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Obituaries

Jose "J. B." Brito



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

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 27, 2019, at the funeral home.

He was born June 30, 1986, in Big Spring. J.d B. attended Big Spring schools and worked as a roustabout in the oil field. He loved spending time with his children and riding motorcycles. Survivors include two sons, Joseph Isaac

Brito and Nathan Aaron Brito, both of Big Spring; three sisters, Cynthia Jaidr and husband, Matt, of Lake Dallas, Michelle Rivas and husband, Jason, of Dallas, and Linda Brito and husband, Adam Villa, of Stanton; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Pascuila Hiliaro Resendez; his father, Juan Estrada; a cousin, Alfredo Ledesma; and an uncle, Oscar Hilaro.

The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association at www.diabetes.org/

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

Paid Obituary

Michael "Alexandria" Akin



Michael "Alexandria" Akin, 23, of Big Spring, died Monday, June 17, 2019 in Benson, Arizona. Memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, July 1, 2019, at Crestview Baptist Church located at 2305 Gatesville Road, with Pastor Tom Lassiter and Robert Aaron, grandfather, officiating.

Michael was born Nov. 23, 1995.

Michael is survived by his father, Weldon Akin and wife, Brandie, of Big Spring; his fiancée, Alice Jean Hancock, of Benson, Arizona; his grandparents; and one brother, Zechariah Akin, also of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Susan Aaron Akin.

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

Police Blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **STEPHANIE LYNN GONZALES**, 30, of 1401 N. Hwy 80, Apt. 903, was arrested on warrants for driving with invalid license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and an outstanding warrant from another agency.

- **JASON DEWAYNE ROBERTS**, 39, of 2106 S. Monticello St., was arrested on an

outstanding warrant from another agency.

- **ANTHONY KEYSHAWN GARCIA**, 20, of 1316 Stadium, was arrested on three outstanding warrants from other agencies.

- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 200 block of W. 15th St.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1900 block of E. FM 700

- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 3300

block of E. FM 700.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 700 block of Jeffery Rd., and the 1500 block of W. 4th St.

- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 6200 block of S. Service Rd., 3600 block of W. Hwy 80, and the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

- **THEFT OF A FIREARM** was reported in the 2500 block of Dow Dr.

Sheriff Report

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 96 inmates at the time of this report.

- **ANTHONY KEYSHAWN**

GARCIA, 20, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for deadly conduct discharging firearm.

- **STEPHANIE LYNN GONZALES**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for bail jumping/failure to appear, driving with invalid license, and

failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- **JASON DEWAYNE ROBERTS**, 39, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for a parole violation.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Rd. (two incidents). One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2800 block of Sherman Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4200 block of Hwy 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of S. Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Aylesford. On person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL**

was reported in the 1600 block of Johnson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at I-20 mile marker 169. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. No transport was required.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of E. 17th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of Maple. No transport was required.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. No transport was required.

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

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David S. Griffith, Jr.

David S. Griffith, Jr., age 70, of Big Spring, Texas, passed away Sunday, June 23, 2019, in Big Spring. Memorial services will be held at a later date at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Big Spring. McCoy Funeral Home in Sweetwater is in charge of arrangements. Among survivors is his wife, Diane Griffith of Big Spring.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

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

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

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

- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. t 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

- 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). Meetings are weekly, every Thursday, at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

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.

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Weather



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

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 69. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 94. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 69. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 96. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 95.

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

Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 93.

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

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 92.

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

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 93.

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

PURPLE HEART

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Applebees, Church's, Taco Bell and TGIFriday's. On a more local level, colleges, police departments and churches have also allowed signs to be placed. According to Evans, in the Cincinnati area there are more than 80 signs.

"I don't want the community to think they are not allowed to park in these spots because that's not the reason for them.

The signs are a way to recognize those men and women in the Purple Heart Community," he said.

At this time, signs have not been placed in Big Spring, due to being on back order. Evans said there are 50 signs currently on order and commitments from local businesses are starting to be set.

"I ask that the community take time to think about Purple Heart veterans and take the opportunity to thank them, and all veterans when they see them," he said.

For those who would like a sign placed at their business, a request can be sent to Evans at jeremyevans02@gmail.com. For

those who are wanting to support the project, a GoFundMe account has been set up.

"The funds in this account will be used towards purchasing material, travel and sign installation," Evans said. "I do not charge for the sign or placement of the sign, which is why any support is appreciated."

To find out more information, email Evans at the address above.

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

- A fundraiser is being sponsored by Glam Salon, and all proceeds will go toward funeral expenses for Jose Brito. Jose is the twin brother of Linda Brito, who works at Glam Salon. Given away as part of the fundraiser will be a basket containing various hair care items, including a Paul Mitchel 1.25" curling iron, along with various other hair care items, for a total value of over \$300. Tickets are available at Glam Salon. Winner will be announced Thursday, June 27, at 5 p.m. Please come by Glam Salon for a ticket.

- Fundraiser benefiting Patricia Aguilar will be held Saturday, June 29, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Porters parking lot, 501 Birdwell Lane. You can get choice of: hamburger, chips and drink for \$7; or two hot dogs, chips and a drink for \$6. All proceeds will be donated to the family for medical expenses. For more information, please contact Jose Olivas at Hair by Jose. Please stop by!

- The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) is taking applications for the Water Quality Management Plan Program (WQMP) for the 2020-2021 biennium. This program addresses water quality issues known to the state of Texas by assisting land owners with cost-share practices and technical assistance to combat agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint source (NPS) pollution. The application deadline is June 28, 2019. Applications can be submitted to the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District (HSWCD). If you want to apply or have any questions come by the USDA office, 302 W. I-20, Ste. 101, Big Spring, Texas, 79720, or call 432-267-1871, ext. 3.

- Benefit/Fundraiser will be held to help cover Brian Grant's funeral expenses. Seeking donations of briskets, desserts, door prizes, raffle and silent auction items to be used in conjunction with the fundraiser.

There will be BBQ plates including brisket, sausage, potato salad and trimmings. One of the raffle items will be a one-of-a-kind Bruce Broughton custom rifle.

The fundraiser is set for June 29, 2019, at Midway Baptist Church, 6200 N. Service Rd. from 12 p.m. until 3 p.m., or until food runs out. For information, please contact Will Stapp 432-816-5118

- Senior and/or mature adults are invited to come to a dance every first and third Friday each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center, located at 100 Whipkey Drive. Come two-step the evening away, or just mingle with old friends and make new friends.

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Flora Vega, 69, died Thursday, June 20, 2019. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Michael "Alexandria" Akin, 23, died Monday, June 17, 2019. Memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, July 1, 2019, at Crestview Baptist Church.

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

COUNTY

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of \$2,990.02.

- Approved personnel considerations.
- Heard a report from County Road Commissioner Brian Klinksiek regarding planned inverted prime road repair on Moss Lake Road. Klinksiek said the repairs should begin "Thursday, Friday or Saturday." He said, "They hope to complete the inverted prime by the Fourth."

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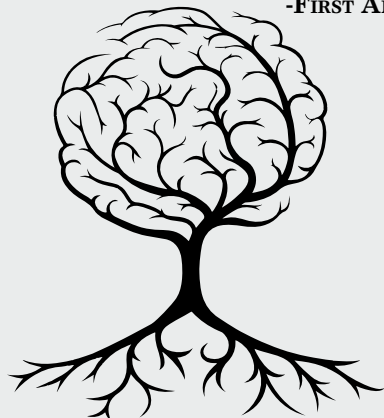
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Opinion

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Cindy's Bookshelf

The Anomaly: A Book Review

There is still much of our planet that remains unexplored. From oceans to caves, there are lots of nooks and crannies that remain mysterious and unidentified. But what if our ancestors did visit some of these places? What if they left detailed instructions on how to find places they considered sacred - as a warning?

Nolan Moore - a modern day Indiana Jones, thinks that he's on to something when he stumbles across information about a mysterious cave hidden deep in the Grand Canyon. The cave's last known visitors arrived in 1909. The journey before the cave was documented in great detail. But after the visitation to the cave, the records change drastically. Curious, Nolan puts together his team to film a documentary video about the cave and whatever they might find inside.

The crew sets out with Nolan, not expecting to find the cave at all. But, Nolan is good at his job and they find a cave that matches the exact description Nolan has put together from his research.

Once they climb up to it, matters take a turn for the worst. Trapped inside the cave, with no way to contact the outside world, the group is forced to band together and explore the strange rooms in order to find an alternate way out.



CINDY PINCH

With their exploration job turning into a fight for survival, Nolan delves deeper into the mysteries of the cave. No amount of research could have prepared him for what he finds. From poisonous water to dinosaur like creatures, the cave is room after room of surprise and danger. Nolan begins to wonder how this cave has remained hidden for centuries. What secrets does it really hold?

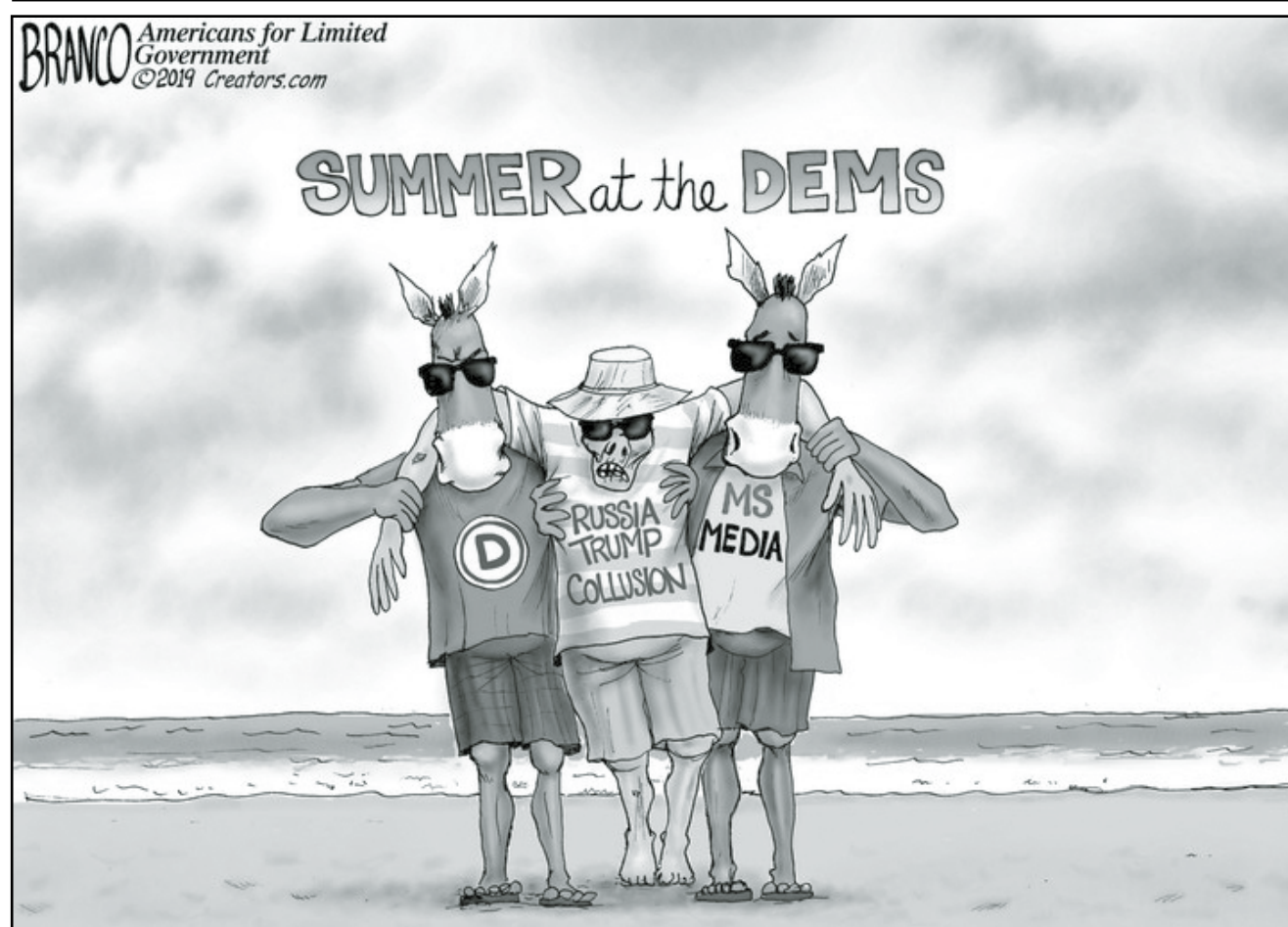
The Anomaly by Michael Rutger is an intense book that reads like a movie with bits of "found footage" thrown in. Rutger did his research and went above and beyond to include photographs that help the story feel more like a documentation of actual events than a fictitious novel. *The Anomaly* draws you in like the mysterious cave found by Nolan Moore.

Michael Rutger is one of the pen names used by Michael Marshall. Michael has written everything from books to screenplays. Since the mid-nineties, Michael has written over fourteen novels as well as several collections and short stories under the names: Michael Marshall, Michael Marshall Smith, and most recently, Michael Rutger. His newest novel, published under the pen name Michael Rutger, is titled *The Possession* and is a continuation in the Nolan Moore world. It is set to be released on July 23rd.

Notably, Michael has written the Straw Men thrillers which are now in development for television. His novel, *Only Forward* won the Philip K. Dick Award. His novel, *Intruders* is currently televised by BBC America. He is the only author to have won the BFS Short Story Award a total of four times.

In addition to writing novels and screenplays, Michael has an Etsy shop which he uses to sell prints of his photography. Michael currently lives in California with his wife and sons.

For more information on Michael, visit his website: www.michaelmarshallsmith.com. Or follow him on social media. Twitter: @ememess. Or on Instagram: @ememess.



Do you really want to travel so much?

Hypertourism has become the curse of desirable places all over the world. It refers to the swarms of tourists who clog the plazas and narrow streets of prized cultural destinations — Florence, Venice, Barcelona, Prague and others. Party cities, such as Amsterdam, where both prostitution and marijuana are mostly legal, draw especially low-quality tourists. But locals suffering under hypertourism everywhere endure the spectacle of drunken tourists urinating in public.

And what about the visitors who are well-behaved and just want to expand their cultural horizons? Are they having such a wonderful time inching their way along the endless lines to get into Rome's Coliseum?

Sometimes it seems that neither visitor nor host is having a great time. Workers at the Louvre Museum in Paris held a one-day walkout to protest the human crush that they say has "made the place dangerous and unmanageable."

Why do so many of us feel we have to travel all the time? When did not seeing every continent become a mark of deprivation? And whence came this belief that almost every place is better than home?

Psychology actually has a word for it: "dromomania." Wikipedia

defines dromomania as "a strong emotional or even physical need to be constantly traveling and experiencing new places, often at the expense of their normal family, work, and social lives."



FROMA HARROP

Economic trends encourage such tendencies. They include cheap airfare, Airbnb rentals and cruise ships that disgorge thousands of visitors onto historic waterfronts. The biggest factor may be the explosive growth of a global middle class.

But there's another force at work, a tourism industry pushing the idea that constant travel is a requirement of the good life. Social media amplifies the message through its dissemination of our most glorious selfies. The images rarely include zoo-like conditions at the airport or torturous lines through immigration and customs.

An amusing TV commercial for an investment company shows handsome silver-haired retirees on a boat floating through a picturesque canal somewhere in Asia. Friendly locals urge them to try the exotic delicacies. There's not another tourist in sight.

Even out-of-the-way places are not safe from hypertourism. Crowding at Machu Picchu, the ancient Inca site in Peru, has forced officials to enact closing times and charge visitors \$70 to spend the day. Friends visiting Yellowstone National Park report congestion on the popular "wilderness" trails.

There cannot be a more maca-

bre hypertourism story than that of several climbers dying near the top of Mount Everest because they were stuck in slow lines of people ascending and descending from the peak. Humans cannot last long in the thin air of very high altitudes.

There was a time when conquering the world's highest mountain was a rare feat for only the most elite climbers. Now it's a regular item on (I can't imagine how many) bucket lists.

Around this time of year, one sees articles about "staycations," whereby one spends the summer vacation at home, visiting local parks or exploring new neighborhoods. They usually include a disclaimer that saving money isn't the only virtue of a staycation.

Summertime in the United States used to be a staycation for most. Gardening was a peaceful activity. Kids played badminton in the backyard or hung out at the community pool. Teens found summer jobs. There was no sense of deprivation.

I am convinced that folks who meet their pals every week at the same local diner are having at least as good a time as those begging for service at a jammed European cafe. And the ultimate irony: Their favorite local restaurants are easy to get into because so many of their dromomaniac neighbors are off somewhere else.

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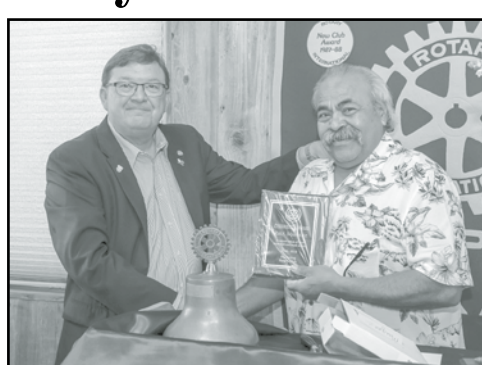
Celebration at Parkplace Retirement Living



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Big Spring's two Rotary Clubs name Rotarians of the Year, install officers



Courtesy photos
Topleft, Greater Big Spring Rotary Club President George Bancroft, right, congratulates that club's Rotarian of the Year Barney Dodd as Big Spring Rotary Club President Hardy Wilkerson applauds during the clubs' joint ceremony Tuesday. Top right, Wilkerson names BSRC Rotarian of the Year Raul Marquez Sr. Middle left, Kristi Tyra is the GBSRC's new president. Middle right, Wilkerson inducts BSRC President Laurie Barraza. Bottom, outgoing presidents Wilkerson and Bancroft share stories.

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Texas state briefs

Agency removes mold from soon-to-open migrant detention site

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services says it's clearing mold from a South Texas facility that will soon house up to 1,300 migrant children.

HHS said in a statement Wednesday that it was working quickly to open the facility at Carrizo Springs, Texas, at the site of a former "man camp" for oilfield workers. In addition to removing mold spots, HHS spokeswoman Evelyn Stauffer says the facility also requires air conditioning and pipeline work.

The nonprofit BCFS will run the facility. It previously operated the tent camp for migrant children at Tornillo, Texas, which was closed in January.

The Border Patrol is detaining some children for weeks because HHS doesn't have the capacity to take them. Reports of squalid conditions in Border Patrol facilities have sparked mass outrage.

Report: Series of failures led to deadly leak at Texas plant

HOUSTON (AP) — A final federal report has found that a series of failures, including flawed equipment and inadequate safeguards, helped cause a 2014 poisonous gas leak that killed four workers at a Houston-area chemical plant.

Four employees at the DuPont chemical plant in LaPorte, Texas, died in the release of methyl mercaptan — a chemical used in the manufacture of insecticide and fungicide.

The U.S. Chemical Safety Board in its report issued Tuesday said various safety management system deficiencies, including problems with troubleshooting operations, safe work practices, toxic gas detection and emergency response, contributed to the severity of the incident.

Corteva, a spinoff of DuPont's agriculture division, didn't immediately respond to emails seeking comment.

In 2016, DuPont permanently shut down the insecticide production unit where the workers died.

Texas man says daughter's limp body paralyzed him with fear

DALLAS (AP) — A Texas man has testified that he was paralyzed by fear when his daughter went limp after choking on milk, and he decided to dump her body in a culvert near their home.

Thirty-nine-year-old Wesley Mathews of Richardson, Texas, testified Tuesday in the punishment phase of his Dallas trial that he panicked when he couldn't resuscitate 3-year-old Sherin Mathews. Her body was found about two weeks later.

Mathews told investigators Sherin was underweight and he occasionally had to force her to drink milk for nourishment.

A medical examiner testified that it's unlikely a child could choke to death on milk.

The trial resumed Wednesday. Mathews faces life in prison.

He was charged with capital murder but pleaded guilty Monday to a lesser charge of injury to a child by omission.

Homeowner groups OK to remove seaweed from Galveston beaches

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Residential property groups will be allowed to remove seaweed from some Southeast Texas beaches but must abide by guidelines to protect the environment.

The Galveston County Daily News reports Galveston Park Board trustees Tuesday agreed to let homeowner associations clear some beaches amid excessive seaweed this summer. Associations will be allowed to use the board's federal permit and must abide by certain conditions to protect the sand and make sure sea turtles are not harmed.

The board last summer revoked allowing third-party contractors to operate heavy equipment for seaweed removal after an environmental group objected.

Tuesday's agreement means homeowner associations can remove seaweed using mechanized equipment when a certain percentage of beach is covered. Such cleaning won't be allowed on weekends or after noon on holidays.

NASA opening moon rock samples sealed since Apollo missions

By MARCIA DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Inside a locked vault at Johnson Space Center is treasure few have seen and fewer have touched.

The restricted lab is home to hundreds of pounds of moon rocks collected by Apollo astronauts close to a half-century ago. And for the first time in decades, NASA is about to open some of the pristine samples and let geologists take a crack at them with 21st-century technology.

What better way to mark this summer's 50th anniversary of humanity's first footsteps on the moon than by sharing a bit of the lunar loot.

"It's sort of a coincidence that we're opening them in the year of the anniversary," explained NASA's Apollo sample curator Ryan Zeigler, covered head to toe in a white protective suit with matching fabric boots, gloves and hat.

"But certainly the anniversary increased the awareness and the fact that we're going back to the moon."

With the golden anniversary of Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's feat fast approaching — their lunar module Eagle landed July 20, 1969, on the Sea of Tranquility — the moon is red-hot again.

After decades of flip-flopping between the moon and Mars as the next big astronaut destination, NASA aims to put astronauts on the lunar surface again by 2024 at the White House's direction. President Donald Trump prefers talking up Mars. But the consensus is that the moon is a crucial proving ground given its relative proximity to home — 240,000 miles (386,000 kilometers) or two to three days away.

Zeigler's job is to preserve what the 12 moonwalkers brought back from 1969 through 1972 — lunar samples totaling 842 pounds (382 kilograms) — and ensure scientists get the best possible samples for study.

Some of the soil and bits of rock were vacuum-packed on the moon — and never exposed to Earth's atmosphere — or frozen or stored in gaseous helium following splashdown and then left untouched. The lab's staff is now trying to figure out how best to remove the samples from their tubes and other containers without contaminating or spoiling anything. They're practicing with mock-up equipment and pretend lunar dirt.

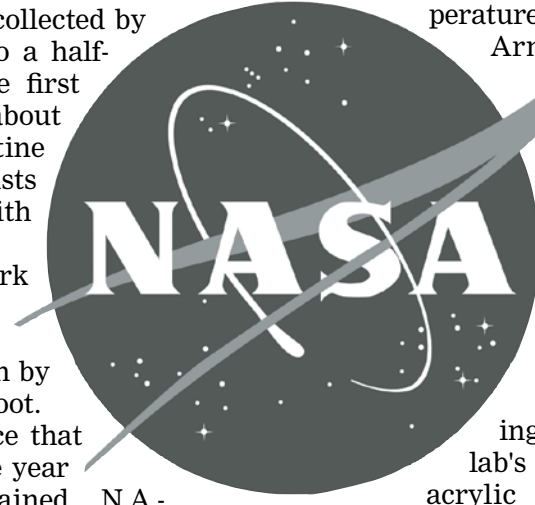
Compared with Apollo-era tech, today's science instruments are much more sensitive, Zeigler noted.

"We can do more with a milligram than we could do with a gram back then. So it was really good planning on their part to wait," he said.

The lunar sample lab has two side-by-side vaults: one for rocks still in straight-from-the-moon condition and a smaller vault for samples previously loaned out for study. About 70 percent of the original haul is in the pristine sample vault, which has two combinations and takes two people to unlock. About 15 percent is in safekeeping at White Sands in New Mexico. The rest is used for research or display.

Of the six manned moon landings, Apollo 11 yielded the fewest lunar samples: 48 pounds or 22

kilograms. It was the first landing by astronauts and NASA wanted to minimize their on-the-moon time and risk. What's left from this mission — about three-quarters after scientific study, public displays and goodwill gifts to all countries and U.S. states in 1969 — is kept mostly here at room temperature.



Armstrong was the primary rock collector and photographer. Aldrin gathered two core samples just beneath the surface during the 2 1/2-hour moonwalk. All five subsequent Apollo moon landings had longer stays. The last three — Apollo 15, 16 and 17 — had rovers that significantly upped the sample collection and coverage area.

"Fifty years later, we're still learning new things ... incredible," said the lab's Charis Krysher, holding a clear acrylic marble embedded with chips of Apollo 11 moon rock in her gloved hand.

By studying the Apollo moon rocks, Zeigler said, scientists have determined the ages of the surfaces of Mars and Mercury, and established that Jupiter and the solar system's other big outer planets likely formed closer to the sun and later migrated outward.

"So sample return from outer space is really powerful about learning about the whole solar system," he said.

Andrea Mosie, who's worked with the Apollo moon rocks for 44 years and was a high school intern at Johnson Space Center in July 1969, remembers the Polaroid photos and handwritten notes once accompanying each sample. She sometimes gets emotional when talking to children about the moonshots and does her best to dispel any notion that the rocks aren't from the moon and the lunar landings never happened.

"The samples are right here and they're still in a pristine state," she assures young skeptics.

Most of the samples to be doled out over the next year were collected in 1972 during Apollo 17, the final moonshot and the only one to include a geologist, Harrison Schmitt. He occasionally visits the lunar sample lab and plans to help open the fresh specimens.

The nine U.S. research teams selected by NASA will receive varying amounts.

"Everything from the weight of a paperclip, down to basically so little mass you can barely measure it," Zeigler said.

Especially tricky will be extracting the gases that were trapped in the vacuum-sealed sample tubes. The lab hasn't opened one since the 1970s.

"If you goof that part up, the gas is gone. You only get one shot," Zeigler said.

The lab's collection is divided by mission, with each lunar landing getting its own cabinet with built-in gloves and stacks of stainless steel bins filled with pieces of the moon. Apollo 16 and 17, responsible for half the lunar haul, get two cabinets apiece.

The total Apollo inventory now exceeds 100,000 samples; some of the original 2,200 were broken into smaller pieces for study.

Sample processor Jeremy Kent is hopeful that "we will get some more samples here in the lab to work on."

There's space for plenty more.

FAA removes 3 managers in office that monitors Southwest

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration is reassigning three managers in a regional office that oversees regulation of Southwest Airlines, which has been the subject of several safety investigations, according to a person familiar with the situation.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because details of the matter have not been

made public.

The Wall Street Journal reported that the reassignments were partly due to allegations that managers retaliated against safety inspectors who raised concerns about oversight of Southwest. The newspaper said the Transportation Department's inspector-general has spent months examining safety issues at Southwest, including lax documentation of maintenance on more than 100 planes.



The FAA said Wednesday that it considers allegations regarding safety oversight and retaliation serious, and it takes appropriate action when necessary to uphold those principles. It declined to give more details, citing a personnel matter.

Southwest did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Last year, after a catastrophic engine failure led to a passenger's

death on a Southwest flight, the Transportation Department inspector general's office said it would review FAA oversight of the airline. The government office said it was concerned whether FAA was closely examining Southwest's ability to identify hazards and reduce risk.

Earlier this year, the FAA told Southwest to use technology to improve calculation of the weight of bags and how they are loaded on planes after finding frequent mistakes. Experts say faulty calculations can become critical during emergencies such as engine failures.



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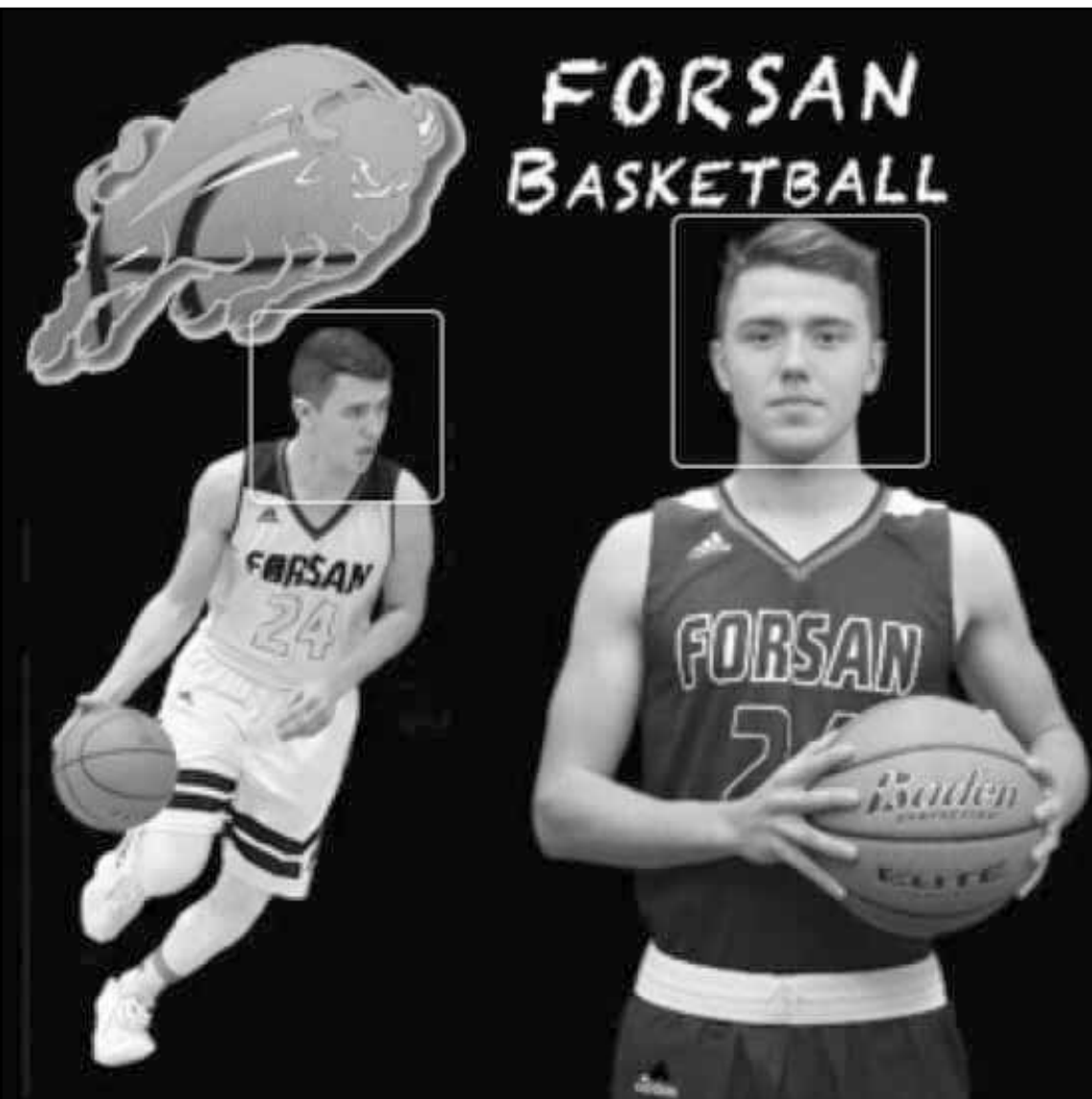
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Doan Defends Title at Club Car Northern Texas Senior PGA Professional Championship

By Taylor Coffelt

Cameron Doan, PGA head professional at Preston Trail Golf Club, captured the Club Car Northern Texas Senior PGA Professional Championship for the second year in a row. Doan claimed the victory with rounds of 71-69—140, 2-under-par and took home a \$1,300 check.

"[The win] feels good. It feels really good. Lakewood is a really good test," Doan stated after the final round. "You cannot fire at too many flags because if you miss short you can't make a par, so you have to kind of play defense until you make a 20-footer, and I made a couple late."

Jim Henderson, PGA director of golf at Stevens Park Golf Course, attempted to apply pressure to Doan during the final round as the two were in one of the final groupings together, but his even par round for the day was not enough to overcome Doan's great play. Henderson finished in second with rounds of 71-71-142.

Qualifying for the 31st Senior PGA Professional National Championship was held in conjunction with the Club Car Northern Texas Senior PGA Professional Championship. Thirty-four professionals of the 46-man field



Courtesy photo

Cameron Doan poses with his trophy after winning his second straight Club Car Northern Texas Senior PGA Professional Championship.

attempted to qualify this week.

Doan will lead five others to represent the Northern Texas PGA Section at the Senior PGA Professional National Championship to be held October 3 – 6 at Omni Barton Creek Resort and Spa in Austin, Texas. They include Britt Patton, PGA director of golf at Vaquero Club, John Sikes, PGA director of golf at Holly-

tree Country Club, Stuart Hendley, PGA director of instruction at Dallas Athletic Club, Henry Cagigal, PGA assistant professional at Rockwood Park Golf Course and Sam Randolph, PGA director of instruction at Mira Vista Country Club. Henderson was not attempting to qualify for the National Championship, and Patton, who is currently 49, was only eligible

to qualify for the Senior PGA Professional National Championship. He was not eligible to win the Club Car Northern Texas Senior PGA Professional Championship because of the age requirement.

The Senior PGA Professional Championship brings together a field of 264 contestants representing the PGA of America's 41 nationwide Sections, and features a total purse of \$300,000. The first two rounds will be conducted on the Foothills and Coore Crenshaw Courses. The first cut will be made after 36 holes of play to the low 90 scorers and ties. The second cut will be made after 54 holes of play to the low 70 scorers and ties. The final two rounds will be played on the Foothills Course. The top 35 finishers in the national Championship earn a berth in the 81st KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, which will be conducted in May 18-24, at Harbor Shores in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Doan also commented on qualifying for the Senior PGA Professional Championship, saying, "I'm looking forward to being able to drive down instead of fly down. They have a few really good golf courses and it's going to be fun. It's almost a home game."

Minor goes the distance as Rangers beat Tigers 4-1

By NOAH TRISTER

AP Baseball Writer

DETROIT — In his first 141 starts as a major leaguer, Mike Minor pitched one complete game. Now he's thrown two in his last 14.

Minor allowed five hits in his second complete game of the year, and Willie Calhoun, Jeff Mathis and Danny Santana homered in the fifth inning to lift the Texas Rangers to a 4-1 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday night. Minor struck out seven with two walks and threw 108 pitches in a crisp game that took only 2 hours, 19 minutes.

"It's a lot of fun — to be out there, to give the bullpen a day off," Minor said. "It's a long season. Quick game, get it on and off the field, and give the bullpen a break."

Minor (8-4) allowed the first two hitters in the ninth to reach base. Then he struck out Brandon Dixon and got Niko Goodrum to bounce into a game-ending double play.

Minor has 12 consecutive starts allowing three runs or fewer while pitching at least five innings. Matthew Boyd (5-6) struck out 11 for Detroit in seven innings, and he too allowed only five hits —

but three of them were solo homers in the fifth. The Rangers are now a season-high eight games over .500.

Texas has won five of six, and after taking the first two games at Detroit, the Rangers have won or split each of their last nine series.

Dixon homered for Detroit's only run. The Tigers have lost six straight and 10 of 11.

Detroit has also lost 19 of its last 21 home games, and that doesn't include a suspended game last month that the Tigers were trailing.

Boyd struck out the side in the first and seventh, but the Rangers opened the scoring against him in the third with some aggressive baserunning. Calhoun led off with a double, then scored all the way from second on Ronald Guzman's flyout to deep center field. JaCoby Jones made the catch in center before running into the wall, and that extra time he needed to throw the ball back gave Calhoun a better chance to score. Goodrum's relay home was a bit off target, and Texas led 1-0.

"JaCoby went and got the ball and hit the fence, but he still got the ball in quickly," Tigers manager Ron Gardenhire said. "Goody didn't make the best throw to the plate, but that guy was flying and the

third-base coach took a shot at letting him go."

Dixon's homer in the fourth tied it, but Calhoun led off the fifth with a home run, and Mathis and Santana added two more.

VANDERBILT WINS

Minor went to Vanderbilt, and the Commodores beat Michigan 8-2 for the national championship Wednesday night. That game was almost over when Minor spoke to reporters in the clubhouse after his victory.

He said he didn't have updates coming in while he was pitching.

"After the game, they told me the score," Minor said.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: Manager Chris Woodward said OF Hunter Pence (right groin strain) still can't run at full speed. He's expected to go on a rehab assignment before returning to the team.

UP NEXT

Rangers: Texas tries for a series sweep Thursday with Ariel Jurado (4-3) taking the mound.

Tigers: Spencer Turnbull (3-7) starts for Detroit. This will be his first career appearance against the Rangers.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR WASTEWATER

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PERMIT NO. WQ0010069002

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Big Spring, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010069002, which authorizes the discharge of treated filter backwash effluent from a water treatment plant at a daily average flow not to exceed 125,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on February 5, 2019.

The facility is located at 1601 Virginia venue, in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 79720. The treated effluent is discharged to Big Spring Draw, thence to Beals Creek, thence to the Colorado River Below Lake J. B. Thomas in Segment No. 1412 of the Colorado River Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are minimal aquatic life use for Big Spring Draw and limited aquatic life use for Beals Creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 1412 are high aquatic life use and primary contact recreation. All determination are preliminary and subject to additional review and/or revisions. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=32.243333&lng=-101.453055&zoom=13&type=3>

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory re-

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quirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Big Spring City Hall, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issued of fact that you submit during the comment period; and the statement "[l/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently with-

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drawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact and mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/ within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at www.tceq.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Any personal information you submit to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's record; this includes email addresses. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040.

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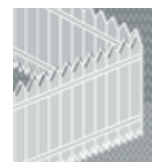
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's nothing worth losing your cool over. Finding a solution to the problem depends on maintaining a certain frame of mind. Do the self-care that allows you to relax.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Of course, it often takes a struggle to change your status. But if maintaining a position continues to be a struggle, consider that it's not a good fit. Life isn't meant to be easy, but it shouldn't be hard all of the time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You know that you can't please everyone and have in fact learned that if too many people love what you're doing, it's not a plus. Rather it's an indication to drill further into your own uniqueness.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've no use for other people's curiosity right now. You only want to draw attention to yourself when you have a specific reason to do so. Go under the radar until the moment you're ready to lead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Friendship is the high form of love that allows you to give purely today and with the sole purpose of making another person happy and building a strong relationship.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be mindful of how different people bring out different sides of you. The sorts of things you do in the company of one person will be totally different from what you wind up doing with someone else.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Right has might and you're in its strong clutches. The question that arises today: How do you know what's right, especially when other people believe that they are just as right?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have a gift for seeing what's interesting about people and situations even when it's not readily apparent to others. Because of this, you can turn just about anything into an interesting experience.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Excellence is never everywhere. By definition, the position of excellence is held by precious few. Quantity lowers value. If there's too much of a thing, then it's not worth as much. The best things in life are always rare.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're so busy building up reasons for people to appreciate you right now that there's no time to worry about the money. In the end, the money is actually a certificate of appreciation that naturally flows toward your efforts.

Annie's Mailbox

Techy Toilet Troubles

Dear Readers: A recent column talked about someone being grossed out when entering a bathroom stall because the previous occupant failed to flush. I was pretty hard on that previous occupant, assuming they were at fault. Quite a few readers pointed out that this might have been a problem of technology and not inconsideration. Here are two of the letters that I really enjoyed reading:

Dear Annie: In your May 18 column, "Dismayed in North Carolina" was confronted with an unflushed toilet when entering a stall. Yes, the previous user should have checked, but as one who travels and dines out frequently, I long ago chocked this up to the proliferation of toilets and urinals that flush automatically.

It is rare to encounter a restroom that does not have them, so it's possible the previous user, the one who "Dismayed" followed, had assumed his toilet would flush automatically when he left and did not bother to check. These automatic flushers have been a blessing, as the situation "Dismayed" encountered had been happening with increasing frequency before their introduction. -- A Fan of Automatics

Dear Annie: I just read the letter from "Dismayed in North Carolina" and feel that I have to point out another side of the equation: The gentleman in question may not have been just "disgustingly lazy," but rather didn't realize it had not flushed. I might sometimes be guilty of the same offense and not aware of it. We live in a highly automated world. Toilets don't always come with handles anymore. All the plumbing fixtures in my workplace and most of the public places I "visit" are automated.

I have become so used to the toilets flushing themselves. Sometimes the toilet is automated but still doesn't flush itself, so I have to do it. And it can be difficult to find the button to push to manually flush. Very often they hide it somewhere on the side of the electronics.

I laugh when I stand in front of the sink and hold out my hands to wash them, waiting for the faucet to turn itself on automatically, and then realize that the plumbing is not automated, so I turn on the faucets by hand. I place my hands under the paper towel dispenser and wait for it to spit out a length of paper and nothing comes out because I did not pull on the exposed piece or press the dispensing button or handle.

Yes, there may be times when someone is just lazy, but it may also be that we are so conditioned by automation that we do not realize our business is still in the bowl when we exit the stall. -- Too Conditioned by Automation

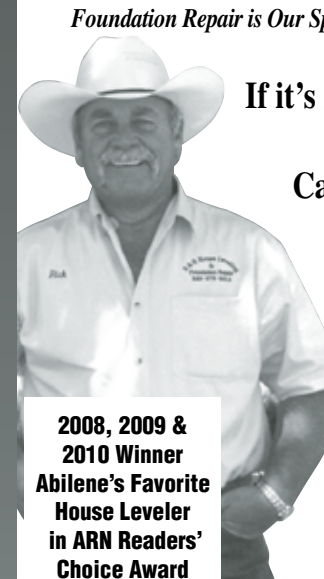
Dear Automation Fans and Subjects: You make good points, but there still is no excuse for leaving the stall until the toilet has flushed. If it is automated and won't flush, there should be a handle or button to flush manually. If there isn't one, then that company should be called out and forced by public pressure to offer a manual alternative.

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♠ K 10 9 2	♠ 8 5 3		
♥ A 8	♥ J 4 3 2		
♦ 9 6	♦ A J 10 8 4		
♣ Q J 9 7 5	♣ 3		

WEST		SOUTH	
♠ 7	♠ A Q J 6 4		
♥ 10 9 7 6 5	♥ K Q		
♦ 7 5 3 2	♦ K Q		
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North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	

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Falscarding is an art that can be practiced by either the declarer or the defenders. However, like any other art form, it can be overdone. When this happens, it may become counterproductive and work to the disadvantage of the falscarder.

Take this case where South was in four spades and West led the king of clubs. Declarer immediately recognized the danger of an impending club ruff and decided to try to talk West out of continuing the suit. This was an excellent idea, but South went about it in the wrong way.

In his attempt to discourage a club continuation, he dropped the ten on the first trick, hoping West would construe this as a possible singleton and stop playing the suit. But West had no problem at all. He continued with the ace and another club, ruffed by East, who then cashed the ace of diamonds to set the contract.

The error in South's approach can be seen if viewed from the West hand. If West credits declarer with the singleton ten of clubs, it means East must have the 6-4-3-2. Since East would not play the three from this holding, but would instead follow with the discouraging deuce, West knows that South must have at least one more club.

West also knows that East would play the three whenever he started with the 3-2 doubleton or the singleton three. So West continues clubs at trick two and defeats the contract.

Oddly enough, South's best shot to get West to stop playing clubs is to play the deuce to the first trick! West might then fear that East started with the 10-6-4-3, and shift to another suit.

From this example, we can derive a general rule: When declarer wants to encourage or discourage the continuation of a particular suit, he should signal to the defender as if he were that defender's partner. If he wants the suit continued, he should follow with a high card; if he wants it discontinued, he should play his lowest card.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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	9				3		5
					2		4
3	8			5	7		9
6			4	8			7
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7	5	8	2	4	8	1	9	6
8	7	9	1	8	4	7	6	2
9	6	1	7	2	4	2	8	3
4	4	8	2	6	3	9	7	1
5	4	3	2	9	1	6	8	7
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2	8	2	7	3	4	6	9	1

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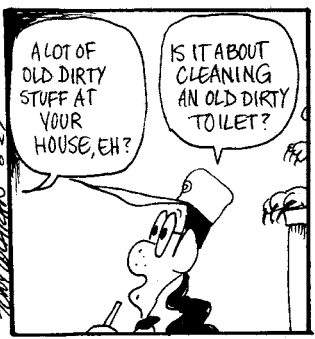
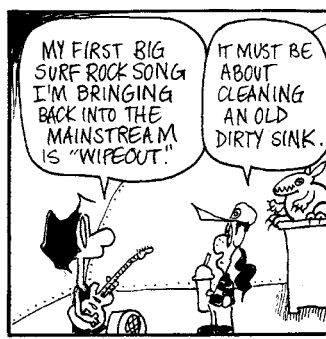


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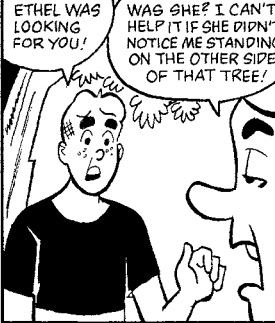
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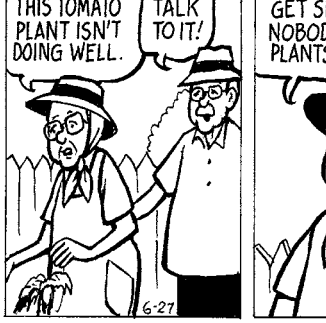
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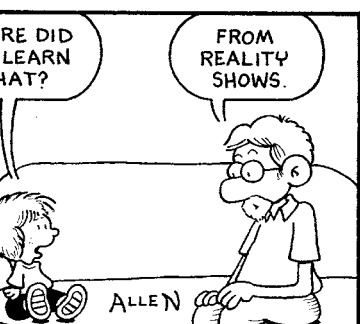
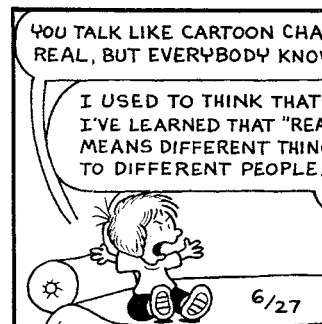
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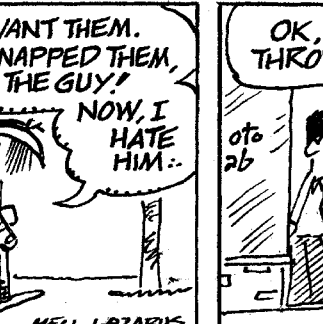
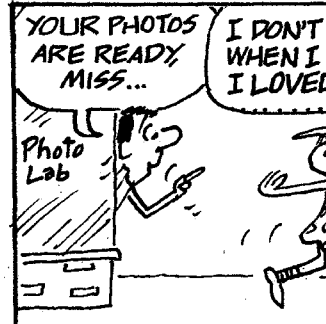
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In 1880, author-lecturer Helen Keller, who lived most of her life without sight or hearing, was born in Tuscumbia, Alabama.

In 1905, the Industrial Workers of the World was founded in Chicago.

In 1944, during World War II, American forces liberated the French port of Cherbourg (SHEHR'-boorg) from the Germans.

In 1957, Hurricane Audrey slammed into coastal Louisiana and Texas as a Category 4 storm; the official death toll from the storm was placed at 390, although a variety of state, federal and local sources have estimated the number of fatalities at between 400 and 600.

In 1974, President Richard Nixon opened an official visit to the Soviet Union.

In 1984, the Supreme Court ended the National Collegiate Athletic Association's monopoly on controlling college football telecasts, ruling such control violated antitrust law.

In 1988, at least 56 people were killed when a commuter train ran into a stationary train at the Gare de Lyon terminal in Paris. In 1988, Mike Tyson retained the undisputed heavyweight crown as he knocked out Michael Spinks 91 seconds into the first round of a championship fight in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

In 1990, NASA announced that a flaw in the orbiting Hubble Space Telescope was preventing the instrument from achieving optimum focus. (The problem was traced to a mirror that had not been ground to exact specifications; corrective optics were later installed to fix the problem.)

In 2005, the Supreme Court

ruled, in a pair of 5-4 decisions, that displaying the Ten Commandments on government property was constitutionally permissible in some cases but not in others. BTK serial killer Dennis Rader pleaded guilty to ten murders that had spread fear across Wichita, Kansas, beginning in the 1970s. (Rader later received multiple life sentences.)

In 2008, North Korea destroyed the most visible symbol of its nuclear weapons program, the cooling tower at its main atomic reactor at Yongbyon. (However, North Korea announced in September 2008 that it was restoring its nuclear facilities.)

Ten years ago: Dr. Conrad Murray, the cardiologist who was with Michael Jackson during the pop star's final moments two days earlier, sat down with investigators for the first time to explain his actions. Actress Gale Storm, 87, died in Danville, California. Five years ago: Over Russian objections, Ukraine's new president, Petro Poroshenko (por-oh-SHEHN'-koh), signed a free-trade agreement binding his country more closely to Western Europe. Leslie Manigat, 83, a prominent figure in the Haitian political establishment whose rule as president was cut short by a military coup in 1988, died in Port-au-Prince. Bobby Womack, 70, a colorful and highly influential R&B singer-songwriter who had influenced artists from the Rolling Stones to Damon Albarn, died in Los Angeles.

One year ago: Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, whose vote often decided cases on abortion, gay rights and other contentious issues, announced his retirement. The Supreme Court ruled that government workers can't be forced to contribute to labor unions that represent them in collective bargaining. Joe Jackson, the patriarch of the singing Jackson family, died in Las Vegas at the age of 89.

Today's Birthdays: Business executive Ross Perot is 89. Former Interior Secretary

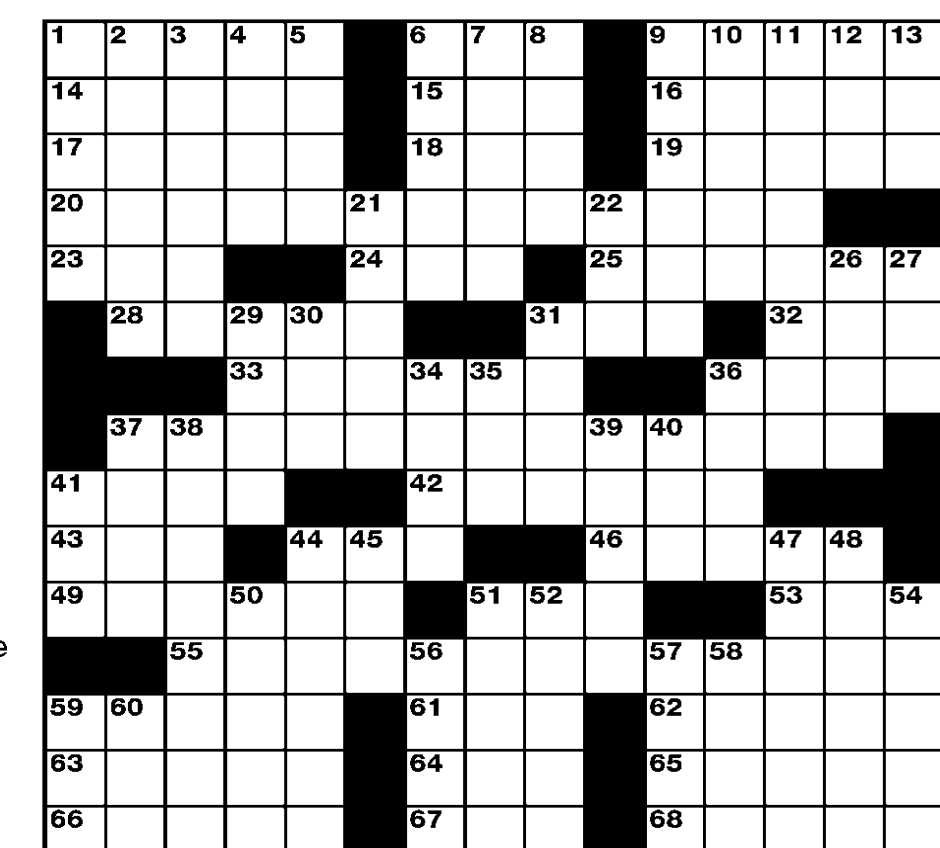


Bruce Babbitt is 81. Singer-musician Bruce Johnston (The Beach Boys) is 77. Fashion designer Vera Wang is 70. Actress Julia Duffy is 68. Actress Isabelle Adjani is 64. Country singer Lorrie Morgan is 60. Actor Brian Driller is 59. Writer-producer-director J.J. Abrams is 53. Former Sen. Kelly Ayotte (AY'-aht), R-N.H., is 51. Olympic gold

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Primary players: All-Stars set to rock Cleveland next month

By **MIKE FITZPATRICK**

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Looking to spice up the All-Star Game election, Major League Baseball essentially introduced a primary this year.

Candidates were narrowed down in fan voting to three finalists per position, including nine outfielders for three starting spots in each league. Fans then had 28 hours beginning Wednesday at noon EDT to go online and choose from those finalists the starters for the July 9 showcase in Cleveland.

Results will be announced Thursday night, with pitchers and reserves revealed Sunday.

So, with that in mind, let's take a look at who belongs.

Each roster has 32 slots, with 12 going to pitchers. Perhaps the most difficult part is every club must be represented — although Miami is really the only team without a worthy All-Star this season.

Alex Cora of the World Series champion Boston Red Sox will manage the American League, which has won six times in a row and is 18-3-1 in the last 22 years.

After capturing consecutive pennants, Dave Roberts from the Los Angeles Dodgers pilots the NL for the second straight season.

"As a fan of this game, growing up in this game, the All-Star Game is always a big deal to me," New York Yankees manager Aaron Boone said this week. "This year we're in Cleveland, so I like seeing all the wrong home uniforms in the American League park. I think that's the thing that always stands out to me that's a little weird that I always enjoy. So, it'll be fun to see the pinstripes at Progressive Field. I'll be on vacation those days but I'll be tuning in to watch our guys and how they do and look forward to it, hopefully around a barbecue somewhere."

Without any regard for fan or player balloting, here are our picks:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

FIRST BASE — Back with his original big league team after a one-year sojourn, Carlos Santana earns his first All-Star selection and starts at home in Cleveland. Nice story. Behind him is popular bopper Luke Voit, a big surprise since the Yankees unearthed him.

SECOND BASE — Yankees newcomer DJ LeMahieu is generating MVP buzz in the Big Apple. Second string goes to Kansas City's Whit Merrifield, who can also play the outfield.

SHORTSTOP — Xander Bogaerts from Boston beats out Minnesota first-timer Jorge Polanco. After an early injury, fan favorite Francisco Lindor also gets a spot in his home ballpark, bumping a deserving Gleyber Torres. The impressive young-

ster has done all sorts of damage for New York, but a disproportionate amount of it came against lowly Baltimore. OK, we're grasping at straws there.

THIRD BASE — Houston's Alex Bregman, the MVP of last year's game, gets the nod over Oakland whiz Matt Chapman and Boston's Rafael Devers.

CATCHER — Gary Sánchez of the Yankees is an obvious choice. James McCann from the White Sox is not.

OUTFIELD — Angels star Mike Trout plays center, flanked by Minnesota right fielder Max Kepler and Trey Mancini from the Orioles shifting over to left. On the bench are reigning AL MVP Mookie Betts from Boston, Tampa Bay's Austin Meadows and Astros newcomer Michael Brantley, who makes a triumphant return to Cleveland. Shin-Soo Choo, Tommy Pham, Domingo Santana, Eddie Rosario and George Springer, who just returned from injury, were all tough to leave out.

DESIGNATED HITTER — Red Sox slugger J.D. Martinez makes the starting lineup, with Seattle bowling ball Daniel Vogelbach ready to take a rip in reserve.

STARTING PITCHERS — Astros ace Justin Verlander takes the ball. He's joined by current teammate Gerrit Cole and former one Charlie Morton, now with the Rays. Other right-handers on the staff are Chicago's Lucas Giolito, Toronto's Marcus Stroman, and Minnesota teammates Jake Odorizzi and Jose Berrios. Texas lefty Mike Minor is quite a comeback story.

RELIEVERS — The bullpen consists of southpaws Brad Hand (Cleveland) and Aroldis Chapman (New York) along with righties Shane Greene (Detroit) and Alex Colome (Chicago).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

FIRST BASE — Pirates switch-hitter Josh Bell is enjoying a monster season. He starts at a power-packed position that also features Mets rookie Pete Alonso, Philadelphia's Rhys Hoskins and Chicago's Anthony Rizzo. Atlanta stalwart Freddie Freeman is the DH.

SECOND BASE — Ketel Marte, another breakout star, has actually started more games for Arizona in center field this year but he's on the ballot at second base. Let's keep him there, which helps with roster construction, and he could always move around the diamond. Milwaukee masher Mike Moustakas, playing both second base and his natural spot at third, is the backup.

SHORTSTOP — Assuming he's back from a thumb injury, Trevor Story of Colorado nudges out Javier Baez from the Cubs.

THIRD BASE — Nolan Arenado makes it two Rockies on the left side of the infield. Washington's underrated Anthony Rendon and Chicago slugger Kris Bryant also make it. Arizona's Eduardo Escobar

and even Padres prize Manny Machado were difficult omissions at another loaded spot.

CATCHER — Willson Contreras of the Cubs is backed up by Brewers newcomer Yasmani Grandal.

OUTFIELD — Cody Bellinger of the Dodgers in right field, 2018 NL MVP Christian Yelich from Milwaukee in left and Colorado's Charlie Blackmon back in center. Reserves are St. Louis' Marcell Ozuna with youngsters Ronald Acuña Jr. (Atlanta) and Juan Soto (Washington). Jeff McNeil from the Mets and Colorado's David Dahl are deserving, but there's no room.

STARTING PITCHERS — Los Angeles lefty Hyun-Jin Ryu is up first. Washington ace Max Scherzer, Cincinnati's Luis Castillo, Dodgers righty Walker Buehler, Cubs southpaw Cole Hamels, Arizona's Zack Greinke and Cy Young Award winner Jacob deGrom from the Mets also make the cut. Trevor Richards represents last-place Miami. Braves rookie Mike Soroka and Dodgers star Clayton Kershaw are a little light on innings, partly due to injuries, but should be next in line if anyone bows out.

RELIEVERS — San Diego closer Kirby Yates is joined by three left-handers: Will Smith (Giants), Felipe Vázquez (Pirates) and Josh Hader (Brewers).

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