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## Ginners upset over 'master plan'

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Count at least two people who don't like what Big Spring's "road map to the future" is envisioning for the community's future. Big Spring's city council passed two sections of the city's comprehensive master plan during their Tuesday night meeting, laying out a guideline to how the commu-

nity will deal with possible growth at the airport and north of town over the course of the next 20 or 30 years. The portion of the master plan dealing with the airport sector was agreed upon with little fuss, but Brad Mikeska and Noel Huff of Big Spring Gin, located on Leatherwood Road just off of Highway 87, had major disagreements with parts of the northern sector plan, which covers

thousands of acres (most not even in the current city limits) stretching from Interstate 20 to N. FM 700. Under the new master plan, the gin would be surrounded on three sides by land designated as either light residential (single family homes) or medium density residential (apartments and townhouses), an idea the two men found unacceptable. "If you approve this, you

better believe that we'll move on," Mikeska said. "There's no way you'd want a cotton gin next to a residential area." Hoff pointed out the gin used to be located near the railroad tracks in Big Spring in the 1980s, before encroaching development forced officials to move the gin to its current location. Now, the men are fearful the same pattern will develop if future

growth follows the master plan's outline. "We're worried about our livelihood," Hoff said. What particularly incensed Mikeska and Hoff was that they expressed the same concerns when the city's planning and zoning committee recently discussed the northern sector plan. During that meeting, the committee said

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## Wreck victim identified as Abilene man

Herald Staff Report

An Abilene man was killed in a two-vehicle accident Saturday in Martin County on Interstate 20 near mile marker 161. According to DPS officials, 29-year-old David M. Fruhling of Abilene was pronounced dead by Martin County Justice of the Peace Jarrell Hedrick at 8:55 p.m. Saturday at the scene of the accident. His body was taken to Nalley-Pickle & Welch in Big Spring. Fruhling was driving a 2014 Kenworth TT and was towing a 2014 Great Dane Box semitrailer eastbound on I-20. The driver of the second vehicle was 52-year-old Son Hoanh Nguyen of Westminster, Calif., who was driving a 1999 Freightliner

TT and towing a 1999 Great Dane flatbed semitrailer. That vehicle was also traveling eastbound on I-20 in front of Fruhling's semitrailer, DPS said. According to the report, Fruhling failed to control speed and struck the truck driven by Nguyen. The collision caused Fruhling's vehicle to drive into the barrow ditch and overturn. According to the DPS driving conditions were dry and clear at the time. Nguyen was taken to Midland Memorial Hospital and was released the next day, according to a spokesperson for Midland Memorial.



HERALD photo/Andreia Medlin

**Renovations at the Hangar 25 Air Museum are on schedule according to officials. A grand re-opening is planned for July 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To see more photos of work in progress, go to www.hangar25airmuseum.com or visit their Facebook page or on Instagram at @hangar25airmuseum.**

## Renovations going well at Hangar 25 Air Museum

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**  
 Staff Writer

The airplanes at Hangar 25 Air Museum don't have much longer to wait to get back inside and out of the heat. According to Museum Administrator Genevieve Stockburger, renovations at the museum are on schedule and going as planned. As of Tuesday, the hangar floor was being prepped for the epoxy coating that will increase the strength of the floor to accommodate the weight of the planes and thereby prevent cracks. It just one of the many updates the museum is getting, thanks to grants and donations recently awarded by Big Spring Community Foundation and Big Spring resident Jerry Worthy. Renovations have already



been made to the Hangar Exchange gift shop and online gift store. And in an effort to make the hangar a more comfortable experience, the windows have been updated with solar blinds. Moving the airplanes outside was not an easy task and couldn't have been done without the help of volun-

teers. "Thank you to Jack Perry with Lone Star Aviation and the Hangar 25 board of directors and volunteers that helped move the planes," said Stockburger. Until the renovations are complete, the museum

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### BSISD schedules K, Pre-K sign-ups

Herald Staff Report

Oh, how summer flies nowadays. Big Spring Independent School District will hold registration for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students as well as any students who are new to Big Spring July 21 through Aug. 15. Registration will take place at the district's Records and Registration Office on the Goliad Intermediate School campus, 2000 South Goliad Street. The Records and Registration Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The office will be closed Friday, Aug. 1. Documentation required for

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## Obituaries

## Mary Ellen (Werthe) Pope



Mary Ellen (Werthe) Pope, of Big Spring, Texas has gone to be with the Lord. At the age of 88, she made her peaceful journey on July 5, 2014. She was born in Tulsa, Okla. on February 28, 1926, and moved to Big Spring from Mauldin, S.C., where she resided for nearly 40 years. She was a long-standing member of the Mauldin United Methodist Church.



Mary Ellen was a child of the depression and was raised faithfully in the church. In Tulsa, Okla. she fell in love with her husband, Sam, who was in the Navy in WWII. She knew Sam was the one, during a youth presentation at her church, when he shared a moving story of his faith that touched her heart.

Mary Ellen had a zest for life which she shared with everyone she met. Her life was filled with the love of music, arts and crafts, books, learning, and service to the Lord. She leaves behind a legacy of valuing the importance of family.

Mary Ellen was preceded in death by her husband of more than 50 years, Sam L. Pope, who passed

away in December 1997, and her son-in-law, Todd Fulmer who passed away in August 2012.

Survivors include her brother, Don Werthe and wife Dee (Allison) of Littleton, N.C.; three sons, Jerry Pope and wife Rebecca Williams of Swannanoa, N.C., George Pope of Akron, Ohio and Ken Pope and wife Ann (Crittenden) of Big Spring, Texas; a daughter, Nancy Pope and husband John Watkins of Columbia, S.C.; three grandchildren, Cassandra Ketrick of New York, N.Y., Madeleine Pope of Portland, Ore. and Eric Pope of Lubbock, Texas.

The family is deeply grateful to the following: Marcy Place, Compass Hospice, IntegraCare, Comfort Keepers, Encompass, Park Place, and TLC Services.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Mauldin United Methodist Church, 100 East Butler Road, Mauldin, S.C. 29662, or Compass Hospice, 602 South Main Street, Big Spring Texas 79720, or your favorite charity.

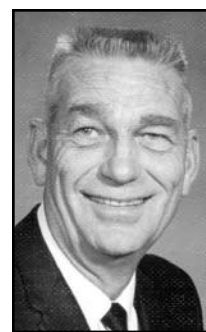
A memorial service will be held Thursday, July 10, 2014 at 3:00 PM at Marcy Place, 2301 Wasson Road, Big Spring, Texas.

A second memorial service and interment will be held July 24, 2014 at 3:00 PM at Mauldin United Methodist Church.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Chester Coffman



Chester Coffman, 94, of Big Spring, died Monday, July 7, 2014, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will follow at 1 p.m. at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

He was born April 3, 1920, in Crosby County, Texas to Fannie and Walter Coffman. He married Alene Newbrough on Dec. 21, 1940, in Muleshoe, Texas. She preceded him in death on Sept. 30, 2010. They moved to Big Spring from Whiteface in 1946. He owned Coffman Roofing from 1946 until retiring in 1983. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by two daughters, Barbara Bryant and husband Gene of Comanche and Janet Higgins and husband David of Big Spring; one son, Ronald Coffman and wife Karen of Midland; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and numerous great great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Alene and nine brothers and sisters.

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

## James J. (Jimmy) Morton

James J. (Jimmy) Morton of Fort Worth, Texas, passed away on July 6, 2014, at Heartland Rehab Center in Fort Worth. He had been suffering from a recent fall and the last stages of Alzheimer's. A memorial service and burial are pending at the Fort Worth/Dallas VA National Cemetery.

Jimmy was born March 9, 1930, in Wichita Falls, Texas, to Lunie May and Robert Belton (R.B.) Morton. He was the sixth born to a family of eight children, all born there but the youngest, at which time the family left the Wichita Falls area.

His mother was told by a fortune teller that she would bear eight children in the order of girl, boy, girl, boy etc. and it happened just that way and the doctor was always informed ahead of time. Jimmy formerly lived in Big Spring in the early 1950s while working for T&P Railroad.

He was later in business for himself and once owned a roller rink in Abilene, Texas, having grown up skating in the family roller rinks. He eventually spent the remainder of his working life as a car salesman in Abilene, Fort Worth, LA, New

Orleans and Denver, Colo.

He married June Banister in Abilene, Texas, in his early 20s and they had three children. Although this marriage later dissolved, he never remarried and continued to love and be proud of his family. Jimmy was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was preceded in death by his loving parents; sisters Betty Jayne Morton, Wanda Sue Morton and Johnnie Bledsoe of Los Angeles, Calif.; and three brothers, Don Morton of Palm Springs, Beverly Odell (Sonny) Morton at age 26 and Bobby Morton at age 10.

Jimmy is survived by his daughter, Gwendelyn Morton of Fort Worth, previously of Big Spring; two sons, Larry Pepper and wife Nila of Fort Worth and Dwain Estes (Ikey) Morton and wife Jamalynne of Fort Worth/Dallas; one sister, Patsy Morton Sharpnack and husband Joe of Big Spring; grandchildren, Amy Morton, Meredith Morton and Leandra Morton; great-grandchildren of Fort Worth; and June Morton of Fort Worth, the mother of their children.

*Paid obituary*

## Wesley Charles Carroll Jr.



Wesley Charles Carroll Jr., of Lago Vista, Texas, went to be with the Lord on July 2, 2014. Wes was born May 17, 1942, in Big Spring, Texas, and lived there until moving to Lago Vista eight years ago with his wife, Genie. Wes worked at Sid Richardson Carbon Company for 31 years and retired from the position of Lead Lab Technician in 2004. For much of his life, Wes enjoyed woodworking and made many beautiful pieces of furniture and household objects for his home, friends and family. He was also very athletic and enjoyed playing golf, even passing on this love to his grandson.

He was a charter member of Lakeside Christian Fellowship in Lago Vista, and he was active in his church until his death. Wes was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and friend, and he was loved by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Genie Carroll, of Lago Vista; his son Tim Carroll, of North Bethesda, Md.; his daughter, Amy Carroll Shapiro, son-in-law Matt Shapiro, and grandson Zachary Shapiro, all of Leander, Texas; his sister, Ellouise Carroll Swinney of Abilene, Texas, and numerous cousins, nephews, and nieces.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Wesley Charles Carroll Sr. and Ella Neill Carroll.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to Spina Bifida Texas ([www.sbatx.org](http://www.sbatx.org)), American Lung Association ([www.lung.org](http://www.lung.org)), or Lakeside Christian Fellowship in Lago Vista ([www.lakesidechristians.org](http://www.lakesidechristians.org)).

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2014, at 10 a.m. at Trinity Memorial Park, 6900 South Hwy. 87, Big Spring, Texas 79720, under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Baptist Temple Church Fellowship Hall, 400 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

• The Young and the Breastless of Big Spring meets every first Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at Brooklyn's Deli in the Spring Town Plaza. This is a support group for breast cancer survivors.

## FRIDAY

• 7 p.m. — The Just For Today Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets in Room 3 at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane.

• 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.

## Police blotter

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

• STACI RACHELLE COOK, 33, of 2519 Dow, was arrested Tuesday on charges of driving while intoxicated 2<sup>nd</sup> offense, expired drivers license, expired registration and failed to maintain financial responsibility.

• ANGELA ANN MCGEE, 31, of 105 W. 24<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Tuesday on charges of failed to signal – required distance before turning, driving while license invalid and failure to identify giving false/fictitious information.

• JOANIE LEDESMA, 31, of 510 State, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of burglary of a vehicle.

• ANDREANA ELENENA MARTINEZ, 29, of 906 E. 12<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces.

• AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ, 67, transient, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication with 3 prior convictions.

• KAREN BYRD WOODALL, 45, of 2620 Langley, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• ANDREA DELGADO, 20, of 2911 W. Highway 80, no. 117, was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram, possession of a dangerous drug, theft greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500, assault by contact, fail to appear – two counts, no drivers

license when unlicensed and consumption of alcohol by a minor.

• ANDREW GARZA, 39, of 2217 Lynn Dr., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

• ANTONIO PARADEZ FLORES, 52, of 1602 Sycamore, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for safety belt rode without being secured and bail jumping/failure to appear/fine only.

• KELLEN EUGENE WRIGHT, 33, of 1715 E. Highway 350, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of injury to an elderly person with intention of bodily injury.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 600 block of McEwen.

• THEFT was reported at the 1000 block of Gregg, the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

• STOLEN VEHICLE was reported at the 500 block of Westover.

• DISTURBANCE was reported at the 1800 block of E. Highway 80.

• LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported at the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported at the 800 block of W. FM 700.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at the 1100 block of E. 13<sup>th</sup> St.

• SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY reported at the 3500 block of Airport and the 300 block of Settles.

• INTOXICATED SUBJECT reported at the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.

• ASSAULT reported at the 1600 block of Owens

## Support Groups

## WEDNESDAY

• "A Journey to a New Normal," a grief support network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.

• 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.

## 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.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

• 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.

• Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For fur-



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# World/Nation Briefs

## Jakarta Gov. Joko Widodo leads Indonesian presidential election

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Jakarta Gov. Joko Widodo held a narrow but steady lead Wednesday in Indonesia's presidential election, according to quick-count results, but his Suharto-era opponent said he had poll data showing him ahead, setting up the prospect of a contested outcome in the still-fragile democracy.

The more reputable quick counts showed Widodo ahead with about 52 percent of the vote, while Prabowo Subianto had around 48 percent, with 80 percent of the votes tallied. The quick counts tally a representative sample of votes cast around the country and have accurately forecast the results of Indonesian national elections since 2004. It will be around two weeks before votes are officially tallied and the results announced in the country of 240 million people.

"At the time being, the quick counts show that Jokowi-Kalla is the winner," Widodo, known by his nickname Jokowi, told a news conference, referring to his vice-presidential running mate, Jusuf Kalla.

As supporters of Jokowi claimed victory, Subianto's campaign chief, Mohammad Mahfud, said that three internal quick-count results showed Subianto was ahead. He called on supporters to remain calm as the votes continued to be counted.

"Thank God, all the data from the quick counts shows that we, Prabowo-Hatta, gained the people's trust," Subianto told a news conference, referring to his running mate, Hatta Rajasa.

## Tensions over conflicts in Syria, Iraq push Arab soccer fans to watch World Cup on Israeli TV

BEIRUT (AP) — With the World Cup in faraway Brazil coming at a time of unprecedented sectarian violence and soaring tension in the Middle East, some Arab football fans have been reduced to watching matches in secret or even — and this is where it gets complicated — on a TV channel owned by Israel.

Since the World Cup kicked off three weeks ago, Sunni Muslim extremists have seized territory in Iraq and Syria and declared an Islamic state. Lebanon has been hit by a spate of suicide bombings. Israelis and Palestinians were pushed to full conflict after the murders of four teenagers. Egypt's

political divide grew wider as hundreds of people charged with supporting the ousted Muslim Brotherhood group were convicted of terrorism-related crimes — including three journalists for Qatar-owned Al-Jazeera network.

Many accuse the Doha-based network of editorial bias in favor of the now banned Islamic group in Egypt and of Sunni insurgents fighting Shiite-dominated governments in Syria and Iraq.

Qatar's media conglomerate owns broadcasting rights to the World Cup in the Middle East, charging viewers from \$110 to \$320 for a three-month subscription that includes the 64 World Cup matches — a tournament that should have been a welcome escape for millions of football fans.

Most fans can't afford to pay for the satellite broadcasts of the World Cup, which was previously shown around the region on state free-to-air channels. Some Egyptians refuse to subscribe to Qatar's channel for political reasons.

## Hundreds line up at Washington shops as marijuana goes legal

SEATTLE (AP) — Surrounded by thousands of packages of marijuana, Seattle's top prosecutor sought some advice: Which one should he buy?

A new day, indeed.

Twenty months after voters legalized recreational cannabis for adults over 21, Washington state's first few licensed pot shops opened for business Tuesday, catering to hundreds of customers who lined up outside, thrilled to be part of the historic moment.

The pot being sold at four stores in Seattle, Bellingham, Prosser and Spokane was regulated, tested for impurities, heavily taxed and in short supply — such short supply that several other shops couldn't open because they had nothing to sell.

Pete Holmes, Seattle's elected city attorney and a main backer of the state's recreational marijuana law, said he wanted to be one of the first customers to demonstrate there are alternatives to the nation's failed drug war.

## For young nuke warriors, responsibility for fearsome missiles 'weighs on your mind'

BERTHOLD, N.D. (AP) — 1st Lt. Andy Parthum spends his workday 60 feet below ground awaiting the order he hopes never arrives: to launch the

most powerful weapon ever devised by man. He is a nuclear "missileer" — an airman who does his duty not in the air but in a hole in the ground.

On both counts — the possibility of firing weapons that could kill millions, and the subterranean confinement — a missileer lives with pressures few others know. It's not active combat, although the Air Force calls them combat crew members. Yet no one can exclude the possibility, remote as it may be, that one day a president will deliver the gut-wrenching order that would compel a missileer to unleash nuclear hell.

"Absolutely, it weighs on your mind," Parthum, 25, said on a recent afternoon at Juliet-01, a Minuteman 3 missile launch site on a small patch of prairie 9 miles from the village of Berthold and about 25 miles west of Minot Air Force Base, whose 91st Missile Wing controls 150 of the nation's 450 Minuteman missiles.

It may come as a surprise to some that the Air Force still operates intercontinental ballistic missiles, or ICBMs. And therein lies part of the problem for missileers, who feel underappreciated in a military that has long since shifted its main focus to fighting small wars, striking with unmanned drones and countering terrorism and cyberattacks.

Parthum, however, says he takes pride in his role.

## VA official: 'I apologize to everyone whose voice has been stifled'

WASHINGTON (AP) — A top official at the Veterans Affairs Department says he is sorry that VA employees have suffered retaliation after making complaints about poor patient care, long wait times and other problems.

James Tuschmidt, the No. 2 official at the Veterans Health Administration, the VA's health care arm, apologized on behalf of the department at a congressional hearing Tuesday night.

"I apologize to everyone whose voice has been stifled," Tuschmidt said after listening to four VA employees testify for nearly three hours about VA actions to limit criticism and strike back against whistleblowers. "That's not what I stand for. I'm very disillusioned and sickened by all of this."

A federal investigative agency said Tuesday it was examining 67 claims of retaliation by VA supervisors against employees who filed whistleblower complaints.

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it would recommend changes to accommodate the gin, recommendations that were not reflected in Tuesday's presentation.

City officials and representatives from Freese and Nichols, the engineering firm which helped devise the new plan, pointed out a variety of reasons for not changing the plan.

Alan Grier of Freese and Nichols said changing the designation of the area adjacent to the gin from residential to commercial was not optimizing the area's po-

tential.

"We believe you'll get maximum use of the land by designating it for residential purposes," he said. "Designating that entire section of land for commercial use, we don't believe you'll have the usage in the future that you'd like."

Mayor Larry McLellan and others also pointed out that land use designations set out in the master plan were not set in stone, but could be adjusted if and when future growth reaches the area near the gin — if the area is even within the city limits at that time.

"This isn't zoning; this

is planning," Councilman Justin Myers said. "We understand that you don't want a cotton gin next to residences ... but in 20 years, a lot of things can change."

"Passing this doesn't mean we're going to start zoning the area tomorrow," McLellan added.

Zoning concerns are largely moot until such time the area is annexed by the city, City Manager Todd Darden pointed out.

"We can't zone anything out of the city limits, anyway," he noted.

Councilman Raul Benavides also was opposed to amending the plan, saying it would set

an unwanted precedent.

"If we make an exception for you, we'd have to make exceptions for everybody else," Benavides said. "We'd be setting a dangerous precedent for the future."

The council finally approved the two sections of the master plan by a 4-1 vote. Councilman Marvin Boyd voted against the proposal, while members Carmen Harbour and Raul Marquez Jr. were both absent from Tuesday's meeting.

Boyd said the council should have followed the planning and zoning committee's recommendation to accommodate the gin owners.

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will remain closed and the planes are off limits to the public.

"So far we are on schedule with our main gallery renovation. The planes are outside of the museum and we ask

that people do not touch or climb on the aircraft. During this time the museum is not open to the public. We will reopen July 22 for our grand re-opening celebration," Stockburger said.

Stockholder said she is hopeful the planes will be moved back inside the hangar some-

time next week.

"This project has been in the works for several years and we are very excited to finally get it completed," the museum administrator said.

Until then, to see more pictures of what is going on at the site, visit the

website at [www.hangar25airmuseum.com](http://www.hangar25airmuseum.com), or visit their Facebook page or Instagram @hangar25airmuseum.

To contact Andrea Medlin, call the Herald at 263-7331.



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Eva Carrasco Yanez, died Friday. Funeral mass was at 11 a.m. today at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial followed at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mary Ellen (Werthe) Pope, died Saturday. Memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Marcy Place.

Wesley Charles Carroll, Jr., died Wednesday. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Chester Coffman, died Monday. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will follow at 1 p.m. at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

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# Opinion

## You can't make it happen if you...

"When I see a failure, all I can think about is how to overcome it." Those words were spoken by a man who had just scaled the Matterhorn, a towering 14,692 feet above the pretty town of Zermatt, Switzerland. This legendary mountain in the Pennine Alps on the border between Switzerland and Italy is a formidable challenge for any mountaineer, but an especially remarkable feat for Jamie Andrew, 44, from Edinburgh, who not only scaled the mighty peak but, incredibly, did so 15 years after losing his hands and feet to frostbite during a mountaineering accident.

"I've wired my brain so when I come across an obstacle, my first instinct is to think how to get round it," explains the father-of-three, whose story began 15 years ago, when he and his friend Jamie Fisher were trapped half way up a mountain by a storm.

Fisher and Andrew had climbed the north face of Les Droites in the Mont Blanc massif but found themselves beset by deep snow and winds of up to 90 mph. So bad were conditions, the pair were marooned on Les Droites for four days and nights; a length of time that proved too much for Fisher, who died of hypothermia on the last night. Although rescuers eventually managed to come to Andrew's aid, his hands and feet had been so badly affected by frostbite, he was forced to have them amputated.

Stories of men and women who have overcome tremendous odds to become successful or realize a dream serve as an inspiration to all of us. There is so much to be gleaned from observing the lives of others as they strive to succeed in spite of great obstacles.

Benjamin Franklin, the 15th of 17 children of a poor candle maker, had only one year of schooling. Therefore, he taught himself four languages, science, finance, politics, the classics, and how to write for publication. He went on to become a best educated and world famous

inventor, diplomat and author. In 1927, the head of a drama school advised Lucille Ball to try another profession because she would never make it as an actress. She went on to have a history-making television series and eventually owned her own movie and television studio.

In 1962, an executive of Decca Records made the following statement about a singing group: "We don't like their sound. Besides, groups playing guitars are on the way out anyway." He was talking about the Beatles.

Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen, co-authors of the world renowned Chicken Soup for the Soul® book series, were turned down by 33 of New York's biggest publishing houses in the first month of their efforts to promote their labor of love. They heard, "Anthologies don't sell." "We don't think there is a market for this book." "We just don't get it." "The book is too positive." "It's not topical enough." All totaled, they were rejected by 140 publishers. To top it off, their agent said, "I can't sell this book — I'm giving it back to you guys."

They finally found someone willing to take a risk on their project, Peter Vegso, president of Health Communications Inc. The first books were published on June 28, 1993, and had become a Christmas favorite by the end of December. Word of mouth soon led to a groundswell of popularity. To meet the demand, the publisher had to subcontract printing.

With more than 60 million copies sold to date, 48 titles in print in the United States and translations in more than 30 languages, Chicken Soup for the Soul® has made international publishing history. At one time or another there have been at least eight Chicken Soup for the Soul® titles simultaneously in the top 50 on the USA Today best-selling books list. Jack and Mark hold the record in The Guinness Book of World Records for having the most books on the New York Times bestseller list at one time; seven books on May 24, 1998.

The heroes just keep coming. Just this week we have been inspired by Helene Neville who won't let four bouts of cancer slow her down. The 53-year-old grandma just finished the

third leg of her 10,000-mile run around the perimeter of the lower continental 48 states. Neville began the third leg of her run 68 days ago in Marathon, Florida, roughly 2,000 miles from where she finished in Portland, Maine. Neville, who has been a nurse for 29 years, said she began running marathons after she was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma in the 1990s. During that time, she said she underwent three brain surgeries to treat abscesses.

"When they said I wasn't going to get better, my immune system was shot, I went home and signed up for the Chicago Marathon," she said. Though her family was on hand with an ambulance, she finished the 26.2-mile race in about four hours and 20 minutes.

She began realizing her goal to run the perimeter of the United States in 2010, with a 93-day jog from California to Florida. But in 2012, she was diagnosed with T-cell lymphoma, so she didn't start the second leg of the voyage — from Canada to Mexico — until 2013, she said. Now in remission, Neville just has one leg to go, which she plans to complete in 2015.

It has often been said that you're never really defeated until you give up. Theodore Roosevelt said, "It is not the critic who counts, nor the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better."

"The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows great enthusiasms, great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

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Let us open our hearts to those in need, dear Lord.  
Amen

## Obama: I can't work with others

In January, President Barack Obama outlined his strategy for 2014. "I've got a pen, and I've got a phone," he said. The president planned on using his pen to sign executive and administrative orders and his phone to call outside groups — not Congress — to rally behind his pet programs.

Obama forgot to mention his third favorite instrument — the teleprompter. Rather than working with Congress, Obama's second term is all about blaming Congress for whatever goes wrong. In that can't-do spirit, Obama mocked House Speaker John Boehner's threat to take legal action against the White House's imperial ways. "So sue me," Obama said to laughter. As long as House Republicans are "doing nothing, I'm not going to apologize for trying to do something."

Pretend for a moment that George W. Bush had said that. Then imagine what Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., would have said. But it's hard to imagine Bush crying uncle, because he was able to woo across the aisle, even to persuade Hillary Clinton and John Kerry to vote for the Iraq War.

Obama?

"He throws out things he knows we won't go for," noted Don Stewart, spokesman for Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell. Then he grouches when the GOP won't go along.

In the "sue me" speech, Obama railed against the GOP for not supporting a minimum wage increase, paid family leave and pay equity for women — despite his administration's sorry record in that department. Where Obama could garner bipartisan support — approving the Keystone XL pipeline and ending the medical device tax and Obamacare's employer mandate — Stewart added, he is not engaged.

The lawsuit, Boehner wrote in an opinion piece for CNN, would be aimed at Obama's failure at "faithfully (executing) the laws of our country." To wit, the president unilaterally has rewritten parts of his health care law and made recess appointments deemed illegal by the Supreme Court unanimously.

The administration's most well-known act of obstruction is the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival directive.

In essence, the president enacted the DREAM Act — to stop the deportation of unlawful residents who came to the U.S. as minors — without Congress.

(When Obama visits Texas for three fundraisers this week, he

won't go to the border, where thousands of unaccompanied youths have been detained. Spokesman Josh Earnest told reporters, "The president has a very good sense of what's happening on the border." Translation: There's no opportunity to blame the GOP.)

Walter Olson of the libertarian-leaning CATO Institute told me that he likes some things the administration has done unilaterally but that the statutory authority may be "on thin ice." Olson also observed that after years of railing against activist courts, suit-happy Republicans don't quite have the high ground.

Neither does the can't-work-with-others president. As a constitutional law professor, Obama should not need the House Judiciary Committee to tell him, "If the President disagrees with that law, he must convince Congress to change it." Now he's arguing with himself — gearing up to deport children, encouraged by his own directive.

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DEBRA SAUNDERS

# Obama heads to Texas with no plans to visit border

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For President Barack Obama, the humanitarian crisis at the U.S.-Mexico border is increasingly becoming a political liability, giving Republicans a fresh opportunity to question his administration's competence and complicating the debate over the nation's fractured immigration laws.

Still, Obama is resisting calls to visit the border during his two-day fundraising trip to Texas, where he arrives late Wednesday afternoon. Instead, Obama will hold a meeting hundreds of miles away in Dallas to discuss the crisis with faith leaders and Texas officials, including Republican Gov. Rick Perry.

Obama's trip comes one day after he asked Congress for \$3.7 billion in emergency spending to get more resources to the border.

The roundtable discussion in Dallas is seen by the White House as a way to address the immigration issue while avoiding awkward optics at the border. Tens of thousands of unaccompanied children have arrived there in recent months, many fleeing violence in Central America, but also drawn

by rumors that they can stay in the U.S. White House officials say most are unlikely to qualify for humanitarian relief and will be sent back to their home countries.

Obama's decision to skip a border visit is likely to provide more fodder for the Republicans and the handful of Democrats who say the president hasn't responded quickly and forcefully enough to the mounting crisis.

Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Texas, raised the prospect that Obama's failure to take a firsthand look at the border crisis could be akin to former President George W. Bush viewing the devastation of Hurricane Katrina from the air instead of on the ground.

"I'm sure that President Bush thought the same thing, that he could just look at everything from up in the sky, and then he owned it after a long time," Cuellar said on Fox News. "So I hope this doesn't become the Katrina moment for President Obama, saying that he doesn't need to come to the border. He should come down."

Perry, a possible GOP presidential candidate in 2016, has been scathing in his criticism of Obama, saying the White House has failed to respond to his re-

peated warnings about a flood of minors at the border.

"I have to believe that when you do not respond in any way, that you are either inept, or you have some ulterior motive of which you are functioning from," Perry said Sunday.

The president was traveling to Texas from Denver, where he also raised money for Democratic candidates.

Obama spokesman Josh Earnest said the White House wasn't worried about the optics of the president traveling to Texas without visiting the border. Officials also pointed to Obama's request to Congress on Tuesday for additional resources at the border as a sign of the president's engagement in the crisis.

If approved by Congress, the funding would go to increase detention, care and transportation of unaccompanied children, help speed the removal of adults with children by increasing the capacity of immigration courts, and increase prosecution of smuggling networks.

The money also would help increase surveillance at the border and help Central American countries repatriate border-crossers sent back from the United



AP photo

**Republicans are upset that President Barack Obama will not be touring the border while he is in Texas.**

States.

Democrats and some Republicans on Capitol Hill seemed open to the emergency spending request. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said the Senate would act on it this month.

But Republicans criticized Obama for pulling back on plans to pursue legal changes that would allow the administration to send the minors back to Central America more quickly. The proposals had infuriated immigrant advocates, who say the changes could result in

harsh treatment of kids and eliminate their legal protections.

"He just decided not to do that because of the pushback he got from some in his own political base," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas. "We need to solve the problem, but you don't need to just ignore the cause of the current crisis. And that requires more than just appropriating \$3.7 billion for additional judges and the like."

The border crisis has added a new wrinkle to the stalled immigration debate in Washington. With no sign that House

Republicans planned to move forward on a comprehensive overhaul bill passed by the Senate last year, Obama announced that he would seek to address the matter through executive actions.

Republicans say it's that same approach that has led to the current crisis. The GOP argues that Obama's 2012 decision to allow some young people brought to the U.S. illegally to stay in the country has fueled the rumors in Central America that all of the minors crossing the border can stay.

## State Briefs



### 2 replica Columbus ships in Texas to be demolished

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Replicas of two ships used by explorer Christopher Columbus have fallen into disrepair at a Texas museum and will be demolished.

The Corpus Christi City Council on Tuesday learned more about the dire condition of the Pinta and the Santa Maria following a marine survey. The wooden ships are in dry dock at the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History.

City business liaison Alyssa Michelle Barrera cited repair cost concerns.

City staffers will prepare a contract to demolish the ships, which were donated to Corpus Christi by Spain. The ships have been in Texas since the 1990s as part of the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Columbus voyage.

The Columbus Sailing Association will be allowed to salvage parts for another replica in Corpus Christi, the Nina.

### Texas man dies in fall at New Mexico state park

DEMING, N.M. (AP) — Authorities in southwestern New Mexico say a 50-year-old Texas man is dead after falling approximately 75 feet from a mountain in Rockhound State Park southeast of Deming.

The Deming Headlight reports relatives of Scott Allen Coleman of Houston had reported him missing Monday night after he went for a walk that afternoon and never returned.

A Deming Police Department report says family friends located Coleman in the park and that Luna County sheriff's deputies then found Coleman was badly injured after falling.

Responders were carrying Coleman down the mountain when he stopped breathing and could not be revived.

Coleman was in Deming to attend a brother's funeral.

### Boat used in rescue as van goes into Houston bayou

HOUSTON (AP) — Seven construction workers have been rescued from a van that crashed through a highway barrier and plunged into a Houston bayou.

Emergency personnel using a boat and extending a ladder reached the victims Wednesday morning.

Authorities did not immediately release names of the men, who were transported to a hospital to be treated for apparent minor injuries. Officials believe the workers were headed for a construction site when the white van went out of control and hit the water. At one point the seven men were seen on the roof or hanging out of the windows of the van left swamped up to the windows.

Authorities are trying to determine what caused the accident.

### Houston-area deputy charged in drug case

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston-area law enforcement officer has been charged with stealing drugs from dealers and then selling the contraband while on patrol.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office says an undercover investigation led to the arrest of Deputy Christopher Ellis, who's indefinitely suspended.

Jail records show Ellis was being held Wednesday on two counts of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. No attorney was listed for Ellis, who was booked Monday with bond set at \$120,000.

Records show the 31-year-old Ellis, who's been with the sheriff's office since 2010, was a patrol officer and was arrested while on duty.

Prosecutors say Ellis confiscated drugs from dealers and then was nabbed after allegedly selling the illegal items to an undercover officer.

### Mom also charged after

### her toddler's death

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — A North Texas woman whose boyfriend has been accused of killing her toddler daughter faces charges that she helped bury the body under a bridge.

Arlington city jail records show 17-year-old Alexis Botello was being held Wednesday on charges of tampering with evidence and injury to a child.

Botello was arrested Tuesday night with bond set at \$125,000. She joins 20-year-old Joshua Markus Beard in jail. Beard was arrested earlier on a capital murder charge in the death of 18-month-old Tylea Moore.

Police believe the girl was killed Friday in Arlington and her body was buried near Springtown, 40 miles away. Relatives contacted police Sunday when they could not locate the child. Police have said the mother led them to the body.

Jail records don't list attorneys for the couple.

### Austin: 5 hurt in chartered bus, pickup wreck

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Five people have been hurt in a Central Texas traffic accident involving a chartered bus and a pickup truck.

Austin-Travis County EMS reports the wreck happened late Tuesday night on Interstate 35 in Austin. Investigators are trying to determine what caused the accident that slowed overnight traffic along I-35.

Officials say the bus driver was seriously hurt and had to be extricated from the vehicle for transport to a hospital.

Three bus passengers and the driver of the pickup truck have lesser injuries and were also taken to hospitals.

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# Check this out: What's at the library

This is certainly not a new book, but it is very interesting in light of the controversy of re-introducing the wolf back into the Rocky Mountain area. Dayton O. Hyde lives in Oregon and his book takes on the coyote in the wild. "Don Coyote: The Good Times and the Bad Times of a Maligned American Original" (599.744 HYD ND) by Hyde is a heart-warming story of a rancher who befriends not one, but all the coyotes that live on his land.

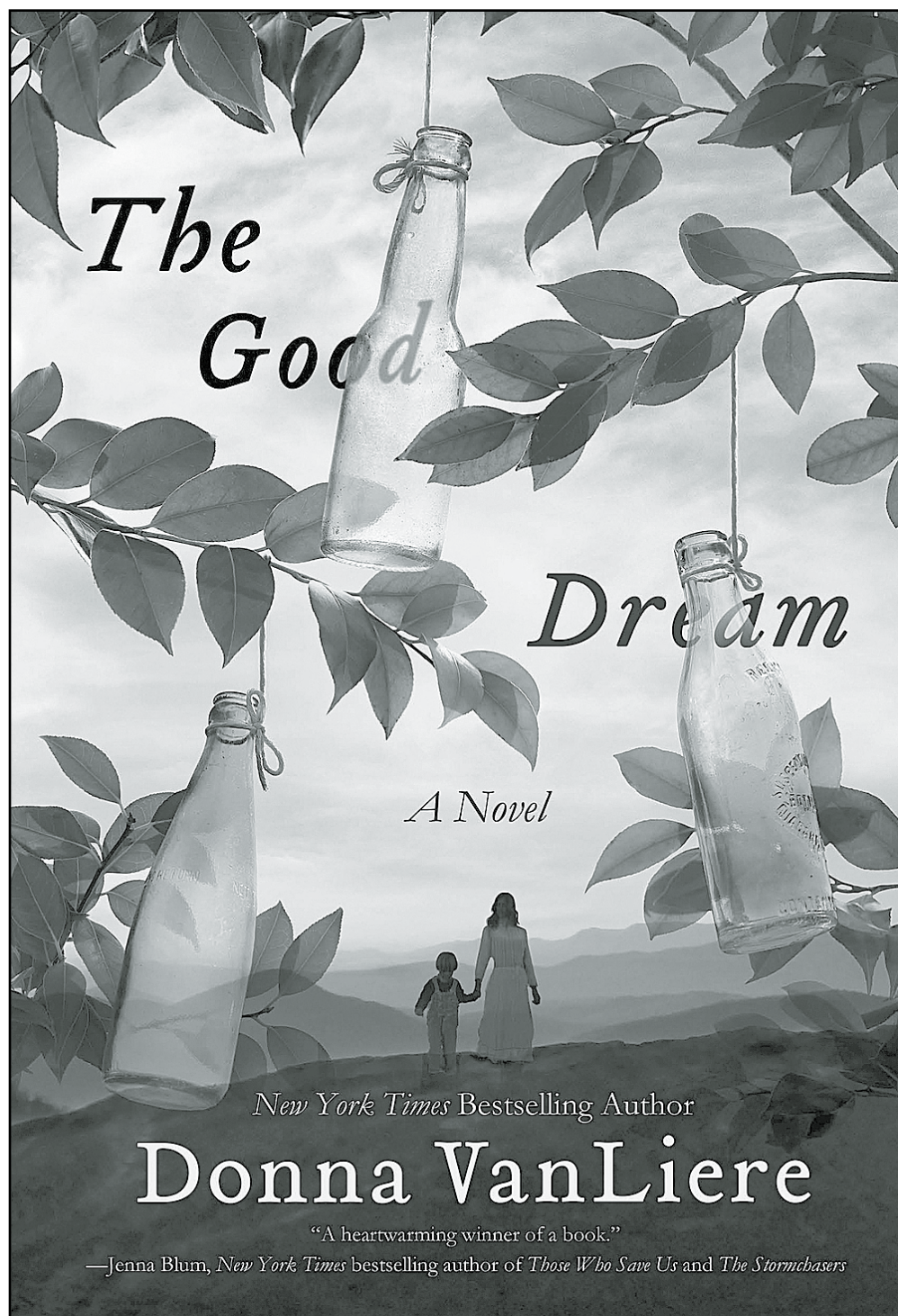


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The stubborn myth that coyotes live to kill sheep and should be killed on sight is exploded by this elegant account of Hyde's kinship with the land, nature and wildlife found on his ranch in Oregon.

On that oppressively hot Monday in August 1966, when former student and Marine Charles Whitman hauled the footlocker of guns to the top of the UT tower and began firing on pedestrians below, he not only killed innocent people, but changed the lives of three people chronicled in "Monday, Monday" (F CRO E) by Elizabeth Crook Shelley, who left her math class and walks directly into the paths of the bullets, and two cousins, Wyatt and Jack, who heroically rush from their classrooms to help the victims will form a relationship that lasts for 40 some-odd years.

Reunited years after the tragedy, they are forced to confront the



the event that changed their lives and affected their children's lives. Cook has explored the way we sustain ourselves when the unspeakable happens and how we process it and then live with the results.

Here are some new AUCD (audio books on CD) just now processed and ready to be checked out. Alex Kava's Maggie O'Dell is a special agent and she is called to a warehouse fire that also had a casualty. Is it something more? Listen to "Fireproof" (AUCD F KAV A) and see what

Maggie will find out.

Here is a Kay Scapetta novel from Patricia Cornwell, "Dust" (AUCD F COR P). Scarpetta is awakened by Detective Pete Marina as a body, oddly draped in an unusual cloth, has been found inside the sheltered gates at MIT. In "Dust" Scarpetta and her colleagues are up against a force more sinister than just a predator killer; it will lead to a much darker world of designer drugs, organized crime and corruption at the highest levels.

In "Midnight Clear" (AUCD F AND M) by Mary Kay Andrews, we have Callahan McGarity and her cleaning crew trying to prove that her trailer-trash brother didn't kill his even trashier estranged wife. This is a great series and while murder is a serious subject, the antics by the cleaning crew are hilarious. "The Good Dream" (AUCD F VAN D) by Donna VanLiere is something quite different. You have Tennessee in the 1950s: Ivorie Walker is still single and in her thirties — an "old maid," a label she takes with a grain of salt and a grin. But when her mother dies and she is left to farm the land by herself, she finds herself

lost in a kind of loneliness she did not expect.

Finding an almost feral boy stealing from her garden, she is determined to find him and save him. As Ivorie steps out of her comfort zone, she also lets loose a ton of secrets in town; and some would like those secrets to stay secret.

Michael Palmer writes medical thrillers and they seem like they could actually come to pass! In "Resistant" (M PAL M), Dr. Lou Welcome is filling in for his boss at a medical convention in Atlanta and he brings his best friend Cap Duncan, with him. Cap badly injures his leg while

running and while surgeons are able to save his leg, the open wound is a breeding ground for a deadly microbial invader that is committed to eating Cap from the inside out (see what I mean? Yuck). At the same time, miles away, a young girl is fighting the same infection.

Turning to the CDC, Lou finds out about a shadowy group called One Hundred Neighbors, which has infiltrated our society and is holding the health institutions hostage and nothing will get in their way.

You see where this is going, don't you? Come and check out "Resistant" and see how our hero does. Will he prevail? Or will we all become victims of the One Hundred Neighbors cartel?

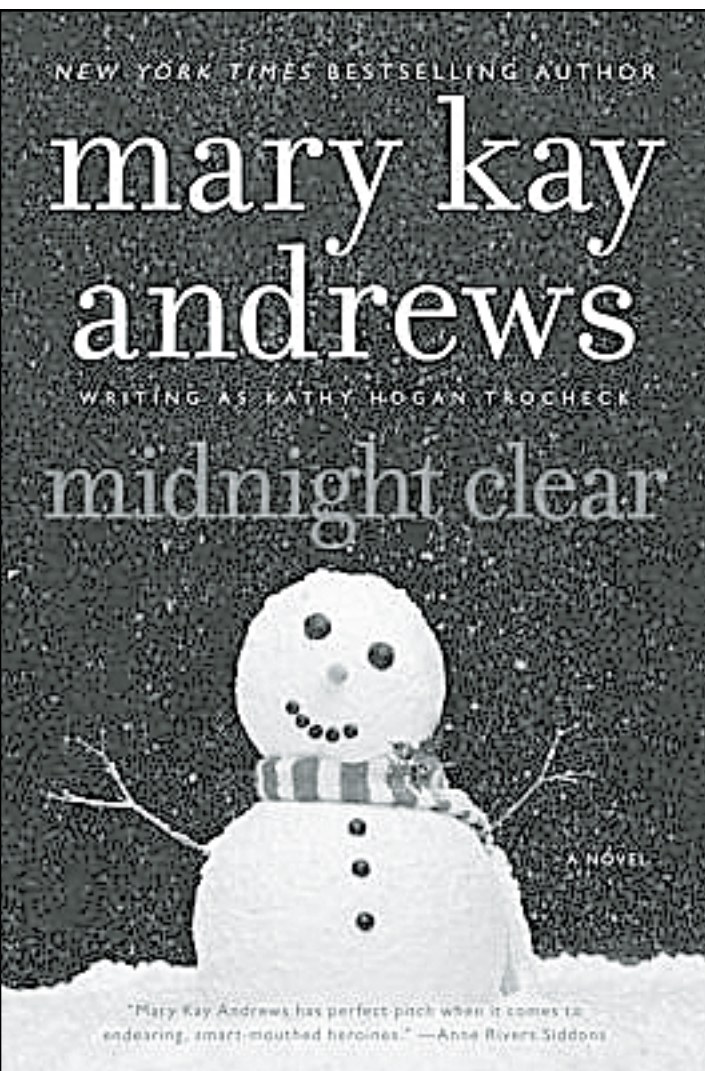
People of a certain age (ahem) can probably remember making lye soap. Granny used bacon grease as I remember, although I can barely remember Mr. Henry butchering a hog and then having crack-

ling bread, so would they have rendered the fat from the hog? I don't know.

Anyway, the library has received a neat book; "Making Soap from Scratch: The Complete Beginner Guide to Natural Handmade Soaps" (688.12 VAU S) by Summer Vautier. I have just glanced through it and it makes me want to go start making my own soap. But I know it is easier to drive to Fredericksburg and go to Jaberwocky and just buy my own. But do check out this book if you want to try soap making; instructions are clear and easy to understand.

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# Steers set to play in state 7-on-7 tourney

By TOMMY WELLS  
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## Big Spring to face La Villa in first round of Pool J action on Thursday in College Station

The Big Spring High School Football Championship game will be played at approximately 4 p.m. The Division II state 7-on-7 championship game will be played at approximately 4 p.m.

Big Spring, coming off an impressive outing during the last three

weeks in 7-on-7 summer passing action, will join more than 60 other high school teams from throughout the state in kicking off play in the 2014 Texas 7-on-7 State Football Championships in College Station on Thursday afternoon. Big Spring, which will

compete in the Division II bracket, is scheduled to play its first contest at 1 p.m. at Veterans' Park and Athletic Complex.

The Steers will begin the tournament by competing in pool play with three other squads, including LaVilla, Princeton and Thorndale. In

all, there are 16 pools featuring four teams.

Big Spring's road to the state 7-on-7 finals will begin with a flurry of games on Thursday afternoon.

The Steers will kick off play at 1 p.m. with a matchup against La Villa. The team will return

to the field at 3 p.m. for a showdown with Princeton, and then close out pool play with a 5 p.m. bout with Thorndale.

The top two teams from each pool will advance to the championship round on Friday morning, while the remaining two teams ad-

vance to the consolation bracket.

The Division II state 7-on-7 championship game will be played at approximately 4 p.m.

Big Spring isn't the only team BSHS fans will be paying attention to at the tournament.

Joining the Steers at the event are new district rivals in Brownwood, Stephenville and familiar rival, the Abilene Wylie Bulldogs.



## Headed for 'Big D'

The Big Spring High School varsity and junior varsity cheerleading squad earned an invitation to the national cheerleading competition with a top-notch effort at the recent NCA camp in Fort Worth. The BSHS squads will travel to Dallas in January for the national meet. Members of the BSHS varsity cheer squad are Brittne Clay, Hannah Alsobrooks, Alexis Garcia, Carlos Ross, Morgan Flores, Emilie Smith, Aliscia Borman, Katie Wash, (bottom) seniors Josh Long, Autumn Minter, Karina Alvarado, Julianna Rodriguez, Alyssa Armentrout and Stevi Ward. Members of the JV squad are Kloe Gang, Mia Oliva, Courtney Berringer, Meagan Magallanes, Courtney Myers, Behak Pearson, Rayna Rodriguez, Kiowa Lesser, Jori Hanlan and Addie Jimenez.

## Sterling testily takes stage in Clippers trial

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Donald Sterling, battling to stop the sale of his beloved Los Angeles Clippers, turned a courtroom into his personal stage, railing at a lawyer questioning him, denouncing doctors who deemed him incompetent and insisting he can get far more than the \$2 billion price offered for the team.

Taking the stand Tuesday in a role he'll resume on Wednesday, Sterling alternately declared his love for his wife, Shelly, with tears and then demeaned her as a woman intimidated by the "bad NBA" and incapable of handling such a large financial transaction.

Sterling, himself a lawyer, exerted his control over the proceedings in the non-jury civil trial

from the moment he took the witness stand and accused lawyer Bert Fields of asking him a compound question. Judge Michael Levanas reminded Sterling that he was appearing as a witness, not an attorney.

Fields, one of the best known entertainment lawyers in Los Angeles, spoke so softly that Sterling complained he couldn't hear him.

"Tell me what you want to accuse me of," Sterling told Fields during a 90-minute afternoon appearance. "Stand up and be a man."

The 80-year-old billionaire also called doctors who've declared he has Alzheimer's disease "hired guns," pleaded a faulty memory about some of his most con-

## Astros hit 3 leadoff homers in 8-3 win over slumping Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Chris Carter is hitting under .200 this season for the Houston Astros. Still, he is hitting the ball hard — and deep.

Carter led off two innings with home runs, George Springer had one inning-starting long ball and the Astros beat the Texas Rangers 8-3 on Tuesday night, getting a game closer to escaping the AL West cellar.

The Astros go for a three-game series sweep on Wednesday after winning only twice in 19 games against Texas last season. They have won four straight overall against their instate rival for the first time since 2002.

"It's just nice to beat them this year," Carter said. "They beat up on us pretty bad last year."

Carter started the sixth with a 409-foot blast into the seats in left field to make it 4-2. Two innings later, his 17th homer of the season was almost as long — but just cleared the wall and the outstretched glove of cen-

ter fielder Leonys Martin for a 6-3 lead.

Nine of Carter's last 17 hits have been homers. It was the third multihomer game this season for the .194 hitter.

"He hits them in bunches. Let's hope this is one of those bunches," manager Bo Porter said. "On the home run to left field, he was getting extension. He's a big, strong man and he's hitting the ball well."

Jose Altuve had two hits, two stolen bases and a sacrifice fly. The All-Star second baseman matched Houston's franchise record with 28 consecutive stolen bases without being caught while pushing his AL-leading total to 41. He leads the American League with 126 hits and a .341 batting average.

Houston went ahead to stay with two runs in the first inning off Phil Irwin (0-1) who was making his Rangers debut.

Brad Peacock (3-5) struck out five while allowing two runs and six hits over 5 2-3 innings.

Except for 21 days, and none past mid-April in either of their two seasons since switching leagues, the Astros have been at the bottom of the five-team AL West. After taking the first two of this three-game set, they are within a game of fourth-place Texas, which has lost nine of its last 10 games — and 17 of 20.

Springer, the rookie center fielder, led off the third with his 18th homer — a 430-foot shot to the hill in center field.

Martin led off the Texas second with his fifth homer before adding a sacrifice fly and a triple. Jake Smolinski had an RBI double in the seventh for his first major league hit.

The Astros loaded the bases with no outs in the first, including Robbie Grossman reaching on a strikeout, before Altuve was picked off third base by catcher Chris Gimenez. Jon Singleton and Matt Dominguez followed with consecutive RBI singles.

Irwin allowed three runs and six hits in four innings.

## BSHS volleyball skills camp is set for July 28

The summer sports camp season will officially get under way in the Crossroads on July 28 when Big Spring ISD hosts its annual volleyball skills camp in the Big Spring Junior High School gym.

The camp, which is open to all athletes in grades 3-9, will run through July 31. The camp is divided into three grade divisions and will operate from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day.

According to camp information, athletes in grades 3-5 will attend the camp from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Students in grades 6-8 will participate from 9:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. Freshmen will attend the camp from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day, officials said.

The cost for the camp is \$25 per person. A T-shirt can also be purchased for \$10.

No checks will be accepted as a method of payment.

## Jay's Bautista added to HR Derby lineup

NEW YORK (AP) — Jose Bautista and Troy Tulowitzki have announced three respective teams for Monday night's Home Run Derby at Target Field.

Joining Bautista on the American League team are Oakland's Yoenis Cespedes, who was last year's Derby winner, Baltimore's

Adam Jones and Brian Dozier of the host Twins.

Tulowitzki will have Miami's Giancarlo Stanton, who entered Tuesday leading the National League in homers, the Dodgers' Yasiel Puig and Cincinnati's Todd Frazier on his side.

"Bunch of guys with a lot of power," Tulow-

itzki said. "More than that, I think they're good guys, got to know them throughout the year."

The final competitor in each league will be announced on Thursday.

Justin Morneau, Tulowitzki's teammate with the Rockies who began his career with the Twins, is a possibil-

ity for the last NL selection.

Morneau is one of five candidates in the online vote for the final spot on the NL All-Star team.

"If he wins that final vote, there's possibly a chance," Tulowitzki said. "I think it would make a story line. Played with the Twins all those years."





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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**Sun and Saturn Rain Rewards**

A strong work ethic will come into play in the current cosmic alignment. The busier you are the luckier you'll be as the sun and Saturn line up to form a good-fortune portal in the sky. The theme is karma, poetic justice and due rewards! Good things coming to hard workers will give the sense that all is right in the universe.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Maybe you can't put your finger on it, but for some reason, you're feeling better about the way your life is going. The trend will continue in the days to come. A spiritual reconciliation is in the works.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). While trying to help a loved one out of a sticky situation, some of the adhesive will rub off on you. It all can be managed if you keep moving. Stay in one place, though, and the glue will dry!

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Memories are treasures you'll take out and polish today. Just be aware that taking this trip through your treasure chest will alter the memories and make the past seem shinier than it really was.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). The shortcuts you see are safe to take as long as you recognize the toll and are willing to pay it when you get to the tollbooth. If you think there is no price to pay, think again.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22).

You don't talk to a dog the way you would a child, and you don't talk to a child the way you would an adult. You have different personas for different situations, and you'll change modes often today.



**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A fellow HOLIDAY earth sign (Taurus, MATHIS Virgo or Capricorn) will shed some light on a problem you've been having -- but of course any Google search can do that. The impressive part is that the earth sign will then take steps to help you solve it.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are on your way to an accomplishment. It's something small that matters pretty much only to you, but matters it does! Grand developments are merely a series of small accomplishments.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Go ahead and spill that unconventional opinion, and you'll learn that the others aren't as far off point as you might have thought. Your's validation in this, which is nice but not necessary.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Stress will block your ability to think things through in a clearheaded process. Thinking clearly means stressing less. Sit down and take things easy. Relax, even if you have to force yourself to do it.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The reason the deaf can dance and even compose is that sound vibrations are experienced in all parts of your body, not just

your ears. Music will bring you joy through and through.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You might disagree, but you don't disrespect. That's why you'll be chosen for an important mission that will help your group work successfully with a vastly different group.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Your adventures with a loved one will be an experience in fusion. Your ideas will run together; the experiences will combine and blur. At times, you will move as one.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (July 9). Brilliant solutions are born of your mental flexibility. August offers liberation. September and November bring moneymaking opportunities not to be missed. You'll sweat and toil first, and later dance and spend -- a celebration of your success. Exciting travels will be featured in December and May. Capricorn and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 24, 31, 28 and 16.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I'm going to visit several art museums with my mother-in-law. She's a Pisces, and I'm a Taurus. I know I'm supposed to be ruled by Venus and have an appreciation for the arts, but I feel uncomfortable in museums and never know what to say or feel about the art. I would rather go to a ball game. Since that's not going to happen, and there are four museum visits in my near future, can you give me any advice? I'm dreading this trip."

Right now, you're looking at your trip to the museum as a performance you're supposed to give, and that's why you're so concerned about having the right reaction to the right art. You'll tap into your natural Venus-ruled nature when you become more selfish about the experience. What if the museum was assembled just to delight you? What if it was put out like a grand buffet, and you're not expected to eat all of the food, but only to pick out what appeals to you? What if the museum was created just to surprise you? You fare best when you go in expecting nothing of yourself or the artwork. Instead of challenging yourself to have the "right" reaction, challenge the art to genuinely move you.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Actor and producer Tom Hanks has a full schedule of big-budget projects in his lineup, including the highly anticipated television mini-series "Lewis and Clark" and the wartime tale "Ithaca," based on William Saroyan's 1942 novel, "The Human Comedy." Hanks was born when the sun and Mercury were both in intuitive Cancer and the moon, Uranus and Pluto were in entertaining Leo.

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**Annie's Mailbox**

Dear Annie: The current "fad" of gluten-free products is both beneficial and harmful to those of us who must follow a gluten-free diet because of celiac disease. On one hand, it's easier to find gluten-free foods. But on the other hand, those of us with celiac disease are looked upon as if we are simply food faddists. Here are some of the problems we face:

Restaurants are more aware of the need to serve gluten-free meals, but are often sloppy in their attempts to avoid cross-contamination, not being aware of the extreme importance of "not even a crumb."

When a hostess declares a dish to be gluten-free, does she understand the restrictions of wheat, rye and barley? Will she be kind to us if we question her recipes? Will she be offended if we decline to partake?

When we are at a dinner, we often hear such ignorant comments as, "Are you trying to improve your athletic performance?" or "Go ahead, a little won't hurt you. Don't be so fussy."

Can you help educate the public about the difference between celiac disease, which necessitates a gluten-free diet for medical reasons, and those who are simply making a personal choice? -- Cheryl in Pennsylvania

Dear Cheryl: No one should treat eating restrictions as a "fad," because you never know who truly has a serious problem. In people with celiac disease, eating anything with gluten triggers an immune response. It can damage the small intestine and make it difficult to absorb nutrients from food. Left untreated, celiac disease can lead to anemia, osteoporosis and lymphoma. In children, celiac disease can slow growth and weaken bones. There is often a genetic component. On the other hand, some folks are simply gluten sensitive. Eating gluten may make them uncomfortable or tired, and when they cut gluten out of their diet, they feel more energetic. "Cheating," however, will not cause the severe symptoms of celiac disease.

Dear Annie: I read your response to "Not a Christian," who objected to a breakfast gathering that started with the blessing "in Jesus' name." You said it was inappropriate. I suspect the majority of the people in that room find comfort in this blessing, and the rest probably don't care. Why offend many to make a very few happy? People like this are intolerant and selfish. If this person finds this blessing so

offensive, he should move to another community or keep his mouth closed for the duration of the blessing. -- Karen from Wyoming

**Dear Wyoming:** We know many find these blessings comforting, but others do not. Why offend anyone? This is not a religious gathering. It does not require a public prayer from any denomination, and it's certainly not for the majority religion to impose its beliefs on the rest, no matter how few. Those who wish to give a blessing of any kind can do so at their own table instead of insisting on offering a prayer on behalf of others who would rather you didn't. Here's a truly tolerant solution:

Dear Annie: Many years ago, when I was a member of an international service organization, we began each of our meetings with a prayer. I, too, felt the same as "Not a Christian." So when I became president, I went to a bookstore and purchased a book that included prayers and readings from all denominations, including atheism and non-traditional religions. At each meeting, I chose a different prayer or inspirational message to read.

The members felt that this was very informative and learned a little bit each week about different religions. Perhaps this would be a solution to others. -- Betsy in N.J.

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**Sudoku Answer On Page 3**

**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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	3		6		4		7	8	
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**Contract Bridge**  
By Steve Becker  
**Steeplechase**

West dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ J  
♥ 7 4 3  
♦ J 7  
♣ A K 7 5 4 3 2

**WEST**  
♠ 10 9 4  
♥ A 10 8 5 2  
♦ Q 5 4 3  
♣ 6

**EAST**  
♠ K Q 8 5 3  
♥ J 6  
♦ 10 9 8 6  
♣ Q 10

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 7 6 2  
♥ K Q 9  
♦ A K 2  
♣ J 9 8

The bidding:  
West North East South  
Pass 3♣ Pass 3NT  
Opening lead — five of hearts.

Everyone is familiar with the story of the Trojan horse, and the adage about what not to do with a gift horse. Then too, there is the horse of a different color, and just plain horse sense. All of these apply in one way or another to today's deal.

North-South would have been better off in five clubs, which was a shoo-in, but South very reasonably bid three notrump. All would have been well had South had the queen or six of clubs. As it was, though, a natural block in the club suit prevented declarer from running the suit.

After taking East's jack of hearts with the king, South paused for thought. If he ducked a club and East won the trick, a heart return would sink the contract if West had started with five hearts. This did not appeal to South, a man who did not like taking second money.

So declarer decided to try to enlist West's aid in untangling the clubs. At trick two, he crossed to the king of clubs and returned a heart to the nine, losing to West's ten. South expected West to now cash his good hearts, on one of which he would discard a club from his hand to unblock the suit.

But after West took the ten and cashed the ace, he also paused to think things over. He was well-versed in horse stories, and he thought this smelled suspiciously like at least a couple of them.

So, instead of cashing another heart, he shifted to the ten of spades, and South's well-conceived plan bit the dust. Regardless of how he continued, he could not score more than seven tricks, so East-West ended up plus 200 — and that ain't hay!

Tomorrow: A tough combination to beat.  
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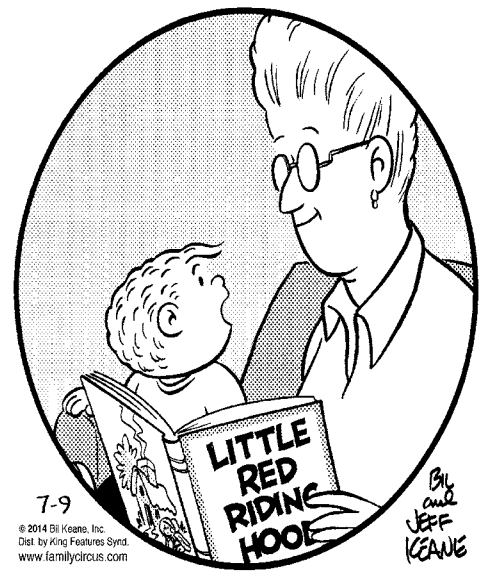
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**DENNIS THE MENACE**



My two best friends, Joey and Gina... and this is Margaret, the girl next door.

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** By Bil Keane

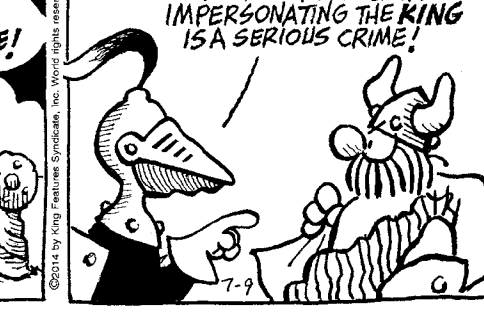


Grandma, remember never to open your door to strangers OR wolves.

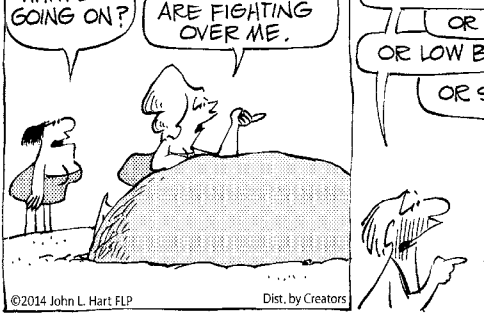
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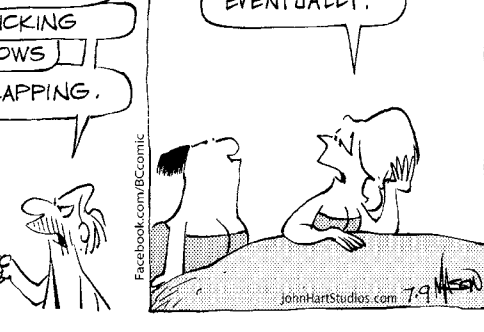
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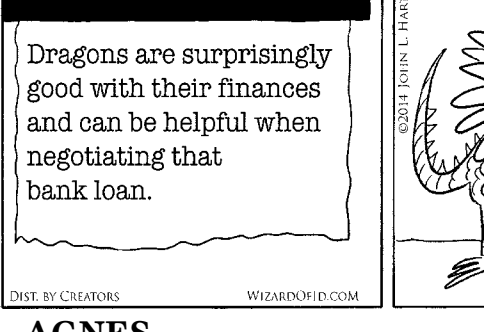
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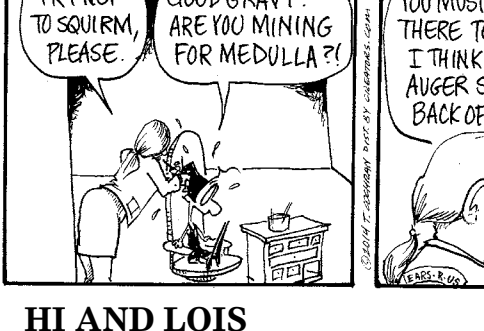
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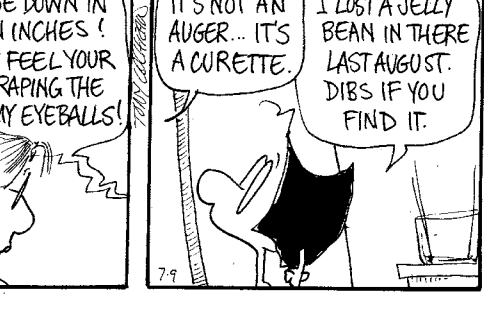
**HI AND LOIS**



**THE OTHER COAST**



**SNUFFY SMITH**



**BEEBLE BAILEY**



**THE GENERAL**



**This Date In History**

Today is Wednesday, July 9, the 190th day of 2014. There are 175 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On July 9, 1944, during World War II, American forces secured Saipan as the last Japanese defenses fell. On this date: In 1540, England's King Henry VIII had his 6-month-old marriage to his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves, annulled. In 1776, the Declaration of Independence was read aloud to Gen. George Washington's troops in New York.

In 1816, Argentina declared independence from Spain. In 1850, the 12th president of the United States, Zachary Taylor, died after serving only 16 months of his term. (He was succeeded by Millard Fillmore.) In 1896, William Jennings Bryan delivered his famous "cross of gold" speech at the Democratic national convention in Chicago. In 1918, 101 people were killed in a train collision in Nashville, Tennessee. The Distinguished Service Cross was established by an Act of Congress. In 1938, Supreme Court Justice Benjamin Cardozo died in Port Chester, New York, at age 68. In 1943, during World War II, the Allies launched Operation Husky, the invasion of Sicily. In 1964, United Airlines Flight 823, a Vickers Viscount 745D, crashed in Tennessee during a flight from Philadelphia to Huntsville, Alabama, after a fire broke out on board; all 39 occupants were killed.

Answer to previous puzzle

BEADS	HOGS	CAPE
RUNAT	AHEM	ODES
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**Newsday Crossword**

ODD ONE IN by Fred Piscop Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Trimmed back
  - 6 Envelope part
  - 10 Color of Santa's suit
  - 13 Upper-crust group
  - 14 Fancy fringe
  - 15 \_\_\_ Lee cakes
  - 16 Student pilot's milestone
  - 18 Persia, today
  - 19 More minuscule
  - 20 Heartfelt
  - 22 Eliot-inspired musical
  - 24 See eye to eye
  - 25 Autobiography
  - 29 Move on all fours
  - 32 Decathlon segment
  - 33 Impatient person's question
  - 34 List-ending abbr.
  - 38 Shut securely
  - 39 In the future
  - 40 Neighbor of Oahu
  - 41 Artist Warhol
  - 42 Like a wet noodle
  - 43 Gelatin shapers
  - 44 Hot trend
  - 46 "Anything you want"
  - 47 Seaweed-wrapped fare
  - 50 Marsh plant
  - 52 Ohio college
  - 55 Emit, as heat
  - 60 Young lady
  - 61 Masked man of westerns
  - 63 Just \_\_\_ (not much)
- DOWN**
- 1 Pain in the neck
  - 2 Healing plant
  - 3 Make angry
  - 4 School on the Thames
  - 5 Budgetary shortage
  - 6 Trifle (with)
  - 7 Hang back
  - 8 Pain in the neck, perhaps
  - 9 Antifur org.
  - 10 More uncommon
  - 11 Wipe clean
  - 12 *The Divine Comedy* author
  - 15 Certain unmarried parent
  - 17 Shakespearean king
  - 21 Uncooked
  - 23 Conniving person
  - 25 City near Phoenix
  - 26 Smooth out
  - 27 Anthropologist Margaret
  - 28 One without siblings
  - 30 Realize, as profits
  - 31 In addition
  - 33 Expert
  - 35 "Tall" story
  - 36 German auto
  - 37 Roster
  - 39 \_\_\_ carte menu
  - 43 Frantic rush
  - 45 River: Sp.
  - 46 Within earshot
  - 47 *Cosmos* author Carl
  - 48 Form an alliance
  - 49 Scarecrow filling
  - 51 Standing tall
  - 53 Music-score symbol
  - 54 Cross one's fingers
  - 56 Ancient Peruvian
  - 57 Improves in the cask
  - 58 Camp shelter
  - 59 Art Deco artist
  - 62 Zilch

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# Moore tops WNBA All-Star ballot

NEW YORK (AP) — Brittney Griner is thrilled to have a chance to play in her first WNBA All-Star game. The location makes it even more special.

"It means everything," Griner said. "Being here in Phoenix, playing in front of the home crowd, that's awesome."

Griner was among the starters in the Western Conference when the league unveiled the lineups for the July 19 game on Tuesday night. She will play alongside Mercury teammate Diana Taurasi, Tulsa's Skylar Diggins, Los Angeles' Candace Parker, and Minnesota's Maya Moore, who was the

leading vote-getter. "It's great to be honored and appreciated by so many people across the world and to want to continue to have my game match that appreciation and play well," Moore said.

Griner missed the All-Star game last season while she recovered from a left knee injury. Now she gets a chance to make her All-Star game debut when the WNBA holds the event in Phoenix for the second time.

The Mercury's 6-foot-8 star said she has something special planned for the game, but didn't want to give it away just yet.

She hopes fellow sec-

ond-year player Elena Delle Donne will be able to join her in Phoenix. Delle Donne, who was the leading vote-getter in the Eastern Conference, has been sidelined with a flare-up of Lyme Disease and has only played once for Chicago in the past 10 games.

"It is really sad that she's dealing with this right now," Griner said of Delle Donne. "We all want her better. I hate that she's going to miss the All-Star game again."

Delle Donne missed last year's All-Star game when she suffered a concussion a few days before the contest.

Joining the Chicago

star in the Eastern Conference starting lineup are New York's Cappie Pondexter, Indiana's Tamika Catchings, and Atlanta's Shoni Schimmel and Angel McCoughtry.

Schimmel will become just the third reserve to start an All-Star game, according to STATS. Sue Wicks did it in 2000 and Ruthie Bolton in 2001.

Schimmel is the third straight first-year player to be voted to start an All-Star game.

"For the fans to go out and vote, I definitely have to give it to them. For them to have my back and sit there and vote for me every day is just something they took pride in."

# Big-serving Isner wins on grass courts

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) — John Isner rode his fierce serve to another victory on Newport's grass courts, defeating Wayne Odesnik 6-3, 7-6 (6) Tuesday to reach the second round of the Hall of Fame Tennis Championships.

The 6-foot-10 Isner had 19 aces — with one serve topping 137 mph — and only two double-faults in raising his career record at Newport to 14-3.

"I'm glad that I'm here and hopefully I

can keep it going," he said. "I've had good memories here in the past."

Isner's serves were so overpowering that a handful of them bounced into the seats. At one point in the opening set, Odesnik looked at a fan seated in the first row and said, "I need to borrow your seat to return his serve."

Isner, the highest-ranked American at No. 12, won at Newport 2011 and 2012. He is seeded first at Newport.

# Scoreboard

**BASKETBALL**  
**WNBA**

**Eastern Conference**

W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	13	5	.722 —
Indiana	9	10	.474 4½
Connecticut	9	11	.450 5
Chicago	8	10	.444 5
New York	7	11	.389 6
Washington	7	12	.368 6½

**Western Conference**

W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	13	3	.813 —
Minnesota	14	6	.700 1
San Antonio	10	9	.526 4½
Seattle	8	12	.400 7
Los Angeles	7	11	.389 7
Tulsa	7	12	.368 7½

**Tuesday's Games**  
Atlanta 83, Connecticut 71  
Indiana 78, Tulsa 76  
Minnesota 83, Los Angeles 72

**Wednesday's Games**  
Washington at Chicago, 12:30 p.m.  
Seattle at Phoenix, 3:30 p.m.  
New York at San Antonio, 8 p.m.

**Beard, Los Angeles, 2,892; Riquana Williams, Tulsa, 1,844; Tanisha Wright, Seattle, 1,361**

**Frontcourt: x-Maya Moore, Minnesota, 28,389; x-Candace Parker, Los Angeles, 23,555; x-Brittney Griner, Phoenix, 18,432; Nneka Ogumike, Los Angeles, 10,697; Kayla McBride, San Antonio, 10,192; Janel McCarville, Minnesota, 8,210; Candice Dupree, Phoenix, 7,844; Glory Johnson, Tulsa, 6,261; DeWanna Bonner, Phoenix, 5,183; Rebekkah Brunson, Minnesota, 4,707; Courtney Paris, Tulsa, 3,568; Jayne Appel, San Antonio, 3,475; Crystal Langhorne, Seattle, 3,221; Sophia Young-Malcolm, San Antonio, 2,534; Camille Little, Seattle, 2,290; Jantel Lavender, Los Angeles, 2,114; Jordan Hooper, Tulsa, 1,963; Shekinna Stricklen, Seattle, 1,798**

**National League**

**East Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	48	40	.545 —
Atlanta	49	41	.544 —
Miami	44	46	.489 5
New York	41	49	.456 8
Philadelphia	39	51	.433 10

**Central Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	52	39	.571 —
St. Louis	49	42	.538 3
Cincinnati	48	42	.533 3½
Pittsburgh	47	43	.522 4½
Chicago	38	51	.427 13

**West Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	51	41	.554 —
San Francisco	49	41	.544 1
San Diego	40	50	.444 10
Colorado	38	53	.418 12½
Arizona	38	54	.413 13

**Tuesday's Games**  
Cincinnati 4, Chicago Cubs 2, 1st game  
Baltimore at Washington, ppd., rain  
Detroit 14, L.A. Dodgers 5  
N.Y. Mets 8, Atlanta 3  
Cincinnati 6, Chicago Cubs 5, 2nd game  
Philadelphia 9, Milwaukee 7  
St. Louis 5, Pittsburgh 4  
Colorado 2, San Diego 1  
Miami 2, Arizona 1  
Oakland 6, San Francisco 1

**Wednesday's Games**  
L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 11-4) at Detroit (Scherzer 10-3), 1:08 p.m.  
San Diego (Stults 3-11) at Colorado (Jurrjens 0-1), 3:10 p.m.  
Miami (Eovaldi 5-4) at Arizona (Collmenter 7-5), 3:40 p.m.  
Washington (Fister 7-2) at Baltimore (B.Norris 7-5), 7:05 p.m.  
Atlanta (E.Santana 7-5) at N.Y. Mets (Gee 3-1), 7:10 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs (Beeler 0-1) at Cincinnati (Simon 11-3), 7:10 p.m.  
Philadelphia (R.Hernandez 3-8) at Milwaukee (Lohse 9-3), 8:10 p.m.  
Pittsburgh (Cumpton 3-2) at

St. Louis (Lynn 9-6), 8:15 p.m.  
Oakland (Hammel 0-0) at San Francisco (M.Cain 1-7), 10:15 p.m.

**Texas League**

**North Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
NW Arkansas	9	9	.500 —
Arkansas	8	10	.444 1
Springfield	7	11	.389 2
x-Tulsa	7	11	.389 2

**South Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	11	7	.611 —
Midland	10	7	.588 ½
Corpus Christi	10	8	.556 1
x-Frisco	9	8	.529 1½

x-clinched first half

**Tuesday's Games**  
No games scheduled

**Wednesday's Games**  
San Antonio at Midland, 7:30 p.m.  
Corpus Christi at Frisco, 8:05 p.m.  
Arkansas at Tulsa, 8:05 p.m.  
Northwest Arkansas at Springfield, 8:10 p.m.

Montreal 1 1 2 32 38  
Toronto 1 1 2 69 60  
Ottawa 0 1 0 28 36  
Hamilton 0 2 0 34 59

**West Division**

W	L	Pts	PF	PA	
Edmonton	2	0	4	55	44
Winnipeg	2	0	4	81	49
Calgary	1	0	2	29	8
Saskatchewan	1	1	2	46	50
B.C.	0	2	0	29	51

**Friday's Games**  
Winnipeg at Montreal, 7 p.m.  
Ottawa at Edmonton, 10 p.m.

2. Recalled RHP Phil Irwin from Round Rock (PCL).

**National League**

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Sent OF Mark Trumbo to Reno (PCL) for a rehab assignment.  
ATLANTA BRAVES — Sent RHP Pedro Beato to Gwinnett (IL) for a rehab assignment.  
CHICAGO CUBS — Recalled LHP Tsuyoshi Wada from Iowa (PCL).  
CINCINNATI REDS — Placed 1B Joey Votto on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Sunday. Reinstated C Brayan Pena from paternity leave. Recalled LHP David Holmberg from Louisville (IL). Sent 3B Jack Hannahan to Dayton (MWL) for a rehab assignment.  
COLORADO ROCKIES — Sent OF Carlos Gonzalez to Colorado Springs (PCL) for a rehab assignment. Recalled UTL Kyle Parker from Colorado Springs. Optioned LHP Yohan Flanede to the Colorado Springs.  
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Placed RHP Josh Beckett on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Monday. Recalled RHP Pedro Baez from Albuquerque (PCL).  
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Sent LHP Francisco Liriano to Indianapolis (IL) for a rehab assignment.  
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Sent 2B Marco Scutaro to Fresno (PCL) for a rehab assignment.

**BASKETBALL**

**National Basketball Association**

MINNESOTA TWINS — Placed RHP Ricky Nolasco on the 15-day DL. Recalled C-OF Chris Herrmann from Rochester (IL).  
NEW YORK YANKEES — Optioned RHP Bruce Billings to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).  
SEATTLE MARINERS — Designated C John Buck for assignment. Agreed to terms with RHP Brett Ash on a minor league contract. Recalled C Jesus Sucre from Tacoma (PCL).  
TAMPABAY RAYS — Optioned LHP Jeff Beliveau to Durham (IL). Reinstated RHP Jeremy Hellickson from the 15-day DL and LHP Cesar Ramos from paternity leave.  
TEXAS RANGERS — Placed RHP Nick Martinez on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July

**WNBA All-Star Game**  
Game: July 19 at Phoenix  
Released July 8 (x-starter)

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

Guards: x-Shoni Schimmel, Atlanta, 25,601; x-Cappie Pondexter, New York, 10,104; Ivory Latta, Washington, 9,932; Briann January, Indiana, 8,717; Courtney Vandersloot, Chicago, 7,504; Katie Douglas, Connecticut, 7,318; Epiphanny Prince, Chicago, 6,006; Kara Lawson, Washington, 5,064; Shavonte Zellous, Indiana, 4,399; Anna Cru, New York, 2,753; Matee Ajavon, Atlanta, 2,727; Allison Hightower, Connecticut, 1,863

Frontcourt: x-Elena Delle Donne, Chicago 26,129; x-Angel McCoughtry, Atlanta, 17,562; x-Tamika Catchings, Indiana, 13,939; Erika de Souza, Atlanta, 12,859; Chiney Ogumike, Connecticut, 11,980; Tina Charles, New York, 9,796; Jessica Breland, Chicago, 5,841; Sylvia Fowles, Chicago, 5,072; Sancho Lyttle, Atlanta, 4,615; Eriana Larkins, Indiana, 3,970; Marissa Coleman, Indiana, 3,344; Emma Meesseman, Washington, 2,981; Kelsey Bone, Connecticut, 2,239; Kelsey Griffin, Connecticut, 2,209; Kia Vaughn, Washington, 2,047; Monique Currie, Washington, 1,818; Essence Carson, New York, 1,710; Plenette Pierson, New York, 1,533

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

Guards: x-Diana Taurasi, Phoenix, 19,404; x-Skylar Diggins, Tulsa, 17,937; Seimone Augustus, Minnesota, 16,143; Lindsay Whalen, Minnesota, 13,691; Sue Bird, Seattle, 8,210; Becky Hammon, San Antonio, 6,663; Danielle Robinson, San Antonio, 4,685; Erin Phillips, Phoenix, 3,895; Kristi Toliver, Los Angeles, 3,485; Alana

**BASEBALL**

**American League**

**East Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	49	40	.551 —
Toronto	48	44	.522 2½
New York	45	44	.506 4
Tampa Bay	42	51	.452 9
Boston	39	51	.433 10½

**Central Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	49	37	.570 —
Kansas City	46	43	.517 4½
Cleveland	44	45	.494 6½
Chicago	44	47	.484 7½
Minnesota	40	49	.449 10½

**West Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	57	33	.633 —
Los Angeles	52	37	.584 4½
Seattle	49	41	.544 8
Texas	38	52	.422 19
Houston	38	54	.413 20

**Tuesday's Games**  
Cleveland 5, N.Y. Yankees 3  
Baltimore at Washington, ppd., rain  
Detroit 14, L.A. Dodgers 5  
Chicago White Sox 8, Boston 3  
Tampa Bay 4, Kansas City 3  
Houston 8, Texas 3  
Oakland 6, San Francisco 1  
Toronto 4, L.A. Angels 0  
Minnesota 2, Seattle 0

**Wednesday's Games**  
L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 11-4) at Detroit (Scherzer 10-3), 1:08 p.m.  
Toronto (Stroman 4-2) at L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 8-6), 3:35 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees (McCarthy 0-0) at Cleveland (Tomlin 5-6), 7:05 p.m.  
Washington (Fister 7-2) at Baltimore (B.Norris 7-5), 7:05 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox (Sale 8-1) at Boston (R.De La Rosa 2-2), 7:10 p.m.  
Kansas City (Ventura 6-7) at Tampa Bay (Cobb 4-6), 7:10

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**AmericanProfile**

# Scolari apologizes for team's World Cup failure

BELO HORIZONTE, Brazil (AP) — Brazil coach Luiz Felipe Scolari apologized to fans for failing to lead the host to the World Cup final, saying the "catastrophic" defeat to Germany on Tuesday marked the "worst day" of his professional life.

"I have to apologize for the negative result, for not being able to reach the final as we all wanted," Scolari said, speaking calmly after the humiliating 7-1 loss.

Scolari took full responsibility for the drubbing, and said he knows that it's very

likely that his career may be defined by what happened at the Mineirao Stadium — even though he also led Brazil to the 2002 World Cup title.

"Naturally, if I think about my life as a player and as a coach, I think this was the worst day of my life," Scolari said. "I know I'll probably be remembered for losing 7-1 to Germany, for Brazil's worst loss. But it was a risk I knew I was taking. I have to take responsibility for it. Life must go on for everybody."

The coach said he has to find a way to learn from the

"catastrophic loss" in front of the home crowd. He said there are "no excuses" for what happened, not even the absence of star striker Neymar, who was ruled out of the tournament because of a fractured vertebra sustained late in the match against Colombia in the quarterfinals.

"They (Germany) probably would have done it with Neymar playing," Scolari said. "I don't think there's any reason for us to suppose that with Neymar it would have been different."

He said the "very high qual-

ity" of Germany was the reason for Brazil's disappointing elimination at the home tournament.

"They took advantage of their chances, they are very good," he said.

Scolari was vivid on the sideline as Brazil pressured Germany in the first few minutes. After Brazil conceded the third goal, he kept asking players to be calm, but as the Germans scored for the fifth time, the coach sat down on the bench and only sparingly came back to the sideline.

"It was one after the other, I

think everyone blanked out," Scolari said. "There was nothing we could do. We panicked."

Scolari declined to discuss his future, and the president of the Brazilian football confederation has always said that Scolari would remain as head of the national team no matter what.

However, the coach is unlikely to remain with Brazil after Saturday's third-place match in Brasilia. He had said in the past that he would like to retire after coaching in the World Cup.

## Ray Barreno making transition from Div. I basketball to NMJC

After a tough freshman season at Tulane, former Faith Christian Academy men's basketball player Ray Barreno is getting settled in his new home at New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs.

Barreno, who led Faith Christian Academy to a back-to-back Texas Christian League Athletic League titles during his last two years of high school, decided to leave Tulane after playing just 20 minutes in seven games for the Green Wave.

"It was a frustrating year at Tulane," Barreno said. "I thought I would get more time on the floor and I thought I worked hard and I thought I did some good things in practice. But

the decision to transfer was tough and I found a good home. New Mexico Junior College has a lot of tradition and I knew the coaches because they recruited some of my teammates at Faith Christian. I'm going to work hard at NMJC and work on every part of my game. I want to help NMJC win a national title and I want to work hard to sign with a Division I school again."

New Mexico Junior College went 27-7 last season and made the national tournament, going 1-1. Barreno will also reunite with former high school teammates Rene Esparza and Ruben Macias at NMJC.

"It's great to have Ray on the team," said Es-

parza, who himself is a Division I prospect. "I've been playing with Ray for a long time and he's a great player. He always works hard and he's going to help us win a national title here at NMJC and I know his future his bright."

Barreno has already received interest from Morehead State, Albany and St. Louis, all Division I schools.

"We'll see how things are going during the season as well," Barreno said. "I just know that wherever I wind up, I'm going to work hard and give that program the very best effort. There are different options out there and I just have to be patient in my choice and pick the best school possible."

## Froome drops out of Tour de France

ARENBERG, France (AP) — Defending champion Chris Froome has dropped out of the Tour de France after crashing in rainy, slick conditions in the fifth stage on Wednesday.

A day after hurting his wrist in a crash in the

fourth stage, Froome fell again at around the halfway mark of the 152.5-kilometer (94.5-mile) route from the Belgian town of Ypres to Arenberg-Porte du Hainaut in France.

The Team Sky rider then climbed into a

team car and left the race.

The withdrawal of the main pre-race favorite leaves the three-week cycling showcase wide open.

Italy's Vincenzo Nibali is wearing the leader's yellow jersey.

## Mickelson seeks prep at Scottish Open

ABERDEEN, Scotland (AP) — From Darren Clarke in 2011 to Phil Mickelson in 2013, the last three winners of the British Open have honed their links-course game at the Scottish Open a week earlier.

So perhaps it's no surprise that trend has lured many top players to the northern tip of Scotland, not just for a tilt at the \$850,000 top prize but also for some practice of the type of shots that will be required at the year's

third major at Hoylake.

Mickelson is a Scottish Open regular who won the tournament last year.

He will face competition from the likes of Rory McIlroy, Justin Rose, Luke Donald and Jimmy Walker.

## Darvish struck in head during batting practice

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — All-Star pitcher Yu Darvish checked out OK after being struck on the top of the head by a batted ball while throwing in the outfield during batting practice Tuesday.

The Texas Rangers said Darvish was examined by team physician Dr. Keith Meister before Tuesday night's game against Houston, and that "everything appears to be OK."

Darvish is expected to make his scheduled

start Wednesday night in the series finale against the Astros. But the Rangers said Darvish would be re-evaluated before the game as a precaution.

Responding on Twitter to an article about the incident, Darvish indicated that he was OK. He resumed throwing a few minutes after the incident.

Darvish had just made a throw when he was struck by the batted ball. Clearly

stunned, the Japanese ace dropped into a squat momentarily before getting up, wiping his brow and appearing to check his head with his fingers. He then put his cap back on and finished his throwing session off flat ground in right field.

Rangers left-hander Derek Holland was shagging balls in front of Darvish. The ball glanced off Holland's glove before hitting Darvish.

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