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## DPS commercial vehicle roadcheck inspections top 8,000

**Special to the Herald**

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) inspected 8,182 commercial motor vehicles as part of Roadcheck 2017, a national inspection initiative held annually aimed at enhancing commercial motor vehicle safety.

The three-day inspection effort took place from June 6 - June 8, and included DPS Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Troopers, specially trained Highway Patrol Troopers and civilian inspectors.

Approximately 23.6 percent (1,938) of the 18-wheelers, buses and other commercial vehicles inspected were placed out of service for a variety of safety violations until appropriate repairs could be made. Issues with brakes and defective vehicle lighting were among the most common infractions that led to out-of-service violations.

Additionally, drivers were checked for compliance with state and federal laws, and 225 drivers were placed out of service. Among the violations were failing to have the proper type of driver license for the vehicle being driven, improper logging of duty time, and driving over the maximum number of hours.

In all, DPS issued 1,994 citations and 22,346 warnings.

Sponsored by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, Roadcheck is designed to help reduce commercial vehicle highway fatalities through increased vehicle and driver safety, education and law enforcement activities throughout North America.

## Racing toward the finish



**Hudson Wegner, 7, prepares to mount up for the bicycle leg of the 2017 Kids' Triathlon Saturday. The annual Triathlon and Super Sprint races were dedicated by Permian Basin Events to the memory of long-time volunteer and supporter Jim Clements.**

## Volunteer Jim Clements honored by triathlon memorial

**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

About 40 racers turned out bright and early on Saturday morning for 2017's Big Spring Kids' Triathlon and adult Super Sprint, organized by Permian Basin Events, and to honor a long-time race volunteer and supporter, Jim Clements.

"We are doing the Big Spring Kids' Triathlon. We have kids from 6 all the way up to 17. Then we have an adult Super Sprint right after that," said Cherise Felty of Permian Basin Events. "They swim in the Lazy River; the jets are turned off. They come out and get on their bikes and ride one, two, or three loops



**Adlae Calvio, 8, left, is pursued by another competitor as he runs out of the water, headed for the bikes after completing his swimming lap in the 2017 Kids' Triathlon Saturday. Calvio placed 5th overall, and third among boys, in the event's five- to 10-year-old age category.**

one, two, or three laps, depending on their age and what category they fit."

Participants hailed from all around the state, Felty said.

"We have people from all around," she said. "We have people from the DFW area, San Angelo, Abilene, Houston...all different areas have come in for this."

During the opening instructions made by Craig Felty, he dedicated the race to the memory of Jim Clements.

"The dedication was for Jim Clements who passed away in February. He was one of our biggest sponsors and volunteers," explained Cherise Felty. "So we

## Average gas prices rise by one cent in Texas

**Special to the Herald**

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 1 cent per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.04/g yesterday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas. This compares with the national average that has increased 3.4 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.25/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 1.8 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 10.8 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 7.9 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 2.7 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

According to GasBuddy historical data, gasoline prices on July 10 in Texas have ranged widely over the last five years:

- \$2.06/g in 2016, \$2.57/g in 2015, \$3.47/g in 2014, \$3.35/g in 2013 and \$3.20/g in 2012.

Areas near Texas and their current gas price climate:

- Midland Odessa- \$2.10/g, down 1.5 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.12/g.
- San Antonio- \$1.94/g, down 0.9 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.95/g.
- Austin- 2.01/g, down 1 cent per gallon from last week's \$2.02/g.

"With July 4 now

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## Trump presses Congress on health care bill: Get it done

**By HOPE YEN**  
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump pressed Congress on Monday to get health care done before leaving for its long August recess, even as Republican senators say the GOP effort so far to re-

peal and replace the nation's health law is probably dead.

On Monday, as senators were returning to Washington after the July Fourth recess, the president tweeted, "I cannot imagine that Congress would dare to leave Washington without a beautiful new HealthCare bill fully approved and ready to go!"

But prospects for the Republican effort in the Senate have been fading, and Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has been scrambling to salvage the faltering legislation. Support for the initial measure eroded during the week-long July 4 break as many senators heard from constituents angry about the GOP bill and the prospect of rising premiums.

"We don't know what the plan is," said Sen. Bill Cassidy, R-La., on Sunday. "Clearly, the draft plan is dead. Is the serious rewrite plan dead? I don't know."

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said it may now

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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JEREMY DOUGLAS WHITCOMB**, 22, of 2524 Gunter was arrested on a warrant for three counts of failure to maintain financial responsibility, three counts of expired motor vehicle registration, two counts of defective tail lamps, operating a motor vehicle without license plates, failure to appear, and on a warrant from another agency.
- **PAUL WESLEY CHAPMAN**, 47, of 3222 Duke Avenue, was arrested on warrants for two counts of assault by family vio-

lence, threat, or offensive touch and assault that causes bodily injury.

- **TRACEY DAWN JUAREZ**, 26, of 511 NW 8th, was arrested on a warrant of driving while license invalid.
- **OLIN MITCHELL HAYNES**, 44, of 2911 W HWY 80 135, was arrested on a charge of assault by contact.
- **DANIEL WAYNE MCKNIGHT**, 40, of 901 W 3rd Street, was arrested on a warrant for two counts of failure to appear, driving while license invalid, and expired registration.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 79 inmates at the time of this report.

- **KYLE LEE BROWNFIELD**, 27, was booked by the DPS on warrants for possession of marijuana and bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **CRYSTAL CASTRO**, 24, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for two counts of bail jumping and failure to appear and on a charge of failure to identify fugitive.
- **PAUL WESLEY CHAPMAN**, 47, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for two counts of assault involving family violence and assault that causes bodily injury.
- **CAROL ANN CHAVEZ**, 40, was booked by the BSPD on charges of unauthorized use of a vehicle, resisting arrest, and possession of a controlled substance between 3 and 28 grams.
- **MACIE KAY DANIELS**, 18, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of forgery.
- **ADRIANA MARIE HARRISON**, 28, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for two counts of no driver's license, failure to appear, and defective tail lamp.
- **LAWRENCE EUGENE HARRISON**, 40, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.

## Take Note

• "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.

• 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.

• **JOE ERNEST VALENCIA**, 34, of 1808 E 15th Street, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 900 block of Willia Street.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 900 block of W 3rd Street and near the intersection of 13th and Benton.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of 11th and Lancaster and the intersection of 3rd and Owens.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2700 block of North Birdwell Lane.

was booked by the BSPD on warrants for driving while license invalid, expired or no license plate, and violating promise to appear.

• **CODY OLIVER**, 24, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for theft less than \$100.

• **JUANITA MARIA RODRIGUEZ**, 29, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for burglary of a habitation, expired registration, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• **BROOKE DEANN TODD**, 24, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for failure to appear and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• **JEREMY DOUGLAS WHITCOMB**, 22, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for three counts of failure to maintain financial responsibility, three counts of expired registration, two counts of defective or no tail lamps, operating a motor vehicle without a license, violating promise to appear, and speeding.

• **JOE ERNEST VALENCIA JR.**, 34, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license suspended with a previous conviction.

• **SHANNA YOUNG**, 39, was booked by the DPS on charges of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces and possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 400 grams.

## Support Groups

### 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.

## Obituaries

### Mary Lee Newsom

Mary Lee Newsom, 82, of Big Spring died Saturday, July 8, 2017. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

### Josephine Saiz

Josephine Saiz, 75, of Big Spring died Monday, July 10, 2017, at her home. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 6100 block of Ratliff Road. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 000 block of Chapman Road. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported near the intersection of FM 2599 and Wilkerson Road. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of West 3rd. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of East 14th.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2400 block of Monticello. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported near the intersection of 20th and Goliad. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of East I-20. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Drexel. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4200 block of West Highway 80. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of San Antonio. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Duke. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Virgin Street. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3100 block of Webb Lane.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of 4th. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lark.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of South Bell.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of Driver Road. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of East 15th. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 100 block of Hoosier.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 8700 block of east Highway 350. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **HAZARDOUS CONDITION** was reported in the 1000 block of East 20th.

• **ARCING, SHORTED ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT** was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell.

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# RACE

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are making this the Jim Clements Memorial Run. We will also donate to the James Clements Memorial Fund; a portion of the proceeds will go to that fund. His wife Leslie was not able to be here today, but she knows about it and she's very excited. She said Jim would be very honored. It's a scholarship fund for the students at (Texas) A&M."

The results of the races were as follows:

In the five- to 10-year-old Kids' Triathlon category, Elsa Reel, 9, took first place; followed by Kale Cooper, 8; and Calla Cooper, 6. Following Kale, Milo Sellers, 9, fourth overall, was the second-place boy; while Adlae Calvio, 8, fifth overall, was the third place boy. Following Elsa and Calla, Clair Wegner, 8, eighth place overall, was the third-place girl.

In the 11- to 15-year-old category, Heather Welsch, 15, took top honors; followed by Owen Stotts, 13; and Taelyn Fulgham, 12. Following Owen,

Oliver Stotts, 11, was the second-place boy. There were only four competitors in the category.

In the adult Super Sprint, the top spot was claimed by Bobby Zeller, first, with a time of 36:14.03. Second went to Cade Michael, with 39:45.29; and third to Gerardo Ramirez, with 42:00.72.

The top finishers among female competitors were Kaytlynn Welsch, sixth overall, with 46:25.90; Sara Trevino, 12th overall, with 50:19.76; and Kristi Herrera, 14th overall, with 53:09.41.

Donations to the Jim Clements Aggie Scholarship Fund may be mailed to the Association of Former Students, 505 George Bush Dr., College Station, Texas, 77840. Indicate "In memory of James Ray Clements" with the donation.

For more information about Permian Basin Events and the races they host, visit [www.permianbasinevents.com](http://www.permianbasinevents.com).

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Taelyn Fulgham, 12, pedals out on the bicycle leg of the 2017 Kids' Triathlon Saturday in Comanche Trail Park. Fulgham placed third in the 11- to 15-year-old age category in the event.

# BILL

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be time for Republicans to come up with a new proposal with support from Democrats.

"I think my view is it's probably going to be dead," McCain said of the GOP bill. If Democrats are included, he said, it doesn't mean "they control it. It means they can have amendments considered. And even when they lose, then they're part of the process. That's what democracy is supposed to be all about."

Signaling his pessimism as well, Sen. Chuck Grassley wrote on Twitter late Saturday that Republicans will lose their Senate majority if they don't pass health care legislation. The Iowa Republican said the party should be "ashamed" that it hasn't been able to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare.

"WE WON'T BE ASHAMED WE WILL GO FROM MAJORITY TO MINORITY," he tweeted.

The White House, anxious for a legislative victory on health care, insisted that it fully expects a GOP repeal and replace bill to pass in the coming weeks that will fulfill Trump's pledge to end Obamacare. Democrats have ruled out negotiating with Republicans unless they work to fix the law, not repeal it.

"Whether it'd be before August recess or during August recess, the president expects the Senate to fulfill the promises it made to the American people," said White House chief of staff Reince Priebus.

Trump used Twitter Sunday afternoon to urge Republicans to follow through on their pledge to get rid of the health care law pushed by his predecessor.

"For years, even as a 'civilian,' I listened as Republicans pushed the Repeal and Replace of ObamaCare. Now they finally have their chance!," Trump said in a tweet.

At least 10 GOP senators have expressed opposition to the initial bill drafted by McConnell. Republicans hold a 52-48 majority and Democrats stand united against the bill, meaning that just three GOP defections will doom it.

McConnell last week said he would introduce a fresh bill in about a week scuttling

and replacing much of former President Barack Obama's health care law. But McConnell also acknowledged that if the broader effort fails, he may turn to a smaller bill with quick help for insurers and consumers and negotiate with Democrats.

Cassidy, an uncommitted senator who encountered upset voters this month at a Baton Rouge town hall, rated the chances of Republicans passing broader legislation in the next three weeks at "50-50." He cited questions about the impact on coverage and cost in a revised conservative plan being circulated by Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas.

Cruz's plan, which aims to lower premiums for healthy people, has drawn support from the White House and some conservatives in the House, which would have to approve any modified bill passed by the Senate. But his proposal has limited appeal to Republican moderates such as Grassley, who told Iowa Public Radio that it may be "subterfuge to get around pre-existing conditions."

Cruz on Sunday sought to dismiss Grassley's criticism as a "hoax" being pushed by Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer, insisting that people will be able to get the coverage they need at an affordable price. Cruz cast his plan as a compromise to unify the party on a GOP health bill.

"When it comes to repealing Obamacare, what I think is critical is that Republicans, we've got to honor the promise we made to the voters that millions of Americans are hurting under Obamacare," Cruz said.

The growing skepticism among Senate Republicans spurred Trump earlier this month to suggest repealing the Obama-era law right away and then replacing it later, an approach that GOP leaders and the president himself considered but dismissed months ago as impractical and politically unwise.

Cassidy cautioned that if senators are unable to reach agreement by the end of July then a "repeal-only" bill would be a non-starter.

Cassidy and Priebus appeared on "Fox News Sunday"; Cruz spoke on ABC's "This Week" and CBS' "Face the Nation"; McCain was on CBS.

# GAS

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in the rear-view mirror, gasoline prices in many states have advanced following the uptick in oil prices in late June," said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy.com.

Call it the summer

blues at the pump—prices may fluctuate mildly in the weeks ahead, but we'll be bouncing near the summer low price for some time—don't expect much improvement in prices from the rest of the summer. In fact to counter that, if we see the Atlantic

become more active hurricane wise, we could see more price support in both oil and gasoline prices, so keep that in mind." For LIVE fuel price averages, visit <http://FuelInsights.com>.

# Iraqi troops fight to clear IS from last patch of Mosul

By SUSANNAH GEORGE

Associated Press

MOSUL, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi forces were still battling Islamic State militants in a small area of Mosul on Monday, a day after the prime minister visited to congratulate the troops on retaking nearly all of Iraq's second largest city.

Brig. Gen. Haider Fadhil of the Iraqi special forces said that even after the militants are defeated in the last pocket under their control, Iraqi forces will need to carry out clearing operations to root out sleeper cells and defuse booby traps.

Iraqi commanders believe hundreds of IS fighters remain inside the group's last enclave and are using their families — including women and children — as human shields in a fight to the death. Humvees could be seen racing out of the Old City on Monday, ferrying wounded soldiers to field hospitals.

"There's no accurate estimate for the Daesh fighters and the families who are stuck there," said Lt. Gen. Abdul-Ghani al-Asadi, a senior special forces commander, using the Arabic acronym for IS.

He said most civilians left in the Old City are believed to be IS family members. "But we will not accuse

them of anything," he said. "if they don't carry weapons they are civilians."

The battle for Mosul has killed thousands and displaced more than 897,000 people, and the United Nations said Monday there was no end in sight to the humanitarian crisis in Iraq despite the recent gains in Mosul.

It said thousands of Mosul residents will likely remain displaced from the city after the fight is concluded because of "extensive damage caused during the conflict."

Airstrikes, artillery and militant bombings have destroyed thousands of buildings as well as key infrastructure in Mosul. Iraq's Interior Ministry says more than half of all buildings in western Mosul, where the fighting was heaviest, were damaged or destroyed.

Mosul, Iraq's second-largest

city, blitzed across much of northwestern Iraq and subsequently declared a caliphate in the territory under its control in Iraq and Syria.

Iraqi forces launched the operation to retake Mosul last October and by late January, the eastern half of the city was declared liberated. The push into western Mosul began the following month. In June, Iraqi forces started the weeks long push through the Old City, Mosul's most congested district.

On Sunday, Iraqi soldiers celebrated recent gains, though Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi stopped short of declaring an outright victory.

On his visit to Mosul, al-Abadi met field commanders, kissed babies and toured a reopened market. But airstrikes and sniper fire continued amid the revelry.

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## Homeless man's body found in North Texas retention pond

DENTON, Texas (AP) — Divers have located the body of a homeless man in a North Texas retention pond after he allegedly was swept away from a drainage area during heavy rain.

Authorities believe the victim, whose body was recovered early Monday, had been living in a drainage tunnel in Denton.

Denton Fire Department spokesman Kenneth Hedges says witnesses reported the man was swept into the retention pond Sunday night by fast-moving water. The name of the man wasn't immediately released.

Retention ponds are used to store excess rainwater.

## 3rd man charged in abduction of North Texas girl found slain

DALLAS (AP) — Investigators say a third man has been charged in the abduction of a 13-year-old North Texas girl found dead in an abandoned Dallas house with another slain person.

Dallas County jail records show 21-year-old Desmond Jones was being held Monday on an aggravated kidnapping charge, with bond at \$100,000. Officials say the drug-related case involves the June 28 abduction of Shavon Randle from nearby Lancaster.

The girl and Michael Titus were discovered shot to death July 1. A medical examiner ruled both deaths were homicides.

Jones initially was charged with failure to report a felony. An arrest affidavit says Jones was present when the girl was abducted.

Two other men remain jailed on aggravated kidnapping charges.

An attorney to speak for Jones didn't immediately return a message Monday.

## Police: Infant is passenger in Texas chase after robbery

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Police in North Texas say a driver who led officers on a chase after a robbery brought along an unexpected passenger: his infant child.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports that 19-year-old Quardrion Atkins and two other teenagers were arrested Saturday.

Police in Arlington say the three are accused of robbing an apartment Friday night and a home on Saturday, after which they led police on a short chase in an SUV. Authorities say Atkins' child was in the vehicle.

Police say each of the three suspects will face two counts of aggravated robbery.

Arlington police spokeswoman Vanessa Harrison says Atkins will also be charged with endangering a child. The Arlington jail confirmed Atkins was in custody Sunday but said no defense attorney was listed in his records.

## Dallas says councilman owes thousands for missed meetings

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas city officials are asking one council member to pay back more than \$8,100 of his salary because he allegedly missed too many meetings during the past year.

The Dallas Morning News reports council member Philip Kingston is accused of having 11 unexcused absences out of 81 scheduled meetings.

A City Charter provision says if a council member misses more than 10 percent of the total "regular meetings" in a compensation year, their pay is to be docked by the same percentage of meetings they missed. Kingston's annual salary is \$60,000.

Kingston is disputing the missed absences and says he's not returning any of his salary. He calls the city's claims "a witch-hunt."

Dallas Chief Financial Officer Elizabeth Reich says she will "reexamine the issue" at Kingston's request.

## Texas reports 10 water-related deaths during 4th of July

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas officials say 10 people died in water-related incidents across the state during the extended Fourth of July weekend.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department says three of the deaths involved boating-related incidents, including a couple whose bodies were found in Lake Livingston in East Texas.

Game wardens also responded to seven non-boating related drownings on Texas public waters.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department says game wardens made 55 arrests of individuals accused of operating a boat while intoxicated along with 9 arrests for driving while intoxicated.

During the long holiday weekend, Texas game wardens conducted enhanced boating safety and compliance checks on 17,845 vessels carrying 60,673 boaters.

# Texas border city considers helping US jail immigrants



In this Saturday, June 24, 2017 photo, Erendira Fraire, right, rushes over to greet her mother, Esperanza Mata Lara whom she had not seen in 21 years during a brief meeting in the Rio Grande riverbed as part of the "Hugs Not Walls" family reunification event on the U.S.-Mexico border. Fraire traveled from Chicago while her mother traveled from Gomez Palacio, Durango, Mexico for the four-minute encounter.

By **NOMAAN  
MERCHANT**

Associated Press

El Paso, Texas, is caught in an immigration conundrum.

The summer heat has reduced the river separating El Paso from Juarez, Mexico, to a dry, brown plain, allowing hundreds of people to run across the riverbed recently to embrace their relatives and take pictures. The four-minute visits were approved by border authorities on both sides, as part of an event called "Hugs Not Walls."

Meanwhile, each night El Paso's jail — under contract with the federal government — takes in hundreds of immigrants awaiting deportation.

"It sends mixed messages," said El Paso County Commissioner Vincent Perez, who wants to end the county's detention contract with the U.S. Marshals Service. "Our local jails can be used to enforce federal immigration law if they're brought in by Border Patrol and ICE," referring to Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The Trump administration's immigration crackdown and a new Texas effort to aid federal agents have forced El Paso to grapple with whether its county jail is being used to facilitate policies its residents vigorously oppose. Most El Paso residents trace their heritage to Mexico, and many U.S. citizens born and raised in Texas' largest border city have family on the other side of the Rio Grande. El Paso's leaders say they

have great sympathy for immigrants living in the U.S., legally or not, and yet the city plays an important role in the enforcement of immigration laws.

The U.S. Marshals typically use El Paso's jail space to hold inmates awaiting federal court hearings in El Paso, most of them from the surrounding region, as part of a longstanding agreement with the county. Top local officials and some advocates say detaining immigrants in El Paso is more humane than pulling out of the contract. They argue those who are held locally have better access to lawyers and their families instead of pushing them to distant county jails or private detention facilities. Two facilities that might take inmates in El Paso's place are more than 80 miles away, making them nearly inaccessible to families without a car or a driver with a license.

"We are fighting for ending immigrant detention, but this proposal doesn't accomplish that," said Fernando Garcia, executive director of the Border Network for Human Rights, the El Paso-based nonprofit group that organized the "Hugs Not Walls" event.

"If they cancel the contract, what is going to happen with those immigrants in El Paso County?" Garcia said. "They're going to take them somewhere else."

El Paso is also among the cities and civil rights groups that are suing the state over its new law targeting so-called sanctuary cities.

The law requires police officers to ask about a person's immigration status during routine stops. Police chiefs and sheriffs who don't cooperate with federal requests to hold criminal suspects without legal status for possible deportation could be charged with a crime.

Federal judges in San Antonio and Austin heard arguments in the case in June. Those suing the state are seeking to stop the law before it would go into effect in September. The state is backed by the Trump administration, which sent a lawyer to argue in support of the law at one hearing.

The law was especially unpopular in El Paso, nearly 600 miles west of the state Capitol. El Paso's population is more than 80 percent Latino. But of the cities and

counties suing Texas, El Paso takes by far the most federal inmates on contract in its county jail — typically around 700 people on a given day.

That fills one-third of El Paso County's available jail space and supports hundreds of jobs at the sheriff's office. According to figures provided by Perez, the contract brought in \$21 million in revenue during the last fiscal year. It's next up for renewal for an additional three years in 2018.

Based on his study of the inmates' cases, Perez estimates that about 90 percent were arrested by the U.S. Border Patrol and ICE. Around 70 percent are charged with crimes related to re-entering the U.S. illegally after a previous

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# Wildfires in western US endanger lives, property

By The Associated Press

U.S. and Canada have fled their homes as wildfires barreled across the baking landscape, destroying property.

Here's a look at the wildfires tearing through the West.

## CALIFORNIA

Two major wildfires in California have forced nearly 8,000 people out of their homes.

About 4,000 people evacuated and another 7,400 were told to prepare to leave their homes as fire swept through grassy foothills in the Sierra Nevada, about 60 miles north of Sacramento, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection said Sunday.

The fire has burned nearly 4 square miles (11 sq. kilometers), injured four firefighters and destroyed at least 10 structures, but that number is expected to rise, fire spokeswoman Mary Ann Aldrich said.

The area burning was southeast of Oroville, where spillways in the nation's tallest dam began crumbling from heavy rains this winter and led to temporary evacuation orders for 200,000 residents downstream.

"It leaves you feeling like you can't catch a break," said Sharon Reitan, who sought shelter at an evacuation center with her boyfriend Sunday night.

They were in Oroville on Friday afternoon when the fire broke out and roads to their hillside home were blocked. They later saw photographs of their home burned to the ground.

"The road that we live on was hit hard," Reitan said. "We're in shut down mode right now, it's so devastating."

The fire was 20 percent con-

tained. It was one of 14 wildfires across California that about 5,000 firefighters battled Sunday.

In Southern California, at least 3,500 people evacuated as two fires exploded in size at separate ends of Santa Barbara County and a third one threatened homes near a town in San Luis Obispo County.

One of the fires grew to 12 square miles (31 square kilometers), traversing a mountain range and heading south toward coastal Goleta.

There was minimal containment, and flames shut down State Route 154, which is expected to remain closed for days. At least 20 structures burned, but officials didn't say if they were homes.

The fire broke out near a campsite and sent hundreds of campers scrambling, including about 90 children and 50 staff members at the Circle V Ranch who had to take shelter until they could be safely evacuated.

Amayah Madere told KCBS-TV she was in the pool when a counselor told the children to get out and change in a hurry. She said they waited in a dining hall while firefighters fought the fire and the counselors sprayed down the area with water.

"I prayed that if I didn't die I would go to church, and right when I prayed the firefighters came," Madere said.

Crews were also using an air attack against another blaze about 50 miles north that exploded in size to 37.5 square miles (97 square kilometers). About 200 rural homes east of Santa Maria were evacuated after the fire broke out Saturday and was fed by dry gusts.

Some of the firefighters working to contain that blaze



AP photo

A firefighter sprays water as flames from a wildfire consume a residence near Oroville, Calif., on Sunday, July 9, 2017. Evening winds drove the fire through several neighborhoods leveling homes in its path.

were sent to nearby San Luis Obispo County when a fire broke out Sunday and threatened numerous structures near the town of Santa Margarita. Officials said the fire burned 340 acres.

## ELSEWHERE IN THE WEST

Firefighters have been able to build containment lines around about half the wildfire that forced the evacuation of hundreds of people near Breckenridge, Colorado. The fire has not spread since it broke out Wednesday and was still less than a square mile (about one-third square kilometer) Sunday.

In rural Arizona, fire officials say three homes were among 10 buildings that were burned. The wildfire

there has led to the evacuation of the entire town of Dudleyville, about 100 miles (160 kilometers) southeast of Phoenix.

A wildfire burning in near Summer Lake in south-central Oregon has destroyed a hunting cabin and an outbuilding.

In Nevada, fire officials have ordered evacuations for a wildfire that is near the same area where another blaze has already burned for days.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

Firefighters were contending with more than 200 wildfires burning in British Columbia that had destroyed dozens of buildings, including several homes and two airport hangars. The three

biggest fires, which have grown in size to range from 9 to 19 square miles (23 to 49 square kilometers), had forced thousands of people to flee.

"We are just, in many ways, at the beginning of the worst part of the fire season and we watch the weather, we watch the wind, and we pray for rain," outgoing Premier Christy Clark told reporters in Kamloops.

Rob Schweizer, manager of the Kamloops Fire Centre, said it had been an unprecedented 24 hours.

"We probably haven't seen this sort of activity that involves so many residences and people in the history of the province of B.C.," he said.

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deportation or similar immigration-related offenses, he said, as distinguished from someone facing a deportation order.

But so far, Perez is alone on the county commission. His motion at a June 12 meeting of the commissioners' court to end the contract did not get a second commissioner's support and failed without a vote.

Wiles, one of the officials named in the lawsuit against the state, said that in addition to keeping the inmates near advocates and their families, the contract also supports jobs in the sheriff's office that would otherwise go to private companies "where profit is the bottom line."

"We're facilitating the criminal justice process in the best possible way, under the circumstances that we have," Wiles said.

He argued the contract with the marshals is a separate issue from the Texas anti-sanctuary law, which he said places an unfair burden on his office and gives sheriff's deputies authority that should belong to federal immigration agents.

"Even though I'm not going to stand in the way of federal agents doing their job, I don't want to do their job," Wiles said.

El Paso County Judge Veronica Escobar, the county's top administrative official, attended a previous "Hugs Not Walls" event and continues to study the jail contract. Escobar is an outspoken critic of state and federal immigration priorities, and called current system immigration laws "terrible."

But Escobar said El Paso still needs to work with other law enforcement agencies when appropriate.

"This is a very different question about a population that will be housed somewhere," she said. "Until we change the laws and get to the root cause, this is a reality. We can either make it worse, or not."

## Bad behavior is trending online, inspiring it in real life

By SANDY COHEN

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) —

Young children know that name-calling is wrong. Tweens are taught the perils of online bullying and revenge porn: It's unacceptable and potentially illegal. But celebrities who engage in flagrant attacks on social media are rewarded with worldwide attention. President Donald Trump's most popular tweet to date is a video that shows him fake-pummeling a personification of CNN. Reality TV star Rob Kardashian was trending last week after attacking his former fiancée on Instagram in a flurry of posts so explicit his account was shut down. He continued the attacks on Twitter, where he has more than 7.6 million followers.

While public interest in bad behavior is nothing new, social media has created a vast new venue for incivility to be expressed, witnessed and shared. And experts say it's affecting social interactions in real life. "Over time, the attitudes and behaviors that we are concerned with right now in social media will bleed out into the physical world," said Karen North, a psychologist and director of the University of Southern California's Digital Social Media Program. "We're supposed to learn to be polite and civil in society.

But what we have right now is a situation where a number of role models are acting the opposite of that ... And by watching it, we vicariously feel it, and our own attitudes and behaviors change as a result." Catherine Steiner-Adair, a psychologist and author of "The Big Disconnect: Protecting Childhood and Family Relationships in the Digital Age," said she's already seeing the effects.

She said she's been confronted by students across the country asking why celebrities and political leaders are allowed to engage in name-calling and other activities for which they would be punished.

On some middle-school campuses, "Trumping" means to grab a girl's rear end, she said. And teenagers have killed themselves over the kind of slut-shaming and exposure of private images Kardashian leveled at Blac Chyna, with whom he has an infant daughter.

"We are normalizing behaviors, and it's affecting some kids," Steiner-Adair said. "And what's affecting kids that is profound is their mistrust of grown-ups who are behaving so badly. Why aren't they stopping this?"

Social media

fies a human need for connection. Users bond over common interests and establish digital relationships with their favorite public figures, following and commenting on their lives just like they do their friends'.

Gossip is a bonding activity, and it doesn't take a Real Housewife to know people love to share dirt about others' perceived misdeeds. Collective disapproval creates a feeling of community, regardless of which side you're on. Having a common enemy is "one of the strongest bonding factors in human nature," North said.

With 352,000 retweets, Trump's CNN-pummeling post isn't in the realm of Ellen DeGeneres' Oscar selfie (3.4 million retweets). And Kardashian's rant against Chyna paled in popularity with Beyonce's Instagram pregnancy announcement, which collected 8 million likes. Still, Trump's attack tweets have proven his most popular, according to a new study by Ohio State University Professor Jayeon "Janey" Lee.

"Attacks on the media were most effective," Lee said of her analysis of tweets posted during the

presidential campaign. "Whenever Trump criticized or mocked the media, the message was more likely to be retweeted and 'favorited.'" Trump, who has 33.4 million Twitter followers, has defended his social-media approach as "modern day presidential."

Cyber incivility, particularly when practiced by cultural leaders, can have a profound impact on human relations, North said.

Studies show that young people who witness aggressive behavior in adults model and expand on that behavior. She pointed to Stanford University psychologist Albert Bandura's famous "Bobo Doll Experiment," which found that kids who saw adults hit a doll in frustration not only hit the doll as well, but attacked it with weapons. Social media is an atmosphere devoid of the social cues that mitigate behavior in real life, she said. When violating social norms in person, there's immediate feedback from others through body language and tone of voice. No such indicators exist online, and retweets can feel like validation.

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### Correa, Altuve, Astros batter Blue Jays 19-1 for 60th win

By PAUL ATTFIELD

Associated Press

TORONTO — Carlos Correa, Jose Altuve and the Houston Astros put on quite an All-Star performance.

Correa homered twice and drove in a career-high five runs, Altuve got three hits and the Astros romped into the break, battering the Toronto Blue Jays 19-1 Sunday.

The runaway leaders in the AL West became just the fifth team in the last 40 years to reach 60 wins before the All-Star Game, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. They joined the 1998 Yankees, 2001 Mariners, 2003 Braves and this year's Los Angeles Dodgers, who got there Saturday.

At 60-29, Houston heads into the break with a 16 1/2-game lead over Texas and the Angels.

"I feel like we have a really good team," Correa said. "From 1 through 9

. we can do damage, so today we showed what we're capable of."

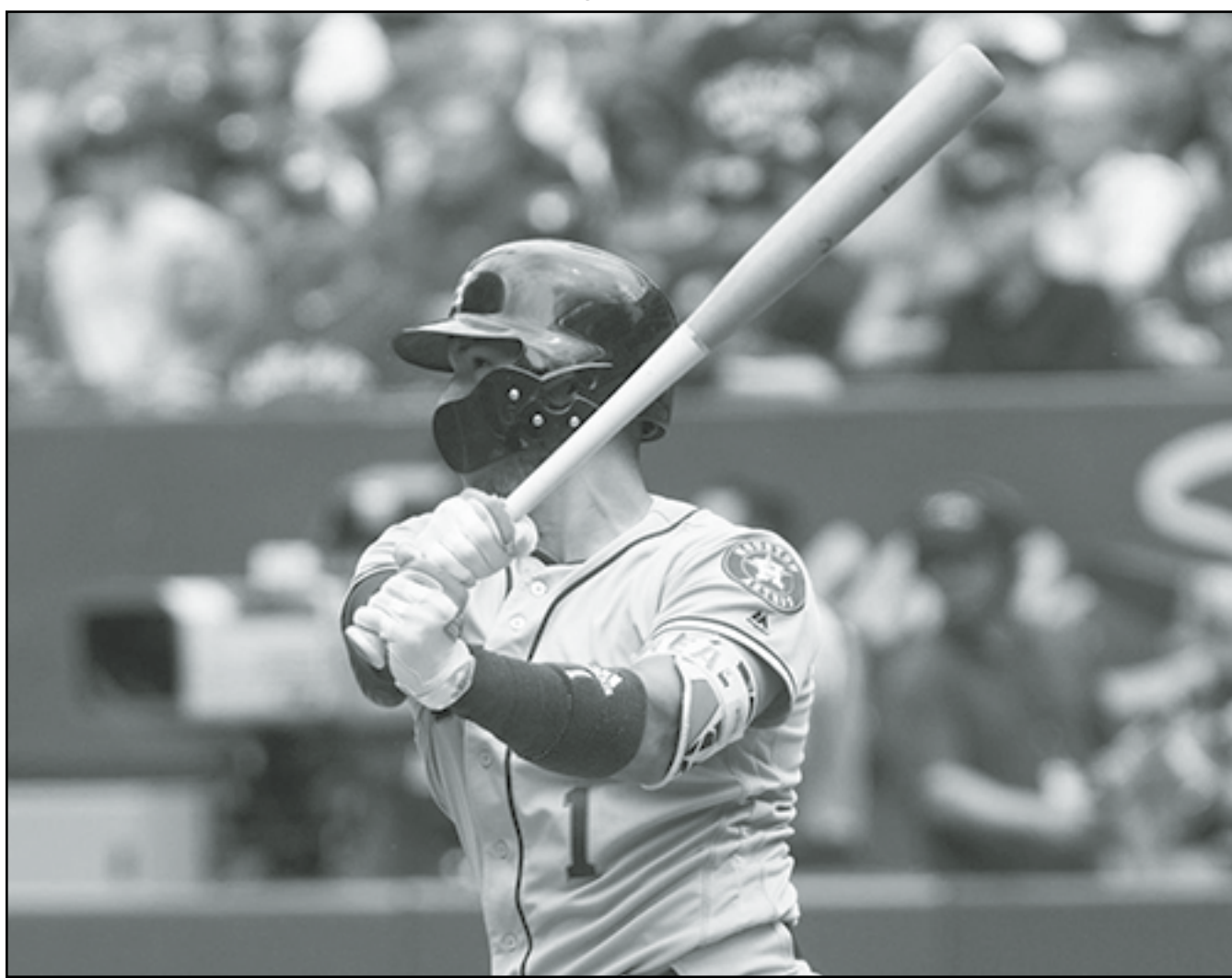
The Astros posted the most-lopsided win in team history. Even in the midst of a 14-5 run the last three weeks, manager A.J. Hinch said he felt the break comes at a good time for his club.

"It's nice to say we should keep this going, but we need as many people to rest up here in the next four days," he said.

A day after his career-high 15-game hitting streak ended, Correa had four hits. The All-Star shortstop hit the 20-home run mark with his second of the day for his fifth career multihomer game and second this season.

Altuve, a fellow All-Star, and Yuli Gurriel and Evan Gattis also homered for Houston. Altuve had three hits for the fifth consecutive game — he became the

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Houston Astros' Carlos Correa watches the flight of his home run off Toronto Blue Jays starting pitcher J.A. Happ during second-inning baseball game action in Toronto, Sunday, July 9, 2017.

AP photo

### Ramirez, Pujols lead Angels past Rangers 3-0



AP photo

Los Angeles Angels' Albert Pujols approaches home after hitting a solo home run off Texas Rangers starting pitcher Yu Darvish in the first inning of a baseball game in Arlington, Texas, Sunday, July 9, 2017.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — J.C. Ramirez provided a much-needed boost in the Texas heat on Sunday afternoon to the Los Angeles Angels' beleaguered starting rotation and struggling offensive attack.

Ramirez outpitched All-Star Yu Darvish and Albert Pujols hit his 604th career home run as Ramirez and three relievers held the Rangers to two hits in a 3-0 win.

Ramirez (8-7) allowed both hits in his six innings. Bud Norris earned his 13th save with a perfect ninth inning in only the second shutout of Texas this

season, the first since mid-April. The Angels went into the game last in the American League in total bases.

Ramirez made his 16th straight start since mid-April after his previous 108 career appearances in the major leagues were in relief. The 28-year-old was moved into the starting rotation after Los Angeles lost multiple starters to injury.

"We're not going to reach our goal unless these guys go out and give us an opportunity to win like J.C. did this afternoon," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said.

Ramirez credited a switch to a four-seam fastball from a two-seamer following a recent talk with pitching coach Charles Nagy for his Sunday success.

Ramirez's plan for the All-Star break? "I'm going to Vegas for a couple of days," he said. "I need my mind to get away from baseball."

Darvish (6-8) gave up two runs while pitching 7 1/3 innings. He allowed three hits, fanning six and walking four in a start that cost him a potential appearance in Tuesday night's

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### Venus Williams wins, Kerber loses at Wimbledon



AP photo

Venus Williams of the United States returns to Croatia's Ana Konjuh during their Women's Singles Match on day seven at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London Monday, July 10, 2017.

By CHRIS LEHOURITES

AP Sports Writer

LONDON — Five-time Wimbledon champion Venus Williams won and top-ranked Angelique Kerber lost.

Williams, who last won the title at the All England Club in 2008, advanced to the Wimbledon quarterfinals by beating 19-year-old Ana Konjuh 6-3, 6-2 on Monday.

Williams is playing at the grass-court major for the 20th time in her career, with her Wimbledon debut coming a few months before Konjuh was born.

Kerber, who reached the Wimbledon final last year but lost to Serena Williams, was beaten by Garbine Murguza on No. 2 Court, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

With the loss by Kerber, either Simona Halep or Karolina Pliskova will take over as the top-ranked player after the tournament.

Williams will next face French Open champion Jelena Ostapenko in the quarterfinals. The 20-year-old Latvian, who won her first-year-level title at Roland Garros last month, beat fourth-seeded Elina Svitolina 6-3, 7-6 (6) on Court 12.

Ostapenko led 5-3 in the second set, but was broken and forced into a tie-

breaker. She finally won by converting her eighth match point.

Ostapenko had never before been past the third round at a major tournament prior to this year's French Open. She was the first woman to win her debut tour-level title at a Grand Slam tournament since 1979.

At Wimbledon, the Latvian is into the quarterfinals for the first time. However, the 20-year-old Latvian won the girls' title at the All England Club in 2014.

Two-time Grand Slam champion Svetlana Kuznetsova and Magdalena Rybarikova also advanced to the quarterfinals.

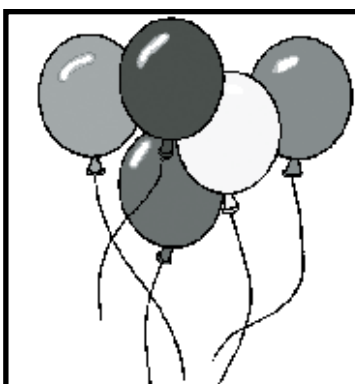
The second Monday at Wimbledon is, arguably, the busiest day in tennis. All 16 fourth-round matches at the All England Club are played on the same day, a schedule that will produce all eight male and all eight female quarterfinalists.

Andy Murray was on Centre Court against Benoit Paire, and Roger Federer will follow.

On No. 1 Court, Johanna Konta was up first, followed by Rafael Nadal. Novak Djokovic is third.

Kuznetsova was the first to finish

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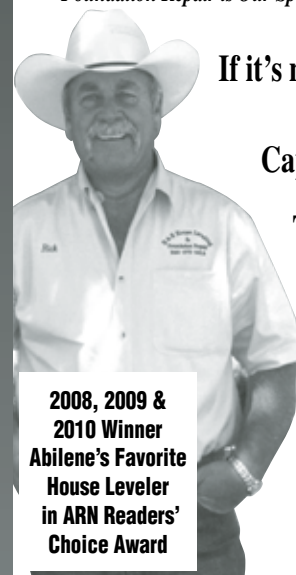
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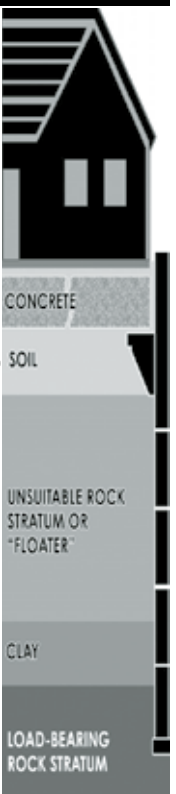
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Solar Opposition Announcement

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). The dilemma will be whether it is more worthwhile to be a well-rounded person or to focus in on what you do best and do it to the hilt.

fill in whatever you're missing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's a fixed number of things you can ask before the other person gets tired of answering.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The way it is today is the way it usually is. You'll give before you get.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). To succeed at the aim, it helps to be in love with the goal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are great with details, keeping people on track and understanding what needs to be done.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you thought about how hard it was going to be before you embarked, you wouldn't have embarked.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your soul will speak to you through your curiosity about a subject.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're not sure what to do. There's no objectively right answer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The animal nature is not to be tamed so much as respected.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Even for the very astute, appearances can and will deceive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your dreams, though unrealized, are alive and well and will remain so for as long as you feed them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The impact of good light and temperature can't be underestimated.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 10). You'll barely be able to contain your pleasure over the unfolding events of the next five weeks.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "I am an Aries, born March 25, 1973. I just recently started dating another Aries, born March 30, 1972.

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Annie's Mailbox

I am, too. Honestly, I have absolutely zero sexual interest in my daughter-in-law.

How can this sad development be rectified? -- Embarrassed Dear Embarrassed: I'm so sorry for your loss.

which you could help rectify the situation, you'll have to hope that time will heal the wounds.

Dear Annie: You are the best one to have this spot yet. Next to brushing my teeth, reading your column is the first thing I do every morning.

I'm writing because you previously published a poem about losing a pet. I kept it for the longest time and now have misplaced it.

P.S. My lovely wife and I have been together for 59 years, and I've no problems to report so far -- but I

keep telling her that if she ever messes with me, I am writing to Annie. Keep up the good work. -- Charles E.

Dear Charles E.: My heart goes out to your son and his wife. I believe you're referring to the poem "The Rainbow Bridge."

"By the edge of a woods, at the foot of a hill,

"Is a lush, green meadow where time stands still.

"Where the friends of man and woman do run,

"When their time on earth is over and done.

"For here, between this world and the next,

"Is a place where each beloved creature finds rest.

"On this golden land, they wait and they play,

"Till the Rainbow Bridge they cross over

one day.

"No more do they suffer, in pain or in sadness,

"For here they are whole, their lives filled with gladness.

"Their limbs are restored, their health renewed,

"Their bodies have healed, with strength imbued.

"They romp through the grass, without even a care,

"Until one day they start, and sniff at the air.

"All ears prick forward, eyes dart front and back,

"Then all of a sudden, one breaks from the pack.

"For just at that instant, their eyes have met;

"Together again, both person and pet.

"So they run to each other, these friends from long past,

"The time of their parting is over at last.

"The sadness they felt while they were apart,

"Has turned into joy once more in each heart.

"They embrace with a love that will last forever,

"And then, side-by-side, they cross over... together."

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When 'Sorry' Isn't Enough

Dear Annie: I am 75 years old. My wife of more than 50 years died suddenly and without warning a year and a half ago, and I began drinking excessively almost immediately.

Here's the problem: During one of my drinking episodes, my daughter-in-law claims I groped her. I have no memory of this.



By Steve Becker Famous Hand

South dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH ♠K Q 7 5 ♥AK Q J 4 ♦7 ♣8 4 3 WEST EAST ♠J ♠4 3 ♥10 9 7 6 3 2 ♥— ♦K 10 9 4 ♦J 8 2 ♣Q 5 ♣AK J 10 9 7 6 2 SOUTH ♠A 10 9 8 6 2 ♥8 5 ♦AQ 6 5 3 ♣—

The bidding: South West North East 1♠ Pass 4NT 6♣ Pass Pass Dble Pass 6♦ Pass 7♠ Dble

Opening lead — ten of hearts. A United States team won the women's world championship at the 1984 World Team Olympiad, but not before they were badly mauled on this deal from their match with Japan.

clubs, Moss passed, by partnership agreement indicating that she had either one or three aces.

When Mitchell doubled (thinking that East-West had two aces), Moss ran to six diamonds, strongly suggesting that she actually held either three aces or two aces and a void in clubs.

Backing her judgment and showing full faith and confidence in her partner, Mitchell thereupon bid seven spades, without question an excellent contract.

At the second table, the Japanese North-South pair conservatively stopped at six spades (with North the declarer), making seven for a score of 1,460 points.

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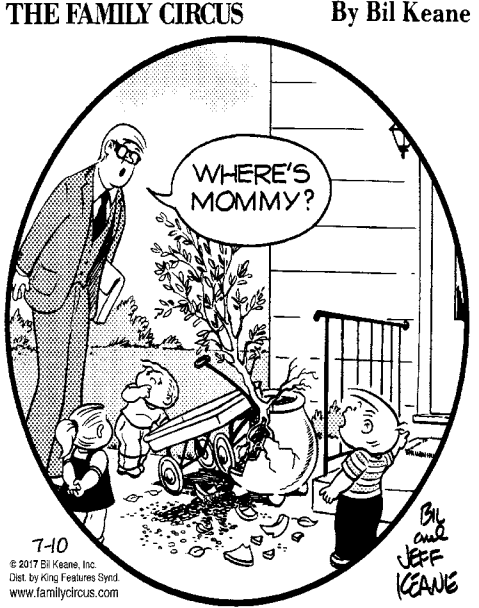
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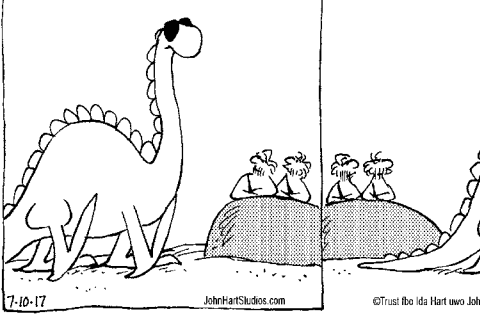
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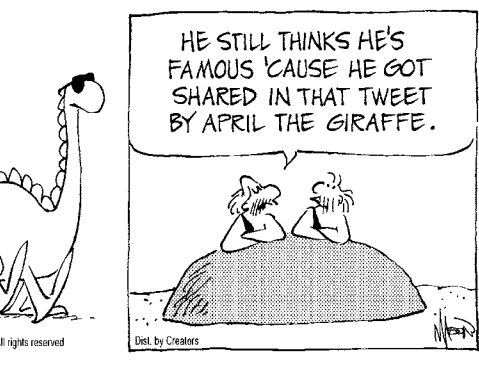


ARE THESE FREE-RANGE EGGS, LOU? WHY? WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT FREE-RANGE EGGS? NOTHING, I GUESS... WELL, IN THAT CASE, SURE THEY ARE!

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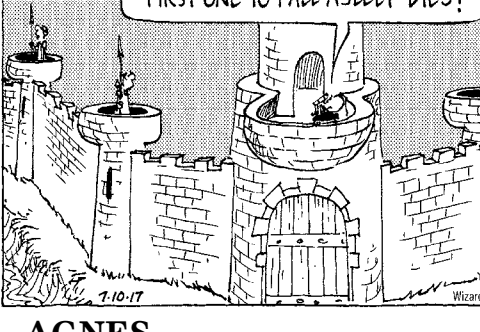


HE STILL THINKS HE'S FAMOUS 'CAUSE HE GOT SHARED IN THAT TWEET BY APRIL THE GIRAFFE.



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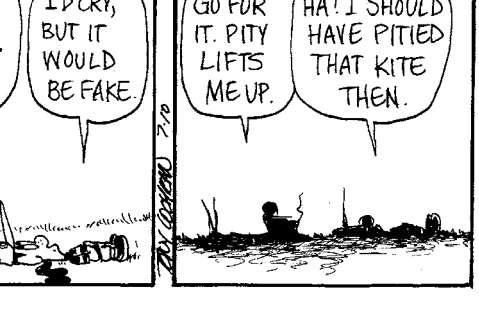


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I GAVE UP KITE FLYING. IT JUST SAT THERE LIKE LUMPY OVERSIZED ORIGAMI. OH WELL.



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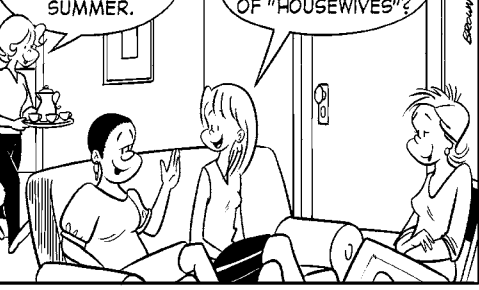
This Date In History

Today is Monday, July 10, the 191st day of 2017. There are 174 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On July 10, 1967, country singer-songwriter Bobbie Gentry recorded her hit single "Ode to Billie Joe" at Capitol Records in Hollywood. On this date: In A.D. 138, Roman Emperor Hadrian, responsible for the construction of opulent temples as well as the barrier in northern Britain known as Hadrian's Wall, died at age 62. In 1509, theologian John Calvin, a key figure of the Protestant Reformation, was born in Noyon, Picardy, France. In 1890, Wyoming became the 44th state. In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson personally delivered the Treaty of Versailles (veh-SY) to the Senate and urged its ratification. (However, the Senate rejected it.) In 1925, jury selection took place in Dayton, Tennessee, in the trial of John T. Scopes, charged with violating the law by teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution. (Scopes was convicted and fined, but the verdict was overturned on a technicality.) In 1940, during World War II, the Battle of Britain began as the Luftwaffe started attacking southern England. (The Royal Air Force was ultimately victorious.) In 1951, armistice talks aimed at ending the Korean War began at Kaesong. In 1962, AT&T's Telstar 1 communications satellite, capable of relaying television signals and telephone calls, was launched by NASA from Cape Canaveral. In 1973, the Bahamas became fully independent after three centuries of British colonial rule. John Paul Getty III, the teenage grandson of the oil tycoon, was abducted in Rome by kidnapers who cut off his ear when his family was slow to meet their ransom demands; Getty was released in December 1973 for nearly \$3 million. In 1985, the Greenpeace protest ship Rainbow Warrior was sunk with explosives in Auckland, New Zealand, by French intelligence agents; one activist was killed. Bowing to pressure from irate customers, the Coca-Cola Co. said it would resume selling old-formula Coke, while continuing to sell New Coke. In 1991, Boris N. Yeltsin took the oath of office as the first elected president of the Russian republic. President George H.W. Bush lifted economic sanctions against South Africa. In 1999, the United States women's soccer team won the World Cup, beating China 5-4 on penalty kicks after 120 minutes of scoreless play at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California. Ten years ago: China executed the former head of its food and drug agency (Zheng Xiaoyu) for approving untested medicine in exchange for cash. A judge in Los Angeles sentenced pizza deliveryman Chester Turner to death for murdering 10 women and a fetus during the 1980s and '90s ('Turner remains on death row). The American League defeated the National League 5-4 in the All-Star game. Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist Doug Marlette, 57, died in an auto accident near Holly Springs, Mississippi.

HI AND LOIS



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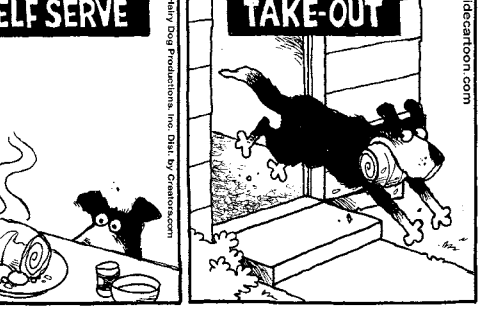


WE'RE DISCUSSING TV FOR THE SUMMER. DID YOU SEE THE LATEST EPISODE OF "HOUSEWIVES"?

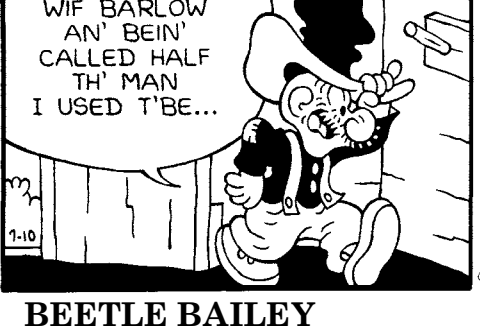
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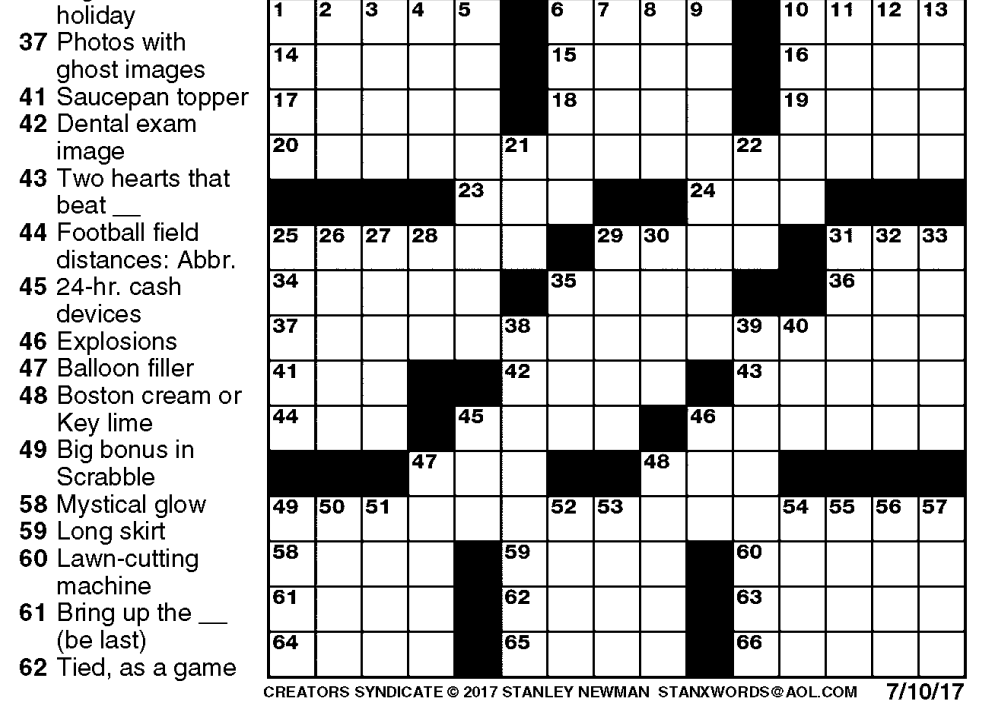
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AP Photo

Houston Astros' Marwin Gonzalez, right, high-fives Carlos Correa (1) after Correa hit a solo home run against the Toronto Blue Jays as Evan Gattis prepares to step to the plate during second-inning baseball game action in Toronto, Sunday, July 9, 2017.

## ASTROS

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ninth major leaguer to do so in more than a century, and the first since George Brett's record-tying six-game streak for Kansas City in 1976.

Gattis drove in four runs with two hits as Houston scored at least 19 runs for the fourth time in club history.

Brad Peacock (7-1) pitched six innings of shutout ball, holding the Blue Jays to five hits while walking five. After appearing on a 2013 Houston team that won just 51 games all season, the right-hander said the current feeling around the clubhouse makes the struggles worth it.

"Being on those teams makes it a lot more special ... and it's all paying off now," he said.

Ezequiel Carrera homered with two outs in the Toronto ninth to establish a new career high with seven. The drive denied Houston the chance to top the largest shutout win in team history, 15-0 at Montreal on April 26, 1998.

J.A. Happ (3-6) lasted four innings, matching his shortest outing of the season and picking up his second loss against Houston in eight starts against his former team. The left-hander gave up seven hits and six runs.

"I wasn't very crisp today and against that lineup especially, you need to be," he said.

Toronto first baseman Justin Smoak, set to take part in his first All-Star game in Miami on Tuesday

night, said it's important that the Blue Jays (41-47) move past it as quickly as possible in preparation for the season's second half.

"Anytime you have a game like that you try to flush it pretty quick," he said. "Hopefully, we have this break here, it's much-needed for a lot of guys in here, and we'll be ready to go afterwards."

### MOM KNOWS BEST

On Aaron Sanchez bobblehead day, the Toronto right-hander's mom induced laughter around the Rogers Centre pregame by shaking off her the first signal from her son, who was doing the catching duties, during the ceremonial first pitch.

### TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: Hinch announced that former AL Cy Young winner Dallas Keuchel will likely have one or two minor league rehab starts after the All-Star break before returning. The left-hander, who successfully threw off a mound before the game, has been sidelined since June 2 with a neck injury.

### UP NEXT

Astros: RHP Charlie Morton (6-3, 3.82) makes his second start following his return from the disabled list on Friday as Houston hosts Minnesota on Friday.

## TEXAS

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All-Star Game. Darvish last week complied with a club request not to pitch in Miami two days after starting.

"We ran into a guy today who was on top of his game," Texas manager Jeff Banister said. "Darvish threw the ball extremely well. He made two mistakes."

Pujols hit a two-out home run on a curveball into the Angels' bullpen in left-center in the first inning. He took a .206 career batting average vs. Darvish in 34 at-bats into the game. Three of his eight career hits off the four-time All-Star have been homers.

The Angels added a run in the fifth inning after Ben Revere stole third base following Darvish's throw behind him to second base. Juan Graterol followed with a sacrifice fly.

Ramirez ends the season's first half with a major league career-high 103 innings. His previous high as a reliever was 78 2/3 innings last season, which was divided between the Angels and Cincinnati.

The Rangers are 1-8 in Darvish's last nine starts. Texas has scored 15 runs in his eight losses this season.

"It's part of baseball," Darvish said through an interpreter. "I don't really think about it."

### READY, BREAK

The Rangers end the first half 43-45, 16 1/2 games out of first place in the AL West. They were 42-46 two years ago at the break but

only three games out. They grabbed the division lead on Sept. 15 and won by two games.

The Angels are 45-47, 19-20 without reigning league MVP Mike Trout in the lineup. They've been within three games of .500 since April 23, when they were 8-12.

### ANGELS' RISP

### DROUGHT ENDS

Andrelton Simmons' ninth-inning double that scored pinch-runner Eric Young from second base ended Los Angeles' 0-for-10 streak with runners in scoring position during the series. In Friday night's 10-0 Angels loss, they failed to get a runner beyond first base.

### SHORT HOPS

Rougned Odor went 0-for-4, ending a career-long 10-game hitting streak. The Angels will have six off days during the first 35 days of the season's second half after having only six to date in 98 days.

### TRAINER'S ROOM

Angels: Trout is scheduled to make rehab starts on Sunday and Monday with high-A Inland Empire with the Angels hoping to return him to their active roster on Friday.

Rangers: RHP Keone Kela (shoulder soreness) can come off the disabled list on Monday and is expected to rejoin the club on Friday.

### UP NEXT

Angels: No starter has been announced for Friday's home game vs. Tampa Bay.

Rangers: LHP Martin Perez (4-6) will open the three-game series at Kansas City on Friday.

## Bad News Bears reunion



HERALD Photo/ Marissa Loftin

The Bad News Bears softball team, who won the Big Spring Women's Softball Association championship in 1978, came together for their annual reunion on Saturday afternoon, July 8, 2017 at Comanche Trail Park's softball field. Shown left to right are Sylvia Rodriguez, Tonii Rodriguez, Mary "Passport" Garcia, Margie Rubio Johnson, Molly Canales, Rose Parnell, Linda Pidalla and Inez Hines. The ladies dedicated this reunion to former teammate, Carolyn Yeager Coatney, who passed away last year. Other team members are not shown.

## TENNIS

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her match on Monday, beating Agnieszka Radwanska 6-2, 6-4.

The seventh-seeded Russian is a two-time Grand Slam champion who will be playing in the Wimbledon quarterfinals for the fourth time. She has never advanced past that stage.

In the quarterfinals, Kuznetsova will face Muguruza.

Rybarikova, who beat Pliskova in the second round, defeated Petra Martic of Croatia 6-4, 2-6, 6-3 and advanced to the Wimbledon quarterfinals for the first time.

Rybarikova missed nearly seven months after last year's Wimbledon because of injuries.

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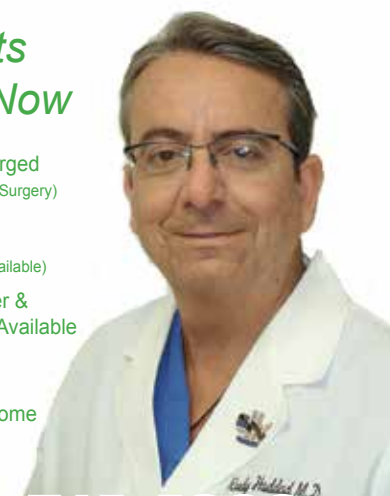
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