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## Patriotism on display July 1 in Coahoma

### Grand Marshals and Citizens of the Year named for Freedom Parade

By **ROBERT BARLOW**  
 Staff Writer

COAHOMA – Every year the city of Coahoma honors a few local United States military veterans and outstanding citizens of the community during the annual Freedom Parade, scheduled for Saturday at 10 a.m., as the Grand Marshals and the Citizens of the Year. The parade will start at the Coahoma football field and proceed down First Street to the Interstate 20 North Service Road.

This year the individuals to be honored as the Grand Marshals are retired Master Sergeant Alvin Lee Baker and retired Staff Sergeant James Phillip Reid. The Citizens of the Year to be honored will be a married couple by the name of Manuel and Mary Holguin.

**Alvin Lee Baker**  
**United States Army**  
 Alvin Lee Baker was born in Big Spring,



Texas, on Nov. 21, 1945. He married Edith Jackson Baker on April 3, 1965. They have been married for 52 years and have three children: Gailene Gambol of Bastrop, Michael Baker of Big Spring, and Leah Bowles of



Baker

Geronimo, Okla. They have six grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Baker also has four brothers and four sisters.

Baker attended Midway School in Sand Springs and North Ward School in Big Spring in his elementary years. Baker then moved to Lenorah, where his dad was a farmer, and attended Grady School fifth through eighth grade. He then attended high school in Stanton until his

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## Hot dog, rainy dog



HERALD photo/Robert Barlow

Competition was close with contestants as they fought their way through the tray of hot dogs that lay in front of them. An approaching storm made for a hasty competition during the 7/11 Hot Dog Eating Contest during the Funtastic Fourth on Friday.

## Lightning, rain doesn't melt away Funtastic Fourth crowd

By **ROBERT BARLOW**  
 Staff Writer

Participants were not daunted by the rumbling thunder or a little bit of rain dropped by an encroaching storm during the 7/11 Hot Dog Eating Contest at the Funtastic Fourth on Friday.

"Come on let's go guys," encouraged one of the announcers. Despite what seemed to be a looming storm over downtown on Friday, a crowd still formed around the 7/11 Hot Dog Eating Contest as the event began.

Contestants were eating for the chance to win \$500, \$300, and \$100 gift card prizes going out to the top three contenders.

Eight people stepped up to the challenge to eat the most hot dogs in the shortest amount of time, but only one walked away with first place, and it happened to be a returning participant from last year. A few contestants tapped out after the first five hot dogs, but a surprising number of people hung in there and continued eating until the very end. But only three people walked away with a check for testing their stomach capacity thanks to a contest sponsored by 7/11 and hosted by some of their employees. After the contest ended, however, people took cover under business awnings and umbrellas as the

storm finally made its presence in downtown.



## HC accreditation reaffirmed

### Head librarian search on tap for discussion at next board meeting

By **AMANDA ELSTON**  
 Managing Editor

Howard College will recognize its reaffirmation status as an accredited college campus when the board of trustees meets Monday. According to Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks, the college will retain their accreditation status for the next decade.



Sparks

"Colleges and universities go through a reaffirmation process every 10 years, and we went through ours this past fall," said Sparks. "They take action then on the schools that are reviewed. They took action on us, and we were reaffirmed without any follow-up so we are really pleased."

In other business, the board will also discuss where they are as far as finding a new head librarian for the Big Spring campus.

"We are getting closer, I will say that," said Sparks.

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## Huge, homely mastiff named Martha wins world's ugliest dog

PETALUMA, Calif. (AP) — Martha is big, ugly, lazy and gassy. And a world champion.


In a competition annually dominated by the old, the tiny, and the hairless, the 3-year-old, 125-pound Neapolitan Mastiff used her lollygagging youth to win the 29th annual World's Ugliest Dog Contest.

She was a favorite of the Northern California crowd

from the start, often plopping down on her side on stage with her droopy face spread across the ground when she was supposed to be showing off. The judges didn't even need to hear her signature snore to give her the award.

"Do you know you just won the World's Ugliest Dog Contest?" asked Kerry Sanders of NBC News, one of three


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## Obituaries

### Eulene Holder

Eulene Holder, 89, of Midland, formerly of Stanton, died Thursday, June 22, 2017.

The family will receive friends on Monday, June 26, 2017, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Funeral services will be

held on Tuesday, June 27, 2017, at 11 a.m. at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Chapel, with burial to follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

She is survived by David Holder, Kinsey Holder, and Jeff Holder, all of Midland; Ricky and Laura Holder Roderick, also of Midland; and Dave and Linda Holder Ritter of Canyon, Texas.

## Take Note

in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary Group is looking to expand. Positions are available for the Auxiliary group and the Teen Volunteer program. Must be 15 years of age to take part in the teen volunteer program. If you would like to volunteer please contact Heath White at 268-4850.

- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

- Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

- Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you would like to donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Maria at 816-6474.

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- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

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

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

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

- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

no-nonsense approach, not cracking a smile during the competition until his tutor cried out with joy when he correctly spelled the winning word: "prejudice."

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## Police blotter

- **DAVID TYERRELL HALBAEDIER**, 38, of 1700 S. Rannels St. was arrested on warrants for disregarding a stop sign and assault by contact.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1600 block of South Gregg Street, the 400 block of South Birdwell Lane, and the 400 block of Ryon.

## Support Groups

### SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

### MONDAY

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will start Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

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

### WEDNESDAY

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

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

### THURSDAY

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

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

- A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

### FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

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## John Legend: Singer, songwriter, spelling bee champ

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio (AP) — John Legend's work has won Grammys, an Oscar and a Tony, but years before achieving global fame, the Legend-to-be took home another prize: spelling bee champ.

A 1989 story in The Springfield News-Sun proclaimed, "Product of home teaching wins bee." The newspaper noted the future R&B

singer's sharp attire, his steady gaze and crisp enunciation, saying the 10-year-old Legend "came to win ... and win he did."

Legend, born John Roger Stephens in Springfield in 1978, credited his mother, Phyllis Stephens, and a tutor with helping him study for the contest. He and his siblings were home schooled.

The newspaper says he took a



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# PARADE

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junior year and received his GED and joined the United States Army in 1963.

Baker took basic training at Ft. Polk, La., He then went on to take Advanced Artillery Training in Ft. Sill, Okla., for a year. In 1965 he then went to Ft. Bliss in El Paso to be trained in Air Defense. He went on to Ft. Bragg, N.C., to attend Airborne Artillery training and served in the 18<sup>th</sup> Airborne Artillery from 1968 to 1972. Baker did two tours in Vietnam's Lang Quang Tri Province. In 1973, he went to Ft. Carson, Colo., and then a year later to Korea where he served in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division from 1976 to 1979. Baker also went to Bamberg, Germany, where he served in the 2/2 Armored Cavalry, then back onto Ft. Sill where he was a Drill Sergeant from 1980 to 1984. He then went back to Korea for a year in 1984 before returning to Germany until 1989. Baker then retired with a rank of Master Sergeant 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant E-8.

After retirement, he moved to Coahoma in 1991, and worked for Sunrise Healthcare Corporation for 10 years until he took full retirement in 2001.

While in the service he received these decorations, medals, badges, citations and ribbons: Silver Star, Bronze Star Medal with first oak leaf cluster, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with second oak leaf cluster,

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal-7, Vietnam Service Medal with four Bronze Service Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Bars-3, Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral two, Non-commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon-3, and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry Unit of Citation with Palm Expert Badge.

## James Phillip Reid United States Air Force

James Phillip Reid served in the United State Air Force from 1968 to 1972. He was a Staff Sergeant and a T-38 Jet Mechanic stationed at Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock. Reid completed basic training in Amarillo and tech school in Wichita Falls. He enjoyed his military service and it was a privileged to serve his country. Military service runs in his family, as his dad served in World War II in the U.S. Army. His brothers also served; Billy Carl in the Army in Vietnam, and Royce in the Marines.

Reid was born and raised, and resides in, Coahoma. He is the son of Carl Dale and Earlene Reid, and was one of five boys. Reid graduated from Coahoma High School in 1965 and attended Howard College. He married Shyrlee Ward Reid in 1967, and the couple will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wed-



Reid

ding anniversary in August. They have three daughters: Angela and James Lingnau of Andrews, Shele and James Gilbert of San Angelo, and LeeAnn and Matt Mueller of Stamford. They have seven grandchildren.

Although raised in a farming family, Reid has worked in the oil field most of his life. After pumping oil wells for more than 23 years, he decided it was time for a change; in 1997 he bought Lakeway Grocery and Gas, which he owned and operated for 11 years. Reid returned to the oil field in 2012, and is currently employed by Merit Energy/Rover Petroleum. He has served on the Howard County Water District Board since 2000 and is now the general manager.

Reid has served his community as a Coahoma ISD School Board Member from 1987 to 1993. He was a member of the Sand Springs Lions Club and held many offices from 1998 to 2007. Reid is an Elder and active member at Alive in Christ Lutheran Church.

## Manuel and Mary Holguin 'Citizens of the Year'

Manuel Jose Holguin was born and raised in Stanton. He married Mary Ann Gutierrez, who was also born in Stanton,



Holguins

but raised and still continues to live in Coahoma. Manuel is the son of Cruz Holguin (deceased) and Taresa Booth of Stanton. Mary is the daughter of Silberio Gutierrez and Josephine Gutierrez (deceased) of Coahoma. The Gutierrez family have lived in Coahoma since the 1930s.

Manuel and Mary have raised five children: Sylvia Franco, Oscar Franco, Manuel Joe Holguin, Joe Louis Holguin, Mandi Franco, and Jaille Hernandez. They have nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Manuel attended Stanton ISD, and Mary Attended Coahoma ISD and continued education at Howard College. Manuel's career was Roadside Tire Service for 32 years; after a these years he decided to change his career and is employed with the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

Mary Ann worked as a teacher for Lakeview Headstart for several years. She changed her career and went to work for Coahoma ISD in food service. She is now employed part time with the 350 Cafe.

Manuel and Mary are active members of Family Faith Center under the spiritual guidance of Pastors Sam and Christina Segundo. Manuel serves on the church's security team, and Mary heads up the Food Pantry Ministry. Presently, they are attending a Faith Academy Class at Family Faith Church.

Mary and Manuel serve their community as members of the Coahoma Lions Club, Keeping Coahoma Beautiful and heading the Community-wide Garage Sale.

# HC

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In January, the college and the county signed an agreement to share a head librarian position for both college academic libraries on each of its campuses and the community library located in downtown Big Spring. Officials from both taxing entities said neither has had much success filling the position for their particular programs.

As a cost saving measure, the two entities are in talks about merging the programs which will be overseen by the college. Although discussions are ongoing, officials have stated on several occasions that no decision has been made on the issue. Once hired, one of the first tasks for the new librarian will be to begin research on the idea.

The news of the possible merger has generated some concern in the community.

Also listed on the agenda, the board will tackle some state issues. Because of the special Texas legislative session called by Governor Greg Abbott for this summer, the board will be discussing possible changes to issues that could impact the college, including the "bathroom bill" and a tax proposal.

"On July 18 (the Texas

legislature) is going into a special session to touch on things that the governor has placed on the agenda and a tax bill," said Sparks. "These things will have an impact on the college."

Both proposals failed to go anywhere during the regular session. According to the Dallas Morning News, Abbott said at minimum, he wants a bill that would keep transgender children in schools from using the bathroom that aligns with their gender identity. The tax proposal is in reference to Lt. Governor Dan Patrick's property tax proposal which would trigger automatic rollback elections if local property taxes raise by more than 5 percent. Currently, residents can petition for a rollback election if the tax rate grows by more than 8 percent.

College trustees will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the Tumbleweed Room located in the Student Union Building on the Howard College campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Also listed on the agenda, trustees will discuss:

- The current budgeting process
- Approving a bid for the leasing of fitness center equipment
- The annual meeting of the Community College Trustees Leadership Congress.

# FUN

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Funtastic Fourth kicked off its last day this morning at 9 p.m. with a praise and worship time featuring music performed by some locals with the Spring Creek Church and Allan Johnson. The fun continues through the day and

into this evening.

At 5 p.m. the Towneplace Suites VIP section opens up followed by State Limbo who is set to take the stage at 5:30 p.m. Right after the band finishes they will be followed by Buzzkill at 7 p.m. and then Quiet Riot is set for 8:45 p.m.

Great White is set to perform at 10:45 p.m. on Saturday night

finishing the night.

Funtastic Fourth participants may encounter more rain tonight. The National Weather Service predicts a 50 percent change of showers and thunderstorms this evening. Skies are expected to be mostly cloudy with a low around 69 and a north wind gusting at 10 to 15 miles per hour.

# DOG

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judges who gave Martha the crown. Her handler Shirley Zindler answered for her: "I'd gloat, but I need a nap."

Martha lumbered away with \$1,500, a flashy trophy and a trip to New York for media appearances, all things she could hardly care less about.

The dog, from nearby Sebastopol, was rescued when she was nearly blind from neglect by the Dogwood Animal Rescue Project in Sonoma County, where the contest was held. After several surgeries, she can now see again, Zindler said.

The only animal in this year's contest too big to be held by her handler, Martha beat out 13 other dogs, most of them the kind of older, smaller dogs who win here.

Moe, a 16-year-old Brussels Griffon-pug mix from Santa Rosa, California, who was the oldest in the competition, came in second.

He had lost his hearing and sight but his sense of smell is strong and he was enjoying all the smells at the Sonoma-Marin Fair where the contest is held, including funnel cakes and other fried goodies.

Chase, a 14-year-old Chinese Crested-Harke mix, came all the way from Neath,

United Kingdom to take third place.

The contestants were judged on first impressions, unusual attributes, personality and audience reaction.

Many of the contestants were adopted. Monkey, a 6-year-old Brussels Griffon, and Icky, an 8-year-old unknown breed, were both rescued from the homes of hoarders.

These dogs — some with acne, others with tongues permanently sticking out — are used to getting called ugly. But for their owners, it was love at first sight.

"He's my sexy boy," Vicky Adler, of Davis, California, said of her 8-year-old Chinese Crested named Zoomer.

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Jose Hilario, 48, died Dec. 3, 2016. Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

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## Brenham's Ant Street Inn

The Ant Street Inn is a 15-room boutique hotel in a historic downtown building in Brenham. "It was built in 1899," says Suzy Hankins, who owns the hotel with her husband Keith. "It had retail stores downstairs and offices and warehouses upstairs. In 1990, the founder of the inn bought the building, renovated it and turned it into the Ant Street Inn."

Suzy and Keith refer to their property as a bed and breakfast. Guests have a complimentary breakfast in the downstairs restaurant. Free coffee and Bluebell ice cream are available upstairs. Many of the upstairs rooms have doors from the state capitol building, which were acquired during the capitol's updating in the 1980's. Among other amenities each room has a folding lawn chair that guests can take to outdoor events in the area.

"Every Saturday night in July a different band will come and play on the square," says Keith. "They close off a downtown street and some guests come specifical-

ly to hear the band that might be playing that night." Suzy says some people come for the weekend and don't know about the concerts. "There's just not that many steps to sit on around the courthouse. Also with all the parades and festivals that happen in this area, guests seem to really

*The Inn has a 4,000 square foot ballroom that is used for all kinds of events. "It can sit up to 250 people comfortably," says Suzy.*

appreciate those chairs."

The hotel is in the Ant Street Historic District. The lore is that early workers in the factory-type jobs in this area came and left together like a bunch of ants. Actually the hotel is on Commerce Street. Two blocks over is Baylor Street, which was once Ant Street.

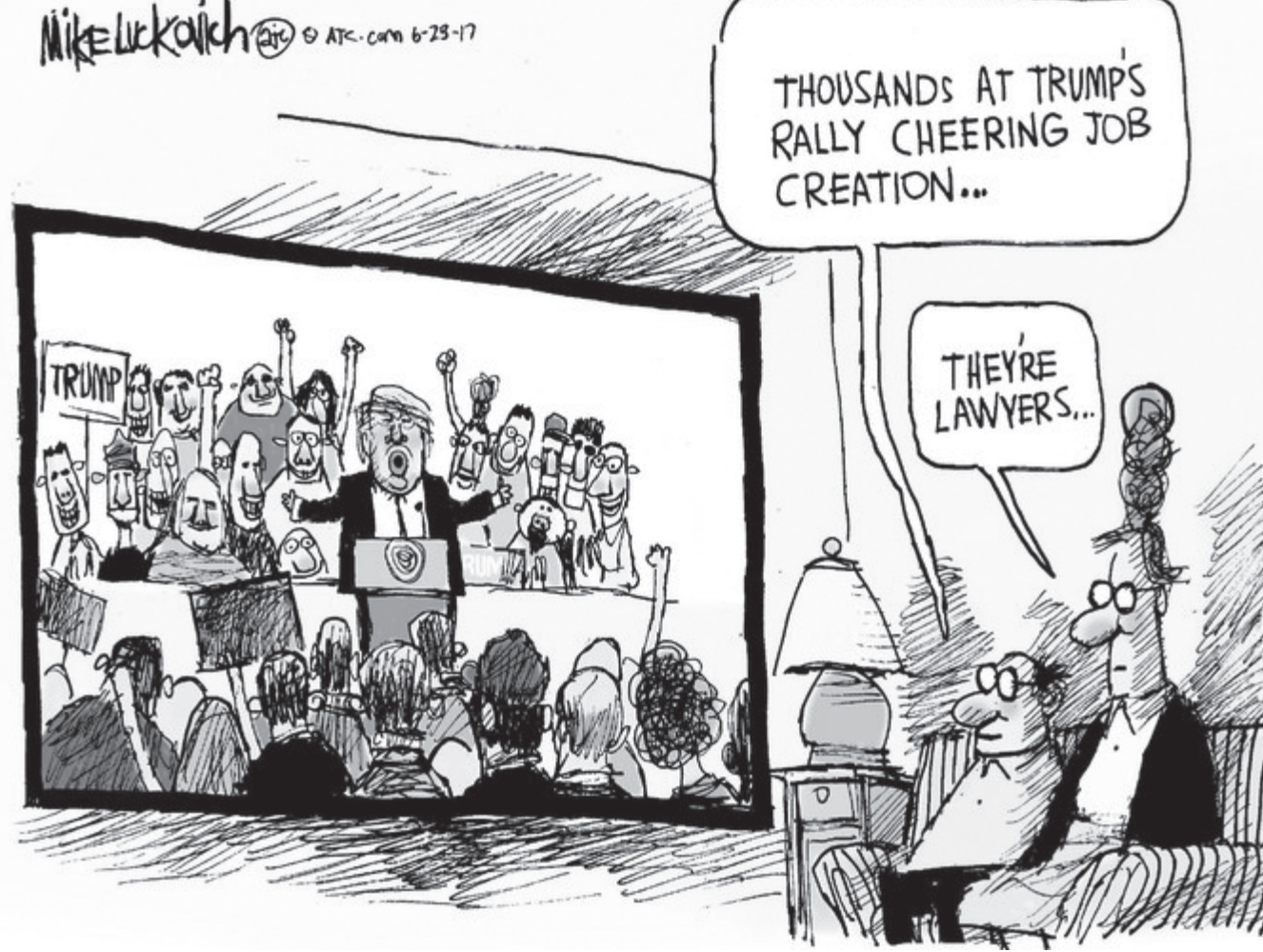
Keith had been in the medical insurance business for 20 years. He and Suzy had always wanted to have their own business and six years ago they decided on the Ant Street Inn. "I was working

in St. Louis at the time," says Keith. "When we were shopping for a property I had two criteria: it had to be in Texas and it had to support both of us. We didn't want to enter into a situation where one of us had to get a job to support the bed and breakfast. We looked at hundreds of properties and the Ant Street Inn fulfilled those requirements. A 4, 5 or if you're lucky a 7-room bed and breakfast wasn't going to generate the kind of revenue we knew we would need."

The Inn has a 4,000 square foot ballroom that is used for all kinds of events. "It can seat up to 250 people comfortably," says Suzy. "We do wedding receptions, banquets, anniversary parties, pretty much anything the mind can imagine. We can also move the walls around to accommodate small business meetings."

Since Brenham is between Austin and Houston, it gets travelers from those cities as well as visitors from other countries. "They're traveling from big city to big city," says Suzy, "and they stop in Brenham because they want an authentic Texas experience."

"The phrase we have coined is elegant sanctuary," says Keith.



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## DAILY PRAYER

When we keep our eye on You,  
Lord, Your goodness will rain  
down upon us. Amen.

## Uncle Mort hits 105

It may be that my Uncle Mort and George M. Cohan, "the man who owned Broadway," may not have as much in common as we've been led to believe. For years, Mort has claimed that he and the "Yankee Doodle Dandy" share the same birthday.

"Yep, July 4th was the big day for him and it still is for me," Mort has bragged, until the world looked level.

"The song says he was 'a real live nephew of my Uncle Sam, born on the Fourth of July,'" Mort reminds us, breaking into song. "I guess I'm a 'Rebel Doodle Dandy,'" he jokes.

Maybe the popularity of the song overshadowed the facts. Historians agree that Cohan (1878-1942) was NOT born on July 4. They can't decide, however, whether his birth date was July 2 or July 3.

Mort's kin and friends, however, cut him considerable slack, since most of them question whether imaginary characters are "born" at all.

Anyway, he's throwing his 105th birthday party down in the thicket, figuring crowds will come if only to get "sticky-fingered" eating cold, juicy, garden-grown yellow flesh watermelons that will be at their best in early July.

He says he will introduce his latest invention at the party—a one-edged sword. "We live in a world awash in decision-makers bombarding us with laws, suggestions, directives and dilemmas, almost all of them accompanied by 'two-edged' sword warnings," Mort said.

He thinks his sword with a single edge could be helpful in our retreating to a gentler world with fewer edges.

With the push of envelopes to the edge, so many folks trying to get an edge and all of us striving to cope in a world becoming more "edgy" by the day, my old uncle may be onto something.

When Mort isn't introducing some invention, he's known for taking on imponderables which have "befuddled" for decades. During his party, he said an age-old question will be answered—once and for all.

He recently placed two separate orders with Amazon. One was for a chicken, and the other, for an egg.

"At my party, I'll announce which came first."

My wife and I have often laughed at Mort's long-ago story about the guy who invented the boomerang. He designed a better one, but didn't know how to throw the other one away.

Several years ago, the City of Burleson introduced plastic bins for property owners to place curbside each week for pick-up of recyclable materials. Ours finally gave way; a big crack rendered it useless. She called City

Hall, learning that if we'd place the old receptacle on the curb the following Wednesday, it would be replaced by a new one.

Sounds simple enough, right? HOWEVER, we forgot to place the old one out, but they brought a new one to our address, anyway. So far, we have placed the faulty bin on the curb for pick-up, but it has been left behind, despite a "PLEASE TAKE" sign scrawled in bold letters.

A creative Taco Bell franchisee in Indianapolis thought outside the box to warn folks using the drive-thru about dangers of hitting a horizontal pipe extending across the driveway.

Printed on the pipe are these words: "This pipe is 9'3" tall. If you—or your vehicle—should be taller than this, it will ring your bell."

Forewarned is forearmed.

My brother, Dr. Fred Newbury, is well-traveled.

When he reflects on the dozens of airlines he has flown, Europe's Ryan Air ranks at the bottom. (You may recall a few years ago when it proposed charges for use of toilets, and to allow passengers to stand on flights of less than one hour.) Bag charges sometimes exceed ticket costs.

On a recent trip from Marseille to Lisbon, he "sweet-talked" his way to avoidance of an additional charge of 50 Euros for failing to print his own boarding pass!

Now there's an airline offering "trailing-edge" service.



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# US indexes inch higher as energy stocks claw from the hole

By **STAN CHOE**

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stock indexes ticked higher Friday as energy companies clawed back some of their sharp losses from earlier in the week. After flipping from modest losses to gains, the Standard & Poor's 500 index is on pace to close out the week with a modest gain, its fourth in the last five.

**KEEPING SCORE:** The S&P 500 added 5 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,439, as of noon Eastern time.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 12 points, or 0.1 percent, to 21,410, and the Nasdaq composite rose 19, or 0.3 percent, to 6,256. The Russell 2000 of small-company stocks rose 8 points, or 0.6 percent, to 1,412.

More than twice as many stocks rose as fell on the New York Stock Exchange.

**HIGHER ENERGY:** Energy stocks in the S&P 500 added 0.8 percent and trimmed their loss for the week to 2.9 percent.

They followed the price of oil higher, as benchmark U.S. crude rose 33 cents to \$43.07 per barrel. Brent crude, the international standard, rose 39 cents to \$45.61. Natural gas also rose 3 cents, or 1.1 percent, to \$2.93 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Energy stocks had plunged earlier in the week with the price of oil, which sank to its lowest level since August on expectations that the world has more crude available than users need. Oil, though, began to stabilize Thursday.

EQT, a producer of natural gas and crude, rose to the biggest gain in the S&P 500. It jumped \$2.80, or 5.4 percent, to \$54.83. Range Resources, another gas and oil company, rose 78 cents, or 3.6 percent, to \$22.21.

**TAKING A BATH:** Bed Bath & Beyond had the sharpest loss in the S&P 500 after it reported weaker earnings for the latest quarter than analysts expected. The retailer's revenue also fell short of Wall Street's forecasts. Shares fell \$4.01, or 11.9 percent, to \$29.74.

**STRESS FREE:** Financial stocks flipped between modest gains and losses after all 34 of the largest U.S. banks passed the Federal Reserve's stress test. The test, meant to help restore confidence in the financial system following the 2008 financial crisis, checks whether banks are strong enough to withstand a deep recession.

**YIELDS:** The 10-year Treasury yield held steady at 2.15 percent

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# Weekly oil report

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## Howard County

#1SH The King "45-04 LS", drill horizontal, El: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
3.61 miles southeast of Vealmoor  
A-1314, Section 40, Block 32, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 9000 feet  
Latitude 032.488495, Longitude -101.521383. Datum: NAD 27  
297' FSL, 490' FWL of 647.48-acre lease  
297' FSL, 490' FWL of the survey

#1741WA Michael Scott, drill horizontal, El: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
10.90 miles northwest of Big Spring  
A-574, Section 25, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey  
Total Depth: 10,000 feet  
X=716015, Y=254064. Datum: NAD 27  
585' FSL, 949' FWL of 644.43-acre lease  
585' FSL, 949' FWL of the survey

#1742WA Michael Scott, drill horizontal, El: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
10.90 miles northwest of Big Spring  
A-574, Section 25, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey  
Total Depth: 10,000 feet  
X=716073, Y=254077. Datum: NAD 27  
585' FSL, 1009' FWL of 644.43-acre lease  
585' FSL, 1009' FWL of the survey

#1743WA Michael Scott, drill horizontal, El: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
10.90 miles northwest of Big Spring  
A-574, Section 25, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey  
Total Depth: 10,000 feet  
X=716132, Y=254090. Datum: NAD 27  
586' FSL, 1069' FWL of 644.43-acre lease  
586' FSL, 1069' FWL of the survey

#1761WB Michael Scott, drill horizontal, El: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
10.90 miles northwest of Big Spring  
A-574, Section 25, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey  
Total Depth: 10,100 feet  
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585' FSL, 979' FWL of 644.43-acre lease  
585' FSL, 979' FWL of the survey

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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
10.90 miles northwest of Big Spring  
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Total Depth: 10,100 feet  
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585' FSL, 1039' FWL of 644.43-acre lease  
585' FSL, 1039' FWL of the survey

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# Oil prices remain driver across financial markets

By **The Associated Press**

LONDON (AP) — European stock markets edged lower Friday amid ongoing unease over the outlook for oil prices as well as a slightly disappointing economic survey.

**KEEPING SCORE:** In Europe, France's CAC 40 shed 0.6 percent to 5,250 while Germany's DAX fell 0.7 percent to 12,701. Britain's FTSE 100 slipped 0.4 percent to 7,413. Wall Street was poised for a flat opening with Dow futures unchanged and the broader S&P 500 futures up 0.1 percent.

**EBBING ENERGY:** Crude oil's extended decline this week and the effect it is having on broader financial markets weighed on in-

vestor sentiment and dragged down energy shares. Crude prices rose on Thursday for the first time in four days but they are still near their lowest levels since August. On Friday, they were up a little more, with benchmark New York crude rose 18 cents to \$42.92 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

**ANALYST TAKE:** "There's little reason to believe this is anything more than a dead cat bounce and that next week may be another painful one," said Craig Erlam, senior market analyst at OANDA. Traders are clearly unconvinced by the cuts that are intended to bring inventories down to their five year

average, particularly against the backdrop of rising output from the U.S., Libya and Nigeria."

**CHINA CLAMP-DOWN:** Mainland shares fluctuated as officials tightened up on some companies. Authorities ordered three popular internet services, including Sina Weibo, to stop streaming video after they violated censorship rules on sensitive issues. Adding to the pessimism, reports in the South China Morning Post newspaper and financial magazine Caixin on Thursday said the banking regulator is tightening up scrutiny of companies behind a wave of recent

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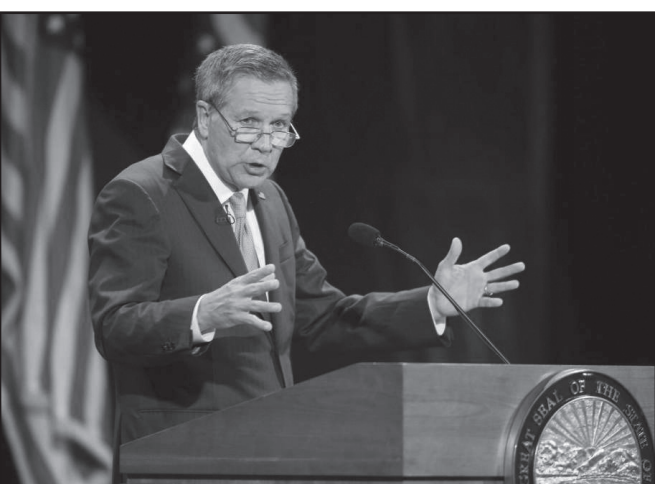
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# Governors wary of Medicaid cost shift in Senate health bill



AP photo

In this April 4, 2017, file photo, Ohio Gov. John Kasich delivers his State of the State address at the Sandusky State Theatre in Sandusky, Ohio. Governors in states that expanded Medicaid are wary of a bill revealed Thursday, June 22, by Republican leaders in the U.S. Senate. The expansion of the state-federal program has allowed 11 million lower-income Americans to gain health coverage. Among the Republicans voicing concern are Kasich and Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval.

By **JULIE CARR**  
**SMYTH and GEOFF**  
**MULVIHILL**

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Governors in several states that opted to expand Medicaid under former President Barack Obama's health care law are wary of the Senate Republican plan to end the added federal funding for it within seven years.

Thursday calls for a slower phase-out of the Medicaid expansion than a bill adopted earlier by the House. Yet it still would force those states to figure out what to do about the millions of lower-income Americans who used it to gain health coverage.

The doubts about the latest plan from Washington came from

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late Thursday. The two-year yield was flat at 1.34 percent, and the 30-year yield held steady at 2.72 percent.

**CURRENCIES:** The dollar slipped to 111.27 Japanese yen from 111.34 yen late Thursday. The euro rose to \$1.1198 from \$1.1147, and the British pound rose to \$1.2726 from \$1.2672.

**MARKETS ABROAD:** In Europe, France's CAC 40 fell 0.3 percent, Germany's DAX lost 0.5 percent and the FTSE 100 slipped 0.2 percent.

A monthly survey revealed that a measure of economic strength in the 19-country Eurozone slipped to a five-month low in June, which was below market expectations. However, the IHS Markit composite purchasing managers' index indicated that job creation and business confidence were still robust.

Japan's Nikkei 225 index added 0.1 percent, South Korea's Kospi rose 0.3 percent and the Hang Seng in Hong Kong was close to flat.

**COMMODITIES:** Gold rose \$8.20 to \$1,257.60 per ounce. Silver added 18 cents to \$16.69, and copper rose 3 cents to \$2.63 per pound.



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*O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in the necessity. There are none that can withstand your power.*

*O show me you are my Mother, O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you. (3 times)*

*Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands. (3 times)*

*Said 3 consecutive days; after 3 days request will be granted.*

*This prayer must be published after the favor is granted.*

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Amen, I.G.J.

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#4WA Williams "21C", drill horizontal, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
2.63 miles southwest of Knott  
A-400, Section 21, Block 34, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 9155 feet  
X=715489, Y=280804. Datum: NAD 27  
1290' FWL, 270' FSL of 641-acre lease  
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2.63 miles southwest of Knott  
A-400, Section 21, Block 34, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 9150 feet  
X=715519, Y=280810. Datum: NAD 27  
1314' FEL, 270' FSL of 641-acre lease  
1320' FWL, 270' FSL of the survey

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#2WA Williams "21A", drill horizontal, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
2.63 miles southwest of Knott  
A-400, Section 21, Block 34, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 9140 feet  
X=715548, Y=280817. Datum: NAD 27  
1284' FEL, 270' FSL of 641-acre lease  
1350' FWL, 270' FSL of the survey

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#6SH Garrett-Snell Unit "B 36-25", drill horizontal, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
6.46 miles southeast of Knott  
A-1127, Section 36, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,000 feet  
Latitude 032.382910, Longitude -101.531865. Datum: NAD 27  
287' FSL, 1122' FWL of 642.4-acre lease  
287' FSL, 1560' FEL of the survey

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#8SH Williams Unit "B 24-13", drill horizontal, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
0.21 miles northwest of Vealmoor  
A-1563, Section 24, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,000 feet  
Latitude 032.521688, Longitude -101.573475. Datum: NAD 27  
365' FSL, 1296' FEL of 503.64-acre lease  
365' FSL, 1296' FEL of the survey

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#1AH Elrod-Antell Unit "A 11-02", drill horizontal, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
4.28 miles northeast of Knott  
A-323, Section 11, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,000 feet  
Latitude 032.432448, Longitude -101.577233. Datum: NAD 27  
550' FSL, 332' FWL of 638.38-acre lease  
550' FSL, 332' FWL of the survey

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## New homes sales rebounded 2.9 percent in May

By **MARTIN**  
**CRUTSINGER**

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)

— Sales of new homes rebounded in May, helped by strong sales gains in the South and West.

Sales new single-family homes rose 2.9 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 610,000, the Commerce Department reported Friday. That followed a 7.9 percent drop in sales in April which was the biggest monthly decline in eight months.

Sales gains of 6.2 percent in the South and 13.3 percent in the West overcame big declines of 25.7 percent in the Midwest and 10.8 percent in the

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AP photo

In this Thursday, June 1, 2017, photo, a builder works on the roof of a home under construction at a housing plan in Jackson Township, Butler County, Pa. On Friday, June 23, 2017, the Commerce Department reports on sales of new homes in May.

## Annual Highland South 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

The parade will take place on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. We will meet at the corner of Highland & Robb at 9:30am. This parade is open to the entire community.

### Decorating Categories:

1. Strollers
2. Wagons
3. Walkers
4. Pets
5. Tricycles & Big Wheels
6. Kids' Battery-Operated Vehicles (up to age 12)
7. Golf Carts
8. Bicycles (Ages 1-7)
9. Bicycles (Ages 8+)
10. Scooters, Skateboards, Rollerblades
11. Motorized Vehicles (ages 12 - 18)
12. 4-Wheelers (allowed only if an adult over 18 is driving)
13. Horses
14. Mailboxes
15. Houses & Lawns

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Northeast. The Midwest drop was the largest in that region in nearly three years.

The median price of a home sold last month rose to a record \$345,800, up 16.8 percent from a year ago. Prices have been increasing as demand has outstripped supply, in part because of a shortage of available building lots.

The rebound in May sales had been expected following the big April drop. Sales of previously owned homes also rose last month.

The National Association of Realtors reported Thursday existing home sales, a much larger market than new homes, increased 1.1 percent in May to a seasonally adjusted annual sales rate of 5.62 million.

Economists noted that the May level of sales was the highest since March and the government also revised up activity for the past three months.

"This report, along with the larger existing home sales ... gives a much better tone" for the economy in the current quarter, Jennifer Lee, senior economist for BMO Capital Markets, said in a research note.

The strong demand for homes reflects a healthy labor market which has seen steady job gains that has sent the unemployment rate down to a 16-year low of 4.3 percent.

The number of homes for sale rose 1.5 percent in May to 268,000, which represented a 5.3 month's supply at the May sales pace, the same as April but up from a supply of 4.9 months in March.

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overseas acquisitions by ordering banks to check credit-risk exposure to Wanda, Fosun, Anbang and HNA.

## EUROPEAN GROWTH:

A monthly survey revealed that economic activity in the 19-country Eurozone slipped to a five-month low in June and below market expectations.

However, the IHS Markit composite purchasing managers' index remained well into positive territory, with job creation and business confidence still strong.

## ASIA'S DAY:

Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index finished 0.1 percent higher at 20,132.67 and South Korea's Kospi added 0.4 percent to 2,378.60.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng was practically unchanged at 25,670.05 while the Shanghai Composite in mainland China swung between gains and losses before ending 0.3 percent higher at 3,157.87. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 crept up 0.2 percent to 5,715.90.

## CURRENCIES:

The euro was up 0.2 percent at \$1.1172 while the dollar fell 0.1 percent at 111.23 yen.

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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
1.59 miles southeast of Vealmoor  
A-290, Section 31, Block 32, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,000 feet  
Latitude 032.504319, Longitude -101.549710. Datum: NAD 27  
300' FSL, 1173' FEL of 517.37-acre lease  
2334' FNL, 1173' FEL of the survey

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#2SH Shroyer-Wilson Unit "A 23-14", drill horizontal, El: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
6.30 miles northeast of Knott  
A-1106, Section 14, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,000 feet  
Latitude 032.430549, Longitude -101.574340. Datum: NAD 27  
332' FNL, 1023' FWL of 481.79-acre lease  
332' FNL, 1023' FWL of the survey

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#323-3A SACROC Unit, drill, El: NA  
Kelly-Snyder Field  
7.48 miles southwest of Snyder  
A-2709, Section 194, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 7500 feet  
X=910175, Y=393463. Datum: NAD 27  
4550' FSL, 3267' FEL of 49,860-acre lease  
762' FNL, 2035' FWL of the survey  
SWR 36 (H2S)

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#207-2 SACROC Unit, drill, El: NA, API #42-415-01705  
Kelly-Snyder Field  
3.30 miles southwest of Snyder  
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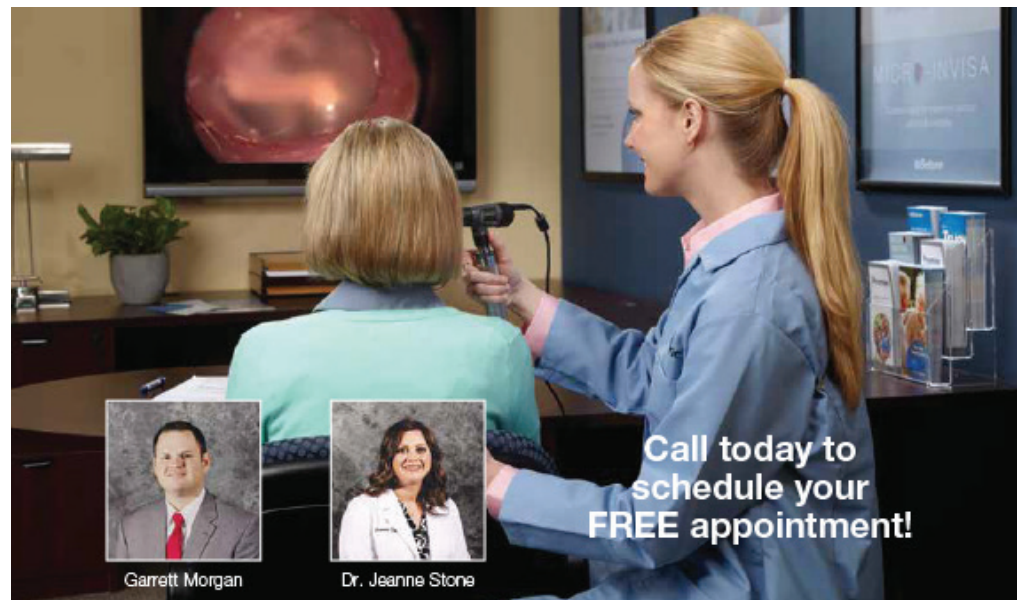


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## BILL

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Republicans, Democrats and the nation's one independent governor.

"I have deep concerns with details in the U.S. Senate's plan to fix America's health care system and the resources needed to help our most vulnerable, including those who are dealing with drug addiction, mental illness and chronic health problems and have nowhere else to turn," Ohio Gov. John Kasich, a Republican, said in a Twitter message.

Kasich was part of a group of Republican and Democratic governors who wrote a letter last week to Senate leaders calling for them to work in a bipartisan way to revamp the nation's complex health insurance policies.

Another was Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval, also a Republican. His decision to expand Medicaid has provided health coverage to more than 210,000 Nevada residents.

"It appears that the proposed bill will dramatically reduce coverage and will negatively impact our future state budgets," he said in an emailed statement.

Part of the Obama law was an offer to the states: If they would expand Medicaid, a joint federal-state insurance program for low-income people, to able-bodied adults without children at home, the federal government would pick up the entire tab in the initial years. The federal share drops to 90 percent after 2020.

The expansion has

provided coverage to 11 million people in the 31 states that accepted it.

The Senate bill calls for phasing out the enhanced federal support for the expansion by 2024. The House calls for doing it by 2020.

In both plans, states could keep coverage for the newly eligible adults, but federal taxpayers would not continue to pay a larger share of the bill. The Senate bill also calls for a tighter cap on federal spending in Medicaid overall than the House bill did. Currently, there is no limit on how much the program will pay for care for those enrolled.

In addition, it calls for extra federal funding to be awarded to states for addiction and mental health treatment, services covered by Medicaid. Both chambers would have to agree on details for the bill to be sent to President Donald Trump.

Trying to keep the expansion without added federal help could blow a hole in state budgets.

In Oregon, lawmakers this week passed a health care tax intended to fix a \$1.4 billion, two-year budget deficit attributed largely to Medicaid expansion costs. Those costs are rising there and elsewhere even with the federal government paying for most of the expansion, largely because more people signed up than originally expected.

"We anticipate it will be hundreds of thousands of Oregonians that will be stripped of health care under this proposal in order to get a tax break for wealthy Americans," said Oregon Gov. Kate Brown, a Democrat.

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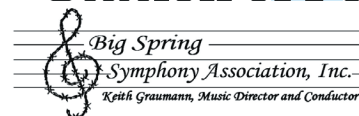
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### Mariners roll to 6th straight win, 13-3 over Astros

By **TIM BOOTH**

AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE — Felix Hernandez was anxious to be back on the mound pitching for Seattle for the first time in nearly two months. It helped the Mariners' offense made sure Hernandez didn't need to worry about being perfect.

Hernandez pitched six solid innings in his first start since late April and was backed by home runs from Mike Zunino, Ben Gamel and Kyle Seager in the Mariners' 13-3 win over the Houston Astros on Friday night.

A day after climbing over .500 for the first time this season, the Mariners continued their June surge with their sixth straight win thanks to an offense that knocked out Houston starter Joe Musgrove (4-7) early and got a strong

performance from Hernandez.

"This lineup is a little scary," Hernandez said.

Jarrod Dyson's RBI double in the second got Seattle started, but it was a six-run third inning that blew the game open. Danny Valencia's two-run single dribbled past the diving attempt of Alex Bregman and two batters later Zunino hit a three-run shot for his 10th home run of the season.

All of Zunino's homers have come since being recalled from Triple-A on May 23, and he has 29 RBIs in June — just four short of the franchise record for any month.

"Our guys have a lot of confidence right now, they feel good walking to the plate, and no pressure on anybody," Seattle manager Scott Servais said. "I think that's

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Seattle Mariners' Danny Valencia, left, and Jarrod Dyson react after both scored on a wild pitch against the Houston Astros in the seventh inning of a baseball game Friday, June 23, 2017, in Seattle.

AP Photo

### Torreyes' single in 10th lifts Yankees over Rangers 2-1

By **BEN WALKER**

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Once Masahiro Tanaka and Yu Darvish got done dominating, the hitters finally had a chance.

And after midnight, Ronald Torreyes lined an RBI single with two outs in the 10th inning that sent the New York Yankees over the Texas Rangers 2-1 on Friday night for just their second win in 10 games.

"Super happy to be able to get a hit," Torreyes said through a translator. "Super happy for the outcome."

"Without Tanaka, there's no chance, we don't have a chance. He was excellent tonight. He held the game zero-zero," he said.

Brett Gardner also played a big part for the Yankees, hitting a tying home run with one out in the ninth off closer Matt Bush (2-3).

It was scoreless until

the late innings as Tanaka and Darvish excelled in the first major league matchup between the Japanese stars. Tanaka pitched eight innings, Darvish was pulled after seven because of tightness in his triceps.

Darvish said he left as a precaution, adding through a translator, "I think I'm going to be fine for my next outing."

Chasen Shreve (2-1) escaped a bases-loaded jam in the top of the 10th, and Torreyes' hit kept the Yankees atop the AL East.

"We needed this," manager Joe Girardi said.

Gary Sanchez, whose passed ball gave Texas a 1-0 lead in the ninth, singled with one out in the 10th off Bush. A single by Didi Gregorius put runners at the corners and after Chris Carter struck out in his last at-bat for the Yankees, Torreyes singled to center

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AP Photo

Texas Rangers pitcher Yu Darvish delivers against the New York Yankees during the second inning of a baseball game, Friday, June 23, 2017, in New York.

### TCU to meet Florida again after 9-2 College World Series win

By **NICK OLSON**

AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — TCU coach Jim Schlossnagle had to admit he was a little worried when Florida starter Jackson Kowar struck out seven of the Horned Frogs' first eight batters in their College World Series game Friday night.

"Jackson, on their side, was beyond amazing," Schlossnagle said. "I started to think after he was punching us out so much in the first two-plus innings if there ever has been a 20-strikeout game in the World Series."

The answer is yes. But none of that mattered once the Frogs started catching on to Kowar (12-1) the second time through the order. He was gone by the sixth in-

ning, and the Frogs were well on their way to a 9-2 win that forced a second Bracket 2 final on Saturday night. The winner of that game goes to the best-of-three finals starting Monday.

Skoug delivered the big blow for the Frogs, breaking a 2-for-13 mini-slump in the sixth with a bases-clearing double off reliever Frank Rubio for an 8-2 lead.

Charles King (1-3) pitched 3 1/3 innings of one-hit shutout relief after taking over for starter Mitchell Traver with two outs in the fourth. King, a freshman who was pitching for the first time since May 27, struck out Nick Horvath with the bases loaded to end the inning and retired nine of the

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TCU's Zach Humphreys (10) connects with the ball to hit a ground-rule double in front of Florida catcher Mike Rivera, left, in the third inning of an NCAA College World Series baseball game in Omaha, Neb., Friday, June 23, 2017. TCU's Austen Wade scored on the double.

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## TCU

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next 11 batters.

"Charles came through with just enough strikes," Schlossnagle said. "They're an aggressive-swinging team and we made plays behind him."

Florida (49-19) got an 11-strikeout performance from ace Alex Faedo in a 3-0 win over TCU in its CWS opener Sunday, and he'll be on the mound again Saturday night. Tyler Dyson and star closer Michael Byrne are available in the bullpen.

"If you told me we had one game to win and you've got Faedo on the mound and Dyson, who's emerged, and Byrne fresh, I'll take my chances," Gators coach Kevin O'Sullivan said. "Nothing we can do about tonight. It got away from us."

The Horned Frogs (50-17) led 2-0 in the third after Ryan Merrill's single and back-to-back doubles by Austen Wade and Zach Humphreys. The Gators tied it in the bottom half, but Josh Watson's two-run triple in the fourth gave

TCU a 4-2 lead.

Wade made it 5-3 with an RBI ground-er off Rubio before Skoug broke open the game with his three-run double.

Skoug said it was a matter of time before the Frogs, who scored seven of their runs with two outs, broke through against Kowar.

"He had us aced up for a while," Skoug said. "Our scouting report didn't show how good his changeup was, and for us left-handers that changeup put us away. He mixed his pitches. But as long as you see a guy a couple times ... We had some timely hitting with two strikes and that helped us."

O'Sullivan's biggest concern is his offense's lack of production. The Gators are hitting .200 with 10 runs through three games in Omaha. Lead-off batter Ryan Larson is 0 for 11 and JJ Schwarz, the 3-hole



AP Photo

TCU's Zach Humphreys (10) connects with the ball to hit a ground-rule double in front of Florida catcher Mike Rivera, left, in the third inning of an NCAA College World Series baseball game in Omaha, Neb., Friday, June 23, 2017. TCU's Austen Wade scored on the double.

hitter, and Jonathan India both are 1 for 12.

"Probably need to look at the lineup a little tomorrow," O'Sullivan said. "I hate to make a change this late in the season. But there's some guys

that are obviously not feeling great about themselves right now, and maybe I can take pressure off them by moving them down a little bit."

**INJURED GATOR**  
Garrett Milchin, who took

over for Kowar starting the sixth, removed himself in the middle of facing his fourth batter because of right forearm tightness. O'Sullivan said Milchin won't be available Saturday.

## TEXAS

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field.

Often playfully hoisted by Gregorius in the dugout to high-five Aaron Judge after the tall slugger's home runs, the diminutive Torreyes wound up on the shoulders of his teammates.

Torreyes' first career game-ending hit came at 12:19 a.m. — the start was delayed 1 hour, 42 minutes because of rain.

Torreyes also made two sparkling defensive plays at third base. He dived to his left to snag Shin-Soo Choo's grounder and threw from his knees to

start an inning-ending double play in the third, then made a backhand stab, spun and beat Elvis Andrus with a two-hop throw to first leading off the seventh.

The Darvish-Tanaka duel didn't disappoint the big crowd in the Bronx or the national television audience tuned in Saturday morning back in their homeland.

"Breakfast at Wimbledon," Girardi mused before the game. "Breakfast at Yankee Stadium."

Darvish gave up just two singles, striking out 10 without a walk.

"I was trying to focus on my pitching," Darvish said. "I didn't watch him pitch."

Tanaka was totally in control, too, working around three singles in eight innings, fanning nine and walking two.

"I was excited going into the game but once the game starts,

you're not actually going against Darvish, you're going against the Texas lineup," Tanaka said through a translator.

Tanaka retired 16 straight batters after escaping a two-on, no-out jam in the second. He stayed ahead the whole way by throwing first-pitch strikes to 25 of 27 hitters.

Despite the stellar outing, the no-decision left Tanaka at 0-6 in his last eight starts.

Judge singled in the ninth. The rookie who leads the majors in home runs has safely reached base in a career-best 25 straight games.

**SO LONG**

The Yankees cut Carter after the game, designating him for assignment. He tied for the NL lead with 41 home runs for Milwaukee last year, but hit only .204 with eight homers and 23 RBIs this season. 1B Tyler Austin will be promoted from Triple-A.

**TRAINER'S ROOM**

Rangers: LHP Martin Perez ripped a finger nail off his left thumb and broke

the tip of the bone in an accident at his New York hotel Thursday night. The team said it's too early to know if he'll make his next start Wednesday night at Cleveland. ... LHP Cole Hamels (right oblique) threw a bullpen session before the game. If all is OK, he could pitch Monday in Cleveland in his first big league start since April 26.

Yankees: 3B Chase Headley missed his second straight game because of back spasms. He had an epidural, and Girardi said Headley might be able to play Sunday. ... OF Jacoby Ellsbury (concussion) is taking batting practice. The team hopes he can soon begin a rehab assignment.

**UP NEXT**

Rangers: RHP Austin Bibens-Dirkx (2-0, 4.25 ERA) made his major league debut last month after 12 seasons in the minors. This will be his ninth game for Texas and fourth start.

Yankees: RHP Luis Cessa (0-0, 7.36) got hit hard last week by Oakland in his first start of the season.

## ASTROS

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what happens when a whole lineup is kind of working together really well."

Gamel led off the fourth inning with his fourth homer and Seager followed later in the inning with his eighth, helping end Musgrove's miserable night. The Houston right-hander lasted just 3 2/3 innings, allowing 12 hits and nine earned runs, both new career-highs.

"They were all over everything," Musgrove said. "There were even times when I threw good pitches, I had a lot of swing-and-misses tonight, a few good strikes, but every time I made a good two-strike, put-away pitch they laid it out like they knew what was coming. I made too many mistakes in the zone."

Houston manager A.J. Hinch was not pleased by having to turn to his bullpen early and adding more innings to their workload.

"We can't keep absorbing that many innings in the bullpen," Hinch said.

Hernandez (3-2) wasn't great but didn't need to be getting the kind of run support that's been rare during his career. Pitching for the first time since April 25, Hernandez gave up a pair of solo home runs to Bregman and Jose Altuve, but walked just one batter and pitched out of the one major jam he faced. Houston had runners at the corners with one out when Hernandez struck out Yuli Gurriel and got Bregman to fly out.

Hernandez struck out eight, and Yovani Gallardo picked up the save pitching the final three innings in his first relief appearance since 2007.

"I was going crazy when I was on the DL. I knew I was going to come back "

Hernandez said.

**VENEZUELAN LEADER**

Hernandez passed his good friend Freddy Garcia with his 157th victory, the most by a Venezuelan-born pitcher.

**WILD INNING**

Seattle added three runs in the seventh inning, all scoring on wild pitches from Houston's James Hoyt. Two scored on one play as Brian McCann struggled to locate the ball, allowing Valencia and Dyson to score. Pinch-runner Taylor Motter scored later in the inning on another spiked pitch.

**ROSTER SHUFFLE**

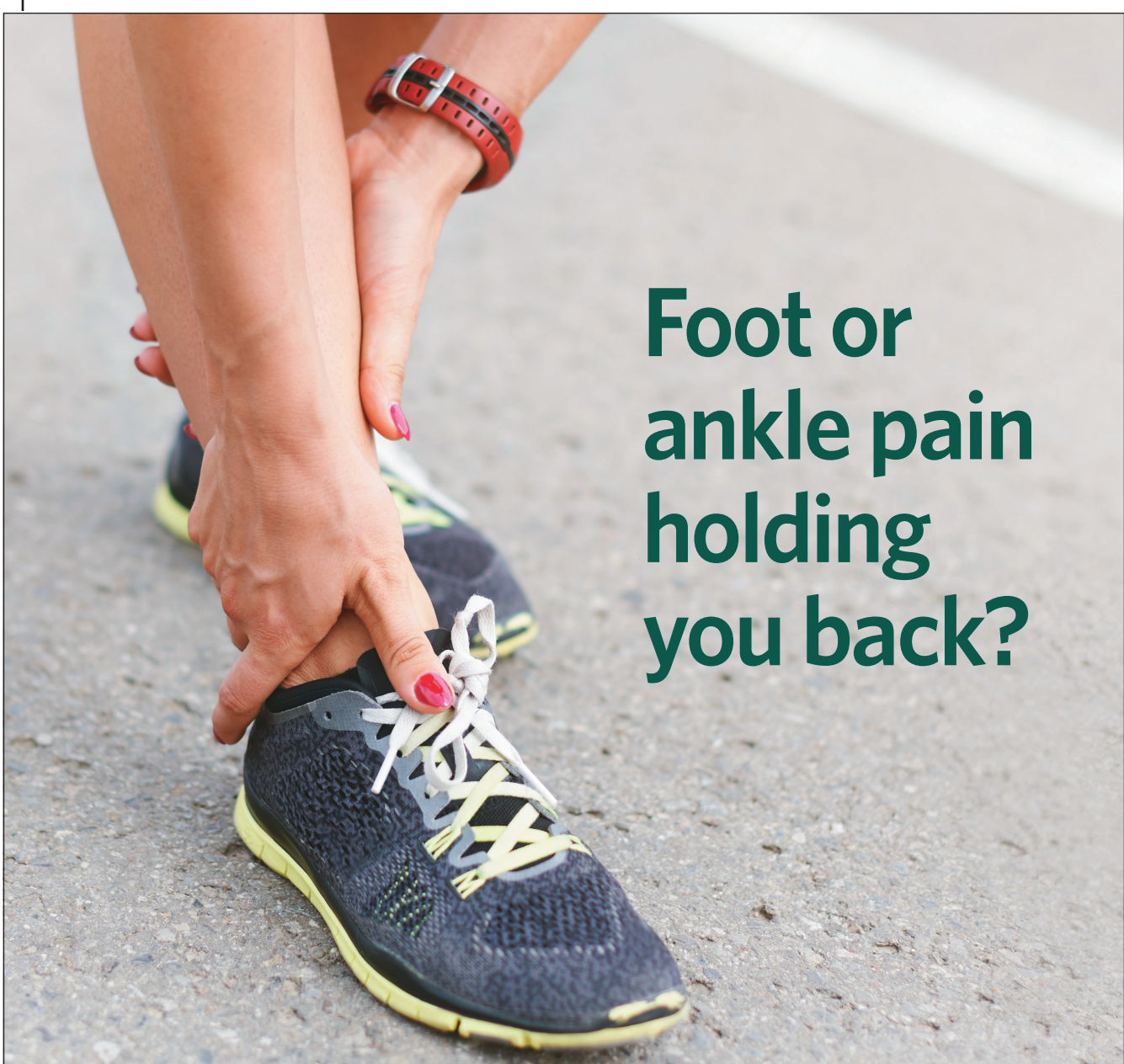
Astros: LHP Reymin Guduan was recalled from Triple-A Fresno on Friday and threw two innings of relief allowing just one hit. Houston optioned RHP Dayan Diaz.

Mariners: To clear a roster spot for Hernandez, RHP Andrew Moore was sent back to the minors after a successful major league debut on Thursday. Moore allowed three runs in seven innings to get the victory against Detroit. Because of off days, the Mariners won't need a fifth starter for at least a week. Moore will stay on turn in the minors and is expected to rejoin the club when a fifth starter is needed.

**UP NEXT**

Astros: Lance McCullers (6-1) returns from the disabled list to start for the first time since June 8. McCullers was out because of lower back discomfort. He was the AL pitcher of the month in May after going 4-0 with a 0.99 ERA.

Mariners: Sam Gaviglio (3-1) will make his eighth start. Gaviglio got a no decision in his last outing throwing five innings and allowed two earned runs.



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# Jordan Spieth maintains lead in Travelers Championship

By PAT EATON-ROBB

AP Sports Writer  
CROMWELL, Conn. (AP) — Jordan Spieth played well enough in the second round of the Travelers Championship to stay in the lead. Rory McIlroy played just well enough to stay in the tournament.

Spieth shot a 1-under 69 on Friday morning, then watched as a windy afternoon kept anyone from overtaking him.

The conditions also kept fourth-ranked Jason Day from making the cut for a second straight week. He bogeyed the 18th for a 70 to finish at 2 over. No. 3 McIlroy shot a 73, also closing with a bogey, but managed to just sneak into the weekend at even par.

Spieth, who began the day one shot ahead after a first-round 63, started on the back nine. The 23-year-old Texan had to recover from a double bogey on the par-5 13th hole after hitting his tee shot left and out-of-bounds. He also had four birdies and a bogey to reach 8 under.

"We've been kind of far behind in a lot of the events in making comeback runs," said Spieth, the two-time major champion who tied for 35th last week in the U.S. Open. "But being able to be toward the front of the pack on a Saturday afternoon is a beautiful position to be in and one that we'll certainly embrace. I'm going to try to have a lot of fun this weekend."

Patrick Reed (66) and Troy Merritt (68) were tied for second. Both fought off wind gusts that exceeded 20 mph to hit 11 of 14 fairways and 14 of 18 greens.

"A golf course like this, even when the wind is blowing, if you're hitting your tee shots straight, you're going to have some wedges into the greens," Reed said.

U.S. Open champion Brooks Koepka isn't in Connecticut this week, but former Florida State teammate Chase Seiffert is in contention. The 25-year-old had to qualify Monday to get into the tournament. He made two eagles

Friday and finished with a 66 to reach 6 under.

"I came into the week with no status on any tour, but I knew my game was really good," Seiffert said. "I just had to get it done. To come out and play the first two rounds the way I did, it gives me a lot of confidence."

Wesley Bryan (67), Daniel Summerhays (68) and Boo Weekley (68) also were 5 under.

Graham DeLaet led briefly during the afternoon, but had a double bogey on 18 for a 70 to drop into the group at 5 under.

Eighty-five players made the cut and 68 finished within seven shots of the lead.

The biggest drama of the afternoon was watching the world's third- and fourth-ranked players try to make it to the weekend.

Day was close, until he hit his second shot at 18 into a greenside bunker. He failed to get up and down, missing a 6-footer for par.

McIlroy seemed to be in good shape on 18. He was on the right edge of the fairway and looking at a second shot 105 yards from the hole. But he slipped during the swing and the ball went just 63 yards and farther right.

"My right foot completely came out from under me," he said. "Obviously, there was a tiny bit of drizzle. Maybe a little bit of surface water.

Just, I don't know. It was weird. As soon as I started down, I just felt it and I couldn't stop."

McIlroy may have saved his tournament on the 13th. After hitting his first shot in the water and taking a drop, he hit his third shot to 17 feet and made par. He then putted in from off the green on 14. McIlroy, who didn't qualify for the weekend at Erin Hills, hasn't missed consecutive cuts since 2012.

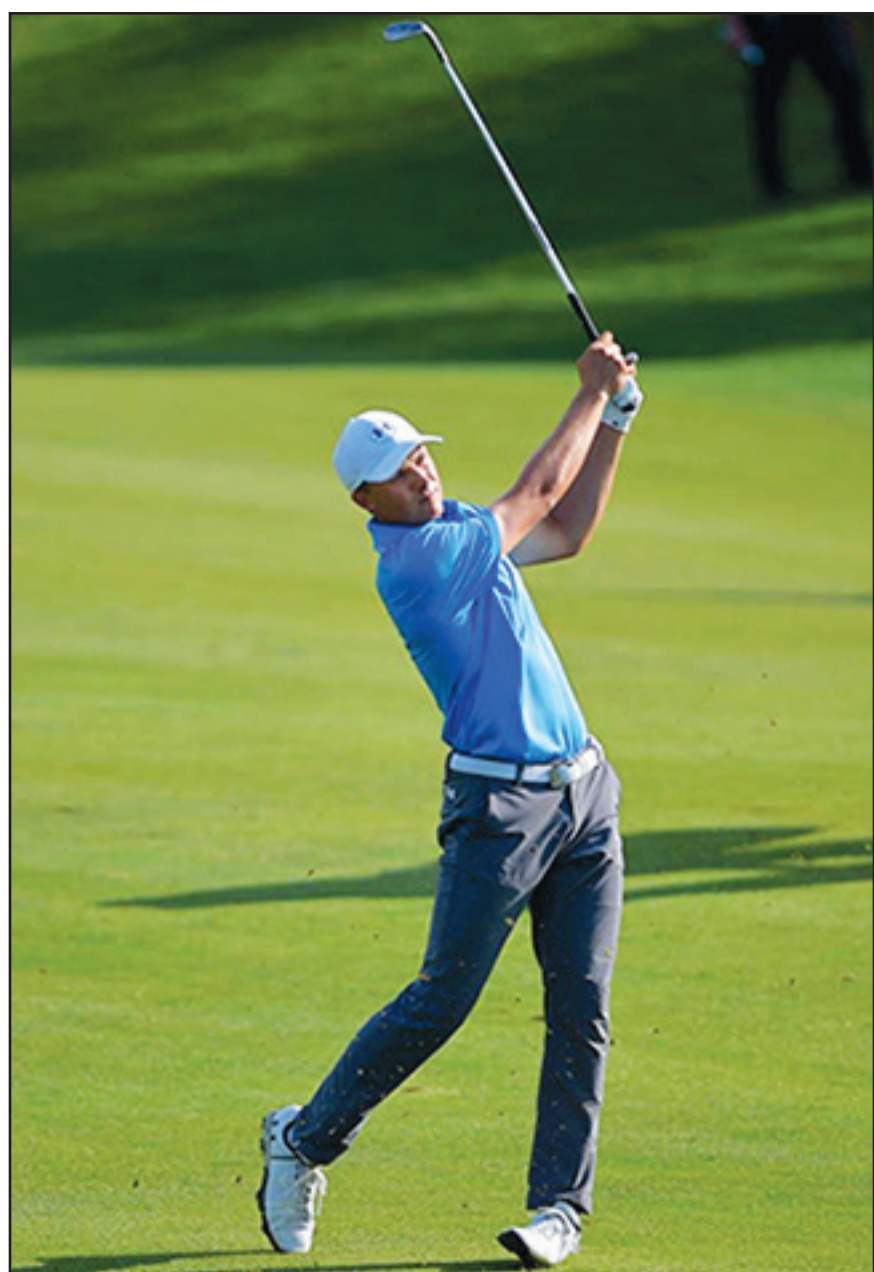
"I won't be thinking about trying to win the tournament from there," he said. "I'll be thinking about trying to go and play a good, solid round of golf. But we have seen here in the past guys going out and shooting a low score and getting themselves back into the tournament."

Anirban Lahiri of India, playing his first tournament since tying for second at the Memorial, shot a bogey-free 63 to move to 4 under. He made a 32-foot eagle putt on No. 13.

"I was out (since the Memorial) meditating," he said. "So I've been a little bit rusty. The body is kind of easing its way back in. So I think I'm going to get better as the week progresses."

Two-time Travelers champion Bubba Watson, who missed the cut at Erin Hills, will have another weekend off. He followed up a 75 in the first round with a 67 and finished at 2 over.

Weather could also affect the scoring Saturday. A forecast of rain led tournament officials to move the start of the third round back to 11 a.m., with the players going out in threesomes off the first and 10th tees.



AP Photo  
Jordan Spieth hits his second shot on the 18th hole during the first round of the Travelers Championship golf tournament Thursday, June 22, 2017, in Cromwell, Conn.

## Urruti scores, FC Dallas ties Dynamo 1-1 in Texas Derby



AP Photo  
FC Dallas midfielder Carlos Guezo (7) and Houston Dynamo midfielder Oscar Garcia (27) slide after the ball during the first half of an MLS soccer game on Friday, June 23, 2017, in Houston.

HOUSTON (AP) — Maximiliano Urruti scored in the 59th minute and FC Dallas tied the Houston Dynamo 1-1 on Friday night in the Texas Derby.

Scored his ninth goal of the season and 10th goal in his last 16 games. Michael Barrios got behind the defense for a through

ball and passed it back to the top of the box for Urruti's deflected shot.

FC Dallas (6-3-7) has won six of the last 10 games with three draws — including 0-0 on May 28 — against Houston (7-6-4).

Erick Torres opened the scoring in the 19th minute with

his 11th goal. Adolfo Machado chipped the defense with a long ball and Torres won a one-one-one battle at the edge of the box for a sliding shot inside the far post.

Torres moved within two goals of Chicago's Nemanja Nikolic for the MLS lead.

## Hamilton takes pole for Azerbaijan GP in Mercedes 1-2



AP Photo

Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton steers his car during the third free practice at the Formula One Azerbaijan Grand Prix in Baku, Azerbaijan, Saturday, June 24, 2017.

By JEROME PUGMIRE

AP Sports Writer  
BAKU, Azerbaijan (AP) — Lewis Hamilton took a brilliant pole position for the Azerbaijan Grand Prix ahead of Valtteri Bottas on Saturday, with Mercedes securing a convincing 1-2 as rival Ferrari lagged behind.

Bottas led qualifying and then set an even quicker time on his final lap — only for Hamilton to beat him by nearly half a second.

The British driver's 66th pole moves him one ahead of F1 great Ayr-

ton Senna and just two behind Michael Schumacher's all-time record of 68.

Raikkonen qualified third ahead of his Ferrari teammate Sebastian Vettel, the championship leader.

After three difficult practice sessions, qualifying also proved tough.

With three minutes remaining a red flag came up, halting the session, after Daniel Ricciardo clipped the wall with the left side of his Red Bull coming out of Turn 6 — prompting an expletive from the Australian driver.

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# Butler trade sets the stage for looming free agency

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI

AP Basketball Writer

As draft night approached, some of the heavy hitters in the NBA — Cleveland, San Antonio, Houston, Boston, the Clippers among them — were jockeying, making calls and looking for deals to try to position themselves to make a run at the Golden State juggernaut.

The Warriors' greatness has forced the rest of the league to do deep self-examination and be aggressive in upgrading their rosters if they're even going to have a chance to compete. The Celtics and Cavaliers were looking hard at Pacers star Paul George and Bulls guard Jimmy Butler, the Rockets and Spurs were looking at clearing cap space to make a run at some big-name free agents next week and the Knicks were, well, the Knicks.

Draft night always lays the groundwork for what will happen when the circus (officially known as free agency) begins on July 1. And with all of those contenders looking to make a splash, the biggest move was made by ... the Minnesota Timberwolves.

The Wolves reunited Tom Thibodeau with Butler, giving up two promising young players in Zach LaVine and Kris Dunn and the No. 7 overall pick to land one of the best two-way players in the game. The move should jumpstart Minnesota's pursuit of its first playoff spot since 2004 and, the Wolves hope, pave the way for success in free agency.

"I think it will (help) a lot," Thibodeau said. "With players, they look around the league, they see the makeup of the team, they see how they play, play together. That's the main thing. Both offensively and defensively."

The Timberwolves have long had difficulty attracting free agents to a relatively small market that spends four months of the year covered in ice and snow. Landing a top-15 player like Butler to team with Karl-Anthony Towns and Andrew Wiggins sends a sign of how aggressive the teams could be.

The Bulls plunged head-first into a rebuild with the decision, and now it's up to the Pacers to decide if they want to do the same.

Much to the dismay of Pacers GM Kevin Pritchard, George let it be known last week that he did not plan to re-sign in Indiana when he becomes a free agent next summer. Most of the league assumes that he wants to play for the Los Angeles Lakers, who appear to be in a tug-of-war with the rival Celtics for George's attention.

"I'm confident we'll get something," Pritchard told reporters in Indianapolis on Friday.

One of the big markets affected on Thursday night was at point guard, the deepest position in the league. Philadelphia, the Lakers, Sacramento, New York and Dallas all drafted point guards in the top 10, which could diminish the options for veterans like Jrue Holiday, George Hill, Jeff Teague and Patty Mills.

The elite point guards available — Chris Paul and Kyle Lowry — should have no trouble finding significant contracts.

With Tony Parker suffering a serious injury in the playoffs, the Spurs were reportedly trying to clear space to make a run at Paul, who is widely considered the best point guard in the league. Paul has spent the last six seasons with the Los Angeles Clippers, but has yet to advance to the Western Conference finals.

The Clippers are trying to make a decision about retooling around the core of Paul, Blake Griffin and DeAndre Jordan, but really it's a decision that depends largely on Paul's thinking. He has long struggled to win big in the postseason, and heading to San Antonio to join with Kawhi Leonard or Houston to team up with James Harden could prove to be more attractive.

Lowry figures to remain in Toronto with a Raptors franchise that he has helped put back on the map, but after that there will be few teams in the market for a high-priced starting point guard. Denver, Utah, New York and Indiana could wade into those waters. But if they look at themselves as still being a couple of years away, they might be hesitant to spend big bucks on a veteran.

Other big names avail-



Chicago Bulls guard Jimmy Butler looks on against the Philadelphia 76ers during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Wednesday, April 13, 2016 in Chicago. The Bulls won 115-105.

AP Photo

able include Gordon Hayward, Paul Millsap and Andre Iguodala. And while some of the very biggest names like Kevin Durant and Steph Curry figure to stay put, it only ramps up the sense of urgency for teams that have big holes to fill.

The clock is ticking and Thursday night provided the first steps toward making big improvements to the roster.

The Timberwolves rocked the boat with Butler, but the waters were calm after that, which should only mean one thing: It's about to get real choppy when the clock strikes midnight on July 1.



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### POPS IN THE PARK SURVIVAL GUIDE



#### POPS IN THE PARK WEATHER OUTLOOK

Pops is still a bit far out for detailed forecasts but early data from The Weather Channel indicates:

- Mostly sunny skies.
- High temperature: 97 degrees
- Precipitation: None
- Wind: South-southeast at 17 mph
- Humidity: 44 percent



By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

Ready for some Pops? “This year is the 20th year of Pops in the Park, so we’re trying to make a big thing,” said Pops in the Park Committee Chairperson Emily McCann.

This year the Herald once again brings you your Pops in the Park Survival Guide to help you get through the patriotic festival.

- First of all, the events. “We got Vocal Trash for the pre-show, because they’re loud and fun, and to shake it up this year, we have a skydiver, who should be jumping over the amphitheater with a huge American flag,” McCann said. “He will land on the golf course. He’ll look like he’s coming down on top of us, but he’ll land on the golf course. He’s after the CAF fly-over, so

we’ll have the fly-over as usual. And then we’re going to shoot off over 10,800 shots of fireworks while the (Big Spring) Symphony is playing and it’s all choreographed to the music.”

In the middle of the symphony performance, prior to the fireworks, a video slideshow will honor local heroes.

“That’s what we call the intermission video, and it will show the fallen heroes of Howard County, as well as some other candid shots that have been sent in by local people of their service members,” she said.

- Arrive early. Parking at the event is first come, first serve. The park will close when parking reaches capacity.

- Be aware of the weather. Detailed forecasts are still a bit iffy, but preliminary data is in the

box above and tips for preventing heat related illness below.

- McCann emphasized that you need to leave some things at home.

“You can have the ice chests out in the park, just not in the amphitheater,” she said. “And there’s no alcohol in the park at all. We ask there’s no dogs in the amphitheater, and we really recommend no pets in the park either, just due to the loudness of the fireworks. Last year, we had a problem with a drone. Somebody had a drone flying during the fireworks, and almost shut the whole show down. If there are drones flying, we will have to shut the show down. It interferes with the fireworks, the safety, as well as the plane and the skydiver and all that.”

Happy Independence Day!



Photos courtesy Tony Claxton and Vocal Trash  
Top to bottom, left to right: Big Spring Symphony Orchestra conductor Keith Graumann addresses the audience from the amphitheater stage at last year’s Pops in the Park; fireworks sparkle over the amphitheater in July 2016; Vocal Trash will perform prior to the Symphony’s patriotic show this year; the presentation of the colors ceremony at last year’s Pops.

#### WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Alcoholic beverages
- Ice chests or coolers
- Pets other than service animals with proper identification
- Drones

#### TIPS FOR PREVENTING HEAT RELATED ILLNESS

- Drink plenty of fluids (non-alcoholic) regardless of your activity level. Don’t wait until you’re thirsty to drink.
- Don’t drink liquids that contain alcohol or large amounts of sugar—these actually cause you to lose more body fluid. Also, avoid very cold drinks, because they can cause stomach cramps.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.
- NEVER leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle.
- Although anyone at any time can suffer from heat-related illness, some people are at greater risk than others. Check regularly on:
  - Infants and young children
  - People aged 65 or older
  - People who have a mental illness
  - Those who are physically ill, especially with heart disease or high blood pressure
- Limit your outdoor activity to morning and evening hours.
- Protect yourself from the sun by wearing a wide-brimmed hat (also keeps you cooler) and sunglasses and by putting on sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher (the most effective products say “broad spectrum” or “UVA/UVB protection” on their labels).

Tips from CDC website ([emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/](http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/))

#### SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

- 5 p.m. - Parking for Pops begins, vendors open, gates open
- KBYG’s Smokin’ Joe Murphy will emcee.
- 6:30 p.m. - Vocal Trash performs
- 8 p.m. - Big Spring Symphony Orchestra perform
- About 9:45 p.m. - Fireworks begin
- Patriotic activities:
  - Tributes to branches of the U.S. military
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## Watch ole 'Bandit' run: Fans ride to Georgia for film's 40th

By **JEFF MARTIN**

Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — They had a long way to go and a short time to get there, but hundreds of fans in Trans Ams have put the hammer down and made it to Atlanta to celebrate the 40th anniversary of "Smokey and the Bandit."

About 350 cars this week retraced actor Burt Reynolds' wild ride from the Texas-Arkansas line to Atlanta in the movie that roared into pop culture in 1977.

"Every town we drive through, people come out to film us, take pictures and wave as our convoy of cars comes through - it's like being in a huge parade," said organizer Dave Hall of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Truckers and others also took part in "Snowman's Run," a road trip that raises money for wounded veterans in the name of the late actor and musician Jerry Reed, who played the trucker Snowman in the movie.

All of them have gathered in Jonesboro, Georgia, the town 15

miles (24 kilometers) south of Atlanta where much of the movie was filmed.

This weekend, they plan to recreate some of the movie's memorable scenes, including a stunt driver's attempt to jump 150 feet (46 meters) through the air in a Trans Am. Also planned: A Burt Reynolds look-alike contest.

Reynolds himself will also be in attendance, and will take part in a question-and-answer session in a city park, Jonesboro City Manager Ricky Clark Jr. said.

"People are coming from all over the U.S. and other countries," Clark said. "I got a message from someone from Switzerland who is flying over for this event."

Smokey and the Bandit was among the first big-budget movies to be filmed in Georgia, paving the way for more recent films such as "The Hunger Games" movies and TV shows such as AMC's "The Walking Dead."

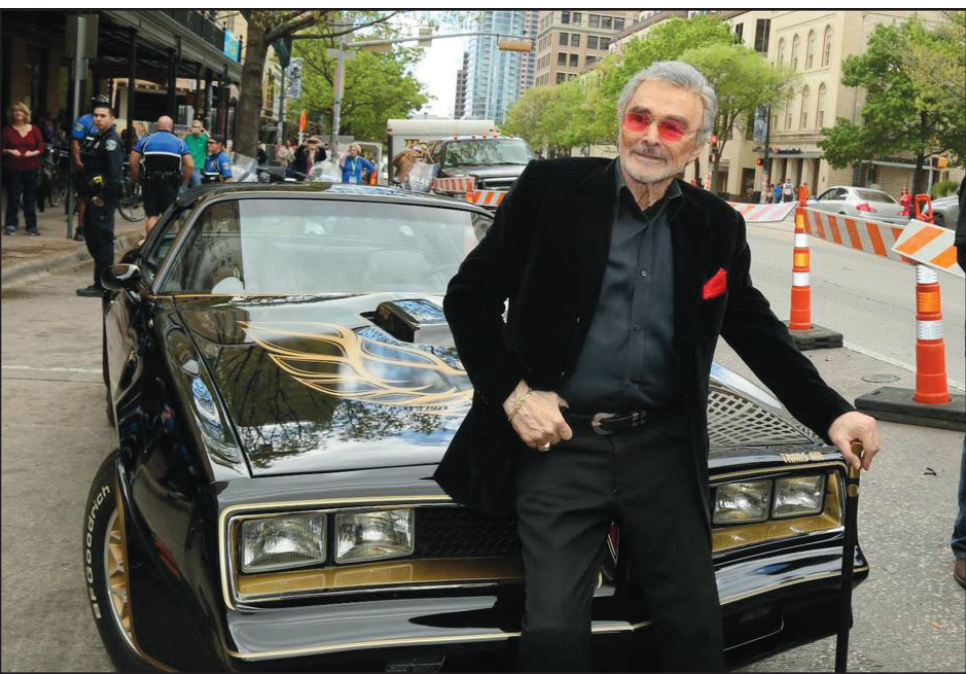
Many of the scenes from Smokey and the Bandit were filmed on Main Street in down-

town Jonesboro, near U.S. Highway 41 and other roads in the area, Clark said.

Some of the buildings still stand, as well. The city's train depot that dates to 1867 appears in the movie, but movie-makers temporarily replaced its Jonesboro sign with one that said "Texarkana" so they could film scenes set in the town on the Texas-Arkansas line.

That's where the movie's main characters picked up the 400 cases of Coors beer they would deliver to Atlanta in 28 hours. Participants in the anniversary celebration plan to recreate the "Coors scene" at the spot where it was filmed in Jonesboro this weekend.

A stunt man driving a Trans Am had also had hoped to recreate the Bandit's jump across the Flint River west of downtown Jonesboro. The leap allowed Reynolds and his passenger, Sally Field, to evade the pursuing law officers, whose patrol cars plunged into the river seconds later.



AP photo

In this March 12, 2016 file photo, Burt Reynolds sits on a 1977 Pontiac Trans-Am at the world premiere of "The Bandit" at the Paramount Theatre during the South by Southwest Film Festival in Austin, Texas. Hundreds of fans in Trans Ams made it to Atlanta to celebrate the 40th anniversary of "Smokey and the Bandit."

## Depp's 'assassin' comments the latest in celebrity anger



AP photo

Actor Johnny Depp introduces a film at the Glastonbury music festival at Worthy Farm, in Somerset, England, Thursday, June 22, 2017.

By **MARK KENNEDY**

AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Johnny Depp has sparked controversy for joking about assassinating Donald Trump during an appearance at a large festival in Britain, the latest example of artists using violent imagery when dealing with the president.

"When was the last time an actor assassinated a president?" Depp asked the crowd at Glastonbury Festival, in reference to the death of Abraham Lincoln by John Wilkes Booth in 1865. The 54-year-old "Pirates of the Caribbean" star then added: "I want to qualify, I am not an actor. I lie for a living. However, it has been awhile and maybe it is time."

The Secret Service in a statement said Friday it "is aware of the comments in question. For security reasons, we cannot discuss specifically nor in general terms the means and methods of how we perform our protective responsibilities."

Depp was at the festival Thursday to introduce a screening of his 2004 film, "The Libertine." He played Trump last year in a Funny or Die video parody of the businessman's 1987 book, "The Art of the Deal."

He seemed to know his comments were going to get him into trouble, prefacing his remarks with, "By the way, this is going to be in the press. It will be horrible." Depp's remarks came eight days after a gunman opened fire on Republican lawmakers as they practiced for a charity baseball game.

Depp's remarks come weeks after

The Public Theater in New York was criticized for its production of "Julius Caesar" that portrayed a Trump-like dictator in a business suit with a long tie who gets knifed to death onstage. The theater said it never advocates violence as a solution to political problems.

The show followed condemnation for comedian Kathy Griffin, who lost her job co-hosting CNN's New Year's Eve special and had all her upcoming comedy shows canceled after posing for a photograph in which she gripped a likeness of the president's severed, bloody head. Pop star Madonna also was criticized for saying at a rally that she had thought "an awful lot about blowing up the White House."

Musicians have also gone after the president, with a Snoop Dogg's video of him shooting a Trump-lookalike clown and Moby putting out a video in which Trump resembles a Nazi-like Iron Man who takes over the world with a missile-firing machine shaped like a swastika and dollar symbol.

Trump's election has not quieted many in the arts community who assailed the candidate, with Robert De Niro saying he'd "like to punch" Trump "in the face," Carly Simon repurposing her song "You're So Vain" into an anti-Trump anthem and singer-rapper Will.i.am's damning video "GRAB'm by the ...."

Other presidents have found themselves the target of celebrity ire, including George W. Bush, who was attacked by the Dixie Chicks and by Kanye West, who famously said Bush "doesn't care about black people."

## Prince Harry: No one in royal family wants to rise to throne

LONDON (AP) — Britain's Prince Harry has suggested that no one in the royal family really wishes to rise to the throne — and that it is duty, rather than desire, that prompts them to continue serving the British people.

In an interview with Newsweek magazine, Harry said the House of Windsor is "not doing this for ourselves but for the greater good of the people."

He also spoke openly about his distress at having to walk behind his mother's coffin as a 12-year-old boy in full

public view, saying: "I don't think any child should be asked to do that, under any circumstances."

The 32-year-old royal was recalling the day in 1997 when he joined his brother Prince William, then 15, and other members of the royal family in a funeral procession through London's streets for Princess Diana, who died in a car accident.

"My mother had just died, and I had to walk a long way behind her coffin, surrounded by thousands of people watching me while mil-

lions more did on television," he said.

Harry made candid remarks about being a royal — and his determination to lead as ordinary a life as he could.

"Is there any one of the royal family who wants to be king or queen? I

don't think so, but we will carry out our duties at the right time," he said.

He does his own shopping, he added — and would continue to do so "even if I was king."

"People would be amazed by the ordinary life William and I live,"

he said. "My mother took a huge part in showing me an ordinary life, including taking me and my brother

to see homeless people. Thank goodness I'm not completely cut off from reality."

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Roger's Reviews:

# 47 Meters Down



In 1975, Steven Spielberg's "Jaws" came out, introducing Americans to the shark movie genre and making us all just a little scared to swim in the ocean. There have been many twists and turns on the theme over the years: "Open Water," where there's no beach to swim for; "Orca," where the shark is actually a killer whale; and "Sharknado," where you don't go to the sharks, the sharks come to you. This week's review is a new, different, and pretty intriguing twist: "47 Meters Down," directed by Johannes Roberts and starring Claire Holt and Mandy Moore.



ROGER CLINE

Sisters Lisa (Moore) and Kate (Holt) are sisters vacationing in Mexico. Lisa is trying to get over a messy breakup with her boyfriend, who considers her "boring." During the trip, Kate takes Lisa out for a night of drinking and dancing, and they meet up with a couple of Mexican guys, Benjamin (Santiago Segura) and Louis (Yani Gellman), who invite them on a shark-watching excursion, submerged in a cage with scuba gear. Lisa, who has never scuba dived before, is reluctant, but Kate convinces her to give it a try. At the boat the next day, they meet Captain Taylor (Matthew Modine) and head off across the sea. They find a likely spot and toss some chum in the water to attract sharks.

The guys go first and have a great time. Lisa is feeling a bit seasick and Kate is apprehensive about the conditions on the boat (the cage is rusty and everything looks a bit seedy) but the two talk each other into giving it a try. They get in the cage and head down. Initially they're having a great time and begin to enjoy the experience, although Lisa drops Louis' camera when a shark surprises her by bumping the cage. Unfortunately things don't stay so idyllic. Suddenly, the entire winch system gives way, breaking off the boat, and the cage rapidly descends to the bottom, 47 meters down. Now the women are in a precarious predicament: They can't simply swim up to the surface, because of sharks. And they're beginning to run out of air. And they're now outside the range of their radios. And the door of the cage is blocked by a chain from the winch system. Kate decides she has to swim up to radio range to talk to the boat crew, so she decides to squeeze through the bars of the cage. She can't fit through with her diving mask on, so she removes it and quickly swims through while Lisa passes the mask out to her. She puts it back on and clears the water out, and is good to go. She swims up and talks to Capt. Taylor, who tells her he's sending crew member Javier down with a cable to the boat's backup winch system. He tells her that they need to remain



in the cage to stay safe from sharks. Kate returns to the cage and the sisters wait a bit before they see a flashlight in the distance. They try to make noise to attract Javier's attention, but he seems not to hear. Kate has used more air than Lisa, so Lisa volunteers to swim toward the flashlight. She stays close to the ground to avoid sharks, but a shark tries to grab her anyway. She swims into a small cave, and waits a few minutes before swimming on. Just short of the flashlight, she comes to the edge of a cliff; the bottom is nowhere to be seen.

I'll stop the summary there. I enjoyed the new twist on the shark movie, but I think it could have been executed better. In particular, the ending was terrible. I could see it coming, but I held out hope that the movie-makers would swerve and go a different direction. No luck. I left feeling supremely unsatisfied.

One thing the movie gets right: The sense of disorientation the women, especially Lisa, feel when plunged into a dark, unfamiliar world. On her way back to the cage from her expedition to find Javier, Lisa gets lost. I have never scuba dived, myself, but I certainly have never considered the possibility of getting lost while diving. It makes sense, though; all the water looks the same. The ocean bottom might have landmarks, but unless one is especially prominent, it's all new ground for these women.

For a shark movie, there aren't a lot of sharks in "47 Meters Down." Yeah, they're there. But most of the attack scenes are very fast. You don't see the sharks much. In contrast, there are a couple of shots, primarily close ups on a character's face, that last way too long...like, uncomfortably long. Perhaps that's intentional, a way to make the audience uncomfortable. Perhaps it was to allow us to contemplate the character's emotional state. I didn't like it.

"47 Meters" is competently acted, but with no outstanding performances. Holt is mostly strong and confident, Moore is mostly reluctant and weepy, but with an inner strength that emerges in the movie's second act. Modine plays as a bit low-rent but competent and upstanding. Louis and Benjamin are little more than props to get the women on the boat.

With a better ending, this is a mildly interesting though forgettable movie. With the ridiculous ending, I'm giving it four and a half stars out of 10.

**47 Meters Down**

Director: Johannes Roberts

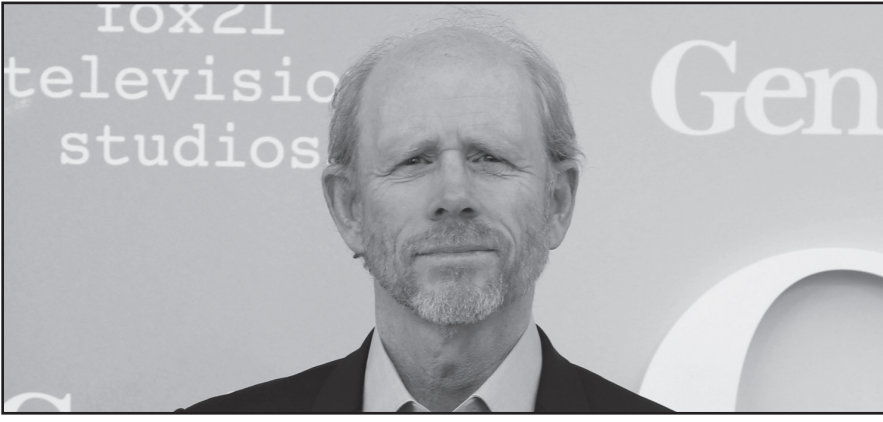
Writer: Johannes Roberts, Ernest Riera

Production companies: The Fyzz Facility, Dragon Root, Flexibon Films, Lantica Pictures, Tea Shop & Film Company

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Roger saw this movie at Big Spring's own Cinemark Cinema 4, located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. For more information visit [www.cinemark.com](http://www.cinemark.com) and enter the ZIP code 79720.

## Ron Howard hopes to honor 'great work' done on Han Solo film



AP photo

In this April 24, 2017 file photo, filmmaker Ron Howard arrives at the premiere of "Genius", in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ron Howard says he hopes to honor the great work that's already been done on the Han Solo film and help to deliver on its promise.

The Oscar-winner has only been in the pilot's seat on the Star Wars spinoff film for a day but is not wasting any time making his passion for the franchise known.

Howard tweeted Thursday night that he was "beyond grateful" to add his voice to the Star Wars universe after being a fan since May 25, 1977, when the original hit theaters. He saw it twice that day.

The "Apollo 13" helmer was announced as the replacement director after Phil Lord and Christopher Miller left the project over creative differences deep into production. Filming will resume July 10 for a May 2018 release.

## Who's who in Howard County Emily McCann



**Where do you work?** InHome Care

**Where were you born?** Big Spring

**What city do you live in?** Big Spring

**Who's in your family?** My husband Jimmy DeLeon and three kids: Max, Sophie and James DeLeon

**What hobbies, organizations, or clubs do you enjoy?** I enjoy being a member of several organizations in

town. I am the current president of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club; chairman of Pops in the Park; the vice president of Hangar 25 Air Museum Board; secretary for the HOPE Foundation; PTO president for Marcy Elementary; Silver Wings Ball committee member; United Way Board member; event coordinator for the Howard County Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest; Cubmaster for Pack 305 of the Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of America; and Keep Big Spring Beautiful member. In my spare time, I enjoy scrapbooking, reading, and hanging out with my kiddos.

**What is your favorite book?** "1984" by George Orwell

**What is your favorite TV show?** "Genius"

**What is your favorite movie?** "Heaven is for Real"

**Where would you visit if you could go anywhere?** Easter Island

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## BBB warns of job scams and fake online listings



Looking for a job or internship can be tough and time-consuming. Unfortunately, scammers know this and advertise jobs where legitimate employers do—online, in a newspaper ad or via email. If you are on the hunt for a job, Better Business Bureau serving the Heart of Texas advises you to beware of job scams.

Job scams come in many forms. It could be a fake ad listed on an online classifieds site, an email claiming you can make money working from home or as a secret shopper. The job sounds very convincing, especially if you're told the job is guaranteed.



HEATHER MASSEY

According to the Federal Trade Commission, scammers will promote outdated or fake job openings, or charge upfront fees for services or training materials.

They will claim they can guarantee job placement after you pay; however, the promised job never materializes and the company does not return your calls. If you need to pay first to get the job or have to provide your credit card or bank account number, that's a red flag.

In Texas, more than 180 employment-related scams across the state have been reported to BBB Scam Tracker last year. In addition, Texans reported losing more than \$35,000 to job scams. BBB has received more than 2,000 reports of job scams, totaling more than \$760,000 in losses nationwide in 2016.

When looking for a job online, BBB recommends the following tips:

- Research the business first. If a company or organization is mentioned in an ad or interview, contact that company directly to find out if the company is really hiring through the service. When using social networking sites and online employment sites, be sure to check the website of the company posting the advertisement. Many scammers use names that are similar to reputable companies to trick job seekers.

- Don't pay upfront fees. No legitimate job offer will require out of pocket expenses from a potential employee for background checks, credit reports or administrative fees before an interview. If an employer wants you to pay—even if they say it's for certification or training materials—don't do business with them. Additionally, job seekers should never provide bank account information until they have officially been hired.

- Be cautious when responding to unsolicited emails. Even if the company name is well-known, don't click on any links in the email until you've verified the business and can confirm that the email came from a legitimate source. Legitimate employers will need Social Security numbers for tax purposes and may need a bank account number to deposit paychecks for new employees, but be wary of any requests for such information from companies that you haven't met with in person.

- Be wary of the "perfect offer." Job seekers should be cautious of any posting advertising extremely high pay for short hours or minimal required experience. Remember, legitimate businesses don't make promises or guarantees about jobs. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

If you have been targeted by a job scam, you can file a complaint with the FTC and your local BBB. To find or report a scam, visit BBB Scam Tracker.

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Harry Edward Musick, 421 Westover Rd., structure (replace fence), Val: \$400, Fee: \$25

Susie Magallanes, 1204 E. 15th St., structure (fence), Val: \$500, Fee: \$25

Parkplace Retirement Living, 501 W. 17th St., com re-roof, Val: \$45,000, Fee: \$235

Sheenivas K. Vasanawala, 901 Caprock Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$16,000, Fee: \$90

Rosa Corpus Rivera, 906 Scurry St., res re-roof, Val: \$12,950.98, Fee: \$75

Ted D. Tarbet, 2500 Seminole Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$7,900, Fee: \$50

Roy Hughes, 2709 Central Dr., res elec, Val: \$894.32, Fee: \$11.50

Robert L. McDonald, 805 W. 15th St., res re-roof, Val: \$5,700, Fee: \$40

Gary Moore, 600 Avondale Dr., res elec, Val: \$2,500, Fee: \$11.50

Limestone Ridge Apartments, 1401 N. Highway 87 Apt. #1003, res gas, Val: \$1,100, Fee: \$32

Limestone Ridge Apartments, 1401 N. Highway 87 Apt. #1003, com plumb, Val: \$1,100, Fee: \$30

Kennith Garvin, 1609 E. Sixth St., retaining wall and storage building, Val: \$3,240, Fee: \$30

Weaver and Ferguson, 107 W. Fourth St., com re-roof, Val: \$9,800, Fee: \$60

Windol Lunsford, 2908 Cactus Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$10,000, Fee: \$60

Windol Lunsford, 3000 Cactus Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$11,000, Fee: \$65

Michael L. Seal, 1701 Jennings St., res gas, Val: \$800, Fee: \$32

Gary Moore, 600 Avondale Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$65,000, Fee: \$320

George Karibian, 900 Scurry St., com re-roof, Val: \$15,000, Fee: \$85

AHA Rolled Ice Cream, 612 Gregg St., store, Val: \$30,000, Fee: \$50; com elec, Val: \$3,000, Fee: \$25; com plumb, Val: \$6,000, Fee: \$56; total, Val: \$39,000, Fee: \$131

Max Coffee, 2808 Cactus Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$6,500, Fee: \$45

Steven L. Price, 803 W. 15th St., res addition (roof and patio), Val: \$19,300, Fee: \$110

Richard Sabeno Gomez, 2504 Broadway St., res gas, Val: \$500, Fee: \$7; res re-roof, Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$25; total,

Val: \$2,000, Fee: \$32

Mario Gonzales, 3608 Parkway Rd., res re-roof, Val: \$4,000, Fee: \$30

Templo Belen, 2205 Goliad St., accessory building, Val: \$4,000, Fee: \$30

Drive Thru Daiquiri Shack, 1715 E. Fourth St., com alteration/addition, Val: \$30,000, Fee: \$160; com elec, Val: \$5,000, Fee: \$45; com plumb, Val: \$3,500, Fee: \$78; total, Val: \$38,500, Fee: \$283

Neal Dwain Tindol, 703 Capri Ct., res re-roof, Val: \$10,000, Fee: \$60

City of Big Spring, 2300 Industrial Park #1108, com elec, Val: 0, Fee: 0

My Redeemer Church, 1008 Birdwell Ln., com re-roof, Val: \$200, Fee: \$25

R.E. Wheeler, 1000 Highland Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$2,000, Fee: \$32

Roy James Cearley, 2708 Lynn Dr., res elec, Val: \$6,500, Fee: \$45

Weldon Trammell, 2400 Carleton Dr., res gas, Val: \$500, Fee: \$25

GEO Group, 1801 W. Interstate 20 S. Service Rd., res gas, Val: \$3,000, Fee: 0

Tigris VIII, 801 W. FM 700, res gas, Val: \$500, Fee: \$32

Victor Munoz, 812 W. Eighth St., single-family housing, Val: \$10,000, Fee: \$60; res plumb, Val: \$1, Fee: 0; res sewer tap, Val: \$265, Fee: \$265; res water tap, Val: \$512, Fee: \$512; total, Val: \$10,778, Fee: \$837

Vanessa Malu Calderon, 2518 Warehouse 607 E., com elec, Val: 0, Fee: \$25

Cuthbert Center LLC, 212 N.E. 12th St., sign, Val: \$5,000, Fee: \$35

Kathryn Mae Johnson, 2306 Merrily Dr., structure (fence), Val: \$1,000, Fee: \$25

Marcellous Weaver, 1007 Lancaster, res elec, Val: \$2,000, Fee: \$25

Salvador Flores, 3800 Calvin St., res HVAC, Val: \$4,500, Fee: \$45

Sam Robertson, 426 Hillside Dr., res gas, Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$32

Tanna Thompson, 2206 Lynn Dr., res gas, Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$32

Compass Hospice, 1900 Gregg Street A, com elec, Val: 0, Fee: \$25

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## Public Records

### Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

Steve Antoine, 1425 E. 6th St. #19, Big Spring

Corina Avila, 1800 Winston St., Big Spring

Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 3372, Big Spring

Elda Melina Bernal, 1311 Mobile, Big Spring

Tammy D. Bishop, 1410 Tucson Rd., Big Spring

Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morningside Way, Canyon Lake

Raymond Carroll, 712 E. 17th St., Big Spring

Gloria Cerna, PO Box 55, Lamesa

Pedro Chavarria, 1408 E. Sixth St., Big Spring

Matilda Cortez, 302 N. St. Teresa, Stanton

Hannah Deaton, 19634 Atasca Oaks Dr., Humble

Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder

Selena Bethani Enriquez-King, 100 E. Parker, Midland

Brittany Vanessa Escanuela, 1221 E. 17th St., Big Spring

Jose Enrique Faz, 509 N. Goliad, Big Spring

Juana Fierro, 406 N.W. 5th St., Big Spring

William Gene Garner, 704 Rosemont, Big Spring

Guillermo Gomez, 2107 Morrison, Big Spring

James Michael Griffin, 303 Butler St. #502, Atlanta

Christina Nichole Gutierrez, 2809 25th St., Snyder

Dylan Hammons, 4401 E. 11th Place, Big Spring

Adela Juarez Hernandez, 908 NW First St., Big Spring

Matias Hernandez Jr., 620 E. 4th St., San Angelo

Kaleb Hill, 910 Baylor, Big Spring

Shatiya Lasha Jenkins, 4590 N. Texas #198, Odessa

Stephanie Ford Johnson, P.O. Box 483, Coahoma

Keith James Kochmick, 1003 Stadium, Big Spring

Aaron Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham Ave., Odessa

Ruann R. Martinez, 1005 N.W. 2nd St., Big Spring

Heriberto Palafox Mora, 1311 Mobile St., Big Spring

Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover No. 236, Big Spring

Nicole Preston, 1605 E. 11th Place, Big Spring

Gilbert P. Ramirez, 1614 Settles, Big Spring

Wasson Rd. #14, Big Spring

Linda Eva Rodriguez, 2519 Gunter Circle, Big Spring

Juan Romero, 2504 March Circle, Big Spring

Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Road, Big Spring

Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City

Polly Ann Rusk, 4201 W. Highway 80, Big Spring

Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place 301, Big Spring

Tamara Ruth Whitt, 3706 Connley, Big Spring

Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. #28, Big Spring

### Marriage Licenses

Miguel Angel Garza, 29, of Monahans, and Brianna Blaik Cross, 25, of Big Spring.

Ira Brian-Rance Jackson, 37, and Jeannie Annette Otwell, 47, both of Big Spring.

Richard Alan Jackson, 32, of Big Spring, and Katie Christina Patterson, 29, of Shallowater, Texas.

Michael Cruz Soto, 30, of Midland, and Veronica Michelle Bravo, 27, of Big Spring.

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# Sears closes another 20 stores

By Anne D'Innocenzio

NEW YORK (AP) — Sears is closing another 20 stores as the ailing retailer tries to turn around its business. Real estate investment trust Seritage, which owns the 20 real estate properties, confirmed the closings—18 Sears stores and two Kmart stores—in a government filing Friday. In 2015, Sears Holdings Corp. sold

235 Sears and Kmart store locations to Seritage as part of an agreement in which Sears leases the stores back from the real estate company. Under the agreement it has with Seritage, if a store is unprofitable, Sears Holdings has the option to exit the lease by making a payment equal to one year's rent. "We have been strategically and aggressively evaluating our store space

and productivity, and have accelerated the closing of unprofitable stores as previously announced," said Howard Riefs, in a statement emailed to The Associated Press. Riefs said the stores will close in mid-September; liquidation sales will begin by the end of June. These closures come in addition to the closing of 226 stores — 164 Kmart stores and 62 Sears stores— already

announced this year, according to research firm Fung Global & Retail Technology, which tracks retailers' closings. On Thursday, Sears announced the opening of its first Sears Appliances & Mattresses concept store, located in Pharr, Texas. The company said the store builds on the success of the Sears Appliances store that opened in Fort Collins, Colorado, last year.

# Prosecutors seek 35-year term in deadly meningitis outbreak

By DENISE LAVOIE

BOSTON (AP) — Prosecutors say the co-founder of a Massachusetts pharmacy linked to a deadly nationwide meningitis outbreak should be sent to prison for 35 years for showing "an unconscionable disregard for the lives of the patients."

Barry Cadden will be sentenced Monday on charges of racketeering, conspiracy and fraud in the 2012 fungal meningitis outbreak that killed more than 60 people and sickened more than 700 others in 20 states. Cadden's lawyers say prosecutors are trying to demonize Cadden and to "transform the jury's verdict into a murder case," despite the fact that he was acquitted of second-degree murder charges. The defense is recommending a 2½- to 3-year prison term. During Cadden's tri-

al, prosecutors said he skirted industry regulations on sterility in an effort to push production and make more money. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention traced the illnesses and deaths from the outbreak to medical steroids made by the now-closed NECC of Framingham. Most of the victims received the injectable steroids for back pain. Indiana, Michigan and Tennessee were hit hardest. In a sentencing memo filed in court Thursday, Cadden's lawyer said Cadden failed to properly supervise pharmacists who worked in the so-called "clean room" at New England Compounding Center, but said he did not knowingly ship contaminated drugs. "As the jury found, Mr. Cadden is not a murderer. Nor is he the person the government portrayed him as at trial,"

attorney Bruce Singal wrote in his sentencing memo. Prosecutors said the steroids became contaminated because of improper sterilization, testing, cleaning and disinfecting. Despite the defense claims, "the evidence overwhelmingly demonstrated that Cadden was well-aware of these deficiencies in NECC's production processes, and the potential danger it could cause to patients, but chose to ship the deficient drugs anyway," Assistant U.S. Attorney George Varghese wrote in the government's sentencing memo. In their memo, prosecutors included excerpts from victim impact statements written to the court by relatives of people who were sickened or died from the contaminated steroids. Many of the letters describe constant pain and other chronic illnesses people who

received the injections continue to face. Greg Shuff wrote about his wife, Rachelle, a mother of two who was 44 when she received steroid injections in Elkhart, Indiana, while trying to recover from a car accident. "Her suffering has broken everything we had into pieces," he wrote. "She is up out of bed at the most 6 hours a day and that is a struggle. She cries when the pain becomes so extreme and intolerable. ... She has been robbed of her life, my life and our beautiful children's life." The case focused attention on compounding pharmacies, which differ from ordinary drugstores in that they custom-mix medications and supply them directly to hospitals and doctors.

## PERMITS

Continued from Page 4C

- Thomas M. Davis, 2402 Cindy Ln., res re-roof, Val: \$19,000, Fee: \$105
- Albert Edward Aken, 2205 Johnson St., res elec, Val: \$1,000, Fee: \$25
- Coronado Hills Apartments, 801 W. Marcy, com gas, Val: \$10,000, Fee: \$32
- Tommy Newsom, 2404 Merrily Dr., res HVAC, Val: \$3,300, Fee: \$45
- David Flores, 205 Lockhart St., structure (fence), Val: \$1,200, Fee: \$25
- Robbie Cline Crenshaw, 810 E. 18th St., structure (fence), Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$25
- J. Cadenhead, 811 Abrams St., res gas, Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$25
- Mary Delacruz Martinez, 1105 N. Bell St., res gas, Val: \$800, Fee: \$32
- Jill Ann Willbanks, 602 W. 18th St., res gas, Val: \$800, Fee: \$32
- Plains Cotton Warehouse, 808 N.W. 10th St., res elec, Val: \$2,000, Fee: \$25
- Ashley Ann Brown, 803 Avondale Dr., res elec, Val: \$1,000, Fee: \$25
- Disabled American Veterans, 2204 Runnels St., res re-roof, Val: \$5,000, Fee: \$35
- Steven Chase Nichols, 3304 Maple Ave., res elec, Val: \$750, Fee: \$25
- Betty Simmons Finley, 614 Tulane Ave., structure (fence), Val: \$3,000, Fee: \$25
- Richard Warren, 1407 Mt. Vernon, storage shed and carport, Val: \$2,500, Fee: \$25
- Bobbie Burchett, 2407 Cheyenne Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$6,830, Fee: \$45
- Heather Rutherford-Smal, 1701 S. Main St., res re-roof, Val: \$10,800, Fee: \$65

## RECORDS

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Jonathon McNabb, 34, and Rikki Franco, 27, both of New Mexico.  
Keith Andrew Hilario, 32, and Shawny Delray Richter, 27, both of Big Spring.

### District Court Filings

- Plaintiff: W.H. Ward Jr. Farms  
Respondent: Mike Moore  
Type of case: Civil case  
Filing date: June 16, 2017
- Plaintiff: The State of Texas  
Respondent: Lindsey Woodard  
Respondent: \$1,500 U.S. Currency  
Type of case: Civil case  
Filing date: June 16, 2017
- Plaintiff: The State of Texas  
Respondent: Clarence Daniels  
Respondent: \$1,465 U.S. Currency  
Type of case: Civil case  
Filing date: June 16, 2017
- Plaintiff: Ramon Bazaldua  
Respondent: Brenda Bazaldua  
Type of case: Divorce  
Filing date: June 16, 2017

- Plaintiff: Scott Harvey  
Respondent: Tabitha Harvey  
Type of case: Divorce  
Filing date: June 16, 2017
- Plaintiff: Casey Richbourg  
Respondent: Jamie Richbourg  
Type of case: Divorce  
Filing date: June 19, 2017
- Plaintiff: Bradley Griffin  
Respondent: Brandy Griffin  
Type of case: Divorce  
Filing date: June 19, 2017
- Plaintiff: Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc.  
Respondent: Matthew Alexander  
Type of case: Contract – Consumer/Commercial/Debt  
Filing date: June 20, 2017
- Plaintiff: Sonya Hernandez  
Respondent: Michael Hernandez  
Type of case: Divorce  
Filing date: June 20, 2017
- Plaintiff: Michael Anderson  
Respondent: Kelly Anderson  
Type of case: Divorce  
Filing date: June 20, 2017
- Plaintiff: Terry Zylstra Jr.  
Respondent: Shanel Zylstra

- Type of case: Divorce  
Filing date: June 21, 2017
- Plaintiff: Scotty Little  
Respondent: Ashley Orman-Bell  
Type of case: Divorce  
Filing date: June 21, 2017
- Warranty Deeds**
- Grantor: Ovidio M. Ramos and Rosie V. Ramos  
Grantee: CJM Partners LP  
Property: 20 acres in SE part of Survey No. 12, Certificate 2157, Blk. 34, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey.  
Date: June 14, 2017
- Grantor: Gary and Michael Simer  
Grantee: MPI Surface LLC  
Property: Surface estate only of a 30.86-acre tract in Sec. 29, Blk. 32, T&P Railway Co. Survey  
Date: June 14, 2017
- Grantor: Judy K. Ulmer  
Grantee: Terry Nichols and Dorothy Nichols  
Property: Lot 14-C, Silver Heels Subdivision in Sec. 18, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey.

- Date: June 14, 2017
- Grantor: Dale L. Mathis  
Grantee: Shannon Crenshaw  
Property: Sec. 27, Blk. 32, in 062 ACQ 03085 Blk/Track 32  
Date: June 16, 2017
- Grantor: Rose Mary Galavez fka Rose Mary Romero  
Grantee: Rosa Linda Bennett  
Property: S/40 feet Lot 15, Blk. 7, Earle's Addition  
Date: June 16, 2017
- Grantor: Texas Optimum Investments LLC  
Grantee: Fred and Gloria Jara  
Property: Lots 5 and 6, Blk. 33, College Park Estates No. 6  
Date: June 19, 2017
- Grantor: Merle R. Haney  
Grantee: Stanley Haney and Regena Haney Franke  
Property: Surface estate only of SW/4 Sec. 47, Blk. 32, T-2-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey  
Date: June 19, 2017
- Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Liens**
- Grantor: Ronald L. Howell aka

- Ron Howell, and Patricia L. Howell  
Grantee: Denise Gomez and Martin Penalber  
Property: Lot 8, Blk. 12, Cole and Strayhorn Addition  
Date: June 14, 2017
- Grantor: DOTCO Distributors Inc.  
Grantee: Jennifer Ann James  
Property: Lots 17 and 18, Blk. 17, Washington Place Addition  
Date: June 14, 2017
- Grantor: Larry Pew  
Grantee: Justin Bennett and Christy Reyes  
Property: Lot 5, Blk. 2, Hillcrest Terrace Addition  
Date: June 16, 2017
- Grantor: Marie Petty Ethridge  
Grantee: Dustin and Kelley Glidewell  
Property: Lot 1 and 2, Blk. 20, Saunders Addition, Coahoma  
Date: June 16, 2017
- Grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum  
Grantee: John Martin Ontiveros and Marissa Dena Ontiveros  
Property: Lot 2, Blk. 1, Douglas Addition  
Date: June 19, 2017

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# Feathered friends and thorny situations



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Mesquite provides protective cover for several different types of wildlife such as the deer pictured above.

By JUDY TERELETSKY

Howard Soil & Water Conservation District

Northern bobwhite (*Colinus virginianus*) is probably the best known species of quail in the state of Texas. The bobwhite remains with their covey (or group of quail usually six to 25 in number) for the duration of their lives. The bird uses its distinctive call to attract a mate around March through June but have been heard during the non-breeding season as well.

The nesting season in Texas lasts from mid-April to early October. Nests are prepared on the ground with cover to protect all sides from predators. Prickly pear cactus, forbs, shrubs, and sand sagebrush are preferred nesting cover.

Weather impacts the quail and plays an important part in the length of nesting season, reproduction numbers, and survival. Drought shortens the season with good rainfall usually increasing the number of birds.

The bobwhite is a seed eater consuming seeds found on forbs and grasses as well as dining on insects (grasshoppers, crickets, ants, etc.). An arthropod (insect) contains almost everything a young chick needs such as protein and water. They act as "MRE's" (meals ready to eat) for quail.(1)

Also impacting a quail's life are small mammals such as the cotton rat. Not only do they eat some of the same food sources these mammals simutatio-ly attract and buffer quail predators such as bobcats and coyotes. (2) With over 90% of the state privately owned, landowners are the key to the conservation of the bobwhite.

The quail is one of several birds who find a thorny situation is a great

place to nest. I am referring to the mesquite tree.

Mesquite has a high heat tolerance with low water requirement making it one of the toughest trees in Texas. Wide spread in cities, small towns and open ranges the mesquite is known for its extremely hard wood and the thorns which arm its branches. Pioneer Texas rancher W. T. Waggoner called the mesquite "the devil with roots" with its vicious thorns and ability to "steal" water from other plants and spread easily throughout the land.(3) The mesquite tree can vary in size from heights of 50 feet to a low shrub with lots of branches.

I remember my brother meeting one of these low shrubs with its protective thorns when he was young. He was chasing a horny toad who took refuge under a mesquite bush and when my brother returned home with blood and scratches on his face my mother knew she was not fond of mesquite. Growing up in Big Spring, I always heard, and still to this day, if the mesquites are budding out then winter is over. Mesquite trees can bloom in spring, summer, and fall covering the trees with tiny pale green or yellowish flowers grown in clusters called "catkins" which attract swarms of pollinating insects. They produce seedpods which contain hard and long lasting seeds. Not only ornamental the bean pods provide food for wildlife and livestock.

Remembering that a plant eaten by animals is not necessarily safe for humans mesquite beans have been used by mankind in various situations. During the Civil War when coffee was in short supply, it is documented that Texans were known to use roasted mequite beans to make coffee and tea. Mesquite blooms can yield honey



Courtesy photo

The bobwhite quail live their entire life in a family unit called a covey.

and mesquite flour can be made from ground pods. Used by landowners for fence posts, today mesquite wood is prized by some for hardwood flooring, furniture and wood for outdoor grilling. Mesquite not only provides food but cover for wildlife including quail, dove, turkey, white-tail and mule deer, prairie dog, cottontail, jackrabbit, coyote and many others.

Mesquite is not a rancher's nor farmer's favorite tree. Although it fixes nitrogen in the soil it can quickly invade their land, the thorns injure livestock and it is difficult to control. Nature has helped to suppress or control mesquite by wildfires resulting from lightning. Animals such as rabbits and prairie dogs can remove the tops of young seedlings. A 1997 North Texas study found that removal of prairie dogs led to rapid development of mesquite plants. (4) However man has used mechanical and chemical means to control mesquite.

Herbicides applied by aircraft have been used for years to control the mesquite population. These can be

sprayed using fixed wing (plane) or rotary (helicopter) means. Physical removal by methods such as using a bulldozer, chains or grubbing is another form of control. Prescribed burning can also be an alternative for control.

No matter if you view the mesquite as a safe haven for our feathered friends, a food source for the Texas wildlife, or part of an ongoing struggle in our agricultural landscape it is safe to say it is here to stay.

Citations on bobwhite/mesquite tree research:

Dr. Dale Rollins and the Rolling Plains Quail Research Ranch, Roby, Texas

(1) *Arthropod Dynamics on RPQRR 2016* by Lloyd LaCoste

(2) *Small Mammal Trends RPQRR 2016* by Alexandra Bouchard

(3) *The Texas Almanac: The Ubiquitous Mesquite*

(4) *Texas A& M University Library: Weltzin, J. F., 1997. Small mammal regulation of vegetation structure.*

## China tightens online video controls, jolting investors

By JOE McDONALD

AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — Three popular Chinese internet services have been ordered to stop streaming video after censors complained it contained improper comments on sensitive issues.

The move prompted a sell-off in the U.S.-traded shares of Sina Corp. and its microblog service, Sina Weibo.

Thursday's announcement adds to efforts by President Xi Jinping's government to tighten media control ahead of a Communist Party congress late this year.

Xi is due to be appointed to a second five-year term as party leader.

Video streamed by users of Sina Weibo, AcFun and Phoenix New Media's ifeng.com contained "negative comments" about unspecified sensitive issues, the State Administration of Press, Publication, Radio Film and Television said. It ordered them to stop the services.

Communist leaders promote internet use

for business and education but try to block access to material deemed subversive or obscene.

Beijing has been especially wary of social media since they were used by organizers of the Arab Spring protests that spread across the Middle East in 2010 and led to the downfall of the Egyptian and Tunisian governments.

Rules that took effect June 1 bar private or foreign companies from directly disseminating news or investing in online news services. Those that want to work with foreign partners must undergo a security review.

In January, the government announced the launch of a 14-month crackdown on cloud-hosting and content-delivery services.

The technology ministry said it forbids use of virtual private networks and leased lines to circumvent government filters and access banned websites abroad.

Following Thursday's order, Weibo Corp. shares fell 6.1 percent

on the Nasdaq market and shares of Sina fell 4.8 percent.

"The company is communicating with the relevant government authorities to understand the scope of the notice. It intends to fully cooperate with the relevant authorities," said a Weibo Corp. statement.

Sina Weibo's main business is a microblog service similar to U.S.-based Twitter Inc. It is one of the world's most popular social media services, with 313 million users as of December, according to the company.

Weibo Corp.'s stock market value surged past that of Twitter early this year.

It stood at \$15.8 billion after Thursday's selloff — or more than double the \$6.2 billion market value of its parent company — compared with \$13.2 billion for Twitter.

ifeng.com broadcasts brief news and entertainment videos. AcFun is a video-sharing site that is popular with young Chinese.

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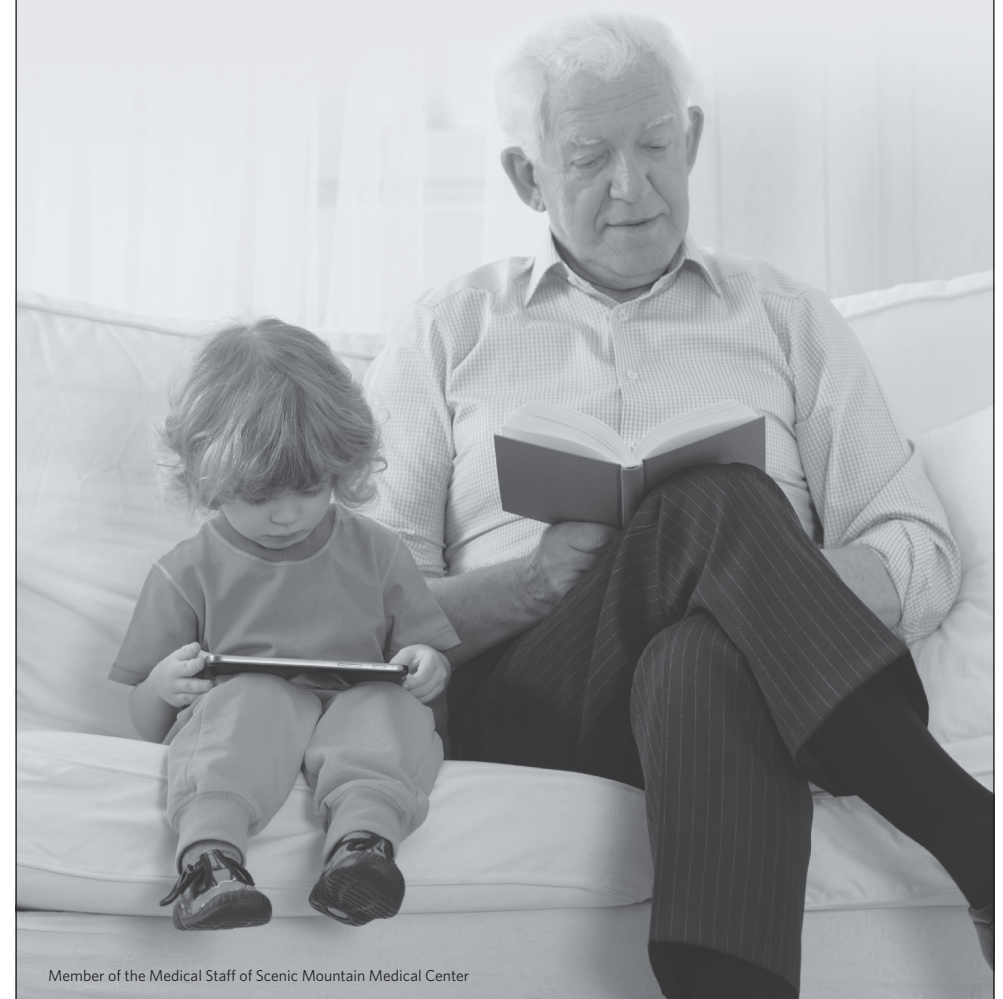
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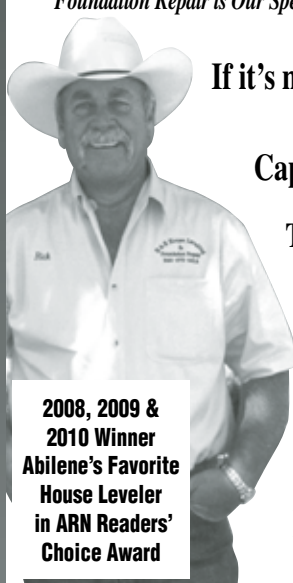
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**To: Deanna Kay Woodard, Defendant, Greeting:**

Respondent Greeting: The petition of William Dean Woodard, Petitioner has been filed in the 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas, on 13th day of June, 2017 against Deanna Kay Woodard, Respondent, numbered 51966 and styled:

**IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF: WILLIAM WOODARD Vs. DEANNA WOODARD.**

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The Classifieds Department will have early deadlines:

Sunday, July 1st  
Deadline - Friday, June 30th by 10am

Monday, July 3rd  
Deadline - Friday, June 30th by 12pm

Tuesday, July 4th  
Deadline - Monday, July 3rd by 10am

Wednesday, July 5th  
Deadline - Monday, July 3rd by 12pm



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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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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
Now you see it ...

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 4  
♥ Q 9 2  
♦ K Q 10 6 3 2  
♣ K J 10

**WEST**  
♠ A K J 10 9 7 2  
♥ —  
♦ 9 5  
♣ 9 8 6 4

**EAST**  
♠ 6 5  
♥ 10 8 7 4 3  
♦ A J 7  
♣ 7 3 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ Q 8 3  
♥ A K J 6 5  
♦ 8 4  
♣ A Q 5

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♥ 4♠ 5♥ Dble  
Opening lead — king of spades.

accomplished his mission nevertheless.

At trick four, he led the nine of hearts from dummy. East, realizing that Hirschberg would finesse if he followed low, covered the nine with the ten to protect his "surc" trump trick.

Hirschberg won with the jack, led a diamond to the king and ruffed a diamond. He then cashed three club tricks, producing this position with the lead in dummy:

North  
♥ Q  
♦ 10 6 3

West Inmaterial East ♥ 8 7 4 3

South  
♠ Q  
♥ A K 6

Hirschberg now led the ten of diamonds. East could not afford to ruff with the three, since South would overruff with the six and trump a spade with dummy's queen, so he ruffed with the seven.

Hirschberg overruffed with the king, trumped the queen of spades with the queen of hearts and led another diamond from dummy. East, now down to the 8-4 of trumps in front of South's A-6, was forced to ruff and watch his "ironclad" trump trick go down the drain.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.  
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HOLIDAY MATHIS

others have to say because you're open to believing there's value in it. Often, the incidental add-ons or mistakes will be the gems of communication.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** The old social patterns are getting slightly stodgy. You're in need of fresh energy and this could come in the form of a person. Break the ice. Someone has to be the first to say hello, and you're so good at it.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** The thing that's keeping you from what you really, really want is a pretty close version to what you want. It's filling up the space at a solid 70 percent. In school that would be a C-. Is it good enough?

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** There's nothing you want more today than for your nearest and dearest to have a good time. Your primary concern will be making this happen. Hint: You can't do it for them. Set the stage, and then get out of the way.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Respect

Tomorrow's Horoscope

where you've been and what you know; set a limit to what you're willing to accept from others. If you don't lay boundaries, you'll be insulting your own experience.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** The saying "All's fair in love and war" is at best confusing and at worst untrue. Clearly there's plenty unfair about both states, and just because someone feels a lot of passion about their act of creation or destruction, that doesn't make it right.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** There may be mightier vessels on the sea, but it's not always wise to jump ship for the chance to get there faster. For one thing, the sea is unpredictable. For another, your crew is one of a kind.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Though you may have as many reckless notions as the next person, this is a time to cultivate restraint. Words can break hearts and actions can do worse. Kindness will heal the world.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).**

There's a diverse group around you, and you're so multifaceted you can fit in with just about anyone. Much will be accomplished with everyone bringing the things they do well to the table.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** When you're not completely sure what move to make next, think in terms of attraction. Which move will get the kind of attention you want? Coming at it from the other person's point of view will be wise.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Starting fresh is super-difficult to do if nothing about the environment is different. Change is much easier in a fresh place. If you can't go to a new scene, give your current one a makeover.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 25).** You get fantastic results as a leader who asks people to do their best. You're not looking for perfection, just for honesty and solid efforts. You'll be overjoyed with the spoils in August. Make a tidy arrangement in November; more rewards come in Feb-

ruary. Diversify your interests and change up your crew in 2018. Capricorn and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 16, 5, 40 and 28.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** The balance of relationships is rarely 50-50. Everyone gives differently and in various amounts depending on the timing and other circumstances. The best we can do to keep relationships alive is to keep showing up and making an effort. Mars in Cancer is intent on agitating powerful Jupiter in the sign of the scales and of partnerships. Love's measurements will be taken all week long, and many will be tallying up other kinds of contributions, too. Be careful not to nickel-and-dime when it comes to emotions. It would be a shame to let pettiness be the downfall of connection. Challenge yourself to love bigger wherever possible. Put the elasticity of your heart to the test. Neptune, now in Pisces, promises that spiritual generosity will be repaid many times over, though so

indirectly it will seem more like good luck than good karma.

Mercury will be actively and enthusiastically rooting for us this week too, making fortuitous connections with Jupiter, Neptune, Mars and Pluto. These Mercury visitations help us line up our words and deeds, our silences and our intentions. Magical mantra of the week: Destiny is character; character is attitude.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Comedy king Ricky Gervais is the mastermind behind "The Office," "Extras," "Derek," and "David Brent: Life on the Road," which is about the adventures of an unlikely, self-proclaimed rock star. Moon children develop their comedic sense out of a need to protect against harsh realities. Like a crab, whose best defense is his hard shell, Cancer comedians deflect harm by turning it into humor.

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Mars in Faux Conflict

If you have a pretty good idea of what's going on, you can relax. And if you have no idea what's going on, you can relax. Ignorance is bliss. Also, knowledge is bliss. Though Mars and Jupiter are causing some strife, the influence of Neptune suggests that conflict can be solved by refusing to see it as conflict.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You'll contribute your ideas to the group and you'll start conversations that you and others will be talking about in the months to come. There's something important being worked out with each new discussion.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You'll hear the best that

Dirty Dealing

**Dear Annie:** I am one of a group of guys who have been friends and card players for over 30 years. For the past three decades, I have witnessed one

of our players, "Charlie," cheat every time we play, but I've said nothing. When it's his time to deal, he shuffles the cards, looks at them and positions them to his liking so that he will deal what he wants to himself. I

notice this every time, but no one else does. We are all very good friends, and I don't want to make a scene, so I say nothing and keep it to myself, burning inside. If I did bring it up in front of everyone, it could bring

an end to our game circle. Plus, I know that Charlie would absolutely deny it, and I would look like a fool. This cheating pays off for him, because he wins about 80 to 90 percent of the time. How can I handle this without destroying our long-standing card game? -- Sleight of Hand Observer

**Dear Observer:** If you've managed to keep your feelings on this matter to yourself for 30 years, you must have a phenomenal poker face. It's well past time to flush Charlie's dirty tactics out into the open.

The best way to go about this is to talk to one of the other players and ask whether he's noticed anything unusual about the way Charlie deals. After 30 years of playing with this guy, I have a feeling he'll know what you're referring to. But if not, tell him to keep an eye out the next

time the group gets together. Once you've got a witness corroborating your claim, go to the others in your group (minus Charlie) and lay it all on the table. Whoever is closest to Charlie should sit him down privately and let him know the group is wise to his maneuvers. He may still deny it, but he'll be hard-pressed to try it again knowing all eyes are on him.

**Dear Annie:** Recently, my husband and I made plans to go on a cruise along with three other couples. It was up to each couple to make their own travel plans for getting to the port. My husband and I didn't want to drive into the major city from which the cruise is departing, so we decided we would drive to a nearby town from which a shuttle to the cruise is offered. The shuttle ride takes a couple of hours, but we felt it would be worth avoiding the hassle and cost of parking in the city.

One of the other couples, "Tom" and "Judy," whom we don't know very well, ended up wanting to ride with us. This would have been fine if they just wanted to ride along with us to our original destination. But they expected us to drive them right to the cruise ship! When I told them what our plans were, they kept asking whether it

would be too late to change our plans and drive straight to the port instead. When I stood firm, they begrudgingly said they'd ride with our other friends. (They didn't want to ride with them at first because Tom and Judy are both smokers and won't be allowed to smoke in their car. My husband and I aren't smokers but would have let them smoke.)

I think that their asking us to change our plans to accommodate them was really unreasonable. What do you think? -- Confused Cruiser

**Dear Confused:** I think these two must have started in on the mai tais a little early. You are their acquaintances, not their chauffeurs, and I'm glad you didn't change your plans to suit them.

But when it comes time to shove off, I suggest that you leave the negative baggage at the dock and give this couple another chance. It will make for smoother sailing and a better overall vacation. Bon voyage.

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Annie's Mailbox

Newsday Crossword

**SATURDAY STUMPER** by Brad Wilber  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Dizzy fan
- 9 Ungentle treatment
- 15 It's east of Albuquerque on I-40
- 16 "No prob"
- 17 It's heard in *The Rite of Spring*
- 18 Narrow and elongated
- 19 Auto made in Georgia
- 20 Acumen
- 22 Margrethe II subject
- 23 Rather long-lasting
- 25 Remove some hair from, maybe
- 27 Outstanding
- 29 Avenue south of Santa Monica Boulevard
- 33 Employer of some 2,000 volunteer attorneys
- 36 Offering from Google or Microsoft
- 38 Juggling set
- 40 Skunk
- 41 \_\_\_ cap
- 42 Elementary sextet
- 45 Many amateur videographers
- 46 It might detect high cholesterol
- 47 Noodles from Nagano
- 49 Flier of fantasy fiction
- 51 Bearing
- 55 It has argument questions
- 58 Verbal incidentals
- 60 "Rest - there needs not this \_\_\_": Chesterton
- 61 Process grain

- 63 Electronically ready
- 65 Big name in guitars
- 66 Author inspired by *Dracula's Daughter*
- 67 Had some consonance
- 68 Evinced instability
- DOWN**
- 1 Sweet Easter serving
- 2 Contact info
- 3 Underlying
- 4 Repair centers, for short
- 5 Two-person cutter
- 6 Bonsai fruit tree
- 7 Remnant of the Corsica-Tuscany land connection
- 8 Early sounds in *Singin' in the Rain*
- 9 World's most popular beer
- 10 *Associé de confiance*
- 11 Warrior daughter of Zeus
- 12 Chain selling elk sausage
- 13 What chutney may top
- 14 Circular ocean current
- 21 Tone characteristics
- 24 The Williamses, since 1997
- 26 Mystery meal
- 28 Scrams
- 30 Home of a Munch museum
- 31 Sarong's lack
- 32 Calls porpoises dolphins
- 33 Cutaneous condition
- 34 Be too much
- 35 Frictional remedy
- 37 Clear, as settings
- 39 "What Kind of \_\_\_ Are You?" (*Cosmo* quiz)
- 43 Legendary model of purity
- 44 Worth getting an autograph from
- 48 Apple storage device
- 50 Rock music staple
- 52 Depths
- 53 Develop with assistance
- 54 Fooled, with "in"
- 55 Long-distance meas.
- 56 Emperor equivalent
- 57 Standing \_\_\_
- 59 "Ta-da!"
- 62 What to call cutters
- 64 Bit of poetry from Cinderella

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Answer to previous puzzle

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6/24/17



# Summer vacation: Never mind the hike. Where's the hammock?

By **EMILY SWANSON**  
and **BETH J. HARPAZ**

Associated Press

Never mind the hike. Where's the hammock?

A new poll about summer travel finds that the No. 1 thing Americans want to do on vacation is ... nothing.

Almost three-fourths of Americans say resting and relaxing is very or extremely important to them when they go on vacation, according to the survey from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Among those dreaming about kicking back is Yari Blanco of Brooklyn, New York, who recently tweeted, "Your girl needs a vacation. The kind where you lay by a crystal blue beach and nap in a hammock." Blanco, who's been busy working on a website she recently launched called TheGirlMob, hopes to squeeze in some relaxation time in July and maybe a trip later this year to Portugal.

**STAYCATIONS AND UNPLUGGING**

Interestingly, most Americans say staying home and doing nothing isn't ideal. Instead, they want a change of scenery. Of those who plan a summer vacation, 92 percent are going away and only 8 percent are making it a staycation. More than half of those polled said relaxing at home doesn't count as a real vacation.

How about unplugging?

Only 22 percent "completely disconnect" while on vacation. A third don't even try to get away from the internet and social media. Some of those surveyed — 42 percent — say they dial back their time online a little.

Americans under 30 are the most plugged in. Just 13 percent say they're likely to completely disconnect on vacation.

But most Americans do avoid working on vacation. Sixty percent of workers say

they don't check in with work at all when they're on vacation, while 32 percent say they work or check in with work a little. Eight percent may fall into the workaholic category: They work or check in with the office "a lot."

The term "bleisure" has been a buzzword recently in the travel industry, describing a combination of business and leisure travel. But most Americans (69 percent) don't consider extending a business trip to be a real vacation.

**TOP VACATION ACTIVITIES**

Sightseeing was ranked important by 55 percent of those surveyed, followed by experiencing local culture and cuisine (51 percent), visiting family (46 percent) and spending time in nature (45 percent).

But there's a gender gap. Shopping is more popular with women than men (22 percent versus 9 percent), and women also prioritize sightseeing (60 percent versus 49 percent) and visiting family (52 percent versus 40 percent) more than men.

**AIRLINE REGULATIONS**

Many Americans support more government regulations on airlines — perhaps a logical response to recent headlines over passengers being hauled off flights in disputes with airline staff. Six in 10 respondents want the government to regulate airline policies for bumping passengers and handling overbooked flights. Nearly half would like to see more regulation regarding flight delays and cancellations.

Shiva Rajagopal of Fort Lee, New Jersey, is among those supporting regulations to bar airlines from forcing people off flights. "I've had a couple of bad experiences being bumped out of flights," he said. Airlines shouldn't be able to do it "no matter what the compensation is," he said, because sometimes "you have



AP photo

In this May 2, 2017, file photo, Kristiina Nurk, 34, enjoys a good book underneath the blue summer-like skies and weather as she vacations in Miami for a second day while on holiday. A new survey from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found that resting and relaxing is very or extremely important to three-fourths of Americans while on vacation.

to be in a particular place at a particular time."

The stereotypical image of families piling into a car for a summer trip isn't too far from reality. Among married couples, 87 percent vacation with their spouses.

Among parents, 87 percent vacation with their kids. Three-fourths of vacationing parents will drive rather than fly.

Most vacationers, married or not, travel with others. Overall, 68 percent will travel with a spouse or significant other and 49 percent will travel with other relatives or friends. Just 14 percent of vacationers will travel solo, including about a quarter of unmarried travelers.

Sixty-one percent of vacationers say they'll drive, 31 percent will fly and 4 percent will cruise. Another 1 percent will go by train, 2 percent by

bus.

**TIME VERSUS MONEY**

Half of the public expects to spend less than \$1,000 for their summer holiday and half anticipate laying out more.

Time is the luxury most people desire. Nearly two-thirds of Americans would prefer a less extravagant vacation but longer vacation.

**LODGING**

For accommodations, hotels and motels are most popular, used by 45 percent of summer vacationers. Another 22 percent will stay with friends or relatives. Rentals of homes, condos or apartments were the choice of 17 percent, while 9 percent will sleep in a tent, cabin or RV.

**NON-VACATIONERS**

The poll also found, in results released previously, that 43 percent of Americans won't take a summer vaca-

tion, with 49 percent of non-vacationers saying they can't afford it. Another 11 percent said they can't take time off from work, while 3 percent said they don't like to be away from work. The survey also found that 41 percent of working Americans do not get paid vacation time from their employers.

The AP-NORC poll of 1,022 adults was conducted May 10-14 using a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population.

The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 4.3 percentage points.

Respondents were first selected randomly using address-based sampling methods and later interviewed online or by phone.

## Travel books, from literary pilgrimages to beer tours

By **The Associated Press**

NEW YORK (AP) — Whether you're an armchair traveler, a road tripper or a frequent flier, books about travel can inspire and inform. Here are a few out this season on a variety of travel themes.

—"Great American Railroad Journeys." This book is a tie-in to a BBC series of the same name that airs on public TV this summer, hosted by Michael Portillo, who wrote the forward to the book.

In the show, Portillo travels by train across America from New York and Boston to Atlanta and New Orleans, then on to Chicago, Colorado, New Mexico and San Francisco.

The book (Simon & Schuster, \$25) consists of essays about the development and expansion of rail routes across 19th century North America, with maps, photos, illustrations and lots of history.

—"Footsteps." This collection of essays is subtitled, "From Ferrante's Naples to Hammett's San Francisco, Literary Pilgrimages Around the World."

It walks readers in the footsteps of famous writers, looking at the destinations and landscapes that inspired them, whether the familiar locales of their childhood or a trip they took to a faraway land. Ernest Hemingway's Madrid, Jamaica Kincaid's Antigua and Mark Twain's Hawaii are among the places featured in "Footsteps" (Three Rivers Press, \$16).

—"Lonely Planet's Global Beer Tour." This hardcover (\$20) from travel guidebook publisher Lonely Planet

features breweries in 32 countries on five continents.

Because a lot of craft beers don't get distributed beyond their home cities or countries, the book offers advice on where to go to find local suds in destinations as far-flung as Ethiopia, Nepal and Iceland.

The book also offers information on how to ask for beer and say cheers in the local language, the best local bar snack and other local things to see and do.

Two other books out from Lonely Planet this season offering themed trip ideas include one on "Street Art" (\$20) with recommendations for seeing 140 examples of street art in 42 cities around the world, and "Film and TV Locations" (\$12), listing places features in "Game of Thrones," "Star Wars," "Harry Potter" and more.

—"Madrid After Dark."

This guidebook is subtitled "A Noc-

turnal Exploration" (Interlink Books, \$15) and it takes readers on a tour of the Spanish capital many visitors may never see.

Though the city is known for nightlife and late dinners, author Ben

Stubbs reveals the hidden side of Madrid's nighttime world, from all-night taxi drivers and party-goers to stories of religious observances and the lives of the poor.

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DOORS OPEN at 6PM

**A BENEFIT**  
PROCEEDS SUPPORT  
the **VICTIM SERVICES**  
PROGRAM  
featuring

**Witte Joe y la Familia**

**The MONTY DAWSON Band**

**AC & the Heaters**

\$20 Early Bird Ticket  
\$25 At the Door

**BYOB**

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The United Way

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**NO GLASS CONTAINERS**