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## Upcoming Events

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

**Howard College Board Meeting**  
Noon

**BSISD Community Pep Rally**  
7-9 p.m.  
Memorial Stadium

Aug. 30

**Howard County Bowl**  
6 p.m.  
Memorial Stadium

Sept. 2  
**Labor Day**

Don't forget to submit your **We Salute!** nominations; good deeds, positive impacts to the community, etc. can be emailed to editor@bigspringherald.com

## A grand gala, to kick off the season Big Spring Symphony Guild to kick off the Symphony's season with annual event

**By ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

Big Spring is blessed with an orchestra that many larger cities would love to have – and keeping that tradition alive is the Big Spring Symphony Association.

The group will celebrate the symphony's new concert season, dubbed "The Good, the Better, the Beethoven," with a gala event Sept. 12. The festivities will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Trinity Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1701 E. FM 700.

The evening will begin with pre-dinner entertainment provided by recipients of the Association's annual Phyllis Graumann Memorial Scholarship.

During the evening, the Symphony's music director and conductor, Dr. Keith Graumann, will give an overview of the upcoming season, and the Angelo State University String Quar-

tet will perform.

The evening will conclude with a drawing for a \$500 prize. People who purchase Symphony concert season tickets will be entered into the drawing to win the prize, and tickets will be available for purchase at the Gala. Season tickets are \$60 for adults and \$45 for seniors. Students college age and younger are admitted to concerts for free; those free admission don't include an entry in the drawing, however.

Season tickets do represent a savings over tickets to all four concerts purchased at the door, where adults pay \$20 per ticket and seniors \$15. Season tickets can also be purchased at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the Big Spring Visitors Center, the Heritage Museum of Big Spring, H-E-B, and the Karat Patch; or direct from the Symphony Association by calling 432-816-5196 or 432-270-2125.

Tickets for the gala itself are \$25, and seating is limited. Contact Joan Beil at 432-270-8514 for Gala tickets.

Big Spring is blessed to have one of the finest orchestras in Texas. It is quite unusual for a community of Big Spring's size to have a professional orchestra. The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra was organized in 1981, and employs talented musicians from Lubbock, San Angelo, Midland, Odessa, El Paso, Amarillo and Big Spring.

In addition to purchasing tickets and attending the concerts, there are many ways to support the Symphony; which, as a non-profit organization, takes a great deal of funding to bring quality entertainment to Big Spring. The Association is made up of many generous businesses and individuals. It only takes

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## Curb-Side service at H-E-B



HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat

H-E-B employees gathered with Chamber Ambassadors for a ribbon cutting celebrating the opening of Curb-side service. Big Spring residents will now be able to shop online and pick up their groceries from the new curbside drive up at H-E-B.

## GBSR tailgate returns Homecoming night

**By AMANDA DUFORAT**

Managing Editor

Football and food just seem to go together, just like Big Spring Steer Homecoming and Greater Big Spring Rotary Annual Tailgate. The two combinations will once again be back together Sept. 20, with food being served at 6:15 p.m. until sold out.

"Every year our Rotary club sets up to sell burritos as one of our fundraisers for the year," Kristy Tyra, Greater Big Spring Rotary Club President, said. "This is one of the ways we raise money for our service projects that we do throughout the year, in the community."

This year, the GBSRC will be selling burritos on the home team side during the



HERALD file photo

The Greater Big Spring Rotary has been hosting the Homecoming tailgate at BSISD for the past several years. Pictured above are club members at last year's Rotary fundraiser. The group will be out at this year's Homecoming game once again, raising funds to support community initiatives.

Homecoming game. Funds raised from the burrito sales will benefit the perfect

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## YMCA Youth Flag Football gears up Sign ups open until Sept. 4

**By ANNA GUTIERREZ**

Staff Writer

The Big Spring YMCA is now accepting sign-ups for their Youth Flag Football program. There will be four divisions, split up by ages, and both boys and girls are encouraged to register.

"What a lot of people don't know is that this league is associated with NFL Flag Football," says Dathan Jones of the Big Spring YMCA. "All the kids who register will receive an official replica, reversible NFL jersey."

Jones continued, "We like to keep it simple and fun for the kids. This is non-contact. All the kids will work on agility, footwork and sportsmanship. They practice two to three times a week, depending on which team they're on, and the teams are co-ed, meaning both boys and girls on the same team."

"We also know that with the start of the new school year, many parents can't afford the registration fee after having bought school clothes and supplies, and we don't want that to be the only reason why you don't sign up your child. We want to encourage parents to bring their kids and come by the YMCA, we can work with you or help you apply for a scholarship."

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## Obituaries

### Glen Scott



Glen Scott, 67, of Big Spring, died Monday, Aug. 19, 2019, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Memorial service with Navy Honors will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, 2019, at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Glen was born March 24, 1952, in Hamilton, Texas, to Arlys Uleta Atkins Scott and Alfred Baldwin Scott. His family moved to Big Spring when he was eight years old. He attended Big Spring Schools. He served in the United States Navy from June 22, 1971, until March 29, 1973. He served 10 months at sea. He was awarded a National Defense Service Medal. Glen married Vicki Gay on March 6, 2007, in Big Spring. He had managed Big Spring Video & Concepts for many years until videos were

phased out. He then began building computers for many businesses. He also had worked at the Big Spring Herald as a pressman and for Big Spring Printing. He was active in the Eagles Lodge for many years as well. Glen enjoyed his Harley Davidson, reloading and golfing.

Glen is survived by his wife, Vicki Scott of Big Spring; his sons, Thomas Scott of Big Spring, Steven Rains (Rindy) of Woodward, OK, and Mike Travis (Allison) of Austin; step-daughter, Jennifer and Eddie Bingham; multiple grandchildren; his brother, Gary Scott of Big Spring; and his mother-in-law, Shirley Gay of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Peebles Marie Wilson; and his father-in-law, Stephen Gay.

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

*Paid Obituary*

### Ana Maria Saucedo



Ana Maria Saucedo, 53, of Big Spring gained her angel's wings Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2019, at her residence. A memorial service will be 2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 24, 2019, at Cornerstone Covenant Church with Brandon Hughes officiating.

She was born Aug. 18, 1966, to Gerardo and Margarita Saucedo in Laredo. She loved spending time with her family, loved her dog, Bear and loved puzzles. She always put others before herself. She worked as an EMS for Scenic Mountain Medical Center for 10 to 15 years. Her favorite colors were blue and purple. Ana was a member of Cornerstone Covenant Church.

She is survived by her life companion, Steve Her-

andez of Big Spring; her children, Russell Strong of Greenville, Tiffany Boubek and husband, Kurt II, and Belinda Strong and fiancé, Chace Williams, all of Big Spring; five grandchildren, Aubrey, Kurt III, Kagen, Keaton, and James; nine brothers, Jerry Saucedo and wife, Dolores of Big Spring, Ralph Saucedo and wife, Janie of Austin, Eddie Saucedo of Austin, Fernando Saucedo and wife, Lori of Big Spring, Ricardo Saucedo of Big Spring, Manuel Saucedo and wife, Denise of Sealy, Tory Saucedo of Big Spring, Albert Saucedo and wife, Stacey of Ft. Worth, and Henry Saucedo and wife, Margie of Big Spring.

Ana is preceded in death by her parents.

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

*Paid Obituary*

## Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having

81 inmates at the time of this report.

- **JAVIER LOREDO**, 39, was arrested by DPS on a warrant for possession of a dangerous drug.

- **MICHAEL D. JHOVON PHILLIPS**, 18, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass of a habitat or shelter.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of E. 6th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported

in the 900 block of E. I-20. No transport was required.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4400 block of Beachnut. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Colgate. No

transport was required.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Purdue. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **BRUSH FIRE** was reported on Radio Tower Rd. Fire was contained.

## Take Note

- Memorial at the Plaza: The 13th Annual 9/11 Memorial Service will take place at Springcreek Fellowship in the Spring Town Plaza on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. This is sponsored by O-Neal-Kunkle D.A.V. Chapter 47 and the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department. Please join us in remembering those who lost their lives in the 9/11 attacks and to honor our own local fallen heroes and first responders. For more information, please contact Mike Tarpley, D.A.V. Senior Vice Commander, at 432-556-2227

- O'Neai-Kunkie, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Norman Witcher at 432-413-6663.

- Big Spring D.A.V. Chapter 47 will be hosting their 6th Annual Dove Hunt. Come join them for community support and fellowship on Saturday, Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. at Springcreek Fellowship in the Spring Town Plaza. 100 free meals will be provided, or until all gone. Donations can be made to the D.A.V. to help our veterans. For more information, contact Mike Tarpley, 432-556-2227.

- Coahoma High School All-School Reunion will take place Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019 at Coahoma Elementary Cafeteria, lo-

cated 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.

### Christine Kauffman

Christine Kauffman, 102, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2019. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 26, 2019, at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

She is survived by three sons, Rendal Hamby, Lanny Hamby and Rick Hamby.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Emma Mullican White, and Cad Washington White.

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

## Support Groups

### FRIDAY

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

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

### SATURDAY

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

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

- Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

### WEDNESDAY

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

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

### THURSDAY

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

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

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

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# Weather



**Today:** Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Increasing clouds, with a high near 97. South wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

**Tonight:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 73. Southeast wind around 5 mph.

**Saturday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 97. South wind around 5 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly clear, with a low around 75. South wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 10%.

**Sunday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 105. South wind 5 to 15 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 78.

**Monday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 107.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 77.

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 101.

**Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 76.

**Wednesday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 100.

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

# GUILD

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a starting donation of \$15 to become a recognized Association member. While some businesses and individuals are quite generous with donations and endowments, the Association accepts and appreciates donations of all sizes any time of the year. People

can also support the orchestra by sponsoring a chair, purchasing season subscriptions or individual tickets, placing ads in concert programs, and sharing social media posts.

Another unique way people can support the Association is by donating prizes for contests. The Association holds social media contests before every concert, rewarding people for helping ad-

vertise and promote the concerts.

Most of all, attending concerts in person supports and encourages the orchestra and its musicians. Let's fill up the beautiful auditorium for every concert this season.

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

# YMCA

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Jones and the YMCA wants to encourage all parents to not let lack of funds deter you from signing up your kids.

The deadline to register will be September 4. You can call the YMCA at 432-267-8234, or go by 801 Owens for more information.

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

# GBSR

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attendance kids bike give-aways, fishing tournament - normally held in the spring - and other worthwhile projects. "We encourage the community

to come out, watch the Steers play some football, eat great food and help our community at the same time," Tyra said.

For more information on how to support the local GBSRC contact any of the members or stop by the Big Spring Area Chamber

of Commerce Building, at 215 W. Third.

Amanda Duforat is the managing editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, email editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

# Take Note

- 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.

- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

- The Howard County Democrats meet the second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Howard County Democratic Headquarters, 1408 Scurry, behind Prosperity Bank.

- The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God

and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

- Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716.

- Each week, Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Yellow Rose Cafe at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place.

- Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.



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September 14:  
**Big Spring Symphony  
Orchestra Presents:  
"The New World"**  
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## Home Economics

When I was in high school as a freshman, we had to take a home economics course to make us little home makers. I didn't know how to cook or sew, but I did know how to sweep, make a bed, and keep my room clean, even though I didn't do it very often.

LILLIAN  
BOHANNAN

On the first day of class, we were told what our goals for the year would be: cook a meal for the boys on the basketball team (poor fellows), learn how to set a table, learn how to clean up afterwards, and sew a garment.

We were told in selecting the material for the skirts we were to make not to get material that had any kind of pattern to it, as it would be too hard to match it up. So I went with my mother and purchased material that was plaid, not remembering that's what the teacher told us not to do.

I brought the material to class, and immediately started cutting it out. I cut it wrong, of course, and my teacher did everything in her power to fix it. She gave up. I took it home, and Mother helped me straighten it out and sent it back to school. Mom was a seamstress so knowledgeable that she even made my wedding dress, much later, of course.

I got an "A" on the garment, even though I still don't have the patience to sit down and try again. I have a hard time sitting long enough to sew buttons on.

How many times in life are we told exactly what to do about a matter and find ourselves in hot water because we didn't listen to instructions? I'm sure too many to get an accurate count.

God's word tells us so many instructions that seem to contradict each with the others, that if we don't read the simplest instruction to trust Him alone, we will remain confused. Trusting Him is the simplest way to live life. He works out everything for our good if we only trust Him.

My mother loved me enough to make my mess of a skirt into something I could wear with pride. My God loves me more than that. He took my mess of a life and placed it on His Son Jesus at the Cross of Calvary, and changed my habits, my dress, my language, and my destination, just because He loves me. Mother got me an "A" in home economics. My Savior gets me excellence for all eternity in His Heavenly Home.

The economics up there has a street of gold, gates of pearl, and food from the tree of life.

That's pretty good economy, don't you think?

## Condemned or Justified?



TOM  
SLOAN

"Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." Romans 8:33-34

The principle found in these verses is the following: as sinners, we are accountable only to God. He is the giver of life; therefore, He is the Judge. When God, the Judge, declares a sinner as justified, who can condemn that justified sinner? The Judge's decision is irreversible, immutable, undeniable and eternal.

Is the sinner's sin bad and sinful? Yes, it is. But who can condemn sinners for their sinful sin if Christ died and is risen again for those believing sinners? No one, because it is Christ who makes intercession for them. As believing sinners, we

do not make intercession for ourselves by our good works, or by making promises to sin less or be better people. Our only part in all of this is to say, "God, be merciful to me a sinner."

Are you condemned or justified?

Well, it all depends on who you give an account to. Who are we required to explain our sin to? Why do you sin? Don't you understand that sin is bad? And why can't you just stop being a sinner?

There is no need to explain your sinful nature to Christ because He knows you better than you know yourself. He knows you and there is no need to explain because He died, is risen again and makes intercession for you.

And when you know that Jesus makes intercession for you at the right hand of the Father, you can rest assured that He is on your side because on the cross He said...

...it is finished!

Did Jesus really say this? Yes, He really did. And He said it for us.

## Something to think about...



RICHARD  
SCHNEBERGER

I have not been to Alaska, but I would love to visit some day. I have a friend who lived there for several years, and he would often tell me how amazing and beautiful it is there. He also mentioned one time they only have two seasons that far north, winter and July. During their short "warm" season, the back roads get pretty muddy. Travelers on those roads cut deep ruts in the mud that then freeze and stay hard the rest of the year. There are actually signs on some of those back roads that warn travelers, "choose your ruts carefully because you will be in them for the next 20 miles."

This world creates deep ruts. It is easy to get stuck in a rut in our thinking, our attitudes, our actions, and our habits. Those ruts can ultimately determine our direction in life. The call to repentance is a call to get out of the rut and change our direction. It is a call to total transformation in our thinking, being, attitude, actions, and habits. As Paul reminds us in Romans 12:1-2: Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

What ruts are you stuck in? You don't have to resign to a fatalism that says it will never change. You don't have to stay in that rut. Fatalism is the attitude that makes us live as passive victims of exterior circumstances beyond our control. Faith is the opposite of fatalism. Faith is a deep trust that God's love is stronger and can truly transform our lives. May we live with faith that we might experience hope and express God's love in this world. I pray that we would get out of the rut this week so that we can fully follow the Way who guides us in the Truth that leads to everlasting Life.

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## NOTICE OF 2019 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR HOWARD COUNTY

A tax rate of \$0.303165 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of Howard County. 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 Howard County proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of operating county government.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.303165 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.328024 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.283438 per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.303165 per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Howard County 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 Howard County 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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You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

First Hearing: September 9, 2019 at 5:30 pm at 300 Main St., Big Spring, TX 79720, 3rd Floor Commissioner's Court.

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### How to Have Peace with God

• Step 1 – God loves you and has a plan for you!

The Bible says, “God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, Jesus Christ, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life” (John 3:16). Jesus said, “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly”—a complete life full of purpose (John 10:10). But here’s the problem:

• Step 2 – Man is sinful and separated from God.

We have all done, thought or said bad things, which the Bible calls “sin.” The Bible says, “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). The result of sin is death, spiritual separation from God (Romans 6:23). The good news?

• Step 3 – God sent His Son to die for your sins!

Jesus died in our place so we could have a relationship with God and be with Him forever. “God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). But it didn’t end with His death on the cross. He rose again and still lives! “Christ died for our sins. ... He was buried. ... He was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). Jesus is the only way to God. Jesus said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me” (John 14:6).

• Step 4 – Would you like to receive God’s forgiveness?

We can’t earn salvation; we are saved by God’s grace when we have faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. All you have to do is believe you are a sinner, that Christ died for your sins, and ask His forgiveness. Then turn from your sins; that’s called repentance. Jesus Christ knows you and loves you. What matters to Him is the attitude of your heart, your honesty. May I suggest praying the following prayer:

"Dear God,  
I know I'm a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness.

I believe Jesus Christ is Your Son. I believe that He died

for my sin and that you raised Him to life.

I want to trust Him as my Savior and follow Him as Lord,

from this day forward. Guide my life and help me to do your will.

I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen."

## Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

### I Am Crucified

Christianity is one thing, a cross. The Christian life is a crucified life. This is not poetry but practical living. "...If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." (Matthew 16:24-35). If any man come to me, and does not hate his father and mother, and wife, and children, and brothers, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26-27). Paul simply said, "I die daily" (I Cor. 15:31). Simply stated, we die to live.

That's the rub! Men resist death. We want Christianity without a cross, a life without cost, but life teaches we die to live. Seed dies to live; men die for causes; in the resurrection something must go in before something can come out. Sinners die to self and to sin (Romans 6:1-18). The fundamental life is dying to live, dying to reproduce. (Romans 6:1-18). The fundamental life is dying to live. Dying to reproduce. Jesus calls us to die. One cannot hurt a dead man; one cannot kill a dead man. The man who has given up everything can give up anything. We cannot have peace without purity, forgiveness without change, strength without discipline. We cannot be cured without being conquered. Jesus must become the Lord of our life. The problem is not world evangelism - The problem is "apathy --church crucifixion". Perhaps the question then needs to be asked, "Who is the church?"

A church that will not bleed cannot bless.

A church that will not suffer cannot save.

A church that will not die cannot live.

Sure would like to see ya Sunday, Ralph

## Spring Tabernacle Ministries

The word says, “Love overcomes a multitude of sins.” As we have reopened the church focusing on people with addictions and their families, there are many parents that need help with some of their family and don't know what

to do.

The Bible tells us that nothing is too hard for our Lord to do. Also, Jesus says, “Cry out to me and I will show you great and mighty things.” Who wouldn't want that?

We are located at 1209 Wright St. The county jail is in the backyard of our church. We have ministered there ever since the jail was opened. Many have been saved at the jail.

Our services are at 10 a.m. every Sunday morning at 1209 Wright St.

For a closer walk with the Lord, come and worship with us.

## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church welcomes all to participate in our services. We are located at 1001 S. Goliad, north of the high school, and would love to have you visit.

Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by brunch in the Parish Hall. On Wednesdays we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m., and evening we have evening prayer, dinner, and book study starting at 5:30 p.m. What a great opportunity to have meaningful fellowship and develop relationships with people who have a common interest, following the steps of Christ. Please come and join us for a time of worship and fellowship in a place that welcomes all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Crestview Baptist Church

We at Crestview Baptist Church want to extend a warm invitation for you and your family to come and join us for worship, discipleship, evangelism, and fellowship. At Crestview, we are all about the gospel of Jesus Christ and serving Him as we learn His Word together.

Sunday School begins at 10 a.m., and Sunday Worship is at 11 a.m. Pastor Tom Lassiter will be preaching through the book of 1 Timothy. On Sunday and Wednesday nights, at 6:30 p.m., the pastor is teaching through the Books of Acts, verse by verse.

Please come join with us at Crestview if you are looking for a church home, where we believe that man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. We are at 2305 Gatesville Rd., in Big Spring.

## Cornerstone Covenant Church

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

Sunday, August 25-Join us this Sunday at our 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship service. Come on out as you can expect biblical teaching and preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise and worship. We would love the opportunity this Sunday to share what God has for you, and get to know you better.

• Monday, September 16-Let's hear it for the girls. Join us for our Women's Far Above Rubies night. Ladies please bring a dish to share as we will be gathering in the ARC from 6-8 p.m. We welcome women of all ages to join us for an evening of laughter, fun and fellowship with fellow sisters in Christ. For more information contact Debbie Rieger at 432-935-1257.

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

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

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

## First Baptist Church

“May the Lord direct your hearts into God’s love and Christ’s perseverance.” 2 Thessalonians 3:5

The people of First Baptist Church extend a heartfelt welcome and invitation to join

them in exalting and honoring The Savior of the world, Jesus Christ, Sunday at 10:50 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a mix of both contemporary praise music and classic hymns of the faith. Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the summer sermon series “Choose Love” based on 1 Corinthians 13. Drawn from 1 Corinthians 13:7, the message is titled “Love Always Hopes”, and listeners will contemplate the power of being anchored to a confident expectation of the good to come, even, and especially when, circumstances appear dark and invite despair. FBC now offers Deaf Interpretation in the morning service. If you need assistance accessing the sanctuary due to mobility issues, use the west circle drive, and someone will be glad to assist you inside and park your vehicle. If unable to attend, you may join the service through the live stream on the church website at: fcbigspring.org. (Click on 'MORE' tab, then 'SERMONS' ).

At 9 a.m., The Gathering Place, FBC coffee shop, is open, and you're invited to have some coffee, and a sweet treat while enjoying a time of fellowship. Greeters are happy to direct you to The Gathering Place which is located in the former library space.

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

At 5 p.m., gather for a time of corporate prayer in the church parlor, located across the hall from the chapel. Evening worship service begins at 5:30 p.m. and offers the wonderful opportunity to prepare one's heart for the upcoming week. Pastor Mark continues the message series “Prayer: Seeking God With All Your Heart”, and worshippers will continue this impactful journey to a more intimate communion with God. Don't miss the blessing! Wednesday evening activities begin at 6 p.m., and include adult Bible study and prayer time, Real LYF for children, youth group, and adult worship choir practice. Contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 432-270-8332 for details about teen events, or just come to the second floor Youth room at 6 and join the fun.

Tuesday August 27, Mother's Day Out begins the Fall Semester. Contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 to find out about available openings for your little ones.

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

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

## Blessed Hands Deaf Church

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

## Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

### 11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2019

### “Celebrating and Sharing God’s Love and Grace in our lives”.

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Neighborhood in Big Spring. If you would like to reach Pastor Lamb or the church office, please call 432-264-7818, or e-mail us at aliveinchristtx@gmail.com.

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

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study is taking a break. Please join us as we bring our own meal each week at 5:30 p.m. and just enjoy each others' company. Please come and join us again soon.

Bo Vizcaino will present the scripture readings this week.

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

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First United Methodist Church

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

On Sunday, August 25, Pastor Derrell Patterson continues a sermon series on I Kings, "First Kings, Then Prophets". The message, "Challenge the Idols" is from I Kings 18. The prophet Elijah confronted the idols of Israel, and God will expect us to confront the idols in our lives, too.

Worship services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11 a.m. on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM. You can also find the service live streamed on our Facebook page at First United Methodist Church Big Spring. You can watch previous worship service videos on that Facebook page including recordings of our Christmas program, "Our Savior".

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

The Wednesday noon Bible study is back in Garrett Hall since the renovation is complete. The meal is served at 11:50 for \$5, followed by a Bible lesson. The study of John Wesley and the Methodist Movement is also presented for Wednesday Noon Bible Study.

Real Life Wednesdays includes Celebrate Recovery, choir rehearsal, and youth meetings, which all meet at 6 p.m. The praise team rehearsal is at 7 p.m. The Children's Choir, women's Bible study, and regular children's activities will resume later.

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

Other events on the church calendar include:  
• "Community Grand Re-Opening" for the newly renovated Garrett Hall; Sunday September 8, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

• United Methodist Women Luncheon and Study, September 10, 11:45 a.m., Youth Hall.  
• Emmaus Community Gathering, FUMC Sanctuary, Thursday, September 12, 7 p.m.

• Fifth Sunday Service, September 29, only one worship service at 11 a.m., followed by a covered dish lunch at noon.

For more information on any activity, please visit the website at www.fumcbs.com, or phone the church office at 432-267-6394.

Spring Creek Fellowship

All men are invited to the weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. at Evita's Restaurant in the mall. Please join us.

Children's Church is a great place for your child to learn and play while you enjoy worship. This ministry is for children ages kindergarten through fourth grade. We will be building on our

Kid Connect lessons. Please bring your children for the fun and learning.

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

"PUP", which stands for "Picking Up Pieces", is a new sisterhood for widows in our community. All widows in Big Spring and the surrounding areas are welcome. Meetings will be held the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6 p.m., and dinner will be served. We would love to see you there. For address or more info, please contact the church office.

Volunteer Opportunities:

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

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

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

The Taylor School of Ministry is now in session. This session will address "How to Study the Bible". If you are interested, please contact the church office.

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

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

Weekly Happenings:

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

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

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

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

First Presbyterian Church

The Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study meets at 5:00 p.m. in the library. The Chancel Choir rehearses at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

Abby Todd is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Ushers last Sunday were Vicki and Mark McLean, Jim Little, and John Yater.

The "Lunch Bunch" will meet at Local's, 1600 Wasson Road, across from the Fire Station, this Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

This month's Saturday Prayer Breakfast will be August 31 at 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and bring a friend.

The lectionary passages for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, or 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, are Jeremiah 51:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17. The Noisy Offering will be collected during the Children's Moment. Rev. Taylor Todd will deliver the sermon. The Choral Introit will be "Come, Christians, Join to Sing," by C. Henry Bateman. The choir will present "Spirit of God," arranged by John Carter, as the offertory. Gabe Martinez is the organist and pianist. REMINDER: Worship services are being held in the Chapel for the month of August.

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

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website www.fpcbs.org We would be pleased for you to like us on Facebook.

College Baptist Church

What a great time we had Sunday evening as we prayed for all the schools in our area for a great year of learning. College Baptist Church is located at the southeast corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane. We invite you to come join us on Sundays for Sunday school Sunday morning at 9:15 for all ages, followed by worship at 10:45 in the auditorium. RA's (grades first through fifth boys mission club) and GA's (grades first through fifth girls missions club) meet Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m. Church-wide snack supper and Bible study for everyone is at 6 p.m. Wednesday, craft time, King's Kids, and prayer and Bible study for youth and adults all meet at 7 p.m.

Come worship with us as we celebrate the God of ministry. This Sunday, Jamie Scott and our praise team will lead us in presenting our hymns of praise to our heavenly Father. Our pastor, Bro. Ken McMeans, will help us as we delve into God's word which inspires us to live as Jesus lives through us.

Celebrate the joy with us in exciting worship as we praise the Mighty God we serve. Please call 432-267-7429, for more information about this great church.

Reflections: Are you listening?

My wife is a great listener. That is one of the reasons I married her. She listens intently, not just to me, but also to anyone speaking to her. I once watched a total stranger stop her on the street in New York and spill out their life story. I have witnessed the same thing on subways, in train stations, and shopping centers in the U.S. and Europe. You can see it in her eyes. She focuses. She doesn't glance around the room wondering if there is someone else she should speak to. She doesn't look beyond you. Her eyes don't glaze over in a fixed stare that pretends to listen while she thinks about something else.

I lose focus. One word can trigger any number of divergent thoughts causing my mind to race off in pursuit like a dog chasing cats. At other times, I leap ahead thinking about what I want to say rather than listening to what is being said. I have to discipline myself to re-focus on what is being said, sometimes scrambling to piece together the gaps that I missed during my mental lapses.

My wife knows this. She can see it in my eyes. Sometimes she will stop talking, and the silence will awaken me from my temporary daydream. "You're not listening," she says. Of course she is right, but occasionally I am lucky enough to be able to repeat the last sentence that she spoke, retrieving it from some kind of digital recording in my head, even though its meaning was not being registered in my brain.

Listening is a powerful gift. It is transformation-

al. When someone listens to us without judgment or accusation, we hear and see ourselves differently. Somehow the act of having someone truly listen enables us to sort through our emotions and confusions to reach better conclusions. Feelings of isolation and loneliness dissolve and melt away when someone listens to us. The listener, by listening, has the ability to heal.

Most of us are far more intent on being heard than hearing. When we pretend to listen, we are, more often, simply waiting for a gap, a chance in the conversation to insert our already preconceived conclusions. We interrupt one another with conversations that often are running on different tracks.

How many times have we injured someone, or simply failed to help someone, because we were too

quick to speak? How different our world would be if parents listened to their children; if bosses listened to their employees; if businesses listened to their customers; if politicians listened to the people; if persons in power listened to each other? Maybe if we were better at listening to one another, we might be better at listening to God.

The Bible says, "Everyone must be quick to hear and slow to speak." (James 1:19). God says, "Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourself in abundance. Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live" (Isaiah 55:2-3).

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



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# Global worry over Amazon fires escalates; Bolsonaro defiant

By MARCELO SILVA de SOUSA

Associated Press

Amid global concern about raging fires in the Amazon, Brazil's government complained Thursday that it is being targeted in smear campaign by critics who contend President Jair Bolsonaro is not doing enough to curb widespread deforestation.

The threat to what some call "the lungs of the planet" has ignited a bitter dispute about who is to blame during the tenure of a leader who has described Brazil's rainforest protections as an obstacle to economic development and who traded Twitter jabs on Thursday with France's president over the fires.

French President Emmanuel Macron called the wildfires an international crisis and said the leaders of the Group of 7 nations should hold urgent discussions about them at their summit in France this weekend.

"Our house is burning. Literally. The Amazon rain forest — the lungs which produces 20% of our planet's oxygen — is on fire," Macron tweeted.

Bolsonaro fired back with his own tweet: "I regret that Macron seeks to make personal political gains in an internal matter for Brazil and other Amazonian countries. The sensationalist tone he used does nothing to solve the problem."

Onyx Lorenzoni, the president's chief of staff, earlier in the day ac-

cused European countries of exaggerating environmental problems in Brazil in order to disrupt its commercial interests.

"There is deforestation in Brazil, yes, but not at the rate and level that they say," said Lorenzoni, according to the Brazilian news website globo.com.

His allegation came after Germany and Norway, citing Brazil's apparent lack of commitment to fighting deforestation, decided to withhold more than \$60 million in funds earmarked for sustainability projects in Brazilian forests.

The debate came as Brazilian federal experts reported a record number of wildfires across the country this year, up 84 percent over the same period in 2018. Satellite images show smoke from the Amazon reaching across the Latin American continent to the Atlantic coast and Sao Paulo, Brazil's biggest city, according to the World Meteorological Organization.

U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres tweeted: "In the midst of the global climate crisis, we cannot afford more damage to a major source of oxygen and biodiversity. The Amazon must be protected."

Federal prosecutors in Brazil's Amazon region launched investigations of increasing deforestation, according to local media. Prosecutors said they plan to probe possible negligence by the national government in the en-

forcement of environmental codes.

Bolivia is also struggling to contain big fires, many believed to have been set by farmers clearing land for cultivation.

Bolsonaro said there was a "very strong" indication that some non-governmental groups could be setting blazes in retaliation for losing state funds under his administration. He did not provide any evidence.

Bolsonaro, who won election last year, also accused media organizations of exploiting the fires to undermine his government.

"Most of the media wants Brazil to end up like Venezuela," he said, referring to political and economic turbulence in the neighboring South American country.

London-based Amnesty International blamed the Brazilian government for the fires, which have escalated international concern over the vast rainforest that is a major absorber of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

The rights group this year documented illegal land invasions and arson attacks near indigenous territories in the Amazon, including Rondonia state, where many fires are raging, said Kumi Naidoo, Amnesty's secretary general.

"Instead of spreading outrageous lies or denying the scale of deforestation taking place, we urge the president to take immediate action to halt the progress of these fires," Naidoo

said.

The WWF conservation group also challenged Bolsonaro's allegations about NGOs, saying they divert "the focus of attention from what really matters: the well-being of nature and the people of the Amazon."

Brazil contains about 60 percent of the Amazon rainforest, whose degradation could have severe consequences for global climate and rainfall. Bolsonaro, who has said he wants to convert land for cattle pastures and soybean farms, won office after channeling outrage over the corruption scandals of the former government.

Filipe Martins, an adviser to Bolsonaro, said on Twitter that the Brazilian government is committed to fighting illegal deforestation and that many other countries are causing environmental damage.

The Amazon will be saved by Brazil and not "the empty, hysterical and misleading rhetoric of the mainstream media, transnational bureaucrats and NGOs," Martins said.

Sergio Bergman, Argentina's environment minister, appealed for people to overcome political or ideological divisions to protect the environment. He spoke at a five-day U.N. workshop on climate change in Brazil's northern state of Bahia.

"We all, in a way, understand that it is not possible to keep using natural resources without limits," Bergman said.

## Texas governor expresses concern about private gun sales

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Republican Texas Gov. Greg Abbott on Thursday raised concern about private firearm sales but didn't commit to crack down on them or act on gun control issues following a meeting on ways to prevent mass shootings such as the El Paso attack that killed 22 people.

While lawmakers are feeling pressure to respond quickly to the Aug. 3 shooting at a Walmart, Abbott signaled that Texas would take a long and careful look at gun laws and other safety measures before its Legislature next meets in 2021.

Scrutinizing private guns sales was among a list of ideas Abbott rattled off after emerging from a four-hour, closed-door meeting about the El Paso shooting with lawmakers, police and representatives from Google, Facebook and Twitter.

He also floated the idea of "welfare checks" when worries are raised about people with access to firearms. Authorities have said the mother of the suspected El Paso gunman, 21-year-old Patrick Crusius, had called police weeks before the attack to express concern about her son buying an "AK" style rifle.

"Right now there is nothing in law that would prevent one stranger from selling a gun to a terrorist, and obviously that's a danger that needs to be looked into," Abbott said.

The El Paso shooting happened hours before another gunman in Ohio killed nine people in an entertainment district. Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine, also a Republican, responded days later with a package of measures that he said would prevent mass shootings. But Abbott is taking a slower approach.

The discussions will be closely followed by gun-rights supporters, including the National Rifle Association, which earlier this year praised Abbott for expanding gun rights in Texas. Some are set to take effect Sept. 1 and were passed after more than two dozen people were killed in a 2017 Texas church shooting and a gunman killing 10 people at a high school near Houston last year.

Abbott offered no details about how Texas might scrutinize private gun sales but expressed worries that it could lead to some firearms ending up in the wrong hands. Authorities have said Crusius legally purchased the rifle used in the attack but have not said from where.

Executives from Google, Facebook and Twitter left the meeting before reporters were let back into the room. They were invited by Abbott after he called for a crackdown on internet sites used by violent extremists. Authorities believe Crusius posted a racist screed online shortly before carrying out the attack.

Abbott said the companies offered to provide a training program for both users and law enforcement to identify those who may pose a danger or deter potential attacks.

Gun Owners of America's Texas chapter held a small rally outside the Capitol before Abbott's meeting to protest the possibility of "red flag" laws that would allow guns to be removed from a person determined to be a danger to themselves or others. The group also spoke against any "social media monitoring" that might result from the discussions.

Stephen Willeford, who shot back at the gunman who attacked a church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, in 2017, said gun owners don't want more restrictions and that "red flag" laws do away with due process.

### Man gets life sentence in young relative's death in Texas

TYLER, Texas (AP) — A 27-year-old Mexican national has been sentenced to life in prison without parole in Texas after pleading guilty to capital murder in the death of a 10-year-old girl who was his cousin.

Gustavo Zavala-Garcia entered the plea Thursday in state district court in Tyler. Smith County District Attorney Jacob Putnam says the decision to seek a life sentence was made after prosecutors and defense attorneys learned Zavala-Garcia is intellectually disabled, which would disqualify him for execution.

Ten-year-old Kayla Gomez-Orozco, who was Zavala-Garcia's cousin by marriage, was reported missing after a Nov. 1, 2016, church service near Tyler, about 90 miles (145 kilometers) southeast of Dallas. Her body was found days later in the well of a house.

Prosecutors say Zavala-Garcia abducted the girl, tried to sexually assault her, struck her with a blunt object, and then asphyxiated and drowned her.

### Animal rights group wants probe of SeaWorld dolphin shows

SAN DIEGO (AP) — An animal rights group is asking the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission to investigate SeaWorld over allegations that it misled investors about injuries during its dolphin shows.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals said Thursday it had sent a letter to the SEC saying the marine theme park had lied when it said no animals are injured during the shows.

The SEC declined comment.

The group known as PETA is a shareholder in the company and alleges that SeaWorld trainers have caused injuries when they stand on the dolphins.

It says veterinarians have found wounds and scars on dolphins at SeaWorld parks in California, Texas and Florida.

SeaWorld said in response that it treats its animals well and has rescued thousands. It calls PETA a radical group.

The Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence released a new report Thursday on firearm laws and gun violence in Texas, and geared up for its own town hall in El Paso.

Ari Freilich, an attorney for the organization, said that among the report's proposals is disarming hate crime offenders and others convicted of violent crimes.

According to the report, under Texas law, those convicted of violent hate crime assaults and hate crimes involving "terroristic threats" of violence are generally able to legally buy and keep guns immediately after conviction.

"We've also seen this before, so we want to make sure the folks having these conversations know that it's time for a really serious conversation that's responsive to ways in which Texans are being harmed every day by guns," Freilich said.

## NOTICE

### OF TAX REVENUE INCREASE

The Howard County Junior College District conducted public hearings on August 20, 2019, and August 23, 2019, on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the Howard County Junior College District from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 5.00 percent.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.232316 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$10,962,675.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.210637 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$11,457,933.

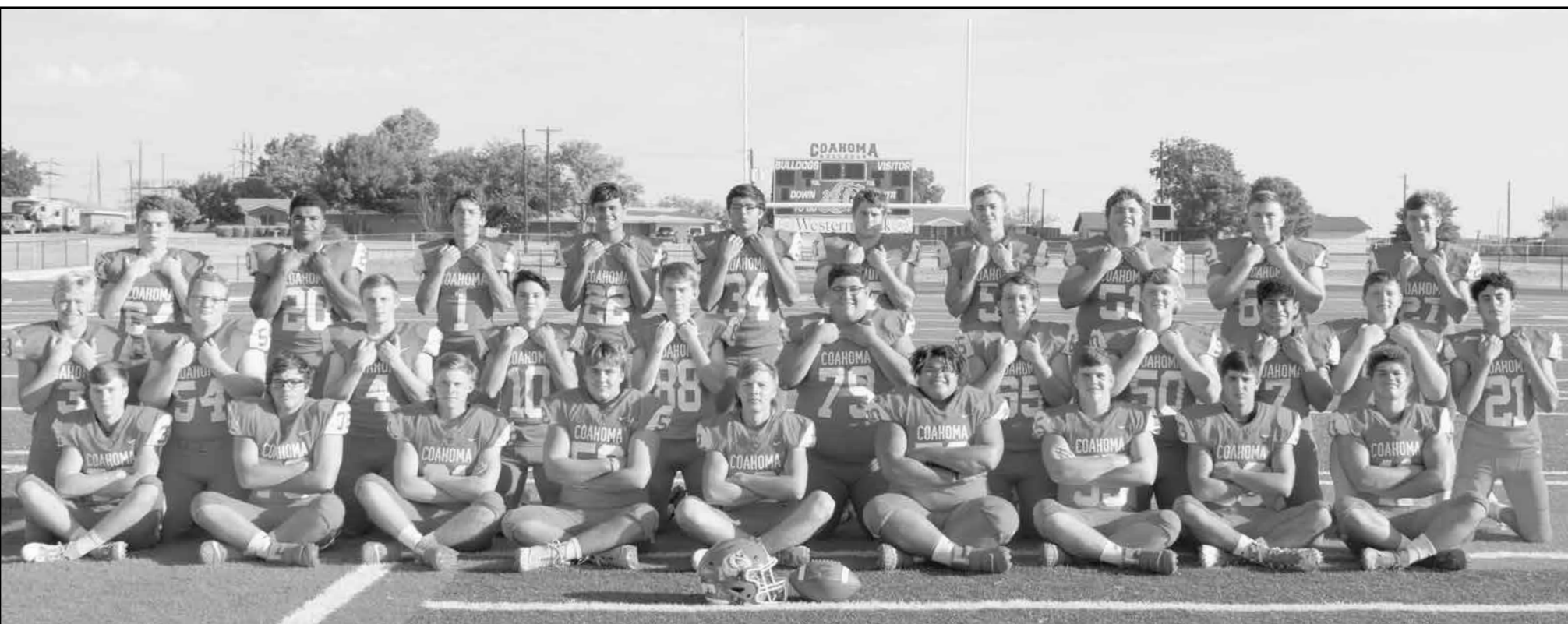
The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.210637 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$11,481,499.

The Board of Trustees of the Howard County Junior College District is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on August 26, 2019, at Howard College, in the Tumbleweed Room of the Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas 79720 at 12:30 p.m.

The Board of Trustees of the Howard County Junior College District proposes to use the increase in total tax revenue for the purposes of deferred maintenance and safety/security.



### Meet the Bulldogs set for Monday



Courtesy photo

The Coahoma Bulldogs are geared up and ready to make their debut of the season, at the 2019-2020 Coahoma Community Pep Rally.

#### Special to the Herald

It's time to meet the 2019-2020 Coahoma Bulldogs and Bulldogettes. Meet the Bulldogs, a community pep rally, will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday in the Bill Easterling Memorial Stadium. "We are so excited for this year," said Coahoma ISD Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Chris Joslin. "Our kids have worked hard through the summer to prepare for this year from athletics to band and cheerleading. In athletics alone, we had 75 of the students who attended summer conditioning make the 100 percent club, and their hard work is already showing in their

performance." The event will begin at 7 p.m. Monday when the community will have a chance to meet and cheer for junior high and high school athletes playing football, volleyball, and cross country, along with members of the award-winning Big Red Band and the Coahoma cheerleaders. The crowd will also have a chance to meet the 2019-2020 coaching staff and their families, along with student trainers, ball boys and flag runners. The Big Red Band's drumline will perform and to cap off the night, the band will play the school song and fight song.

## NFL 2019: NFC East is two-team race with Cowboys and Eagles

By ROB MAADDI

AP Pro Football Writer

While Dak Prescott and Amari Cooper wait to get paid, Ezekiel Elliott wants his money now.

The Dallas Cowboys have another obstacle standing in their way as they try to become the first team to win consecutive NFC East titles since the Philadelphia Eagles did it four straight seasons from 2001-04. Contract issues could knock Dallas off track.

Elliott, the two-time NFL rushing champion, has been holding out for a new deal before he enters his fourth season. He's due to make \$3.9 million this year and \$9.1 million in 2020. Elliott could eventually end up the highest-paid running back in league history if the two sides agree.

Prescott has led the Cowboys to a pair of division titles in three seasons, but watched Carson Wentz get a \$128 million contract extension from the Eagles despite finishing the last two seasons on the sideline while Nick Foles led Philadelphia to four playoff wins, including a Super Bowl title.

Prescott is willing to play for his \$2 million base salary knowing he's going to get a deal likely worth in the area of \$30 million annually. Cooper also is content entering the final year of his rookie deal because he will make nearly \$10 million.

"I want to be a Cowboy forever, the people doing the deal feel the same way, so there's no rush," Prescott said in the spring. "I know it'll get done. It's all generational money, life-changing money. I know I'll get taken care of."

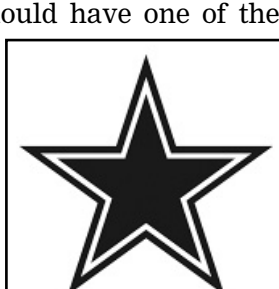
The NFC East is a two-team race between Dallas and Philadelphia. The Eagles have a stacked roster, but their biggest question centers on Wentz's health. He tore his ACL in 2017 and suffered a back

injury in 2018. Foles is in Jacksonville now, so the luxury of having a Super Bowl MVP backup is gone. Wentz arrived at camp in the best shape of his life and has plenty of talent surrounding him on offense.

"I think we have the ability to do something really special with this group, but it's going to take a lot of work," Wentz said.

Things to know about the NFC East:  
DYNAMIC OFFENSE

If Wentz stays healthy and plays like he did in 2017 when he finished third in NFL MVP voting, the Eagles should have one of the league's most powerful offenses. The wide receiver addition of DeSean Jackson to join Alshon Nelson and Jeffery gives the team a deep threat who will open the field for everyone else. Rookie Arcega-Whiteside has the jump-ball skills. Tight ends Zach Ertz and Dallas Goedert may be the best 1-2 tandem in the league. The run game should be improved with Jordan Howard's arrival from Chicago and rookie Miles Sanders, who has shined in camp.



LAME-DUCK COACH? Cowboys coach Jason Garrett enters the final year of his contract and has two playoff wins in nine seasons. With or without Elliott, he has to win now or owner Jerry Jones will have to make a tough decision. He's got the players on offense to help him. Prescott thrived once Cooper arrived last October, but was sacked 56 times, second most

in the league. The return of center Travis Frederick should bolster a unit that includes six-time Pro Bowl left tackle Tyron Smith and five-time Pro Bowl right guard Zack Martin. There's so much potential on offense that tight end Jason Witten left the "Monday Night Football" broadcast booth after one year to return for his 16th season.

ALL ABOUT THE YOUNGSTERS Rookie Dwayne Haskins, veteran Case Keenum and longtime backup Colt McCoy are competing to be Washington's starting QB. Haskins, the 15th overall pick in the draft, may not be under center Week 1 but is expected to see plenty of action. The Redskins have another exciting rookie first-round pick to watch, defensive end Montez Sweat, and everyone is waiting to see second-year running back Derrius Guice return from a knee injury that cost him his rookie season. Coach Jay Gruden is on the hot seat and his job status could hinge on the development of the young players.

ELI'S REPLACEMENT The New York Giants drafted Eli Manning's eventual successor with the sixth overall pick, but it's uncertain when Daniel Jones will take over. The 38-year-old Manning hasn't won a playoff game since winning his second Super Bowl in February 2012 and is nearing the end with a rebuilding team. Odell Beckham Jr. is gone, one of several unpopular moves by general manager Dave Gettleman. At least the Giants have Saquon Barkley. The dynamic second-year running back is worth the price of admission and can almost help the team pull off upsets by himself.

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH Philadelphia, Dallas, Washington, New York Giants

## Texas QB Sam Ehlinger likely to 'crank it up a notch'

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas — The hits came at Sam Ehlinger from just about every angle this summer.

Baker Mayfield jabbed him first. Then Terry Bradshaw landed one.

The junior quarterback for Texas didn't seem to mind, and will likely care even less every time he gets to flash a "Hook'em horns" hand sign after scoring a touchdown. Which he does a lot.

"It's completely irrelevant in my mind," Ehlinger said as he leads No. 10 Texas into a 2019 season when the Longhorns will be expected to again challenge for the Big 12 title. "All that's outside noise."

The noisy Summer of (Bashing) Sam erupted in June when Mayfield, the former Heisman Trophy-winning Oklahoma quarterback now with the Cleveland Browns, used a radio interview to dig deep into a pool of rivalry resentment. He and Ehlinger played for rival powerhouse high school programs in the Austin area.

Mayfield said Ehlinger wasn't as good as Drew Brees or Nick Foles, two pro quarterbacks who also came from

Ehlinger's Westlake High School (and some pretty good company to be mentioned with).

"Sam can stay down there in Texas," Mayfield said. "That'll stir the pot. He doesn't like me, and I hope he knows I don't like him either."

Then came Bradshaw, the retired NFL great who said Ehlinger "ain't that good" when speaking to a Louisiana Tech fan group. Texas lost the Bulldogs in the season opener Aug. 31. While Mayfield's comments dripped with venom, Bradshaw's words sounded more like goofy chatter among a group of fans.

Ehlinger's response?

"I truly don't care," he said.

Ehlinger has been through far, far worse, long before he stepped on campus and into the pressure cooker of Texas football. He was in eighth grade when his father died of an apparent heart attack while swimming in the Escape from Alcatraz triathlon. Ehlinger later had his dad's race number from that day tattooed on his rib cage in Roman numerals: MDLXV.

While Ehlinger may ignore the jabs from the Mayfields of the world, don't expect him to forget them.

"Our guys file certain things away," Texas coach Tom Herman said. "Sam loves to play with a chip on his shoulder. I'm sure he'll use this to crank it up a notch."

After last season's home loss to West Virginia, Texas players didn't like the Mountaineers flashing upside down "Hook'em" signs. "I remember every single team/player that disrespects the rich tradition of the University of Texas by putting the Horns down. Do not think it will be forgotten," Ehlinger wrote on Twitter.

The tweet was deleted a few hours later, but after Texas lost to Oklahoma in the Big 12 title game, Ehlinger vowed to not forget the hard feelings of that defeat.

"I will make it my mission to never let this team, or this school, feel this disappointment again," he said.

That comment, and his "We're baack!" declaration after the Longhorns beat Georgia in the Sugar Bowl, will follow Texas into this season.

And his teammates hear every word he says.

"When he speaks," offensive lineman Sam Cosmi said, "we all listen."

Ehlinger has silenced the former

critics within the burnt-orange crowd. For most of the past decade, the most painful jabs a Longhorns quarterback would face often came from inside Texas' Royal-Memorial Stadium.

Ehlinger arrived long after the heyday of Vince Young and Colt McCoy. The span of 2010-2017 included four losing seasons and struggling quarterbacks, and there were plenty of boos from the home crowd. Even Ehlinger took his share of lumps as a freshman in 2016 when he split starts with Shane Buechele and Texas finished 7-6.

He took more friendly fire after throwing two interceptions in a season-opening loss at Maryland in 2018. But Herman didn't waver and said two days later Ehlinger was still his No. 1 QB. Herman later acknowledged the quarterback was "shook" by the loss.

Ehlinger rallied quickly and finished with 25 passing touchdowns and 16 more rushing as Texas went 10-4 and played for the Big 12 title. Then came the Sugar Bowl and his triumphant declaration on national television.

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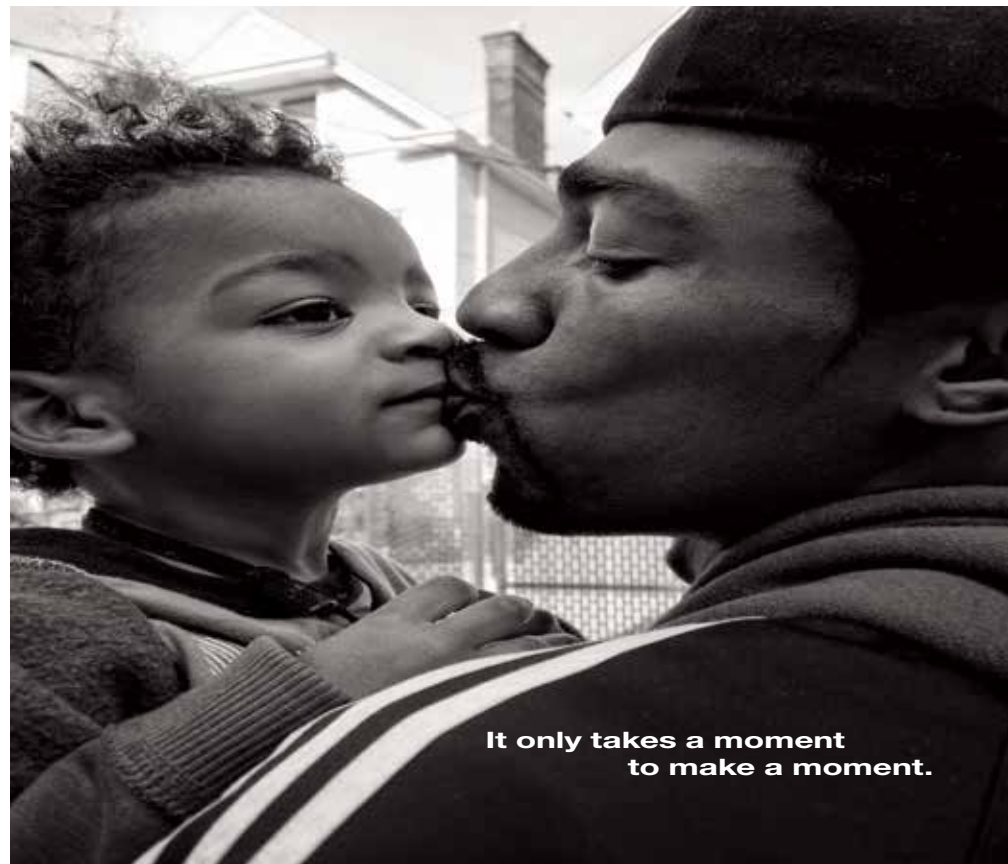
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**Dear Throwing the Towel In:**

Know that whatever pain he might feel about your cutting him off, it is not as deep as your pain over having to cut him off. Tough love is tougher on the giver. That's a fact parents know all too well. I commend you for taking the first step and drawing that line. Good boundaries make healthy relationships. Now you must do the ongoing, difficult work of fortifying those boundaries. I recommend seeking the support of a group such as Families Anonymous (<https://www.familiesanonymous.org>) or a personal therapist. Stay strong, and know you're not in the wrong.

Writing such a letter for closure is a wonderful idea. Putting it in the grave with them is not: not because it's inappropriate (though it is), because it's unnecessary. Your closure will come from the act of writing itself, not from where you place it afterward. So pour your heart into that letter. You might find it becomes more of a book. It sounds like, with everything you're going through, you could really use the outlet.

*Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com).*

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**Dear Annie:**

I wrote to you several years ago about my relationship with my in-laws. Unfortunately, little has changed about the situation. The hurt my beloved father-in-law has caused by siding with my mother-in-law in cutting off contact has been harder on me than my cancer diagnosis. As both of them are aging, I am mentally preparing for their respective funerals. I was wondering how inappropriate it would be to put in the grave with them a letter saying I regret that our relationship ended this way, that I once loved them as much as my own parents, that my family didn't deserve the hurt they caused, and that their deaths did not stop the hurt. This would not be meant for anyone's eyes, but it might help me deal with the finality of it all. Your thoughts? -- Still Hurting

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

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**The Sun Gets Small**

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** There's a secret in your eyes. Refusing to tell makes you all the more attractive. Anyway, you're not here for their entertainment, nor do you owe them anything.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You're not trying to be different from the rest, but you are different, nonetheless. Everyone is in one way or another. It's knowing how you're different that will help you stand out in a good way when you're ready.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** There's hardly anything you could do that's more attractive than giving out good vibes and expecting nothing in return. Today, you'll do this 10 times and be 10 times more charismatic.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Don't worry so much about your flaws. Everyone has them. And besides, they are usually entwined with your most interesting talents. Most flaws are just assets run amuck.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** There are potential clients and customers around, but, of course, you feel funny about talking yourself up. Put thought into this. Come up with a better approach -- a soft sell that will have them curious and asking you questions.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You have what the other person needs, but don't offer it too freely. Easy things get

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS** Building this muscle allows you to build much more.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Your fortunes will depend on how well you exercise self-control. You will understand what you need to do to get a hold of your financial picture. Success depends on follow-through.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** People do unpredictable things when they are afraid. You'll avoid this by being a safe person who wants the best for others and can prove it. As you charm and disarm, you'll become immune to the trouble caused by fear.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** When you don't know what you're going to do, at least you know what you're not going to do. You can start there. In fact, make a list -- a negative manifesto. There will be brilliance in that.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 23).** It's as though you're aiming the sun at a solar panel that will power your whole year. But what good is all this power unless you use it? Decide what you want and express your wishes. Focus on topics you believe in, the things you like and how you want to be treated. So much comes true for you. Cancer and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 6, 22, 24 and 18.

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devalued. Plus, half the fun is in the process. You don't have to turn it into a game, but it wouldn't hurt to make a dance out of it.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** The ego can be a rigid thing, building up a facade so as to appear in a particular way. But no one is one way. There are many possible versions of the other person and there are many possible versions of you.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Solitary endeavors bring out one side of you and challenges that involve other people bring out another. Both results can be surprising. Sometimes, you're amazed at what you learn about yourself -- like today, for instance.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Self-control is needed to amass any kind of good result. But in the end, that self-control will be the best thing you've amassed.

## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Bidding quiz

**You are the dealer, neither side vulnerable. What would you bid with each of the following five hands?**

- ♠AQ7 ♥108 ♦AJ5 ♣KQ963
- ♠KQ7 ♥K92 ♦AQ83 ♣AJ5
- ♠Q743 ♥Q985 ♦AQ6 ♣A7
- ♠AQ108 ♥A7 ♦A42 ♣9865
- ♠KQJ9763 ♥6 ♦8 ♣KQJ5

**1. One notrump.** This indicates 15 to 17 points, balanced distribution (4-3-3-3, 4-4-3-2 or 5-3-3-2) and stoppers in at least three suits. It is far better to open with one notrump than one club.

There are several reasons why the notrump call is preferred. The primary one is that the opening notrump bid immediately pinpoints the type of hand held in terms of both point count and distribution. As opposed to this, a one-club bid could be based on any type of distribution and a wide range of high-card points.

Additionally, a one-club opening will present a rebid problem if partner responds with one diamond, one heart or one spade, all of which would make an accurate rebid impossible. The way to avoid such problems is to open one notrump initially.

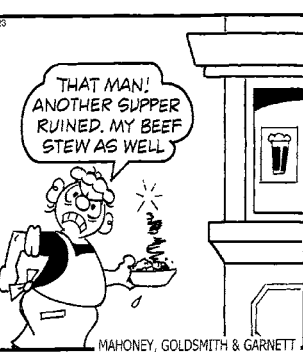
**2. One diamond.** Despite the classic notrump features of your hand, the proper opening is one diamond.

**Tomorrow:** Just what the doctor ordered.

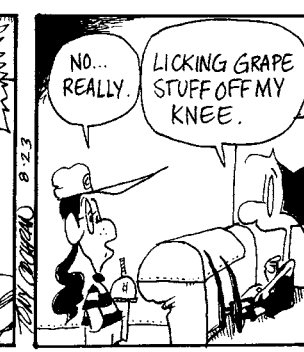
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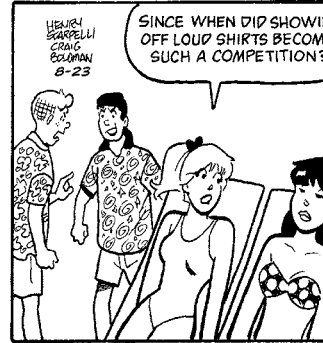
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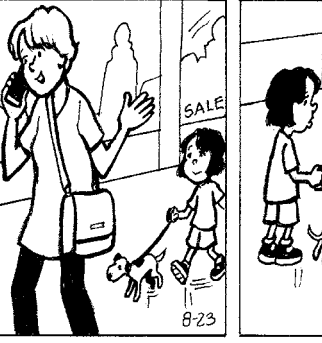
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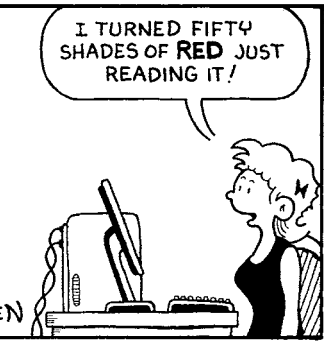
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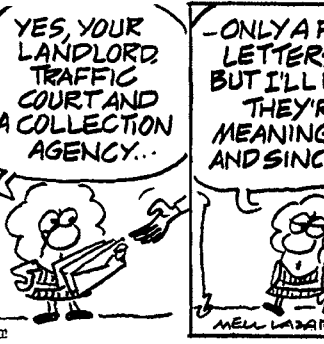
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This Date In History

**Today in History**  
Today is Friday, Aug. 23, the 235th day of 2019. There are 130 days left in the year.  
Today's Highlight in History: On August 23, 1927, amid worldwide protests, Italian-born anarchists Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were executed in Boston for the murders of two men during a 1920 robbery. (On the 50th anniversary of their executions, then-Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis issued a proclamation that Sacco and Vanzetti had been unfairly tried and convicted.)  
On this date:  
In 1775, Britain's King George III proclaimed the American colonies to be in a state of "open and avowed rebellion."  
In 1913, Copenhagen's Little Mermaid statue, inspired by the Hans Christian Andersen story, was unveiled in the harbor of the Danish capital.  
In 1914, Japan declared war against Germany in World War I.  
In 1939, Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union agreed to a non-aggression treaty, the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, in Moscow.  
In 1960, Broadway librettist Oscar Hammerstein (HAM-ur-STYN) II, 65, died in Doylestown, Pennsylvania.  
In 1973, a bank robbery-turned-hostage-taking began in Stockholm, Sweden; the four hostages ended up empathizing with their captors, a psychological condition now referred to as "Stockholm Syndrome."  
In 1979, Soviet dancer Alexander Godunov (GUD-u-nawf) defected while the Bolshoi Ballet was on tour in New York.  
In 1982, Lebanon's parliament elected Christian militia leader Bashir Gemayel president. (However, Gemayel was assassinated some three weeks later.)  
In 1999, The Dow Jones industrial average soared 199.15 to a then-record of 11,299.76.  
In 2008, Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama introduced his choice of running mate, Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware, before a crowd outside the Old State Capitol in Springfield, Ill.  
In 2003, former priest John Geoghan (GAY-gun), the convicted child molester whose prosecution sparked the sex abuse scandal that shook the Roman Catholic

Church nationwide, died after another inmate attacked him in a Massachusetts prison.  
In 2013, a military jury convicted Maj. Nidal Hasan in the deadly 2009 shooting rampage at Fort Hood, Texas, that claimed 13 lives; the Army psychiatrist was later sentenced to death. Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, the U.S. soldier who'd massacred 16 Afghan civilians, was sentenced at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, to life in prison with no chance of parole.  
Ten years ago: Reality TV contestant Ryan Jenkins, suspected of killing his wife, former model Jasmine Fiore (fee-OR-ee), was found hanging in a motel in Hope, British Columbia, Canada, an apparent suicide. Eric Bruntlett turned an unassisted triple play to finish Philadelphia's wild 9-7 victory over the New York Mets. Stefania Fernandez, Miss Venezuela, won the 2009 Miss Universe pageant in the Bahamas; she succeeded fellow Venezuelan Dayana Mendoza, the previous year's winner.  
Five years ago: Israel bombed an apartment tower in downtown Gaza City, collapsing the 12-story building in an unprecedented strike. Hundreds of Russian aid trucks returned home from eastern Ukraine, a day after a bitterly disputed crossing.  
One year ago: Mark David Chapman, the killer of former Beatle John Lennon, was denied parole for a 10th time. The long-running rift between President Donald Trump and Attorney General Jeff Sessions exploded into a public smackdown, with Trump accusing Sessions of failing to take control of the Justice Department and Sessions responding that he "will not be improperly influenced by political considerations." The United States and China imposed tariff increases on an additional \$16 billion of each other's goods.  
Today's Birthdays: Actress Vera Miles is 89. Actress Barbara Eden is 88. Political satirist Mark Russell is 87. Pro Football Hall of Famer

Sonny Jurgensen is 85. Actor Richard Sanders is 79. Ballet dancer Patricia McBride is 77. Former Surgeon General Antonia Novello is 75. Pro Football Hall of Famer Rayfield Wright is 74. Country singer Rex Allen Jr. is 72. Actor David Robb is 72. Singer Linda Thompson is 72. Actress Shelley Long is 70. Actor-singer Rick Springfield is

70. Country singer-musician Woody Paul (Riders in the Sky) is 70. Queen Noor of Jordan is 68. Actor-producer Mark Hudson is 68. Actor Skipp Sudduth is 63. Retired MLB All-Star pitcher Mike Boddicker is 62. Rock musician Dean DeLeo (Army of Anyone; Stone Temple Pilots) is 58. Country musician Ira Dean (Trick Pony) is 50. Ac-

tor Jay Mohr is 49. Actor Ray Park is 45. Actor Scott Caan is 43. Country singer Shelly Fairchild is 42. Figure skater Nicole Bobek (BOH-bek) is 42. Rock singer Julian Casablancas (The Strokes) is 41. Retired NBA player Kobe Bryant is 41. Actress Joanne Froggatt is 39. Actress Jaime Lee Kirchner is 38. Neo-soul musician Andy Wild (Na-

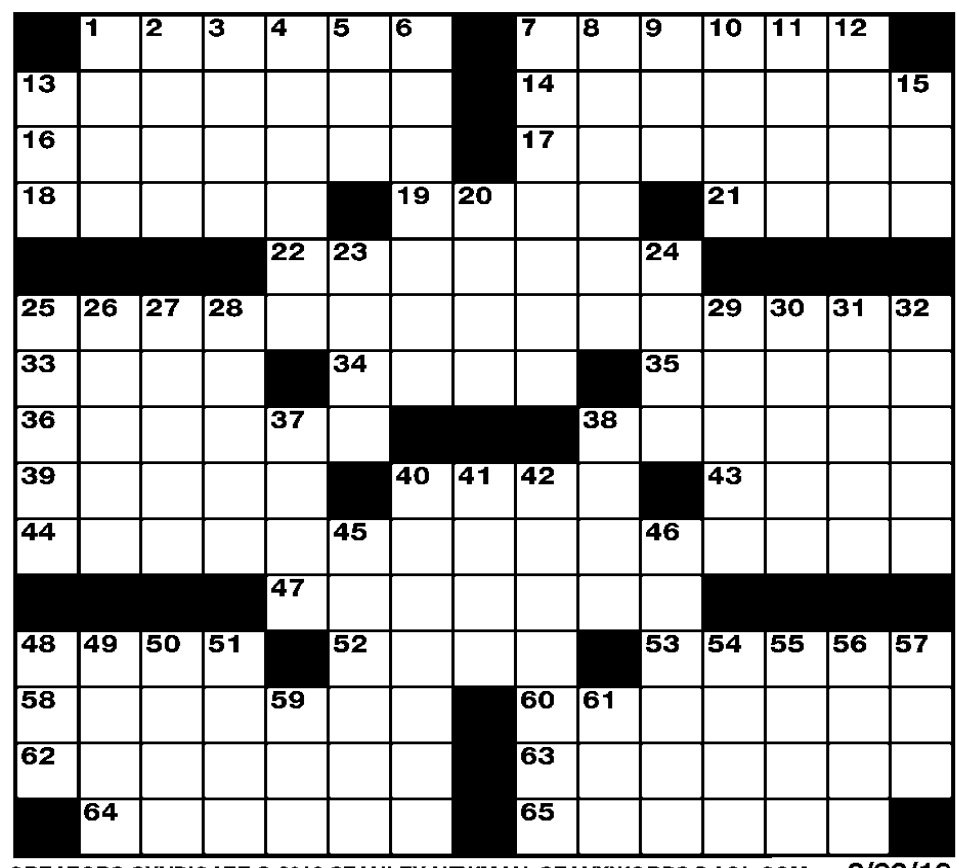
thaniel Rateliff & the Night Sweats) is 38. Actress Annie Ilonze is 36. Dance musician Sky Blu is 33. Actress Kimberly Matula is 31. NBA player Jeremy Lin is 31.  
**Thought for Today:** "All life is a concatenation of ephemeralities." — Alfred E. Kahn, American economist (1917-2010).  
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Newsday Crossword

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1 Coloring used in chemistry  
7 '80s Philippine leader  
13 Most snug  
14 Picnic fare  
16 Start of a range  
17 \_\_\_ Desert (Tucson's locale)  
18 Less expected  
19 Barrel of laughs  
21 Get moving  
22 Christmas tree ornaments  
25 Middle of range  
33 Paradaical place  
34 Fee for flats  
35 Princess Bride pirate portrayer  
36 Dashed away  
38 "Repeat that slower, please"  
39 Son of Jacob  
40 Big Brother host  
43 "Facto" forerunner  
44 Alternative puzzle title  
47 Hotel room freebie  
48 Gym tallies  
52 Furthermore  
53 Senator at 30 (1973)  
58 High school math class  
60 End of range  
62 Unimportant information  
63 Barely achieves  
64 Make esteemed  
65 Typical taxis

- 4 Assessment measurement  
5 Seat, so to speak  
6 Germ-free  
7 Spirit made from Swedish wheat  
8 Repeats precisely  
9 Keats' "friend to man"  
10 Composer Stravinsky  
11 Emperor/lyrist  
12 Like some contracts  
13 High-ranking job for a CPA  
15 850+-episode NBC series  
20 Revered figure  
23 Cottage cheese morsel  
24 Hold back  
25 Pack in new sacks  
26 Emphatic rebuttal  
27 India's Capital Territory  
28 One \_\_\_ (unlikely odds)  
29 No nickname for Twist  
30 Rather late lunch hr.  
31 German-born Literature Nobel  
32 These: Sp.  
37 Measures of work  
38 Avid for  
40 Model train component  
41 Edges for jumpers  
42 Unmasks  
45 Muse of comedy  
46 Held up  
48 Turntable meas.  
49 City that sounds spooky  
50 What Wharton is part of  
51 Gulf War missile  
54 Whom Rick toasts in Morocco  
55 Billboard's "Queen of Adult Contemporary"  
56 High-jumping birds  
57 Clear, as cash  
59 Put away dishes  
61 Banjo kin



Answer to previous puzzle  
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# Cole strikes out 12, Bregman HR lifts Astros over Tigers 6-3

## Associated Press

HOUSTON — A day after failing to back a gem by ace Justin Verlander, Alex Bregman and the Houston Astros were determined to convert on another from Gerrit Cole.

Cole struck out 12 over seven scoreless innings, Bregman homered and the Astros beat the Detroit Tigers 6-3 Thursday night. After the Tigers stunned Houston in a 2-1 win Wednesday despite Verlander's complete-game two-hitter, the Astros gave Cole more than enough run support.

Michael Brantley extended his hitting streak to 15 games with a fourth-inning double, and Bregman followed with a lined shot to the first row of the left field Crawford Boxes for his 31st homer.

"He set the tone," Bregman said of Cole. "He came out dominant and was striking a lot of guys out so we knew we had to get him some runs, especially based on the fact that Verlander did the same thing yesterday, and we didn't give him any run support."

Cole (15-5) pitched two-hit ball and allowed one walk over 94 pitches. He's 11-0 with a 1.84 ERA in his past 15 starts and has 238 strikeouts this season, one shy of teammate and league leader Verlander.

Cole returned for his first start since Aug. 7 after dealing with right hamstring discomfort. He showed no signs of rust, retiring 16 of his final 17 batters.

"There was no governor on him, he was letting it go and pitching very effectively," Astros manager AJ Hinch said. "I was very impressed with how he approached the game from the very beginning. He was going to set a great tone for us after a tough loss. Comes out and punches out a bunch of guys and commands the game."

Brantley finished with three hits, including a two-run single in the seventh. He leads the majors with a .338 batting average.

Tigers starter Jordan Zimmermann (1-9) allowed three hits and two runs while striking out four in five innings.

Houston went up 3-0 in the sixth on Yordan Alvarez's RBI-double. Yuli Gurriel also added an RBI

single in the seventh to put the Astros up 6-0.

In the ninth, John Hicks hit a two-run homer — much less dramatic than his go-ahead solo shot off Verlander the night before — and Niko Goodrum added a solo homer off reliever Joe Biagini.

Representing the tying run, Dawel Lugo's deep shot to right field was caught by Josh Reddick at the wall for the final out. Roberto Osuna earned his 30th save of the season.



"I thought it was a homer," Lugo said. "I was waiting for that pitch. I was waiting on the fastball. He threw the fastball, I hit the fastball, but unfortunately, it wasn't gone."

The Tigers suffered their fifth loss in six games.

"We put some swings out there. Hicks steps up and bangs one," Tigers manager Ron Gardenhire said. "There's some good at-bats right there at the end. We got their closer in. Unfortunately, Lugo just didn't get enough of it. He put it to the wall, almost out of the ballpark, which would have been really entertaining."

## TRAINER'S ROOM

Tigers: OF Christin Stewart (concussion) was activated from the seven-day injured list and optioned to Triple-A Toledo. ... INF Jeimer Candelario (left thumb sprain) and C Grayson Greiner (lower back strain) continued rehab assignments with Triple-A Toledo, both starting Thursday with Candelario homering.

Astros: All-Star reliever Ryan Pressly was placed on the 10-day IL, retroactive to Wednesday, for right knee arthroscopic surgery and is expected to be out 4 to 6 weeks, the Astros said. ... SS Carlos Correa said he was optimistic after an MRI showed no structural damage to his back. Correa was placed on the IL on Wednesday after leaving Monday night's game with back discomfort.

## ROSTER MOVES

The Astros recalled RHP Joe Biagini from Triple-A Round Rock and selected INF Abraham Toro to the MLB roster, taking the spots of Pressly and INF Jack Mayfield, who was optioned to Triple-A. To make room for Toro on the 40-man roster, the Astros designated RHP Brady Rodgers for assignment. Rodgers, 28, was a third-round pick in 2012 and had a 16.20 ERA in five innings of relief this season.

The Tigers said after the game they sent LHP Tyler Alexander down to Triple-A Toledo and will activate LHP Matthew Boyd on Friday from the paternity list.

## HE SAID IT

"(Michael Brantley is) an unbelievable hitter, he uses the whole field, and it's fun to hit behind him. But honestly, the best hitter on our team is Greinke," said Bregman before nodding to Astros starter Zack Greinke at his locker nearby.

## UP NEXT

Tigers: RHP Drew VerHagen (3-2, 6.67 ERA) makes his fourth start of the season Friday in Detroit's series opener at Minnesota.

Astros: Greinke (13-4, 2.84) will face the Angels in Friday's series opener, looking to improve to 4-0 in his fourth start with Houston.

## Astros defend decision to restrict reporter from clubhouse

### Associated Press

HOUSTON — Amid criticism from Major League Baseball, the Houston Astros on Thursday defended the team's decision to deny a newspaper reporter access to the clubhouse until after ace pitcher Justin Verlander finished his postgame session with the media.

MLB said Wednesday night's incident violated its media guidelines and the Detroit Free Press said barring its reporter, Anthony Fenech, was "intolerable."

Verlander, who played for Detroit for 13 seasons, had just pitched a two-hitter in a 2-1 loss to the Tigers. The Astros opened their clubhouse at 9:35 p.m. As the rest of the media was allowed to enter, Fenech, who has a credential issued by the Baseball Writers' Association of America, was stopped by three Astros security officials.

Fenech contacted MLB vice president of communications Mike Teevan and was allowed in at 9:41 p.m., after Verlander had concluded his media session. Fenech approached Verlander, who said: "I'm not answering your questions."

Verlander addressed the situation on Twitter on Thursday, accusing Fenech of unspecified "unethical behavior in the past." The Astros said Fenech was "delayed temporarily."

"This course of action was taken after taking into consideration the past history between Fenech and one of

our players, Justin Verlander, Verlander's legitimate concerns about past interactions with Fenech, and the best interests of the other media members working the game," Astros vice president of communications Gene Dias said. "Fenech was allowed access to the clubhouse shortly after other media members and had the opportunity to approach Verlander or any player he needed. We believe that our course of action in this isolated case was appropriate."

Asked for comment on Dias' explanation, the Free Press cited a statement from executive editor Peter Bhatia:

"Blocking a working reporter from doing his job is unprofessional, disappointing and intolerable," Bhatia said. "We will be protesting to MLB and the Astros."

MLB's Teevan said "the reporter should have been allowed to enter the clubhouse postgame at the same time as the other members of the media."

"We have communicated this to the Astros," he said.

BBWAA President Rob Biertempfel of The Athletic said the organization was "alarmed" by the incident.

"This action by the Astros violated the MLB club-media regulations, which are laid out in the collective bargaining agreement, and the BBWAA expects MLB to respond accordingly and promptly," he said.

## Moncada, Detwiler lead White Sox over Rangers 6-1

### By MATT CARLSON

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Yoán Moncada jumped right back into the White Sox lineup with a bang — and an embarrassing thud he laughed off with teammates.

Moncada lined a two-run homer his return from the injured list, Ross Detwiler struck out a career-high eight and Chicago beat the Texas Rangers 6-1 Thursday night. James McCann hit a solo shot and doubled, and Jose Abreu, Tim Anderson and Matt Skole each had an RBI as Chicago won for the third time in four games.

Out since July 31 with a strained right hamstring, Moncada batted cleanup and made an immediate impact with his 21st homer as the White Sox jumped to an early five-run lead. He also doubled in the fifth, but gave the club a scare when he fell awkwardly exiting the batter's box as he grounded out to end the seventh.

Moncada was tended to by a trainer and manager Rick Renteria, but was fine and remained in the game.

"When I ended the swing, the bat went into my legs and then I fell," Moncada said through a translator as teammates taunted him in Spanish in the White Sox clubhouse. "Everything is good. I have a scratch on my knee, that's all."

Renteria said his heart skipped "two beats" when he saw his 24-year-old slugger tumble, but quickly realized Moncada wasn't hurt.

"He actually was swinging the bat

in the rehab assignment well, so it seems he hasn't skipped a beat and made some nice plays at third. Glad to have him back in the lineup."

Elvis Andrus' solo homer accounted for the only run against Detwiler (2-3) and was one of only three hits off the left-hander, who walked none over six innings. The 33-year-old earned his second win this season — and only his second in the majors over nearly three years.

"I was just really trying to keep the ball down mostly and try to stay at the bottom of the zone the entire game," Detwiler said. "For the past few starts I've had it creep up in the fifth or sixth innings and then I get pulled."

Jimmy Cordero followed with two scoreless relief innings, and Kelvin Herrera tossed the ninth to complete a three-hitter.

Detwiler was 0-3 in five starts and five relief appearances since winning his first start with Chicago, on June 28 against Minnesota. His previous big league win was on Sept. 18, 2016 as a member of the Oakland Athletics.

Ariel Jurado (6-10) allowed six runs and 10 hits in eight innings as he lost his fourth straight start. He gave his bullpen a break after the Rangers arrived in Chicago at 3 a.m. following an 8-7 win over the Angels in Arlington, Texas, on Wednesday night.

"That's the best I've seen him throw in a while," manager Chris Woodward said. "I know he gave up six, but he saved our butt tonight. Our bullpen will be reinforced because of that. We needed that bad."

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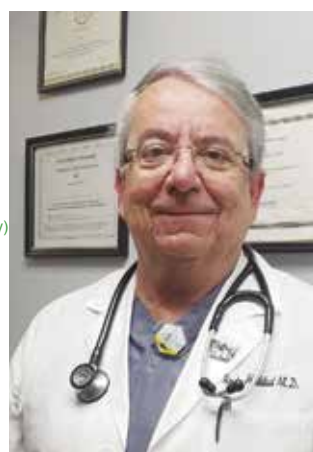
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