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# County puts hold on burn ban

*Citing recent rains, commissioners table proposal for 2 weeks*

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners opted to table a proposed burn ban Monday morning following a weekend of intermittent rainfall throughout the Crossroads area, moisture local firefighting officials say should buy residents a few weeks of relative safety from wildfires.



Sullivan

Precinct 3 Commissioner Jimmie Long — serving in place of County Judge Mark Barr, who was unable to attend Monday's meeting — said the county had received a recommendation from Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tommy Sullivan

to table the proposed county-wide ban for a minimum of two weeks.

"The fire risk is down substantially because of the rainfall we've recently received," Long said. "He (Sullivan) has asked that we table the burn ban at this time and we can come back in the next couple of weeks and see where we are at with things then."

The court voted unanimously to table to ban.

Sullivan said the risk of wildfire is down considerably in the Howard County area, thanks to recent rainfall.

"Any time you get a quarter-inch or more of rain, you buy yourself around 10 to 15 days," Sullivan said. "That rain will start another growth spurt. If you



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**Acting on a motion from Jimmie Long, left, the Howard County Commissioners Court voted to temporarily table a proposed county-wide burn ban during its Monday meeting.**

dig down about four to six inches you'll find a good bit of moisture, so we'll see things begin to green-up a good bit over the next week or so, which will greatly reduce the risk of wildfires or grass fires."

Sullivan said the fireworks provided by the recent July 3 Pops in the Park celebration allowed him and other firefighters to establish a benchmark on the level of wildfire

risk in the Crossroads area, and, surprisingly, the results were better than expected.

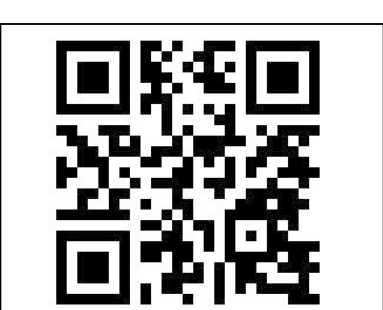
"With the Pops in the Parks celebration and the subsequent fireworks, we were able to see how the grass and other vegetation would react to the embers," Sullivan said. "It didn't spark up and burst into flames immediately like we had expected, so the plants are retaining more of the

moisture. That's a very good sign for us."

While the volunteer firefighters enjoy a bit of relief from battling wildfires and grass fires thanks to the recent rains, Sullivan said there has still been plenty for them to do in the meantime.

"There are more than 100 different

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# CASA training begins Thursday

**By AMANDA MORENO**  
Staff Writer

Consistency. The one word CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for children focuses on. For those wanting to help make a difference in the life of a child, volunteer training will be taking place beginning Thursday. The training will take place from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the Midland County Courthouse law library un-

til July 26 with swearing in set for Aug. 1.

"When children are involved in the foster system, it is possible that they will have to change schools, change case workers, homes and sometimes cities," Sara Basaldua, volunteer coordinator, said. "The CASA is the constant in that child's life."

CASA of West Texas serves seven counties — Midland, Dawson, Gaines,

Andrews, Martin, Glasscock and Howard — with 15 active volunteers. There are currently 54 cases. According to Basaldua, cases are having to be turned away due to lack of volunteers.

"The ideal number of volunteers would be to have one case assigned to a volunteer," she said. "The problem with CPS workers is that they can get

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# HC offers unique education to kids

**By AMANDA MORENO**  
Staff Writer

Incredible kids will be swarming the campus of Howard College next week.

Howard College will be hosting Kids College starting Monday, continuing through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day. The theme this year will be The Incredibles: Our students are incredible.

"This is a program that has

been going for about 15 years and was originally created by Dr. (Cheryl) Sparks, said Dean of Student Life Jeff Ward.

Those students graduating first through sixth grade are eligible for participation in the program. For one week, students will be able to experience the college life. According to Ward, students will fill out an application, register

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# Ride for Heroes cycling through Howard County

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

To call the four cyclists participating in the Ride for Heroes — a fundraiser and awareness tool for the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, which will be making its way through Big Spring today — courageous may very well be the understatement of the decade.

The ride team consists of two business owners, an assistant professor of National Security Studies at the National



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## Obituaries

## Marta Ontiveros



Marta Ontiveros, 75, of Big Spring died Sunday, July 8, 2012, at her residence. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with Msgr Bernard L. Gully officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Nov. 15, 1936, in Toyah, Texas, to Manuela and Carmen Rey. She married Jose Primitivo (Tivo) Ontiveros on Dec. 13, 1985, in Big Spring. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1939.

She was a member of the Guadalupanas and Curullistas for Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She loved volunteering for the church during various activities. She worked for many years with Nurse's Unlimited. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, Jose Primitivo (Tivo) Ontiveros of Big Spring; two daughters, Carmen Hernandez and Maria Rosario and husband Anthony; three sons, Manuel Ontiveros and wife Christina, Jose Ontiveros and wife Norma and Joe Lewis Prieto Sr., all of Big Spring; three sisters, Flora Ayala of Hanford, Calif., Maria Marin of Odessa and Anita Ordenez of Austin; one brother, Alfredo Rey of Grand Prairie; 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and two sons, Martin Ontiveros and Primitivo Ontiveros Jr.

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

## Charles D. Lee

Charles D. Lee, 72, of Midland died Monday, July 9, 2012, in a Midland hospital. His services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

## Take Note

• Martin County Hospital will host an open house from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday at its new location at 600 E. Interstate 20 in Stanton. Call 432-607-3249 for more information.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at [james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us) or 432 268-7535.

• Nichols Road will be closed for repairs July 10 through July 24, according to the Howard County Road and Bridge Department.

• Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.

• An account has been established at American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad "Ghost" Ugstad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will be appreciated.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. A training will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 18. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

• The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in need of fans. Community members can donate new or used fans. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today:

• BILLY WAYNE CHRISTIAN, 52, of 2808 Sherman Rd., was arrested Monday on warrants for no driver's license - when unlicensed (two counts), expired registration (two counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility (two counts) and failure to appear (six counts).

• BILLY RAY HALL, 34, of Flat, Texas, was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency.

• ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 48, of 1023 Stadium, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.

• TERESA LORENE LANG, 29, of 13360 Old Colorado City Highway, was arrested Monday on two warrants from other agencies.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1400 block of E. Sixth Street.

• THEFT was reported:

In the 4700 block of N. Highway 87.  
In the 1600 block of S. Lancaster.  
In the 2000 block of Amber Lane.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1400 block of E. Sixth Street.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 71 inmates at the time of this report.

• BILLY RAY HALL, 34, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a Llanco County warrant for theft by check.

• BILLY WAYNE CHRISTIAN, 52, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for no driver's license - when unlicensed (two counts), expired registration (two counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility (two counts) and failure to appear (six counts).

• EMIL MARTIN DURAN JR., 33, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on charges of injury to a child/elderly/disabled - reckless bodily injury/mental and burglary of a habitation with intent to commit other felony.

• TERESA LORENE LANG, 29, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on municipal warrants for driving while license invalid (two counts).

• ROBERT RUBIN SANCHEZ, 48, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• MARCUS LOUIS FUENTES, 36, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid and assault causing bodily injury - family violence.

## Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of S. Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Washington. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Hamilton. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2200 block of Alabama. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Stadium. One person was transported to SMMC.

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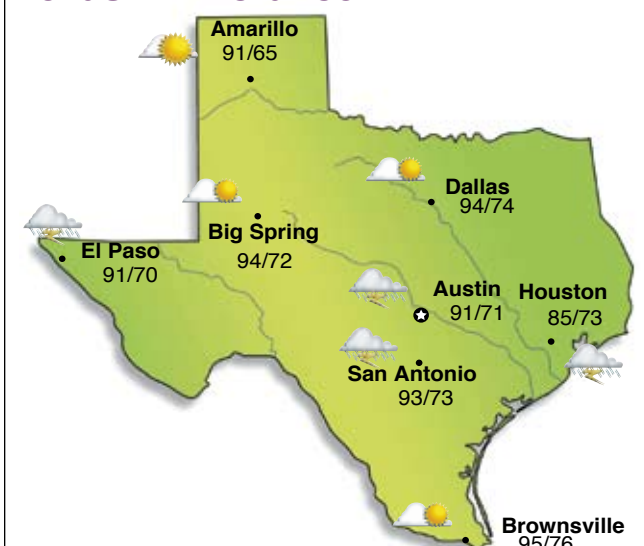
## Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 7/12	Fri 7/13	Sat 7/14	Sun 7/15	Mon 7/16
<b>94/72</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>96/72</b> More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>95/73</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>95/74</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	<b>99/75</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:49 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:54 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:49 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:54 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:50 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:54 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:50 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:53 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:51 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:53 PM

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## Texas At A Glance



## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	94	70	pt sunny	Kingsville	95	75	t-storm
Amarillo	91	65	mst sunny	Livingston	83	69	t-storm
Austin	91	71	t-storm	Longview	86	71	t-storm
Beaumont	84	71	t-storm	Lubbock	91	67	pt sunny
Brownsville	95	76	pt sunny	Lufkin	83	70	t-storm
Brownwood	94	71	pt sunny	Midland	93	73	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	91	77	t-storm	Raymondville	98	75	pt sunny
Corsicana	91	71	t-storm	Rosenberg	86	72	t-storm
Dallas	94	74	pt sunny	San Antonio	93	73	t-storm
Del Rio	96	76	t-storm	San Marcos	91	71	t-storm
El Paso	91	70	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	91	70	t-storm
Fort Stockton	89	69	pt sunny	Sweetwater	93	71	pt sunny
Gainesville	94	71	pt sunny	Tyler	85	71	t-storm
Greenville	92	70	pt sunny	Weatherford	94	71	pt sunny
Houston	85	73	t-storm	Wichita Falls	98	72	pt sunny

## National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	85	70	t-storm	Minneapolis	89	72	mst sunny
Boston	85	64	mst sunny	New York	86	71	cloudy
Chicago	89	68	mst sunny	Phoenix	104	86	pt sunny
Dallas	94	74	pt sunny	San Francisco	66	55	pt sunny
Denver	91	63	t-storm	Seattle	81	60	pt sunny
Houston	85	73	t-storm	St. Louis	93	72	pt sunny
Los Angeles	85	67	pt sunny	Washington, DC	88	73	t-storm
Miami	88	78	t-storm				

## Support Groups

## TUESDAY

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

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY

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

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

## THURSDAY

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

• Visual Awareness Support Group (VASG) will meet at 5:30 p.m. May 24, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church Parish Hall. VASG is open to the public but specifically aimed for people who suffer from vision problems and their caregivers. Dr. Clipper Strickland will be the guest speaker at the next meeting, and he will speak on the topic of diabetic retinopathy. For more information, call 263-2501.

## FRIDAY

• 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.

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types of fires, so wildfires is just one of them," he said with a laugh. "Saturday morning we had an 18-wheeler with locked up breaks that started a fire on Interstate 20, near mile marker 184. We had to close down the Interstate for about five minutes and work on that. Then, Saturday night we had a property owner on N. Salem Road who had a fire get away from them. It only burned about 5-6 acres before we got it out. Unfortunately, just because we get a little rain, that doesn't mean we get to sit around and enjoy the quiet."

While wildfire risks are down, Sullivan said it's still very important for area residents to be hyper-vigilant when it comes to burning or other activities.

"Right now folks are doing a really good job of being safe and I'd ask them to simply keep doing that," he said. "There are fires we simply can't prevent, like these electrical fires and these tank battery fires. Those are going to happen no matter what we do. It's the fires caused by human carelessness we can prevent and we have to continue to be vigilant against those kinds of fires."

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CASA

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overloaded on cases. The overload is what causes some children to be allowed to slip through the cracks."

At this point, some cases are having to be turned away. The majority of cases being turned away at this point in-

clude those involving children 4 years old and younger.

"We want to be able to serve every child that comes through the foster care system, which is why we need more volunteers," she said.

To be a volunteer, an application must be submitted. Three references will be needed and an in-person interview will be conducted. There will be 30 hours of training pro-

Beaumont woman who had dead cats gets probation

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — A Southeast Texas woman has been put on probation after animal workers discovered about two dozen dead cats in her home.

A judge in Beaumont on Monday sentenced 65-year-old Karen Crooke. She pleaded guilty to animal cruelty in a neglect investigation.

Beaumont animal service workers were dispatched to Crooke's home in April after neighbors complained about the property. An attorney for Crooke says the woman just wanted to care for the cats and became overwhelmed in the process.

Crooke must serve five years of deferred probation, pay a \$500 fine and do 600 hours of community service. That time must be served with the Humane Society of Southeast Texas.

Ex-federal guard in Texas had sex with prisoner

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A former federal prison guard in North Texas who had sex with an inmate faces up to 15 years behind bars.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Monday that court documents indicate Michele L. O'Neal

used her keys to enter a locked area to reach the inmate.

The sexual encounter happened in May 2011 in a basement at the Fort Worth Federal Correctional Institution. O'Neal resigned the following month after being questioned by investigators.

She was indicted in February on a charge of sexual abuse of a ward. Defense attorney Alex Tandy says he has no information on why O'Neal in April changed her plea to guilty. Sentencing has been set for October.

The inmate was serving time for arson.

Six Flags Fiesta Texas closing wooden coaster

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A South Texas theme park has announced plans to close its towering wooden roller coaster known as the Rattler.

Six Flags Fiesta Texas in San Antonio says the ride will shut down Aug. 5.

Park officials on Monday announced the timetable but did not say why the 180-foot-high coaster, which includes nearly a mile of turns, twists and drops, will close. No information was released on whether a replacement ride is in the works.

The Rattler has been operating since Six Flags Fiesta Texas opened in 1992.

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for classes and spend the week attending kid-friendly college courses.

"The students will have an opportunity to go around campus and experience the college atmosphere," Ward said. "The main goal is to help them start thinking that they can go to college and get that mindset started."

Students will study science, cooking and other courses tailored to their age group. As an added course, there will be the option of taking a magic

class and Thursday will include a trip to the Big Spring Family Aquatic Center.

"During the summer we have several Vacation Bible Schools and other programs through athletics, but not a whole lot of education-based programs. This program provides that fun, education-based program," Ward said. "For those who haven't been to the water park it will be a nice treat and for those who have, they will enjoy the opportunity to go back."

Registration for the week is \$45 for those attending half-day classes and \$90 for those attending a full-day of

classes. The magic class registration fee is an additional \$15. For those staying for a full-day, lunch will be provided and is included in the registration fee.

"There is no limit to the number of students who can sign up for the program," Ward said. "Actually, the more the merrier."

Attendance for the past few years has been between 75 and 100 students. The amazing turnaround is that there are starting to be Howard College students who attended the Kid's College program.

"It is neat to hear them recall the

time that they spent or a memory they have from the Kid's College and now have them on the Howard College campus as college students."

Registration needs to be done by the first day of class. The application can be found on the website at www.howardcollege.edu. More information can be obtained by calling 264-5028 or stopping by the Student Life office or enrollment services on the Howard College campus.

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Defense University and a recently medically retired Marine headed to college in the fall — three generations, in all.

At the lead of the pack is Ben Maenza, a medically-retired Marine Corps lance corporal combat engineer, previously attached to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, serving in Afghanistan. Two-and-a-half years ago, Maenza was on foot patrol in an Afghan cornfield when a roadside bomb blew his legs off.

Maenza is making the trip on a recumbent, hand-pedaled bicycled. Needless to say, few men in this world know the true value of the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund the way Maenza does.

"I'm very excited to be able to participate in this ride," Maenza, who is from Brentwood, Tenn., said. "My goal is to motivate people and let them know that even when they're faced with tragedies in their lives, determination and a positive attitude can overcome any obstacle."

Maenza will further

his education at Lipscomb University in Nashville this fall. Before then, however, he will be sharing the road with two Texans, Troy McLehany, a five-year veteran of the Marine Corps with the 2nd Marine Aviation Wing at Cherry Point, N.C., and a veteran of both Desert Storm and Desert Shield and Dennis McLaughlin, a graduate of Texas A&M University, the son of a Marine and owner of McLaughlin Erectors Inc.

"I'm excited to be a part of this project," McLehany said. "Our efforts on this ride pale in comparison to the conditions these selfless Americans have endured for us. It's our way of expressing our gratitude, and highlighting the continuing needs of our wounded warriors."

"For me, this trip is about demonstrating the kind of sacrifice

these young Americans made to this nation," McLaughlin said. "They left the security and comfort of their lives to give back to the ever-threatened bank account of freedom."

Rounding out the riding team is Manassas, Va., resident John Gerlaugh, brother-in-law to McLaughlin and an assistant professor of National Security Studies at the National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.

"It's my hope through this ride to draw attention to our wounded men and women, and help these terrific Americans who've had their lives changed forever while pursuing something greater than themselves — the security of our home," Ger-

laugh said.

The route will pass through mostly small-town America, having departed from St. Augustine, Fla., and traveling along the Gulf Coast, across the plains and deserts of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California, ending with an arrival celebration at Marine Base Camp Pendleton's Del Mar Beach on Aug. 10.

The group is scheduled to be in Big Spring today and arrive in Lamesa Wednesday, with stops in Seminole on Thursday, Hobbs, N.M., on Friday and Lovington, N.M., Saturday.

Follow them at www.facebook.com/semperfi.rideforheroes or visit www.rideforheroes.stayclassy.org to make a donation.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we keep our faith in You, Lord,  
for our life.

Amen

# Executive women aren't special

Two cultural events have caught our attention this season. One is the stern graduation speech at Wellesley (Mass.) High School in which teacher David McCullough Jr. told pampered students, "Do not get the idea you're anything special." The other was an article in The Atlantic magazine by Anne-Marie Slaughter titled, "Why Women Still Can't Have It All."

Somehow the two belong together.

Slaughter's story: While deeply engaged as a high official in the Obama State Department (after serving as dean at Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs), she decided that her two teenage sons needed more of her presence and so left the helm to spend more time at home.

The conclusion: Ambitious women can't have it all.

The implication: They ought to.

My confusion: What the heck do you mean by "it"?

The one thing that's clear: There's never enough of "it."

Slaughter seems to divide the Earth's rotation into two halves — scrambling up the pole of executive power and raising reasonably well-adjusted children. Her complaint is that corporate America doesn't give female competitors time flexibility to succeed at both tasks. Nor does it respect the feat of motherhood. I really do want to sympathize

with the sisters, including those like Slaughter with money and helpful husbands. It's probably true that women could accomplish more if they didn't have to work on someone else's schedule. But that would be the case for men, as well.

Slaughter rightly complains that the culture of "time macho" — putting in all-nighters and 60-hour weeks — penalizes those seeking work-family balance. Trouble is, no amount of high-quality child care and control of the clock changes this hard reality: There are only 24 hours in the day.

I asked a college-degreed friend, a mother raising three kids full time, what she thought of Slaughter's dilemma.

Her three-letter response was "Duh."

Meanwhile, this micro-organizing of life into either work or family seems itself narrow. There are other things to do: Play the guitar. Watch sunsets. Chat with friends. Worship. Barbecue ribs. Ride horses. Bet on horses. Get a good night's sleep. The worker-drone existence also swallows male executives, at the expense of their cultural growth and pleasure. Are they having it all?

Incredibly, Slaughter refers to a 10-month sabbatical she, her husband and their children took in Shanghai as a time of merely treading water, as "putting money in the family bank." How many Americans get paid sabbaticals? What Slaughter regarded as one of the "plateaus" in her career, others would consider the pinnacle.

A basic problem for Slaughter, really, is that she needs "rubbies"

from strangers. Rather than quietly accepting the trade-offs she's made, she demands recognition for taking care of her family. When giving a lecture on foreign affairs, for example, she insists that the person introducing her note that she has two sons, like she deserves a medal for that.

Here's where McCullough's graduation talk comes in. Many commentators misread it as a pure dressing-down of entitled kids whom elders call "genius" after every right answer. There was much of that in the speech, but also the more spiritual questioning of a life centered on making big money, accumulating fame or otherwise racking up points on a scoreboard designed by others.

"I urge you to do whatever you do for no reason other than you love it and believe in its importance," was the take-home line. (I'd add some money would be nice.)

A life of self-imposed drudgery in the quest for having others think you're special sounds pretty grim. Slaughter talks of striving female professionals wanting role models who make "it" all work. A more useful inquiry might be into exactly what the models should be modeling.

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FROMA HARROP

# Republicans want more debt

Recently, White House senior adviser David Plouffe made a comment that didn't receive the scrutiny it deserves. The statement demands attention because it frames President Obama's re-election campaign theme and illustrates how grounded in disinformation the theme is.

Apart from Team Obama's formidable community organizing skills aimed at demonizing Mitt Romney as a wealthy, compassionate corporate raider, Obama has nothing but lies and scapegoating to run on, given his abysmal record.

Plouffe said that Republicans "want to return us back to the same policies that caused the recession — huge tax cuts for the wealthy, more war, more debt."

You have to give these people credit for chutzpah and for relentlessly staying on message, as warped as it is.

We should hold Obama to his earlier statement that he would not be re-elected if Americans weren't better off than they were when he took office.

But once it became clear that Obama's recovery would be permanently anemic, he shifted the goal posts. Obama told us the test would be not whether people are worse off than they were when he began his hope and change odyssey but whether they are better off than they would have been had he not been president.

This is an important distinction, not simply because it is another Obama deception but because it seeks to alter how the electorate judges presidential performances. This must not be allowed to stand, and it's important we not let him get away with it.

Before examining the veracity of Plouffe's statements, we should see how Obama has fared under his false re-election

metric. Are we better off than we would have been had he not been elected?

The answer is no. All other recessions in the past half-century were followed by robust recoveries, with employment completely recovering within four years. But as I point out in my book "The Great Destroyer," in December 2011, payroll employment was 4 percent below its level in December 2007, when the Great Recession began.

Moreover, would other presidents have deliberately extended unemployment benefits as long as possible despite evidence that these extensions exacerbate unemployment? Would they have incentivized states to expand the food stamp program to make more people dependent on government assistance? Would they have amassed anti-business regulations at an unprecedented rate and presided over the largest tax increase in the nation's history, which is set to occur in January — especially during tough economic times? Would they have engaged in the systematic undermining of our domestic energy resources, destroying hundreds of thousands of jobs and diverting billions of dollars to corrupt, doomed-to-fail green energy projects? Would they have imposed a new uber-entitlement — Obamacare — against the will of the American people on top of all our nationally bankrupting \$100 trillion of unfunded liabilities? Would they have refused even to offer a plan to restructure our entitlements and otherwise reduce federal spending in an effort to avert what Rep.

Paul Ryan has called the most preventable, predictable financial catastrophe in world history?

Of course not. In fact, liberal policies largely caused the recession that Obama keeps complaining about, not George W. Bush. But irrespective of who caused it, Obama has done everything in his presidential power to avoid fixing it. Indeed, he's made it much worse by burdening the economy with oppressive new debt and smothering the private sector instead of letting it breathe and then flourish on the way to recovery.

As for Plouffe's other statements, the Republicans don't want more wars. They only advocate military intervention when they reasonably believe our national security is at stake, as opposed to using it for social experiments and for trying to convince the world that the United States, under President Obama, will take its marching orders from international bodies, not Congress — as he showed with his misguided intervention in Libya.

Also, the Bush tax cuts and the Iraq and Afghanistan wars did not cause the recession — nor did they cause the deficits. In 2007, Bush's deficit was \$161 billion, despite both wars going on and the tax cuts, which actually increased total revenues, being in full operation.

The tax cuts, Mr. Plouffe, were not just for the wealthy. Every income group received tax cuts. Republicans aren't advocating tax cuts for the wealthy now, only that the rich not be singled out for punishment — by eliminating the top rate that's been in place for almost a decade. How about some truth in advertising, Mr. Plouffe?

But speaking of truth, Mr. Plouffe, are you really serious that Republicans want more debt — Republicans, the only ones who have put forth any plan to restructure entitlements and seriously reduce our spending?

It's time to stop the lies and the class warfare, Mr. Plouffe, and own up to your man's record in office. We understand why you don't want to do that, but November will force you to do so.

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Try these mixed-up versions of games you already know how to play!

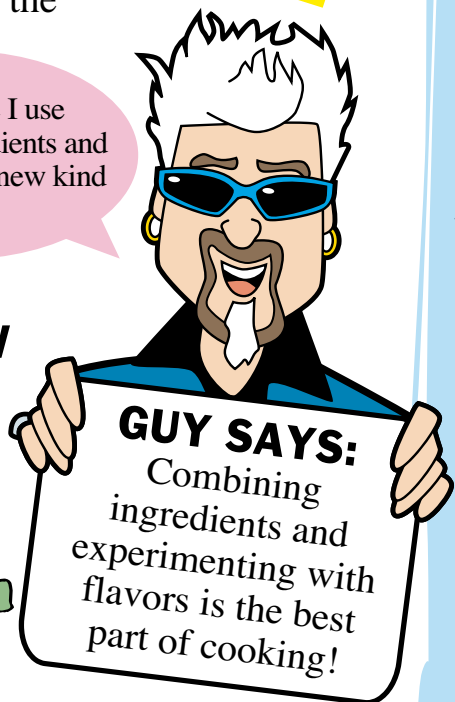
## Guy Fieri's Cooking with kids

### Mix It Up, Make It New!

When is an enchilada not an enchilada? When it's a taco! Get creative in the kitchen by combining ingredients in new, unusual ways.

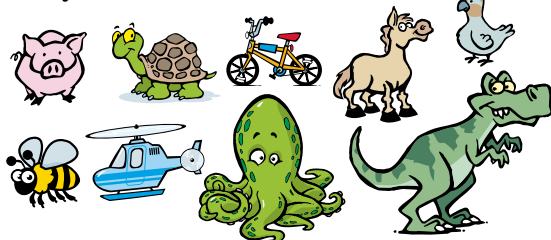
In this recipe I use enchilada ingredients and come up with a new kind of taco.

**LET'S DO THIS!**  
Work on this page with a parent. Cooking together builds creativity and confidence!



### Make Something New

Look at the pictures. Select two pictures and combine them to make something new. Draw a picture of your new creation. What will you call it? What will it do?



## GROUND BEEF WITH ENCHILADA SAUCE TACOS

GUY'S RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Recipe Courtesy  
Guy Fieri

Prep Time: 15 min  
Cook time: 45 min  
Makes: 8 servings

### STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 tbsp granulated garlic
- 1 tbsp onion powder
- 1 1/2 tsp cumin
- 1 tbsp paprika
- Kosher salt and fresh cracked black pepper
- 1/4 cup diced onion
- 1/4 cup diced red bell pepper
- 1/4 cup diced green bell pepper
- canola oil
- olive oil spray
- 8 corn tortillas
- 1 cup finely grated Parmesan
- 2 cups store-bought enchilada sauce
- 2 vine tomatoes, diced
- 3 cups shredded iceberg lettuce
- 1 cup low-fat sour cream
- 2 limes, cut into wedges
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro

### LET'S GET COOKING

Set a large sauté pan over high heat. Add a drizzle of canola oil. Add ground beef and sauté while breaking up with a wooden spoon. Cook for 7 to 8 minutes until well browned, then season with granulated garlic, onion powder, cumin, paprika, salt and pepper. Cook for 3 to 4 more minutes then transfer to a plate and set aside. Coat the pan with more oil then add the onion and bell peppers. Sauté until just tender then fold the ground beef back in. Cook until heated through and season with salt and pepper. Keep warm.

To heat tortillas, take a large nonstick sauté pan and spray lightly with oil. Warm each tortilla in the pan for about 30 seconds on both sides then lightly coat one side with a sprinkle of Parmesan. Warm through, then flip so it toasts cheese-side down. Cook for about 15 seconds then remove from pan. Repeat with remaining tortillas.

### THE FINISHING TOUCH

To assemble, place tortilla cheese side up on a plate and top with ground beef, a slathering of heated enchilada sauce and garnish with chopped tomatoes, shredded lettuce, sour cream, a squeeze of lime and cilantro.

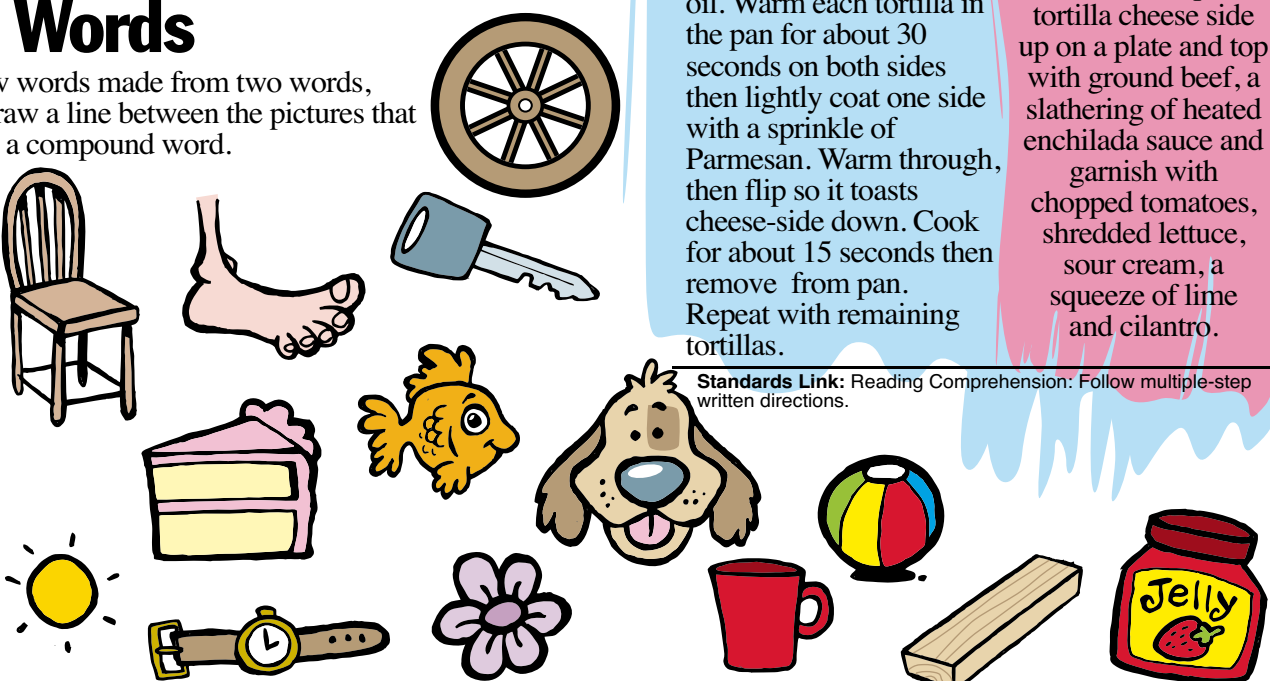
Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step written directions.

## Compound Words

Compound words are new words made from two words, such as **butter** and **fly**. Draw a line between the pictures that can be combined to make a compound word.

### Extra! Extra! Find the Root

Look through the newspaper and circle every compound word you can find. Now draw a line through each word to show the individual words that make up the compound word.



Standards Link: Vocabulary Development: Understand that two words combined make a compound word.

**Kids:** Make a video or take pictures of your family making Guy's Ground Beef Tacos. Provide step-by-step instructions. You might see it featured on Guy Fieri's very own Cooking With Kids site (cwkfoundation.org)!  
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## Kid Scoop Table Talks

Mealtime is a chance for families to talk about things that are interesting. Here's today's topic:  
Recently, a dog adopted orphaned kittens at a Utah animal shelter. Will these kittens grow up unafraid of dogs? Read the story at kidscoop.com/kids and discuss it.

## Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

- COMPOUND  
SPRAY  
ENCHILADA  
TORTILLA  
PEPPER  
NEW  
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## Simon Is Mixed Up!

Play a mixed-up game of Simon Says. Each time "Simon" says to do something, do the opposite.

For example, if Simon says "STAND UP," sit down instead. If Simon says "WAVE YOUR LEFT HAND," wave your right hand. If you do exactly what Simon says, you're out!

## Hide and Shriek

Everyone knows that when hiding during a game of Hide and Seek, you have to be super quiet. But in this mixed-up version, you make some noise.

Have the person who is "it" cover their eyes. Everyone hides, counting loudly to 50. The person who is "it" listens until everyone calls out "HIDE AND SHRIEK!" and then goes to find them.



## Basketgolf

Place boxes or plastic laundry baskets around the yard. These will be the golf "holes." Use a baseball bat to hit a basketball or soccer ball, golf style, into the "holes."

Try seeing who can make a "hole in one" from the farthest distance. Start close to the "hole" and take several steps back after each successful shot.



Standards Link: Physical Education: Use a variety of basic and advanced movement forms.

## Kid Scoop-doku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word GARLIC in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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## What do you get when you cross a stuffed animal with a freezer?



Use the code to discover the punch line!

A = 8 | D = 33 | H = 17 | L = 16 | O = 30 | R = 4 | U = 24 | W = 21  
B = 19 | E = 2 | I = 29 | M = 11 | P = 26 | T = 15 | V = 5 | Y = 28

8 15 2 33 33 28 19 4 4 4 4

For more ideas about cooking with kids, visit [www.cwkfoundation.org](http://www.cwkfoundation.org)

## Write On! Crazy Critters

Combine two very different animals to create a new species. For example, a lion and a gorilla could become a *gorion*. Write about a day in the life of your new animal.

# Lost in the land of the car salesman

Having finished breakfast, Art left for work at the refinery while I hurried to get dishes in the sink and a last sip of coffee. Since I needed to get to school, the ringing of the phone caused me to think it was probably a student's mother or teacher. A male voice quickly alerted me to the fact that my planned morning had suddenly changed.

After a quick call to someone who could stay at my desk until I arrived, I hurried to the garage.

A large box, beach towel, leather gloves, and an old, but valuable part of Art's fishing gear, were loaded in the trunk of my car.

At this time of the morning, backing out of our driveway was anything but routine. People rushing to work or school always presented a challenge.

Finally, the drive downtown gave me time to imagine what I was about to confront. After parking adjacent to the entryway of the service area for a car dealership, I walked into an enormous garage filled with cars and trucks.

To my right, the service manager was coming out to greet the woman who looked a bit lost in what is essentially a man's world. His friendly greeting assured me the bird was still in the shop.

As we walked westward down the center of the building, the scent of lubricants and new tires mingled with whiffs of exhaust fumes.

Each individual vehicle had contributed to the overall ambiance of aromas.

"It's still there," offered the employee as he pointed toward a fledgling great horned owl.

Not more than 30 feet ahead of us stood the raptor. It did not move as we approached.

Mechanics on either side of us wanted to watch my attempted capture of an errant



bird.

With such an audience, I hoped the youngster would not lead me on a chase through a static array of traffic.

Quietly turning to walk back to his office, the manager signaled to everyone. All movement and sounds stopped.

Except for a few wisps of down on its head, the fledgling was fully feathered.

Its ear tufts and white throat were very noticeable.

Resembling its parents, the raptor sported the typical mottled

brown feathers above while being heavily barred below. Its large yellow eyes watched my every movement.

When about six feet separated us, I slowly knelt on the concrete floor.

Surprising me was the fact that the owl did not choose to spread its wings, or pop its beak as a warning.

While softly talking to the bird, I inched Art's pole net from behind me as I moved even closer. Keeping it next to the floor, I gauged the distance I would need to place it over the owl.

Used to pull struggling fish into a boat, the webbing could now momentarily confine a raptor if my timing was right.

Fortunately, on the first attempt the owl was penned to the floor.

Having shone like patent leather shoes against the dullness of the bare floor, its talons were suddenly unleashed with a fury against the nylon web. It voiced its displeasure by loud pops of its bill. In addition, it angrily bit at parts of the net.

As I pressed its wings against its body and attempted to rise, helpful hands enabled me to keep my balance and place the great horn inside my box.

After thanking the manager for his concern for wildlife, I asked if he had any idea of how the owl gained entry to the service area.

He replied, "When the doors are closed at the end of the workday, the garage is sealed."

We agreed that the raptor probably was nearby when the shop opened that morning.

Although out of the nest, the fledgling would still be totally dependent upon its par-

ents for several months to acquire food, and learn hunting skills. Often, young owls strayed into unfamiliar territory.

Although unseen by most citizens because of being nocturnal, the great horned owl would be an asset to any community.

Control of rodents and pigeons could be attributed to its insatiable appetite.

Behind me was the hum of a busy shop, on what promised to be a hot July morning of 1987, as I carried the net and boxed owl out of the service entrance. Recently, driving by the Bob Brock Ford dealership caused us to remember that nearly every summer we have been confronted with displaced owls.

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## We all leave golden footprints

I'd like to share this tale I read the other day. I hope you find it enlightening:

Once upon a time, there was a young woman named Sarah

who lived in the village below the Mountain of the Golden Footprints. She had been feeling very sad and depressed for a long time.

Nothing or no one could make her happy. Nothing anyone said seemed to make a difference.

Her best friend went to visit her and told her the story of the Mountain of the Golden Footprints. "It is a special place where when the sun sets, you can look out over the city and see sparkling golden

footprints on the places and people where you have made a difference."

"But I haven't made any difference in anyone's life", she said. "There won't be any golden footprints for me to see. So why should I bother to go?"

"But," said her friend, "if you don't see any golden footprints, there is a special village on the other side of the mountain for all those people who haven't made a difference. It is comfortable and very pretty and there you can be happy. So you see, you have other options besides not going on with your life. You have nothing to lose."

So Sarah decided to give it a try. She could not go on the way she was. Besides, although she was sure she would not see any golden footprints, she had a little glimmer of hope that going there would make a difference in her life.

The village on the other side of the mountain also sounded like it could be a place where she could be happy. When she reached the top of the mountain she was greeted by a woman named Sue, who watched over the Mountain of the Golden Footprints.

From the mountain-top, Sarah looked out over her village far below. She could see her house, the house of her parents, her school, and many places from her childhood. She remembered many things as she looked out over these places, some sad and some happy. And as she was thinking about her life, the sun began to set and a golden twinkling light began to appear in the park in the middle of the village.

"Look," Sue said excitedly, "There is your first Golden Footprint!"

"But how could that be?" asked Sarah. "I don't ever remember anything I did in the park that could have possibly made a difference."

"One day a long time ago, when you were a little child, you went laughing through the park. There was a man sitting there who had just left his wife and child over a silly argument. He heard your laughter and missed his child

so much that he returned to his family and lived with them happily ever after."

"Well, that was kind of accidental. I certainly didn't know I had done that," said Sarah. As she finished speaking, another golden sparkling footprint appeared on the house of her friend.

"Well, you have loved your friend very much. Remember when she was very sick? You went to see her and brought her flowers and stayed with her and talked many hours and you held her hand. If you had not done that, she would not have survived. The doctor had given her good medicine, but you gave her strength and courage, so that her body could make the medicine work."

As Sue finished speaking, the valley below was aglow with golden footprints. Sarah was reminded of numerous events that had happened where her life had touched the lives of others.

"I had forgotten all those things," she said. "I was so depressed that I only remembered the sad things and not the good things. I guess I have made a difference."

Sarah smiled and thanked Sue, then began to make her way down the mountain aware that someday she would tell others about the Mountain of the Golden Footprints and make a difference in their lives, too. Never forget, you do make a difference to the people whose lives you touch.

## sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### A Triumph for Good Defense

East dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ 8 7 4 3

♥ A K Q 10

♦ A K 10

♣ 6 2

**EAST**

♠ A

♥ J 5

♦ 9 8 4 2

♣ A K 10 9 7 4

**SOUTH**

♠ K J 10 9 6 2

♥ 9 3

♦ Q J 5

♣ Q 8

The bidding:  
East South West North  
1♣ 2♠ Pass 4♠  
Opening lead — three of clubs.

One "iron rule" learned early in one's bridge life is not to give declarer a ruff-and-discard. As with all general rules, though, there are occasional exceptions, and a defender must always be on the lookout for them.

Consider the present case, where West led a club against four spades and East cashed the K-A of the suit. Then, although East knew from his

partner's play of the three followed by the five that West had led from J-5-3, he nevertheless continued with a third round of clubs, intentionally handing declarer a ruff-and-discard!

South ruffed in dummy and led a trump, whereupon East won with the ace and led a fourth round of clubs, sounding the death knell for the contract. Declarer could not stop West from scoring the queen of trumps, and he went down one.

South obviously would have made four spades but for East's succession of club leads. But it is also clear that East had a very good reason for doing what he did.

He realized from looking at the dummy and his own hand that it would be impossible for the defense to score any tricks in hearts or diamonds, regardless of what West might hold in those suits. He concluded therefore that the contract could not be defeated unless East-West could somehow score two trump tricks.

If West had the guarded king of spades, the contract was doomed no matter what East did, but if West had the Q-x, persistent club leads were necessary to promote an additional trump trick for the defense.

Tomorrow: Nine is fine.

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

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AP photo

Detroit's Prince Fielder makes contact during his winning performance at the Home Run Derby in Kansas City on Monday.

## Fielder takes second straight Home Run Derby

By RONALD BLUM  
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Prince Fielder made a splash at the All-Star Home Run Derby. Eight of them.

The Detroit slugger joined Ken Griffey Jr. as the only players to win multiple titles, thrilling the crowd at Kauffman Stadium with several shots into the right-field fountain and beating Toronto's Jose Bautista 12-7 in the final Monday night.

"Just being mentioned with him is real special," said Fielder, who spent time at Griffey's house when he was a kid. "My dad would let me go over and play video games all day. He and play took care of me when I was a kid."

On a night when the Yankees' Robinson Cano was repeatedly booed and went homerless, Fielder put on the most powerful display among baseball's big boppers. Winner at St. Louis' Busch Stadium three years ago, Fielder had a total of 28 home runs over three rounds to cap the main event on the eve of the All-Star game. He hit the four longest drives of the night, including a pair at 476 feet.

"They were far," he said. "That's not easy to hit it out there."

While the ball stayed out of McCovey Cove during the 2007 Derby at San Francisco's AT&T Park and the right-field swimming pool last year at Chase Field in Phoenix, there was plenty of aquatic activity in Kansas

City, second only to Rome for most fountains in cities around the world.

After three splash shots among his first homers in the first round, Fielder started off in the second round in a pretty pink behind the left-field wall. His mop of dreadlocks visible as he hit without a helmet, Fielder deposited four more balls into the 322-foot-wide water spectacular, which by then was illuminated in the twilight.

He added another water drive in the final round, then leaned against one of his sons while he watched Bautista swing.

"I'm a little disappointed," Bautista said. "I'm capable of doing more. I had a lot of fun doing it."

When he won three years ago in St. Louis, Fielder's 23 homers included a 503-foot drive that disappeared between two sections of bleachers in right-center. Griffey won titles in 1994 at Pittsburgh's Three Rivers Stadium, 1998 at Denver's Coors Field and 1999 at Boston's Fenway Park.

Cano set a final-round record of 12 en route to last year's title in Phoenix, where he hit 32 overall. This year he was the object of loud booing throughout by fans upset he didn't select the Royals' Billy Butler after promising to take a hometown player for his derby team.

Fans chanted "Bil-ly Butler!" in between their boos. When it was over, Cano got hugs from Boston's

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## Darvish, record five rookies to play in All-Star matchup

By RONALD BLUM  
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Ryan Cook thought about the assembled stars and wondered whether he belonged.

"Sometimes I'm like, 'Huh, I don't know,'" said Darvish's rookie closer before adding: "When we get on the field, I think I fit in just fine."

He is among a record five rookie All-Stars picked for Tuesday night's game, joined by Washington outfielder Bryce Harper, Los Angeles Angels outfielder Mike Trout, Texas pitcher Yu Darvish and Arizona pitcher Wade Miley.

When Miley arrived for spring training, he wasn't thinking about taking his place among the Jeters and Verlanders.

"I was kind of packed to go to Reno," he said. "I was surprised I made the team and in the same sense thrilled."

Before coming to the U.S. during the offseason, Darvish was a five-time All-Star in Japan's Pacific League. Those All-Star games are nothing like this one.

"They build up this event a lot more here," he said through a translator. "I know how special it is to be selected."

Harper, just 19, and the 20-year-old Trout form baseball's youthful dynamic duo.

Harper is the youngest position player in All-Star history and a key part of the Washington Nationals' emergence as a first-place team. Trout, a year older, is leading the American League in hitting and helping the Los Angeles Angels turn around their season after a sloppy start.

Coincidentally, both came up to the major leagues on April 28, Harper for his debut and Trout for his return following a pair of stints last year.

In a room full of baseball's best, even the veterans are taking notice of Harper and Trout.

"Speed. Power. Excitement. Youth. Energy," Yankees center fielder Curtis Granderson said. "If they are able to stay healthy, they can completely transform the game as they get, five, 10, 15 years of big league time."

For now, both will start Tuesday night's game on the bench.

With the result determining home-field advantage in the World Series for the 10th straight year, AL manager Ron Washington will start reigning MVP and Cy Young Award winner Justin Verlander. The NL's Tony La Russa, the first inactive All-Star manager since the AL's Bob Lemon in 1979, chose San Francisco's Matt Cain — coming off a perfect game last month — over knuckleballer R.A. Dickey of the New York Mets.

Trout was on a flight from Salt Lake City to Cleveland when he saw on Twitter that Harper was being called up the same day. Trout hadn't let many people know he was joining the big league

## Source: Yanks tell Reggie to steer clear

By BEN WALKER  
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees have told Mr. October to stay away this summer.

The Yankees want Reggie Jackson to steer clear of the clubhouse and team events following his pointed remarks about Alex Rodriguez and several former stars, a person with the situation told The Associated Press on Monday.

The Hall of Famer will lay low for several weeks, the person told the AP on condition of anonymity because there was no formal announcement. Jackson was not disciplined or fined, and will remain as a special adviser to the Yankees.

ESPN initially reported Jackson would be indefinitely absent from the Yankees.

Jackson recently was quoted by Sports Illustrated as saying

some of Rodriguez's statistics were tainted because the Yankees slugger had admitted using performance-enhancing drugs. Jackson has spoken to Rodriguez since then to explain his comments.

Jackson also said he didn't see Gary Carter, Kirby Puckett and others as Hall of Famers.

The MVP of the 1977 World Series with the Yankees was told not to travel to Boston last weekend for New York's four-game series at Fenway Park to avoid becoming a distraction.

The Yankees will contact Jackson when they want him back on the scene, the person said.

Jackson was on the field in Kansas City on Monday night for the All-Star Home Run Derby and waved to the crowd.

He did not hold an interview session.

Jackson told SI that A-Rod was

a friend, adding: "But I think there are real questions about his numbers. As much as I like him, what he admitted about his usage does cloud some of his records."

The former star also said there were several players that he didn't view as worthy of Cooperstown.

"I didn't see Kirby Puckett as a Hall of Famer. I didn't see Gary Carter as a Hall of Famer. I didn't see Don Sutton as a Hall of Famer. I didn't see Phil Niekro as a Hall of Famer. As much as I like Jim Rice, I'm not so sure he's a Hall of Famer," Jackson was quoted by SI.

Carter died in February and several former players have criticized the timing of Jackson's remarks.

The person indicated Jackson was reaching out to the families of Carter and Puckett, as well as the Hall of Famers he mentioned.



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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

With the retrograde of Uranus and Mercury close at hand, it's an excellent time to get your ducks in a row. Note: While getting your ducks in a row, avoid chasing them around and trying to entrap them or control them in any way. Instead, be like the mother duck. Start walking. The baby ducks will fall in line quite naturally behind you.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). One thing you can count on is that however good or bad a situation may be, it will change. You'll likely find that the impermanence of today's situation is what makes it remarkably beautiful.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You'll float in time today. "Nostalgia" describes a feeling for the past, altered from its original form. But what feeling for any time period other than the now moment is (SET ITAL) not (END ITAL) altered in some way?

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). When you're seeking opportunity, you might stop and consider that life itself is an opportunity. So the seeking can end. On with the business of accepting what you see and following it to the next evolution.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You'll be taken to the next level of excitement. The one who is sensitive will notice how you're feeling and try to help you feel better. This is true even when you are already feeling joyful.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You are connected to your family, and they feel your feelings in some small way all the time. With the onus of emotion on you, you feel obligated to be happy.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll act on a whim. If it winds up fruitful, it was a good idea; if not, it will lead you back to where you were. Either way, you've progressed. Hard to see, perhaps, but you have.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your responsibilities are many, and they are also few. It all depends on

what you claim. You'll look at your scene with a judicious eye. Which responsibilities are really yours?

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You know what you know. Who else wants to know it? That is the question. You'll answer it. And you'll make money with the answer, too. How cool is that?

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Maybe you've heard that nature is stronger than man. Then again, isn't man a part of nature? You'll prove today that man is a mighty part, indeed, when you assert yourself against the forces of nature and win.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You know what you think is true, but others don't believe the same way. Instead of starting a debate, you will likely agree to disagree, which is the most civil, mature thing to do.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When things are not going your way, you'll persist. Sitting back and waiting just isn't your style. Light nudges forward are often all it takes to start some momentum.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You've grown some protective boundaries, and it's good that you have them in place. You need a degree of security in order to do your important work. You'll feel safe enough to fully exert yourself.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY:** (July 10). You'll get what you want because you're willing to sacrifice a bit of comfort and security to get it. Love and risk go together now through the end of August, an exciting time indeed. Connections you make in September lead you into a brave new world. The victories of your team are your victories, too, in December. January brings a windfall. Taurus and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 3, 19, 2 and 29.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "My mom and I get along half of the time. We are both Geminis, and our birthdays are six days apart. Do you have any advice for how we might be able to get along more of the time?" It's exhausting to have this ongoing conflict in my life. When I'm not

actually fighting with her, I'm thinking about how mad she makes me!"

It's as though you and your mom are not two people, but four people. Furthermore, your inner twin can be a somewhat mischievous version of yourself, and your mom has the same internal dynamic. The term "evil twin" comes to mind. And while I'm not suggesting that you or your mother are ever actually evil let's just say that when the "less angelic" twin emerge to greet each other, the conflict begins.

Try this bit of Gemini relationship magic: Before spending time with your mom, consciously invite the highest and best person inside of you to handle the interaction, and do the same for her. Simply say, "I invite my best self to this visit with my mom, and I invite the best in my mom, too." You'll be surprised how quickly your problems clear up.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** New mom Jessica Simpson was born when the sun and Mercury were both in nurturing Cancer, the sign associated with motherhood. Her moon and Venus in bright Gemini suggests a quick wit and intelligence. The people who once made fun of Simpson for not knowing what was in a can of tuna eat their words now that she's the No. 1 celebrity brand, generating a billion dollars in sales!

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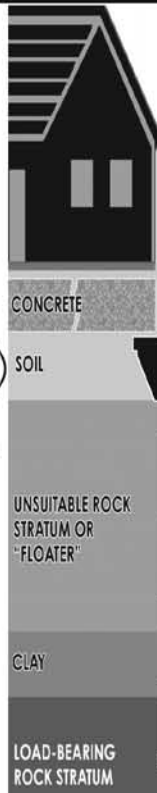
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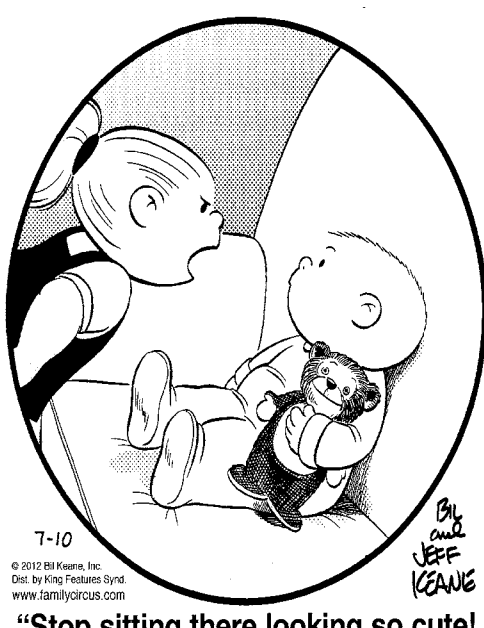
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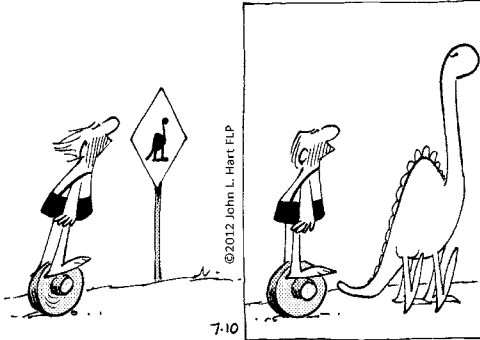
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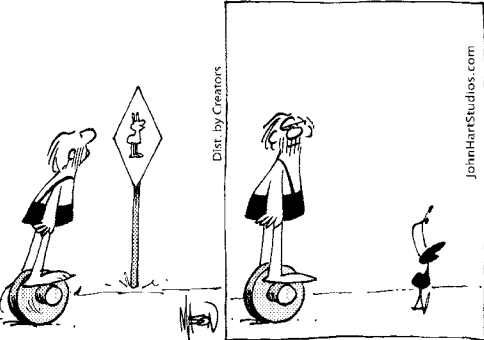
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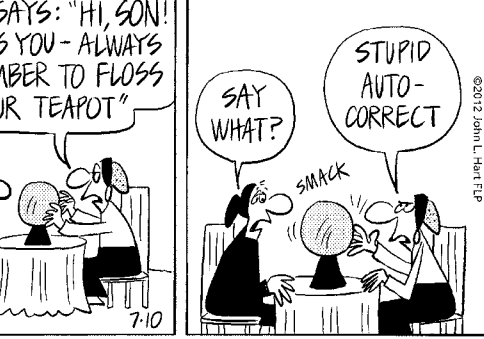
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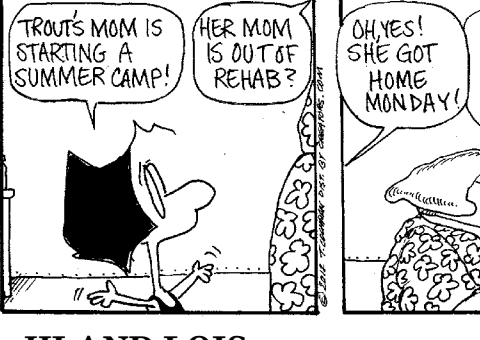
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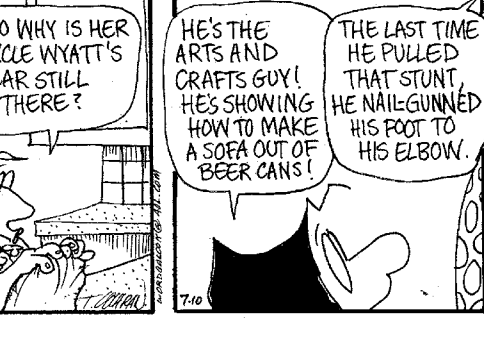
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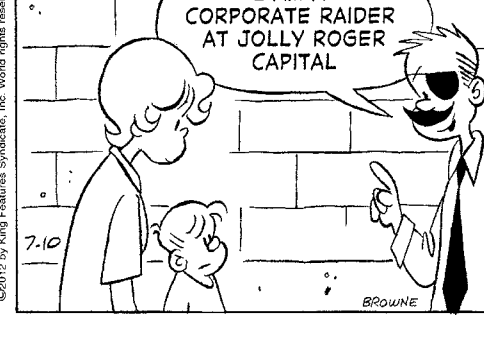
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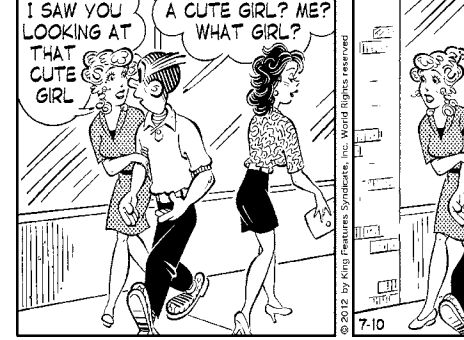
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- On July 10, 1962, AT&T's Telstar 1 communications satellite, capable of relaying television signals and telephone calls, was launched by NASA from Cape Canaveral. President John F. Kennedy signed the All-Channel Receiver Act, which required that new TV sets be capable of receiving UHF (ultra-high frequency) channels 14 through 83 in addition to VHF (very high frequency) channels 2 through 13.
- On this date:
  - In 1509, theologian John Calvin, a key figure of the Protestant Reformation, was born in Noyon, Picardy, France.
  - In 1890, Wyoming became the 44th state.
  - In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson personally delivered the Treaty of Versailles (veh-

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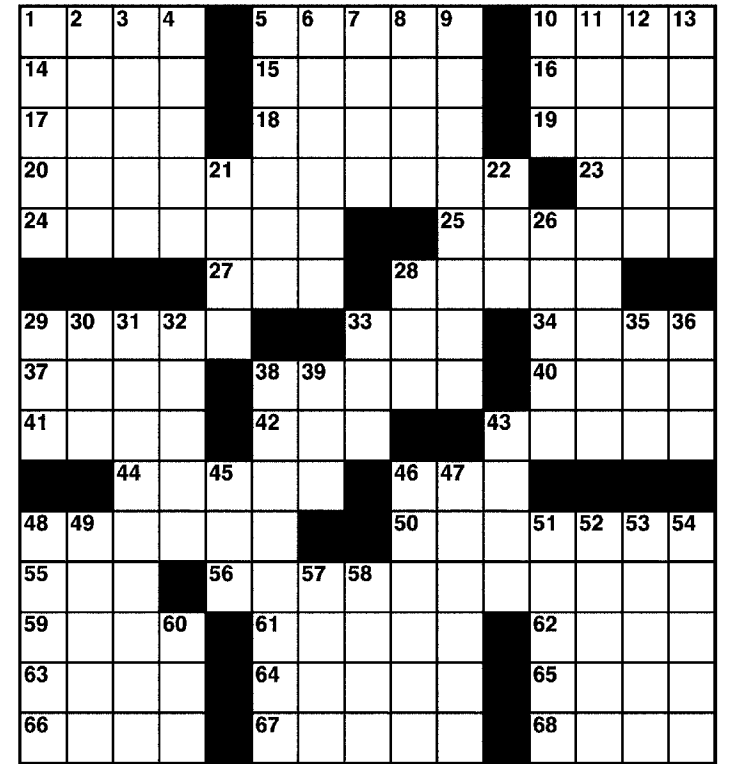
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Bed-frame piece
  - 5 Grade just short of an A
  - 10 Store away
  - 14 Ocean's motion
  - 15 Stadium
  - 16 Casual greeting
  - 17 Like \_\_\_ of bricks
  - 18 Arrested
  - 19 Finishing nail
  - 20 Get angry
  - 23 Unrefined metal
  - 24 Foes
  - 25 Republic of China
  - 27 Drain-cleaner chemical
  - 28 Chinese bearlike beast
  - 29 Hipped housecat
  - 33 Rower's implement
  - 34 At a distance
  - 37 Partner in war
  - 38 In a weird way
  - 40 Employ
  - 41 Candle's light
  - 42 Neckline shape
  - 43 Shaped over, with "on"
  - 44 Merchandise
  - 46 Merit badge org.
  - 48 Saying of grace, e.g.
  - 50 Pasta with pockets
  - 55 Clumsy one
  - 56 Get angry
- DOWN**
- 1 Actor's platform
  - 2 Discovered by chance
  - 3 Pueblo brick
  - 4 Midmorning hour
  - 5 Soup grain
  - 6 Commend
  - 7 Camera part
  - 8 Army division
  - 9 Germ-free
  - 10 Weep loudly
  - 11 Get angry
  - 12 Gone With the Wind surname
  - 13 Make broader
  - 21 Easter flower
  - 22 Is able to
  - 26 Boise's state
  - 28 Buddy
  - 29 Kids' "it" game
  - 30 Everyone
  - 31 Get angry
  - 32 Side road
  - 33 Poetic tribute
  - 35 Exist
  - 36 Stop sign color
  - 38 Burden too heavily
  - 39 \_\_\_ Moines, IA
  - 43 Letterman's nickname
  - 45 Football official
  - 46 Third place medal
  - 47 Smoothing tool
  - 48 Sheriff's group
  - 49 Quirk
  - 51 Caribbean cruise stops
  - 52 Martini garnish
  - 53 Place a maximum on
  - 54 Admired ones
  - 57 "I didn't know I had it \_\_\_!"
  - 58 \_\_\_ (garden mulch)
  - 60 Loud noise

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AUSTIN, Texas — A federal judge handed Lance Armstrong a quick setback Monday as he went to court to save his seven Tour de France titles and his reputation as one of the greatest cyclists ever.

Armstrong filed a lawsuit aimed at preventing the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency from moving ahead with charges that he used performance-enhancing drugs throughout much of his career.

But within hours, U.S. District Court Judge Sam Sparks in Austin dismissed the 80-page complaint. He said it seemed more intended to whip up public opinion in Armstrong's favor than focus on legal arguments.

Sparks, however, did not rule on the merits of Armstrong's claims and will let him refile the lawsuit. Armstrong attorney Tim Herman said he will do that, possibly on Tuesday.

The lawsuit claimed USADA rules violate athletes' constitutional right to a fair trial, and that the agency doesn't have jurisdiction in Armstrong's case. It also accused USADA's chief executive, Travis Tygart, of waging a personal vendetta against the cancer survivor who won the Tour de France every year from 1999 to 2005.

The judge was not impressed with a filing that dedicated dozens of pages to Armstrong's career history and long-standing disputes with anti-doping officials.

"This Court is not inclined to indulge Armstrong's desire for publicity, self-aggrandizement or vilification of Defendants, by sifting through eighty mostly unnecessary pages in search of the few kernels of factual material relevant to his claims," Sparks wrote.

Herman said he got the message.

"When (Sparks) speaks, I listen," he said. "It doesn't change the legal issues involved or any of the relief that we seek."

The lawsuit was an aggressive, and expected, move as Armstrong seeks to preserve his racing legacy and his place as an advocate for cancer survivors and research. He wants Sparks to bar the USADA from pursuing its case or issuing any sanctions against him.

Armstrong asked the court to issue an injunction by Saturday, the deadline to formally challenge the case against him in USADA's arbitration process or accept the agency's sanctions. He could receive a lifetime ban from cycling and be stripped of his Tour de France victories if found guilty.

Armstrong insists he is innocent.

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team.

"Knowing he was getting called up that same day was pretty funny," Trout said.

A son of former Minnesota minor league infielder Jeff Trout, Mike was taken by the Angels with the 25th pick in the first round of the 2009 amateur draft. Idolizing Derek Jeter, he played shortstop at Millville Senior High in New Jersey until he was moved to the outfield in his senior year. He understands why he lasted so late in the first round.

"A lot of risk. East Coast kid. Didn't play all year," he said. "You look at the teams in Florida and California, they've got perfect weather all year. They can play all year."

Harper had the greater renown, appearing on the cover of Sports Illustrated when he was just 16 with the headline "CHOSEN ONE." With sunglasses hanging from the top of his shirt and a neatly cropped beard, he has the big league look. A hint of acne reveals he's

still a teenager.

"So much pressure — no, I'm just kidding," he said, joshing with the media.

Joining a Nationals team that already has a top youthful star in ace pitcher Stephen Strasburg, Harper has a .282 batting average with eight homers and 25 RBIs in 63 games.

The only younger All-Stars were Bob Feller in 1938 and Dwight Gooden in 1984, both closer to their 19th birthdays than Harper.

"I still feel like I have that kid inside me that wants to play the game of baseball every single day," Harper said. "I got love and that passion for the game and, hopefully, I can keep it going. I hope I'll be able to play for the Nationals for a long time and be able to play in the big leagues for a long time because that's the dream."

While Harper is polished following years of interviews, Trout projects a golly-gee demeanor, with close-cropped hair and a beaming smile. After he twice crashed into the center-field fence at Denver's Coors Field last month, teammates Jered Weaver and Dan Haren suggested he turn down the

enthusiasm a few notches.

"It's a long year. We're going to need you," Trout remembered them telling him.

He's hitting .341 with 12 homers, 40 RBIs and 26 steals in 29 chances.

"I was just telling Jete, I've never seen a player hit a triple to left field, down the line," Yankees ace CC Sabathia said. "Raul (Ibanez) plays it off the wall, and he's standing on third. That's just fun to see. What he's doing is amazing."

While Trout was an All-Star shoo-in, La Russa appeared reluctant to select Harper and added him on Saturday as a replacement when Miami's Giancarlo Stanton got hurt.

Even the 67-year-old La Russa, who managed his first World Series champions before Trout and Harper were born, appreciates the focus on the new stars.

"It would be nice to put the National League phenom against the American League phenom," he said.

When discussing Trout, Harper sounds like a fan.

"He's fun to watch. I get pumped to watch him," Harper said.

## DERBY

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David Ortiz and Yankees teammates Curtis Granderson and CC Sabathia.

"I was criticized

before I got here. If you play for the Yankees you get booed everywhere you go," Cano said.

It was the 17th time a player went homerless in the Derby, the first since Detroit's Brandon Inge in 2009.

"that was the most interesting reaction to a home run derby I've ever seen, but the fans were excited which is all that counts," Granderson tweeted.

Carlos Gonzalez and Andrew McCutchen (four each) and Matt Kemp (one) also were dropped after the first round.

Carlos Beltran (12) was dropped after the second round, when Mark Trumbo and Bautista were tied with 13 apiece, leading to a swingoff won by Bautista 2-1.

Trumbo and Bautista each managed to put a drive into the small fountain beyond the left-field wall. Trumbo also hit a pair of shots over the Royals Hall of Fame in left, toward Interstate 70.

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