

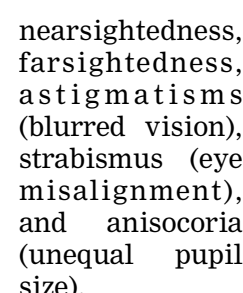
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Lions Club offering free eye checks



Staff Writer

The Big Spring Centennial Lions Club is offering a free Spot Eye Exam for children at the Howard County Library on Wednesday June 14 to help prevent vision problems and catch any eye problems kids may be dealing with.

The club recently provided the exam for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club on June 6 and nearly 120 children had their eyes examined.

"We did it at the Boys and Girls Club and had over a hundred kids get their eyes screened," said David Stives, member of the Big Spring Centennial Lions Club.

Stives went on to explain that they have a screening machine known as the Spot Model VS100 that only takes a couple of minutes for the exam and is used to determine a number of vision problems including;

Following the previous exam, a letter was sent home to the children that might need to have further professional medical examinations by an optometrist. The same exam will be offered to children at the Howard County Library on June 14 to help further extend the helping hand of the Lions Club.

"What we are going to be doing is be out at the library with the screening machine, it's a spot screener," said Stives. "In a sense, it takes a picture of a person's eyes, reads it, and determines if they need to see an optometrist or not."

The Lions Club International was founded in 1917 and since then they have been helping millions of people worldwide improve their eye health and eye care. The Big Spring chapter of the Lions Club has recently been revived thanks to the help of a neighboring club in Midland. Officially known as the Big Spring

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Gifts, stories, laughter, and a few tears marked the farewell reception Sunday morning for First United Methodist Church's Pastor Bill Ivins, who is moving to Amarillo to take over the pastor's position at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Sunday was Ivins' final worship service as pastor at Big Spring's First Methodist.

"Well, I'm sad. I really am. This has been a great six years, and this church and this commu-

nity have embraced me in a way that I've never experienced at any other church or community," Ivins said. "And so I'm leaving behind a lot of friends, not only in this church but in the community at large. I'm just going to miss Big Spring."

Ivins said he's formed some solid friendships in Big Spring.

"I told the folks at the 9 o'clock service that this is the first town I've lived in where I can honestly say that I've been able to develop friendships, because people tend to hold pastors at arm's length.

They often don't include pastors really in their lives," he said. "But I've developed some very good friendships here. It's sad to leave that behind. But I'm excited about moving to Amarillo. It will be a new adventure, and I'll just wait and see what God has in store."

FUMC member Mark Barr acted as master of ceremonies at the reception. Barr said that he met Ivins when the minister was just starting out

as an associate pastor in Hobbs, N.M. Barr also praised one of the changes Ivins has brought to

the Big Spring church.

"One of the best things I think this church has done (during Ivins' tenure), and it was an uphill battle, was our contemporary service," he said. "It was an uphill battle. It's hard for some people to change, you know, and I'm probably among the worst of them." First Methodist offers both a traditional service and the contemporary service with a praise band and more casual atmosphere.

Lay leader Linda Conway wished Ivins well in

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By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Big Spring High School's Class of 2017 valedictorian, Alexess Sosa, is heading west to California in the fall to attend college at Stanford University.

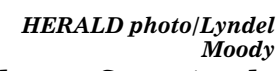
It's an impressive feat given



the fact that only 2,050 students were selected for the upcoming Stanford freshman class out of more than 44,000 applications. Also, she will be the first in her family to attend college.

“After I sent in my application, I thought there was no way I was going to get in,” Sosa said. “The more I thought about it, I was like this is not going to happen. What was I thinking? So

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Alexess Sosa stands by the Big Spring Steer display in front of the high school. The new graduate will be heading to Stanford University in the fall, making the cut out of more than 44,000 applicants. She is the first in her family to go to college.



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his ministry in Amarillo.

“When he called to tell me that he had asked the bishop for a new appointment, I was ‘Oh, I’ve made him mad and he wants out of here. Stupid me,” she said. “But I had to remember that pastors have callings, and I believe that God has called Bill to do something different, and he is answering that call.”

Conway said she has enjoyed Ivins’ contributions in the pulpit.

“I also thought, ‘What if Amarillo called me and said, “Tell us about Bill.” What would I say?’” she said. “Well, if I had to pick Bill’s main strength, I would say it is his preaching. His sermons. He is a great teacher, his sermons are interesting, they give us a lot of insight. They’re inspirational. The worship services, whether you’re in Traditions or Contemporary, they’re moving, they’re encouraging. Sometimes they get a little bit long, and it cuts into my Sunday School time.”

During the reception, various church groups and members presented Ivins with farewell gifts, including a painting of a tree whose leaves are paint fingerprints of the church’s children, a T-shirt bearing the phrase, “The Sermonator,” various snacks and goodies for his drive to Amarillo, and gift certificates for meals and a massage.

“I need that right now,” Ivins quipped, referring to the massage.

Before taking the reins at Amarillo, Ivins will lead a group of FUMC Big Spring members on a trip to the Holy Land.

The church’s next pastor will be the Rev. Derrell Patterson, who has served as the superintendent for the Big Spring District of the Northwest Texas Area of the United Methodist Church.

He’s also an active member of FUMC Big Spring.

For more information about First United Methodist Church, visit fumcbs.com/home.

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline

First United Methodist Church member Becky Woodall presents Pastor Bill Ivins with a painting at his farewell reception Sunday morning. The tree, whose leaves are fingerprints of the church's children, is captioned "You left your prints on our hearts and minds...Now we leave ours with you. First F.U.M.C. Big Spring, TX." Sunday was Ivins final time in the pulpit as pastor of First United Methodist Church of Big Spring.

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I would go online and see what do they looked for in their perspective students, and I do not fit the bill at all.”

However, her admissions officer said Sosa would make a good fit into the college’s intellectual community, Sosa said.

“That was one of the biggest reason that helped me in getting there,” she continued. “Not only do I try to always be the best in what I do, but I always strive to truly understand really complex things. I’ve always been really curious and I think I say my curiosity is what got me to such a prestigious school. Coming from such a small community, it’s not something that is even talked about, but I was curious enough about it that I wanted to pursue something like that.”

Sosa said her parents and her teachers have encouraged her innate sense of curiosity.

“My family and the school built on it,” she said. “I would always talk to my mom about all the questions that I had and all the things I was learning and discovering and she was real interested to hear about it.”

Sosa added her teachers were always encouraging her to “keep asking the big questions.”

Sosa will study psychology at Stanford with a goal in becoming a clinical child psychologist, but from her experience participating in the Big Spring High School speech and debate program, she is also considering a career in law, specifically children’s advocacy law.

“I am really interested into doing psychology, and Stanford has one of the best psychology programs in the country,” she said. “That was definitely drew me in.”

One of the resources that helped Sosa through the application process was QuestBridge, a national organization that helps low income, high achieving students to become accepted at top-tier universities.

“They have an application program for low income students that are high achieving but don’t necessarily have the resources to get to these top-tier schools without being insanely in debt or just having no resources to get to them there,” Sosa explained. “They do a lot of things to help find summer programs, so you can get use to these schools and the environment they have.”

Last summer through QuestBridge, Sosa attended a journalism program at Princeton University. She was one of 38 students across the country to be accepted to the program.

Because of a program to help low-income students with tuition costs at Stanford, Sosa will only need to come up with \$2,200 a year, which can be paid through work-study programs and/or small scholarships.

She advised young students not to let the cost of college limit their goals.

“Never limit yourself,” she said. “I come from that situation. The reason I got to Stanford was because of all of the hard work that I put in. I think some of the students don’t realize is that these big Ivy League schools pay you a lot of money to go to their school no matter what background you come from.”

“A lot of top-tier schools, if your parents make \$65,000 or less, they are going to give you a full ride or something similar like Stanford does,” she continued. “Students need to know you don’t need to limit yourself by telling yourself that these schools are too expensive for me to ever attend or too far away for me to ever strive for because they will help you”.

Although she is looking forward to gaining new experiences at Stanford, Sosa said she will miss her time at Big Spring High School.

“Big Spring is amazing and no matter what people think of it or the pre-conceived ideas people get about us, there are some amazing teachers that really care about the students and have made my time here amazing,” she said. “I would say give Big Spring a chance. Not only am I successful but the salutatorian last year is at Brown (University) this year. We are slowly building a legacy for ourselves.”

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Centennial Lions Club, the organization already has over around 25 members and has been busy around the city helping volunteer their time and resources to help improve the community.

“We’ve already been out at the VA and picked up some trash along side the road. We helped the kids prepare sack lunches, and the eye screening at the elementary,” Stives said.

The Lions Club will be at the library

starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 14, and according to Stives, will be there until they finish screening all the children attending.

For more information about the event or the club in general, attend one of their meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the TA truck stop.

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Ronald Wayne Benton, 68, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

David E. McGruder, 69, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Linam Prentice Gamble, 84, died Friday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Elias R. Chavez, Sr., 86, died Saturday. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Ivanka Trump brand applies for, wins more China trademarks

By ERIKA KINETZ
Associated Press

SHANGHAI (AP) — China has granted provisional approval for four additional Ivanka Trump trademarks since April 20, and her brand has continued to seek more intellectual property protection in China, with at least 14 applications filed around the time she took on an official White House role, Chinese public records show.

Trademarks provide essential — and valuable — protection to businesses in China, whether they want to manufacture or sell their goods in the world’s second-largest economy, or simply protect their brand against squatters. But critics point to Ivanka Trump’s ongoing ownership interest in her fashion and lifestyle brand and say the trademarks, which are granted by the Chinese government, pres-

ent potential conflicts of interest for the daughter of U.S. President Donald Trump.

All told, Ivanka Trump Marks LLC has at least 24 trademarks that were granted provisional or full approval in China, plus 43 pending marks and three invalid marks, according to Trademark Office database records.

At least seven of those provisional approvals were published after March 29, when Ivanka Trump announced she would become a federal employee, serving as an adviser to her father. Four preliminary approvals were published on April 20, May 13 and May 27. If there are no objections, those marks — covering wedding dresses and jewelry among other things — will be registered after 90 days. All were applied for in 2016.

Three additional trademarks for jewelry, bags and spa services were initially published in China’s Trademark Gazette on April 6, the same day Ivanka Trump dined with President Xi Jinping at Mar-a-Lago, her father’s resort in Florida, as reported previously by The Associated Press. The record of initial approval for one of them has subsequently disappeared from the database. It was not immediately clear why.

Ivanka Trump Marks LLC also applied for at least 14 new trademarks in China on March 28, the day before she announced her official White House role. A 15th application, with a small typo in the Chinese version of the name of the company, was filed on the same date. The applications, which were first reported by the Wall Street Journal, cover a wide range of goods and services, including real estate and financial services, construction, furniture, carpets, and alcohol except beer. Detailed records of these filings were not available Monday on the Trademark Office’s public online database.

China has defended its handling of trademarks for both Ivanka Trump and Donald Trump as fair and in line with normal legal practice.

Ivanka Trump’s brand has said the 2017 Chinese trademarks were filed defensively, to protect against squatters using her name.

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Former President George H.W. Bush celebrating 93rd birthday

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine (AP) — Former President George H.W. Bush is celebrating his 93rd birthday with family on the Maine coast.

Bush was planning a low-key celebration Monday with his wife, Barbara Bush, and other family members at their summer home in Kennebunkport. She turned 92 last week.

The former president was hospitalized in the spring with a case of bronchitis, but his staff says he's doing well.

He arrived in Maine last month.

Bush is the oldest living ex-president and has celebrated previous birthdays by skydiving.

His last jump came when he turned 90.

His chief of staff, Jean Becker, says he's going to remain firmly planted on the ground Monday. Becker joked that she "hid his parachute."

Armed protesters fear removal of Texas hero's statue

HOUSTON (AP) — Hundreds of individuals, some armed, gathered at a Houston park Saturday to protest what they believe are efforts to remove a statue of Texas hero Sam Houston because he owned slaves.

There hasn't been any organized effort to remove Houston's statue, which has stood near a city park since 1925.

Protesters, some carrying Confederate flags, said they were concerned local activists have been calling for the statue's removal.

But it's not clear any such removal efforts have been formally proposed in the wake of other cities around the country taking down Confederate monuments.

Houston was the Republic of Texas' first president. While he did own slaves, he also refused to take an oath of allegiance to the Confederacy.

3 Amarillo highway workers killed when hit by trailer

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Three workers on a road paving crew on an Amarillo interstate are dead and two others were hurt after a trailer separated from the back of a pickup truck and slammed into them.

Police believe a pin came loose from a hitch on a 16-foot flatbed trailer hauling construction materials and disconnected from the truck.

The trailer careened out of control on Interstate 40 and hit the road crew.

Amarillo police identify the three killed as 63-year-old Julian Zamora, 59-year-old Ygnacio Rodriguez and 36-year-old Jorge Noe Catano. All are from Amarillo.

The driver of the pickup has been interviewed by authorities.

No charges have been filed.

The hitch has been recovered by police, who continue to investigate.

The men worked for a contractor hired by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Incumbent San Antonio mayor loses election runoff.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio city council member Ron Nirenberg is the city's new mayor after defeating incumbent Ivy Taylor in a runoff.

The 40-year-old Nirenberg took 55 percent of the vote Saturday in Texas' second-largest city.

Taylor is ousted after a single two-year term. The 46-year-old had been appointed mayor in 2014 after saying she wouldn't seek election, then successfully ran for election the following year.

Nirenberg had criticized Taylor for failing to address a rising violent crime rate in the city of nearly 1.5 million people.

Voters also have replaced a majority of the city council, with six new members on the 10-person panel.

Texas mulls non-jail options for those who can't pay fines



This May 28, 2008, file photo shows Sen. Zaffirini, D-Laredo, in Austin, Texas.

By MEREDITH HOFFMAN

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Ernesto Cardoza has gone to jail three times because he couldn't afford to pay his traffic tickets, and it cost him dearly.

"I lost everything — my girlfriend left with my kids, and when I came out I had to start over," the 34-year-old Dallas crane operator said of his first stint — 30 days in 2005 for failing to pay speeding tickets.

Texas locks up more people who can't afford to pay tickets and fines than any other state, but that could change if Republican Gov. Greg Abbott signs off on bipartisan bills that would require judges to offer alternatives such as community service, payment plans or waivers.

Ninety-five percent of warrants issued in Texas last year were for fine-related offenses, and more than 640,000 people spent at least one night in jail, according to the Texas Judicial Council, which sets policy for the state's judicial branch. At an average of \$60 per night per inmate, it cost counties significant money to jail offenders rather than find cheaper — or even profitable — alternatives.

"This is easily the most significant reform to Texas's municipal courts in a decade," said Trisha Trigilio, a staff attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas.

"Under the bills, people who can't afford to make a payment would be guaranteed the opportunity to be heard before they're put in handcuffs."

The U.S. Supreme Court in the 1970s outlawed so-called debtor's prisons, finding it unconstitutional to jail people for not being able to pay fines. Several states, including Colorado, Washington, Georgia, and New Hampshire, recently have passed legislation meant to reinforce that ban, but more than a dozen states, including Texas, still effectively detain people for not paying what they owe.

Texas judges can already opt for an alternative to jail for people who can't pay their tickets and fines, but they rarely do so, allowing

AP photo

Judith

pay a ticket and to present alternatives to those who can't.

State Sen. Judith Zaffirini, a Democrat from Laredo who authored her chamber's version of the bill, said it was "of extreme importance for low-income people" that the changes become law. "If a person can't pay, it spirals from a low-level to high-level problem," said Zaffirini, noting that people often lose their jobs during such jail stints.

The judicial council's executive director, David Slayton, also supports the proposed changes, which he said would encourage people to pay their tickets in installments or perform community service. Most people who don't

pay their tickets also don't appear for their court dates, but the legislation would require judges to send notices that offer alternatives to paying in full and that serve as warnings before an arrest warrant is issued.

"Our belief is that people don't go to court because they think they'll automatically get jail time if they can't pay," said Slayton.

Marc Levin, who heads the Center for Effective Justice and Right on Crime for the Texas Public Policy Foundation, a conservative think tank based in Austin, said the changes would save taxpayers the expense of jailing so many people.

"This is consistent with our views of personal responsibility and limited government," said Levin.

But Republican state Sen. Paul Bettencourt, who voted against the measure, said it did not adequately consider "personal responsibility" and that it provided too much leeway for judges to completely waive fines.

"Current law already allows a court to work with indigent defendants who are truly unable to pay court imposed fines," said Bettencourt, a Houston Republican.

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Red Sox win Big Spring Little League City Tournament

Special to the Herald

Going into the last week of the regular season, the Red Sox could have finished as low as sixth or as high as second place in the league. In order to finish in second, they had to win three full games and one game that was stopped in a tie earlier in the season.

That is exactly what they did, and they continued that hot hitting and pitching into the city tournament that was held over the weekend. They stayed in the winners bracket all the way through the tournament and wrapped things up on Saturday morning as they beat the Royals 16 - 6 in the championship game.

The Red Sox were led at the plate by Jaren Ceasar, Lucas Chavez, and Kelby Olivarez who had three hits each. Jeremy Martinez had two hits while Cayde Bryans and Kage Garza each had one hit. Ceasar scored four runs while Olivarez and Chavez scored three each. Ceasar was also masterful on the bump pitching the whole game and recording six strike outs.

The Royals lost their first game in the tournament which caused them to drop into the losers bracket. They had to win six games to make their way back into the winners bracket and fought their way into the championship game.

The Royals were led by BJ Starr who had two hits and scored two runs. Jordan Mitchell, Carlos Montanez, Talon Cavazos, Derick Walleck, Maddox Lane and Christopher Thurman each had one hit for the Royals.

Big Spring Little League is proud of both of these teams and congratulate both of them on a wonderful tournament.



Courtesy photo

Pictured above are the members of the Red Sox, who took first place in the Big Spring Little League City Tournament, with their championship trophy. Front row: Jeremy Minter, Kelby Olivarez, Phillip Martinez, Daniel Luna, David Hoadley, and Cage Garza. Back row: Nathan Rios, Jaren Ceasar, Lucas Chavez, Jackson Hopper, and Cayde Bryans. Coaches and manager: Freddy Olivarez, Yogi Ceasar, and Todd Bryans.

Titans, Frogs, FSU, LSU earn spots in College World Series



AP photo

TCU team members pose for a photo following their 8-1 win over Missouri State during an NCAA college baseball tournament super regional game, Sunday, June 11, 2017, at Lupton Stadium in Fort Worth, Texas. TCU advanced to the College World Series.

By ERIC OLSON

AP Sports Writer

Cal State Fullerton, TCU, Florida State and LSU wrapped up their NCAA baseball super regionals on Sunday and clinched spots in the College World Series.

The Titans, Horned Frogs, Seminoles and Tigers will join No. 1 national seed Oregon State, No. 7 Louisville and Texas A&M in the CWS, which starts Saturday in Omaha, Nebraska. Wake Forest or Florida will fill the last spot Monday.

Fullerton locked up an

18th CWS appearance, and second in three years, with a 2-1 win over Long Beach State in Game 3. Sixth-seeded TCU reached Omaha for the fourth straight year and fifth time since 2010 with an 8-1 victory over Missouri State in Game 2.

Florida State beat Sam Houston State 19-0, the largest margin of victory in a super regional, to complete a sweep. The Seminoles are in the CWS for the 22nd time and first since 2012.

Fourth-seeded LSU swept Mississippi State with a 14-4 win in a game that had three

rain delays totaling more than an hour. The Tigers, who have won 16 straight games, are heading to Omaha for the second time in three years and 18th overall.

The second game of the Wake Forest-Florida super regional in Gainesville, Florida, was suspended in the bottom of the fifth inning because of rain. The game will resume at 1:04 p.m. EDT Monday with the Demon Deacons leading 5-4. Third-seeded Florida won the series opener Saturday.

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Scherzer gets to 2,000 Ks, but Rangers beat Nationals 5-1



AP photo

Texas Rangers' Shin-Soo Choo singles to left field during the first inning of a baseball game against the Washington Nationals, Sunday, June 11, 2017, in Washington.

By IAN QUILLEN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON— Max Scherzer's milestone performances don't usually result in this kind of feeling.

The ace right-hander struck out 10 to move past 2,000 for his career, but was outpitched by Austin Bibens-Dirkx and the Texas Rangers beat the Washington Nationals 5-1 on Sunday for a sweep of their weekend series.

"It's really cool," said Scherzer, who also has two no-hitters, a 20-strikeout game and an NL Cy Young Award since joining Washington before the 2015 season. "But one of these days, I'll actually reflect on it. It stings a little bit when you get it in a loss. But you just keep marching on."

Scherzer (7-4) has 2,005 career

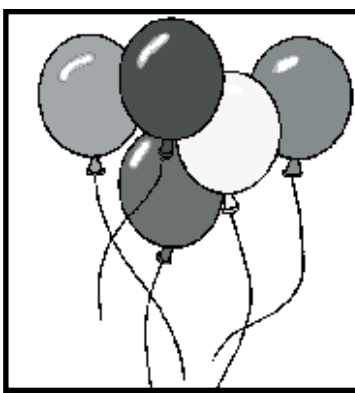
strikeouts after fanning at least 10 batters seven times this season. He allowed three runs — two earned — and three hits in 7 1/3 innings.

By the end of the eighth, the Rangers had grabbed control against the NL East leaders on just one hit, aided by an error and a passed ball.

"It's a tough loss, a tough series," Nationals catcher Matt Wieters said. "But we've got to move past this and be ready to go to tomorrow."

Bibens-Dirkx (2-0) allowed a run and three hits in seven innings in his second career start. The 32-year-old rookie retired 19 straight after Brian Goodwin's first career leadoff homer and a single by Bryce Harper.

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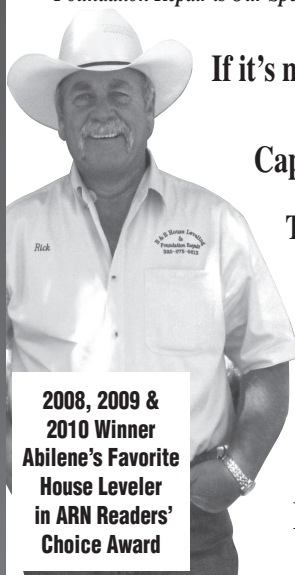
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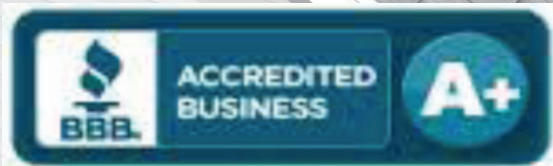
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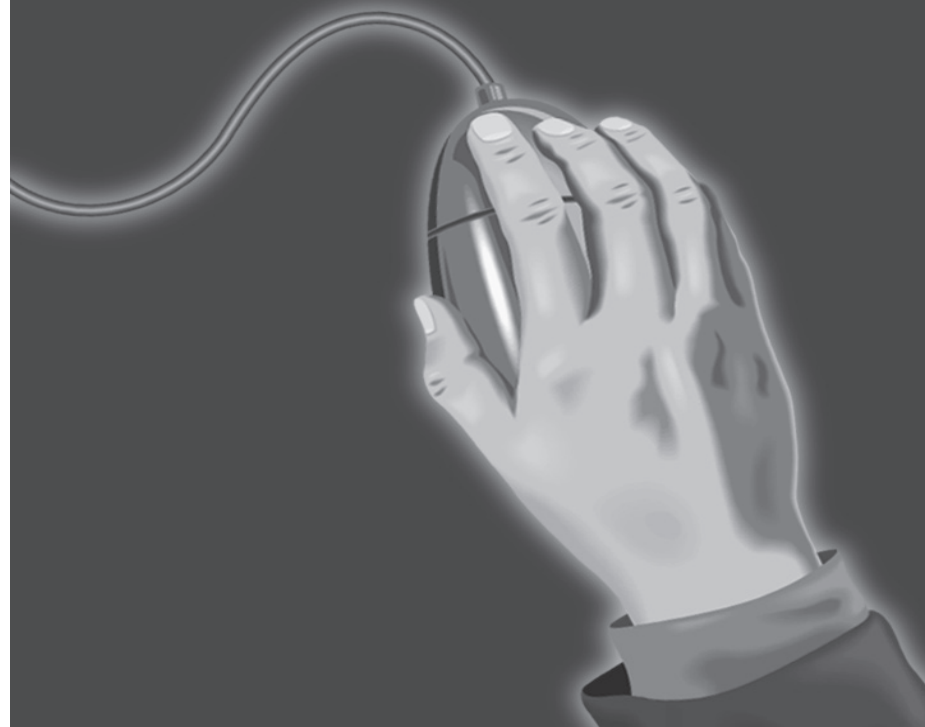
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Strength and grace

are often shown in the topics and point of view a person chooses and in the particular words, as well. In spite of what hurts, you'll speak exclusively of happiness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can't learn less. Even if you forget the lesson or if some reversal of mind causes you to rebel against its teaching, to believe its opposite or to go numb to its imprint, you're still changed by what you know.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What if you asked for everything? What if you asked for far less than everything but more than the others have asked for? The former will be considered hyperbole, the latter greed. Go with the first option.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 12). Keep your goals away from the trolls and this solar return will favor you again and again! Exciting news will come in July. You'll find the right partner for a project and soon have an entire group working around you. Travel in November and February has professional benefit. Your family will grow in more ways

than one. Libra and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 19, 3, 22, 7 and 40.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "My life is ruined by a shortage of confidence. I want to start my own business but won't take the risk, so I stay working a demanding job that pays instead. I want to be more social, but I can't seem to put myself out there. My love life is nonexistent. How can I, as a Pisces, become more confident and do the things I want to do?"

Confidence is a quality that is both misunderstood and overrated. Those who constantly reinforce their own worth and talents are not displaying signs of confidence so much as signs of insecurity similar to that felt by those who constantly tear themselves down. The ones without baggage around the area of self-esteem, on the other hand, don't think much about themselves one way or another. They are too consumed with the task at hand. Anyway, many extremely successful people have low confidence

levels. Be confident about your low confidence and go forward with small goals that you are likely to hit. For instance: Invite friends to join you for drinks after work. Talk to a friendly-looking stranger. Save a certain amount of your paycheck for that business you will one day start, when you're ready. Best of luck, Pisces!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: This Gemini teen couldn't know that the diary of her secret world would touch, educate and inspire millions. Because of her courage and hope in the face of unfathomable evil, Anne Frank's legacy continues to burn bright. The sun, Mercury and Jupiter were all in brilliant Gemini at the time of her birth. She once said, "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

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Annie's Mailbox ®

What a Mess

Dear Annie: I hope you can settle a conflict I have with my boyfriend of almost nine years. One of his adult children has a wife and two children. He wants them to go on vacations with us. The problem is that they are extremely messy. My boyfriend agrees they are extremely messy but will not talk with them about it, and I cannot

deal with their mess -- which always goes from one end of the unit to the other, both inside and outside. When they use something, they just leave it wherever, including dirty dishes with food still on them. They are perfectly capable. It stresses me out, but I stay strong and refuse to be their maid.

I have given my boyfriend a condition: He needs to talk with them about keeping our common areas

picked up, or I will not be joining them. What should I do? Please help soon, as summer is approaching. -- No Mess, Please

Dear No Mess: This situation is stickier than a dirty spoon. This is your vacation, and you shouldn't be acting as the take-along housekeeper. Yet as Grandpa's girlfriend, it's awkward for you to set down rules for his family. This really is your boyfriend's mess to clean up. He should absolutely talk to his son and grandchildren about tidying up. Stay strong. If he refuses to talk to

them, treat yourself to a peaceful vacation on your own.

Dear Annie: My daughter "Luann" has a master's degree in business. Yet she will not use it. Instead, she has a low-paying job as a cashier in a dollar store. She is obese -- weighing 240 pounds at 5 feet 1 inch tall. She is very obstinate; you cannot tell her anything. Apparently, instant gratification, french fries and Diet Coke are more important than a healthy body and attractive appearance. What can I do for her situation? Would hypnosis help

her to change her attitude? -- Heartbroken Mother

Dear Heartbroken: Never mind her attitude; let's focus on yours. I know that as a mother, you're coming from a place of love. You think your criticism will help. But your letter sounds judgmental, and if you're approaching your daughter with the same tone, it's no wonder she's not listening.

Luann is an adult now, a well-educated one at that, and she will make her own decisions. All you can do is be a friend

-- and friends don't shame friends. Build Luann up. The better her self-esteem is the more empowered she'll feel to change her life -- if that's what she wants.

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Contract
Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 7
♥ A 10 9 8
♦ J
♣ K Q J 7 6 5

WEST
♠ A 6 5 4 3 2
♥ 5
♦ 10 7 6
♣ 10 8 2

EAST
♠ Q J 10 9 8
♥ 7
♦ A 4 3 2
♣ A 4 3

SOUTH
♠ —
♥ K Q J 6 4 3 2
♦ K Q 9 8 5
♣ 9

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
4♥	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Dble

Opening lead — ace of spades.

This deal was played in a national pair championship in 1932. The hand itself was not especially remarkable, but when one considers the setting in which it occurred, there emerges a poignant human-interest story.

East-West had already played more than half the afternoon session when they encountered this deal. During that time, they had achieved the unenviable record of having lost seven aces during the play, mostly on defense.

They were naturally disheartened by the time this deal came along. North-South quickly arrived at six hearts (there was no Blackwood convention in those days), and East doubled. He was hoping to recover some of the points his side had lost earlier in the afternoon. His two aces looked colossal to him.

West promptly plunked down the ace of spades, announcing jubilantly: "Well, here's one ace we won't lose."

West was mistaken, of course. South trumped the ace, led a low heart to the eight and discarded his singleton club on dummy's king of spades. Declarer next led the king of clubs, covered by East with the ace. South ruffed, entered dummy with a trump and cashed the Q-J of clubs, discarding two of his five diamonds.

When the opposing clubs turned out to be divided 3-3, declarer was able to discard his remaining three diamonds, so he wound up making six hearts doubled with an overtrick!

If West had led anything but a spade originally, the contract would have gone down one, and West's comment would not have achieved immortality.

As it was, though, East-West, who started the hand having had seven aces go up in smoke, managed in this deal to increase their total to 10!

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

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5 :PM	Jeopardy!	Rosa de Guadalupe	Big Bang	CBS 7	Caso Cer-rado	News	Families	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy		On the Road	College Baseball	Sportsday Pregame	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Street Out-laws
6 :PM	Wheel	La Reina de la	So You Think	Kevin Can Man-Plan	El Capo (SS)	News	Truth	Antiques Roadshow	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Movie: The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1	NBA		MLB Base-ball: Texas Rangers at Houston Astros.	WWE Mon-day Night RAW	The First 48	Street Out-laws: Full
7 :PM	NBA	Vida E Car-rillo	(:01) Super-human	Mom Life in	La Querida	Light of Southwest	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	Whose? ALF	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy		College Baseball				Behind Bars: Women Unchained	Vegas Rat Rods (DVS)
8 :PM	2017 NBA Finals: Cavaliers at Warriors	La Piloto	News	Scorpion	La Querida	Light of Southwest		Independent Lens	Heroes Seinfeld	Heroes Seinfeld	Angie Conan	Claws (DVS)						
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DENNIS THE MENACE

“I PROMISE TO BE GOOD...UNLESS I FORGET.”

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

“Mommy, don't you think it's gettin' to be ice cream cone season?”

BC

SOMEDAY, YOU'RE GONNA REGRET ALL THAT "LIVE LIKE THERE'S NO TOMORROW" GARBAGE.

WIZARD OF ID

WE'LL CAMP HERE!

AGNES

I AM GOING TO BE A MAKEUP ARTIST FOR MOVIE STARS.

THEY ALREADY HAVE MAKEUP PEOPLE.

THEN I WILL SEEK THE FADED BEAUTY OF THIRD-TIER STARS THAT CAN NO LONGER AFFORD A GOOD COAT OF PAINT.

HEY! YOUR BEAUTY IS MOST ASSUREDLY NOT ASSURED! SIT DOWN WHILE I GET MY ROLLER.

ROLLER?

HI AND LOIS

CAN YOU WATCH TRIxie WHILE I GO TO MY SPIN CLASS?

SURE.

WA!

TRIXIE WANTED A SPIN, TOO.

THE OTHER COAST

...THIS PORRIDGE IS TOO HOT, SAID GOLDIDOG, BUT SHE ATE IT ANYWAY, AND THEN SCARFED DOWN MAMA BEAR'S AND BABY BEAR'S PORRIDGE, ROLLED ON THEIR COUCH AND LEFT.

SNUFFY SMITH

I GOT A PROBLEM THAT REQUIRES DEEP THINKIN', MAW !!

ARE YA GONNA SEE TH' PARSON, PAW ?

NOPE, IT'S DEEPER THAN THAT, MAW !!

I'LL GIT YORE FISHIN' POLE !!

YA KNOW ME WELL, MAW !!

BEETLE BAILEY

YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO SEE SARGE AN HOUR AGO. HE'LL BE MAD

OH, I DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT BE MAD

HE HAS WAYS OF VENTING HIS ANGER

HAGAR

HOW CAN WE ESCAPE THE KING'S MARKSMEN?

DON'T WORRY, I CAME PREPARED!

THEY CAN'T RESIST A CHALLENGE!

BLONDIE

ZACH AND I ARE GONNA BE LIFE GUARDS INSTEAD OF WORKING AT CLOWNBURGER THIS SUMMER, DAD

REALLY?!!

IT MEANS NO MORE FREE "BURGER PERKS"! IS THAT OKAY, DAD?

OF COURSE! IT'S ONLY A BURGER PLACE

IS THAT A TEAR IN YOUR EYE?

NAH, IT'S JUST ALLERGIES

This Date In History

Today is Monday, June 12, the 163rd day of 2017. There are 202 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 12, 1967, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Loving v. Virginia, unanimously struck down state laws prohibiting interracial marriages.

On this date:

In 1776, Virginia's colonial legislature adopted a Declaration of Rights.

In 1898, Philippine nationalists declared independence from Spain.

In 1920, the Republican national convention, meeting in Chicago, nominated Warren G. Harding for president on the tenth ballot; Calvin Coolidge was nominated for vice president.

In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge was nominated for a term of office in his own right at the Republican national convention in Cleveland. (Coolidge had become president in 1923 upon the sudden death of Warren G. Harding.)

In 1939, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum was dedicated in Cooperstown, New York.

In 1942, Anne Frank, a German-born Jewish girl living in Amsterdam, received a diary for her 13th birthday, less than a month before she and her family went into hiding from the Nazis.

In 1957, bandleader Jimmy Dorsey died in New York at age 53.

In 1963, civil rights leader Medgar Evers, 37, was shot and killed outside his home in Jackson, Mississippi. (In 1994, Byron De La Beckwith was convicted of murdering Evers and sentenced to life in prison; he died in 2001.)

In 1967, the James Bond film "You Only Live Twice," starring Sean Connery, premiered in London, a day before its U.S. opening.

In 1979, 26-year-old cyclist Bryan Allen flew the human-powered Gossamer Albatross across the English Channel.

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan, during a visit to the divided German city of Berlin, exhorted Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev to "tear down this wall."

In 1997, baseball began regular-season interleague play, ending a 126-year tradition of separating the major leagues until the World Series. (In the first game played under this arrangement, the San Francisco Giants defeated the Texas Rangers 4-3.) The Treasury Department unveiled a new 50-dollar bill meant to be more counterfeit-resistant.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush went to Capitol Hill, where he prodded rebellious Senate Republicans to help resurrect legislation that could provide eventual citizenship for millions of immigrants without legal status. Afghan police mistook U.S. troops for Taliban fighters and opened fire, prompting U.S. forces to return fire, killing seven Afghan police officers. Justin Verlander pitched a no-hitter to lead the Detroit Tigers over the Milwaukee Brewers 4-0. Don Herbert, television's "Mr. Wizard," died in Bell Canyon, California, at age 89.

Five years ago: Attorney General Eric Holder fended off Republican demands during a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing that he appoint a special counsel outside of the Justice Department to look into national security leaks.

Newsday Crossword

USEFUL TWOSOMES by Gail Grabowski
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS

1 Folding bed

4 Shopping binge

9 Took a photo of

13 Dustcloths

15 Makes an attempt

16 Jay once of The Tonight Show

17 Cincinnati's state

18 Theater walkway

19 Shade trees

20 Dressy shirt-sleeve accessories

22 Plumbing tubes

23 Fruit-filled pastries

24 Fall behind

25 Vatican leaders

28 Unfortunate accidents

32 Yours and mine

33 Short putts

36 Country meadow

37 Sweater maker's implements

40 Earth-friendly prefix

41 Acquire

42 Very long time

43 Scoffs at

45 Gullible person

46 Maze-running rodent

47 Throw in the (give up)

50 Hunter's wooden duck

53 They're worn when gliding behind a speedboat

57 Computer screen image

58 Kris Kringle

59 Bike's wheel

60 Sandal or moccasin

61 Large striped feline

62 Garfield's pooch pal

63 Grasp in one's hand

64 "Bedtime" tale

65 Nine-digit IRS ID

DOWN

1 Gator kin

2 Honolulu's island

3 Worker's end-of-week shout

4 Walkway between floors

5 Write with block letters

6 Takes a chance with

7 Snakelike swimmers

8 U-turn from WNW

9 Kris Kringle's vehicle

10 Lend a hand

11 "My treat!"

12 Easy throw

14 Most cushiony

21 Vegas

22 Out of style

24 Fancy napkin fabric

25 Jabbed with a finger

26 Fraction of a pound

27 Earlier in time

28 Short skirt

29 Dole out

30 Rounded ends of hammers

31 Smart-alecky

33 Himalayan region

34 Picnic pests

35 Tour (links organization)

38 At the present time

39 Provides with poker hands

44 Took creases out of clothes

45 Pay--view movie

47 Argentine dance

48 Playful aquatic mammal

49 Tired

50 Dinner plate

51 Repeated sound

52 A little chilly

53 Be patient

54 Youngsters

55 Eye-color area

56 Witnessed

58 Ave. crossers, often

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A few things to know about the Major League Baseball draft



AP photo

In this June 10, 2017, file photo, Louisville's Brendan McKay pitches to a Kentucky batter during the first inning of an NCAA college baseball tournament super regional game in Louisville, Ky. McKay's fastball-hurling left arm has made him a potential No. 1 overall pick in the Major League Baseball draft. Thing is, so has the Louisville slugger's bat. The Cardinals star is one of college baseball's greatest two-way players, a rare talent who has given big league ballclubs a tough question to consider: Do they take McKay as a pitcher, hitter—or both?

(AP) - A few things to know about this year's Major League Baseball draft:
WHEN: Starts Monday at 7 p.m. EDT and continues for 40 rounds over three days, with first two rounds (and two "competitive balance rounds") from MLB Network's studios in Secaucus, New Jersey. Rounds 3-10 on Tuesday and rounds 11-40 on Wednesday will be held via conference calls with teams.
FIRST PICK: Twins have No. 1 overall pick for third time, and first since taking Minnesota high school catcher Joe Mauer in 2001.
ORDER: Determined by reverse order of finish in overall standings from last season.

TOP PROSPECTS: Vanderbilt right-hander Kyle Wright, Louisville first baseman/left-hander Brendan McKay, California high school right-hander/shortstop Hunter Greene, North Carolina high school lefty MacKenzie Gore, California high school shortstop/outfielder Royce Lewis.
TEAMS have 4 minutes to make picks in first round, and 1 minute in first competitive balance round, second round, second competitive balance round and rounds 3-10. Rest of draft has selections without time delays.
COMPETITIVE BALANCE ROUNDS: These rounds give teams with 10 lowest revenues and 10 smallest markets

opportunity to get additional picks. Six selections awarded (competitive balance round A) following first round through formula that considers winning percentage and revenue. Eligible teams not receiving one of those will pick in competitive balance round B following second round. Competitive balance picks are tradable up until a few hours before draft begins, but teams not permitted to deal any other picks in draft.
TEAMS must sign their drafted players, other than those who were college seniors, by 5 p.m. EDT on July 7. Players who have exhausted their college eligibility have until one week before 2018 draft to sign.

CWS

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In Long Beach, California, Fullerton's Colton Eastman pitched one-hit shutout ball over seven innings with eight strikeouts and four walks. The Titans managed only two hits against four pitchers. They scored their runs in the fourth inning when John Sheaks hit the first two batters with pitches and Hank LoForte singled both of them in. The Dirtbags' only run was unearned, coming on a passed ball in the sixth.
Long Beach State, which won five of six against Fullerton in the regular season, was held without an earned run over the last 26 innings of the series.
TCU's Evan Skoug, who hit the go-ahead two-run homer in a 3-2 victory in Game 1 on Saturday, and Elliott Barzilli went deep in the Horned Frogs' win in Fort Worth, Texas. Brian Howard struck out 11 and limited the Bears to four hits in 7 1/3 innings.
The Frogs have won all five of their games in the national tournament. They're the fifth program in 30 years to make four straight trips to the CWS.
Taylor Walls homered twice and Quincy Nieporte and Kyle Cavanaugh also went deep in the Seminoles' rout of Sam Houston State in Tallahassee, Florida. Drew Parrish, Cole Sands and Andrew Karp combined to strike out 15 and hold the Bearkats to four hits.
The Seminoles' 19-run margin of victory broke the super-regional record set when Louisville beat Oklahoma State 20-2 in 2007.
Sam Houston State issued 12 walks and commit-

ted three errors.
"If you lose the battle of the freebies with them, it can be a miserable night, and that's what happened tonight," Bearkats coach Matt Deggs said. "Those guys did a great job of capitalizing."
LSU scored six runs in the fifth inning to erase a 4-3 deficit against the Bulldogs. Caleb Gilbert relieved struggling LSU starter Jared Poche' in the third inning. Gilbert gave up singles to the first two batters he faced, then retired 17 of the next 18 before Hunter Newman came on to pitch the bottom of the ninth.
A look around the country:
HOME TEAM TURNABOUT
Home teams are a combined 14-2 in the eight super regionals, and six of the seven decided so far

have been won by the host. Fullerton was the only visiting team to take a series.
Last year, only three hosts won super regionals, and they combined to go 6-13.
GAME 2 JINX ENDS
TCU came into Sunday with an all-time record of 5-1 in Game 1s of super regionals but 0-5 in Game 2s. The Frogs finally broke through with their win over Missouri State.
"The West Coast is still the most powerful place to play baseball for me and it sucks that we only get two Big West teams and we get stuck playing each other (in super regionals) because it would have been super fun playing in Omaha. Us and Long Beach teeing it up in Omaha, that would be epic."
— Fullerton coach Rick Vanderhook.



AP photo

Texas Rangers starting pitcher Austin Bibens-Dirkx throws during the first inning of a baseball game against the Washington Nationals, Sunday, June 11, 2017, in Washington.

TEXAS

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"I told my family I have to face Max Scherzer and (my wife said) 'No, you get to,'" Bibens-Dirkx said. "(I said), 'You're right. I've earned the right to be here.'"
Shin-Soo Choo slugged his ninth homer and second in as many games as Texas completed its first road sweep of the season.
Scherzer reached the 2,000 mark when he got Nomar Mazara swinging a 1-2 slider that tailed inside to open the fourth inning.
He struck out the side in the fifth and cruised until the eighth, when he exited after Delino DeShields reached on third baseman Anthony Rendon's error and pinch hitter Jurickson Profar walked.
"It's just an unfortunate error, an unfortunate hop," Scherzer said. "Sometimes that happens. And then I just couldn't stay within the zone there in the eighth against Profar."
Oliver Perez walked Choo to load the bases. DeShields scored on Wieters' passed ball. Elvis Andrus hit a two-run triple and scored on Mazara's sacrifice fly.
Bibens-Dirkx was sailing along before Rendon singled in the seventh. Adam Lind followed with a walk. After a visit from pitching coach Doug Brocail, Bibens-Dirkx got Wieters to ground out to end the threat.
"Very gutsy performance by Austin," Rangers manager Jeff Banister, "going against a premier pitcher in Major League Baseball in Max Scherzer, knowing that you really have to

limit any chances this lineup has."
MORE INTERLEAGUE, PLEASE
After losing 11 of 14 overall before arriving in Washington, the Rangers' sweep improved their interleague record to 10-2. Texas is 20-30 against the AL.
A QUICK 2,000
In terms of innings pitched (1,784), Scherzer is the third-fastest to hit 2,000 strikeouts behind Pedro Martinez and Randy Johnson.
"It's crazy I'm even mentioned, I'm even among those guys," Scherzer said. "Those are my pitching idols. I'm growing up watching those guys."
TRAINER'S ROOM
Rangers: RHP Tyson Ross (thoracic outlet surgery) said he is ready to make his Texas debut after averaging 90 pitches over his last two rehab starts at Triple-A Round Rock. Banister did not commit to a return date. "My expectation is that if all things go well, his next start would be in the big leagues," Banister said. "When that day is undecided."
Nationals: Closer Koda Glover was placed on the 10-day disabled list with lower back stiffness. Glover blew his second save in Saturday's 6-3, 11-inning loss and afterward told manager Dusty Baker he had been dealing with "nagging" back pain all day. ... Ryan Zimmerman (back) was out of the starting lineup for the third game in four days.
Rangers: Begin a three-game series Monday at Houston. RHP Yu Darvish (5-4, 3.18 ERA) is winless with a 5.81 ERA in his last six outings against the Astros.
Nationals: RHP Stephen Strasburg starts the series opener against Atlanta on Monday. He's 6-1 with a 2.68 ERA



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