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Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 99.
Source: NWS, via weather.gov

Today in History
On June 17
1885: Statue of Liberty arrives in New York Harbor.
1972: Five White House operatives are arrested for burgling the offices of the Democratic National Committee during an attempt by members of the administration of President Richard M. Nixon to illegally wiretap the political opposition as part of a broader campaign to subvert the democratic process.

Daily Quotes
 "If all the music written since Bach's time should be lost, it could be reconstructed on the foundation which Bach laid."
 — **Charles Gounod**
 "Harpists spend 90 percent of their lives tuning their harps and 10 percent playing out of tune."
 — **Igor Stravinsky**
 "Are you really sure that a floor can't also be a ceiling?"
 — **M.C. Escher**

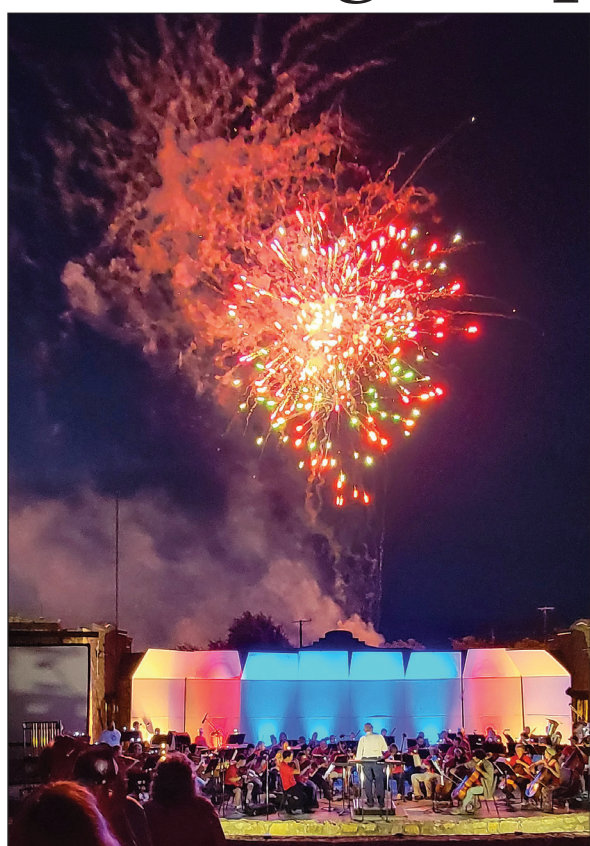
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Pops in the Park celebration set to light up Big Spring July 3



HERALD file photo
Fireworksexplodeinthenightskyover Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater as the Big Spring Syphony Orchestra playsat a previous year's Pops In The Park celebration. This year's event will be July 3, as usual.

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Contributing Writer
 For 25 years the Howard County sky has been lit up with fireworks on July 3, and this year, the tradition continues

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at Comanche Trail Park. The annual Pops in the Park event will once again be taking place at the amphitheater inside the park and the community is invited to join in the celebration.
 "Pops in the Park, the annual Independence Day celebration, has been a free event for the residents for 25 years, and we are ready to welcome the community back to the amphi-

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theater for this celebration," Manny Negron, PR Chair for the Pops in the Park Committee, said.
 The committee has been working to get the agenda for the evening lined out for a show that will honor the sacrifices of those who served their country and celebrate the freedoms that we have as a result of their service. The Big Spring Symphony will once again be providing the musical portion for the evening's firework display and vendors from around the area will once again be offering an array

Library's Summer Reading Program kicks off with storyteller Sue Young



Courtesy photo
 Storyteller Sue Young, with guitar at left, was the first guest artist in this year's Howard County Library Summer Reading Program Wednesday morning. Young, who hails from Austin, had the young readers attending the program singing and dancing. Guests were treated to her original songs "Oceans of Possibilities" and "Penquin Dance," and covers of the Beatles' "Yellow Submarine" and "Octopus's Garden." She told stories including Venezuelan folk tale "How the Jaguar Got His Eyes" and Brazilian folk tale "The Sea Serpent's Daughter (Hija de la Serpiente Marina)." She ended her performance with a rendition of "La Bamba."

Chaplains serve lunch to local first responders



HERALD photo/Patrick Gonzales
 Howard County Chaplain's Corps members provided lunch for local firefighters and EMS personnel Thursday at Ryan Hall. Shown visiting with firefighters are former Forsan ISD Superintendent Randy Johnson, County Commissioner Eddilisa Ray, and Big Spring Mayor Robert Moore.

Ott racing in U.S. National Team meet today through Saturday



Courtesy photo
 Vance Ott will be looking to earn a spot on the U.S. National Team as he is set to compete against the top U.S. Paralympic athletes in the world at the U.S. Paralympic National Track and Field Championships. The meet is held in Miramar, Fla., beginning June 16 and ending June 18. Vance will be racing in the Class T54 800m, 400m, and 100m wheelchair events. Congratulations to Vance for earning the opportunity to compete and good luck on all your races!

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Sheriff

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

Note – Official's with the Howard County Jail reported having 95 inmates at the time of this report

- **PHILLIP CHESTER ALDERS**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **LYDIA MARIE HERNANDEZ**, 29, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of criminal mischief more

than \$100 less than \$750, assault causes bodily injury/family violence.

- **TRENTON JAMAAL ROBERSON**, 30, was arrested by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2oz.
- **CHELSEA RENE SAWYERS**, 28, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block March Circle. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on 200 block W FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block Jeffery Rd. No person was transported.
- **TRAUMA CALL** was reported on Highway 176 and FM 2599. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block S Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 5900 block N Service Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on N Highway 87. No person was transported.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on 3200 block Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic

Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in 1800 block N Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
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- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block 3rd St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on 500 block Birdwell Ln. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4000 block Vicky St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block W 6th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block Terry Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

- 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.
- DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.
- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.
- GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

Submit your Support Group information to be included or updated. Email information to editor@Bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

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Obituaries

Alice Joyce Hedges

Alice Joyce Hedges, 97, of Big Spring died Saturday, June 11, 2022. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

She was born Aug. 3, 1924, in Patton Ville, Texas, to Roy W. Harrison and Bessie Lee Tow. She married Douglas C. Hedges on June 12, 1949, in Midland, Texas. She had been a resident of the community since 1959. She was a teacher's aide and was a Baptist.

She is survived by her children, Johnny Hedges, Marry Ellen Atkinson, Mark Hedges and Steven Hedges; and two sisters, Jacque Ayers and Dot Thomas; along with 11 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Douglas C. Hedges; four brothers; and two sisters.

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

Take Note

- Park Place Retirement Living, 501 W. 17th St., will hold a car show for Father's Day at 1 p.m. on June 18. Call 267-1353 for more information.
- The Coahoma Freedom Parade will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 2. A celebration in the park will follow the parade. Participants in the parade should begin lining up at 9 a.m. at the Coahoma Football Stadium Parking Lot. Prizes for the most patriotic parade entries are \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place and \$25 for third place. At the park celebration, there will be hamburger meals including chips, cookie and a drink, on sale, with proceeds benefiting the Coahoma Lions Club. Activities will include a basketball free throw contest, a bouncy house and water slide. Caps will be available at Coahoma City Hall. For more information contact Connie Shaw at 432-271-2041 or Lisa Duggan at 432-394-4287.
- The Borden County All-School Reunion will be held Saturday, June 11, in Gail, Texas. All former students, faculty, and friends are invited to attend. No fee is charged for attending and visiting. A meal will be served at the Event Center but prepaid reservations are required. Deadline to order a meal is May 25. An adult meal ticket is \$18 and \$10 for children 8 years and older. Contact Lisa Dennis Mahler at bordenexes@gmail.com for additional information and a reservation form.
- Food distribution at Three Angels Food Pantry is held every third Tuesday of the month at the Big Spring Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at 4319 Parkway Rd. Food is provided by the West Texas Food Bank. People will need to bring ID and plastic bags or a box, and answer a few questions - such as how many people live in the household - to pick up food. The food pantry also has a Facebook page where they will post any updates. <https://www.facebook.com/healthynuggetsofgold44>.
- Everyone welcome! Western swing by Michael Leonard. New Life mature adult dance at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive. The last dance for the summer will be this Friday, June 17 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Entry fee is \$5. Bring snacks to share. Refreshments are provided. For more information call 432 517-9097.
- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you. For more information, call 432-263-4155; Michelle Worthan at 325-227-3911; Kay Smith at 432-213-1153; or Ruby Bruns at 432-664-1943.



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of food, beverages and other items.

“We encourage our community to come and celebrate the Fourth of July in a safe way this year and enjoy the firework display,” Debbye ValVerde, Pops in the Park Committee Treasurer, said. “This is a great way for our community to celebrate together and is made possible through the partnerships with the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department and the City of Big Spring Fire Departments. This is an event where we have all hands on deck to help ensure an evening of family, community celebrations.”

Vendors will once again be located at the top of the amphitheater during the event. For those vendors who are still wanting to sign up for a space, there is time to do so. Vendor spots will remain available on a first come first serve basis until June 20. Once a permit has been obtained at the City Permit Office, located at 217 East 3rd Street, the permit will need to be taken to the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce along with payment to reserve a

spot for the annual event. According to ValVerde, the vendor spaces are 10’ wide by 15’ deep and are \$250 for profit vendors and \$100 for non-profit vendors. Sponsorship levels are still available as well. Those businesses, organizations, and individuals who would like to show their support for the event are still able to do so. Donations and sponsorships can be made at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce office. All funds will go toward the Pops in the Park event for 2022 and if any funds are remaining will be used to begin placing deposits for the 2023 show. The annual event cost approximately \$60,000 and covers fireworks, entertainment and any other logistical needs. Pops in the Park is a charitable organization - Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Charitable Trust #1 - Pops in the Park.

“Our annual celebration is one of those celebrations that we look forward to each year and hope to continue for many more years, but it is only made possible through the support of the community and sponsorships. This is another great example of a community coming together,” ValVerde said. “Donations will also be accepted at the event and can be placed in the donation boxes that will be placed

around the amphitheater. We hope the community will come out and join us this year as we celebrate the Fourth of July.”

As a way to reflect on the last 25 years of celebration, there will be a video collage of Pops in the Park featured throughout the evening. Presentation of the colors will once again be presented by community members and local organizations representatives and Keep Big Spring Beautiful will be on hand to help with trash pick up. Scenic Mountain Medical Center volunteers will be on hand helping welcome those attending the event and H-E-B will be there handing out fans to help keep cool for the event. Once again, those who wish to watch the fireworks display from the park are welcome to do so. All spots are first come first serve.

“The sponsorship donations have not been coming in like they have in the past, and they are in need of more funding to continue to provide Big Spring and the surrounding areas an exciting event,” Negron said.

For more information about being a sponsor or dropping of a sponsorship donation please visit the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce located at 215 West 3rd Street or call 432-263-7641.

Take Note

• Ready for Home School or individualized education in school? Maranatha Baptist Academy, located at 903 Johnson Street, in Big Spring, Texas, is currently open and taking applications for enrollment for the 2022-23 School year. We are a faith-based Christian Academy and use the individualized Accelerated Christian Education Curriculum for Kindergarten through 12th grade, published in Hendersonville, Tennessee. July 20 is our startup date, and applications will be accepted year-round. Someone will take your call for information at 432-213-1046. Please leave a message and we will get back with you.

• The Big Spring Art Association is looking for community businesses to display pieces of their artwork. In an effort to build awareness for the importance of the arts and highlight local talent, the Big Spring Art Association displays different art pieces across the community. If you would like a piece of art work displayed in your business lobby contact any member of the Big Spring Art Association.

• The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Wednesday in the Theater Room in the First Presbyterian Church, located at 701 Runnels Street. No charge for the lectures.

• Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna – a two dose and Janseen – a single dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18. Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic. The staff will to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@sprhs.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.

• St. Vincent de Paul food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

• Interim HealthCare is looking for volunteers. Those who would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer can call 432-263-5999.

• VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

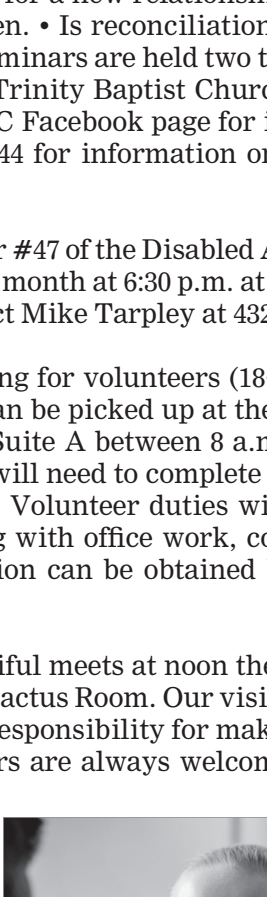
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• O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Mike Tarpley at 432-556-2227.

• 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 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.

• 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.



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• 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.

• The Howard County Democrats meet every Monday at 5:30 p.m.at the Cactus Room at Howard College in the Student Union Building. For more information, e-mail howardcountytxdems@gmail.com.

• 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 Jacqueline Roland at 432-213-1221.

• 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., with Dutch treat lunch and meeting at noon.

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital’s patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events.

For more information, contact Carl Reid, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, 432-268-7535 or carl.reid@hhs.texas.gov.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers.

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Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 a.m. and we are having class each Sunday morning. Our Sunday Service begins at 10:30 a.m. You can catch us on Facebook Live on our Facebook page. 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. Please come and join us.

The readings for this Sunday are Isaiah 65: 1-9, Galatians 3:23-4:7, and Luke 8: 26-39.

The psalm is Psalm 3.

Bo Vizcaino will present the scripture readings this week.

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study is continuing. A meal is served at 5:30 p.m. and our bible study begins at 6 p.m. Please come and join us.

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Services for June 19, 2022, will be a great time for families to gather and celebrate our God together. Our services are in the building, livestreaming, and on our Facebook page as well. Visitors, it was a such a joy to welcome you on Sunday. Come join us again as we gather in exciting and worshipful services. Come and find out about our great love for the youth of our community. We are gearing up for summer activities. It’s going to be a fun time of Bible study, recreation, and fellowship around God’s people.

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First Presbyterian Church

Worship services June 19 will begin at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary at 8th and Runnels. Organist/Music Director Gabe Martinez will be leading music this week. Reverend Allen Cross will be preaching a sermon entitled: Who’s Above the Law? Scripture readings for this Sunday are: Psalm 22:19-28; Isaiah 65:1-9; Galatians 3:23-29.

We begin Ordinary Time this Sunday, the regular cycle of church days that lie outside the Christian festivals and seasons that have packed the church calendar since the beginning of Advent last December. We deal with questions of how to be church in the times in which we live and how to follow Christ without giving in to worldly distractions that appeal to ego. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m.. Rev. Cross teaches the Children’s Class. Tom Koger leads the Youth Class. The Discovery Class has is doing a five-week DVD study by Max Lucado on the story of Esther. The study is titled: You Were Made For This Moment.

Sunday morning, Take Ten fellowship will be in the parlor between Sunday School and worship.

Two Wednesday events are on summer hiatus. The Women’s Bible Study and the Greatest Places video series will resume August 3. The video series that will begin then will be about the history of the American West.

Members and non-members alike are invited to take advantage of the spiritual resources available on our website and Facebook page. They include a six day each week prayer podcast, a weekly scripture reading and commentary, a weekly video devotional, and a video release of each Sunday’s sermon. All these tools and resources prepare us for the coming

Sunday worship.

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The following weekly events are open to the community:

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The Women’s Bible Study meets at 10 a.m. – on hiatus until August 3.

The World Heritage Sites Lectures meets at noon – on hiatus until August 3.

The Lectionary Bible Study, meets at 5 p.m.

Thursday

Everyone is invited to join the Lunch Bunch at 11:30 a.m.

All our worship services can be heard live on KBST 1490 AM and 95.7 FM at 11 a.m. as usual or seen recorded online at www.fpcbigspring.com by selecting the SERMONS tab and the correct date.

Please call the church office at 263-4211 for other information. We would be pleased for you to Like us on Facebook. Although the physical address of First Presbyterian Church is 701 Runnels, the mailing address is P. O. Box 2222, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

St. Mary’s Episcopal Church

St. Mary’s Episcopal Church welcomes all to participate in our services. We are located north of the High School on Goliad Street (1001 S. Goliad), and would love to have you visit. Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by brunch in the Parish Hall. On Wednesday’s we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m. and evening we have Evening prayer 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.

New SBC President commits to move sex abuse reforms forward

By DEEPA BHARATH and PETER SMITH

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, California (AP) — The new president of the Southern Baptist Convention said Wednesday he will accelerate sex abuse reforms in the nation’s largest Protestant denomination.

Texas pastor Bart Barber’s first priority: to assemble a panel of people -- Southern Baptist leaders and experts -- to shepherd this work for the whole convention as mandated by thousands of representatives from local SBC churches.

The day after his victory in a run-off race against Tom Ascol, a Florida pastor who vowed to take the conservative denomination further right, Barber reiterated his desire to lead by being a unifier and peacebuilder. The SBC has seen deep divisions and a steady drop in membership for more than a decade.

During a news conference Wednesday, Barber voiced his commitment to forming a new action group to help carry out the recommendations of the Sexual Abuse Task Force, which delegates overwhelmingly approved Tuesday. Delegates at the SBC’s national meeting also agreed to create a way to track church workers credibly accused of sex abuse.

Those recommendations came after a blistering 288-page report from outside consultant, Guidepost Solutions. The firm’s seven-month independent investigation found disturbing details about how denominational leaders mishandled sex abuse claims and mistreated victims.

On the final day of the two-day annual meeting, the convention also overwhelmingly approved two sex abuse-related resolutions. One apologized for “the harm our actions and inactions have caused to survivors of sexual abuse,” and for not heading survivors’ warnings. The other called for all states to criminalize sexual relationships between pastors and those in their care.

Survivor and longtime advocate for reform, Christa Brown, said the convention did the “bare minimum” this week, and renewed her call a government investigation into abuse in the SBC.

On Wednesday, Barber said sexual predators have used the convention’s decentralized polity to turn congregations “into a hunting ground.” But

with systemic changes and reforms, Barber hoped sexual predators will be put on notice.

“The hunters are now the hunted,” he said.

While he was reluctant to provide a timeline for action, he promised to appoint the new task force swiftly.

Barber repeatedly called for Southern Baptists to find common ground despite their differences over issues such as race and gender roles.

“I do believe we have seen some unhealthy ways recently that secular politics have dominated the conversation here in the Southern Baptist Convention,” Barber said. “As Christians, we need to be engaged in politics. We just need to make sure that in the dance between theology and politics, theology leads.”

Barber said “the coarseness and crass discourse

out there has crept into” the SBC and into people’s social media feeds. Expressing anger on Twitter and “trying to own” people instead of solving problems has only deepened divisions among Southern Baptists, he said.

“Every way I’ve served SBC has left scars,” he said. “But this family of churches is worth it.”

However, the SBC, despite its size and political influence, has yet to figure out a way to stem long-term declines in membership or in baptisms -- their key metric for religious vitality -- that began long before the pandemic disruptions.

Annual baptisms stood at 154,701 in 2021, down 63% from their 1999 peak. Membership stood at 13.7 million, down 16% from its 2006 peak, according to statistics from the SBC’s affiliate, Lifeway Christian Resources.



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Avalanche beat Lightning in OT to open Stanley Cup Final

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**
AP Hockey Writer

DENVER (AP) — Facing the two-time defending champion Tampa Bay Lightning put the Colorado Avalanche at a sizeable experience disadvantage going into the Stanley Cup Final.

When the puck dropped, the Avalanche showed they could use their speed to offset Tampa Bay's players who have been here, done that. And it doesn't hurt to have a guy who also hoisted the Cup.

Andre Burakovsky scored 1:23 into overtime to give Colorado a 4-3 victory in Game 1 on Wednesday night and put the Avs up in a series that's shaping up to be a classic. Burakovsky is one of only two Colorado players with Stanley Cup rings, and that came in handy.

"I've been there, and I kind of know the situation," said Burakovsky, who also scored two big goals in Game 7 of the East final against the Lightning in 2018 when he won it all with Washington. "I've been through it, and I kind of know what to expect and the pace and what's at stake here."

The pace? Furious. The stakes? Either Tampa Bay finishing off the first NHL three-peat in almost four decades or this Colorado core's first championship after years of playoff disappointments.

The Avalanche with a fast start how they can use their speed to knock even the most seasoned opponents back on their heels. Backstopped by Darcy Kuemper, the no-doubt offer all choice to start in goal now that he's healthy, the penalty kill was aggressive in going a perfect 3 for 3 against the Lightning's potent power play.

"We had a great forecheck and we were pretty good on clearing pucks when we had the chance," forward Artturi Lehkonen said.

An early penalty kill built momentum for Colorado, which opened the scoring on captain Gabriel Landeskog's goal 40 seconds after Josh Manson's penalty expired. Manson — one of general manager Joe Sakic's expensive trade deadline pickups — more than made up for a holding the stick minor with several big hits.

Lehkone, the Avalanche's other deadline acquisition, also kept up his knack for scoring key goals. He had their third goal of the first period after Valeri Nichuskin scored the second as part of a dominant performance all over the ice.

"Huge X-factor," coach Jared Bednar said. "He's been doing that type of thing for us for a couple years now."

Tampa Bay's latest additions also played a major role, with Nick Paul outracing Colorado defenseman Jack Johnson to a loose puck for a goal in the first that limited the damage and kept the defending champs in the game. Brandon Hagel, who has been banged up and was a question mark to play, got beaten to a loose puck by Landeskog, an uncharacteristic goal for reigning playoff MVP Andrei Vasilevskiy to give up by letting the initial shot sneak through under his left arm.

Of course, the Lightning counterpunched.

In another example of what has made the Lightning the NHL's best team over the past three years, they turned the tide in the second period with goals by Ondrej Palat and Mikhail Sergachev 48 seconds apart.

"We're playing a really good team and they're not going to roll over and lay back," Bednar said. "They're going to have push back."

So did his Avalanche, clamping down with another big kill in the third period to finish what Landeskog called a "resilient win."

Colorado outshot Tampa Bay 38-23, and there was no argument from the losing side about the result of the series opener between two evenly matched opponents.

"There's some positive signs for us in this game," Lightning coach Jon Cooper said. "But the right team won the game, so give them credit for pulling it out."

The arena was rocking from the start of warmups for the first Stanley Cup Final game in the city in 2001 — also the last year the Avalanche won the Stanley Cup, with Sakic serving as captain. Fans chanted, "We want the Cup!" throughout the leadup and at times during the game, which was a showcase of the high-scoring hockey that has been the standard all season.

Tampa Bay's most prolific goal-scorer from each of the past two title runs was back, with center Brayden Point returning to play his first game since injuring his right leg a month ago.

Colorado has a series lead despite playing without forwards Nazem Kadri (right thumb) and Andrew Cogliano (right hand), who were injured last series in a sweep of Edmonton in the Western Conference final.

The Avalanche swept Nashville in the first round, as well, and dispatched rival St. Louis in six before taking out the Connor McDavid and the Oilers. If anything, Game 1 against the Lightning showed this series won't be easy for either team.

"I don't think by a country mile we gave them our best game," Cooper said. "To beat a team like that, we need to have better in us."

Chiefs' Mahomes 'surprised' by Hill criticism in podcast

By **DAVE SKRETTA**
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Kansas City Chiefs long ago moved on from wide receiver Tyreek Hill, whom they shipped to the Miami Dolphins in the offseason for a package of draft picks that have helped them get younger and deeper across the board.

Hill hasn't done the same in Miami.

In his debut podcast last week, Hill claimed that Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa was more accurate than Kansas City counterpart Patrick Mahomes, a Pro Bowl pick each of his four years as a starter and 2018 league MVP.

Hill also claimed that he didn't get the ball enough and wasn't used properly in Kansas City — a veiled shot at coach Andy Reid — even though he saw a career-high 159 targets and caught 111 passes for 1,239 yards and nine touchdowns last season.

So as the Chiefs wrapped up their mandatory three-day minicamp Thursday, and tried to look forward to the start of training camp in just over a month, they were dragged back into discussing their former teammate.

"I'm surprised a little," Mahomes said of the content in the podcast, which also featured Hill's agent, Drew Rosenhaus, and his cohost and lawyer, Julius Collins. "I still love him. Saw him at Formula 1 in Miami. I'm sure it all had something to do with getting his podcast some stuff and getting it

rolling."

As for wanting the ball more in Kansas City's dynamic offense? Mahomes never heard a peep about it during the season.

"Definitely new in the sense of how it was on the podcast," he said. "When you're the competitor that he is, and the thing I liked about Tyreek — you want to win. I know he wanted the ball as much as possible to help us win."

Mahomes largely dismissed the rest of the podcast, including the part about his accuracy, pointing out that Kansas City has played for four consecutive AFC championships, reached two Super Bowls and won one of them with him under center.

"It doesn't get to me at all. As long as we're winning football games and putting up points, I'm doing things the right way," he said. "As long as we're scoring touchdowns and winning Super Bowls, I'm OK with it."

Reid took the high road when asked about the podcast, saying only: "I love Tyreek. He's a good kid."

Reid simply prefers to focus on the future. They are again among the betting favorites to reach the Super Bowl, and a big part of that success will be based on the success of their revamped wide receiver group.

Already in minicamp, Mahomes has established a strong rapport with Marquez Valdes-Scantling and JuJu Smith-Schuster, who bring experience and more versatility to the group. Mahomes is also

high on second-round pick Skyy Moore, who has been slowed a bit by a hamstring injury during the offseason program but should be full-go by training camp.

"They have a nice connection with Pat up to this point," Reid said. "I'm curious to see what it's like with the live ball and all that, but I wouldn't expect it much different than what I'm seeing. And everyone else working in there, too."

In other news, Reid and Mahomes both expressed confidence that Pro Bowl left tackle Orlando Brown Jr. would reach an agreement on a long-term deal before the July 15 deadline. Brown did not take part in voluntary workouts or the mandatory minicamp, which he could miss because he has not signed his franchise tender.

"I was with him yesterday. I hang out with him a lot," Mahomes said. "He loves football. He loves the Chiefs. He loves the organization. Now it's just the business side of it."

Mahomes and his wife, Brittany, also recently revealed they are expecting another child, and he awkwardly let slip Thursday that he's hoping for a boy this time. The couple already has a 1-year-old daughter, Sterling.

"Hopefully we get a boy," Mahomes said with a grin, "but I'll love him or her either way. It'll be awesome. Sterling is such an athlete already. She's so calm. So I know, boy or girl, it's going to be the wildest child ever."

Manfred says Rays, A's need new ballpark deals soon

By **RONALD BLUM**
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred said the Tampa Bay Rays and Oakland Athletics need to reach new ballpark deals soon and left open the possibility of considering relocation if agreements are not struck.

"There is urgency with respect to Tampa," Manfred said Thursday during a news conference following an owners meeting. "There needs to be a resolution in the Tampa Bay region for the Rays."

Tampa Bay's lease at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Florida, where the team has played since its inaugural season in 1998, expires after the 2027 season. The Rays said in January that MLB had rejected the team's plan to split its season between Florida and Montreal.

"Obviously, the end of that lease is a hard deadline, but you need to take into account that stadiums take a little bit of time to build, right?" Manfred said. "So we are getting to the point where wherever it is in the region that has an interest in having 162 baseball games, they need to get to it, get with the club — I know the Rays are anxious to get something done — and see if a deal can be made."

Asked whether he was considering relocation, Manfred responded: "Right now, I'm focused on Tampa," putting emphasis on "right now" and later adding he was referring to the region, not the specific side of the bay. "I think a great man once said, all good things must end at some point. And but right now we're focused on Tampa."

The Athletics have played at the Coliseum since 1968 and their lease expires after the 2024 season. The A's have proposed a new ballpark at Howard Terminal and are working with Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf to gain the necessary approvals.

"There is really significant activity in Oakland. The political process has moved along significantly," Manfred said. "I met with Mayor Schaaf last week. She has done a really good job at moving the process forward in Oakland. But as you all know, California political processes are their own sort of animal. There's work to do on the Oakland side. I think the A's prudently have continued to pursue the Las Vegas alternative. We like Las Vegas as a market. Again, it's in the same category as Tampa. We need a solution in both those markets and the time has come for that solution."

Oakland has averaged a major

league-low of 8,283 fans this season and the Rays are 25th at 13,740, also ahead of Miami, Cleveland and Pittsburgh.

On other topics:

—The new competition committee will evaluate a pitch clock and limits on defensive shifts, and Manfred hopes for a recommendation ahead of spring training.

—MLB approved the sale of a minority stake in the Cleveland Guardians to David Blitzer, co-owner of the NBA's Philadelphia 76ers and the NHL's New Jersey Devils. Blitzer will have the right to increase his stake to a controlling interest in several years.

—MLB hopes to increase digital offerings of games in an era of declining cable viewers.

"We are concerned about our reach," Manfred said. "We think that we have fans who want to watch baseball, who don't feel that they have an adequate opportunity to do that."

Apple is streaming Friday night games this season and Peacock is streaming Sunday morning games starting at 11:30 a.m. and noon EDT.

"We see the Apple and Peacock undertakings as part of the effort to respond to a rapidly changing media environment," Manfred said. "Having a

relationship with Peacock and more broadly with NBC — important for us over the long haul. And Apple's an innovator, and we need to be innovative in our efforts to deliver games to fans on platforms that they use and visit frequently."

—On the proposed international draft. The labor contract set a July 25 deadline to reach an agreement with the players' association.

"Our concern and I think this has been well documented over time, is situations where clubs make commitments to players before they're technically age-eligible to sign," Manfred said. "There are individuals involved in those negotiations that take a really significant piece of the compensation that really should be going to the player, off the top."

Manfred said MLB has sent millions to fight corruption in the Dominican Republic.

"It's easy to say that it's the people that cut the check that are engaged in corruption, but somebody's taking the check, right?" he said.

—On the new minor league housing policy.

"It's been difficult because of housing shortages, availability of the kind of housing you want," he said. "We'll get better at that as time goes on."

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By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

North	East	South	West
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What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

- ♠ AQ95 ♥ AQ7 ♦ K4 ♣ 9843
- ♠ Q983 ♥ J2 ♦ Q5 ♣ J9643
- ♠ KQ1064 ♥ Q97 ♦ 5 ♣ AQ62
- ♠ KQ854 ♥ AQJ72 ♦ J4 ♣ 8 ***

- Six notrump.** Bidding is a highly specialized language where partners agree in advance that certain bids in certain circumstances have certain specific meanings. The vocabulary of bidding is very limited — the four suits, the numbers one through seven, the words “notrump,” “double,” “redouble” and “pass” — and yet, proper use of these fifteen terms can perform wonders. In the present case, partner has shown a balanced hand of 18 or 19 points for his two-notrump bid. He presumably wouldn't have jumped to two notrump with less, because he knows that your one-spade response might have been based on only six points. Added to your 15 points, this gives your side the requisite 33 points needed to make six notrump a very sound contract.
- Pass.** You are not required to

continue bidding over two notrump, so the safest thing to do is pass. It could be that a partscore in clubs is a safer contract, but partner can't pass if you bid three clubs, leaving two notrump as the only realistic alternative.

- Three clubs.** Slam is certainly a possibility, but the best slam is apt to lie in a suit rather than in notrump. Three clubs allows for partner to show three-card spade support, if he has it, or to raise clubs if he has four cards in that suit. If he does support one of your suits, you can try for slam by bidding four notrump (Blackwood) next. If partner bids three notrump over three clubs, indicating lack of interest in either of your suits, you should pass.
- Three hearts.** Here, too, there is a strong possibility of slam, but first you should find out if partner can freely support either of your suits. If he does by now bidding three spades or four hearts, you should check for aces via Blackwood next. If partner retreats to three notrump over three hearts, you can try for slam by leaping to five hearts (invitational to six) at your next turn. Partner should pass five hearts with something like ♠ Jx ♥ Kxx ♦ AKQx ♣ KQxx, but should carry on to six with ♠ J10 ♥ Kxx ♦ AKxx ♣ AKxx.

Tomorrow: Expertise.

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Today in History

June 17, South Carolina church shooting

Today is Friday, June 17, the 168th day of 2022. There are 197 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 17, 2015, nine people were shot to death in a historic African-American church in Charleston, South Carolina; suspect Dylann Roof was arrested the following morning. (Roof was convicted of federal hate crimes and sentenced to death; he later pleaded guilty to state murder charges and was sentenced to life in prison without parole.)

On this date:

In 1775, the Revolutionary War Battle of Bunker Hill resulted in a costly victory for the British, who suffered heavy losses.

In 1885, the Statue of Liberty arrived in New York Harbor aboard the French ship Isere (ee-SEHR).

In 1930, President Herbert Hoover signed the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act, which boosted U.S. tariffs to historically high levels, prompting foreign retaliation.

In 1963, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Abington (Pa.) School District v. Schempp, struck down, 8-1, rules requiring the recitation of the Lord's Prayer or reading of Biblical verses in public schools.

In 1967, China successfully tested its first thermonuclear (hydrogen) bomb.

In 1972, President Richard Nixon's eventual downfall began with

the arrest of five burglars inside the Democratic headquarters in Washington, D.C.'s, Watergate complex.

In 1994, after leading police on a slow-speed chase on Southern California freeways, O.J. Simpson was arrested and charged with murder in the slayings of his ex-wife, Nicole, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. (Simpson was later acquitted in a criminal trial but held liable in a civil trial.)

In 2008, hundreds of same-sex couples got married across California on the first full day that gay marriage became legal by order of the state's highest court.

In 2009, President Barack Obama extended some benefits to same-sex partners of federal employees. Nevada Sen. John Ensign resigned from the GOP leadership a day after admitting an affair with a former campaign staffer.

In 2013, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 7-2 that states can't demand proof of citizenship from people registering to vote in federal elections unless they get federal or court approval to do so.

In 2019, Iran announced that it was breaking compliance with the international accord that kept it from making nuclear weapons; the announcement meant that Iran could soon start to enrich uranium to just a step away from weapons-grade levels. The Trump administration followed Iran's announcement by ordering 1,000 more troops to the Middle East.

In 2020, prosecutors in Atlanta brought murder charges against white police officer Garrett Rolfe in the fatal shooting of a Black man, Rayshard Brooks, following a struggle; a second officer, Devin Brosnan, was charged with aggravated assault and violating his oath. (Both officers are awaiting trial.) Quaker Oats announced that it would retire the Aunt Jemima brand, saying the company recognized that the character's origins were “based on a racial stereotype.”

Ten years ago: Rodney King, 47, whose 1991 videotaped beating by Los Angeles police sparked widespread outrage and who struggled with addiction and repeated arrests, died in Rialto, California, in an apparent accidental drowning. Webb Simpson won the U.S. Open, outlasting former U.S. Open champions Jim Furyk and Graeme McDowell.

Five years ago: The jury in Bill Cosby's sexual assault case declared itself hopelessly deadlocked, resulting in a mistrial for the 79-year-old TV star charged with drugging and groping a woman more than a decade earlier; prosecutors immediately announced they would pursue a second trial. (That trial resulted in Cosby's conviction, but Pennsylvania's highest court later overturned it.) The Navy destroyer USS Fitzgerald was damaged in a collision with a Philippine-flagged container ship off Japan that killed seven sailors.

One year ago: The Supreme Court, in a 7-2 ruling, left intact the entire Affordable Care Act, rejecting the latest

major Republican-led effort to kill the national health care law known as “Obamacare.” President Joe Biden signed legislation establishing a new federal holiday commemorating the end of slavery; June-teenth, or June 19, would be the 12th federal holiday. A St. Louis couple who pointed guns at social justice demonstrators in front of their home in 2020 pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges; Mark and Patricia McCloskey were fined and agreed to forfeit the weapons they carried when they confronted several hundred protesters. Zambia's first president Kenneth Kaunda, died at 97; he was a leader of the campaign that ended British colonial rule.

Today's Birthdays:

Actor Peter Lupus is 90. Movie director Ken Loach is 86. Singer Barry Manilow is 79. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich is 79. Comedian Joe Piscopo is 71. Actor Mark Linn-Baker is 68. Actor Jon Gries (gryz) is 65. Rock singer Jello Biafra is 64. Movie producer-director-writer Bobby Farrelly is 64. Actor Thomas Haden Church is 62. Actor Greg Kinnear is 59. Actor Kami Cotler is 57. Olympic gold medal speed skater Dan Jansen is 57. Actor Jason Patric is 56. Actor-comedian Will Forte is 52. Latin pop singer Paulina Rubio is 51. Tennis player Venus Williams is 42. Actor Arthur Darvill is 40. Actor Jodie Whittaker is 40. Actor Manish Dayal is 39. Country singer Mickey Guyton is 39. Actor Marie Avgeropoulos is 36. Rapper Kendrick Lamar is 35. NHL forward Nikita Kucherov is 29. Actor KJ Apa is 25.

Thinking about a new home?

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Horoscopes By Holiday

FRIDAY JUNE 17, 2022 Meetup Magic

Between the high vibes of the Aquarius moon and the giddiness of Gemini influences, it's one of the best nights of the month for meeting people. Those bold enough to strike up a conversation with a stranger will be rewarded. Don't underestimate the tremendous power of connections. One new person can blow open the whole world.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you're the solution, it's hard to really shine unless there's also a problem. Being willing and open, the right problems will come to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). In one mood you'll say, "no regrets." In another mood there's a list of things you would do differently if you could. And so, you will use each mood well; the past will be examined, and it will be released.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Others avoid confrontation, but you're not afraid of the challenges involved in getting to justice. It's your specialty! A little communication can set things a lot right.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Most of the boundaries of the world are unseen, but the owners tend to know where the

lines are. Avoid crossing the wrong boundaries. As you explore, ask where the lines are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Both moods have their merits. You're considerate and you love to please, but you're also careful not to waste a lot of effort where it won't be appreciated.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll have the biggest impact when your efforts are well-matched to the situation. Go on and jot down those notes to yourself. You'll be surprised by your own pen.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The ego likes to think it's the source of your strength, but real strength has nothing to do with posturing. You'll hear your ego out and then tell it to relax. Writing will help you get mentally and emotionally organized.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't assume that being happy is better than other emotional tones. The best feeling is the one that's coming up, no matter what it is. Fully feeling is fully processing your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've given plenty of thought to your situation and now you'll take action. Thousands of decisions will get made below your consciousness. You'll land in a sweeter place than you ever thought possible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). While romance plays smoothly in the imagination, getting into a relationship is messy by comparison and often uncomfortable in its compromises and adjustments. Still, it will be worth it.

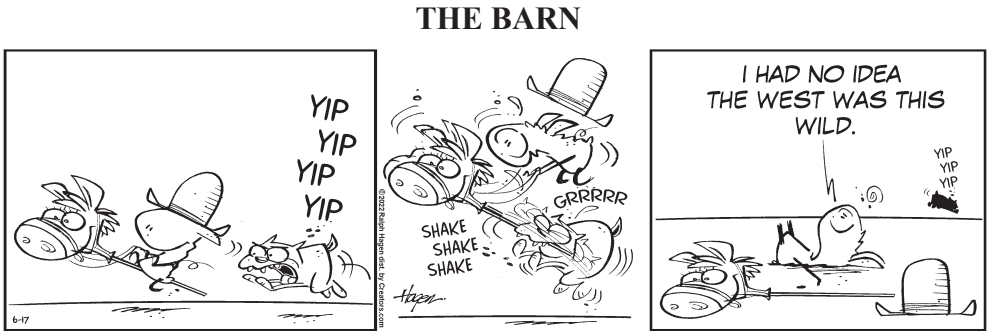
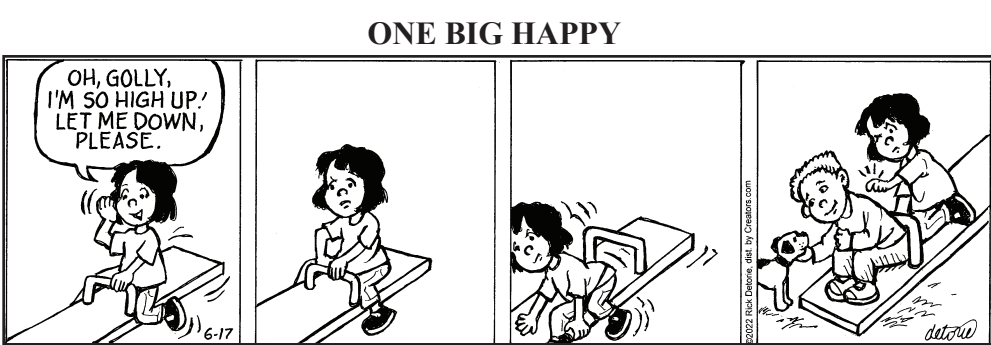
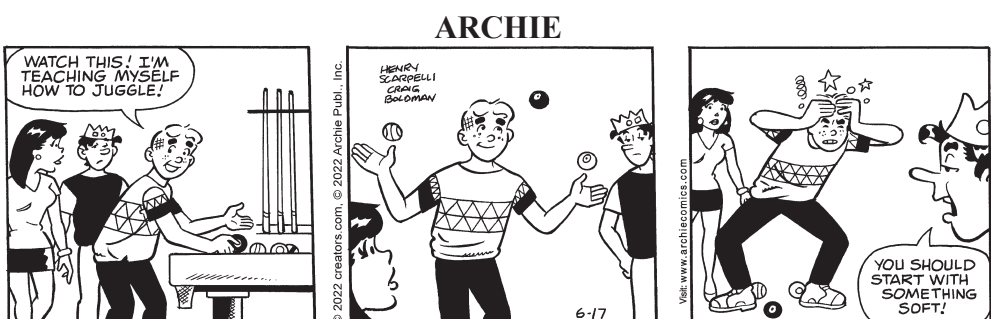
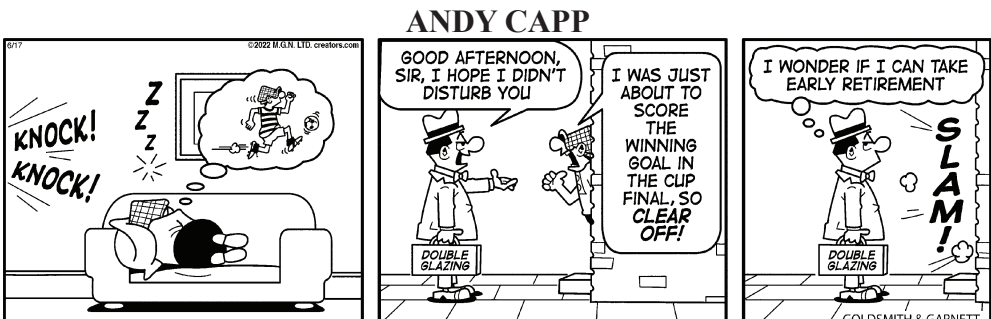
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll manage people well as you focus on their efforts. No one can help what they were born with, but when you praise good work instead of inborn talent, you'll get optimum results.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The heart defies logic. For instance, the bigger your heart gets, the less worried you are about breaking it. The elasticity of love offers its own strange protection.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 17). This year is a celebration of love. You'll be packaging and trading on your skills differently, a change bringing more money and satisfaction. Other highlights: your strong connection with nature will figure into the traveling you do, you'll be bonded by sweet secrets, and an offbeat whimsy leads to prize money. Taurus and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 12, 10, 3, 16 and 2.

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14 Combine, as resources

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16 Victor of 2008

17 Salesperson's motto

20 Autocrats

21 20-volume ref. set

22 Be situated

23 What *notre* means

24 Ordeal

26 Handled adversity stoically

33 Brink

34 Crown prince, for one

35 Source of fine yarn

36 Jet Propulsion Lab org.

38 Contract details

41 Home of Saguaro Natl. Park

42 Left speechless

44 Hardly ___ of roses

46 French version of inc.

47 Sunscreen ingredient

51 Where Whitehorse is capital

52 Showtime sister station

53 Resort with springs

56 Dupont, in DC

57 More sedate

61 Making a phone easier to hear

64 About 1% of the atmosphere

65 Suffix like -ity

66 Succotash morsel

67 Corporate shuffling, for short

68 Imminent

69 Take quickly, with "up"

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2 Unique

3 Does yard work

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5 Secluded road

6 High-trajectory throws

7 What tree rings indicate

8 Crescent-shaped

9 *My Life With the Chimpanzees* author

10 Sit-up beneficiaries

11 Stick close to

12 Luxury hotel chain

13 Hot fashion

18 Stripling

19 Legendary explorer

24 Topography

25 Country singer McCann

26 Overalls material

27 Marla predecessor

28 Cul-___

29 Contend

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32 Eye color

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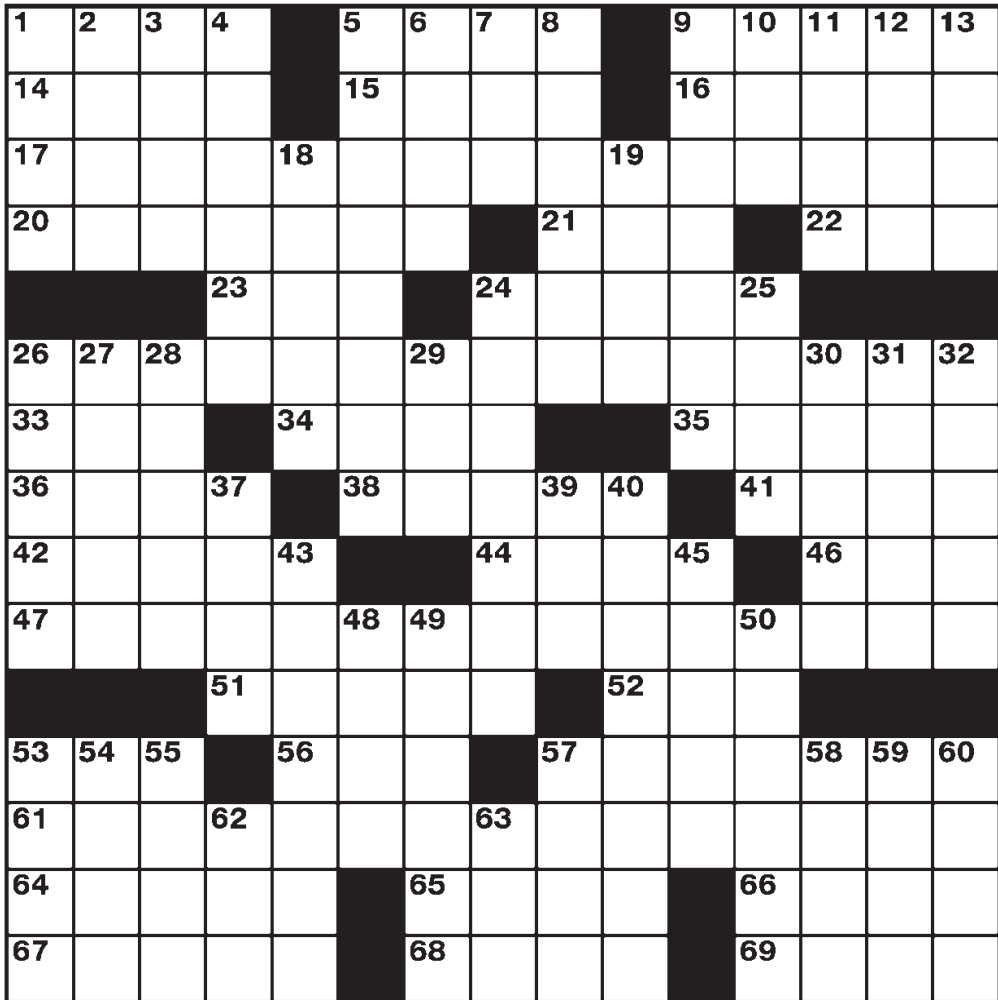
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in 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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Today's Answers

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VP Harris launches task force on online harassment, abuse

By CHRIS MEGERIAN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Kamala Harris and administration officials on Thursday launched a task force dedicated to fighting online harassment and abuse, which they warned can be a precursor to real-life violence.

“The internet is an essential part of life in the 21st century,” Harris said, but for many — particularly women, people of color, and people who are not heterosexual — “the internet is a place of fear.”

The task force will address several issues, including prevention of online abuse and services for people who are targeted. It is scheduled to issue recommendations for the federal government and private companies in 180 days.

“All of us have a responsibility to stand together to support those who have gone through this, and also recognize they shouldn’t have to be alone fight-

ing on this issue,” Harris said.

Although the problem is not new, it has taken on new urgency following mass shootings in Texas and New York that were predated by misogynist and racist commentary on social media and message boards.

Harris was introduced by Sloane Stephens, a Black professional tennis player who has faced a torrent of racist abuse.

“I’m a daughter, a sister, a wife. And I am more than an athlete, more than a label,” Stephens said. “Yet all of that is disregarded when people online seek to harass me and harm me. No matter whether I win or lose, someone online is mad, and they will make it known.”

After matches, Stephens said, she is worried to pick up her phone because “I know what will be waiting for me when I unlock it.”

The National Security Council is working with the White House Gender Policy Council on the

initiative, and Attorney General Merrick Garland and Surgeon General Vivek Murthy participated in Thursday’s announcement.

Garland said the Justice Department had dedicated additional resources to issues like online stalking.

“We are committed to relentlessly investigating these crimes, bringing to justice those who perpetrate them, and providing support for the survivors,” he said.

Murthy said people often turn to the internet when they are lonely or looking to make connections, “yet all too often what they find instead is harassment and abuse.”

“It can no longer be acceptable for a technology company to put out a product and walk away from the responsibility for how it impacts users and communities,” he said. “It can no longer be OK for social media platforms to be fertile grounds for hatred.”

If Roe falls, some DAs won't enforce anti-abortion laws

By KIMBERLEE KRUESI

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — As the Supreme Court appears on track to overturn the constitutional right to abortion, progressive prosecutors around the U.S. are declaring they won’t enforce some of the most restrictive and punitive anti-abortion laws that GOP-led states have waited years to implement.

The move is sure to rankle Republican lawmakers and governors, with about half the states poised to ban abortion if Roe v. Wade — the 1973 decision establishing a constitutional right to abortion — is weakened or overturned. Many of those Republican-led states have abortion clinics nestled in the large metro areas represented by Democratic district attorneys.

Anti-abortion laws in the U.S. largely shy away from explicitly punishing pregnant women and instead tend to target physicians, who could face loss of their medical license and lengthy prison sentences for performing the procedure illegally. But some abortion restrictions would penalize those who assist in an abortion and others could require women who secured the procedure to testify against those who helped her.

Yet enforcement of these laws will fall largely onto the shoulders of district attorneys, who wield wide discretion over whom to charge with crimes. Currently, it’s not unusual for prosecutors elected in Democratic counties to voice their resistance to bringing charges under various GOP-backed mandates—ranging from voting restrictions, limits on certain protest activity, laws aimed at LGBTQ people, and restrictions on mask requirements throughout the COVID-19 outbreak.

In 2020, more than 70 prosecutors from blue districts around the country publicized that they wouldn’t bring charges under increasingly stringent laws that states have passed against abortion because they “should not and will not criminalize healthcare decisions.”

And so far, a growing number of prosecutors elected in Democratic counties are promising they won’t pursue the criminal charges that have been tucked inside the harshest of abortion restrictions.

Michigan has become a particular battleground over who will enforce the state’s abortion laws. Seven Democratic prosecutors there have vowed they won’t enforce the state’s long-dormant ban on the procedure, while two Republican prosecutors have joined abortion opponents in seeking to overturn the recent suspension of the 1931 statute.

The law, which makes it a crime to assist in an abortion, has had no practical effect for decades since abortion was legalized nationwide.

“Those archaic statutes are unconstitutionally and dangerously vague, leaving open the potential for criminalizing doctors, nurses, anesthesiologists, health care providers, office receptionists — virtually anyone who either performs or assists in performing these medical procedures. Even the patient herself could face criminal liability under these statutes,” the prosecutors from the Detroit, Lansing, Flint and Ann Arbor areas wrote in a letter.

In GOP-controlled Tennessee, Nashville’s Democratic District Attorney Glenn Funk issued a statement just hours after the leaked draft opinion was published in early May. Funk promised he would stand by his previous position not to prosecute medical practitioners who perform an abortion nor any pregnant woman seeking the procedure.

“I am appalled that this assault on a woman’s personal health decisions is in jeopardy. I stand by my prior statement,” Funk said, a day before he won the Democratic primary election against two opponents who declined to state whether they would charge doctors.

Funk’s longtime resistance to enforcing the state’s abortion laws, as well

as several others, has already sparked pushback from Tennessee Republican leaders. Late last year, the General Assembly passed a law allowing the attorney general to intervene in local cases — which includes abortion charges. The law permits the state’s legal chief to ask the Tennessee Supreme Court to appoint a temporary prosecutor when the district attorney has “peremptorily and categorically” refused to charge a case.

To date, the attorney general’s office says it has not exercised the new law. Meanwhile, the state’s top Republican leaders — who oversee every major political office — have remained mum on Funk’s defiant stance, and his office has declined to answer follow up questions.

The National Right to Life Committee, which advocates for abortion restrictions, has developed model legislation in the event Roe is overturned that would, among things, authorize state attorneys general to file charges in abortion cases if local prosecutors refuse.

Chief prosecutors who represent some of Texas’ most populated counties recently released a joint statement urging elected prosecutors to resist advancing charges that would “criminalize personal healthcare decisions.”

Like Tennessee, Texas is among the 13 states that have so-called trigger laws — measures that would ban most abortions and take effect almost automatically, should the nation’s highest court overturn the Roe. That ruling is expected to be released by late June or early July.

“Many of these enactments have the potential to fuel attempts by some to criminalize patients, medical professionals, healthcare providers, and others who assist in these medical procedures,” the prosecutors wrote, whose reach include Dallas, Austin, San Antonio and parts of Houston.

The statement came just weeks after a Texas woman was arrested after a grand jury indicted her for murder for allegedly causing “the death of an individual ... by self-induced abortion.” Starr County District Attorney Gocha Allen Ramirez quickly moved to dismiss the charges, pointing out the woman hadn’t violated any state laws. Still, the incident only further cemented abortion rights advocates’ warnings that prosecutors will be key in how anti-abortion laws are exercised on the local level.

Such decisions come as these lawyers must often win elections in order to take over the top prosecutorial role in their community. While many Republican hopefuls have publicly stated their intention to fully enforce the strictest anti-abortion laws, Democratic candidates are hoping their resistance will be enough to woo enough voters in key states.

In Arizona, Democrat Julie Gunningle quickly announced that she would not prioritize prosecuting doctors or pregnant women in her bid to become Maricopa County attorney, which encompasses the metro Phoenix area. Kris Mayes, the only Democrat running for Arizona attorney general, has also promised she wouldn’t prosecute abortion cases in a state that has both a pre-statehood law that makes all abortion illegal and a new law signed by Republican Gov. Doug Ducey that bans abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy. Both seats were previously held by Republicans.

In Missouri, which has just one clinic — based in St. Louis — that provides abortions for the entire state, progressive prosecutors have shied away from issuing public statements promising to defy anti-abortion laws enacted by Republican state lawmakers. Instead, they warn that the state’s trigger law will cause a “slippery slope.”

If Roe v. Wade is struck down, St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney Wesley Bell, a Democrat, said “it’s going to be open season and it’s going to have a disproportionate effect on poor folks — Black and brown but even poor white folks.”

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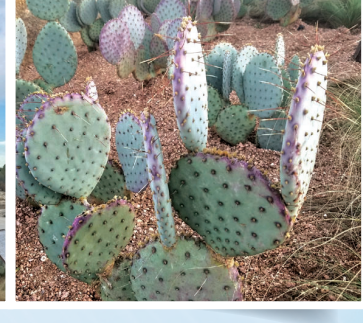
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FATHER'S DAY HISTORY

Each year, the third Sunday in June is a time to pay homage to fathers and the millions of other men who have stepped into the role of father. While it may seem as though Father's Day has been around forever, it didn't become a nationally recognized holiday in the United States until 1972, when President Richard Nixon signed Joint Resolution 187 into law.

Many thank Sonora Smart Dodd for making Father's Day happen. In 1909, while attending a Mother's Day sermon in church, Dodd felt fathers were equally deserving of praise. To honor her own father, a Civil War veteran and widower who raised six children alone, Dodd petitioned for a Father's Day on June 5th (the anniversary of her father's death) in her native Spokane, Wash. The celebration was deferred to the third Sunday in June. Another account says Grace Golden Clayton came up with the idea for a Father's Day in 1908 in Fairmont, West

Virginia. Clayton was inspired to celebrate fathers after 361 local men perished in a deadly mine explosion. Clayton brought the idea up to the minister of her local church.

Historians say that Father's Day may even be a much older idea. St. Joseph's Day, which was celebrated each year on March 19 in Catholic nations of Europe since the medieval era, and later elsewhere around the world, commemorates Joseph, the husband of Mary and father figure to Jesus. It was said that Joseph should be held up as the ideal example of fatherhood. The Coptic Orthodox Church celebrates St. Joseph's Day on July 20. In the Orthodox Christian Church, the second Sunday before the Nativity is celebrated as the Sunday of the Forefathers — celebrating all of Jesus' male ancestors, with an emphasis on Abraham, the patriarch of the Jewish faith.

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FATHER'S DAY GIFT IDEAS FOR ALL TYPES OF DADS

This Father's Day, families will gather to thank dads for all they do. Gifts often are part of Father's Day celebrations, and here's a list of gift ideas for dads with various interests.

Gaming Dad

The draw of popular video games doesn't abate for some men as they get older. If your dad is at home with game controller in hand, then gifts that feed his hobby can be ideal.

Virtual reality has made great strides. Devices that enable VR game play and other entertainment may appeal to Dad. There are a few options on the market, like the Oculus, Pico Neo, HTC Vive, and Valve Index.

Another option is to gift the Nintendo Switch Console, which enables your dad to play at home connected to the television or on the go with the handheld controller and screen combination so he never misses a chance to engage in game play.

Sports Dad

Tap into your father's love of sports with gifts tailored to his passion. Baseball and soccer are played during warm months, so tickets to a game is something dads and their children can do together. You also can cheer his team on in front of a new big-screen television he gets for being such a great dad.

Outdoorsman Dad

If your dad is most at home with a fishing pole and tackle box, kayaking a nearby body of water, or hiding in a tree stand during hunting season, then gifts that cater to his love of the great outdoors are perfect. Insulated thermoses, waterproof bags for storing phones or wallets, multitools, backpacks, and hiking boots make great gifts.

Techy Dad

Does the idea of the latest "smart" offering get your

father all revved up? Then purchase gifts that cater to his love of gadgets. Maybe he can use a new tablet or laptop that bridges the gap between home and office. Could it be time to upgrade his smartphone? A doorbell camera or home security kit can help Dad keep an eye on the comings and goings around the house when he's away. Or help him create surround lighting effects that can react to content on the screen or music being played with LED smart lighting strips.

Practical Dad

Some fathers don't want flashy gifts, instead preferring ones that can be used everyday. Think about a new paper shredder or identity block roller stamp to keep sensitive information safe. If Dad takes long road trips, then he might be able to use a car visor extender or a smartphone holder. Shelving, racks or storage straps for the garage also may put a smile on Dad's face.

This year, make Father's Day a smash hit with gifts that cater to Dad's interests.