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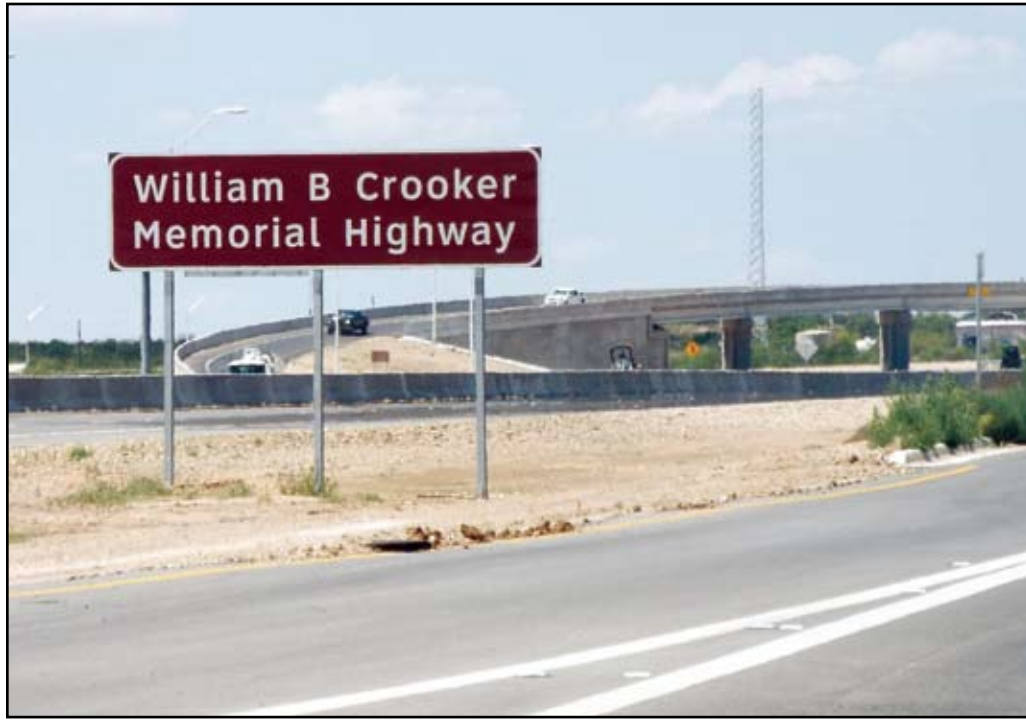
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87 reliever route nears opening

After three years of construction, the southern leg of the U.S. Highway 87 reliever route is almost open to motorists. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday on the highway near the Airpark road bridge to celebrate the route's grand opening. It is named in honor of William Crooker, a long-time Howard County commissioner and staunch advocate of the project.



HERALD photos/Steve Reagan



Ribbon cutting for southern leg of route set for Wednesday

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

The late Bill Crooker, former County commissioner, didn't live to see his decades-long work to bring about the construction of the Highway 87 Reliever Route come to finalization, but he lived to see the start of it.

In April 2014, Crooker was among the group of state, city, and county leaders gathered together for the ground breaking celebration of the southern portion of the U.S. 87 Truck Reliever Route. He had spent decades working to bring the route to reality.

On that day, Crooker commented, "Today is one of those 'I can't really believe this is happening' days."

On Wednesday, at 11 a.m. Crooker's wife, Joyce, along with state and local dignitaries, will gather on the U.S. 87 relief route near Airpark Road bridge for a grand opening ceremony of the south portion of the relief route.

After both the Big Spring city council and Howard County commissioners adopted a resolution, the route was designated the US 87 William B. Crooker Memorial Highway earlier this year.

"This truck relief route through Big Spring will improve mobility across the Lone Star State while addressing safety, congestion, and connectivity," a press release from Mary Belle Turner, TxDOT Abilene public information officer, stated. "This section of roadway is part of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor and is a major thoroughfare for freight making its way across the United States."



Crooker

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Trump on cusp of nomination

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Barring a last-minute jolt to the proceedings, Donald Trump is hours away from attaining the 2016 presidential nomination despite efforts to stop him that spilled messily into the opening of the Republican National Convention. As his wife, Melania, put it from the stage, "It would not be a Trump contest without excitement and drama."

She generated a lot of buzz with her well-received speech and, later, a controversy over some of her remarks. Two passages of her address matched nearly word-for-word the speech that Michelle Obama delivered in 2008 at the Democratic National Convention.

A senior Trump adviser, Paul Manafort, dismissed the

criticism as "just absurd," and insisted that she used "words that are common words." The campaign said the speech was written by a "team of writers" who included fragments that reflected Mrs. Trump's thinking.

For a time Monday, the Cleveland arena resembled the convention-floor battles of old as aggrieved anti-Trump Republicans protested the adoption by voice vote of rules aimed at quashing an already flailing effort to deny him the prize. Instead of a manicured message of unity, viewers saw the fractured face of a party still coming to grips with the polarizing man of the moment.

But to borrow the parlance of Trump the businessman, the deal will almost certainly be sealed Tuesday night.

That's when the roll call of states is set to unfold, delivering the delegates to make him the standard-bearer after a rollicking primary season that saw him vanquish 16 rivals. Typically in both parties, the

roll call is heavy with ceremonial flourishes, good cheer and puffery about the virtues of each state. This time, it's also another opportunity for discord to be heard.

On Monday, the floor flight gave way to a lineup of hard-edged, prime-time speeches in which Republicans painted a grim picture of the country's future and an even darker view of Democratic rival Hillary Clinton.

Speakers accused Clinton of lying, "putting all of our children's lives at risk," and threatening the nation's security. When delegates chanted "Lock her up!," Ret. Gen. Michael Flynn responded from the podium: "You're damn right. There's nothing wrong with that."

With a rock-star entrance, Trump changed the tone and introduced his wife, Melania. She traced her own life story, coming to America from Slovenia, and painted a softer, more rounded portrait of her

See **TRUMP**, Page 3



Free screening of local filmmakers' documentary

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Cinemark Cinema 4 in Big Spring will offer a free screening at 7 p.m. Wednesday of "Project Mone't", a short documentary film directed and produced by local Big Spring filmmakers James Fite and Brandon

Johnson. Fite, Johnson, and Ripple will hold a question-and-answer session at the theater following the screening.

The film explores the life, struggles, and work of Big Spring metal artist Rae Ripple.

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Obituaries

Richard Bonrud

Richard Bonrud was born 85 years ago. He was a treasured only child who grew up to have an unlimited capacity to love. He faithfully attended to and honored his parents and showed our family the same devotion they had given him. The memories of his life will be shared by his five children Lanell Sauer, Leslee Unruh, Larry Bonrud, Lynn Bonrud and Lonny Papa; their spouses, his grandchildren and great grandchildren.



An unforgettable character "Hotsey" was a friend to many and a delight to know. As his family we are still proud to be Bonruds and we are humbled that we were at his bedside as he was called home July 10, 2016. Jesus said He went to prepare a place for us John 14:2-6 and now "Dad", "Grandpa Hotsey", "Your friend Dick" is waiting for us too.

A graveside service will be held in South Dakota for friends and family.

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

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Charlene "Charlie" Bingham

Services for Charlene "Charlie" Bingham, 56, of Brownfield will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 21, 2016 at Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Steve Carter officiating. Interment will follow at Terry County Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home. Visitation will be held Wednesday, July 20, 2016 from 6-8 p.m. at Brownfield Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.brownfieldfuneralhome.com.

Charlene was born on October 29, 1959 to Charlie and Doris (Ingram) Boone in Fort Worth. She moved to Brownfield at the age of 14 where she met her "first love," Bobby Ray Bingham. They were married in Brownfield on November 24,

Steven Bradley Matthews

Steven Bradley Matthews walked the streets of gold Thursday, July 14, 2016, in The Woodlands, Texas. Steven attended Big Spring High School and earned an Associate's degree from TSTI in Sweetwater. Steven worked over 9 years for Site One as a warehouse manager in Houston. Steve's beautiful smile, infectious laughter and zest for life will serve as a reminder to those that loved him. His memory will serve as an example to others of a life well lived with intention and purpose.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra Heinen of Houston, with whom he has shared his life for the last 15 years. He is also survived by his mother, Shirley Matthews of Big Spring; brother, Joe D. Matthews of Houston; sister, Jana Merrill of Dallas; step daughters, Michelle Crow and Ashley Vela both of Houston; son, Jeremy Matthews; daughters, Chelsea Simms, Jordan Matthews and Erica Newton; grandsons, Thorin and William Crow and Joshua and Ricky Matthews; granddaughter, Madison Crow; along with many sweet nephews, nieces and great nephews. Steve was also expecting another granddaughter in

Leon Holsenbeck

Leon Holsenbeck, 77, of Breckenridge, passed away, Monday, July 17, 2016, at his home. A memorial service will be held 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 21, 2016, at 14th and Main Church of Christ, 1401 S. Main Street, Big Spring, TX 79720. Cremation took place under the direction of Abilene Cremation Service.

Leon was born April 28, 1939 in San Angelo, Texas, the son of the late David and Sarah

Adam "Thumper" Marshall Robinson

Adam "Thumper" Marshall Robinson, 27, of Big Spring died Wednesday, July 13, 2016, at his residence. Funeral service will be at 5 p.m. Thursday, July 21, 2016, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Pastor Juan Espinoza officiating. Burial will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 23, 2016, at Wilmore-Powell Township Cemetery in Wilmore, Kansas with Pastor Juan Espinoza officiating.

He was born February 7, 1989, in Wichita, Kansas. Adam has lived in Big Spring for about 15 years.

Adam is survived by his son, Andrew Byrd Robinson of Big Spring; his mother, Suzanne

1977 and had 2 children together. They had 29 wonderful years together before he passed away in 2007. Charlene was blessed to have two great loves in her life, and she spent the last 7 years with her best friend and companion, Marty Hales.

Charlene was a sweet and loving woman who adored her family and was a true friend. She spent many years as an accountant and office manager, most recently working for CPE Feed in Brownfield. Her family also lovingly refers to her as the "Winstar Queen."

Charlene was preceded in death by her husband Bobby, and her parents. She is survived by her companion, Marty Hales of Brownfield; her daughter, Amanda Webb (Jesse) of Seminole; her son Tony Bingham (Rebecca) of Big Spring; 3 sisters, Terri Hutson, Donna Beasley and Debbie Maxwell (Michael) all of Cleburne; 13 grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

Paid obituary

October.

Grampy loved all his babies and they were his pure joy. Steve was also a loving father to his four legged children, especially Buttons, who has been his loyal companion for the past eight years, Brutus, PeeWee and Freeway.

Known for his passion for golf and his famous barbecue ribs, his time was always with his friends and family. Most of the family and Big Spring friends know Steve by his nickname "Bear." The name described many qualities of Steve, but he most endearing was his "Bear" hugs. Steve's greatest joy was being with his family. He was a devoted son and brother; life will not be the same without him.

He attended Gateway Baptist Church in Spring, Texas. He was preceded in death by his father, Joe B. Matthews; and sister, Pamela A. Matthews.

Memorial services will be 10:00 AM Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made PGA charities at www.together.pgatour.com benefiting youth/children or your favorite charity.

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

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Holsenbeck. He managed Kentwood Shamrock Service Center in Big Spring for many years. Leon enjoyed fishing, hunting and gardening. He was also quite the handy man; he could fix anything.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Charles "C.L." Holsenbeck; and four siblings.

Leon is survived by his wife, Joyce Holsenbeck of Breckenridge; children, Donald Holsenbeck and wife Karie of Big Spring; David W. Holsenbeck of Big Spring; Norissa Parker of Houston; stepsons, Glen Whitley, James Whitley, 7 grandchildren, 2 step grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, 1 step great grandson, and sister, Jean Lee of Lamesa.

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Murphy of Big Spring; his father, Ronald Young, Jr. of Wichita, Kansas; two sisters, Sarah Jane Simmons and husband Timothy of Golconda, Illinois and Rachel Renea Young of Big Spring; three brothers, Andrew John Trummel and wife Kelsey of Coldwater, Kansas, and Derek Nowlin Payton and Kevin Wayne Payton both of Big Spring; maternal grandmother; paternal grandfather; aunt; nieces and nephews; cousins; a special band of brothers and his extended family.

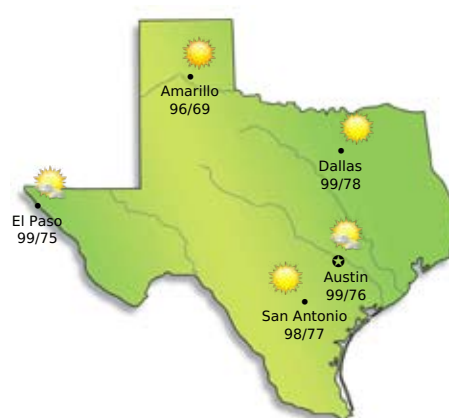
Honorary pallbearers will be Tim Simmons, Derek Payton, Kevin Payton, AJ Trummel, Chance Newton, Jon Campos, David Vargas, Shelby Darden and Randy Cypert.

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

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 7/20	Thu 7/21	Fri 7/22	Sat 7/23	Sun 7/24
95/71 A mainly sunny sky. High around 95F. Winds SSE at 10 to 15 mph.	97/71 Sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	98/73 Sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	98/73 Sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	97/73 Sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.
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Texas at a Glance



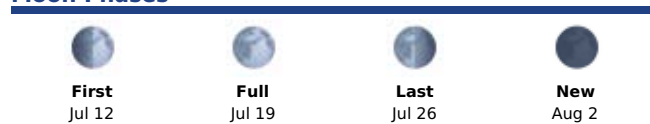
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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
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Amarillo	96	69	Sunny	Livingston	96	75	M Cloudy
Austin	99	76	M Sunny	Longview	95	77	Sunny
Beaumont	94	76	P Cloudy	Lubbock	95	71	Sunny
Brownsville	93	76	P Cloudy	Lufkin	95	73	Sunny
Brownwood	97	73	Sunny	Midland	98	75	Sunny
Corpus Christi	91	78	Cloudy	Raymondville	94	75	M Sunny
Corsicana	98	77	Sunny	Rosenberg	94	77	P Cloudy
Dallas	99	78	Sunny	San Antonio	98	77	Sunny
Del Rio	100	77	Sunny	San Marcos	98	76	Sunny
El Paso	99	75	P Cloudy	Sulphur Springs	95	78	Sunny
Fort Stockton	97	72	Sunny	Sweetwater	95	74	Sunny
Gainesville	94	75	Sunny	Tyler	96	76	Sunny
Greenview	96	77	Sunny	Weatherford	98	75	Sunny
Houston	95	78	P Cloudy	Wichita Falls	97	75	P Cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	92	72	M Cloudy	Miami	91	79	P Cloudy
Boston	79	63	M Cloudy	Minneapolis	88	73	M Cloudy
Chicago	85	72	Sunny	New York	88	67	Sunny
Dallas	99	78	Sunny	Phoenix	107	87	P Cloudy
Denver	94	64	P Cloudy	San Francisco	60	51	Cloudy
Houston	95	78	P Cloudy	Seattle	77	58	M Cloudy
Los Angeles	88	65	Sunny	Saint Louis	94	75	M Sunny

Moon Phases



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Wed 7/20	Thu 7/21	Fri 7/22	Sat 7/23	Sun 7/24
11	11	11	11	11
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

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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Police/Sheriff/EMS

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **STEVEN ALLEN SAVELL**, 30, of 620 State Street was arrested on a charge of assault by contact.
- **JULIA MUNOZ**, 62, of 1715 E Hwy 350 was arrested on warrants for failure to appear and driving with invalid license.
- **CYNTHIA LYNN HERNANDEZ**, 35, of 302 S. Adams was arrested on warrants for failure to appear and failure to control speed.
- **MEL ANTHONY ALMAZAN**, 38, of 1401 S. Rannels Street was arrested on warrants for driving with invalid license and expired registration.
- **JORGE LUIS GOMEZ JR**, 25, of 508 State was arrested on charges of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and theft of firearm.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of N Lamesa Highway, the 6500 block of E Midway Road, the 100 block of E FM 700, and the 200 block of W FM 7700.
- **BURGLARY IN PROGRESS** was reported in the 8000 block of W FM 846.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1300 block of E 4th Street.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 100 block of Broken Bow Road.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2400 block of S Main Street.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this report.

- **MEL ANTHONY ALMAZAN**, 38, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for driving with invalid license and expired registration.
- **JORGE LUIS GOMEZ JR**, 25, was booked by the HCSO on charges of unlawful possession See, **REPORT**, Page 3

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- **CYNTHIA LYNN HERNANDEZ**, 35, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for violation of promise to appear and failure to control speed.
- **JULIA MUNOZ**, 62, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for driving with invalid license and violation of promise to appear.
- **STEVEN ALLEN SAVELL**, 30, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of assault by contact.
- **LORENZO FERRERA YANEZ**, 42, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for parole violation.

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Carol. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of 14th.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of N Goliad. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of E. 14th.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Young. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4200 block of N Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of E. 11th.
- **FALSE FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 2500 block of Merrily.
- **BUILDING FIRE** was reported in the 1700 block of Kentucky Way.
- **FALSE FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 2600 block of Langley.

ROUTE

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The southern half of the route consisted of two separate construction projects – one to build the interchange at the intersection of Interstate 20 and the relief route and the other for the 8.5 mile four-lane, divided highway that runs west of Big Spring. Funding for the northern section was secured

last summer and TxDOT estimates the project could go out for bid as early as September.

Once the full length of the relief route is completed, freight and other traffic passing through the area will stay on the relief route while traffic heading into Big Spring will continue into town. According to TxDOT estimates, 30 percent of traffic along Gregg St. consists of truck and freight vehicles. The

• The West Highway 80 Church of Christ, 3900 Old State Highway 80, is hosting a Gospel Meeting this week.

The event, which started Sunday, will run through Friday at 7 p.m. each evening. The event features Pulpit Minister Bro. Anthony Fletcher of the Barret Station Church of Christ in Houston preaching on the theme “What About the Church of Christ?” The message is based on the text of Colossians 1:24: “Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ’s afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church.”

The public is invited to attend. For more information, contact the church at 267-6483.

• Registration for the Children’s Miracle Theater for the Arts’ (CMTA) two-week August camp is now ongoing.

CMTA a non-profit organization open to children from ages 6-12. The registration fee for “Your Are A Star” summer camp is \$30. The camp will be held Aug. 8 through 19, and classes are 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. CMTA shirts are \$10. Classes will be held in the New Hope School building, 118 Cedar Road.

SCREENING

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“I’ve survived everything: abuse, sexual abuse, domestic violence; I’ve survived cancer, I’ve survived a child almost being lost, I’ve survived homelessness, I’ve survived everything you can go through and I still am standing here and saying ‘I am not going to give up. I’m gonna keep going,’” Ripple said. “People need to know that faith can take them anywhere, even if they feel like they have nothing,

faith is the most valuable thing. It’s not money-valuable, but it’s the most valuable thing of anybody’s life.”

The film has won several awards, including “Best Short Documentary” and “People’s Choice Award” at the Rendezvous Film Festival in Florida, “Best Cinematography-Short Film” at the Roswell Film Festival in Roswell, N.M., and the “Film In High Regard” award at the Big River Film Festival in Savannah, Ga.

For more information about the screening, contact the theater at 263-2252.

route is expected to alleviate that congestion.

“This relief route is one of the largest projects the Abilene district has ever undertaken,” said Stan Swiatek, P.E., Abilene District Engineer. “I’m proud of the Abilene district, Big Spring, and all of Howard County for their dedication to a safer, less congested route through the Big Spring area that will serve the traveling public.”

Following the grand opening ceremony, Turner estimated it should be a week or so before the road is open to traffic.

Highway 87 is part of the the Ports-to-Plains corridor, which is a designated highway that will facilitate transportation of manufactured goods from Mexico through West Texas to Colorado and ultimately on to Canada and the Pacific Northwest. The

corridor is supposed to connect to Mexico from Laredo, Texas. Crooker was original member of the Ports to Plains Trade Corridor Coalition who left the board in 2011. He died in February 2015.

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TRUMP

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husband than the hard-nosed, insult-throwing candidate GOP voters have seen at every turn. She praised his “simple goodness” and his loyalty to and love of family — while noting the “drama” that comes with Trump in politics.

“If you want someone to fight for you and your country, I can assure you, he is the guy,” Mrs. Trump told delegates.

Her speech contained a striking resemblance to Michelle Obama’s when she said her parents “impressed on me the values that you work hard for what you want in life, that your word is your bond and you do what you say and keep your promise, that you treat people with respect.” Mrs. Obama, in her 2008 speech, talked about “values, like, you work hard for what you want in life, that your

word is your bond, that you do what you say you’re going to do, that you treat people with dignity and respect.”

Similarly, Mrs. Trump said, “we want our children in this nation to know that the only limit to your achievements is the strength of your dreams and your willingness to work for them.” Mrs. Obama said in 2008, “we want our children — and all children in this nation — to know that the only limit to the height of your achievements is the reach of your dreams and your willingness to work hard for them.”

The White House declined to comment Tuesday morning, but was expected to answer questions about the similarities in the remarks later in the day.

Mrs. Trump’s speech was part of a four-day campaign to show the softer side of the tough-talking showman. On Tuesday night, two of Trump’s children will pick up where she left

off. Tiffany Trump, Trump’s 22-year-old daughter from his marriage to Marla Maples, and Donald Trump Jr., his eldest son and an executive vice president at The Trump Organization, will take the podium.

Former GOP presidents, the home-state governor and other top Republicans have skipped Trump’s convention, but Tuesday’s bill highlights some establishment support.

House Speaker Paul Ryan, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie planned to address the convention along with Sen. Steve Daines, who had planned to go fly-fishing in Montana.

Themes of the four-day event are all rooted in Trump’s Make America Great Again slogan: safe again, work again, first again and one again, in turn.

Safety was first on tap, and a succession of

speakers cast Trump as the leader for perilous times and Hillary Clinton as the embodiment of a system that has left America vulnerable — or worse.

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Jose Mendez Cuelar, Jr., 53, died Tuesday. Funeral services were held at 10:00 AM today, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial followed at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Kay Francis Conner, 77, died Thursday. The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM Thursday at Cornerstone Church. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Adam Robinson, 27, died Wednesday. Funeral services will be at 5:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. A graveside service will be at 10:00 AM Saturday in Wilmore, Kansas.

Cindy Gonzales, 29, died Friday. Services are pending. A fund has been set up at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses.

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Above, Members of the NYC Verrazano 10-13 Association, made up of retired police officers, gather during a meeting in the Staten Island borough of New York, Wednesday, June 15, 2016. Some of the members lament today's policing climate, even as they wax about the old days. Combine officers lacking street savvy and people in minority neighborhoods who mistrust them and policing is much tougher, says Richard Comness, a retired detective. At right, Members of the Cure Violence group talk with a man near the Stapleton Houses in Staten Island. Their team works to defuse arguments that can lead to shootings and match people with job training and counseling.

EDITOR'S NOTE — This story is part of *Divided America*, AP's ongoing exploration of the economic, social and political divisions in American society.

By **ADAM GELLER**

AP National Writer

NEW YORK — On an unusually cool night for summer, Mike Perry and his crew thread the sidewalks running through Staten Island's Stapleton Houses, tracked by police cameras bolted to the apartment blocks and positioned atop poles.

"The better the weather, the more people will be out," Perry says. "Activity — not all good, neither."

Perry's group, five black men and one Latino, all acknowledge past crimes or prison time. Perry, himself, used to deal drugs around another low-income housing complex, two miles away. Now, though, their Cure Violence team works to defuse arguments that can lead to shootings and match people with job training and counseling. Their goals are not so different from those of the police.

While Perry gives cops their due, he keeps his distance. Two years ago, within walking distance of this spot, a black man named Eric Garner died in a confrontation with police officers. Garner was suspected of selling loose cigarettes; an officer wrestled him to the ground by his neck. His

last words — "I can't breathe" — were captured on cellphone video that rocketed across the internet.

"I know those officers did not mean to kill Eric," says Perry, a 37-year-old father of two who knew Garner.

But, "you need to look an officer in the eye who doesn't understand and go, 'Brother, I want to get home, too.' They're defending these communities that they don't know."

As Americans struggle with the highly publicized deaths of black men in encounters with police in Minnesota, Louisiana and across the country, and now the sniper killing of five Dallas officers and the three officer killings in Baton Rouge, Perry and his fellow Staten Islanders have the dubious distinction of being a step ahead. Since Garner's death in July 2014, they have confronted a measure of the anger, pain and alienation that the nation now shares. On this 58-square-mile island that residents say often feels like a small town though it's part of the nation's biggest city, police and the policed have had to coexist.

The events of recent weeks have focused new attention on the chasm between police and minorities, one of so many divides in this contentious election year. Years of tension have left people wary in both the policing community and in minority neighborhoods, with many yearning for

one another's respect.

It's not simple, though, to change the way people see each other.

"What we have to bear in mind is that when a particular culture has been created, or when people sense a certain culture is operating, it takes time in order to change that culture," says the Rev. Victor Brown, a pastor of one of the larger African-American churches on Staten Island's North Shore. Brown, a spiritual adviser to Garner's family who criticized the grand jury's decision not to indict the officer involved, serves as a part-time police chaplain.

The challenge was captured in a nationwide poll last summer by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs, in which 81 percent of black Americans said police are too quick to use deadly force, compared with 33 percent of whites. A third of blacks said they trust police to work in the best interest of the community, less than half the percentage of whites.

The voices of Staten Islanders speak to attitudes and experience that are often more complicated than might be reflected in polling numbers. Like the white retired officer who credits a longtime black partner for much of his success in patrolling poor neighborhoods, and worries today's cops are not street-wise enough.

Or the black street vendor who rails against police for Garner's death, but says officers are needed to clean up the street where that death occurred.

"I think the divide is worse than it should be and more than people think it is," says Joe Brandefine, a retired NYPD detective who helped organize

a 2014 pro-police rally. "I believe there's truth in both sides, that each side needs to see each other in a little different light."

On Staten Island, police-community relationships have long been personal.

About 3,000 police officers, scores of retired cops and their families live here, many in the heavily white neighborhoods on the southern two-thirds of the island. In those neighborhoods, protests that followed Garner's death in July 2014 were met with "God Bless the NYPD" yard signs and pro-police rallies. The tensions intensified after a grand jury decided in late 2014 not to indict the officer for Garner's death. Two weeks later, a man claiming vengeance killed two police officers in Brooklyn, one of them a former Staten Island school safety officer.

"As far as Staten Islanders are concerned, the police are family and I think it's like standing by your family no matter what," says Samantha Smith, whose father, grandfather and uncle all worked as officers and who is writing a book about 9/11's impact on the island's first responder households.

On an island of 475,000 that is 75 percent white and mostly suburban, the North Shore's comparatively dense neighborhoods are home to nearly all of the borough's African-Americans, enclaves of Liberian, Mexican, and Sri Lankan

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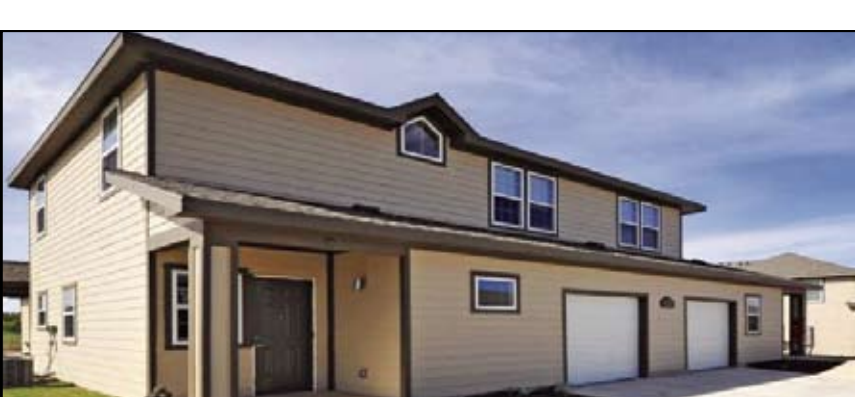
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immigrants.

Five miles of water divide Staten Island from Manhattan's southern tip and you can't get here by subway. That separation from the rest of the city has long united islanders — not just the ferry ride or detested bridge tolls, but also conservative politics and a shared sense that their borough is ignored.

Spend your life here and it can feel like you know everybody, residents say, recalling how they aided each other after Superstorm Sandy. But very few blacks live below the Staten Island Expressway, which some residents say amounts to a local Mason-Dixon line, reinforcing divisions of race and economics that shade the tensions around policing.

Richard Bruno, 54, is the former commanding office of Staten Island's 120th Precinct, and lives in one of the precinct's largely white neighborhoods. But he belies the stereotype of the white cop uninitiated to life in poor neighborhoods.

"I grew up in a tenement until I was 7 years old," says Bruno, whose father, a truck driver, eventually saved \$3,000 for a deposit on a house on Staten Island. "I remember for sport, shooting with dart guns the cockroaches off the wall ... I think that gave me an extra sense of empathy for people that have to live like that."

On this overcast June morning, Bruno, who retired from the force at the end of 2007, points to places where police intervention worked. Here's the corner off Richmond Terrace where officers caught a notorious graffiti artist. He nods to the church where he met with Mexican immigrants, many in the country illegally, trying to gain trust needed to curb a series of robberies and attacks.

"The good thing about being able to keep these communities safe is because they were isolated pockets, you could focus your resources," he says. "Now to some citizens, maybe that might feel like that's an occupation, while other citizens that live in the communities welcome it. We found mostly, overwhelmingly, they welcomed it."

But Bruno, who followed an older brother into the NYPD, laments policing's blunt realities. Driving around the Stapleton Houses, he points to where a gunman dumped a car in 2003 after killing two undercover detectives. He declines to pass judgment about Garner's death: "He wasn't an evil person. He was just out there hustling."

But in a city of 8.5 million and 35,000 cops, there will always be unintended casualties, Bruno says. That guarantees police will come in for resentment.

"You can't take anything personal, because it's not really about you at all. It's more about your position and anti-government," he says. "The public doesn't know any police officer personally. It's just really what they represent."

The reminiscences, aided by cold beer, fill the Knights of Columbus hall on Staten Island's southeast shore

even before the pledge to the flag.

Here's Pat Lavin, who can trace policing lineage from his grandfather's days as a bobby in northern England to his own son's promotion to detective in Brooklyn. Jack Hellman recalls days on patrol when cops carried no radios.

"Let me show you something," says Richard Comnesso, a retired detective. He pulls out a black-and-white photo of a man with a thick, graying beard. Hard to believe, but it's the clean-shaven Comnesso, from his days in a "decoy unit," disguised as a Hasidic Jew to catch a band of Brooklyn muggers.

The stories attest to blue fraternity. But members of the NYC Verrazano 10-13 Association — all retired Staten Island cops — lament today's policing climate, even as they wax about the old days.

"Things have changed drastically," says Comnesso, president of the group whose name incorporates the NYPD code for an officer requiring assistance. "If you make an arrest today, there's somebody there with a camera and, my own personal opinion, you're getting a lot of kids today, just out of school, never had a job before, becoming a cop."

Combine officers lacking street savvy and people in minority neighborhoods who mistrust them and policing is much tougher, says Comnesso. He credits his long-ago partner, a black cop, with schooling him to the ways of the neighborhoods they patrolled. "If you go to a high-crime area they have nothing but contempt for you," Hellman says.

The blame belongs to activists who portray cops as enemies rather than allies, says Vincent Montagna, a fellow retired cop. How, exactly, do you build trust between police and people in minority neighborhoods?

On a steamy afternoon, NYPD officers Jessi D'Ambrosio and Mary Gillespie pull up to the Richmond Terrace Houses to start their patrol.

Last year, the city began assigning pairs of officers to specific neighborhoods, rather than having them rush from call to call across precincts. They are mandated to spend a third of their shift "off-radio," talking with residents to forge relationships. The new approach was rolled out to the North Shore in December.

D'Ambrosio, 32, and Gillespie, 28, are the new "neighborhood coordinating officers" for the six-building project where Garner once lived. Jersey Street, with a reputation for crime, runs the length of a complex, most of whose residents are black.

"We want them to feel comfortable with us and that's what we're building on," Gillespie says.

When the two officers, both white and longtime Staten Islanders, walk



AP photo

Leroy Downs plays basketball with local kids in Staten Island on Wednesday, May 25, 2016. Downs, 41, has lived on Staten Island since he was 5 and works as a drug treatment counselor. But he has thought about, just maybe, becoming a cop. It's not hard to imagine, given his almost paternal attention to the neighborhood. Except that Downs, has gone to court to fight the NYPD, and its widespread stop-and-frisks, mostly of black and Hispanic men.

through the grounds, residents readily return their greetings. During their first hour, they don't answer a single call. Instead, they spend most of it helping Monique Williams, who accidentally locked her two young children inside her car, asleep with the air conditioner running.

Eunice Love, president of the complex's tenants association, recalled years of seeing officers without knowing who they were. But D'Ambrosio and Gillespie? "They're such homeboy, homegirl," Love says. "They know how to get along with people and relate and we love that."

"It's small steps," D'Ambrosio says. "You know you can't just wake up tomorrow and think the world is going to change. But they seem, still, to have accepted us."

Nearly two years after police wrestled Eric Garner to the sidewalk in front of Bay Beauty Supply, his mother, Gwen Carr, stands in the small park across the street and cringes at the scene.

A man who appears to be homeless sprawls across a bench, asleep though it's not yet 1 p.m.

"How much good did they do?" Carr says of police, who arrested her son repeatedly for selling untaxed cigarettes. "Where are they when you need them?"

New York paid \$5.9 million to settle claims by Garner's family, including his five children. That does not satisfy Carr. If her son's death means something, officials can clean up this block where regulars, black and white, say drinking and drugs have increased since Garner's death.

Confrontational cops are not the answer, Carr says.

Police should play a role, she says. But too

many haven't built relationships with people in the neighborhoods they patrol, Carr says.

"If they did there would be less killing, less crime. The police wouldn't have that much of a problem weeding out the bad guys because the people in the community would let them know," she says. "That is not snitching. That is trying to preserve your community."

That requires trust, though. Most police are good, but they don't do enough to get rid of the bad ones, says Brinson, who is in his 60s and says he has been arrested for unlawful peddling. Still, he says, the fights, the drinking and the drug use here make clear this neighborhood needs police.

"You've got to have cops on this block," Brinson says, looking down at the makeshift memorial for Garner that he helped build.

"You've got to coexist with the guys on the beat. You've got to. It's only fair."

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Former Cardinals exec sentenced to prison for hacking Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge sentenced the former scouting director of the St. Louis Cardinals to nearly four years in prison Monday for hacking the Houston Astros' player personnel database and email system in an unusual case of high-tech cheating involving two Major League Baseball clubs.

Christopher Correa had pleaded guilty in January to five counts of unauthorized access of a protected computer from 2013 to at least

2014, the same year he was promoted to director of baseball development in St. Louis. He was fired last summer and now faces 46 months behind bars and a court order to pay \$279,038 in restitution. He had faced up to five years in prison on each count. Correa will remain free on bond until he reports to federal prison within about six weeks.

Correa read a letter in court before he was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Lynn N. Hughes and he said he was

“overwhelmed with remorse and regret for my actions” that cost him his career and his home.

“I violated my values and it was wrong. I behaved shamefully,” he said. “The whole episode represents the worst thing I’ve done in my life by far.”

The judge scolded Correa for his continued blaming of the Astros for his actions, saying Correa was acting like he was in middle school. Hughes did not elaborate on

this information — part of a sealed presentencing report — but when he pleaded guilty in January, Correa had maintained he found proprietary Cardinals’ information in the Astros’ database.

Hughes said Correa’s actions were primarily about a loss of trust.

“The loss is that every baseball team has much tighter security, making it harder for honest people to go about their daily lives ... A lot of little people whose lives were

adversely affected by the cost taken to defend against people like you,” Hughes said.

MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred could discipline the Cardinals, possibly with a fine or a loss of draft picks, but has said only that he looked forward to getting details on the case from federal authorities.

“Now that the criminal process has been completed, Commissioner Manfred has

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Trout hits 3-run HR to help Angels beat Rangers

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Mike Trout came through again with a big hit for the Los Angeles Angels.

Trout’s three-run homer helped the Angels rout the Texas Rangers 9-5 on Monday night.

Andrelton Simmons had three hits and scored a run, Kole Calhoun scored three times and had an RBI to help the Angels win their fourth straight.

After winning only eight games in June, the Angels have gone 9-5 in July and scored a major league-best 95 runs.

“We’re looking relaxed out there and not trying to do too much,” Trout said of the offensive turnaround. “We’re having fun. Every lineup that’s out there every day, we’re having good at-bats and putting the ball in the play.”

With the score tied 5-5 in the seventh, Jett Bandy was hit by a pitch from Keone Kela (1-1) to start the bottom of the inning and moved to third on Simmons’ double. One out later, Calhoun hit a fielder’s choice to second, driving in Bandy with the go-ahead run, and Trout followed with his homer over the left-field fence.

Texas, which led 4-0 before Los Angeles rallied to take a 5-4 lead, came back to tie the score in the top of the seventh when Nomar Mazara and Bobby Wilson hit back-to-back doubles.

“I liked that we fought back after we lost the lead and tied the ballgame up,”



Los Angeles Angels' Jett Bandy scores from third off a single by Kole Calhoun as Texas Rangers catcher Bobby Wilson, right, is late with the tag during the seventh inning of a baseball game Monday, July 18, 2016, in Anaheim, Calif.

Rangers manager Jeff Bannister said. “But from that point on, we couldn’t keep a rhythm.”

J.C. Ramirez (2-3) pitched 1 2/3 innings for the win, and Cam Bedrosian got the last three outs.

The Rangers took a 3-0 lead in the first when Rougned Odor hit a two-run homer, his 17th, and Adrian Beltre followed with his 13th. Mitch Moreland led off the second with his 12th.

Nick Tropeano, activated from the disabled list July 4, was removed after two innings with right elbow soreness and will undergo an MRI on Tuesday. In his shortest outing of the season, Tropeano was charged with four earned runs after giving up the three homers.

“I felt it during warmups, just this soreness throughout,” Tropeano said. “It

wasn’t one pitch, which kind of gets my mindset a little more positive, but I just felt some soreness, some discomfort and I knew something wasn’t right so I just kind of opened my mouth to say something.”

Jhoulys Chacin followed with four scoreless innings in relief of Tropeano.

Albert Pujols drew a bases-loaded walk in the fourth and Daniel Nava hit a sacrifice fly to pull the Angels to 4-2. Ji-Man Choi got them within one when he led off the fifth with his first major league home run.

“The reality is — and we’ve talked about it before — when you give up those freebies, they come back to haunt you,” Bannister said. “The walks, the hit batters and the errors — we’ve got to be able to handle the baseball when we need to.”

LB Justin Durant returning to Cowboys

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys signed linebacker Justin Durant to a one-year deal Monday, adding a familiar face to provide some needed depth on defense.

Durant played two seasons for the Cowboys before having 82 tackles in 13 games for Atlanta last year.

The nine-year NFL veteran started 12 of his 16 games for Dallas in 2013 and 2014, with 73 tackles and an interception.

Cowboys starting linebacker Rolando McClain will be suspended the first 10 games of the season for his second violation of the NFL’s substance-abuse policy in as many years. Dallas will also open without defensive ends DeMarcus Lawrence and Randy Gregory, who each must serve four-game suspensions.

All three can participate in training camp, which opens July 30 in Oxnard, California, and in preseason games.



Houston Astros starting pitcher Mike Fiers, right, gets a visit to the mound from pitching coach Brent Strom, center, and catcher Jason Castro, left, during the fourth inning of a baseball game Monday.

Graveman wins 5th straight to pace Athletics past Astros 7-4

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — With three wins in four games since the All-Star break against two of the hottest teams in the majors, the Athletics are building some momentum.

They’ve still got quite a ways to go to dig themselves out of the cellar in the AL West. Still, it’s as good a streak as manager Bob Melvin could have expected after a disappointing first half.

Yonder Alonso drove in three runs with a pair of two-out hits to back Kendall Graveman’s fifth consecutive win, and Oakland Athletics beat the Houston Astros 7-4 on Monday night.

“Guys are putting up some numbers now,” Graveman said. “You could go one to nine no matter who’s in there, and

I think a lot of guys are starting to feel comfortable at the plate. Us as starters are just trying to keep them in ballgames and we know they’re going to put up runs.”

Khris Davis hit his fourth home run in three games, Marcus Semien had two hits and scored twice while Ryon Healy added an RBI double for the A’s.

Oakland has won three of four since the All-Star break.

“It’s just timely hitting,” Davis said. “When we get those crooked numbers, our pitchers are doing a great job of throwing up a zero and getting us back in. That momentum is huge.”

Alonso doubled in a run in the second inning then added

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RB Foster reaches deal with Dolphins

MIAMI (AP) — Four-time Pro Bowl running back Arian Foster took a big step Monday in his comeback from a torn Achilles tendon.

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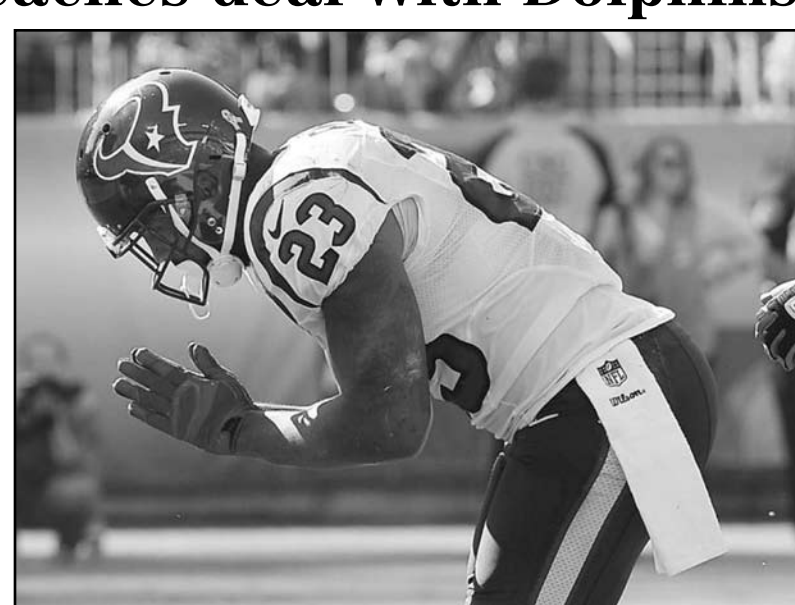
Foster signed a \$1.5 million, one-year contract with the Miami Dolphins, and said he’s fully healthy.

“I still feel like I’m a Pro Bowl-caliber player, and I intend to show it,” Foster said.

Foster, who spent the past seven years with the Houston Texans, was hurt in Game 7 last year at Miami. He paid a free agent visit to the Dolphins in March and accepted an offer after working out for them Monday.

Miami was looking to add depth at running back following the loss of Lamar Miller to the Texans in free agency.

“After my visit with Miami, I kind of made my mind up that that was where I wanted



Arian Foster missed most of last season after tearing his Achilles tendon.

to be,” Foster said. “I see a lot of promise in this team and feel like I add value.”

Jay Ajayi is expected to start after rushing for 187 yards as

a rookie last year. Foster will likely compete as a backup with rookie Kenyan Drake and veterans Daniel Thomas and Damien Williams.

TCU, OSU expected again to chase OU in Big 12

DALLAS (AP) — Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy knows Mason Rudolph has to feel better physically, even without talking to the junior quarterback about how he feels.

Rudolph played the second half of a game with a broken foot late last season, then got in only one series in the regular-season finale against Oklahoma before playing far from fully healthy in the Sugar Bowl. The Cowboys lost all three of those games after a 10-0 start.

“When we finished spring ball, he was very close to being pain free,” Gundy said

Monday, the first day of Big 12 football media days.

“I would guess that he feels like he did prior to the injury, and he’s had a really good summer. ... He looks really good.”

While the Cowboys get a healthy Rudolph back, TCU has former Texas A&M transfer Kenny Hill and sophomore Foster Sawyer competing to succeed dual-threat quarterback Trevone Boykin.

“It’s going to be a healthy (competition). They improved this spring,” Horned Frogs coach Gary Patterson said. “I’m kind of excited about this season.”

Oklahoma State and TCU finished tied for second in the conference last season behind champion Oklahoma, which is the overwhelming preseason pick this season to win its 10th Big 12 title after last season becoming the league’s first team to make the new College Football Playoff. The Horned Frogs and Cowboys are picked to finish second and third, respectively, in that media poll.

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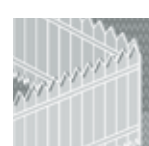
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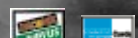
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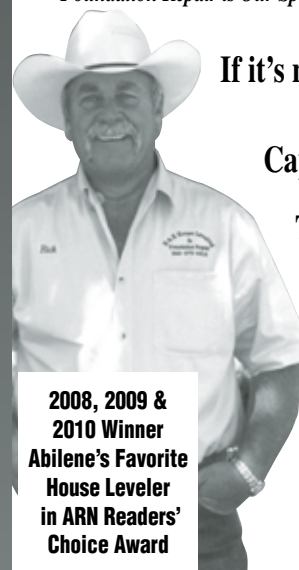
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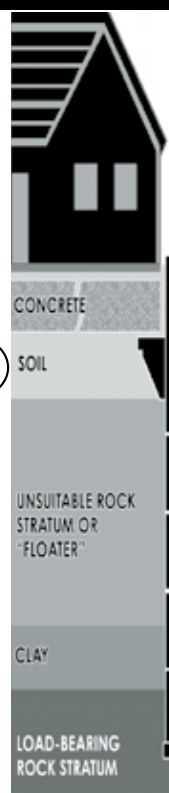
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). When things drop off your schedule naturally, don't fight it or try to reschedule right away. Let it happen. You will experience a greater level of time-affluence and feel truly rich!

TAURUS (April 20-May

20). Nothing takes you out of the moment like criticizing your own thoughts. Also, it's impossible to be fully awake and mindful and judge all of your thoughts at the same time. So how about you go easy on yourself?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Has a perfect stranger ever captured your attention to the point where you project an entire persona onto the person? Should you actually get to know this person, be careful not to let that made-up persona blur into the reality.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You crave a sense of spaciousness -- in your environment, in your head, in your soul. You can't rid the whole world of clutter, but you can start with a room, and that will begin the journey.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are forces at work that you don't know about

and won't know about until the plot thickens. Suffice it to say, you'll have angels on your side when you need them. Let that comfort and inspire you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Because you really love a person, you'll sacrifice much to make things work, get along and accommodate wishes. If you also happen to be extremely compatible with this person, even such efforts won't require much energy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can't blame a person for just trying to have fun, even if your kind of fun is in direct opposition to this person's. Probably the most graceful thing will be to remove yourself from the situation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Maybe you've behaved badly to someone in the past, but of course that doesn't make you bad in general. Per-

haps you need a new cast and setting. Different people (and environments) bring out different sides of you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are not your thoughts. Thoughts are just ideas passing through the atmosphere, most of them not even generated by you, just yours to claim or not claim depending on what best suits the person you want to be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Once you learn a new way to make money you'll experience a financial upswing. It will be a day to investigate options, poke around, ask questions and try to determine what interests you enough to follow through to the finish.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are there for your friend, regardless of the details of this person's troubles. First of all, it will

be a while before you even know those details, and second of all, that's the kind of person you are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may have emotionally moved on from a situation, but there are remnants of it everywhere, not to mention a few practical matters connected with it that need to be cleared up. Today is a good day to start.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 19). It doesn't make sense, but you will get younger as the year progresses. What used to worry you will no longer be an issue after July. What you used to approach seriously you'll approach playfully in August. You'll transform your living space with the bonus you receive in September. In October expect love letters and visits. Virgo and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 17, 40, 22 and 8.

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Lead guitarist for Queen, Brian May composed "We Will Rock You," and rock us he did. Then this Cancer became an astrophysicist and published his doctoral thesis on zodiacal light. May was born when the sun, Mercury and Venus were soulful Cancer. His moon, Saturn and Pluto are in entertaining Leo and natal Mars is in intellectual Gemini.

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Annie's Mailbox

Where's the Beef?

Dear Annie: I'm a self-proclaimed meatatarian. I suppose I eat vegetables from time to time, such as the lettuce and tomato on a hamburger. But for the most part, if it didn't have a central nervous system, I'm not interested. You can't fault me for it; I grew up in the Midwest, where we treated sausage like a food group. I feel manly when I eat chicken wings, ripping flesh off the carcass of an animal with my teeth. Beef, chicken, duck, lamb, rabbit, bison, fish -- love 'em all. However, I also love my new vegan (gasp) girlfriend. Vegan Girlfriend is the best, and I've never felt this way before. She seems to

really accept and love all of my personality. She's even fine with the meatatarian thing, never making any comments about it and saying it doesn't bother her. My family really likes her, although it's always a process trying to explain her diet to Grandma, God bless her. ("No steak for her, Grandma. ... No, 'those people' don't eat chicken, either.") I'm really starting to believe that Vegan Girlfriend is the one. But it keeps nagging at my mind that she's a vegan for a reason. Part of me thinks that underneath all her I-don't-minds, she is saying to herself, "How could you stuff another defenseless animal down your gullet

when there is perfectly good kale in the fridge?" I love this woman, but I also love meat. Am I doomed to a life of guilty animal consumption? -- Meaty Mike
Dear Meaty: What's eating you? Your girlfriend doesn't care that you're an omnivore. She has said -- and I quote -- "I don't mind." You're projecting. On some level, you must feel bad about eating meat. Maybe that's your conscience nagging at you, or maybe it's just your cholesterol. Either way, figure it out and get right with it. And it wouldn't kill you to eat some of that perfectly good kale in the fridge.
Dear Annie: My younger sister is a 59-year-old

woman who has never been married. She's fun, creative and full of life, and she still has her looks. I also know she's really lonely. After a string of bad boyfriends in her 20s and 30s, she gave up on dating and has since devoted almost all her energy to her work and her pets. She's gone on a few dates here and there over the years, but she refuses to do any kind of online dating because she thinks that it's "desperate" and that "only freaks are out online." She refuses to hear me when I say otherwise. Every time I try to approach the subject of dating, she tells me that I have no idea what I'm talking about and that we're too different to un-

derstand each other. And that's true. We were never close growing up. She was the "wild child" who dropped out of high school, and I was the "good daughter" who got a college degree. And there's a 10-year age difference. Also, I have been married for more than 30 years and have two great kids. I feel guilty and like a braggart every time I talk about my family. And her resentment has only grown after the recent death of her pet. How do I help my sister find someone when she doesn't want to hear it? Maybe she'll listen to you. -- Elder Sister in Omaha
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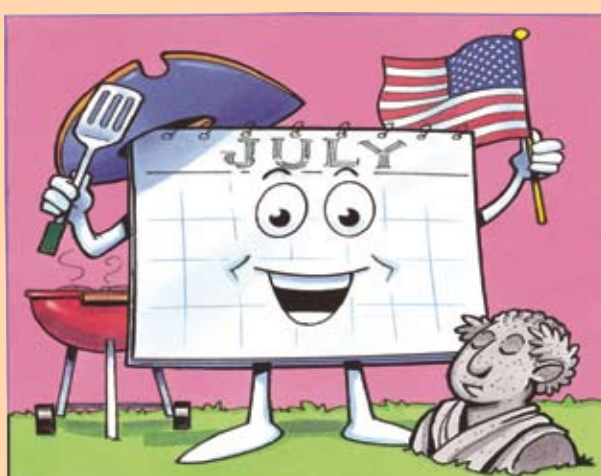
picket fence and 2 1/2 kids are not for everyone. Plenty of people live amazingly fulfilled lives without getting married and having children. I don't think your sister would be "full of life," "creative" and attractive if she were lonely and miserable. Once you stop forcing your idea of happiness on her, that guilt you mentioned may magically disappear.

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Fact or Fiction?

July Challenge

July is the seventh month of the year. Here are some questions about the month. How many can you answer correctly?



- 1) July was named after Roman general Julius Caesar. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 2) There are 32 days in July. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 3) July is known for having high temperatures in the United States. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 4) The dog days of summer begin in July in the United States. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 5) Ruby is the birthstone for July. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 6) Most rubies are blue. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 7) Many holidays take place in July, including Independence Day in the United States, which falls on July 4. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 8) The United States is not the only country to celebrate its independence in July. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 9) The Tour de France takes place in July. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 10) The Tour de France is a car race. *Fact or Fiction?*

Answers: (1) Fact, (2) Fiction, (3) Fact, (4) Fact, (5) Fact, (6) Fiction, (7) Fact, (8) Fact, (9) Fact, (10) Fiction, (11) Fact, (12) Fiction, (13) Fact, (14) Fiction, (15) Fact, (16) Fiction, (17) Fact, (18) Fiction, (19) Fact, (20) Fiction, (21) Fact, (22) Fiction, (23) Fact, (24) Fiction, (25) Fact, (26) Fiction, (27) Fact, (28) Fiction, (29) Fact, (30) Fiction, (31) Fact, (32) Fiction, (33) Fact, (34) Fiction, (35) Fact, (36) Fiction, (37) Fact, (38) Fiction, (39) Fact, (40) Fiction, (41) Fact, (42) Fiction, (43) Fact, (44) Fiction, (45) Fact, (46) Fiction, (47) Fact, (48) Fiction, (49) Fact, (50) Fiction, (51) Fact, (52) Fiction, (53) Fact, (54) Fiction, (55) Fact, (56) Fiction, (57) Fact, (58) Fiction, (59) Fact, (60) Fiction, (61) Fact, (62) Fiction, (63) Fact, (64) Fiction, (65) Fact, (66) Fiction, (67) Fact, (68) Fiction, (69) Fact, (70) Fiction, (71) Fact, (72) Fiction, (73) Fact, (74) Fiction, (75) Fact, (76) Fiction, (77) Fact, (78) Fiction, (79) Fact, (80) Fiction, (81) Fact, (82) Fiction, (83) Fact, (84) Fiction, (85) Fact, (86) Fiction, (87) Fact, (88) Fiction, (89) Fact, (90) Fiction, (91) Fact, (92) Fiction, (93) Fact, (94) Fiction, (95) Fact, (96) Fiction, (97) Fact, (98) Fiction, (99) Fact, (100) Fiction.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

More than just a guess

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A K Q
♥ J 7 2
♦ A 8 7 5
♣ 9 8 3
WEST
♠ 9 7 4 2
♥ A K
♦ J 10 9 6
♣ Q 10 5
EAST
♠ J 10 8 5
♥ 6 4 3
♦ 4 3
♣ K 7 4 2
SOUTH
♠ 6 3
♥ Q 10 9 8 5
♦ K Q 2
♣ A J 6
The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
1 NT Pass 3 ♦ Pass
3 ♥ Pass 4 ♣
Opening lead — jack of diamonds.
To guess right consistently is the mark of a fine player, but most of the good guesses you hear about are based much more on logic than on a so-called sixth sense. Consider this case where South must guess right at the critical point to make his four-heart contract.
West leads the jack of diamonds, won by a declarer with the king. There is no good reason to postpone drawing trumps, so South leads the heart ten, taken by West with the king.

West returns the ten of diamonds, won by the queen, and South leads another trump to West's ace. West continues with still another diamond, the six, and South is confronted with the problem of whether to play dummy's ace or eight. If he plays the ace, he goes down; if he plays the eight, he makes the contract. Actually, the right play is not really a guess. Declarer must play the eight, not because he can be sure that West started with the J-10-9-6 rather than the J-10-6, but because the eight play guarantees the contract, while the ace play jeopardizes it. What can happen if the eight loses to the nine? Certainly nothing bad, since declarer is then assured of taking the rest of the tricks, discarding his two club losers on the ace of diamonds and queen of spades after extracting the last trump. And if East ruffs the eight, as in the actual deal, South still gets the two club discards. But if South puts up the ace instead of playing the eight, he courts disaster if East ruffs the ace. Declarer then cannot avoid losing a club trick later and so goes down one. You could say that playing the eight is a good guess, but it would be more accurate to call it a highly educated guess.

Tomorrow: Delicate misrepresentation.
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6:PM	Jeopardy!	Sueño de Amor	Mod Fam	News	Caso Cerado	News	J. McGee	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Seinfeld	MLB Baseball: New York Mets at Chicago Cubs.	Arm Wrestling	WNBA Basketball: Sparks at Fever	Und. Pregame	WWE SmackDown!	Zombie Flip	Deadliest Catch
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"WELL, I THOUGHT I HEARD A NOISE, AND IT TURNED OUT TO BE MY STOMACH GROWLING FOR A MIDNIGHT SNACK."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"I was homesick for a while, but I got over it when the bus pulled out and I couldn't see my mom waving."

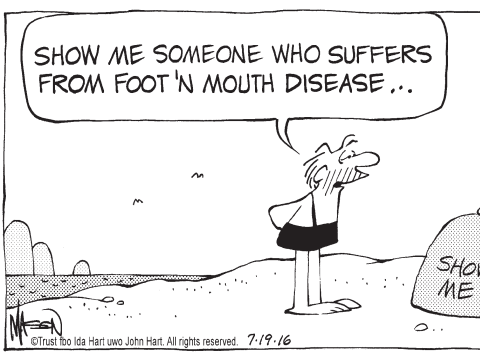
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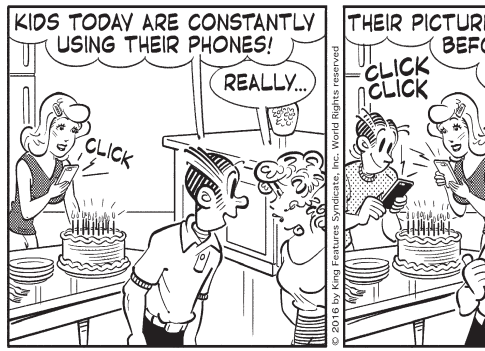
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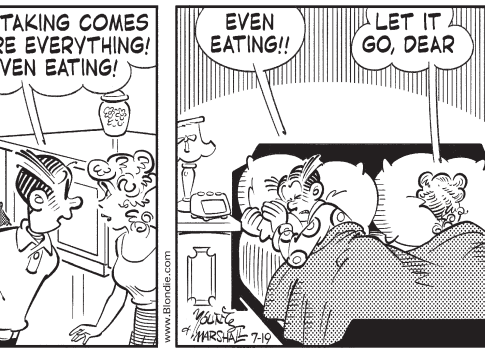
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HI AND LOIS



THE OTHER COAST



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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, July 19, the 201st day of 2016. There are 165 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On July 19, 1941, Britain launched its "V for Victory" campaign during World War II with Prime Minister Winston Churchill calling the V-sign hand gesture "the symbol of the unconquerable will of the people of the occupied territories and a portent of the fate awaiting the Nazi tyranny."
On this date:
In 1553, King Henry VIII's daughter Mary was proclaimed Queen of England after pretender Lady Jane Grey was deposed.
In 1848, a pioneering women's rights convention convened in Seneca Falls, New York.
In 1903, the first Tour de France was won by Maurice Garin.
In 1944, the Democratic national convention convened in Chicago with the nomination of President Franklin D. Roosevelt considered a certainty.
In 1952, the Summer Olympics opened in Helsinki, Finland.

In 1961, TWA became the first airline to begin showing regularly scheduled in-flight movies as it presented "By Love Possessed" to first-class passengers on a flight from New York to Los Angeles.
In 1979, the Nicaraguan capital of Managua fell to Sandinista guerrillas, two days after President Anastasio Somoza fled the country.
In 1980, the Moscow Summer Olympics began, minus dozens of nations that were boycotting the games because of the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.
In 1986, Caroline Kennedy, daughter of President John F. Kennedy, married Edwin A. Schlossberg in Centerville, Massachusetts.
In 1989, 111 people were killed when United Air Lines Flight 232, a DC-10 which suffered the uncontained failure of its tail engine and the loss of hydraulic systems, crashed while making an emergency landing at Sioux City, Iowa; 185 other people survived.
In 1990, President George H.W. Bush joined former presidents Ronald Reagan, Gerald R. Ford and Richard M. Nixon at ceremonies dedicating the Nixon Library and Birthplace (since re-designated the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum) in Yorba Linda, California.
Ten years ago: President George W. Bush issued his first presidential veto, rejecting a bill that could have multiplied federal money for embryonic stem cell research; a few hours later, the House voted 235-193 to overturn Bush's veto, 51 short of the required two-thirds majority. Actor Jack Warden died in New York at age 85.
Five years ago: Summoned by British lawmakers to answer for a phone hacking and bribery scandal at one of his tabloids, media mogul Rupert Murdoch told a parliamentary committee hearing he was humbled and ashamed.
One year ago: Saying they felt a "deep sense of ethical responsibility for a past tragedy," executives from Japan's Mitsubishi Materials Corp. offered an unprecedented apology to a 94-year-old former U.S. prisoner of war for using American POWs as forced labor during World War II.

Answer to previous puzzle

PEER	PEST	STEPS
ACME	AXLE	HOTEL
CHIP	SPAN	ONTOE
TOTE	TOSSAROUND	
AFR	HEFT	
LASTLAP	TARTAR	
ACT	AMEND	COLA
THROWINTO	PANIC	
COUP	THESE	EVE
HOTTUB	STARRED	
SOON	USA	
PITCHATENT	STEW	
ADORE	TREE	CORE
ROGER	EVIL	ARAB
SLOWS	RELY	LESS

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Dutch cheese
 - 5 Tale from Aesop
 - 10 Short race
 - 14 Subtle radiance
 - 15 Large blue area on a globe
 - 16 Woodwind instrument
 - 17 Bride attachment
 - 18 Gather together
 - 19 Shore bird
 - 20 Immaculate
 - 22 Camera setting
 - 23 Capital of Norway
 - 24 Sum
 - 26 From the US
 - 29 Not subject to taxes
 - 33 Smartphone download
 - 36 Language of Egypt
 - 39 Entryway
 - 40 Immaculate
 - 43 Oregano or thyme
 - 44 Short race
 - 45 Weeder's tool
 - 46 Bring to light
 - 48 Have a snack
 - 50 Computer "infection"
 - 53 Granola grains
 - 56 Plumbing conduits
 - 59 Immaculate
 - 63 Tibet's continent
 - 64 Tremble
 - 65 Cutlet meat
- DOWN**
- 1 All __ (listening carefully)
 - 2 Because of
 - 3 Opera selections
 - 4 Philippines' capital
 - 5 Baby horse
 - 6 Zenith
 - 7 Wild animal
 - 8 Rodeo rope
 - 9 Recent USNA grad
 - 10 Arctic vehicles
 - 11 Share a border with
 - 12 Song for one singer
 - 13 Assist
 - 21 " __ is an island . . ."
 - 22 Send via phone line
 - 25 Electronic dance music
 - 27 Pencil end
 - 28 Gravelly voice
 - 30 Butterfly cousin
 - 31 Equestrian sport
 - 32 Nest location
 - 33 Feel sore
 - 34 Movie-house suffix
 - 35 Crook, to a cop
 - 37 Pub
 - 38 Victor's cry
 - 41 Most importantly
 - 42 "Not to worry"
 - 47 Bro's counterpart
 - 49 Cuts in two
 - 51 Seat finder
 - 52 Tire in a trunk
 - 54 Traffic jam
 - 55 Entrap
 - 56 Settles a bill
 - 57 "That's clear now"
 - 58 One aspirin
 - 60 Related
 - 61 Marsh plant
 - 62 Radiance
 - 64 Stage backdrop

IMMACULATE by Billie Truitt
Edited by Stanley Newman
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CORREA

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asked the Department of Investigations to conduct a complete investigation of the facts in this matter, including requesting information from the appropriate law enforcement authorities," the league said in a statement. "The commissioner hopes that the investigation can be completed promptly to put him in a position to take appropriate action."

Cardinals Chairman Bill DeWitt Jr. had blamed the hack on "roguish behavior" by a handful of individuals.

"As we did with the government during its investigation, we intend to fully cooperate with the commissioner's office in connection with its investigation so that this matter can finally be resolved," DeWitt said in a statement Monday.

Kenneth Magidson, the U.S. Attorney in Houston, said he was pleased with the sentence, which he added concludes his office's investigation. No one else was charged in the case.

"This is a very serious offense and obviously Judge Hughes saw it as well," Magidson said.

Giles Kibbe, the Astros' general counsel, called it "a sad day for baseball." He added that despite what Correa had claimed, the Astros were not using any proprietary information from the Car-

dinals.

"The Astros were the victim in this case," Kibbe said.

The data breach was first reported in June 2014 when Astros general manager Jeff Luhnow told reporters the team had been the victim of hackers who accessed servers and published online months of internal trade talks. Luhnow had previously worked for the Cardinals.

Federal prosecutors say the hacking cost the Astros about \$1.7 million, taking into account how Correa used the Astros' data to draft players. Kibbe said that in the two years Correa was in the Astros' system, he accessed the team's network about 60 times.

The FBI said Correa was able to gain access using a password similar to that used by a Cardinals employee who "had to turn over his Cardinals-owned laptop to Correa along with the laptop's password" when he was leaving for a job with the Astros in 2011. The employee was not identified, though Luhnow left St. Louis for Houston in December of that year to become general manager.

Prosecutors have said Correa in 2013 improperly downloaded a file of the Astros' scouting list of every eligible player for that year's draft. They say he also improperly viewed notes of trade discussions as well as a page that listed information such as potential bonus details, statistics and notes on recent performances

and injuries by team prospects.

The Astros rely heavily on sabermetrics in their evaluation of players and use a database called Ground Control to house proprietary information.

Authorities say that after the Astros took security precautions involving Ground Control following a Houston Chronicle story about the database, Correa was able to still get into it. Authorities say he hacked the email system and was able to view 118 pages of confidential information, including notes of trade discussions, player evaluations and a 2014 team draft board that had not yet been completed.

Luhnow was a key figure in the Cardinals' own database, called Redbird. At least one former Cardinals employee — Sig Mejdal, a former NASA employee and analytics expert — had joined Luhnow in Houston.

Luhnow has not commented in detail about the case, though he's denied using any of the Cardinals' intellectual property or information from Redbird to create Houston's database.

The Cardinals are among baseball's most successful franchises on and off the field. Only the New York Yankees have more World Series titles than the 11 won by St. Louis. The Astros and Cardinals were rivals in the National League Central until Houston moved to the American League in 2013.

Top three finish



Courtesy photo

Big Spring's 10-U All Stars finished third out of 18 teams in a West Texas tournament held in San Angelo over the weekend. Players are: Brylee Martin, Cloe Viasiana, Rebecca Rodriguez, Alexcia Munoz, Kinzlee Moron, Kaedyn Lee, Emma Buske, Celestina Vela, Maegan Rodriguez, Avery Rodriguez, Raelyn Quintero, Alyson Castaneda and Neely Key.

Coaches are: Head coach Leonard Munoz, assistant coach George Quintero, manager Jon Cervantes, and chaperone Dondee Vela.

ASTROS

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a two-run single as part of five-run fourth when the A's sent 12 men to the plate. The Astros walked five batters in the inning, two with the bases loaded.

Graveman (6-6) allowed three runs over seven innings to earn his second straight win over Houston. The right-hander, who also beat the Astros in his final start before the break, struck out five and walked one.

Dyan Dull retired three batters and Ryan Madson pitched the ninth for his 20th save.

Marwin Gonzalez homered for the second time in three games for Houston.

The A's got plenty of help from the Astros pitching.

Starter Mike Fiers allowed six runs over 3 2/3 innings to remain winless in five career starts

against Oakland. Fiers (6-4) fanned five and walked three, including two in the fourth.

Michael Feliz replaced Fiers and walked three consecutive batters including Josh Reddick and Danny Valencia with the bases loaded.

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