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City lifts water boil notice

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

6-inch water pipe. The boil water notice has been cancelled for the following areas, according to a release from the city issued late Wednesday afternoon.



Womack

- 19th Street - 1004 thru 1006 even side only.
- 20th Street - even and odd sides of 1000 block.
- 21st Street - even and odd sides of 1000 block.
- State Street - even and odd sides of 2000

block south to FM 700.
 • 1001, 1005 and 1213 E. FM 700
 • The Reserves Apartments
 According to Public Works Director Johnny Womack, the water line broke about 2 a.m.

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Coahoma alumni to reminisce at reunion

By **ROBERT BARLOW**
 Staff Writer

The Coahoma Alumni Association is hosting an all-school reunion for past graduates of the high school on July 8.

"Remember When" is the theme for the 2017 Coahoma Alumni Reunion that is set to take place in the Coahoma Elementary Cafeteria on Saturday, July 8.

Guests will have the opportunity to share some memories and stories, or even pay tribute to some that have passed away during the open mic time at the event.

"Basically we get together, visit, and try and catch up with people," said Joyce Baumann, member of the Coahoma Alumni Association. "This year we are going to do a kind of open mic, a 'Remember When' event."

According to Baumann, the open mic event was partially inspired by Texas Tech and Coahoma High School football coach William "Spike" Dykes who passed away this year.

In addition to the open mic night, the reunion will also be selling lunch tickets for \$15 each, which includes a BBQ plate served by some local favorites.

"Stephen and Jean Ann Wolf, who own the 350 Cafe, will be providing the lunch, and Stephen is a former graduate," said Baumann.

The reunion will also be hosting a giveaway in which guests can purchase tickets for at the event.

The prizes include a ladies designer bag, a customized rifle, and a helicopter hunt, among other items.

"All of the proceeds go to scholarships," Baumann said. "We get together every year and try to award as many scholarships as we can. We've got some great kids that are going to school here and we want to help them out any way we can."

Organizers have also set up a golf ball drop event to help raise money for the scholarships they give to students graduating.

"You buy a golf ball for a dollar and write a number on it. We got help from the volunteer fire department with Tommy Sullivan. They filled a container full of the golf balls and then dumped it and whoever was the closest to the designated spot wins the prize," said Baumann.

The reunion is set to take place on Saturday, July 8 at 9 a.m. in the Coahoma Elementary cafeteria and is open to anyone who graduated from Coahoma High School.

For any questions regarding the reunion or to preorder lunch tickets, please contact Joyce Baumann at 432-816-1588.

For tickets people can send a check to CHS Alumni Assn, PO Box 127, Coahoma, TX 79751 with the number of tickets needed, name, address, and phone number.

Contact Staff Writer Robert Barlow at (432) 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

Summer RockFest set to rock in July



File photo

Spencer Minor of Scarlet White is silhouetted by a spotlight as he sings an emotional phrase during February's City RockFest. In July, First United Methodist Church will host the Summer RockFest at the Municipal Auditorium with Scarlet White in attendance.

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

In February, five bands came to Big Spring and rocked this town in the name of the Lord. In July, they're coming back... some of them anyway.

"This one's going to be the Summer RockFest. It's kind of the same as the City RockFest, but since it's during the summer they decided to call it the 'Summer RockFest,'" said Nick Rodriguez, missions and outreach director from First United Methodist Church of Big Spring. "It's still going to be five bands, but this time the headliner, instead of Disciple, will be Seventh Day Slumber. They're bringing back Random Hero and Scarlet White; and this time



File photo

In this picture from February's City RockFest, Seventh Day Slumber lead singer Joseph Rojas rocks the stage. Seventh Day Slumber will once again take the stage during the Summer RockFest. Also featured in the concert will be Random Hero, Scarlet White, The Protest, and Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.

they're bringing in The Protest, and Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh, which is an all-female band."

Rodriguez said the concert be July 13, and will once again vibrate the walls of the Municipal Auditorium.

"It's on a Thursday," he said. "The doors open at about 6 p.m. to the general public. The show starts at 6:30 just like before. It is a free show, open to the public. It's a very kid-friendly event. It's going to be just another concert where you can worship and praise the Lord, but with a little kick."

Although the concert will be free to the public, organizers are giving

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Limits on travel to US issued after Supreme Court ruling

By **MATTHEW LEE**
 AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration is putting new criteria in place Thursday for visa ap-

plicants from six mostly Muslim nations and all refugees, requiring a close family or business tie to the United States. The move comes after the Supreme Court partially restored President Donald Trump's executive order that was widely criticized as a ban on Muslims.

Visas that have already been approved will not be re-

voked. The should help avoid the kind of chaos at airports around the world that surrounded the initial travel ban, as travelers with previously approved visas were kept off flights or barred entry on arrival in the United States. Also, while the initial order took effect immediately, adding to the confusion, this one was delayed more

than 72 hours after the court's ruling.

The new instructions issued by the State Department will affect new visa applicants from Syria, Sudan, Somalia, Libya, Iran and Yemen. They must prove a relationship with a parent, spouse, child, adult son or daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law or sibling already

in the United States to be eligible. The same requirement, with some exceptions, holds for would-be refugees from all nations that are still awaiting approval for admission to the U.S.

Grandparents, grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers-

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Obituaries

Victor Correa



Victor Correa, 67, of Rio Vista, Calif., formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, April 25, 2017.

Memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, July 1, 2017, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. A reception will follow immediately at Howard College's Fireplace Room in the Student Union Building.

He was born Feb. 12, 1950, to Prajedes Sepulveda Correa and Chrestino Correa Sr. in Big Spring,

Texas. He served with the United States Navy from May 25, 1974, until June 25, 1976. He retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone after many years of service. At the time of his death, he was a realtor for United Real Estate. He was a Catholic.

He is survived by his wife, Milian Maldonado Correa of California; his mother, Prajedes Correa; five sisters, Christina Guerrero of Arizona, and Olga Correa, Linda Escobar, Sylvia Gomez, and Irene Correa, all of California; four brothers, Robert Correa, Danny Correa, Richard Correa, and Moses Correa, all from California.

He was preceded in death by his father; and one brother, Crestino Correa Jr.

Dean Bohannon

Dean Bohannon, 70, of Midland died Wednesday, June 28, 2017.

A Celebration of Life will be at 10 a.m. Friday,

June 30, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home Chapel in Midland.

Dean is survived by his wife, Ann Bohannon; sons, Eric and Trey Bohannon; three siblings; and his extended family.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **DAVID RAMOS GALINDO**, 63, of 1905 Wasson Road, was arrested on a warrant for two counts of theft of property less than \$100, public intoxication and failure to appear.
- **JESUS ORTIZ**, 51, of 1905 Wasson Road, was arrested on a

warrant from another agency.

- **GAVINO JOSE ORTIZ**, 50, of 404 Father Delaney Street, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **JOHN CURTIS WACKER**, 36, of 1222 East 16th Street, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

• **ENRIQUE ZUBIATE JR.**, 35, of 1608 Centerpoint Road, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

• **ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ**, 53, of 1023 Stadium Avenue, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of West FM 700.

Take Note

The community is invited to a ribbon cutting/open house of the newly renovated gift shop at Scenic Mountain Medical Center on July 5 from 10 a.m. to noon. SMMC Gift Shop is located inside the main lobby at Scenic Mountain, 1601 W. Eleventh Place.

“Getting Back to School Ready” will be presented – at Scenic Mountain Medical Center - by Dr. Joseph Chavez for the next Lunch 'n' Learn, July 13 at 11:30 a.m.

The presentation is free to attend and will focus on immunizations and getting kids ready to go back to school.

To RSVP, call 432-268-4699.

Maranatha Baptist Academy has open enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year; the enrollment is underway and lasts through July 13, 2017.

Office hours are 8 to 10:30 a.m. Come in and pre-register for the new year. The Academy uses the Accelerated Christian Education curriculum, and is open to age four years through high school.

Please contact Dr. Lillian Bohannon at 432-213-1046 for an appointment.

Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

KBST and Back in Motion Chiropractic will hold their annual Community Blood Drive Friday, June 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The United Blood Services Bloodmobile will be in the parking lot of Back in Motion, 1113 S. Scurry St. Donors will receive a KBST Pops in the Park T-shirt, an entry in a drawing for four Schlitterbahn tickets, a July 4 Goody Bag, a free cholesterol check, and grilled hot dogs and ice cream; plus, the opportunity to meet your favorite KBST radio personality. Appointments are strongly encouraged. To make an appointment, call Maegan at 267-2225, or 1-877-UBS-HERO and give them the sponsor code "motion"; or enter "motion" at www.bloodhero.com.

The Big Spring Salvation Army is holding a fan drive to collect and distribute electric fans to those in Howard County who need one but can't afford it. Those wishing to donate can take new or gently used box or pedestal fans to the Salvation Army headquarters at 811 W. Fifth St. Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

People who need a fan should call the Salvation Army at 432-267-8239 to register and receive the distribution date.

Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club meets twice a month at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

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

Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested 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.

Don Richard

Local attorney Don Richard, age 72, passed away June 24, 2017, in San Antonio while attending a law seminar. Thankfully, he was among friends. A memorial service is planned and will be announced in the near future.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this report.

• **JESUS ORTIZ**, 51, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for no drivers license.

• **DAVID RAMOS GALINDO**, 63, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for two counts of theft of property less than \$100, public intoxication, and failure to appear.

• **GAVINO ORTIZ**, 50, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for assault that causes bodily injury.

• **JOHN CURTIS WACKER**, 36, was booked by the BSPD on a charge for possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

• **ENRIQUE ZUBIATE JR.**, 35, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for criminal trespassing.

• **ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ**, 53, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Westover.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of West Third St.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of North Lamesa Highway.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Grafa.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of North Highway 87.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Morrison.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Ann Drive.

• **TRAUMA** was reported near North Salem Road.

• **TRAUMA** was reported on North Highway 87.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1100 block of San Antonio.

• **FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 1600 block of First Street.

Support Groups

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.

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.

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in-law and sisters-in-law, fiancées or other extended family members are not considered to be close relations, according to the guidelines that were issued in a cable sent to all U.S. embassies and consulates late on Wednesday. The new rules take effect at 8 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Thursday (0000GMT on Friday), according to the cable, which was obtained by The Associated Press.

As far as business or professional links are concerned, the State Department said, a legitimate relationship must be "formal, documented and formed in the ordinary course rather than for the purpose of evading" the ban. Journalists, students, workers or lecturers who have valid invitations or employment contracts in the U.S. would be exempt from the

ban. The exemption does not apply to those who seek a relationship with an American business or educational institution purely for the purpose of avoiding the rules. A hotel reservation or car rental contract, even if it was pre-paid, would also not count, it said.

Consular officers may grant other exemptions to applicants from the six nations if they have "previously established significant contacts with the United States;" "significant business or professional obligations" in the U.S.; if they are an infant, adopted child or in need of urgent medical care; if they are traveling for business with a recognized international organization or the U.S. government or if they are a legal resident of Canada who applies for a visa in Canada, according to the cable.

There were no major problems reported in the hours after the guidelines were issued. The Middle East's big-

gest airline says its flights to the United States are operating as normal. Dubai-based Emirates reminded passengers that they "must possess the appropriate travel documents, including a valid U.S. entry visa, in order to travel."

On Monday, the Supreme Court partially lifted lower court injunctions against Trump's executive order that had temporarily banned visas for citizens of the six countries. The justices' ruling exempted applicants from the ban if they could prove a "bona fide relationship" with a U.S. person or entity, but the court offered only broad guidelines — suggesting they would include a relative, job offer or invitation to lecture in the U.S. — as to how that should be defined.

Senior officials from the departments of State, Justice and Homeland Security had labored since then to design guidelines that would comply with the ruling. Wednes-

day's instructions were the result. The new guidance will remain in place until the Supreme Court issues a final ruling on the matter. Arguments before the justices will not be held until at least October, so the interim rules will remain in place at least until the fall.

Shortly after taking office, Trump ordered the refugee ban and a travel ban affecting the six countries, plus Iraq. He said it was needed to protect the U.S. from terrorists, but opponents said it was unfairly harsh and was intended to meet his campaign promise to keep Muslims out of the United States.

After a federal judge struck down the bans, Trump signed a revised order intended to overcome legal hurdles. That was also struck down by lower courts, but the Supreme Court's action partially reinstated it.

The new rules will also affect would-be immigrants

from the six countries who win visas in the government's diversity lottery — a program that randomly awards 50,000 green cards annually to people from countries with low rates of immigration to the United States. They will also have to prove they have a "bona fide relationship" with a person or entity in the U.S. or that they are eligible for another waiver. If they, can't they face being banned for at least 90 days.

That may be a difficult hurdle, as many visa lottery winners don't have relatives in the U.S. or jobs in advance of arriving in the country.

Generally, winners in the diversity lottery only need prove they were born in an eligible country and have completed high school or have at least two years of work experience in an occupation that requires at least two other years of training or experience.

ROCK

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away VIP passes with special perks attached to raise excitement about the event.

"We're only giving away 50 VIP passes for this one," Rodriguez said. "With the VIP passes, they get in at 5:30 and get first pick through the merchandise; and then they have a Q&A with all five bands. Last time that was really fun. The ones that got to enjoy the VIP, they had a lot of fun, got to know the bands on a personal level, and got to ask the bands why they do what they do."

At the City RockFest, which featured the band Project 86 as well as Discipline, Seventh Day Slumber,

Random Hero, and Scarlet White, many of the band members were very open and candid about the reasons for their ministries.

"Most of them were speaking the truth about how they felt compelled to spread the Gospel through music, which they love doing," Rodriguez said. "Some of them gave a testimony about how they fell into drug abuse or tried committing suicide, and turned their lives to God and they fell in love with music as well, so they put two and two together and are now touring the country and spreading the Gospel."

First Methodist hopes to make the RockFest concert series a familiar event in Big Spring.

"We're hoping that we

can keep this a trend," he said. "The original plan was to do one a year, but the price is just too good to beat. You get five bands, and this one was a whole lot cheaper than the City RockFest. The Methodist Church, we're hoping to keep this a regular thing. If we can do two a year, two to three a year, we'd love to have the community come out and support these kind of events and keep it going, and just show the church that this is something that needs to happen in Howard County."

First Methodist would love to see the community turn out big for the July event, Rodriguez said.

"This is all sponsored by First United Methodist Church. The first one was

helped by the Convention and Visitor's Bureau, the CVB, but this one is fully supported by the First United Methodist Church of Big Spring," he said. "I just hope that everybody comes to support an event that's given free to the public, and is out there to reach the youth and adults of any age, just in a different way."

For more information call First United Methodist Church at 432-267-6394, or visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/449035468762982/>

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at life@bigspringherald.com.

WATER

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Monday but the city pulled back its crews as a safety precaution after a strong lightning and rain storm entered the area. Once crews returned to the site, the line was submerged in runoff and rainwater.

That prompted city officials to issue a boil water notice Monday afternoon as a precautionary measure.

"The line was already isolated, as were all house meters in the area," read a press release from the city of Big Spring at the time the boil water notice was issued. "The line was disinfected and flushed."

Womack said test samples were pulled Tuesday morning and sent to a lab in Odessa and once the city received the results, it rescinded the boil water notice around 4 p.m. Wednesday afternoon. The test takes about 24 hours to perform, Womack added.

For more information, contact Womack at 432-264-2501.

Residents leave homes as wildfires sweep through US West



AP photo

A wildfire burns near Mayer, Ariz., Wednesday, June 28, 2017, as seen from Prescott Valley, Ariz. The fire about 100 miles north of Phoenix has forced the evacuation of Mayer and parts of Dewey-Humboldt along with several other communities. Some areas and subdivisions are under pre-evacuation notices.

By MATT YORK and ASTRID GALVAN

Associated Press

PRESCOTT VALLEY, Ariz. (AP) — Jill Baker grabbed her dogs and took refuge at a high school after a raging fire forced her northern Arizona town to evacuate.

Baker was one of nearly 2,000 people who fled a wildfire that has charred 32 square miles (83 square kilometers) of dense shrubbery over the same area devastated by a blaze that killed 19 firefighters four years ago.

"It looked like five fires," Baker said. "We were probably 7 miles from the actual fire and it was pretty scary." Baker, a Mayer resident, got word of the evacuation while filling up at a gas station.

She said that as she left, with a huge plume of smoke darkening the sky, residents were pulling onto the side of the road and discussing what to do about their belongings, pets and horses.

More than 600 firefighters were battling the blaze burning in communities around Prescott, a moun-

tain city about 100 miles (160.9 kilometers) north of Phoenix that draws a mix of desert dwellers escaping the heat, retirees and visitors to its famed Old West-themed Whiskey Row.

Yavapai County spokesman David McAtee said Wednesday about 3,400 people in the area have been affected by the fire and roughly 3,000 structures in the evacuated areas were at risk but officials were not immediately sure how many are homes. Residents of Mayer, Dewey-Humboldt and several other communities took flight. Dewey-Humboldt has about 4,000 residents.

Mayer has about 1,400.

"It's scary because we're coming up on the four-year anniversary of the Yarnell Hill fire — there's still a lot of fresh memories," said Arizona state Sen. Karen Fann, who represents the area where the fire is burning.

Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey plans to visit the area Thursday after declaring a state of emergency in Yavapai County that directs \$200,000 in emergency funds to fire suppression efforts and reimbursements for emergency response and recovery costs.

It's also a key requirement should federal aid be requested.

Elsewhere across the western U.S., a fire in the foothills north of Los Angeles was burned right up to homes before the blaze was beaten back.

Fifty homes were put under mandatory evacuation orders on the suburban edges of Burbank, where flames raced uphill through tinder-dry grass.

No homes were destroyed, and most evacuations were canceled after a few hours.

In Utah, firefighters braced for more high winds as they tried to slow a stubborn wildfire that has burned 13 homes and forced the evacuation of 1,500 peo-

ple from a ski resort town.

Firefighters in Washington state were battling three fires near Wenatchee that had grown to about 37 square miles.

And in Idaho, fire officials say quick responses by ranchers and others to more than 20 wildfires sparked by lightning have kept the small fires from becoming major blazes like those that scorched the region in recent decades.

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Robert "Big Rob" Ramirez, 20, died Sunday. Funeral Mass was at 10 a.m. this morning at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Victor Correa, 67, of Rio Vista, Calif., formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, April 25, 2017. Memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 1, 2017, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. A reception will follow immediately at Howard College in the Fireplace Room of the Student Union Building.

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Southwest drops 2 Cuban routes, citing performance, ban

DALLAS (AP) — Southwest Airlines Co. says it will drop flights to two Cuban destinations, citing its struggles to attract passengers and a tougher U.S. stance toward the island nation.

Dallas-based Southwest on Wednesday announced service to Varadero and Santa Clara, Cuba, will end Sept. 4. It will continue to fly to Havana from Fort Lauderdale and Tampa.

President Donald Trump this month announced he's reversing some of the warmer ties with Cuba that were initiated by the Obama administration.

A Southwest vice president, Steve Goldberg, says the decision to drop Varadero and Santa Clara comes after an analysis of performance the past few months that leaves no clear path to sustainability in the markets. Goldberg also cited the continuing U.S. prohibition on tourism to Cuba for Americans.

Amarillo police fatally shoot man in domestic violence case

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — A Texas police officer has fatally shot a suspect in a domestic violence case after investigators say the man pointed a handgun at officers.

An Amarillo police statement says 35-year-old Jason Magana Herrera of Amarillo died at the scene Tuesday night. An autopsy was ordered.

Officer Jeb Hilton says two officers responded to a trespassing call involving a woman Herrera knew. Officers located Herrera in the apartment complex parking lot.

Hilton says Herrera fought with the officers, who used a Taser on him, then he broke free and pointed a gun at them. One officer shot Herrera.

Hilton says the other officer had suffered minor injuries in the scuffle and he was treated at a hospital.

Hilton says the officer who opened fire wasn't injured. He's on paid administrative leave.

Appeals court rejects appeal from condemned San Antonio man

HOUSTON (AP) — A divided federal appeals court panel has rejected an appeal from a San Antonio man on Texas death row for the gang rape and fatal stabbing of a 15-year-old girl in 1996.

In a 2-1 vote, a 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel has turned down arguments that Carlos Trevino's trial attorneys were deficient for not showing jurors his mother's drinking while she was pregnant with him left Trevino with fetal alcohol disorder and could have contributed to his violent behavior.

Trevino was convicted of the slaying of Linda Salinas in an attack at a San Antonio park a month after he was released from prison for an auto theft conviction.

The 42-year-old is one of four men convicted in the case but the only one sentenced to death.

Strangers buy car for Texas man who walked miles to work

ROCKWALL, Texas (AP) — A Texas man's 3-mile-daily walk to work has inspired a group of strangers to collect enough money to buy him a car.

Andy Mitchell spotted 20-year-old Justin Korva walking to the suburban Dallas taco restaurant where he works and offered him a ride.

KDFW-TV reports Korva told Mitchell he was trying to better himself and saving up for a car.

Korva's story inspired Mitchell and some of his friends to secretly set up a donation box at a local restaurant.

The group surprised Korva with a used Toyota Camry on Friday, and the worker's overwhelmed reaction was caught on video by Mitchell's wife.

Enough money was left over to pay for a year's worth of insurance, two years of oil changes and a \$500 gas card.

Prosecutors: 'Affluenza' teen's mother's gun violated bond

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Prosecutors say the Texas mother of the so-called "affluenza teen" violated her bond by possessing a gun and consuming alcohol.

In court documents, they say Tonya Couch possessed a gun on June 24 and consumed alcohol on May 20 in violation of the terms of her bond.

She's been free pending trial on charges of hindering apprehension of a felon and money laundering.

Her son Ethan Couch is serving two years in jail as a condition of his 10 years' probation for killing four people in a 2013 drunken-driving crash.

At trial, a psychologist blamed "affluenza" — acting irresponsibly due to wealth — for his actions.

He and his mother fled to Texas in 2015 after video surfaced apparently showing him at a party with alcohol — a probation violation.

Texas Medicaid cuts leave special needs kids without therapy



Stacey English, right, works on balance and core strength with her 7-year-old daughter, Addison, in Houston on Friday, June 23, 2017. Texas children with special needs like Addison have lost critical services since the state implemented \$350 million in Medicaid cuts to speech, occupational, and physical therapy in December.

By MEREDITH HOFFMAN

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Stacey English has modest desires for her 7-year-old daughter Addison: Be able to eat without gagging and move both her arms.

But since Addison's occupational therapist went out of business this winter, the child with a rare genetic disorder has regressed in her fight to do even that much.

"I don't know where to go from here," said English, who has been unable to find a replacement therapist in their Texas college town of College Station. "How do you continue to help her make progress when you don't have someone to teach her?"

Some Texas children with special needs like Addison have lost critical services since the state implemented \$350 million in Medicaid cuts to speech, occupational and physical therapy in December. In Texas, reimbursement offered to providers fell up to 50 percent for certain therapy procedures, said Rachel Hammon, president of Texas Association of Homecare and Hospice. Clinics closed and therapists quit.

The Texas cuts are separate from Republican proposals now before Congress, which academics say could cut federal Medicaid spending as part of a law to replace the Affordable Care Act. But the fallout could eventually be similar if some form of what's been approved in the U.S. House, and is under consideration in the Senate, becomes law, said Elizabeth Burak, the senior program director of Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy's Center for Children and Families. The Texas Legislature voted in 2015 to cut the state's Medicaid reimbursement for pe-

diatric acute therapy services, which effectively capped how much providers can be paid. Proponents of the cuts argued that Texas' previous reimbursement rates were too high, sometimes even encouraging fraud.

In a 2015 letter, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and state Sen. Jane Nelson, the chamber's chief budget writer, argued then costs for acute care services to Texas' Medicaid program had risen 66 percent in the five years from 2009 to 2014. They also said nearly one in seven of the state's Medicaid legal sanctions cases for fraud were for therapy providers.

Relatives of children with disabilities and providers sued unsuccessfully to block the cuts. Republican House Speaker Joe Straus vowed to restore the lost funding during this year's legislative session which ended May 29 — though lawmakers eventually approved a budget replacing only about a quarter of what was cut.

Nelson now says she supported the original cuts as a way to prevent taxpayers from being overcharged for services. She says a Texas A&M University study found that the state's pediatric care providers received higher pay than in other states.

"These are vital services, and we remain in close contact with the agency to ensure that access to care is preserved as rates are adjusted to align with rates being charged to other payers," Nelson said in an emailed statement.

But those opposing the cuts counter that the study didn't specifically research the impact of reimbursement reductions on access to therapy.

Texas' Health and Human Services Commission hasn't yet seen a drastic decrease in therapy providers be-

cause of the cuts, said spokeswoman Carrie Williams. She said three agencies terminated contracts with Medicaid networks for that reason and "all clients are receiving assistance finding new providers."

"We want children to get the care and therapies they need while we continue to be responsible with taxpayer dollars and follow the budget," Williams said via email.

Providers say that since Texas' cuts, they've struggled to stay financially afloat. Kathi Strawn, owner of Therapy Options Texarkana, which served 130 children with special needs on the Texas-Arkansas border, closed her clinic June 1.

"I couldn't get any therapists to keep working for me who were registered or licensed," said Strawn, who had to cut pay for her therapists by about 30 percent. She began referring her patients to the two other nearby clinics — but one was too booked for new cases, and many therapists at the other had stopped taking children, citing low compensation rates.

"We've had quite a few patients not able to get service," Strawn said.

Hammon, of the

homecare and hospice association, said Texas has no accurate way of tracking children deprived of services, calling them "the hidden victims" in the Medicaid cuts. Children relying on home care therapists have the most severe disabilities, and those agencies have been hit hardest, she said.

"These are children who may have been born prematurely and who can't eat because they were fed through tubes as a baby and if your swallowing reflex is interrupted you have to have therapy to relearn that," said Hammon.

For 15-year-old Maile Houston, with a rare chromosome deletion that has caused sensory issues and developmental delays, the recent loss of her home care occupational therapist set her back to behaviors her mother "forgot existed."

"She slaps things in front of her face and bangs things, and the therapy she was doing calmed a lot of those behaviors down," said Maile's mother Megan Houston. English said her therapist introduced Addison to basic life skills and even new foods "like smashing up crackers into a little bit of peanut butter."

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Michigan sues Flint after council refuses to OK water deal

By DAVID EGGERT

Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The state of Michigan sued Flint Wednesday, alleging that the city council's refusal to approve a broadly backed deal to buy water long term from a Detroit-area system is endangering public health in the wake of a man-made crisis that left the supply contaminated with lead.

The Department of Environmental Quality had threatened legal action if the council did not approve Mayor Karen Weaver's recommendation or propose a reasonable alternative by Monday. The council instead OK'd a short-term extension of its contract with the Great Lakes Water Authority.

"Ensuring that the residents of Flint have drinking water that meets public health standards is our primary concern," DEQ Director Heidi Grether told The Associated Press in a phone interview.

State and federal officials do not want Flint to change water sources a third time after a fateful 2014 switch resulted in lead contamination and other issues while the city was under state management. The federal lawsuit says Flint has no other currently available water source and is at risk of facing \$1.8 million in extra costs over three months. It seeks an order barring Flint from switching again and requiring it to enter the 30-year

contract to comply with federal and state drinking water laws.

In April, Weaver recommended that the city continue getting its water from the Detroit system long term, saying another switch would be too risky and expensive. Her decision is supported by top federal, state and county officials, but has drawn concerns from council members.

The agreement negotiated by Weaver "is the only option that will be protective of public health in Flint, ensure the future financial viability of Flint's water fund, and promote investment in Flint's water distribution system," the suit says.

Under her plan, Flint would remain a customer of the Great Lakes Water Authority for the next 30 years instead of transitioning to a new Flint-area pipeline as planned. A previous money-saving decision to join the Karegnondi Water Authority in 2013 set the stage for the disaster when state-appointed financial managers controlling Flint in 2014 decided to temporarily tap the Flint River while the regional pipeline to Lake Huron was being built.

The river water was not treated to reduce corrosion for 18 months. As a result, lead leached from old pipes and fixtures, causing elevated lead levels in children and leaving residents to drink



In this June 26, 2017, photo, Alex Pride stands at the front of the room before Flint City Council holds a meeting discussing the city's water problems and other issues at City Hall in Flint, Mich.

and bathe with bottled or filtered water.

During the public health emergency, E. coli was detected along with high levels of a carcinogenic disinfectant byproduct. Experts suspect a deadly Legionnaires' disease outbreak was tied to the water. Flint returned to the Great Lakes Water Authority, which services much of Detroit and the suburbs, in 2015.

The mayor and council members could not immediately be reached for comment on the suit — the latest legal filing stemming from a disaster that has led 15 current or former state and local officials to be charged with crimes. Numerous residents have sued seeking damages, and a federal judge has separately approved a landmark deal to replace water lines at 18,000 homes.

Weaver has said staying with the Detroit system under a new 30-year contract and using the local county as

a backup would be the safest and cheapest option, keeping already-high customer bills in check. Flint has estimated it would save \$58 million by not having to upgrade its own troubled water plant to treat water coming from the new pipeline — more if the facility is closed. The savings could be used as part of a \$177 million update of the city's aging and deteriorating distribution system, including fixing leaky water mains and replacing lead service lines.

AP photo

Lawsuits over new Utah monument to test president's power

By MICHELLE L. PRICE

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Native American tribes and environmental groups preparing for a legal battle to stop President Donald Trump from dismantling Utah's new national monument face a tougher challenge than anticipated.

Republican officials in the state who oppose Bears Ears National Monument asked Trump to rescind the designation. But U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke recommended the monument be downsized instead, noting past presidents have tinkered with the boundaries of lands protected under federal law.

Legal experts disagree on whether the 1906 Antiquities Act allows a president to reduce a monument, and it's something that has never been challenged in court.

Environmentalists and Indian tribes were ready to pounce at the notion Zinke would recommend Bears Ears be abolished, armed with their belief that no president may undo the work of another by rescinding a monument, and the fact that no president has tried.

But past presidents have trimmed national monuments and redrawn their boundaries — 18 times, according to the National Park Service.

Bears Ears, established by President Barack Obama in December, is about the size of Delaware, covering roughly 2,000 square miles (5,300 square kilometers). It protects more than 100,000 archaeological sites on what's considered sacred tribal land in southeastern Utah.

A largely GOP group of Utah officials wants the monument repealed and see it as an overly broad, unnecessary layer of federal control that closes off the area to energy development and other access.

Republican state Rep. Mike Noel said shrinking a monument is politically and legally much easier to defend than attempting to undo one.

"There's been enough history of downsizing, even fairly large areas, significantly large areas," Noel

said.

Many times, past presidents reduced monuments only slightly, like when Franklin Roosevelt removed about 52 acres from Arizona's Wupatki National Monument in 1941 to make way for a dam. But occasionally the changes were drastic, like President Woodrow Wilson's move in 1915 to cut Mount Olympus National Monument roughly in half to open more land for logging.

Environmental groups and others gearing up for a fight note that no president has tried to downsize a monument since the 1976 Federal Land Policy and Management Act, which they say restricts a president's ability to do so. The groups also contend past presidents never faced court challenges for shrinking monuments.

"Whatever this administration does will certainly not go unchallenged," said Kristen Boyles, an attorney with the environmental group Earthjustice.

Legal experts disagree on whether the environmental groups are right, but the court battle that's expected if Trump tries to cut down Bears Ears could significantly alter what's generally been a lasting protection from presidents.

The 1906 Antiquities Act that gives presidents the power to declare monuments does not explicitly say whether a president can nullify a monument proclamation or shrink its boundaries.

Donald J. Kochan, a professor of natural resources, property and administrative law at Chapman University in Orange, California, said the president's broad power to create a monument comes with an inherent ability to change a monument or undo it, just as presidents regularly undo other policies or regulations from past administrations.

Mark Squillace, professor of natural resources law at the University of Colorado-Boulder, disagreed.

He said Congress controls public lands and it's significant that in passing the Antiquities Act, lawmakers spelled out only that the president can create a monument.

Congress took care in other laws passed around that time, more than a century ago, to explicitly give the president powers to both act and undo acts, Squillace noted.

He said the 1976 land policy law and congressional records of the law's drafting also make it clear that Congress didn't want to give presidents the authority to shrink or undo monuments.

The question about whether the president has the power to shrink a monument "is one of these big, lingering issues that's been out there for a long time," Squillace said. "I think there's a very strong case against the president's authority to do this."

Lawsuits are expected from the Navajo Nation, groups like the Wilderness Society and Earthjustice, and even outdoor gear company Patagonia once Trump takes action on Bears Ears. That's not likely to happen until at least August, when Zinke finishes the president's request that he review 26 other monuments.

Noel said he's working on legislation that will commit the state of Utah to intervening in the lawsuit to help defend the Trump administration's action.

Representatives for Gov. Gary Herbert and Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes, both Republicans, declined to say whether they'd join a lawsuit. Messages seeking comment from the Interior Department were not returned.

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Answers: 1) Basketball, 2) Volleyball, 3) Soccer, 4) Baseball, 5) Swimming, 6) Tennis, 7) Dodgeball



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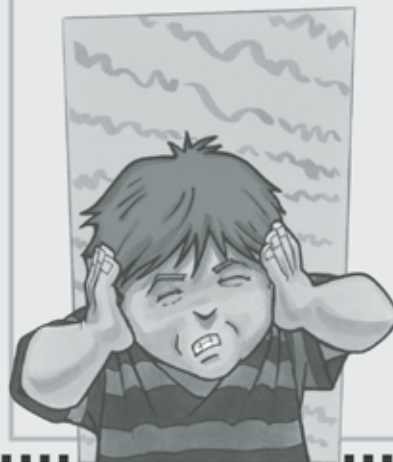
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A: Racquetball



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- 4) You should wash your hands before eating. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 5) You should wash your hands after handling pet food, treats and waste. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 6) You should wash your hands before using the restroom. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 7) Soap is recommended but not needed for hand washing. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 8) Clean, running water is also recommended for hand washing, but if you don't have any, lotion will do. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 9) You should spend several minutes washing your hands, making sure you wash the front and back. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 10) You should dry your hands with a clean towel. *Fact or Fiction?*

Answers: 1) Fact, 2) Fact, 3) Fiction, sick people should wash their hands more often to prevent germs from spreading, 4) Fact, 5) Fact, 6) Fiction, you should wash your hands after using the restroom, 7) Fiction, you should always use soap and clean running water, 8) Fiction, lotion will not kill germs—hand sanitizer is best when there is no soap or clean water, 9) Fact, 10) Fact



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Beecher understood that healthy students make better learners. She taught her students to eat better and exercise more, making way for P.E. to become part of schools.

Reddick and Springer lead Astros over Athletics 11-8

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Josh Reddick and George Springer had three hits each and combined for five RBIs as the Houston Astros used a five-run third inning to take the lead and hold on for a 11-8 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Wednesday night.

Houston rookie David Paulino allowed seven hits with a season-high seven runs in four-plus innings and Michael Feliz (4-1) struck out two in a scoreless fifth for the win. Ken Giles struck out two in the ninth for his 18th save.

Houston was down one after a four-run third by the A's before Brian McCann and Carlos Beltran hit consecutive singles to chase Jesse Hahn with no outs in the bottom of the inning. Josh Smith came in to face Marwin Gonzalez whose RBI double tied it at 5-5.

The Astros took the lead when Beltran scored on a groundout by Yuli Gurriel before Springer's run-scoring double with two outs pushed the lead to 7-5.

Reddick, who drove in three runs, hit an RBI single and Carlos Correa drove home another run with a single to make it 9-5.

The Athletics hit a season-high five homers with two from Khris Davis and one each from Ryon Healy, Matt Olson and Jed Lowrie, but they struck out 17 times to end a four-game winning streak.

Oakland starter Jesse Hahn (3-6) allowed a season-high nine hits and six runs in two-plus innings.

The solo shot by Olson cut the lead to 9-7 in the fifth, but the Astros added a run on a sacrifice fly by McCann in the sixth to extend the lead.

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AP photo
Houston Astros' George Springer (4) hits a double as Oakland Athletics catcher Bruce Maxwell reaches for the pitch during the second inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, June 28, 2017, in Houston.

Indians defeat Rangers 5-3 in Francona's return



AP photo
Cleveland Indians' Edwin Encarnacion watches his ball after hitting an RBI-single off Texas Rangers relief pitcher Dario Alvarez in the seventh inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, June 28, 2017, in Cleveland. Roberto Perez scored on the play.

By **STEVE HERRICK**
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Indians manager Terry Francona watched his team's 2-1 loss Tuesday night on television after being released from the hospital.

The result and vantage point were much better Wednesday night.

Trevor Bauer pitched into the seventh inning, Michael Brantley drove in two runs and Cleveland beat the Texas Rangers 5-3 in Francona's return to the team.

Francona was cleared to come back after another health scare forced him to leave Monday's game and miss Tuesday's contest. The 58-year-old Francona has been fitted with a heart monitor, but he said doctors have ruled out any serious health issues.

"I always want us to win," he said. "We show up, the idea is to win. I don't care if you feel good or bad or in between, that's why we're here."

Bauer (7-6) held Texas to one run — Robinson Chirinos' homer — and four hits in 6 1/3 innings.

Bauer was helped by two outstanding defensive plays. Rookie center fielder Bradley Zimmer took away an extra base hit from Shin-Soo Choo with a sliding catch in the fourth. Jose Ramirez made a diving stop of Adrian Beltre's hard grounder behind third base and threw him out with two runners on in the sixth.

"I thought the ball was a double that Zimmer ran down," Bauer said. "He made a tough play look fairly easy. The play Jose made kind of saved that inning. I got a lot of help from the defense."

Brantley had RBI singles in the third and the seventh. Ramirez, Francisco Lindor and Edwin Encarnacion also drove in runs.

Yu Darvish (6-6) gave up three runs — two earned — in six innings and has one win in his

last seven starts. The right-hander pitched seven shutout innings in his last start, but left as a precaution with tightness in his triceps.

Darvish missed the entire 2015 season because of Tommy John surgery, which caused him some concern between starts that turned out to be an unnecessary worry.

"Coming in, I thought, 'Man, this may be my last outing (of the year) because of the triceps,'" he said through a translator. "It crossed my mind because that was where I was hurting — my triceps area — before I had surgery. But it didn't feel that way when I got out there, and by the fifth or sixth inning, I wasn't thinking about it at all. I feel fine."

Andrew Miller struck out four of the five batters he faced. Elvis Andrus hit a leadoff homer in the ninth off Cody Allen. Rougned Odor

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Cowboys pass rusher David Irving gets 4-game PED suspension

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Dallas defensive end David Irving has been suspended the first four games of the season for violating the NFL's policy against performance-enhancing drugs.

The ban announced Wednesday leaves the Cowboys without two potential starting pass rushers because of suspensions. Randy Grego-

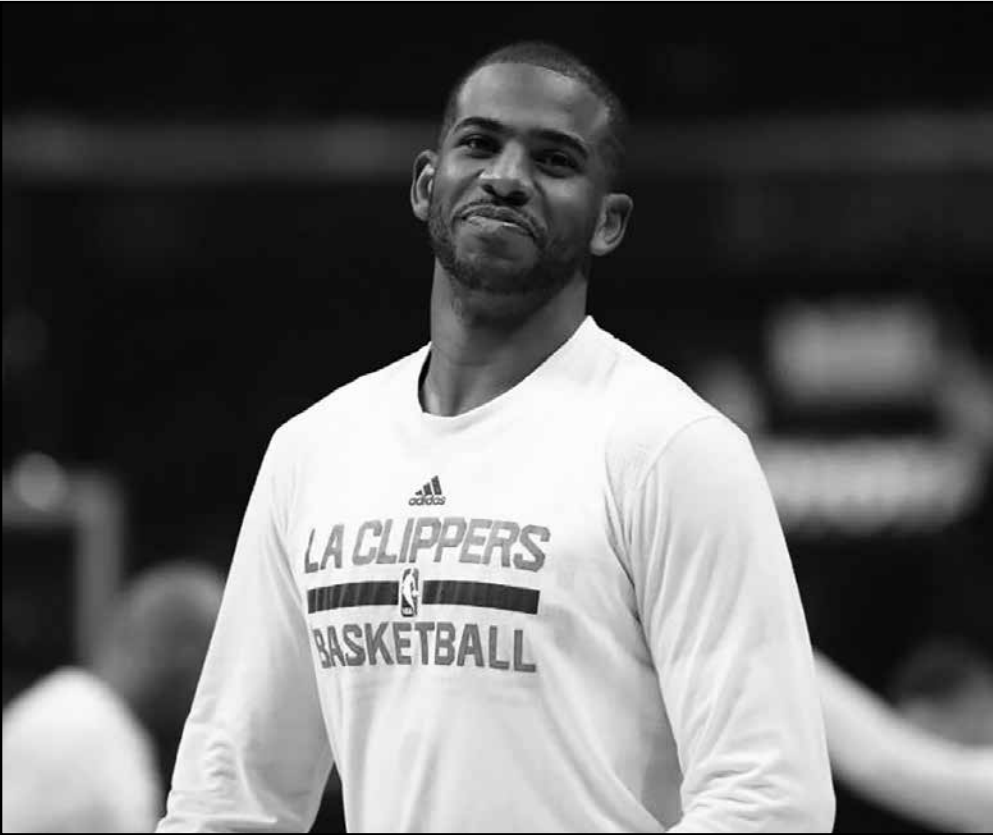
ry, a second-round pick who slid in the 2015 draft because of concerns over marijuana use, is likely to miss the entire season for multiple violations of the substance-abuse policy.

Irving, one of the team's best pass rushers at the end of last season, can return Oct. 8 against Green Bay at home. The third-year player is eligible for training camp

and preseason practices and games.

It's the third straight year that Dallas will begin the season with at least two defensive players suspended, and the Cowboys could have a third. Cornerback Nolan Carroll, a free agent pickup from Philadelphia, faces a two-game ban over his arrest on a drunken-driving charge in Dallas.

Rockets acquire Chris Paul from Clippers in 8-player deal



AP photo
In this March 20, 2017, file photo, Los Angeles Clippers guard Chris Paul warms up before the team's NBA basketball game against the New York Knicks, in Los Angeles. The Houston Rockets have reached an agreement to trade for Los Angeles Clippers point guard Chris Paul according to a person familiar with the deal. The league source spoke to The Associated Press on Wednesday, June 28, 2017, on the condition of anonymity because the team hasn't finalized the trade.

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Chris Paul is heading to Houston to join James Harden, giving the Rockets two All-Stars in the backcourt to lead their chase for a championship.

In the NBA's second blockbuster trade in less than a week, the Rockets acquired Paul from the Los Angeles Clippers on Wednesday in exchange for Patrick Beverley, Lou Williams, Sam Dekker, Montrezl Harrell, Darun Hilliard, DeAndre Liggins, Kyle Wiltjer, a protected first-round pick next year and cash considerations. The Rockets acquired Hilliard from

Detroit and Liggins from Dallas for cash considerations before adding them to the deal.

"It's a weapons race in the NBA and you're either in the weapons race or on the sidelines," Houston general manager Daryl Morey said. "We felt like with James Harden in his prime and Chris Paul in his prime this gives us a real shot to chase the juggernaut teams that are out there. This puts us right there with them."

Both the Clippers and Houston will look far different next season than they did in again falling short in the playoffs. The roster overhauls came

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Mercury and Pluto in Opposition

"Smart love" may be a contradiction of terms, but no one, not even love, can be foolish all of the time: Even a stopped clock is right two times a day. Mercury tugs across the sky at Pluto to bring awareness to what's really important. You may find that what your heart wants not only is intelligent in a way but is good for others, too.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Boredom lacks the fiery passion of other emotions, but it's just as important as many of those super-charged feelings. You won't find your peak creativity, originality or unique genius without tolerating some degree of boredom.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You lived your story; you earned

it! That doesn't mean that you want to tell it to everyone. In fact, you'll be effectively choosey in this regard, waiting for the right audience and the moments of maximum impact.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Those who have earned big-time results are the only ones who can afford to talk a big talk -- though, usually, because experience has taught them the precariousness of success and the value of modesty, they choose not to.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Love the mess. Frame it as you would the artwork of a beloved young child. In many ways, you are the parent and the child all in one, and you're in need of a little praise and enthusiasm for the early attempts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You may feel like you're being put on the spot today. If so, consider moving "the spot" off to the side a bit. The sideshow will attract a crowd without having the same pressures and liabilities of the mainstage productions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The nature

of marketing is hype. Since you're being marketed to during your every waking hour, it only follows to pick up and use language of hype in your you-to-you communications. Recognize it for the exaggeration it is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). True to his methodical, consistent nature, the tortoise wins the race. Plodding ever forward is harder than it looks -- especially for those who are easily distracted (which is everyone) -- but it works. You can do this!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Instead of ruminating about what went wrong back there, imagine that it didn't. Think of yourself as saying and doing it the way you would have liked it to go. This increases your chances of getting it right the next time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you're only partway into the situation, it will take energy from the rest of your life and give you back nothing in return. For a proper return you'll have to ramp up your commitment or get out completely.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If there's anything you need more of, it's not money or fun, it's (SET ITAL)meaning. (END ITAL) When meaningfully engaged you become more yourself and yet somehow simultaneously more everyone else, too, melding with the universal mind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Comfortable ideas about who you are will keep you interacting in a certain way that may or may not benefit you, let alone keep you interested in yourself. Trade comfort for boldness, routine for adventure, worry for curiosity.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When you laid down the boundary for your friend, you had a good reason. But the scene has changed and so have the both of you. It's time for some new rules that better fit this current incarnation of the relationship.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 29). You're becoming increasingly informed and in touch with your surroundings and yet you're not completely tied to things as they exist. Parameters change. You'll come into a brand new scene

and alter it forever for the better. Affection and devotion will be heaped on you in 2018. Travel figures prominently. Sagittarius and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 3, 38, 34 and 40.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "You say that Geminis are supposed to be communicators. So why do I freeze up when it's my turn to talk?"

It's because you have so much you could say. Push yourself to jump into the conversation and be fine with whatever you contribute. It will get easier. In India there is an odd old saying: "Over time, and with the right teacher, a mongoose can learn to speak." In 1931 the legend seemed to come true with a mongoose named Gef who uttered the strangest stories to a family who lived on a farm in Dalby on the Isle of Man. The mongoose told the family that he was born in Delhi, India, and that his birthday was June 7, 1852, which would make him not only quite old for a mongoose but also a Gemini -- the most communicative sign of the zodiac. Whether Gef was indeed a

mongoose, an alien, a poltergeist, an imaginary friend or a ventriloquist's dummy remains unclear, but whatever his origins, he illustrates an important point: One can never underestimate a Gemini's potential to delight and mystify using his powers of communication. If a mongoose can start talking, imagine what you will be capable of once you push yourself through this fear.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: With over a hundred film credits, Gary Busey has been known to play a lunatic or two on screen, true to the name of his ruling luminary. In folklore, (SET ITAL)la luna(END ITAL) causes mysterious behaviors -- ah, "luna-cy!" With four luminaries in moon-ruled Cancer, Busey gets a big dose of this complex, mysterious, highly artistic, soulful and ever-changing energy. Look for Busey's contribution to the new documentary "The Gettysburg Address."

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Annie's Mailbox

Discussing Relationship Problems

Dear Annie: My boyfriend, "Hector," and I have been dating for four years. Like any couple, we've had our ups and downs. We used to argue a lot about things that were, in retrospect, petty and inconsequential. The beginning of last year was especially bad. We had each hit a wall professionally. We

were always frustrated and stressed out, and though it was for reasons that had nothing to do with each other, it inevitably affected the way we treated each other.

During this rocky time, I talked to my good friend "Michelle" a lot about the problems Hector and I were having. I'm not one to brag about my relationship when things are going well, so this was the first Michelle was really hearing details about

my relationship, and they were all bad. As good friends do, Michelle immediately took my side in the fight (even when I was wrong) and built me up and told me I deserved to be treated better.

Fast-forward a year. Hector and I have hugely improved our communication skills and are happier than ever. We talk about marriage regularly. I really think he's the one.

The problem now is that Michelle still hates him. OK, maybe "hate" is too strong a word, but she's definitely not a fan. I tried talking to her about it. I told her that I know she got a bad impression of Hector from things I said but that we have worked on our communication and are doing much better. She said something like "that's great," but I knew she didn't mean it.

I feel that I should never have opened up to Michelle about the problems we were having. How can you talk to friends about your relationship

problems without their judging your relationship? -- Foot in Mouth

Dear Foot in Mouth: You can't. That's why the only person with whom you should be discussing your relationship problems is the person with whom you're in that relationship. It's not just the most respectful option; it's the most constructive, because he or she is the only person who can actually help solve the problem.

Michelle will come around in time, if Hector continues to be a good boyfriend. But take this experience as a lesson for the future and refrain from talking badly about your boyfriend to your friends.

I must note that abuse is an important exception to this advice. Readers, if you feel unsafe, please reach out to friends or call The National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233.

Dear Annie: The most wonderful in-laws decide that when their children come to them with marriage

problems, always -- no matter what they truly think -- side with the children's spouses. Parents would be wise to suggest that their children go home and discuss their problems directly with their spouses. After many years, my mother-in-law clued me in that she had been doing this. Whenever my husband talked to her about a problem in our marriage, she told him she thought I was right, even if she really thought I was wrong. This was to encourage my husband to talk to me directly about the issue and try to reach a compromise. In hindsight, I believe it really helped. I wish everyone could have such great in-laws. -- B.F.

Dear B.F.: Humility is a virtue that the best parents instill in their children from a young age. Even when kids are grown, parents can continue to model humility, forgiveness and empathy, especially when it comes to marriage. No one is perfect; it would be wise to encourage your children to see things from their spouses' point of view. Thank you for the interesting perspective.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

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 ♠ Q J 10 7 2
 ♠ A 8 7 5 4 2
 ♣ 10 8

WEST
 ♠ 10 7 4
 ♥ K 9 5
 ♦ 10 6
 ♣ A K 7 3 2

EAST
 ♠ J 5 2
 ♥ A 8 6 4 3
 ♦ J 9
 ♣ Q J 6

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

The bidding:
 West North East South
 Pass Pass Pass 4♠

Opening lead — king of clubs.

It sometimes requires perfect cooperation for the defenders to score all the tricks they are entitled to take. Today's deal provides a typical example of how a well-oiled partnership can accomplish its goal.

South opened fourth-hand with four spades, and West led the king of clubs. East made his first good move when he played the queen on the king. In accordance with standard convention, this play guaranteed he

had either the jack or no more clubs. West interpreted the play correctly when he continued with a low club, the three, at trick two. East won with the jack and — certain that declarer still had another club, since the three was West's original fourth-best club — played a third round of the suit.

West won with the ace and had to decide what to do next. He realized that East could have the ace of hearts and that a heart return might be essential at this point. But he dismissed this possibility because he reasoned that — since South had shown up with three clubs and almost surely had seven or eight spades — it would be impossible for declarer to escape a heart loser if he had one.

So at trick four, West led the deuce of clubs, in effect asking East to ruff with his highest trump. East duly obliged by trumping with the jack, forcing declarer to overruff with the queen.

West's ten of spades thus became the setting trick, and declarer finished down one. Of course, had East ended up on lead after the third round of clubs, or had West shifted to a heart after winning the third club, declarer would have made the contract.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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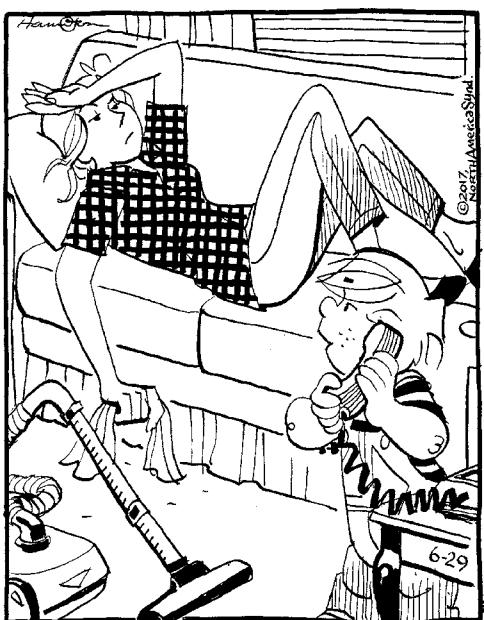
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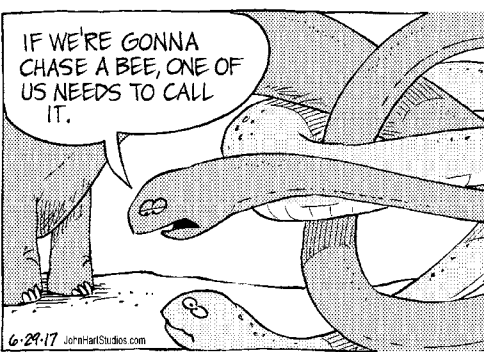
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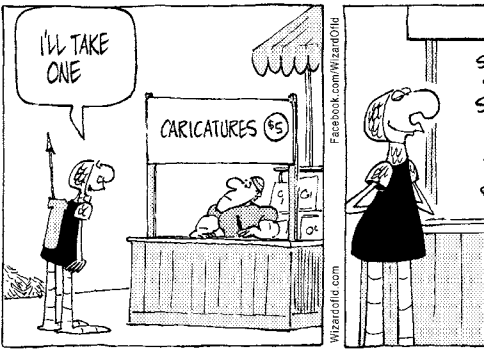


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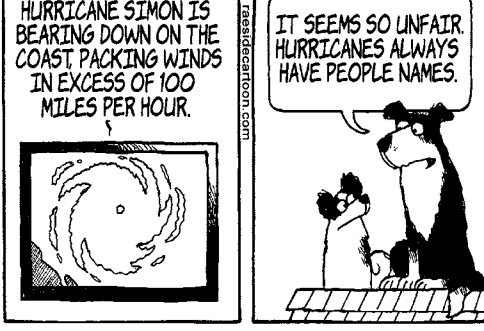
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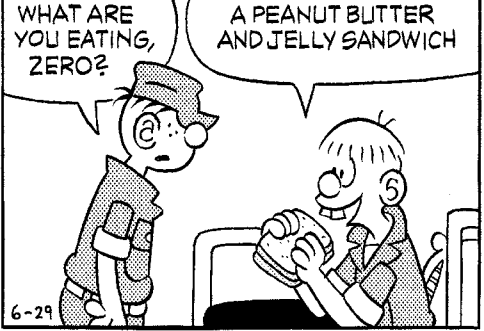
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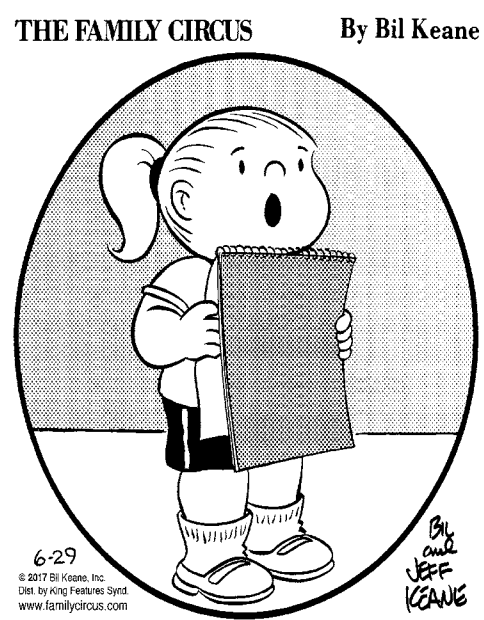
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, June 29, the 180th day of 2017. There are 185 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On June 29, 1767, Britain approved the Townshend Revenue Act, which imposed import duties on glass, paint, oil, lead, paper and tea shipped to the American colonies. (Colonists bitterly protested, prompting Parliament to repeal the duties — except for tea.)

On this date: In 1613, London's original Globe Theatre, where many of Shakespeare's plays were performed, was destroyed by a fire sparked by a cannon shot during a performance of "Henry VIII."

In 1880, France annexed Tahiti, which became a French colony on December 30, 1880.

In 1927, the first trans-Pacific airplane flight was completed as Lt. Lester J. Maitland and Lt. Albert F. Hegenberger arrived at Wheeler Field in Hawaii aboard the Bird of Paradise, an Atlantic-Pokker C-2, after flying 2,400 miles from Oakland, California, in 25 hours, 50 minutes.

In 1936, entertainer and songwriter George M. Cohan was presented with the

Congressional Gold Medal by President Franklin D. Roosevelt for his contributions to building American morale during World War I.

In 1941, Polish statesman, pianist and composer Ignacy Jan Paderewski (een-YAHS' yahn pah-dayr-EF-skee) died in New York at age 80.

In 1956, actress Marilyn Monroe married playwright Arthur Miller in a civil ceremony in White Plains, New York. (The couple also wed in a Jewish ceremony on July 1; the marriage lasted 4 1/2 years.)

In 1967, actress Jayne Mansfield, 34, was killed along with her boyfriend, Sam Brody, and their driver, Ronnie Harrison, when their car slammed into the rear of a tractor-trailer on a highway in Slidell, Louisiana; three children riding in the back, including Mansfield's 3-year-old daughter, Mariska Hargitay, survived. Jerusalem was reunified as Israel removed barricades separating the Old City from the Israeli sector.

In 1972, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a trio of death sentences, saying the way they had been imposed constituted cruel and unusual punishment. (The ruling prompted states to effectively impose a moratorium on executions until their capital punishment laws could be revised.)

In 1988, the U.S. Supreme

Court, in Morrison v. Olson, upheld the independent counsel law in a 7-1 decision (the sole dissenter was Justice Antonin Scalia).

In 1992, the remains of Polish statesman Ignacy Jan Paderewski (een-YAHS' yahn pah-dayr-EF-skee), interred for five decades in the United States, were returned to his homeland in keeping with his wish to be buried only in a free Poland.

In 1995, the space shuttle Atlantis and the Russian Mir space station linked in orbit, beginning a historic five-day voyage as a single ship. A department store in Seoul (sohl), South Korea, collapsed, killing at least 500 people. Actress Lana Turner died in Century City, California, at age 74.

In 2003, actress Katharine Hepburn died in Old Saybrook, Connecticut, at age 96.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sound shocked
 - 5 What some fleets consist of
 - 9 Stock up on
 - 14 "Summertime," e.g.
 - 15 Nobel Peace Center city
 - 16 Longtime "All My Children" star
 - 17 Trash hauler
 - 18 Bottle for tablets
 - 19 Denoting debits
 - 20 Scary Disneyland venue
 - 23 ___ first-name basis
 - 24 Slingshot shape
 - 25 No longer in the USAF
 - 26 Make zigzags, maybe
 - 28 Spirit of fulfillment
 - 30 ___ Valley, CA
 - 32 Put safely away
 - 33 Cheese partner
 - 35 Monitoring device
 - 36 Subcompact thing
 - 37 Istanbul attraction
 - 41 Get wearisome
 - 42 Simpsons beer server
 - 43 Focus of a Toronto hall of fame
 - 44 Substantial, as a sum
 - 45 Out of kilter
 - 47 1836 battleground
 - 51 Fully
 - 52 It often follows you
- DOWN**
- 1 Hulking vehicle, probably
 - 2 Esoteric
 - 3 Dakota's language family
 - 4 Shortest chess piece
 - 5 Flock of quail
 - 6 Parenthetical lines
 - 7 Comics explosion sound
 - 8 Chart displaying sunniness
 - 9 Celebrity group
 - 10 Bond category, informally
 - 11 Quotation puzzle
 - 12 Play opener
 - 13 Toy Story brat
 - 21 Adjust a bit
 - 22 Marcus' business partner
 - 27 Gen. Pershing's heyday
 - 29 Intimate verbally
 - 31 Not as congenial
 - 32 Of no consequence
 - 34 Mustang rival
 - 37 Vertebral column terminus
 - 38 Romance Languages ancestor
 - 39 Exec's energizer
 - 40 Capital of Tibet
 - 41 Public education advocate
 - 46 Fed head
 - 48 Horoscopic adjective
 - 49 Elephant's dental dozen
 - 50 Not ruling out
 - 52 Oscars org.
 - 54 Tester's contents
 - 57 Guitar forerunner
 - 58 Helping hand
 - 59 Fountain serving
 - 60 Funny bit

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Answer to previous puzzle

THOR	GABBY	AFRO
LURE	UNITE	CLOP
CHECKED	OUT	MESA
RISES	JEWEL	
TENTS	BLAST	
CLOAKS	DEED	HEW
ALOT	CEASE	EVA
RAKE	TALKS	ICED
AMA	VISAS	NONE
TAP	INKY	ASCOTS
OBEYS	CREEP	
BAWLS	EATEN	
USDA	JUMPED	SHIP
LIED	AFTER	EURO
BARE	BOSSY	DEEP

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PAUL

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five days after Minnesota sent three players to Chicago for All-Star Jimmy Butler to kick things off with NBA free agency opening Saturday.

The 32-year-old Paul will be playing for his third team after opting in for the last year of his contract so the Clippers could work on a deal.

Morey wanted to get this deal done early so Paul could help Harden woo free agents to Houston.

"Now that we have James and Chris I think people are going to look in free agency and say: 'Hey I can make this money there but maybe for close to the money but not quite as much I'm going to come to Houston and try to win a ring,'" he said. "So that's a big difference walking in with that kind of a situation."

Paul is a nine-time All-Star who has averaged 18.7 points, 9.9 assists, 4.4 rebounds and 2.3 steals over his 12-year career, though he has been dogged with criticism in recent years

for failing to help the Clippers get out of the second round of the playoffs. Los Angeles reached the postseason in each of Paul's six seasons with the team, but the Clippers were eliminated in the first round three times and in the Western Conference semifinals three other times.

Perhaps the most crushing playoff series loss of his tenure with the Clippers came to the Rockets in 2015. Los Angeles had a 3-1 lead in the conference semifinals before Houston won the last three games of the series to send Paul and the Clippers home early yet again.

The Clippers were eliminated in the first round the past two seasons and Paul isn't the only star who may be leaving. Blake Griffin informed the team last week that he is opting out of the last year of his contract to explore free agency. J.J. Redick also is a free agent.

In Houston, Paul joins a team that was eliminated by the San Antonio Spurs in the conference semifinals. With Harden's move to point guard last season, Paul's role will probably be a bit different than it has

been in Los Angeles.

But he will add another scoring dimension in replacing Beverley in the starting lineup. Beverley received NBA defensive first team honors last week, but averaged just 9.3 points in his five seasons with the Rockets.

Coach Mike D'Antoni knows the biggest question people have is how Harden and Paul will play together. But he isn't worried about that and said it will be a joy to have both of them on his team.

"You can sit around all day and say why it wouldn't work, but it does because they want it to work," D'Antoni said. "And I know James and Chris want it to work and that's all it takes."

Beverley is the only Houston starter involved in the deal, with Williams and Dekker playing reserve roles last season. Both Morey and D'Antoni admitted shipping Beverley off was a tough decision.

"Any trade you feel great about one thing and bad about another," D'Antoni said. "I've probably coached 160 guys in this league and (Beverley's) one of the top 5. Just his heart and soul and what he does so you hate

that. But Chris Paul is Chris Paul and I've thought for the last 10 years that he was the best point guard in the league until I coached James, obviously. So it's great to have both of them."

Williams, the 2014-15 NBA Sixth Man of the Year, was traded to the Rockets from the Los Angeles Lakers in February. He averaged 14.9 points and three rebounds in 23 games for Houston.

Dekker, the 18th pick in the 2015 draft, missed all but three games as a rookie because of back surgery. The small forward was healthy this season and appeared in 77 games and averaged 6.3 points and 3.6 rebounds. Harrell, a second-round pick in 2015 averaged 6.9 points and 2.9 rebounds in two seasons in Houston. Wiltjer spent most of his rookie season last year in the D-league after going undrafted out of Gonzaga.

Houston also acquired Ryan Kelly from Atlanta and Tim Quarterman from Portland for cash considerations and Shawn Long from Philadelphia for a future second-round pick and cash considerations.

ASTROS

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Lowrie's home run came in the seventh before another RBI single from Reddick in the bottom of the inning pushed the lead back to three.

Springer hit a leadoff homer in Houston's two-run first inning before the first home run by Davis made it 2-1 in the top of the second. The Astros added two runs in the second to extend their lead to 4-1.

Lowrie had an RBI single in the third inning before a three-run shot by Davis put Oakland up 5-4.

Healy, who hit his first career grand slam on Tuesday night, had a solo shot to start the fourth inning and Olson began the fifth with a home run to cut the lead to 9-7 and end Paulino's night.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Athletics: 1B Yonder Alonso left the game in the eighth inning after fouling a ball off his right leg. Alonso fell to the ground and writhed in pain before hobbling to the dugout. There was no immediate word on his injury. ... RHP Kendall Graveman (shoulder) and reliever Ryan Dull (knee) will

both throw bullpen sessions this weekend, Athletics manager Bob Melvin said. Both threw from flat ground on Tuesday. Both pitchers have been sidelined since a May 19 win over Boston.

Astros: Manager A.J. Hinch said they're unsure if RHP Charlie Morton (strained back muscle) will need another rehabilitation start or if he'll come off the DL to make his next start in Houston. Morton threw four scoreless innings in his second rehabilitation start for Triple-A Fresno on Tuesday night.

UP NEXT

Athletics: Rookie RHP Daniel Gossett (1-2) will start in place of RHP Jharel Cotton (blister) on Thursday in the series finale. Melvin said Cotton threw a routine bullpen session on Wednesday and is on track to make a Saturday start against Atlanta.

Astros: RHP Brad Peacock (4-1, 2.82 ERA) is scheduled to start on Thursday for Houston. Peacock, who was reinstated from the paternity list on Tuesday after the birth of his first child, allowed four hits and one run in 5 2/3 innings for the win against Oakland in his last start.

TEXAS

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added an RBI single, but Allen struck out Chirinos to end the game.

Cleveland has won five of six against Texas this season.

Rangers left fielder Nomar Mazara dropped Jason Kipnis' fly ball for a two-base error to begin Cleveland's first. Lindor's single to right put the Indians ahead.

Francona was hospitalized for the second time this month with a rapid heart rate and feeling lightheaded during Monday's game and wasn't at the ballpark Tuesday.

Pitching coach Mickey Callaway changed pitchers in the seventh inning, but Francona was in the dugout the entire game.

STILL ROLLING

Andrus was 3 for 4 and has hit in 32 of 34 career games at Progressive Field. He's batting .420 (55

for 131) in Cleveland's ballpark.

ACE RELIEVER

Miller has struck out 64 in 41 1/3 innings and has recorded three or more strikeouts in 12 appearances this season.

STILL HEARING IT

Rangers catcher Jonathan Lucroy has been booed throughout the series. Indians fans haven't forgotten that he turned down a trade that would have sent him from Milwaukee to Cleveland at last season's deadline.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: OF Carlos Gomez (sore back) was not in the lineup for the second day in a row. He struck out as a pinch-hitter in the eighth.

Indians: RHP Danny Salazar (sore shoulder) will throw a simulated game Friday at Double-A Akron.

UP NEXT

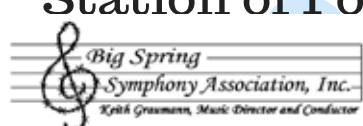
Rangers: RHP Andrew Cashner will be activated off the 10-day DL to make

his first start since June 14. He has been sidelined with a strained left oblique.

Indians: RHP Corey Kluber struck out a season-high 13 against Minnesota on June 24. His three straight double-digit strikeout games are one shy of the franchise record.

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Study finds pay for public college presidents up 5.3 percent

By COLLIN BINKLEY
Associated Press

Presidents of U.S. public colleges and universities saw their earnings climb by 5.3 percent last year, with several of them topping \$1 million, according to an annual survey.

The Chronicle of Higher Education's study of more than 150 college presidents found that their average annual pay increased in fiscal year 2016 to \$501,000.

Among the top earners were eight public university presidents whose total compensation exceeded \$1 million, up from five the year before, the study found. Most of them come from the nation's largest schools and university systems.

Topping the Chronicle's salary ranking was Arizona State University's president, Michael Crow, who received almost \$1.6 million last year.

Along with a base salary of \$838,000, he received an annual bonus of \$150,000 and a 10-year retention bonus of \$550,000 paid by the university's private foundation.

Arizona State officials noted that Crow's retention bonus was a one-time payment and that he was eligible for an additional \$900,000 that instead went to the university's Public Service Academy.

The Arizona Board of Regents, the governing body of Arizona State, called Crow "a remarkable leader of the highest caliber" and said he has boosted student success and the state's economy.

"Under President Crow's leadership, the four-year graduation rate for Arizona residents has nearly doubled since 2002 and research expenditures are on a strong

trajectory of growth, having nearly quadrupled during the same time," board vice chair Bill Ridenour said by email.

Following Crow were the chancellor of the University of Texas System, William McRaven, and the chancellor of the Texas A&M University System, John Sharp.

The survey found that two presidents received base salaries of \$1 million or more last year, a threshold that had no public university chief had previously crossed in the study's history.

McRaven's \$1.5 million pay package included a base salary of \$1.2 million, and the president of Texas A&M's College Station campus, Michael Young, was paid \$1 million that was entirely base pay. The previous highest salary was \$851,000, given by Ohio State University in 2013.

The chairman of the University of Texas System's governing board, Paul Foster, said McRaven's pay is "reasonable and justified" and comes from private donations.

"Our Chancellor is essen-



AP photo

In this Aug. 21, 2014, file photo, U.S. Navy Adm. William McRaven, the next chancellor of the University of Texas System, addresses the Texas Board of Regents, in Austin, Texas. McRaven is running into political problems in his role as chancellor of the University of Texas System. The retired Navy admiral who planned the raid that killed Osama Bin Laden faces an uncertain future as chancellor, as his three-year contract expires at the end of 2017. After multiple clashes with lawmakers, and a new makeup of the Board of Regents he works for, it remains an open question as to whether he will be back. McRaven is the second highest paid public university president in the nation making \$1.5 million.

tially the CEO of one of the largest and most complex organizations in the state of Texas and one of the largest systems of higher education in the country," Foster said in a statement. "He is well recognized as a great leader and manager, and in my opinion, earns every cent."

The Chronicle changed its methodology for total compensation in this year's survey to include nontaxable benefits such as medical insurance and legal services.

Using its previous formula, it found that pay for public university presidents increased 4.3 percent in 2015 and 7 percent in 2014.

Public university executives are typically paid less than their counterparts at private universities, whose salaries are gathered separately by The Chronicle.

According to the latest study of private colleges, which used data from 2014, almost 40 colleges paid their chiefs at least \$1 million, led

by \$5.4 million at Wilmington University in Delaware.

Colleges of all types have faced pressure to rein in spending in recent years as costs for students continue to rise, and some critics say salaries and benefits for presidents have become lavish.

Many colleges counter that they have to pay competitively to hire quality leaders and that even the highest salaries are only a small fraction of overall budgets.

Supreme Court playground ruling feeds school voucher debate

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos and other proponents of school voucher programs are praising a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that said a Lutheran church was wrongly denied a state grant for its preschool playground. But opponents say the ruling is far from an endorsement of the use of public money for religious schools.

The court, by a 7-2 vote, sided with Trinity Lutheran Church of Columbia, Missouri, which had sought a state grant to put a soft surface on its preschool playground.

"We should all celebrate the fact that programs designed to help students will no longer be discriminated against by the government based solely on religious affiliation," DeVos said after the justices ruled Monday that Missouri violated the First Amendment in denying the grant.

The Columbia, Missouri, church had sought the grant under a state program that reimburses nonprofit organizations that install playground surfaces made from recycled tires. The Department of Natural Resources rejected the application because the state constitution prohibits the use of public money "in aid of any church, sect or denomination of religion."

The church's challenge was watched by both



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In this Jan. 26, 2016 file photo, the empty playground at Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbia, Mo.

sides of the debate over whether states can let parents choose to send their children to religious schools through publicly funded programs.

Teachers unions, which oppose vouchers as diverting money from public schools, said the narrow ruling dealt a setback to voucher proponents by leaving intact the state's constitutional provision that prohibits state funding of religious actions.

American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten pointed to a footnote by Chief Justice John Roberts that said the court did not ad-

dress "religious uses of funding."

"The Supreme Court's Trinity decision cannot be read as opening the door for states to promote religion or expand vouchers," Weingarten said.

But the pro-school choice Center for Education Reform said that even without reviewing the constitutionality of Missouri's prohibition on the use of state funds at religious schools, the justices had bolstered the choice movement by condemning the denial of a public benefit to an otherwise eligible recipient solely on the basis of its religious identity.

The Orthodox Jewish group Agudath Israel of America said the ruling could provide support for the argument that it would be discriminatory to not allow publicly funded tuition vouchers to be used for schooling at a religious institution.

"That puts somewhat of an onus on the state to make sure that if we're going to have a program and we're saying that it's open to everyone, it's intended to serve all the kids in our state, then it should be a program ... that includes kids that go to private and religious schools," said the group's Washington director, Rabbi Abba Cohen.

Richard Katskee, the legal director at the organization Americans United for Separation of Church and State, said that while the ruling does not strike down existing constitutional provisions against governments funding religion, "it probably will encourage more legal challenges over those provisions."

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