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## Council slates tax rate hearing

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

The time to talk is now. Big Spring's city council will hold the first of two scheduled public hearings on the city's proposed tax rate, and, if what happened two weeks ago is any indication, there is likely to be plenty of comments to go around.

Two men were rebuffed at the Aug. 11 city council meeting when they attempted to lodge their objections to the new tax rate, which has been tentatively set at 77 cents per \$100 property valuation. Mayor Larry McLellan said no public comment would be allowed until the public hearings.

Nevertheless, one man, Scott Emerson, insisted on addressing the council, which led to a sharp exchange between him and the mayor and Emerson's eventual ejection from council chambers. A second man, T.J. Stewart, also wanted to address council on the issue, but left on his own accord after being denied by the mayor.

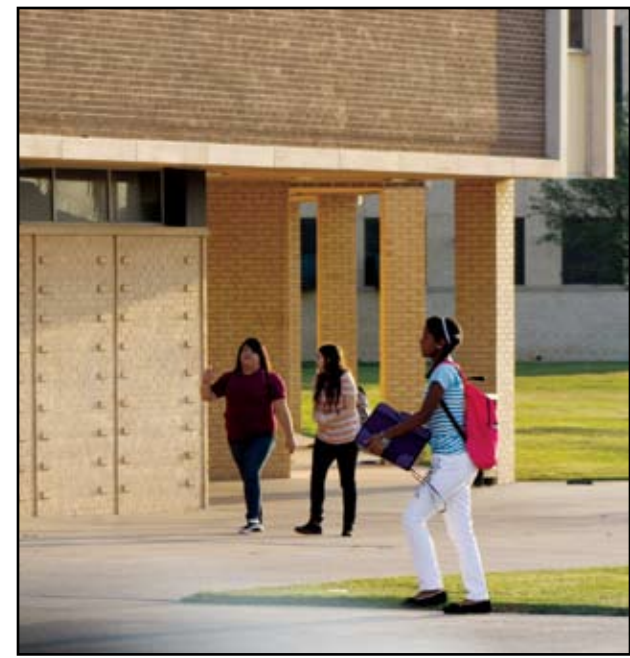
All the past drama, however, should be academic Tuesday, with McLellan and the council promising the public

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**Howard County public school students returned to classes today as the new school year began. At left, Joyce Douglas shepherds students on a crosswalk at Goliad Elementary; at right, students begin arriving at Big Spring High School.**

## Back to school



HERALD photos/Julie Bass

## Stocks plunge in early trading

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — U.S. stock markets plunged in early trading Monday following a big drop in Chinese stocks. The Dow Jones industrial average fell more than 1,000 points in early trading and the Standard & Poor's 500 index fell into correction territory, that's Wall Street jargon for a drop of 10 percent or more from a recent peak. Treasuries surged as investors

bought less risky assets. Growing concerns about a slowdown in China had already shaken markets around the world on Friday, driving the U.S. stock market sharply lower. A big sell-off in Chinese stock on Monday caused the rout to continue. The Dow was 668 points, or 4.1 percent, lower as of 9:57 a.m. Eastern time. The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 81 points, or 4.2 percent, to 1,889. The Nasdaq composite

fell 211 points, or 4.4 percent, to 4,496 points. China's main index sank 8.5 percent amid fears over the health of the world's second-largest economy. Oil prices, commodities and the currencies of many developing countries also tumbled on concerns that a sharp slowdown in China might hurt economic growth around the globe. See **STOCKS**, Page 3



**Congressman Randy Neugebauer**

## Neugebauer talks crowded GOP field, Iran nuke deal

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

On at least one issue, Randy Neugebauer is distancing himself from several of his fellow Republicans.

"I have an important announcement to make — I'm not running for president," he joked.

Neugebauer (R-Lubbock), who represents Big Spring in the U.S. House of Representatives, discussed the swollen field of candidates seeking the GOP presidential nomination — along with other issues — during a Friday visit to Big Spring.

There are currently 17 men and women seeking the Republican nomination, and while Neugebauer isn't listing any favorites, he said he identifies with the current state of that campaign.

"When I first ran for Congress,

there were 17 Republican candidates," he said. "So I've been there and done that."

The most interesting take-away from the campaign, he said, was that the current front-runners are not exactly establishment darlings.

"The top three in the polls right now are Donald Trump, Ted Cruz and Ben Carson," Neugebauer said. "Two of those men have never held public office, while Cruz only recently was elected to the Senate. What I'm seeing from that is that people are finding non-traditional candidates very appealing."

Neugebauer doesn't expect any significant winnowing of the field until after the Super Tuesday primaries next spring.

"Those primaries will cost candi-

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Obituaries

Agustin V. Gaitan Sr.



Agustin V. Gaitan Sr., 67, of Big Spring, died Friday, August 21, 2015, at his residence. His vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Agustin was born March 17, 1948, in Big Spring to Cristina and Juan Gaitan. He married Anita Rodriguez on January 24, 1970, in Big Spring. He was a veteran of the Army. Agustin served in Germany and then the National Guard for 19 years. He received the Sharpshooter Award for the M-14 and M-16, and the National Defense Service Medal. He was a pumper for Amoco, Citation and Apache.

He was an avid hunter and bow hunter, and loved playing golf. He loved his kids, grandkids and great-grandkids. He is survived by his wife, Anita Gaitan of Big

Spring; two daughters, Sylvia Cansino and her husband, Hector, of Big Spring and Trini Patrick and her husband, Russell, of Midland; two sons, Agustin Gaitan Jr. of Big Spring and Richard Gaitan of San Antonio; two sisters, Audelia Morales and her husband, Carlos, of Dallas and Helen Gomez and her husband, Jose, of San Antonio; one brother, Juan Gaitan Jr. of Middleton, Ohio; 13 grandchildren, Jacqueline, Anastacia, Gloria, Victoria, Alexis G., Anthony, Shawn, Tristan, Alyssa, Justin, Andrea, Alexis C., and Shania; and three great-grandchildren, Adrian, Jaelyn and Cori.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Luis Gaitan; one grandchild, Paul Patrick; and one great-grandchild, Alicia Cruz.

Pallbearers will be Tim Waters, John Ed Ezell, Paul Bedwell, Bobby Lang, Kenny Duffer and Justin Herrington. Honorary pallbearers will be Cody Thrasher, Cory Ramey and Craig Norman.

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

Paid obituary

Elizabeth Bowman



Elizabeth D. "Liza" Bowman, 95, of Big Spring, died Saturday, August 22, 2015, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, August 27, 2015, at St Mary's Episcopal Church.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, August 26, 2015, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Liza was born, March 4, 1920, in Richmond, Va. and married Ed W. Bowman September 25, 1949, in Albuquerque,

N.M. He preceded her in death May 3, 1988.

She was a member of the St. Mary's Episcopal Church and worked extensively for the Big Spring Detox Center.

She is survived by three grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Sue Ann Meyers; parents, Dr. David and Lucy (Warren) Dunkley; and her sister, Dorothy Franklin.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at: www.npwelch.com

Police/Sheriff

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

- REBEKAH ANNE OVERTON, 37, of 600 Driver Road 9 was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.
- CRISTO REY GUTIERREZ-GARZA, 32, of 1104 Monticello was arrested on charges of tampering with government records.
- VIANCA MARINA JASSO, 23, of 5025 Abilene, Texas was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- NORBERTO HERNANDEZ, 24, of 1526 Oak St. Apt 5 Solvang, Calif. was arrested on charges of public intoxication.
- THEFT was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80, the 1700 E. 3rd St., the 100 block of Scout Hut Rd., the 200 block of W. FM 1700 and the 1100 block of N. Lamesa Hwy.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1200 block of Wood St. and the 700 block of W. FM 700.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1800 block of S. Gregg St.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 300 block of Texas Ave.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium Ave.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1000 block of E. 13th St. and the 100 block of S. Mosslake Rd.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE

was reported in the 1200 block of E. 17th St.

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.
- PHILLIP CHESTER ALDERS, 25, was booked by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest detention with a vehicle or watercraft.
- JAMES R. BOWERS JR., 20, was booked by the DPS on charges of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.
- BENTURA GONZALES CHAVARRIA, 34, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for fail to display or display expired vehicle inspection certificate, violate promise to appear, driving while license invalid, fail to maintain financial responsibility and two counts of failure to appear.
- DESTINY LASHAE GILLIAM, 20, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for no driver's license.
- NORBERTO HERNANDEZ, 24, was booked by the HCSO on charges of public intoxication.
- CRISTO REY GUTIERREZ-GARZA, 32, was booked by the BSPD on charges of tamper with government records.
- VIANCA MARINA JASSO, 23, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for motion to revoke probation-possession of marijuana.
- JASON EARNEST KEY, 32, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication.

- REBEKAH ANNE OVERTON, 37, was booked by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated.
- TAYLOR JAMES PERRY, 25, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for fail to maintain financial responsibility.
- SPENCER MARLON RANSOM, 19, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for minor in consumption of alcoholic beverage, violate promise to appear and charges of fail to identify fugitive intent give false information.
- LAVARUS TARION RICHARDS, 26, was booked by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest detention with a vehicle.
- DIEGO RIVERA-RIVERA, 44, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication.
- RICKEY LAMAR ROEBUCK, 58, was booked by the DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated.
- ERIS DESHANDI THOMAS, 20, was booked by the DPS on charges of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.
- KESSANDRA URBINA, 24, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for fail to appear - possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram, bondsman off bond - possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram AND NISI/possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.
- STEVEN DANIEL WAREHIME, 28, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for two counts of motion to revoke - forgery financial instrument.

Support Groups

- TUESDAY
- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.
  - This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.
  - For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at 806-785-0942
  - VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- WEDNESDAY
- RSD (Reflex Symptomatic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a 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-

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 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.
- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls). Open meeting at 7 p.m.
- A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Wright St.

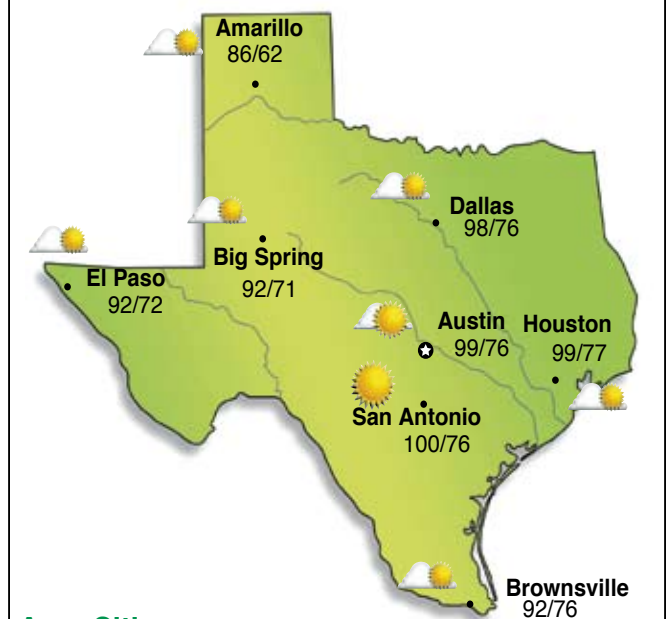
D Ball

D Ball, 84, of Sand Springs, died Sunday, August 23, 2015, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast				
Tue 8/25	Wed 8/26	Thu 8/27	Fri 8/28	Sat 8/29
<b>92/71</b> Partly cloudy skies. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. High 92F.	<b>94/71</b> Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>96/71</b> More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>97/73</b> More sun than clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>98/72</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:15 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:20 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:16 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:19 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:17 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:18 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:17 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:16 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:18 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:15 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities			National Cities		
City	Hi	Lo Cond.	City	Hi	Lo Cond.
Abilene	94	72 pt sunny	Kingsville	97	75 mst sunny
Amarillo	86	62 pt sunny	Livingston	98	74 pt sunny
Austin	99	76 mst sunny	Longview	97	69 t-storm
Beaumont	96	72 t-storm	Lubbock	88	67 pt sunny
Brownsville	92	76 pt sunny	Lufkin	96	73 t-storm
Brownwood	96	71 pt sunny	Midland	94	74 pt sunny
Corpus Christi	95	78 pt sunny	Raymondville	95	76 pt sunny
Corsicana	98	75 pt sunny	Rosenberg	98	75 pt sunny
Dallas	98	76 pt sunny	San Antonio	100	76 sunny
Del Rio	101	76 mst sunny	San Marcos	101	76 mst sunny
El Paso	92	72 pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	95	72 t-storm
Fort Stockton	95	71 pt sunny	Sweetwater	92	71 pt sunny
Gainesville	93	68 pt sunny	Tyler	98	73 t-storm
Greenville	95	72 pt sunny	Weatherford	96	72 pt sunny
Houston	99	77 pt sunny	Wichita Falls	90	68 pt sunny

Moon Phases			
First	Full	Last	New
Aug 22	Aug 29	Sep 5	Sep 13

UV Index				
Tue 8/25	Wed 8/26	Thu 8/27	Fri 8/28	Sat 8/29
<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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# Take note

• Big Spring Chapter No. 60 Rainbow Girls and pledges are invited to an evening of fun, food and games at 7:15 p.m., Sept. 8, 2015. All girls between the age of seven to 18 and their parents are welcome to come. For more information about the service group, call Howard Steward at 432-935-0582 or Eunice Thixton at 432-270-4847.

• The Big Spring High School Class of 2017 will hold a ragball tournament Sept. 5-6 at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex.

Each team must have a minimum of 10 players. Co-ed teams will be comprised of five boys and five girls (16 and under teams have no co-ed requirement).

Cost is \$10 per player, and registration will be held prior to the beginning of play Sept. 5.

For more information, contact Kellie Wash at 432-213-3206.

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-7960.

• Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

• A hungry child cannot learn. Food2Kids-Big Spring was created to provide nutrition for hundreds of children who do not get a substantial meal on the weekends.

F2K began last November and this volunteer program now serves more than 300 children weekly. Once the need has been identified, F2K fills a sack of food to send home each Friday during the school year. You can help. Volunteers are needed and donations can be sent to Food2Kids - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721. For more information call, Muffet Bomar 432-935-3998 or Peggy Hopper

214-773-6775.. Find us on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids](http://www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids)

• An account has been set up at Western Bank (account number 1017623) for Blantyn Gusman and Zachary Duncan, who were seriously injured in an accident.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit [www.BecomeaCASA.org](http://www.BecomeaCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://www.casawtx.org).

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

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

• The Howard College Music program is offering a season ticket allowing a person to gain entrance to all of its performances for the season including guest solo recitals, chamber concerts and all student recitals as well. The ticket is \$50 for the general public and \$40 for Howard College faculty. The 2015-2016 season is expected to feature from 15 to 20 concerts from up and coming professional musicians including concerts for trombone, brass quintet, flute, clarinet, two trumpets, cello, piano, tuba, solo and group voice recitals, saxophone quartet, a trio featuring cello, trumpet and piano. To reserve a ticket, call 432-264-5145, e-mailing Kiley at [dkiley@](mailto:dkiley@)

[howardcollege.edu](http://howardcollege.edu) or e-mailing Wills at [ewills@howardcollege.edu](mailto:ewills@howardcollege.edu).

• For information on Garrett Parrish's condition, or to post messages of support, visit his Facebook page (#GPSTRONG). Parrish was seriously injured in a sledding accident.

• An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for Briana Mendoza to help with medical cost. Briana was recently diagnosed with cancer.

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

• The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

• The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol or smoking. We are handicapped-accessible. Cost is \$8 per person.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you.

For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

## COUNCIL

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their input will not only be welcomed, but needed.

"We value your in-

put (and) we try to do the best we can for the citizens, but we can't do that unless we hear from you," McLellan said.

The proposed tax rate is slightly more than 8 cents lower than the expiring levy. However,

because of a sharp increase in local property valuations, it is estimated to bring in about \$160,000 more in tax revenue than the current rate, City Finance Director Donald Moore said.

Most of that increased revenue is being earmarked for city reserve funds, which have been used to make up for recent budgetary shortfalls, he noted.

"We have had more expenditures than reve-

nue the past few years," Moore said. "Our (reserves) have been going down, and they will continue to go down in this new budget. All this will do is decrease the speed in which our reserves go down."

In other business Tuesday, the council will consider approval of the minutes from the most recent meeting of the Economic Development Corp.'s board of directors meeting.

## GOP

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dates a lot of money ... so whoever gets their organizations together and running well by that time should do well," he said.

Even then, there might still be enough viable candidates to cause the first truly contested Republican convention in decades.

"I don't know that we'll

see a clear-cut winner by next July," he said. "In that case, we could be looking at a brokered convention."

Even if the eventual nominee is the result of a fractured convention, Neugebauer said it is imperative the party unite behind its standard-bearer.

"What the party must decide is that whoever we agree upon, we have to get behind them," he said. "The consequenc-

es if we don't are unacceptable."

Among the other topics Neugebauer discussed during his visit was his opposition to the pending treaty between the United States and Iran which is designed to reduce the Middle Eastern country's ability to develop nuclear weapons.

Neugebauer says the pact falls far short of that goal.

"What Iran gets to do is pursue their nuclear

program; this really doesn't stop them," he said. "In addition, this treaty frees up a lot of their frozen assets ... When you bring nuclear capability to the Middle East ... it adds that much more instability to the region, and it could start an arms race.

"Everyday, we learn more about this deal, and everyday there's more we don't like," he added.

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## STOCKS

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The Shanghai index suffered its biggest percentage decline since February 2007, with many China-listed companies hitting their 10 percent downsides limits. The benchmark has lost all of its gains for 2015, though it is still more than 40 percent above its level a year ago.

Underlying the gloom in China is the growing conviction that policymakers and regulators may lack the means to staunch the losses in that nation. The country is facing a slowdown in economic growth, the banking system is short of cash and investors are pulling money out

of the country, experts note.

"There is a lot of fear in the markets," said Bernard Aw, market strategist at IG.

China's dimming outlook is drawing calls for more economic stimulus from Beijing, though earlier government efforts to stop the sell-off in stocks appear to have done little to stabilize markets.

The bloodletting spread across Asia earlier, where Japan's Nikkei fell 4.6 percent, its worst one-day drop since in over two and a half years. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index fell 5.2 percent, Australia's S&P ASX/200 slid 4.1 percent and South Korea's Kospi lost 2.5 percent.

Those declines followed tumbles over the

weekend in emerging markets such as Egypt, Dubai and Saudi Arabia.

The panic has underscored the scale of the challenge for Chinese leaders in seeking to curb excess investment and guide the economy toward a more sustainable pace of growth.

"My biggest concern is that global growth momentum is very fragile. The most important step is to see China take further action to try to bring their economy to a 7 percent growth path," said Rajiv Biswas, Asia-Pacific chief economist for IHS.

In currency trading, the dollar was at 119.99 yen on Monday, down from 122.05 yen on Friday. The euro rose to \$1.1517 from \$1.1388.

Currencies fell hard in developing economies — particularly those that rely heavily on the export of commodities and oil, both of which China is a big consumer. The Russian ruble dropped 2.3 percent to a seven-year low.

In commodity markets, benchmark U.S. crude dropped \$2.14 to \$38.29 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It fell 87 cents a barrel on Friday. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils used by many U.S. refineries, fell \$2.50 to \$42.96 a barrel.

**Pastor Billy Guy**  
invites you to come worship with us at **Big Spring Full Gospel Fellowship** as **Rick Gordon** ministers to us in music, song and Word on **Sunday, April 26, 2015** at **10:30 a.m. and again at 6:00 p.m.**

We are located at **309 South Benton Street** in Big Spring.

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### Napoli, Gimenez hit HRs as Rangers top Tigers 4-2

DETROIT (AP) — The Texas Rangers only outscored the Detroit Tigers by two runs in this weekend's four-game series, but they are taking home a three victories and a third on the second American League wild spot.

"That's a tough ball club, so it is extremely important to win a series like this on the road," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said after Sunday's 4-2 win.

"These guys know what is in front of them and where they want to go."

The Rangers, who have won nine of their last 11 games, started the day with a half-game lead over the Angels in the wild card standings, with Baltimore another half-game back.

Cole Hamels (7-8) got the win, allowing two runs on eight hits and two walks over six innings. He struck out two. Shawn Tolleson, the third Rangers reliever, pitched the ninth for his 25th save.

Rookie Matt Boyd (1-4) gave up three runs on five hits and three walks in six innings. Boyd was acquired from Toronto in last month's David Price trade.

"He had a little trouble throwing strikes, especially early on, but I think the overall results weren't too bad," Tigers manager Brad Ausmus said. "He was able to get us through six innings and keep the score down."

After scoring 25 runs in a two-game sweep of the Cubs at Wrigley Field, the Tigers only managed nine against Texas, including five in three straight losses to end the series.

Ian Kinsler bristled when asked about De-

troit's inconsistent offense, especially after the battered pitching staff held Texas to 11 runs in the series.

"If you look at the numbers we're top of the league, offensively, in a lot of categories," he said. "Are we supposed to produce six runs every game? Is that how baseball works?"

The Tigers took a 1-0 lead in the second after a terrible throw by Shin-Soo Choo. With Kinsler on first, Miguel Cabrera to right. Kinsler challenged Choo's strong arm, and the throw sailed over third baseman Adrian Beltre and Hamels before slamming into the lip of the dugout roof. Kinsler was awarded home and Cabrera ended up on second.

Gimenez tied the game in the third with a homer to left, but Jose Iglesias put Detroit back in front with a fourth-inning RBI single.

Beltre and Banister were both ejected in the fifth inning in an odd sequence. Home plate umpire Adam Hamari ejected Beltre from the dugout for arguing balls and strikes. That brought Banister onto the field for a lengthy argument.

After Banister returned to the bench, Beltre began arguing with first base umpire Ron Kulpa despite multiple signals from Kulpa to vacate the dugout. Part of the argument stemmed from the fact that the Rangers felt Prince Fielder, who



AP photo

Texas Rangers' Mike Napoli celebrates with Rowned Odier after hitting a solo home run against the Detroit Tigers during the eighth inning of a baseball game at Comerica Park, Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015, in Detroit.

was taking the day off, should have been ejected instead of Beltre.

"My teammate over there (Fielder) was the one who said something — he even said, 'It was me, 84,' but I guess I was the ugly one and got thrown out," Beltre said. "I don't know if he confused 84 with 29, we're always wrong, the players. Umpires are always right."

Eventually, Kulpa ejected Banister, bringing him back onto the field for a more heated argument.

"When Beltre found out he had been ejected, he continued to yell at me about being ejected," Kulpa said. "Banister didn't get him into the locker room, so at that point, Banister was ejected."

An inning later, the

short-handed Rangers took the lead. Boyd hit Choo with an 0-2 pitch, and Elvis Andrus, who had entered the game for Beltre, followed with a bunt single. He appeared to hurt himself hitting the bag, but stayed in the game.

Mitch Moreland followed with a double to right that scored both runners, although Andrus wasn't running well.

Napoli made it 4-2 with a homer in the eighth, the first allowed by Blaine Hardy in 84 2-3 innings dating back to June 27, 2014.

"I remember the last one," said Hardy, who has only given up two homers in his career. "It was a walk-off homer to Jason Bourgeois in Houston. That's baseball. Nobody's perfect."

Castro also hit a walk-off homer in Houston on Sunday in a 3-2 win over the Dodgers.

#### TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: Fielder and Andrus were out of Sunday's lineup for regularly scheduled days off, although Andrus had to cut his short after Beltre's ejection.

Tigers: RHP Shane Greene is expected to miss the remainder of the season due to a pseudoaneurysm in his throwing shoulder. The weakened blood vessel has caused loss of feeling in his middle finger, and he will be examined by a thoracic surgeon this week.

#### UP NEXT

Rangers: Texas is off Monday before starting a three-game series with Toronto.

Tigers: Detroit was

scheduled for an off day in the middle of a seven-game homestand, but will now travel to Cincinnati to make up a game that was rained out on June 18. Buck Farmer (0-2, 8.39) will start for the Tigers, while Keyvius Sampson (2-1, 3.18) goes for Cincinnati.

#### TEXAS MAIZE AND BLUE

Banister, Hamels, Fielder and Derek Holland drove to Ann Arbor on Saturday to meet with Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh and his team, the second day in a row that Holland made the trip. He and Banister both returned with one of Michigan's distinctive helmets, which several players wore while running pass routes in the outfield before Sunday's game.

### Dallas' visit to Bay Area reminder of host's woes

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Long black hair swinging from his helmet, 303-pound defensive lineman Mike Purcell intercepted Dustin Vaughan's pass and returned it 37 yards for a touchdown to help the San Francisco 49ers beat the Dallas Cowboys 23-6 on Sunday night.

Purcell, a practice-squad player in 2013 and for all but the final two games last season, provided the highlight

again after his six-tackle day in an Aug. 15 preseason opener loss at Houston.

Dallas quarterback Tony Romo's day was done after one three-and-out series then the Cowboys turned to Brandon Weeden, who left with a possible head injury.

The Cowboys were expected to be cautious with Romo and Co. at Levi's Stadium, where the troublesome grass held up after causing concern for

coach Jason Garrett and owner Jerry Jones.

Craig Dahl also added an interception for San Francisco against third-stringer Vaughan. Quinton Patton blocked a fourth-quarter punt by Tom Hornsey and scooped it up in the end zone for a 49ers touchdown.

Dallas avoided a shut-out when fourth-string QB Jameill Showers threw an 8-yard touchdown pass to

Nick Harwell in the waning moments.

Colin Kaepernick's targets are still finding their way.

Torrey Smith had the ball in his hands for a would-be 7-yard touchdown in the corner of the end zone before Corey White knocked it loose and had to settle for a 25-yard field goal by Phil Dawson.

Dawson added a 33-yarder to start the second quarter. Smith, overthrown by Kaep-

ernick in the first preseason game, will have to come through when the games count. He faces huge expectations as one of San Francisco's biggest acquisitions under general manager Trent Baalke. He signed a five-year contract that includes \$22 million in guaranteed money and could be worth as much as \$40 million.

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### Scoreboard

<b>BASEBALL</b> <b>AMERICAN LEAGUE</b> <b>East Division</b> W L Pct GB Toronto 69 55 .556 — New York 68 55 .553 ½ Baltimore 62 61 .504 6½ Tampa Bay 62 62 .500 7 Boston 56 68 .452 13 <b>Central Division</b> W L Pct GB Kansas City 75 48 .610 — Minnesota 63 61 .508 12½ Detroit 59 64 .480 16 Chicago 58 64 .475 16½ Cleveland 58 65 .472 17 <b>West Division</b> W L Pct GB Houston 69 56 .552 — Texas 64 59 .520 4 Los Angeles 63 61 .508 5½ Seattle 57 67 .460 11½ Oakland 54 71 .432 15 <b>Saturday's Games</b> N.Y. Yankees 6, Cleveland 2 Minnesota 3, Detroit 3 Texas 5, Detroit 3 Kansas City 6, Boston 3 Houston 3, L.A. Dodgers 1 Tampa Bay 5, Oakland 4 Toronto 15, L.A. Angels 3 Chicago White Sox 6, Seattle 3, 10 innings <b>Sunday's Games</b> Cleveland 4, N.Y. Yankees 3 Texas 4, Detroit 2 Kansas City 8, Boston 6 Minnesota 4, Baltimore 3, 12 innings Houston 3, L.A. Dodgers 2, 10 innings Toronto 12, L.A. Angels 5 Oakland 8, Tampa Bay 2 Seattle 8, Chicago White Sox 6 <b>Monday's Games</b> Cleveland (Kluber 8-13) at Chicago Cubs (Lester 8-9), 2:05 p.m. Houston (Feldman 5-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Eovaldi 13-2), 7:05 p.m. Detroit (Farmer 0-2) at Cincinnati (Sampson 2-2), 7:10 p.m. Baltimore (U.Jimenez 9-7) at Kansas City (Medien 1-0), 8:10 p.m. Boston (J.Kelly 6-6) at Chicago White Sox (Samardzija 8-9), 8:10 p.m. Oakland (Doubont 1-1) at Seattle (Iwakuma 5-2), 10:10 p.m. <b>Tuesday's Games</b> Houston (Keuchel 14-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Nova 5-5), 7:05 p.m. L.A. Angels (Weaver 5-9) at Detroit (Simon 11-7), 7:08 p.m. Milwaukee (W.Peralta 4-7) at Cleveland (Tomlin 1-1), 7:10 p.m. Minnesota (E.Santana 2-4) at Tampa Bay (Karns 7-5), 7:10 p.m. Toronto (Buehrle 13-6) at Texas (D.Holland 1-1), 8:05 p.m. Baltimore (Mi.Gonzalez 9-9) at Kansas City (D.Duffy 6-6), 8:10 p.m. Boston (Miley 10-9) at Chicago White Sox (Quintana 7-10), 8:10 p.m. Oakland (Chavez 7-12) at Seattle (Montgomery 4-6), 10:10 p.m. <b>NATIONAL LEAGUE</b> <b>East Division</b> W L Pct GB New York 67 56 .545 — Washington 62 61 .504 5 Atlanta 53 71 .427 14½ Miami 50 74 .403 Philadelphia 50 74 .403 17½ <b>Central Division</b> W L Pct GB St. Louis 78 45 .634 — Pittsburgh 74 48 .607 3½ Chicago 71 51 .582 6½ Milwaukee 53 72 .424 26 Cincinnati 51 71 .418 26½ <b>West Division</b> W L Pct GB Los Angeles 67 56 .545 — San Francisco 66 58 .532 1½ Arizona 62 61 .504 5 San Diego 61 63 .492 6½ Colorado 49 73 .402 17½ <b>Saturday's Games</b> Chicago Cubs 9, Atlanta 7 Pittsburgh 3, San Francisco 2 Washington 6, Milwaukee 1 Arizona 11, Cincinnati 7 Houston 3, L.A. 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Dodgers (A.Wood 8-8) at Cincinnati (Jo.Lamb 0-1), 7:10 p.m. Milwaukee (W.Peralta 4-7) at Cleveland (Tomlin 1-1), 7:10 p.m. Pittsburgh (Morton 8-4) at Miami (B.Hand 3-3), 7:10 p.m. St. Louis (Jai.Garcia 5-4) at Arizona (Corbin 3-3), 9:40 p.m. Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 15-6) at San Francisco (M.Cain 2-3), 10:15 p.m. <b>TRANSACTIONS</b> <b>BASEBALL</b> <b>American League</b> <b>BALTIMORE ORIOLES</b> — Sent 1B Steve Pearce to Bowie (EL) for a rehab assignment. <b>BOSTON RED SOX</b> — Optioned RHP Matt Barnes to Pawtucket (IL). Recalled RHP Jonathan Aro from Pawtucket. <b>HOUSTON ASTROS</b> — Optioned OF Preston Tucker to Fresno (PCL). Recalled RHP Lance McCullers from Corpus Christi (TL). <b>LOS ANGELES ANGELS</b> — Optioned RHP Nick Tropeano to Salt Lake (PCL). Assigned 3B Conor Gillaspie outright to Salt Lake. Recalled OF Grant Green from Salt Lake. <b>SEATTLE MARINERS</b> — Designated RHP Fernando Rodney for assignment. Optioned RHP Danny Farquhar to Tacoma (PCL). Selected the contract of RHP Logan Kensing from Tacoma. Recalled LHP Roenis Elias from Tacoma. <b>TEXAS RANGERS</b> — Placed INF Adam Rosales on unconditional release waivers. <b>National League</b> <b>ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS</b> — Optioned LHP Keith Hessler to Reno (PCL). Recalled LHP Matt Reynolds from Reno. <b>CINCINNATI REDS</b> — Placed LHP Manny Parra on the 15-day DL. Designated RHP Donn Roach for assignment. Recalled RHP Collin Balester from Louisville (IL). <b>COLORADO ROCKIES</b> — Optioned RHP Justin Miller to Albuquerque (PCL). Designated RHP Rafael Betancourt for assignment. Selected the contract of RHP Simon Castro from Albuquerque (PCL). Recalled RHP Jairo Diaz from Albuquerque. Reinstated RHP Brooks Brown from the 15-day DL and optioned him to Albuquerque. <b>PITTSBURGH PIRATES</b> — Placed 1B/OF Travis Ishikawa on the 15-day DL. Reinstated INF Jordy Mercer from the 15-day DL. <b>WASHINGTON NATIONALS</b> — Agreed to terms with 3B Scott Sizemore on a minor league contract. <b>American Association</b> <b>JOPLIN BLASTERS</b> — Signed LHP Frank Del Valle. Released RHP Steven Chapter. <b>ST. PAUL SAINTS</b> — Signed RHP Danny Gutierrez. <b>Atlantic League</b> <b>LONG ISLAND DUCKS</b> — Reinstated IF Randy Ruiz to the active list. <b>Frontier League</b> <b>FLORENCE FREEDOM</b> — Signed OF Josh Henderson. <b>TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS</b> — Signed RHP Rob Blanc. <b>FOOTBALL</b> <b>National Football League</b> <b>DETROIT LIONS</b> — Activated OT LaAdrian Waddle and DE Jason Jones from the PUP list. Signed TE Deon Butler, LB Justin Cherocci and DE Erik Williams. Released WR Jarrod Haggins and S Taylor Mays. <b>HOCKEY</b> <b>National Hockey League</b> <b>LOS ANGELES KINGS</b> — Agreed to terms with D Christian Ehrhoff on a one-year contract.			
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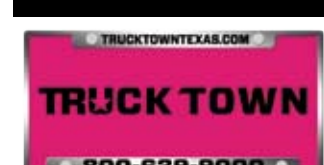
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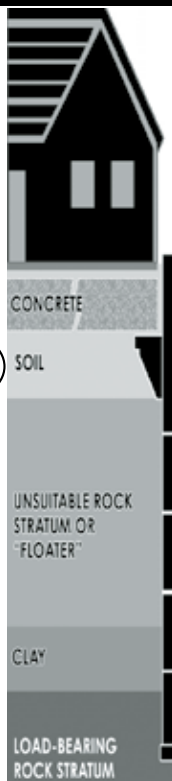
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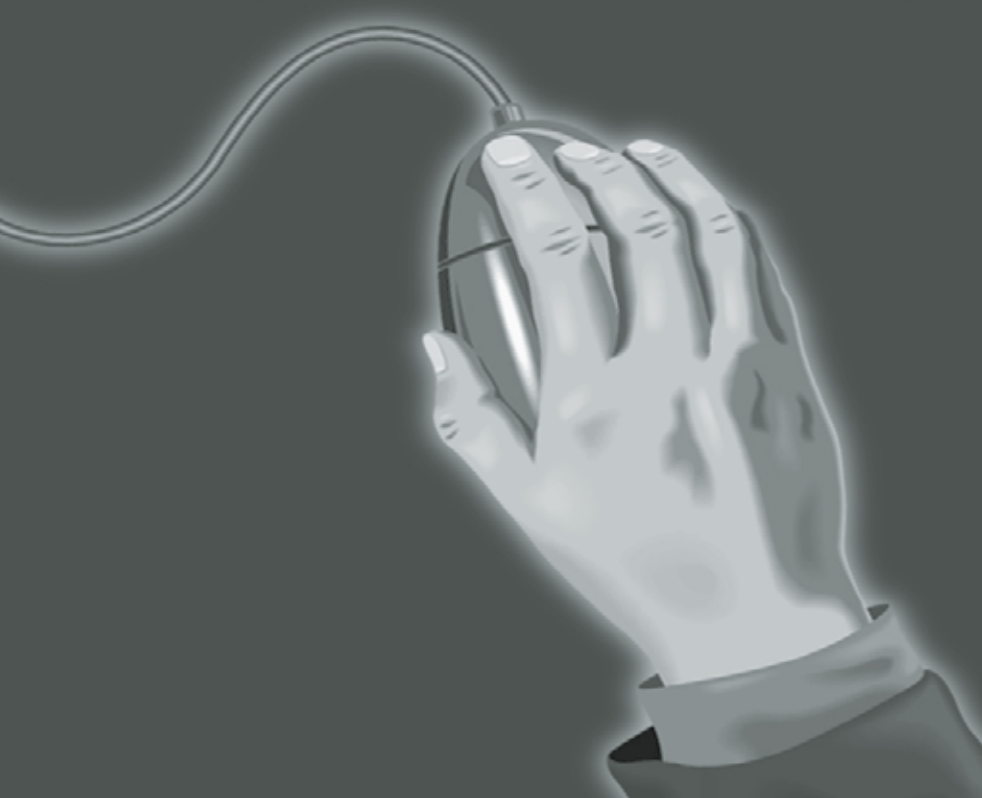
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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Boring people activate the rebellious part of you. So do authority figures, conformers, yes-men and the bourgeoisie. Good luck getting through the day without someone triggering your rebel yell.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Making other people laugh is one of your great pleasures in life, and if there's one thing to be serious about on this hectic day, it's humor. Seek it out wherever you can get

it.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You're a curious daredevil, an impulsive smiler and a confident mischief-maker. These are the qualities that are responsible for the stellar weekend invite you'll receive.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). It's only natural for people to become numb to the pleasantries that happen the same way every time. That's why you'll put a surprise into the attention and affection you give.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). It will be tempting to put off the more tedious aspects of a project, but don't. Today you can knock these out painlessly. To achieve the highest level of productivity, dedicate yourself to the tasks that can be completed by day's end.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you don't feel like a winner yet, worry not: This current version of you is not the same version that will cross the finish line. Your trials and triumphs will change you, but cross you will!

Tomorrow's Horoscope

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Instead of being overly concerned about a result, the wise person seeks balance. Intellectually, this makes sense to you, but still, you want what you want. The day sees you living inside the tension of this spiritual struggle.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The calendar and weather suggest a different time of year, but inside, you are on the cusp of a spring awakening. Without even realizing it, you are expending a great deal of energy just getting ready to grow.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you never sent your thoughts to the future, your present would bring more suffering than necessary. You'll be a great help to those who cannot see past the excitement of the moment.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You may get the feeling that your labor is not being compensated fairly on any obvious level of measurement. You'll

either look deeper to figure out what's in it for you, or you'll seek a better arrangement.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). As some of your friends post pictures of lunch and other intimate minutiae of the day, you're in a private mood. Someone is becoming more and more intrigued by the mystery of you.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You will be grateful for many hours in a row of successful interaction. When an afternoon hiccup interrupts this, just know it is a stellar opportunity to polish your skills.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Aug. 24). To some extent, you've followed society's script for a good life. The twists and spices you'll throw in this year will rocket you to a new level of excitement. There's a special friendship featured next month and a lifestyle upgrade in November. Work brings more challenge than you signed up for, and it's exactly what you need. Aries and

Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 20, 46, 11 and 45.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "He says he loves me, but he's belittled me in front of my friends and embarrassed me in public, and he seems to make a point of keeping me from doing what I want to do. When I say I'm going to leave, he cries and tells me he can't live without me and that he can change. This has happened twice -- I haven't left him. Will I be able to, and if so, when? I'm a Cancer, and he's a Gemini."

Because you are a deeply caring Cancer, you are swayed by tears. But reach deeply into that well of intuition of yours, and you'll realize that this relationship is over and you have to leave now. There are, of course, many wonderful Geminis, so please don't let what I reveal about this particular person bias you against future Gemini relationships. The particular person you are with is an abuser. He

may not physically hurt you, but he is emotionally abusive, and he does not love you. Love does not seek to embarrass you, nor does it try to belittle you or stop you from thriving. I repeat: You are in an abusive relationship. The time to leave is now.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** "Harry Potter" fans are beside themselves with excitement, as open auditions are being held for the upcoming "Harry Potter" spin-off. Virgo actor Rupert Grint landed the role of Ron Weasley after one such open audition, casting the good-fortune spell for eight blockbuster films to follow. Grint was born under a passionate, energetic Aries moon and has Mars and Jupiter in intuitive Cancer.

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Dear Annie:

Six years ago, our daughter left her dog with us. We've grown to love "Lassie" and would never give her back now. But she wears down the furniture, scratches the floors and leaves lots of hair all over.

Last year, we were blessed with grandkids, so now our living room is gated off from Lassie. We keep her in a large crate, which is very comfortable and that I refer to as her "apartment." She seems to like it, so when she is not playing outside, I put her in the crate so she doesn't roam the entire house.

Well, my husband is having a fit. He says I am cruel to "cage an animal." I now sleep alone in my bedroom while my husband and Lassie use the rest of the house. My husband has no interest in my feelings on the matter and refuses to consider a compromise. What do you think? -- Can't Stop Crying

Dear Crying:

According to the Humane Society, crating a dog is a perfectly appropriate way to train the animal not to destroy the house. The crate becomes the dog's "home."

Even so, it is not recommended that you leave the dog in the crate too many hours

at a time, because all animals need exercise and human interaction, and you don't want the crate to become a punishment. The point is to train Lassie not to scratch the furniture or do other destructive behaviors.

But a certain amount of wear and tear is to be expected from any animal companion. If you are trying to prevent Lassie from leaving hair around the house or wearing down the furniture through normal usage, you are being unfair. Of course, your husband is being equally unreasonable by banishing you to the bedroom while he cavorts with the dog. Tell your husband that you are willing to rethink the issue if the two of you can discuss it with a dog trainer and both promise to abide by the professional advice given.

**Dear Annie:** My sister has been in long-term care for more than a year as a result of several strokes and a broken hip.

I recently ran into her brother-in-law. He asked me how she was doing. He said he didn't know where she was staying. So I told him. This brother-in-law lives one mile from his nephew, my sister's son. Please, people,

don't forget about your loved ones. Don't give excuses. And if you decide to visit, refrain from carping about your lot in life. My sister can't tie her shoes, dress herself, cut a piece of chicken or use the bathroom without assistance. I guess you could say she's in her own kind of prison without parole. -- Her Sister

**Dear Sister:** A lot of people are reluctant to visit relatives or friends in nursing homes because they don't know what to say or how to spend the time with someone who may not be communicative. They feel awkward and avoid going. So here are some suggestions: Bring photo-

graphs of people they know, play music they grew up with, read from a favorite book, ask whether you can take them for a walk. Once you see how simple it is and how gratifying it can be, you will be more inclined to go again.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
Famous Hand

North dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ 8 7 2  
♥ 10 8 5 4 2  
♦ A J 8  
♣ 10 5  
**WEST**  
♠ 9 5  
♥ K Q 9 6  
♦ Q 10 7 6 3  
♣ A K  
**EAST**  
♠ J  
♥ A J 7  
♦ 9 5 2  
♣ Q J 9 4 3 2  
**SOUTH**  
♠ A K Q 10 6 4 3  
♥ 3  
♦ K 4  
♣ 8 7 6  
The bidding:  
North East South West  
Pass Pass 4♠  
Opening lead — king of clubs.

continued with the ace, on which Robaudo played the queen! This seemingly extravagant play was a suit-preference signal asking West to lead a heart — the higher-ranking of the two side suits — at trick three. Jabes did exactly as instructed, but to ensure getting a club return at trick four, she shuffled to the nine of hearts, pretending it was her highest heart. Robaudo took the ace and returned the jack of clubs, and the contract went down one when West heartlessly ruffed with the nine of trumps. As if this were not enough misfortune on one deal, the American team suffered a second reversal at the other table, where the bidding, with the U.S. now East-West, went:

This deal occurred in the women's team championship at the 1972 World Bridge Olympiad. The declarer was Emma Jean Hawes of the United States, pitted against Rina Jabes and Maria Robaudo of Italy. Hawes was no doubt quite satisfied with her four-spade contract after the dummy was tabled, but was reduced to the role of an innocent observer as Jabes and Robaudo collaborated beautifully to collect the first four tricks. Jabes led the king of clubs and

North East South West  
Pass Pass 1♠ Dble  
Pass 3♠ 3♠ Pass  
Pass 4♠  
The Italian South led the king of spades and shifted to the king and another diamond! North cashed the A-J to put the contract down one, but the Italians were not yet finished. After South discarded her singleton heart on the third round of diamonds, North returned a heart, and South ruffed to register a two-trick set. No wonder Italy won the women's title that year!  
Tomorrow: The magic number 13.  
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9		7				3		5
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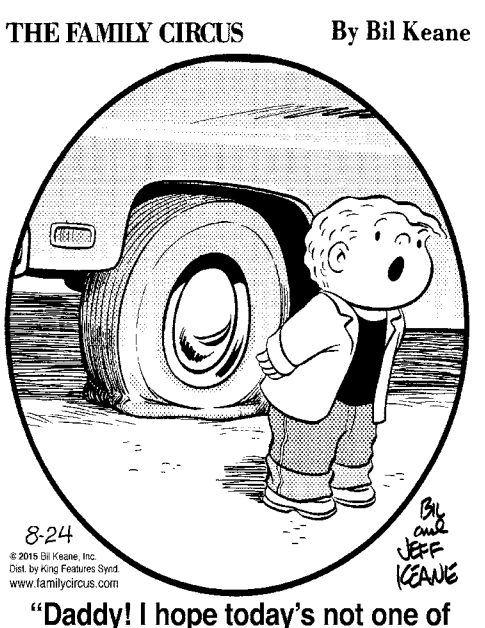
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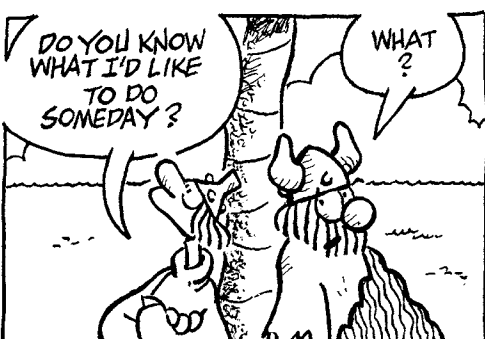
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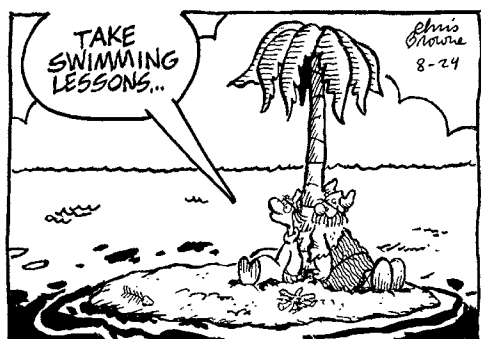


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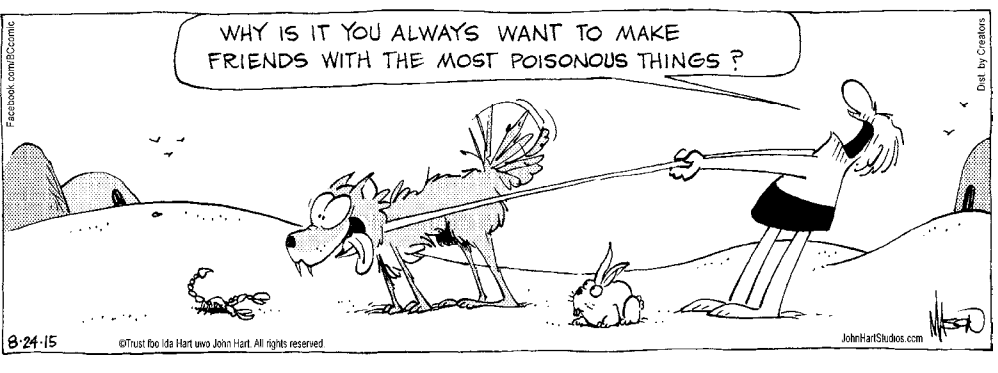
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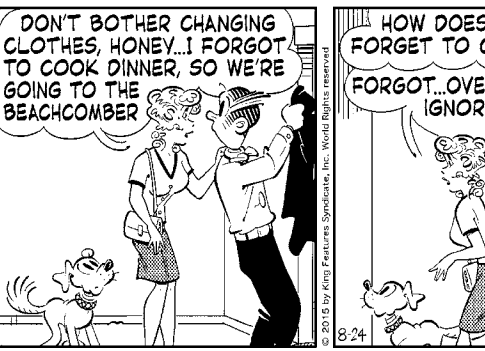
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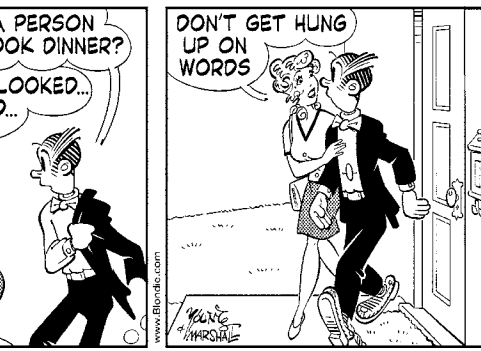
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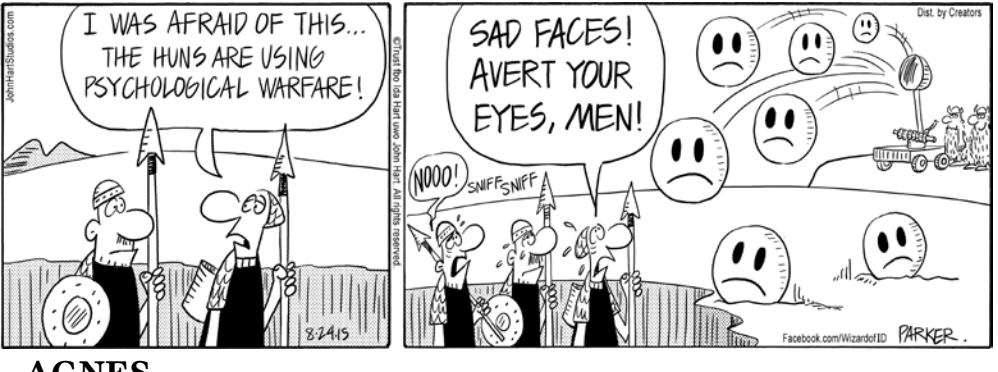
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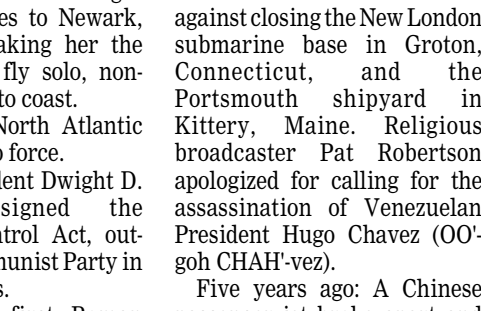
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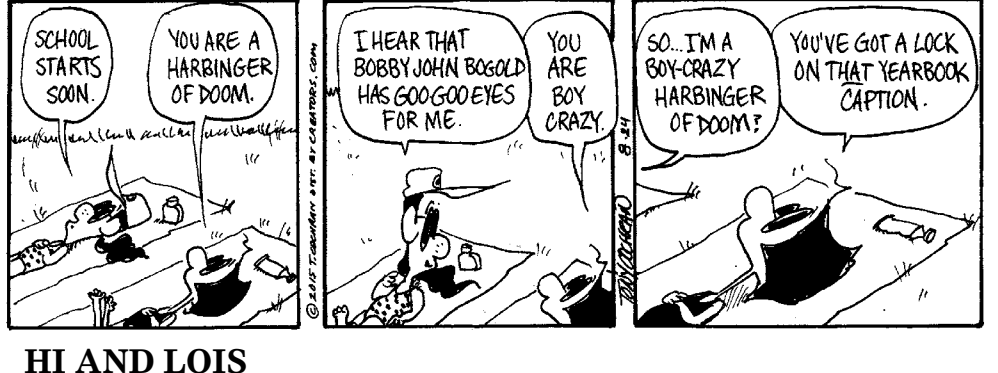
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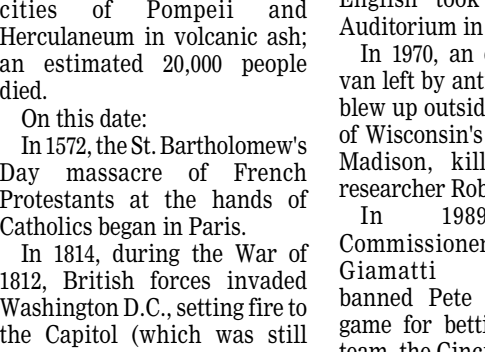
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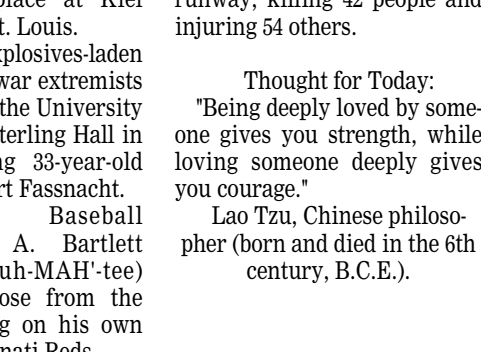
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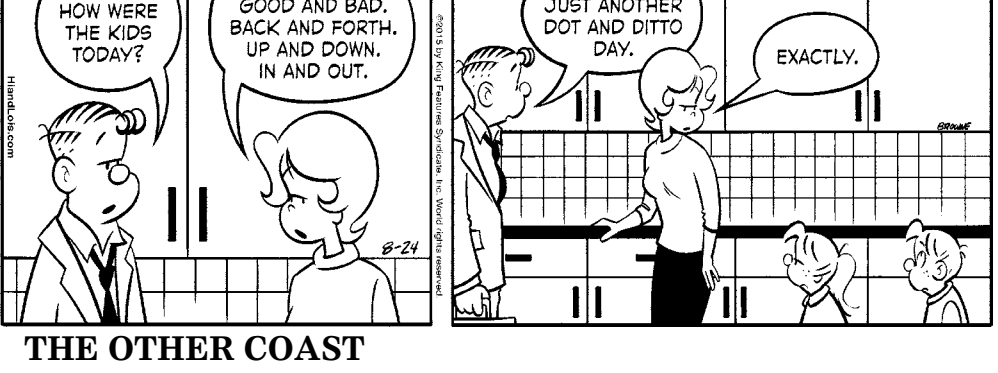
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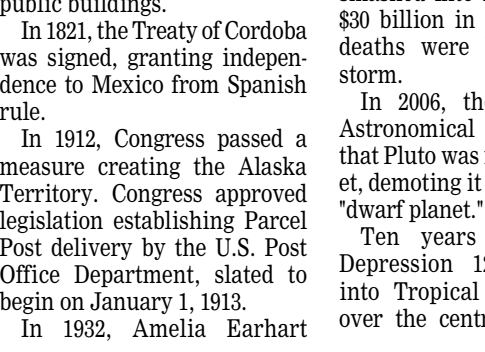
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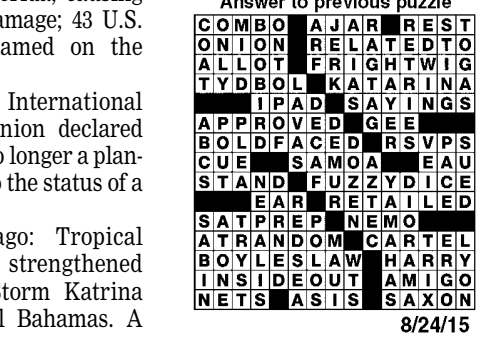
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- ACROSS**
- 1 On a need-to-know
  - 6 Close tightly, as an envelope
  - 10 Hay bundle
  - 14 Vote into office
  - 15 Song
  - 16 Bullring cheers
  - 17 Do the driving
  - 18 "\_\_\_ put it another way . . ."
  - 19 Grade-school support grps.
  - 20 Cut of beef
  - 22 Make less difficult
  - 23 Pool sticks
  - 24 Keeps from happening
  - 26 Political candidates' face-off
  - 30 What melting icicles do
  - 31 Desert-dry
  - 32 Soft jacket material
  - 34 Large
  - 37 Very remote place
  - 41 Catch sight of
  - 42 Trade shows, for short
  - 43 Most important
  - 44 Oohs and
  - 45 Woman's shirt
  - 47 Watercraft ridden like a motorcycle
  - 50 India's continent
  - 52 "That's a shame"
  - 53 Net profit or loss
  - 59 Walk back and forth
  - 60 Swedish furniture chain
  - 61 Flip-chart holder
  - 62 Like \_\_\_ of bricks
- DOWN**
- 1 Highest quality
  - 2 Female singing voice
  - 3 Flow slowly
  - 4 Puts frosting on
  - 5 Stern about the rules
  - 6 Committed robbery
  - 7 Italian coins
  - 8 Prefix for freeze
  - 9 Da Vinci's first name
  - 10 Nursery rhyme shepherdess
  - 11 Church platform
  - 12 Minimum amount
  - 13 Letters before tees
  - 21 Greatly regret
  - 25 Scenic vista
  - 26 River blockers
  - 27 One of the Great Lakes
  - 28 \_\_\_ one's time (wait)
  - 29 Calculate a total
  - 30 Family rooms
  - 32 Sco-fi (up)
  - 33 Sci-fi vehicle: Abbr.
  - 34 Boyfriend
  - 35 Eye-color area
  - 36 Bit of heredity
  - 38 Lose air, as a tire
  - 39 Museum displays
  - 40 Med. insurance program
  - 44 Agree (to)
  - 45 Life story, briefly
  - 46 Least plausible, as an excuse
  - 47 Tokyo's country
  - 48 Fill with joy
  - 49 Mexican sandwiches
  - 50 Used, as a dinner table
  - 51 Oregon or Oklahoma
  - 54 Creole veggie
  - 55 Not on time
  - 56 "The handwriting \_\_\_ the wall"
  - 57 Uncool student
  - 58 Shade trees

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# Castro's homer in 10th gives Astros 3-2 win over Dodgers

HOUSTON (AP) — Star rookie Carlos Correa and the AL West-leading Houston Astros were feeling pretty confident on Sunday after sweeping the Los Angeles Dodgers, who lead the NL West.

"We are a first-place team and the atmosphere here (is) we are the best team in baseball," Correa said.

Jason Castro's solo homer in the 10th inning lifted the Astros to a 3-2 victory that completed the sweep on Sunday.

The Astros are four games ahead of the Texas Rangers in the division after going 7-3 during this homestand.

There was one out in the 10th when Castro connected off Chris Hatcher (1-5), launching a 96 mph fastball into the first row of the seats in left field. The play was reviewed and confirmed.

It was their fourth last at-bat win in the last eight games and their third game with extra innings in that span.

"We've been in so many of them this year it's just that mentality that we're comfortable playing from behind late," Castro said. "I think that's an attribute that's going to serve us well going forward in the playoffs ... we don't give up."

Kenley Jansen, who had converted

17 straight save opportunities, allowed a leadoff single to Correa in the ninth before the Astros tied it on a two-out RBI single by Marwin Gonzalez.

"Any time you've got to go through the middle of our order, I've got a ton of confidence that we're going to put something together that gives us a chance," manager A.J. Hinch said.

Luke Gregerson (7-2) allowed one hit in a scoreless 10th for the win.

The Dodgers were swept by the Astros for the first time since May of 2008 and have dropped a season-high five straight overall. It was a series that started with Houston's Mike Fiers throwing a no-hitter in a 3-0 win on Friday.

Clayton Kershaw allowed seven hits and one run with 10 strikeouts in eight innings for his 10th double-digit strikeout game this season. He is 5-0 in his last nine starts and hasn't lost since June 27.

"I hope we're panicking a little bit," Kershaw said. "I think panic's a good thing to a certain extent. It's obvious we've got five weeks or whatever it is, too. So, there's a sense of urgency. Maybe that's better to say than panic. I feel like we've got to start playing like that. Not to say we haven't, but

it's definitely time to start thinking that way."

Chase Utley doubled and scored in the first for the Dodgers. A.J. Ellis did the same in the fifth to make it 2-0.

Jose Altuve had three hits and Correa had an RBI single that cut it to 2-1 in the sixth.

Houston rookie Lance McCullers allowed eight hits and two runs with eight strikeouts in seven innings. McCullers, who was recalled from Double-A Corpus Christi for the start, pitched well but was done in by three wild pitches.

Utley doubled with one out in the first inning and took third on a wild pitch. He scored on a sacrifice fly by Justin Turner to make it 1-0.

A double by Ellis came with one out in the fifth inning and two wild pitches by McCullers with two outs allowed him to score and extend the lead to 2-0.

The Astros didn't have more than one hit in an inning until the sixth, when Altuve doubled with one out before a single by Carlos Gomez. Correa's groundball single, which bounced off Kershaw's left foot, scored Altuve to cut the lead to 2-1.

Gomez reached third on a sacrifice fly before ending the inning when he

was caught trying to steal home. The Astros challenged the call but it was confirmed.

Yasiel Puig was ejected for arguing with the umpire after he struck out looking for the second out of the ninth inning.

**TRAINER'S ROOM**  
Astros: OF George Springer (broken right wrist) is expected to take batting practice Monday or Tuesday for the first time since he was injured. Springer has been on the disabled list since July 2 and resumed baseball activities Aug. 14. ... 3B Jed Lowrie left the game in the seventh inning with a bruised right thumb.

**UP NEXT**  
Dodgers: The Dodgers are off on Monday before beginning a series at Cincinnati on Tuesday, when left-hander Alex Wood (8-8, 3.79) opposes Cincinnati's John Lamb (0-1, 6.35). Wood allowed five hits and three runs for the loss in his last start.

Astros: Scott Feldman (5-5, 4.05) opposes New York's Nathan Eovaldi (13-2, 4.24) when Houston opens a series with the Yankees. Feldman is 1-1 with a 2.87 ERA in six starts since a stint on the disabled list after arthroscopic surgery on his right knee.

# Nelson hurt as Packers fall to Steelers 24-19

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jordy Nelson caught the ball, spun and prepared to dart downfield.

Two steps later, Green Bay's Pro Bowl wide receiver was on the turf, his left knee injured and his season very much in doubt. While Nelson was able to gingerly walk to the sideline early in the first quarter of Sunday's 24-19 exhibition loss to Pittsburgh, it might be the last sign of Nelson in his familiar No. 87 jersey this year.

While Packers coach Mike McCarthy stressed the defending NFC North champions "will look for good news" when Nelson is re-evaluated in Green Bay on Monday, quarterback Aaron Rodgers expressed equal parts frustration and mystification.

"It's difficult to lose a guy like that in a meaningless game," Rodgers said.

The play that may change the course of Green Bay's season started innocently enough. The Packers were driving crisply down the field on their opening possession when Rodgers hit Nelson on a little hitch route. Nelson leapt to make the catch and planted his left leg while turning to face Pittsburgh

cornerback Antwon Blake only to unexpectedly drop to his knees, a potentially devastating blow for the Packers and dynamic playmaker who set career highs in receptions (98) and yards receiving (1,519) in 2014.

"I'm not going to get into the 'What if' game," Rodgers said. "I don't know what his status will be. I'm just hoping for the best."

So are the Steelers after Pro Bowl center Maurkice Pouncey exited in the first quarter with a left ankle injury coach Mike Tomlin said will likely require surgery. Pouncey, who missed all of 2013 after tearing multiple ligaments in his right knee in the opener against Tennessee, is out indefinitely.

"He got rolled up on but he walked it off," Steelers right tackler Marcus Gilbert said. "I was hoping that it wasn't nothing too bad. Once he got carted off, it struck me."

**READY TO GO**  
While Nelson and Pouncey are sidelined, Rodgers and Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger appear ready to go.

Rodgers completed 4 of 5 passes for 57 yards during two series of work, with one

drive ending with a touchdown run by Eddie Lacy and the other with Rodgers getting sacked by James Harrison for a safety. Rodgers banged his forearm on the play and iced it afterward but said he could have continued if it was the regular season.

Lacy gave the Packers the lead four plays after Nelson's exit with a remarkably easy

7-yard touchdown sprint through a massive hole on the left side of the line. A 2-point conversion by James Starks — through an equally massive hole on the right side — put Green Bay up 8-0.

"We've done some really good things the first two weeks, but shoot, there's a lot of football still," McCarthy said.

Roethlisberger finished 11 of 14 for 100 yards and a score, though it took some time to get going.

The Steelers struggled in the first quarter — a 58-yard touchdown pass from Roethlisberger to Antonio Brown was wiped out by an offensive pass interference penalty — but regrouped in the second. Working out of the hurry up offense, Roethlisberger led the Steelers 51 yards in seven plays, the last one a little 5-yard flip to a wide open Markus Wheaton that put the Steelers up 9-8 before the reserves took over.

"We've done a ton of red zone work and that's one of the plays we've been working on and we got the look we wanted," said Wheaton, who added he's never been that open when the offense has run that play during training camp.

**QUARTERBACKS**  
Green Bay second-string quarterback Scott Tolzien completed 11 of 19 passes for 102 yards and a 21-yard score to Richard Rodgers late in the first half.

Bruce Gradkowski's pre-season debut was brief. The primary backup behind Roethlisberger spent the first

three weeks of training camp on the physically unable to perform list with a sore arm. He connected on 3 of 5 passes for 12 yards before leaving with a left finger injury.

Third-stringer Landry Jones, trying to convince the Steelers to keep him around, tossed a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns to complete a rally from a 10-point deficit.

**OTHER INJURIES**  
Green Bay guard T.J. Lang went out in the first half to be monitored for a concussion. Linebacker Adrian Hubbard and cornerback Damarious Randall were treated with IV fluids due to dehydration.

Pittsburgh defensive lineman Stephon Tuitt injured his left ankle.

**IN A RUSH**  
The Steelers collected six sacks in all, including two by rookie linebacker Bud Dupree. The first-round pick from Kentucky was also in the area when Harrison tagged Rodgers for Pittsburgh's first score.

"I just feel like things are starting to come together a little bit, just being patient," Dupree said. "I know eventually I'm going to keep doing good and get better and better each week."

## COWBOYS

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Randy Gregory sacked Kaepernick for a 14-yard loss on the quarterback's second and final series. Kaepernick was 2 for 5 for 13 yards.

"That was the bright spot of the game. We were in some compromising positions on defense — bad field position and scoring opportunities for them," Cowboys coach Jason Garrett said. "We kept them out of the end zone, had some timely

sacks, and that was impressive."

San Francisco linebacker NaVorro Bowman had three tackles in as many plays in his return for the first time since his devastating left knee injury in the NFC championship game in January 2014 at

Seattle. He underwent surgery and missed all of last year recovering from tears in the anterior cruciate and medial collateral ligaments in his knee, and he had surgery to repair the ACL.

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