmages will be at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Aug. 24 - Tall City Invitational Varsity Cross Country Meet at Rock the Desert Field in Midland (Forsan)

Aug. 26 - Big Spring 8th A vs Loraine at 5 p.m.
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Big Spring 7th A vs Loraine
Big Spring 7th B vs Forsan 7th B

Big Spring 8th A vs Forsan 8th A at 7 p.m.
Big Spring 8th B vs Forsan 8th B

Aug 30 - Howard County Bowl at Memorial Stadium at 7:30 p.m.

Gurriel has 2 RBIs, helps Astros over Tigers 5-4

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The Houston Astros allowed 14 hits on Monday night against the Detroit Tigers.

They were able to escape with a win despite all the traffic on the bases by making big pitches when it mattered most.

Yuli Gurriel had two hits and drove in two runs as the Astros built a lead with a big first inning and held on for the 5-4 victory.

The Astros jumped on Detroit starter Edwin Jackson (3-6) for four runs in the first inning to go on top 4-1. They led by 3 when Detroit's Ronny Rodriguez hit a solo homer in the sixth before Travis Demeritte added one in the seventh to cut the lead to 5-4.

Detroit had runners at first and third with two outs in the eighth, but Will Harris struck out Demeritte to preserve the lead. Roberto Osuna allowed one hit in a scoreless ninth for his 28th save as the Astros won their second straight after losing five in a row.

"We had to work pretty hard for that win and I think our pitching staff (was) able to get some key punch outs when we needed it," manager A.J. Hinch said. "We stranded a lot of their runners, we had a big first inning with some two-out hits and we won ... credit to a lot of different guys."

Houston starter Wade Miley (12-4) allowed a season-high 10 hits, but just one of them was for extra bases, and three runs in 5 2/3 innings to win his sixth straight decision. He struck out eight without a walk.

The Tigers were 1 for 8 with runners in scoring position and stranded 11 runners.

Detroit designated hitter Miguel Cabrera had two hits and drove in a run before he was ejected for arguing balls and strikes in the fifth inning. Manager Ron Gardenhire was also ejected in that inning after yelling at home plate umpire Alfonso Marquez about Cabrera's ejection.

Gardenhire didn't speak to reporters after the game, with bench coach Steve Liddle talking instead.

He said Gardenhire was simply taking up for Ca-

brera.

"That was something that really irritated Ron and you can talk to him about it (Tuesday)," Liddle said. Yordan Alvarez and Robinson Chirinos also drove in runs for the Astros on a night shortstop Carlos Correa left after the first inning with back discomfort.

Jackson yielded seven hits and five runs — four earned — in six innings for his first loss with the Tigers this season after winning his first two starts. The Tigers led 1-0 after an RBI single by Cabrera in the first inning.

Alvarez hit an RBI double to tie it in the first inning. There were two outs in the inning when Gurriel doubled to center field on a ball just out of



reach of Victor Reyes that scored two more and put Houston on top 3-1.

Robinson Chirinos and Gurriel scored on an error by left fielder Brandon Dixon on the play.

Demeritte and Cabrera hit consecutive singles with one out in the third inning and Demeritte scored on a sacrifice fly by Dixon which cut the lead to 4-2.

Jackson got on track after his tough first inning and pitched three scoreless innings before the Astros added a run on a sacrifice fly by Chirinos with one out in the fifth. Cabrera and Gardenhire were ejected with Alvarez at the plate with no outs in that inning.

After Cabrera was tossed, Gardenhire stormed out of the dugout screaming at Marquez. Gardenhire got right in his face and went on a profanity-laced rant that continued well after he'd been ejected. He finally made his way off the field as boos rained down from the home crowd.

Cabrera denied that he was complaining about balls and strikes and said he was speaking in Spanish to Altuve, who was on deck when he was thrown out.

"If you see the pitch he threw me out, it was down," Cabrera said. "So, there's no reason for me arguing that pitch. So, I said 'It's unbelievable' ... I said that to Altuve not the umpire. When Gardenhire went over there he said he warned me three times but Gardenhire said, 'He didn't even talk to you.'"

There were two outs in the sixth inning when Rodriguez homered to center field the Tigers within 5-3. Demeritte sent Hector Rondon's third pitch of the seventh inning to center field for a home run to cut the lead to 5-4.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: RHP Gerrit Cole did some work on the field before Monday's game and manager A.J. Hinch is hopeful that he'll make his start on Thursday after being scratched from his start on Tuesday with discomfort in his right hamstring.

EXTENDED NETTING

Monday was the first game since the Astros extended protective netting further down the left-field and right-field lines at Minute Maid Park. The move comes after a 2-year-old girl suffered a skull fracture when she was struck by a foul ball during a May game in Houston.

UP NEXT

Tigers: RHP Spencer Turnbull (3-11, 3.75 ERA) will start for Detroit on Tuesday night. Turnbull allowed six hits and three runs while striking out eight in five innings of a loss against the Mariners in his last start.

Astros: RHP Aaron Sanchez (5-14, 5.79) is scheduled to start for Houston on Tuesday. Sanchez yielded seven hits and six runs in 5 1/3 innings in his last start but did not factor in the decision in a 7-6 loss to Oakland.

Home run robbers get praise and swag for spectacular plays

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

It was late in the 2015 season when Baltimore's Manny Machado smoked a pitch from Tampa Bay's Chris Archer into center field at Camden Yards.

Kevin Kiermaier sprinted to the wall, turned and leaped high above it before reaching back and snatching the ball. He banged off the wall and landed on his feet with the ball firmly planted in his glove for the out.

The play sent a dejected Machado back to the dugout and left a stunned Archer simply mouthing, "Wow."

Archer, now with Pittsburgh, was so grateful for Kiermaier's extraordinary effort that he searched for a fitting way to thank his center fielder for keeping that run off the board.

He found it by commissioning a

painting of the catch, which he presented to Kiermaier at spring training the next year.

"It happens so rarely you're in awe," Archer said. "It's an awesome feeling. They have the defensive runs saved calculation but when you actually see a run taken away it feels so good."

Kiermaier recalled the team meeting where he received the painting and shared where he has it displayed.

"It's hanging up on my wall right now and I look at it all the time," he said. "It's such a great gesture, and he did that all on his own."

Everyone has seen an outfielder receive a tip of the cap or a jubilant fist bump from a pitcher after a home run robbery.

This is a story about what happens after they leave the field. It's a look at home run robbers, the pitchers who love them and the swag these

elite defenders collect after making highlight-reel grabs.

The artwork isn't the only surprise Kiermaier, a two-time Gold Glove winner, has received for amazing grabs. He's been gifted with whiskey, a case of beer and even his favorite sweets after helping a pitcher out with his defense.

"You see like quarterbacks, they're taking their linemen out because their linemen are the guys that are protecting them," Kiermaier said. "Baseball has its ways of doing that as well."

Speedy Texas Rangers center fielder Delino DeShields has robbed a few homers in his five seasons in the majors. One of the most memorable came when he climbed the center field wall at Globe Life Park to deny San Diego's Hunter Renfroe a two-run shot last season. The robbery helped Mike Minor pitch seven

scoreless innings in a 5-2 win.

Minor, who could be seen saying, "Oh my God" after the catch, decided DeShields deserved a treat for helping him keep a zero on the board.

His loot? An electric scooter. Ostensibly to help save DeShields' legs for more such catches.

While Kiermaier and DeShields are the leaders in the clubhouse for home run robbery rewards, plenty of other outfielders have received gifts for their thievery.

Seattle's Keon Broxton has a knack for making such plays, often late in games. The rangy center fielder has three home run robberies in the ninth inning or later in his career, with two of those coming with Corey Knebel pitching when Broxton was with the Brewers.

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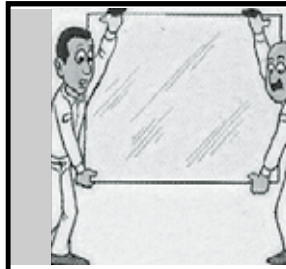
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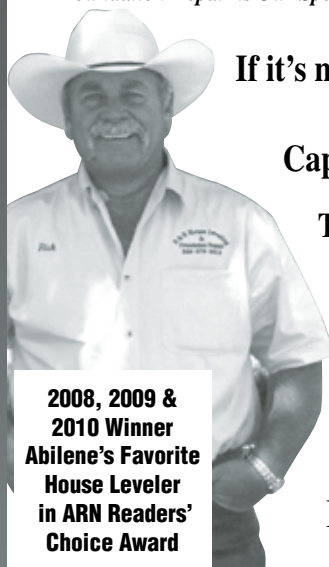
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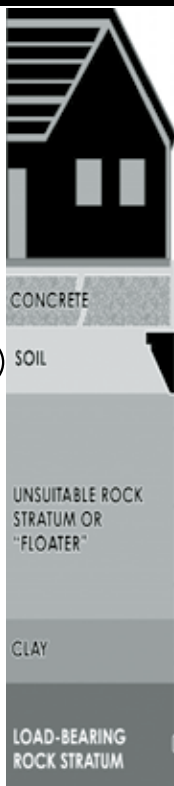
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). If it seems like the universe is conspiring to aggravate you, then this could be a good thing, a sign that you're in the wrong place and an invitation to hop on over to "anywhere but here."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Beautiful experiences often creep up and catch you by surprise. In the meantime, instead of waiting for this to happen, you put yourself in the sort of diverse environments that beautiful experiences find irresistible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The harder one tries to make a good impression, the worse the impression will likely be. You're feeling rather relaxed

today, and you'll form bonds effortlessly.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Look how far you've come! If something like had occurred a year ago, you'd have been thrown for a loop. Now, it's so inconsequential you'll be over it in less than a half-hour.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's more than one way to break the ice. The easiest way is to weaken it with a melting warmth. Other ways include crackling wit or the impact of assertiveness. One way or another, you'll get it done.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're thinking about the nicest or the most effective way possible to correct someone. If you just let it go, that would be fine, too. Next time you can

instruct preemptively -- give great instruction so you won't have to give criticism.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your friends will guide you well. It's not that you should do everything they advise so much as you should listen to the way they see you. They experience qualities in you that you can't see because you've gone blind to them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The scientific

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



evidence suggests that there are 24 hours in a day, give or take four minutes.

Though, on a day like this, you'd care to differ. Time is elastic, some moments a freeze frame and others a blur.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Don't get carried away by your impression of others. They, like you, are presenting the best that they have in the moment. They, like you,

have feelings, thoughts and deeds representative of lesser impulses.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Apologies can be a way of getting attention. So can offenses, illnesses, emergencies and basically any behavior that makes others stop and take notice. The message here is to know when you're being manipulated.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People don't make us angry, our own thoughts make us angry. The same comment told to 10 people will warrant 10 different reactions. You'll be keenly aware of your own reactions today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). These are the right events for this time. No matter your philosophy of life,

believing this will give you more leverage than not believing it. Don't overthink. Work what works.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 20). The solar return sets your social status on the rise, which isn't inherently beneficial unless you know what to do with the increased influence. Luckily, you do! One relationship will be particularly fulfilling. An interesting problem will turn into a quest, and then an opportunity to make money and help others at the same time. Aries and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 20, 24, 18 and 32.

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Contract Bridge. Let there be light. By Steve Becker. South dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH: 10 7 4, A 10 9 8 6, K 9, K 8 4. WEST: K Q J 9, 7 5 2, J, A 9 7 3 2. EAST: 6 3 2, Q J, Q 10 7 6 4 3 2, 5. SOUTH: A 8 5, K 4 3, A 8 5, Q J 10 6. The bidding: South West North East 1 spade 1 spade 2 hearts 2 hearts 2 NT Pass 3 NT. Opening lead — king of spades. Declarers have many tools at their disposal that can be used to resolve a difficult problem. Take this case where South did not like his chances of making three notrump after West led the spade king. In view of West's one-spade overcall, South naturally thought he'd lose at least four spade tricks and a club to West's ace. But something unexpected occurred. After ducking the K-Q of spades, declarer won West's jack with the ace as East surprisingly followed suit. It thus became evident that West had overcalled with only a four-card suit. South next led the queen of clubs, Tomorrow: Pinpoint defense. ©2019 King Features Syndicate Inc.

Annie's Mailbox

1,200 Miles of Miscommunication

Dear Annie: We have a son and daughter-in-law who live in Wisconsin, while we live more than 1,200 miles away in Florida. In early May, our son asked us if we could come up to Wisconsin in August to care for his girls (our grandkids) while he and our daughter-in-law spent a weekend in New York City. However, since we had previously planned to drive to Wisconsin in June for a funeral memorial for our good friend, both my husband and I were reluctant to commit to another trip to Wisconsin in August, so soon after having been there in June -- at which time we also saw him and his family. So we didn't answer right away, but during our trip up north in late May, we decided to offer him an alterna-

tive: How about he put his girls on a plane and have them visit us in Florida?

After we arrived in Wisconsin in late May, we proposed the alternative, but we also said that if that was not acceptable, we would come up to stay with the grandkids in August. He said he'd "think about it." Just before we left, I reminded him of our proposal.

I have never seen a more hateful, angry response. He said that while we came up for a funeral, we "hesitated" about coming up to stay with the girls, and didn't reply immediately to his request. He said he was not happy with our suggestion to have the girls come to us instead. He said he was "not happy with The Vilages" (where we live), as it was not his "cup of tea." He said we could skip our water exercises for once. My daughter-in-law supported

him with the statement that we had plenty of money and time to get up to Wisconsin more often. They both said, "What do you think the girls think about this? How do you think (SET ITAL)they(END ITAL) feel?"

Annie, I was shocked. I totally shut down and could barely respond, except to say, "You are really hurting me." It's been two months since this attack, and I'm still hurting.

By the way, our two granddaughters are 17 and 14. -- Hurting and Regretful

Dear Hurting and Regretful: It sounds like your son and daughter-in-law had a very strong reaction to your delay in responding to them about taking care of your grandchildren. Start by apologizing for not getting back to them sooner. If they continue to

blow you off after your apology, then it might be something deeper. Sadly, humans are not mind readers. Your son didn't know why you and your husband were waiting to respond to them, and you didn't know that your delay in response would offend him so much. Try to look at this as a misunderstanding that caused hurt feelings on both sides. Perhaps this weekend away means more to him and his wife than they were telling you. Maybe your granddaughters were looking forward to showing you parts of their hometown. It's only through honest, open communication that you can forgive, understand and repair your relationship.

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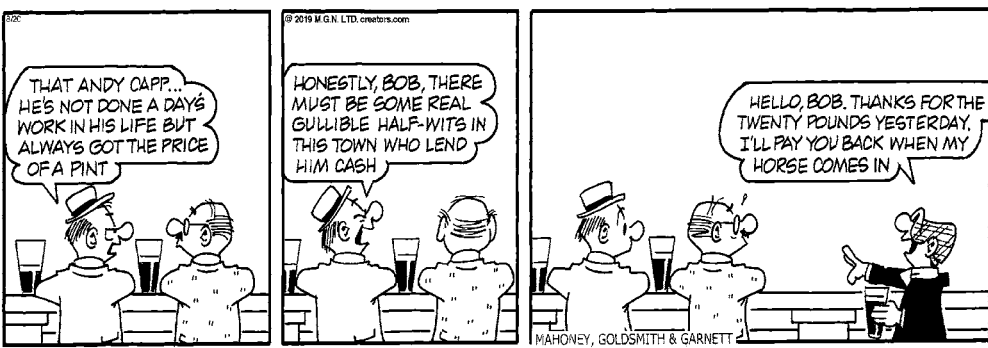
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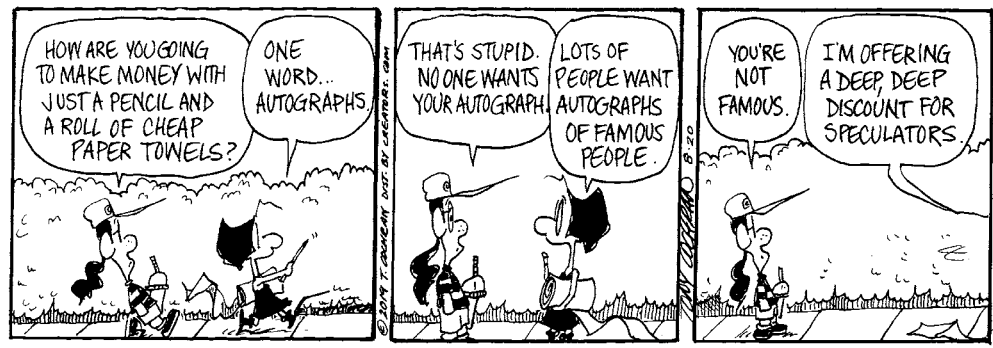
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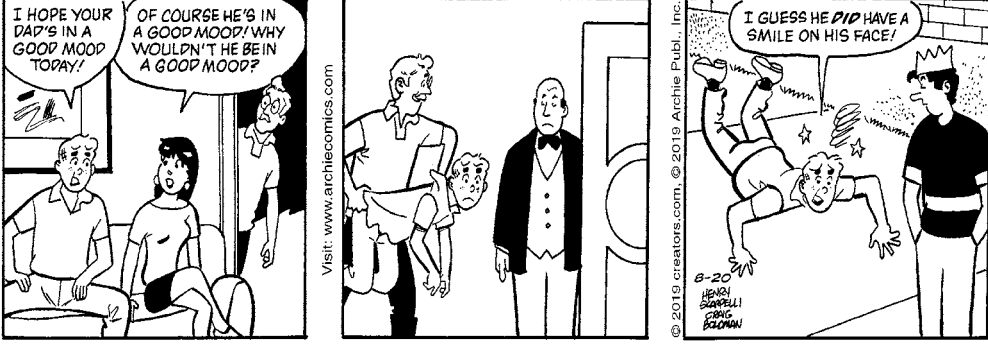
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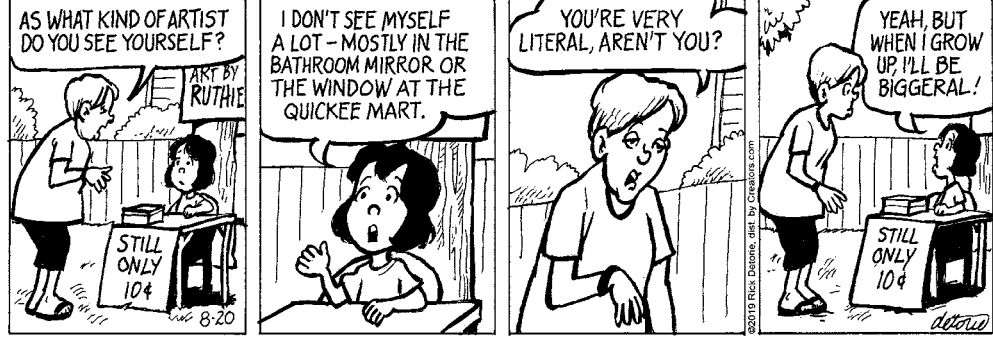
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 20, the 232nd day of 2019. There are 133 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On August 20, 1986, postal employee Patrick Henry Sherrill went on a deadly rampage at a post office in Edmond, Okla., shooting 14 fellow workers to death before killing himself.

On this date:

In 1862, the New York Tribune published an open letter by editor Horace Greeley calling on President Abraham Lincoln to take more aggressive measures to free the slaves and end the South's rebellion.

In 1866, President Andrew Johnson formally declared the Civil War over, months after fighting had stopped.

In 1910, a series of forest fires swept through parts of Idaho, Montana and Washington, killing at least 85 people and burning some 3 million acres.

In 1953, the Soviet Union publicly acknowledged it had tested a hydrogen bomb.

In 1955, hundreds of people were killed in anti-French rioting in Morocco and Algeria.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Economic Opportunity Act, a nearly \$1 billion anti-poverty measure.

In 1968, the Soviet Union and other Warsaw Pact nations began invading Czechoslovakia to crush the "Prague Spring" liberalization drive.

In 1988, a cease-fire in the war between Iraq and Iran went into effect.

In 1989, entertainment executive Jose Menendez and his wife, Kitty, were shot to death in their Beverly Hills mansion by their sons, Lyle and Erik. Fifty-one people died when a pleasure boat sank in the River Thames in London after colliding with a dredger.

In 2005, Northwest Airlines mechanics went on strike rather than accept pay cuts and layoffs; Northwest ended up hiring replacement workers. San Francisco 49ers offensive lineman Thomas Herrion, 23, died of a heart attack shortly after a pre-season game against the Denver Broncos.

In 2008, a Spanish jetliner crashed during takeoff from Madrid, killing 154 people; 18 survived.

In 2017, actor, comic and

longtime telethon host Jerry Lewis died of heart disease in Las Vegas at the age of 91.

Ten years ago: The only man convicted in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 returned home to Libya after his release on compassionate grounds from a Scottish prison. (Abdel Baset al-Megrahi, said to have only months to live because of prostate cancer, died nearly three years later.)

Ryan Alexander Jenkins, a contestant on the VH1 reality show "Megan Wants a Millionaire," was charged with murdering his wife, Jasmine Fiore, whose body was found in Buena Park, California. (Jenkins was found dead three days later, an apparent suicide.)

One-time Super Bowl star Plaxico Burress accepted a plea bargain with a two-year prison sentence for accidentally shooting himself in the thigh at a Manhattan nightclub.

Five years ago: The United States launched a new barrage of airstrikes against Islamic State extremists and weighed sending more troops to Iraq as President Barack Obama vowed to be relentless in pursuit of a terrorist group that beheaded American journalist James Foley. U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder arrived in Ferguson, Missouri, to meet with federal investigators and reassure residents of the community torn by several nights of racial unrest since the fatal shooting of a black 18-year-old by a white police officer.

One year ago: In a letter to Catholics worldwide, Pope Francis vowed that "no effort must be spared" to root out sex abuse by priests and cover-ups by the Catholic Church. Afghan forces rescued nearly 150 people, hours after the Taliban ambushed a convoy of buses and abducted them; the militants escaped with 21 captives. The Recording Industry of America said The Eagles' greatest hits album had surpassed Michael Jackson's "Thriller" to become the best-selling album of all time in the U.S.

producer-director Walter Bernstein is 100. Boxing promoter Don King is 88. Former Sen. George Mitchell, D-Maine, is 86. Former U.S. Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, is 84. Former MLB All-Star Graig Nettles is 75. Broadcast journalist Connie Chung is 73. Musician Jimmy Pankow (Chicago) is 72. Actor Ray Wise is 72. Actor John Noble is 71. Rock singer Robert

Plant (Led Zeppelin) is 71. Country singer Rudy Gatlin is 67. Singer-songwriter John Hiatt is 67. Actor-director Peter Horton is 66. TV weatherman Al Roker is 65. Actor Jay Acovone is 64. Actress Joan Allen is 63. Movie director David O. Russell is 61. TV personality Asha Blake is 58. Actor James Marsters is 57. Rapper KRS-One is 54. Actor Colin Cunningham

is 53. Actor Billy Gardell is 50. Rock singer Fred Durst (Limp Bizkit) is 49. Actor Jonathan Ke Quan is 49. Rock musician Brad Avery is 48. Actor Misha Collins is 45. Rock singer Monique Powell (Save Ferris) is 44. Jazz/pop singer-pianist Jamie Cullum is 40. Actor Ben Barnes is 38. Actress Meghan Ory is 37. Actor Andrew Garfield is 36. Actor Brant Daugherty is 34.

Actress-singer Demi Lovato is 27. Actor Christopher Paul Richards is 16.

Thought for Today: "Justice is conscience, not a personal conscience but the conscience of the whole of humanity." — Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Russian author (1918-2008).

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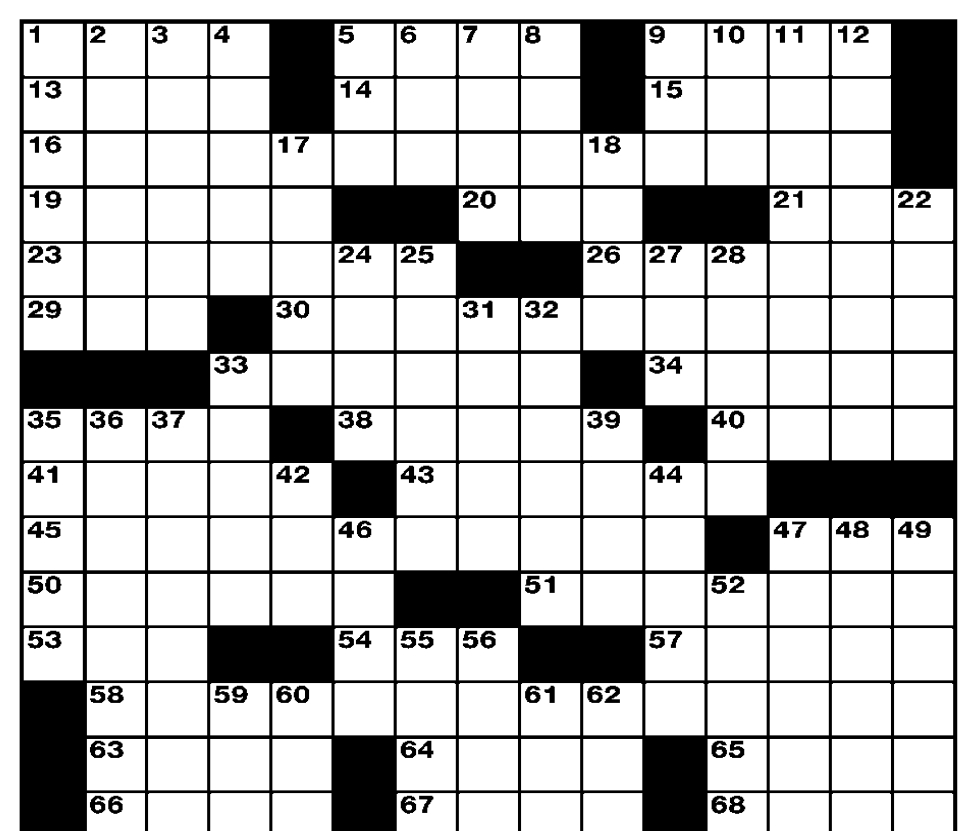
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Reality Check: Why your Top 25 team could tank in 2019

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AP College Football Writer

Sorry to be a bummer at a time of the year usually reserved for hope and optimism, but there is a decent chance your favorite college team is going to be a big disappointment this season.

The preseason AP Top 25 presented by Regions Bank is out. There were no real surprises at the top. Defending champion Clemson is No. 1 and Alabama is No. 2. The Tigers and Crimson Tide have alternated winning the last four national championships.

Georgia, which has had its national championship hopes dashed by 'Bama the past two seasons, is No. 3. Oklahoma, working on a string of four straight Big 12 championships, is No. 4. Ohio State, with three Big Ten titles and a national championship in the last five years, landed at No. 5.

Over the last 10 years, about 40 percent of the teams that have started the season ranked end it that way. Obviously, the better the start the more likely it is a team stays in the rankings, but 19 preseason top-10 teams have finished the season unranked in that span. And seven of those were in the top five. Three times in the last 10 seasons, including last year, three top-10 teams finished unranked. The last time all the preseason top-10 teams managed to finish the season in the Top 25 was 2006.

So give a look at that top 10, rounded out by No. 6 LSU, No. 7 Michigan, No. 8 Florida, No. 9 Notre Dame and No. 10 Texas. At least one of them is fixin' to break some hearts.

The first Reality Check of the season assesses the chances for each Top 25 team to tank.

No. 1 Clemson (15-0)

Opener: vs. Georgia Tech.

Reality check: The preseason poll started in 1950. Only two preseason No. 1 teams have failed to be in the

final rankings (USC in 2012 was the last). The Tigers have history and, more importantly, Trevor Lawrence on their side.

No. 2 Alabama (14-1)

Opener: vs. Duke in Atlanta.

Reality check: The Crimson Tide have not finished outside the top 10 since Nick Saban's first season. And he's still the coach.

No. 3 Georgia (11-3)

Opener: at Vanderbilt.

Reality check: In 2013 and '15, Mark Richt's Georgia teams were preseason top 10 and finished unranked. Kirby Smart was brought in to stop that nonsense.

No. 4 Oklahoma (12-2)

Opener: vs. Houston.

Reality check: The Sooners' path to ruin: The offense regresses from historically great to merely good with Jalen Hurts and the defense remains bad.

No. 5 Ohio State (13-1)

Opener: vs. FAU.

Reality check: If Georgia transfer QB Justin Fields is a bust the Buckeyes aren't in position to bail him out.

No. 6 LSU (10-3)

Opener: vs. Georgia Southern.

Reality check: OK, THIS is the year the Tigers open up the offense. What if that's a bad idea?

No. 7 Michigan (10-3)

Opener: vs. Middle Tennessee.

Reality check: The optimism about the Wolverines has a lot to do with the uncertainty at Ohio State.

No. 8 Florida (10-3)

Opener: vs. Miami in Orlando, Florida.

Reality check: The Gators' surge last season was inflated by a bowl victory against a Michigan team that sort of checked out.

No. 9 Notre Dame (12-1)

Opener: at Louisville.

Reality check: The Irish expect ofense improvement to compensate for some defensive regression. Or, it doesn't and some of last season's one-score victories against so-so opposi-

tion go the other way this year.

No. 10 Texas (10-4)

Opener: vs. Louisiana Tech.

Reality check: It wouldn't be the first time "Texas is Back!" went bad.

No. 11 Oregon (9-4)

Opener: vs. No. 16 Auburn in Arlington, Texas.

Reality check: High expectations for a team that scored seven points in the RedBox Bowl and went 2-3 on the road last year.

No. 12 Texas A&M (9-4)

Opener: vs. Texas State.

Reality check: The Aggies, along with South Carolina, are the first team in 44 years to have preseason Nos. 1-3 on the schedule. They are a little bad luck away from a 6-6 season.

No. 13 Washington (10-4)

Opener: vs. Eastern Washington.

Reality check: New QB Jacob Eason has not played in a game in two years. He was a five-star recruit. But is he still?

No. 14 Utah (9-5)

Opener: at BYU.

Reality check: The Utes have been great at exceeding modest expectations. Meeting high ones can be a different deal.

No. 15 Penn State (9-4)

Opener: vs. Idaho.

Reality check: The Nittany Lions need lots of relatively inexperienced players, including at quarterback, to become stars and leaders.

No. 16 Auburn (8-5)

Opener: vs. No. 11 Oregon.

Reality check: Failing to meet expectations is pretty much Auburn being Auburn. Then again, so is exceeding them.

No. 17 UCF (12-1)

Opener: vs. Florida A&M.

Reality check: Two years removed from Scott Frost and without QB McKenzie Milton, a new era begins for college football's brash interlopers. Sustaining it is the toughest part.

No. 18 Michigan State (7-6)

Opener: vs. Tulsa.

Reality check: The Spartans scored

32 points in their final four games last season. Coach Mark Dantonio is banking on a shuffled, though not new, offensive staff and better health at quarterback and receiver to fix it. Good luck.

No. 19 Wisconsin (8-5)

Opener: at USF.

Reality check: The Badgers were last season's big bust, going from preseason No. 4 to unranked. Maybe it wasn't a fluke?

No. 20 Iowa (9-4)

Opener: vs. Miami (Ohio).

Reality check: So two-year starting QB Nate Stanley is going to get BETTER after losing two first-round draft pick tight ends. Really?

No. 21 Iowa State (8-5)

Opener: vs. Northern Iowa.

Reality check: There's a reason the Cyclones are in the preseason rankings for the first time since 1978. Winning in Ames is hard and doesn't happen very often.

No. 22 Syracuse (10-3)

Opener: at Liberty.

Reality check: The Orange rode 31 takeaways, third-best in the nation, and a plus-13 margin (fifth best) to 10 victories last season. Regression is an uninvited and often unpleasant visitor.

No. 23 Washington State (11-2)

Opener: vs. New Mexico State.

Reality check: Can coach Mike Leach find Minschew Magic with another new quarterback?

No. 24 Nebraska (4-8)

Opener: vs. South Alabama.

Reality check: The last team to start a season ranked after a having record as bad or worse than the Cornhuskers was Alabama in 2001. The Tide was 25th after going 3-8 in 2000 and finished 7-5.

No. 25 Stanford (9-4)

Opener: vs. Northwestern.

Reality check: After two straight nine-win seasons, the Cardinal have to prove they can get back the physical formula that helped them win at least

11 games five times from 2010-15.

MLB

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There was one on and two out in the ninth inning of a game in 2017 with Milwaukee up 6-5 over the Cardinals when Broxton reached over the wall in front of a 400-foot sign to rob Randal Grichuk of what would have been a go-ahead blast and give the Brewers the win.

The second one he robbed for Knebel came on July 4, 2018. He leaped, stretched his entire body against the wall and reached at least a foot over it to corral a soaring shot by Minnesota's Brian Dozier in the ninth inning of a 3-2 win.

"We're out there to catch the uncatchable," Broxton said. "The routine plays, anybody can catch them but the uncatchable balls, those are the ones we get paid for."

To Broxton, there's no better feeling than robbing a home run and he delights in the pitcher's reaction afterward.

"When your pitcher is super excited about it and happy that you did that for him. I take pride in that just for that simple fact," he said.

Of course, he appreciates the spoils that have come with those grabs, too.

That Fourth of July catch netted Broxton a gift card to Nordstrom and Knebel has also gotten him a couple of other gift cards and treated him to dinner for his dazzling defense.

Houston starter Gerrit Cole has played with more than his fair share of home run robbers. He has an outfield with Jake Marisnick, George Springer and Josh Reddick with the Astros and played with Starling Marte and Andrew McCutchen in Pittsburgh.

He'll always be grateful to Marte for keeping his brother-in-law Brandon Crawford from going yard off him with a nifty robbery he made by reaching into the stands in left field in 2015.

Despite being helped by such catches on several occasions, Cole sheepishly noted that he's never given a present for a robbery.

"But now that you mention something, it looks

like I need to go to the store," he said, smiling.

Brewers' center fielder Lorenzo Cain recalled a robbery he committed in April against the Mets at Citi Field. Slugger Todd Frazier sent a ball from Chase Anderson to straightaway center field for what looked like a sure home run. Instead, Cain tracked it, jumped and reached high above the wall to make the catch. Cain smiled broadly as he came down with it before shaking his finger as if to say, "Not on my watch."

"He gave me a gift card to a restaurant in Milwaukee," Cain said. "I've gotten a few treats. I told him he doesn't have to do that, I was just trying to make a play. But it's always nice when a pitcher understands that it's not easy out there making a play for him."

These are the kinds of plays that give Cain a boost and help him feel like he's contributing during times when things aren't going so well at the plate.

"It's something very unique that everybody can't do," he said. "I think it takes a special talent to do it."

While Archer set the bar with personalized artwork for Kiermaier and Minor sent DeShields zipping around on a scooter, not all the home run robbery booty is quite so fancy.

When Cleveland's Greg Allen snagged a ball hit by Houston's Alex Bregman just before it would have sailed into the seats in right field at Minute Maid Park last season, Mike Clevinger rewarded him by paying for a few beers after the game.

And years ago when Reddick played for Oakland, Jesse Chavez gave him a carton of cigarettes when he robbed a homer for him.

Still, those gifts are better than never getting one at all. Angels outfielder Justin Upton, who has eight home run robberies since 2015, was shocked to learn of this phenomenon.

"I didn't know that was a thing. But next time I rob a homer I'm going to let the pitcher know," Upton said with a laugh.

Arizona's Adam Jones, who's had plenty of robberies in a 14-year career with stops in Seattle and Baltimore, said he's never been rewarded for one of those catches.

Even his most famous robbery, when he took away a homer from Machado by reaching into a sea of fans to make an improbable catch in the World Baseball Classic, didn't net him any swag.

It did, however, gain him the admiration of Tyler Clippard, who threw the would-be homer pitch.

"He was like a magician," Clippard said in 2018. "It was like a magic act out there from my perspective. It just looked like it was gone and the next thing I know he had the ball in his glove."


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