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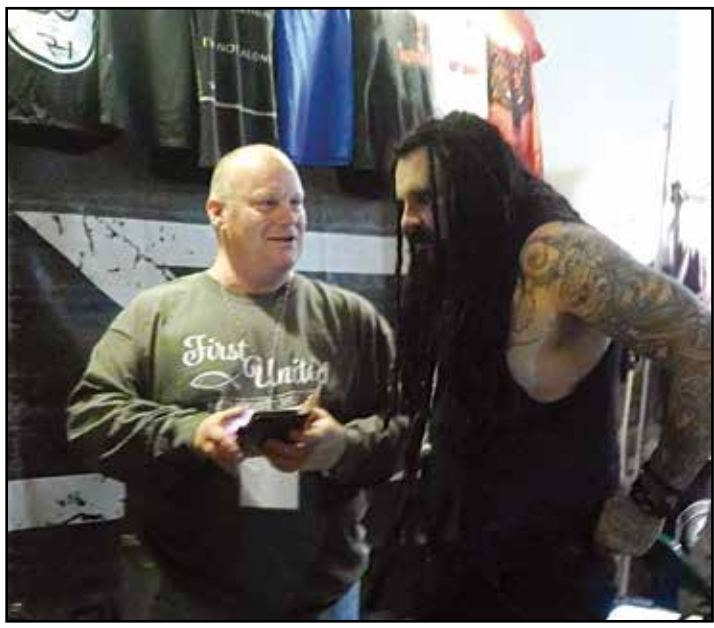
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## RockFest to rock the Gospel tonight at auditorium



*File photo/Roger Cline*  
**Former FUMC Pastor Bill Ivins (left) nabs an autograph from Random Hero lead guitarist Josh Bertrand following the City RockFest concert in February. Random Hero is returning to the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium tonight for the Summer RockFest, along with four other Christian hard rock bands.**

**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

It's going to be loud tonight at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. At 6:30, the Summer RockFest will kick off, vibrating the mortar of the 85-year-old building with new sounds, but the message the bands will be proclaiming is more than 2,000 years old. Like the City RockFest that came to town last February,

this event will set the Christian gospel to a hard-driving rock beat. "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 they're bringing in The Protest, and Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh, which is an all-female band." Rodriguez said the concert will be July 13, and will once again be held in the city's Municipal

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## CVB: Spring renovation is progressing smoothly

**By ROBERT BARLOW**  
 Staff Writer

The spring renovation is making good progress according to Debbie Wegman, community services director for the Convention and Visitors Bureau. "I was out there on Monday and they are progressing very well laying the stone on the plaza and finishing the stonework up on the walls," said Wegman.



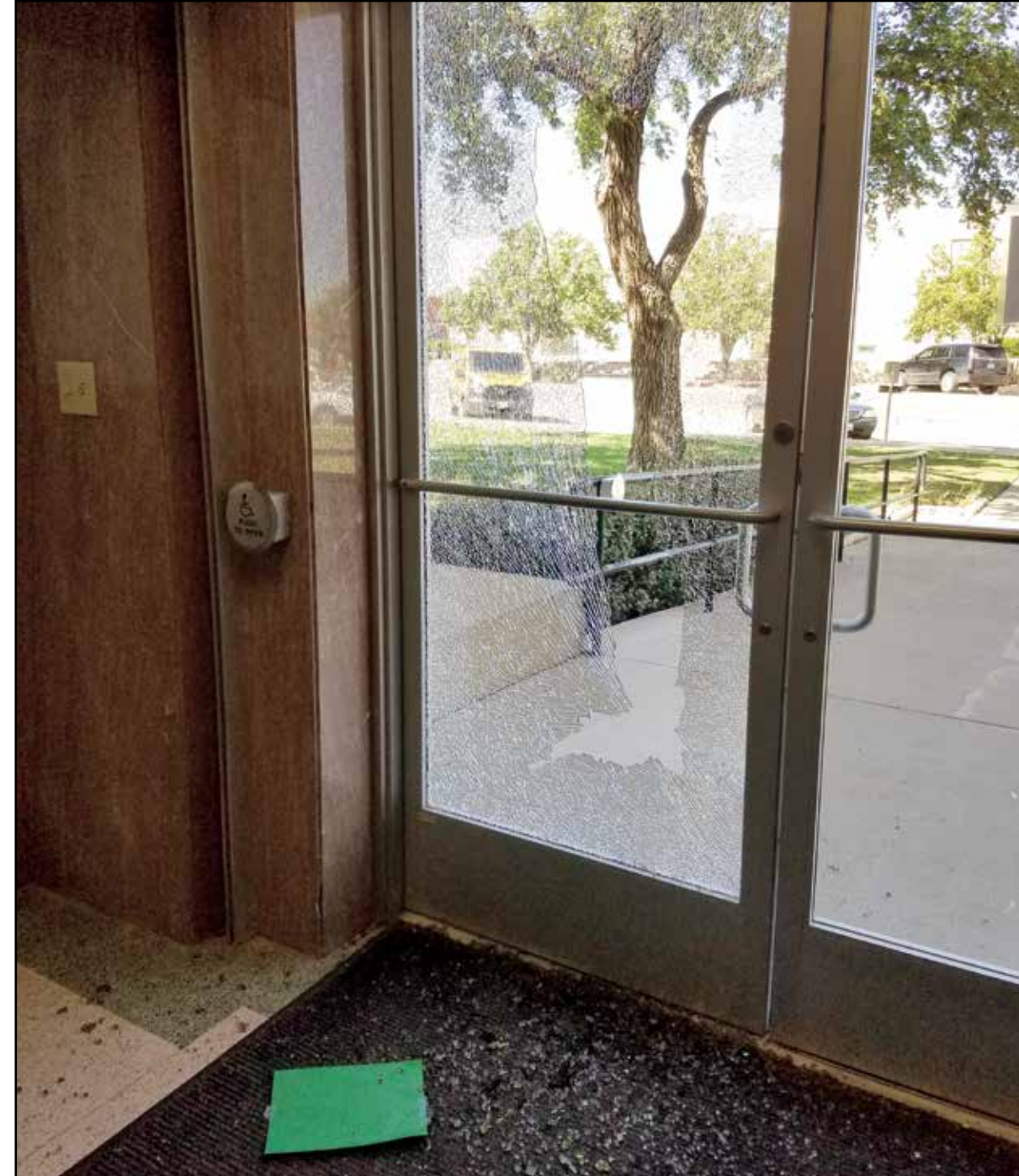
Wegman

The project is in its second phase with the workers finishing up the mechanics of the spring itself and diverting their attention to the

stonework. Wegman says while there may not be a definite finish date on the project just yet, the company will most likely move on to some more detailed work following laying the stone. "I think the last thing they'll probably do is tidy up the landscape and that area," said Wegman. "They'll finish up all the rock work and then move on to that." The project kicked off in December of last year and has been running smoothly so far and according to Wegman "the spring is running well." The new area around the spring is set to have materials featuring native stone and Civilian Conservation

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## Shattered door leaves officials stumped



**A shattered glass door at the Howard County Courthouse left officials stumped yesterday morning. The door was fixed Wednesday afternoon.**

*HERALD photo/Roger Cline*

**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

A shattered glass door caused a stir at the Howard County Courthouse Wednesday morning and left county officials scratching their heads.

"We have no idea what the cause was, but the glass on

one of our west doors, the outside doors, shattered," said County Judge Kathryn Wiseman. "It just happened a few minutes ago. I was down there moments...in fact, right after it happened. I didn't hear it. No one saw it. They just looked out and said it was shattered. One of our employees said she had just posted a

notice on that window, and that notice was on the floor, so we have no idea what happened."

The incident occurred shortly after 11 a.m. Wednesday. By 11:30, a maintenance crew had knocked out the rest of the safety glass

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## North Korea's bomb program under 3 generations of Kim family

**By HYUNG-JIN KIM**  
 Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — After his country's first test-firing of an intercontinental ballistic missile last week, North Korea's young leader, Kim Jong Un, has moved one step closer to perfecting a nuclear missile capable of reaching the United States, a weapons program launched by his grandfather and nurtured by his father.

For nearly 70 years, the three generations of the Kim family have run North Korea with an absolute rule that tolerates no dissent. They have devoted much of the country's scarce resources

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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL VENDLINSKI**, 42, of 1600 Mesquite Street, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

• **AMADOR RIOS JR.**, 36, of 1503 Chikasaw Street, was arrested on warrant for driving while license suspended or invalid from previous conviction.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80

and the 1500 block of Sycamore Street.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1300 block of Madison Street.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of Wallace.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3600 block of Connally. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of Young. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical

Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Marshall Drive. One person was transport-

ed to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Kinsey Road.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2800 block of Sherman Road. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **COOKING FIRE** was reported in the 600 block of Ridgelea.

## 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.

• 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 ½ 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.



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## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 81 inmates at the time of this report.

• **HECTOR RUBEN CASTANEDA**, 33, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to appear, bail jumping, and was booked by the HCSO on warrants for disregarding a stop sign, possession or delivery of drug paraphernalia, and failure to appear.

• **MARYBELL CONTRERAS**, 39, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for issuance of a bad check.

• **AMADOR RIOS JR.**, 36, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for driving while license invalid with previous conviction or suspension.

• **MARCUS EMORY STURGILL**, 28, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for criminal trespassing.

• **CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL VENDLINSKI**, 42, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for credit card or debit card abuse.

## 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.

### 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.

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# NKOREA

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to its military but have constantly feared Washington is intent on destroying their dynastic rule. They concluded that a powerful nuclear deterrent against potential U.S. aggression would guarantee their survival.

A look at how North Korea's nuclear and missile programs have evolved under each of the three Kims.

## THE PATRIARCH: KIM IL SUNG (1948-1994)

1948: Kim Il Sung, a former guerrilla leader fighting against Japan's colonial rule, establishes the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in the northern half of the Korean Peninsula.

1950: Kim's army invades South Korea, triggering the three-year Korean War. The United States fights alongside South Korea while China backs North Korea.

1985: North Korea joins the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. But the country doesn't allow inspections required by the pact, arousing suspicions that it's engaging in clandestine work to develop atomic weapons.

1993: North Korea announces its withdrawal from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, touching off an international nuclear crisis.

July 1994: Kim Il Sung dies of a heart attack at age 82. His son and longtime heir apparent, Kim Jong Il, takes power.

## THE SON: KIM JONG IL (1994-2011)

October 1994: North Korea and the United States sign a landmark nuclear disarmament deal in Geneva. North Korea pledges to freeze and eventually dismantle its nuclear weapons program in exchange for international aid to build two power-producing nuclear reactors.

1998: North Korea stuns the region by firing a suspected missile over Japan and into the Pacific Ocean.

2002: Assistant U.S. Secretary of State James Kelly says North Korean officials admitted to having a secret nuclear weapons program during his visit to Pyongyang. The 1994 pact subsequently falls apart and a nuclear crisis flares again.

2003: North Korea attends Beijing-hosted disarmament talks that also involve Washington, Seoul, Tokyo and Moscow. The on-and-off talks continue until late 2008, producing

two major now-stalled disarmament-for-aid deals.

July 2006: North Korea launches a three-stage rocket with a potential range of 6,700 kilometers (4,100 miles) but it fizzles after liftoff, according to U.S. and South Korean officials. North Korea has never acknowledged the launch.

October 2006: North Korea conducts its first underground nuclear test blast, citing "extreme threat of a nuclear war" from the United States.

2009: North Korea conducts its second nuclear test explosion.

2011: Kim Jong Il dies of a heart attack at 69. Kim's youngest son, Kim Jong Un, succeeds him as leader.

## THE GRANDSON: KIM JONG UN (2011-present)

2012: North Korea puts a satellite in orbit with a long-range rocket. The United States, South Korea and others condemn the launch as a cover for testing long-range missile technology. It is the North's first successful satellite launch.

2013: North Korea carries out its third nuclear test.

January 2016: North Korea says it has conducted a hydrogen bomb test. It's the North's fourth nuclear test,

but many outsiders are skeptical that it was a hydrogen bomb explosion.

February 2016: North Korea succeeds in its second satellite launch.

August 2016: North Korea fires a ballistic missile from a submarine that flies 500 kilometers (310 miles) before crashing into waters near Japan. Missiles launched from submarines are generally harder to detect than land-based ones.

September 2016: North Korea stages its fifth nuclear test, its most powerful atomic bomb explosion to date.

February 2017: North Korea tests a new midrange ballistic missile, the Pukguksong-2. It says the missile used solid fuel, an advance that increases a weapon's mobility and makes it harder for outsiders to detect a coming launch. The North tests this missile again in May.

July 4, 2017: North Korea test-fires its first ICBM at an extremely lofted angle. The missile, called Hwasong-14, is capable of reaching Alaska and beyond if launched at a normal trajectory, according to outside experts. After the launch, Kim says he won't put his weapons programs on the negotiating table unless the United States ends its hostility and nuclear threat.

# ROCK

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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."

A few lucky people will get in to auditorium early to shop the merchandise tables and hear what band

members have to say about their ministries. Rodriguez said only 50 VIP passes were issued for this concert.

"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," he said. "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."

The event is sponsored by First United Methodist Church, said Rodriguez.

"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."

The church hopes to make the concerts a tradition 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."

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](mailto:life@bigspringherald.com).

# DOOR

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hanging loosely in the doorframe, and swept up the mess. The door, which features automatic push-button opening for the disabled, was temporarily blocked off with warning

cones, then reopened for use. Judge Wiseman said it would remain useable except when repair crews were actually replacing the glass.

Wiseman was hopeful that the door could be repaired quickly.

"We should be able to get them to replace it today," she said. "The problem there is, that is

the handicapped entrance. So that is a problem, and so we'll, as quick as we can, get that glass replaced and get everything back in order."

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# SPRING

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Corps-style architecture that will match the construction used in the park area. The spring will also be fully handicapped-accessible, and the new plaza is supposed to seat around a thousand people.

Eight monolithic stones were brought in with story boards made of corten metal placed on each one. The story boards will depict historical periods in Big Spring.

In addition to this, it will also have a new observation deck overlooking the spring, a walking area dedicated to the Native American history in the area, and a performance stage.

Wegman states the workers are keeping at it

and she expects progress to continue to move along quickly.

"It's going to be great, the work has gone through quickly," Wegman continued. "Even in the heat of the day the workers are out there working."

The construction started in January with the area being closed up to the public while the renovations were taking place. The estimated finish date for the project at the time was around six months.

The company working on the project, KDC Associates, is a planning and landscape architecture firm based out of Midland. Residents can see updates on the Spring Project through the KDC Associates Facebook page, including a drone fly over that helps capture the entirety of the project.

# New McConnell health bill contains plan sought by Sen. Cruz

By ALAN FRAM

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a high-stakes bid for conservative support, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has agreed to demands from Republican Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas to allow insurers to sell low-cost, skimpier plans in new but still-reeling health legislation being released Thursday, two GOP aides said.

But including the provision seemed likely to alienate moderates and perhaps other conservatives. Conn Carroll, spokesman for Sen. Mike Lee of Utah, who'd partnered with Cruz, said Lee was cut out of crafting the latest version of the amendment, hasn't seen it and won't know if he can vote for the overall bill "until he reads the amendment."

The maneuvering by McConnell, R-Ky., came as party leaders labored to prevent losing

a showdown vote next week on their plan for repealing much of President Barack Obama's health care law, a vote in which they have no margin for error. Since Democrats uniformly oppose the effort, McConnell needs the votes of 50 of the 52 GOP senators to prevail, and two already seem certain to vote "no" — conservative Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky and moderate Sen. Susan Collins of Maine.

McConnell also faced pressure from President Donald Trump, who has warned he will be "very angry" if the majority leader doesn't deliver.

Details on the Cruz amendment were not clear but its inclusion was confirmed by two Senate GOP aides who weren't authorized to be quoted speaking about the legislation before its release and spoke on condition of anonymity. His original proposal

would let insurers sell plans with minimal coverage, as long as they also sell policies that meet strict coverage requirements set by Obama's 2010 statute. Moderate Republicans have objected to the idea, arguing it would make policies excessively costly for people with serious illnesses because healthy people would flock to the cheaper coverage.

One aide said McConnell's revised bill would also allow people who use tax-favored health savings accounts to pay health insurance premiums, another favorite proposal of conservatives.

President Donald Trump heaped additional pressure on party leaders Wednesday. In an interview with the Christian Broadcasting Network's "The 700 Club," he said he will be "very angry" if the Senate fails to pass the

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# How severe, ongoing stress can affect a child's brain

By **LINDSEY TANNER**

AP Medical Writer

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — A quiet, unsmiling little girl with big brown eyes crawls inside a carpeted cubicle, hugs a stuffed teddy bear tight, and turns her head away from the noisy classroom.

The safe spaces, quiet times and breathing exercises for her and the other preschoolers at the Verner Center for Early Learning are designed to help kids cope with intense stress so they can learn. But experts hope there's an even bigger benefit — protecting young bodies and brains from stress so persistent that it becomes toxic.

It's no secret that growing up in tough circumstances can be hard on kids and lead to behavior and learning problems. But researchers are discovering something different. Many believe that ongoing stress during early childhood — from grinding poverty, neglect, parents' substance abuse and other adversity — can smolder beneath the skin, harming kids' brains and other body systems. And research suggests that can lead to some of the major causes of death and disease in adulthood, including heart attacks and diabetes.

"The damage that happens to kids from the infectious disease of toxic stress is as severe as the damage from meningitis or polio or pertussis," says Dr. Tina Hahn, a pediatrician in rural Caro, Michigan. She says her No. 1 goal as a physician is to prevent toxic stress. Hahn routinely questions families about stresses at home, educates them about the risks and helps them find ways to manage.

Mounting research on potential biological dangers of toxic stress is prompting a new public health approach to identifying and treating the effects of poverty, neglect, abuse and other adversity. While some in the medical community dispute that research, pediatricians, mental health specialists, educators and community leaders are increasingly adopting what is called "trauma-informed" care.

The approach starts with the premise that extreme stress or trauma can cause brain changes that may interfere with learning, explain troubling behavior, and endanger health. The goal is to identify affected children and families and provide services to treat or prevent continued stress. This can include parenting classes, addiction treatment for parents, school and police-based programs and psychotherapy.

Many preschoolers who mental health specialist Laura Martin works with at the Verner Center have been in and out of foster homes or they live with parents struggling to make ends meet or dealing with drug and alcohol problems, depression or domestic violence.

They come to school in "fight or flight" mode, unfocused and withdrawn or aggressive, sometimes kicking and screaming at their classmates. Instead of adding to that stress with aggressive discipline, the goal is to take

stress away.

"We know that if they don't feel safe then they can't learn," Martin said. By creating a safe space, one goal of programs like Verner's is to make kids' bodies more resilient to biological damage from toxic stress, she said.

Many of these kids "never know what's going to come next" at home. But at school, square cards taped at kids' eye level remind them in words and pictures that lunch is followed by quiet time, then a snack, then hand-washing and a nap. Breathing exercises have kids roar like a lion or hiss like a snake to calm them. A peace table helps angry kids work out conflicts with their classmates.

The brain and disease-fighting immune system are not fully formed at birth and are potentially vulnerable to damage from childhood adversity, recent studies have shown. The first three years are thought to be the most critical, and children lacking nurturing parents or other close relatives to help them cope with adversity are most at risk.

Under normal stress situations — for a young child that could be getting a shot or hearing a loud thunderstorm — the stress response kicks in, briefly raising heart rate and levels of cortisol and other stress hormones. When stress is severe and ongoing, those levels may remain elevated, putting kids in a persistent "fight or flight" mode, said Harvard University neuroscientist Charles Nelson.

Recent studies suggest that kind of stress changes the body's metabolism and contributes to internal inflammation, which can raise risk for developing diabetes and heart disease. In 2015, Brown University researchers reported finding elevated levels of inflammatory markers in saliva of children who had experienced abuse or other adversity.

Experiments in animals and humans also suggest persistent stress may alter brain structure in regions affecting emotions and regulating behavior. Nelson and others have done imaging studies showing these regions are smaller than usual in severely traumatized children.

Nelson's research on neglected children in Romanian orphanages suggests that early intervention might reverse damage from toxic stress. Or-

phanes sent to live with nurturing foster families before age 2 had imaging scans several years later showing their brains looked similar to those of kids who were never institutionalized. By contrast, children sent to foster care at later ages had less gray matter and their brains looked more like those of children still in or-



**Amy Band, top, shows children items on a lightbox at the Verner Center in Asheville, N.C., on March 23, 2017. Safe spaces, quiet times and breathing exercises for the preschoolers are designed to help kids cope with intense stress so they can learn.**

AP Photo/Chuck Burton

phanages.

Toxic stress is not the same as post-traumatic stress disorder. PTSD is a distinct mental condition that can result from an extremely traumatic event, including combat, violence or sexual abuse. Experts say it can occur in adults and children who live with persistent toxic stress, including children in war-torn countries, urban kids who've been shot or live in violence-plagued neighborhoods, and those who have been physically or sexually abused.

The toxic stress theory has become mainstream, but there are skeptics, including Tulane University psychiatrist Dr. Michael Scheeringa, an expert in childhood PTSD. Scheeringa says studies supporting the idea are weak, based mostly on observations, without evidence of how the brain looked before the trauma.

The American Academy of Pediatrics supports the theory and in 2012 issued recommendations urging pediatricians to educate parents and the public about the long-term consequences of toxic stress and to push for new policies and treatments to prevent it or reduce its effects.

In a 2016 policy noting a link between poverty and toxic stress, the academy urged pediatricians to routinely screen families for poverty and to help those affected find food pantries, homeless shelters and other resources.

"The science of how poverty actually gets under kids' skin and impacts a child has really been exploding," said Dr. Benard Dreyer, a former president of the academy.

Some pe-

diatricians and schools routinely screen children and families for toxic stress, but it is not universal, said John Fairbank, co-director of the National Center for Child Traumatic Stress. "That's certainly an aspiration. It would be a big step forward," said Fairbank, a Duke University psychiatry professor.

Much of the recent interest stems from landmark U.S. government-led research published in 1998 called the Adverse Childhood Experiences study. It found that adults exposed to neglect, poverty, violence, substance abuse, parents' mental illness and other domestic dysfunction were more likely than others to have heart problems, diabetes, depression and asthma.

A follow-up 2009 study found that adults with six or more adverse childhood experiences died nearly 20 years earlier than those with none.

Some children seem resistant to effects from toxic stress. Harvard's Nelson works with a research network based at Harvard's Center on the Developing Child that is seeking to find telltale biomarkers in kids who are affected — in saliva, blood or hair — that could perhaps be targets for drugs or other treatment to prevent or reduce stress-related damage.

That research is promising but results are likely years off, says Dr. Jack Shonkoff, the center's director.

Alvin and Natalie Clarke brought their young grandchildren into their Cass City, Michigan home after their

parents jailed on drug charges. The 6-year-old grandson hits, yells, breaks toys, misbehaves in school. His 4-year-old sister used to have nightmares and recoil in fear when her baby doll was left alone on the floor — signs her therapists say suggest memories of neglect.

The Clarkes had never heard the term "toxic stress" when they were granted guardianship in 2015. Now it's a frequent topic in a support group they've formed for other grandparent-guardians.

Their grandson's therapists say he has PTSD and behavior problems likely stemming from toxic stress. Around strangers he's sometimes quiet and polite but the Clarkes say he has frequent tantrums at home and school and threatens his sister. He gets frightened at night and worries people are coming to hurt him, Natalie Clarke said.

Weekly sessions with a trauma-focused therapist have led to small improvements in the boy. The Clarkes say he needs more help but that treatment is costly and his school isn't equipped to offer it.

The little girl has flourished with help from Early Head Start behavior specialists who have worked with her and the Clarkes at home and school.

"Thank God she doesn't remember much of it," Natalie Clarke said. "She's a happy, loving little girl now."



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### Where in the World?

Hispanics are people whose families came over from Spain in southwestern Europe. Latinos come from South America, Central America or the Caribbean. While many Latinos are also Hispanic, some are not.

South America



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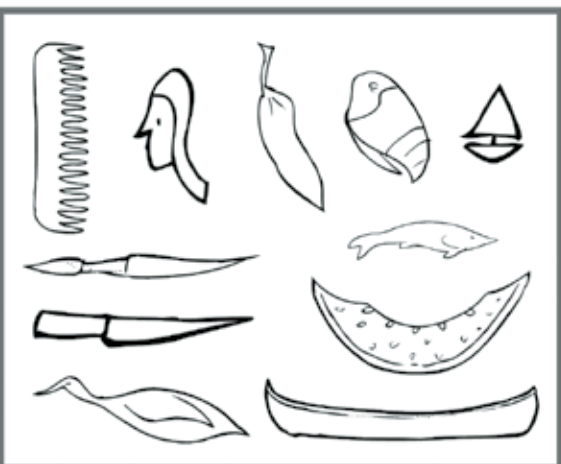
### EL DORADO—THE CITY OF GOLD

El Dorado is the name of the mythical city of gold that many Spanish explorers spent time looking for from shortly after Columbus' discovery of the New World in 1492 until almost 200 years later. The story of the city of gold came from a tribal chief in South America who covered himself with gold dust for a ceremony to become the tribe's leader. The reports of the golden chief grew into stories of a golden city known as El Dorado.

Spanish explorers, known as *conquistadores*, explored much of Central and South America looking for El Dorado. In their searches, they mapped large portions of the Americas and found their way to the Pacific Ocean, which had never been seen from the east. The Spanish who came to find El Dorado spread their Spanish culture throughout these areas and defeated many of the native tribes.

The explorers were always convinced that they were close to El Dorado. As they kept exploring, they began to run out of room for El Dorado to hide. Finally, they had explored Central and South America and failed to find it. At this point, the Spanish controlled a large amount of the American continents and had explored a great section of the Western Hemisphere, including parts of the Pacific Ocean. This need to explore was driven in part by the myth of El Dorado.

Find these hidden items in the big picture.



## Riddle

Q: What starts with a "d," ends with a "d" and has a "d" in the middle that makes you turn your car around?

A: A dead end.



### El escondite al revés

This game is played a lot like hide and seek but backwards, which is what the Spanish name means. The person that is "it" goes and hides, and everyone else has to find the person that is "it." When you find the person, you hide with them quietly. The last person to find "it" is the new "it." You can also have the first person to find "it" be the new "it." In the United States, this game is called Sardines because you are packed into the hiding place like a can of sardines.



**COLOR THE PICTURE** The capital of Spain is Madrid. The symbol of Madrid is a brown bear standing against a fir tree. There are very few bears left in Spain today, though, and the brown bear may be extinct soon. This most famous brown bear can be found in the Puerta del Sol in Madrid.

### BSGSA 2017 All-Stars



The Big Spring Girls Softball Association would like to announce its 2017 All-Stars. This year's teams will be competing in Lubbock, Texas on July 12 through July 16. To date, there will be 120+ teams competing in 5 different age divisions.

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### Baseball chasing Dodgers, Astros on eve of second half

By JAY COHEN  
AP Sports Writer

The Washington Nationals have Bryce Harper anchoring one of baseball's best lineups, and a glaring hole at the back of their bullpen. The Boston Red Sox are enjoying life with Chris Sale, and missing David Ortiz at times. The Chicago Cubs are searching for answers for their pesky championship hangover.

The Los Angeles Dodgers and Houston Astros are looking down at the rest of the majors right now, and it's quite a gap at the moment.

With the All-Star Game in the rear-view mirror and the trade deadline inching closer, the World Series favorites are as clear as the beautiful blue waters of Miami

that hosted baseball's best players for the past couple days. The Dodgers and Astros are each on pace to win 100-plus games, something that hasn't happened for two teams in a single season since the St. Louis Cardinals and New York Yankees in 2004.

"I don't think there's one key, but I think that's probably why we're doing so well — is that there's not one specific thing you can hone in on as to why we're playing so well," Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw said.

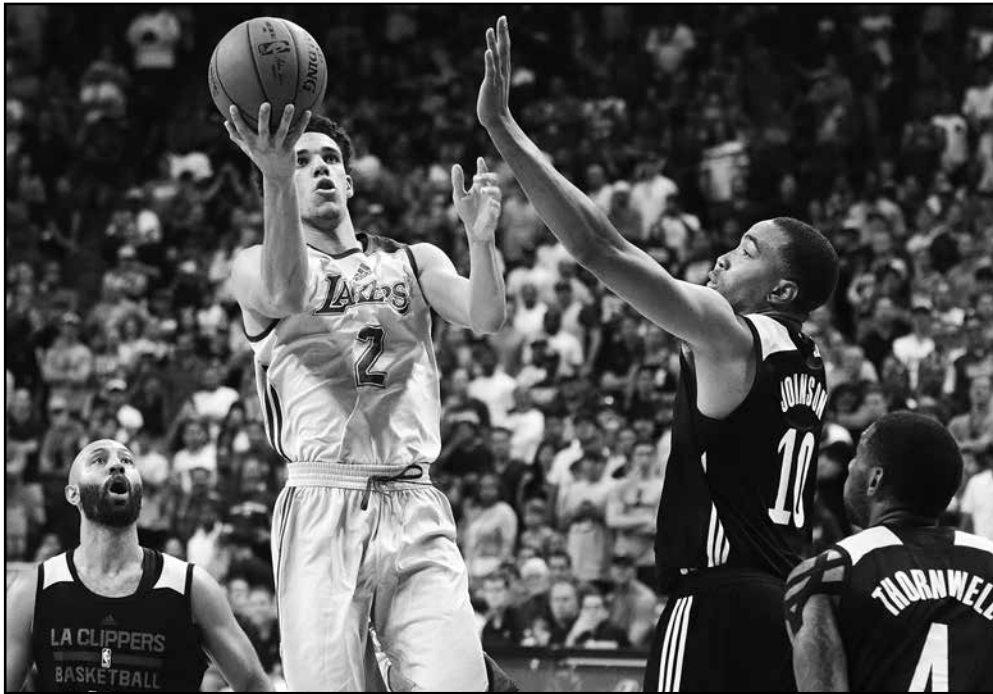
Los Angeles leads the majors with a 61-29 record, one game better than Houston and 7 1/2 ahead of second-place Arizona in the loaded

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AP photo  
American League's Houston Astros George Springer (4) aims for a hit, during the first inning at the MLB baseball All-Star Game, Tuesday, July 11, 2017, in Miami.

### Must be the shoes: Ball has 36 in Nike sneakers, Lakers win



AP photo  
In this July 7, 2017 file photo, Los Angeles Lakers' Lonzo Ball shoots over Los Angeles Clippers' Brice Johnson (10) during overtime of an NBA summer league basketball game, in Las Vegas.

(AP) - Lonzo Ball's dud of a debut is long forgotten. And on Wednesday night, so were his Big Baller Brand sneakers.

Now he has the best game of the NBA Summer League — and another playoff game for a chance to top it.

Ball had 36 points, 11 assists, eight rebounds and five steals to lead the Los Angeles Lakers to a 103-102 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers in their opening game of the tournament stage.

The No. 2 overall draft pick came back from a one-game absence — and did so wearing Nike Kobe AD sneakers instead of a pair from the line that his father, LaVar, is marketing for \$495 a pair. Then he brought the Lakers back from a 15-play deficit to claim a spot in the round of 16 on Thursday against No. 2 seed Cleveland.

Asked why he changed sneakers, Ball said it was "Mamba mentality," referring to Kobe Bryant's nickname.

"Just thought I'd switch it up," Ball added. "Wore them tonight. It's good when you can

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### Morris scores twice, US beats Martinique 3-2 in Gold Cup

By FRED GOODALL

AP Sports Writer

TAMPA, Fla. — Jordan Morris put the United States back on track in the CONCACAF Gold Cup.

Morris' second goal of the game broke a tie in the 76th minute, and the U.S. edged tiny Martinique 3-2 Wednesday night after wasting a two-goal lead against a team that is not even a member of FIFA.

That hardly mattered to Jordan and his teammates, though, who rebounded from a disappointing 1-1 tie against Panama in their tournament opener last weekend.

"It's all about team, all about the three points," Morris said after the Americans improved to 31-14 during the Gold Cup group stage.

Martinique "made it very tough for us," Morris added. "It was a battle all night."

Failing to break through in the first half, the U.S. built a 2-0 lead on goals by Omar Gonzalez in the 53rd minute and Morris in the 64th.

But Martinique, a French overseas department, tied the score on a pair of goals by Kevin Parsemain in the 66th and 74th minutes. The first was a shot from the edge of the arc that took a bounce and went in off goalkeeper Brad Guzan's left arm. The second was a shot by Johan Audel that hit a leg of Parsemain, who was down on the field, and deflected in over Guzan, who had stopped

Parsemain's initial attempt.

Morris got his fourth international goal just 98 seconds later. He spotted Gyasi Zardes streaking in on the left side, and Zardes laid the ball over for the 22-year-old forward, who scored with a right-footed shot from just past the penalty spot.

"They didn't stop running, didn't stop playing," Gonzalez said. "We need to be smarter, more focused throughout the entire game."

The U.S., which opened last weekend with a 1-1 tie against Panama, completes group play Saturday in Cleveland against Nicaragua, which lost to Panama 2-1 earlier Wednesday.

"We're certainly guilty of making the game a lot more difficult on us than it needed to be," said U.S. coach Bruce Arena, who thought his team played well.

The Americans improved 5-0-5 since Arena returned for a second stint as national team coach, replacing Jurgen Klinsmann.

Using a mostly junior varsity lineup in the tournament,



AP photo  
United States' Jordan Morris (8) celebrates his second goal against Martinique with teammate Chris Pontius (7) during a CONCACAF Gold Cup soccer match, Wednesday, July 12, 2017, in Tampa, Fla. United States won 3-2.

the U.S. leads Group B with four points, ahead of Panama on goal difference. Martinique is third with three, following by Nicaragua with none. The top two teams in each of the three groups advance to the quarterfinals along with the two best third-place teams.

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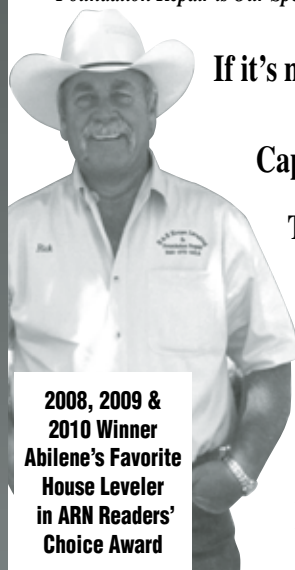


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**Protect the Dream**

Mercury's angle to Neptune suggests trepidation in expressing secret wishes and dreams. What if we tell the wrong person and have our ideas stolen out from under us? What if we're made fun of or undermined? Dreams are precious and deserve protection. For today, stay on the safe side. Keep it close to the vest.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Your winning edge is that you're quite the opposite of edgy. Kindness is the best way to get the doors of opportunity swinging open. It's easy when you think of each person you meet as though he or she were your dearest

one.  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Don't let your attentive vigilance lead you to early burnout. Not everything requires such a high level of attention. Go easy and slow, extracting as much joy out of it as you can along the way.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Have faith, but leave room for other beliefs, too. It's not heresy; it's sophistication. If you believe too firmly, you'll miss something crucial that comes with doubt. "Absolute faith corrupts as absolutely as absolute power."  
-- Eric Hoffer

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You feel indebted to someone, but are you really? Don't discount what you bring to the situation. In general, you're usually better off when you don't worry too much about measuring the score.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** There is no better way now for attracting what you really do need and want than ridding your life of what you don't. Clean and clear. Be

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

ruthless. Let go.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Today you'll be as brilliant as you are brief. You'll be selling something -- an idea, a product or yourself. Use very few words for your pitch, and choose them well.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You're too busy looking for a way to make your plans come to life to find excuses for why they didn't. The ability to make things happen needs to be exercised in big and small ways. It's like a muscle to be exercised. Keep it strong.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Just as a charming child who doesn't get his way can turn quickly into a pest, when your requests fall on deaf ears your attitude may take a swift turn south. Luck will favor the slow to anger. Be strategic and controlled.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Each time you find yourself complaining, redirect your attention to something you're grateful for. You'll move from frustration to action, sorrow to

hope.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** There are plenty of complications inherent in your regular daily activities, but you're getting better and better at this. To make things look simple and graceful often takes years of experience and practice.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** The body has powers beyond what you can do by thinking your way through it. The best way to learn is to get in there and do it. The mental will be led by the physical.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** To be passionately curious is a talent. Curiosity will do the job of courage today: It will be so strong that it overrides fear. You will follow your interests to places of delight, love and felicity.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 13).** You're razor sharp and only get sharper this year, as you home in on the areas of study you most enjoy. You'll meet exactly the right people to launch a project in August.

November brings the melding of two groups for the benefit of all. You'll excel in the early 2018 competition. All good luck will spring from excellent self-care. Leo and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 25, 4 and 14.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION:** "After being lost and confused for so many years, I feel that I have finally discovered what I really want to do as a career. I want to check with you and make sure that I am on the right track, because this is such an important decision for me to make. I plan to pursue a career in the food industry. I'm going to take some cooking classes in Australia, gain some work experience there, and then open my own restaurant in the Philippines. Will I succeed? I was born March 12, 1980."

Your Mars in Leo makes your career path strong -- even though, as a Pisces, you've had a hard time making up your mind. Follow it with force now that you've decided. Mars in Leo

also means you're a natural leader. The biggest problem you will have is being patient enough to know when you have gained enough experience. When you first feel like moving away, give yourself six more months. The extra time you spend in Australia garners you valuable insights about human nature and our ever-changing palates.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** He may play tough guys, but Harrison Ford's natal chart shows a different character. With four major luminaries in sensitive, caring Cancer, Ford has tremendous heart and is extremely in tune with those around him. According to his chart, he would prefer staying in for a cozy meal to adventuring through wild jungles in search of mystical treasure. Ford's natal Mars, in Leo, indicates megawatt charisma.

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**Sitter Woes**

**Dear Annie:** I recently called a friend to see whether her college-age daughter, "Tiffany," could baby-sit for my 1 1/2-year-old granddaughter from 6 to 8 p.m. on a Saturday so I could attend a reception at a local club. I didn't hear back at first, but three days before the event, I finally talked with Tiffany, and she said that she would be available. We discussed exact times, and I asked what she would charge. She didn't

have a set rate but thought \$10 per hour would be fine. Having not paid a baby sitter for many years (I'm a new grandmother), I said that I thought the rate should be \$5 per hour but that I would check with my daughter to see what she pays. My daughter confirmed that the average rate today is between \$10 and \$15 an hour. Thus, I planned to pay the \$10 per hour (and thought I would probably give a tip, too), but I did not have a chance to call the sitter back until the morning of the event. Her mother an-

swered the phone and said that other plans had come up for her daughter, and the mother had told her to go with the "other plans" because I had not gotten back to her on the rate. I was hurt and in total shock, not only because our families are very good friends but also because I did not think that the rate was a deciding factor. My husband is in an assisted living facility, and I spend a great deal of time with him, which ties up most of my days, which they knew. The mother is forever telling me to take time off and have some time to myself, which I thought that I was doing.

My questions to you are: Who is wrong? Should I feel hurt? Was I wrong to

not get back to her until the morning of the event about the rate? I was disappointed and hurt that the mother had not advised her daughter to call me, because she is forever saying that she tries to teach her children how to be responsible. I feel that I was let down and can no longer trust this family. -- Heartbroken and Hurt Grandmother

**Dear Heartbroken:** Three things are certain in life: death, taxes and flaky baby sitters. You must really make a point of expressly confirming details with your sitter. I don't blame Tiffany for thinking that you didn't want her to baby-sit anymore. Think of it from her point of view. The last thing she'd heard from you was that her rate might

be too steep and that you'd look into it. She probably assumed you'd found a cheaper sitter or decided not to use one after all.

In any case, I think you've taken the whole incident too much to heart. Your friend did not mean to hurt you. It seems as if this carried the weight it did for you because you were really looking forward to a night to yourself -- a rare occurrence. I would encourage you to make such "me time" less rare. Get out and socialize. You can't be properly supportive of your husband if you aren't supportive of yourself and your own needs.

**Dear Annie:** Please do not use the term "golden years" when referring to a person's retirement.

Do some research about ageism in our language and what to avoid saying in order to make progress in this area. There are articles on the subject online. Euphemisms are not helpful in making progress. -- An Oregon Reader

**Dear Oregon Reader:** Thank you so much for bringing that to my attention. I hadn't realized how that phrase could come across as condescending, but you can bet I'll keep it in mind now.

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**Annie's Mailbox**



By Steve Becker

**How to capture a sovereign**

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ A Q  
♥ J 10 5  
♦ A Q 10 4 3  
♣ A Q 4  
**WEST**  
♠ J 9 6 3  
♥ 8 7 3  
♦ 8  
♣ 10 8 7 5 2  
**EAST**  
♠ K 10 7 2  
♥ 6 4  
♦ J 9 7 2  
♣ K J 6  
**SOUTH**  
♠ 8 5 4  
♥ A K Q 9 2  
♦ K 6 5  
♣ 9 3  
The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♥ Pass 3♦ Pass  
3♥ Pass 4NT Pass  
5♦ Pass 5NT Pass  
6♥

low spade, and then cashed the A-K of diamonds, learning that East had started with four to the jack.  
**South continued with a diamond** to the queen and ruffed the fourth round of diamonds, establishing dummy's ten as a trick. Declarer now had to decide whether to take a finesse in spades or clubs, but in the actual case it did not matter which one he chose, because he would go down one either way.  
**South should not have gotten himself into this predicament.** He could have assured the slam earlier by altering his play slightly. Instead of ruffing the fourth round of diamonds as he did, South should have discarded a spade or a club.  
**East would then have found himself on lead with the jack of diamonds and no place to go.** He would have had to return a spade or a club into one of dummy's A-Q's, thereby handing declarer the slam.  
**It might run against the grain** for declarer to lose a trick he can easily win, but in the present case it is surely right to concede a diamond trick to East in exchange for a 100 percent certainty of making the slam.

Opening lead -- eight of hearts.  
There are plays a declarer must resist despite their magnetic attraction. Take this case where it would be easy to go wrong.  
**South was in six hearts,** and West led a trump. Declarer drew three rounds of trumps, East discarding a

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.  
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**sudoku**

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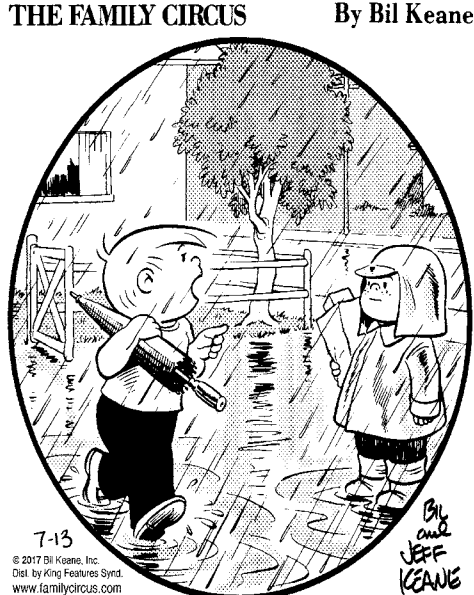
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"WHICH MUSICAL INSTRUMENT DO YOU THINK I SHOULD LEARN TO PLAY?"

"ANYTHING THAT KEEPS YOUR MOUTH BUSY."



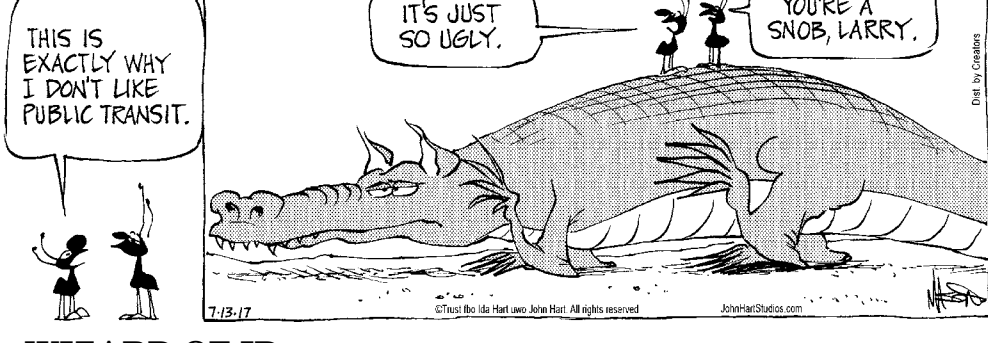
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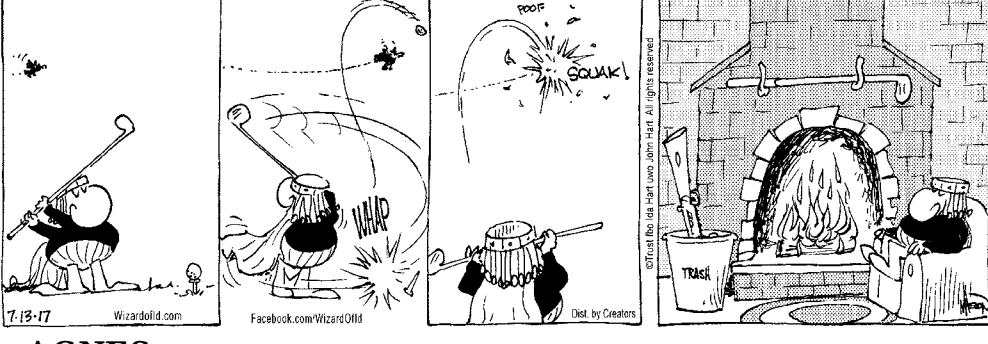
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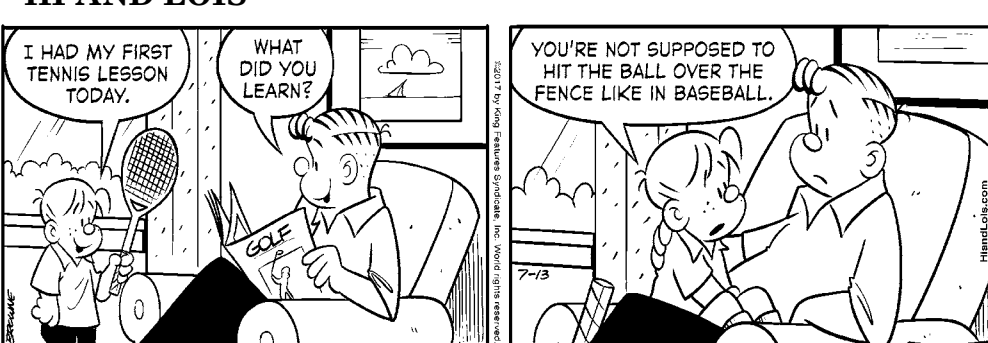
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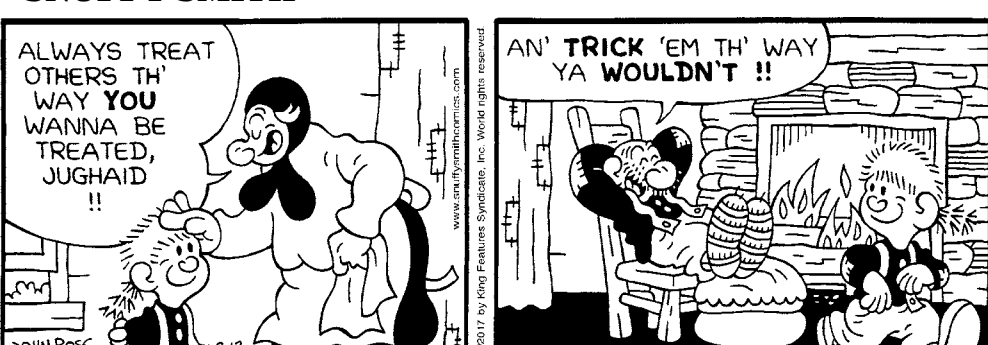
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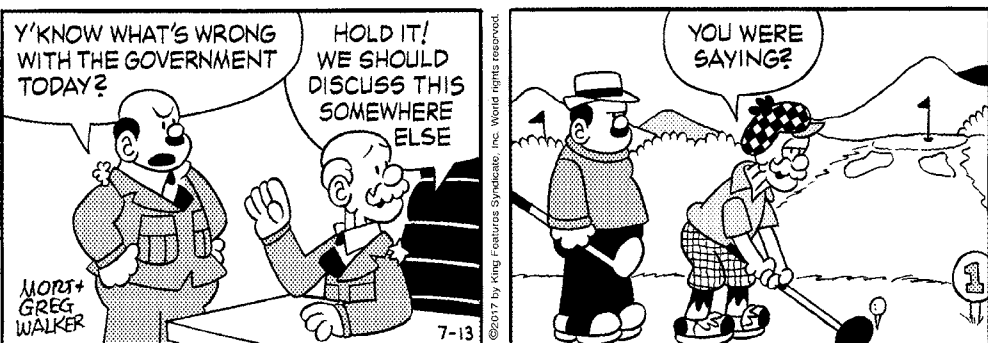
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, July 13, the 194th day of 2017. There are 171 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 13, 1977, a blackout hit New York City in the mid-evening as lightning strikes on electrical equipment caused power to fail; widespread looting broke out. (The electricity was restored about 25 hours later.)

On this date:

- In 1787, the Congress of the Confederation adopted the Northwest Ordinance, which established a government in the Northwest Territory, an area corresponding to the eastern half of the present-day Midwest.
- In 1793, French revolutionary writer Jean-Paul Marat was stabbed to death in his bath by Charlotte Corday, who was executed four days later.
- In 1863, deadly rioting against the Civil War military draft erupted in New York City. (The insurrection was put down three days later.)
- In 1939, Frank Sinatra made his first commercial recording, "From the Bottom of My Heart" and "Melancholy Mood," with Harry James and his Orchestra for the Brunswick label.

In 1955, Britain hanged Ruth Ellis, a 28-year-old former model convicted of killing her boyfriend, David Blakely (to date, Ellis is the last woman to be executed in the United Kingdom).

In 1960, John F. Kennedy won the Democratic presidential nomination on the first ballot at his party's convention in Los Angeles.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson nominated Thurgood Marshall to be U.S. Solicitor General; Marshall became the first black jurist appointed to the post. (Two years later, Johnson nominated Marshall to the U.S. Supreme Court.)

In 1972, George McGovern received the Democratic presidential nomination at the party's convention in Miami Beach.

In 1978, Lee Iacocca was fired as president of Ford Motor Co. by chairman Henry Ford II.

In 1985, "Live Aid," an international rock concert in London, Philadelphia, Moscow and Sydney, took place to raise money for Africa's starving people.

In 1999, Angel Maturino Resendiz (ahn-HEHL' mah-tyoo-REE'-noh reh-SEHN'-deez), suspected of being the "Railroad Killer," surrendered in El Paso, Texas. (Resendiz was executed in 2006.)

In 2013, a jury in Sanford, Florida, acquitted neighbor-

hood watch volunteer George Zimmerman of all charges in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin, an unarmed black teenager; news of the verdict prompted Alicia Garza, an African-American activist in Oakland, California, to declare on Facebook that "black lives matter," a phrase that gave rise to the Black Lives Matter movement.

Ten years ago: Former media mogul Conrad Black was convicted in Chicago of swindling the Hollinger International newspaper empire out of millions of dollars. (Black was sentenced to 6½ years in federal prison, but had his sentence reduced to three years; he was freed in May 2012.) Family prayer services and a huge public outpouring in Austin, Texas, ushered in three days of memorial ceremonies honoring the late Lady Bird Johnson.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

HIT THE BRICKS by Carolyn Stewart

- Edited by Stanley Newman  
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- 1 Common file name, for short
  - 5 Optics device
  - 10 Local fund-raising grps.
  - 14 Crave, with "for"
  - 15 Creepy
  - 16 Can't bear
  - 17 Extremely reliable
  - 19 Small tune carrier
  - 20 Owing
  - 21 Acknowledgment of a sort
  - 22 Fashion collection
  - 23 Seashell strand, maybe
  - 25 Repair shop courtesy
  - 27 Scrapbooker's accessory
  - 33 Genesis twin
  - 34 Venue to build on
  - 35 Nancy Drew byline
  - 39 Convinces
  - 41 Thing on a toy track
  - 42 Set down
  - 43 Swallow sound
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  - 67 Oversight, say
  - 68 Firm up, with "down"
  - 69 Trial run
  - 70 Sitcom excerpt
  - 71 Gestural rebuff
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  - 13 Meal with matzo
  - 18 Talented
  - 24 Unemotional one
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  - 27 Downtime
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  - 30 What Buffett might sell into
  - 31 Web business
  - 32 *Idylls of the King* character
  - 36 House of Lords title
  - 37 Some ESPN coverage
  - 38 Start of a kiddie count
  - 40 School zone sign
  - 45 43,000+ square feet
  - 48 Convention constructions
  - 49 Expression of surprise
  - 50 Sphere of influence
  - 51 Needle
  - 52 Chaucer's claim to fame
  - 56 DEA agent
  - 57 Literary governess
  - 59 Pound notes with Darwin
  - 60 Sincere
  - 61 Siberia setting
  - 62 App for restaurant seekers
  - 65 Male delivery

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## GOLD CUP

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"I saw a lot of good performances out of some of our players. A lot of positives there," Arena said. "One of the things we're trying to do in this tournament is really look at some players in our pool that we haven't seen much of and help us make some decisions for qualifying in September and October."

One of just three holdovers from the starting lineup last weekend, Gonzalez scored his second international goal after Martinique failed to clear Kellyn Acostas corner

kick. Paul Arriola's deflected shot from outside the penalty area was parried by goalkeeper Kevin Olimpa and fell to the defender, who poked in the rebound with his left foot from 4 yards.

Morris doubled the lead when second-half substitute Alejandro Bedoya passed to Eric Lichaj running down the right flank, Lichaj crossed and Morris redirected the ball in.

Midfielder Cristian Roldan made his U.S. debut and defender Justin Morrow his first international appearance in 4½ years as Arena made eight lineup changes. Lichaj had not played for the national team since May 2016.

The U.S. and Martinique had met just once before, with the Americans winning 2-0 in the group stage of the 2003 CONCACAF Gold Cup.

Martinique is part of Windward Islands and has a population of just 385,000. As an overseas department of France, it is not eligible for World Cup qualifying or other events governed by FIFA.

"A lot of pleasure from this game. Too bad that we got scored on right after coming back," Martinique coach Jean-Marc Civault said through a translator. "Honestly, the U.S. was superior in keeping the ball, but I'm very proud of my players' performance."

## MLB

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NL West. The Dodgers' plus-163 run differential is the best in National League history at the All-Star break, according to STATS LLC.

Kershaw has been, well, Kershaw, and Kenley Jansen remains one of the majors' best closers. But rookie Cody Bellinger has provided an unexpected lift with 25 homers, and left-hander Alex Wood is 10-0 with a 1.67 ERA.

"Every night it's somebody different, and that's a sign of a good team," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "It seems like I say depth every single night, but that's probably been the biggest reason for our success."

The Astros are feeling pretty good, too. Led by All-Stars Carlos Correa, Jose Altuve and George Springer, they top the majors in runs, hits, home runs, RBIs and batting average. Perhaps most importantly, they also have a whopping 16 1/2-game lead in the AL West, allowing them to go slowly with Dallas Keuchel after the 2015 AL Cy Young Award winner was shelved by a neck injury.

"You don't think you're going to play that well but you don't think you're going to play badly either," Springer said. "I'll take it."

A year ago, the Cubs were in the same position as the Dodgers and Astros, on top of the game heading into the second half of the season. They went on to their first World Series championship since 1908, but their title defense has been one bumpy ride so far.

Hampered by injuries and inconsistency, the Cubs are under .500 and trail surprising Milwaukee by 5 1/2 games in the NL Central. The Cleveland Indians, who lost to Chicago in the World

Series, have experienced some of the same problems, but they are in position for another October run at the top of the AL Central.

"We definitely believe in ourselves as a team. We know what we have here, what we're capable of," Cubs second baseman Ben Zobrist said. "Just got to execute better in the second half and really turn on the burners."

Another starting pitcher also could help the Cubs, so expect Theo Epstein and company to be working the phones all the way to the non-waiver trade deadline on July 31. The Astros, Brewers, Rockies and sweet-swinging Yankees also could be on the lookout for rotation help.

Some possibilities include White Sox left-hander Jose Quintana, Athletics right-hander Sonny Gray and Tigers star Justin Verlander. Any one of those pitchers on the right team could help close the gap with the Dodgers and Astros.

"We've had a lot of injuries, a lot of guys going down," Yankees slugger Aaron Judge said. "We'll get a couple guys back so I'm looking forward to the second half."

Washington needs another arm or two for its bullpen, and Boston could look for a power-hitting third baseman before the deadline. While Ortiz seems to be enjoying his retirement very much, the AL East-leading Red Sox have an AL-low 92 homers at the break. The Nationals bashed their way to a big lead in the NL East, but they have 14 blown saves and a major league-worst 5.20 bullpen ERA.

One shrewd move by either team, and they could turn into a legitimate challenger to the front-running Astros and Dodgers.

"We're having fun, we're playing confidently," Bellinger said. "When it all clicks like it is now, it's fun."

## NBA eliminates timeouts to keep games moving



AP photo

In this Oct. 21, 2016 photo, NBA Commissioner Adam Silver speaks to reporters during a news conference. The NBA is trying to make games go more quickly. The league's Board of Governors has unanimously approved some changes that will potentially eliminate four timeouts per game, help speed up the final minutes of games and emphasize a timely resumption of play after halftime.

## NBA

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wear whatever you want."

LeBron James was at the game and he noticed, posting a picture of the shoes on Instagram and writing "Just Do It."

Ball was having an up-and-down start to his pro career in Las Vegas. He was 2 for 15 from the field in an opening loss, responded with a triple-double in another loss, then sat out the third game with a sore groin as critics said he was avoiding having to face No. 5 pick De'Aaron Fox in that game against Sacramento.

Ball looked fine Wednesday while playing against a Philadelphia team playing without Markelle Fultz, the player drafted before Ball who is sitting out with an ankle injury.

The point guard from UCLA scored 28 points in the second half, but the Lakers couldn't get him the ball on an inbound pass trailing by one. Instead, Ivaca Zubac got free and was fouled with 4.6 seconds left, making both free throws to give the No. 15 seeds the lead for good.

Furkan Korkmaz scored 19 for the No. 18 76ers (1-3).

The tournament began Wednesday with eight games, featuring the Nos. 9-24 seeds. The top eight seeds earned byes into the second round Thursday.

In other action:  
WARRIORS 77, TIMBERWOLVES 69

Patrick McCaw scored 26 points, Jordan Bell had another big defensive effort and the Warriors won their opening game of the tournament stage.

After losing all three games of the preliminary round, the 22nd-seeded Warriors avenged a loss to the Timberwolves in the sudden-death second overtime a night earlier and advanced to a second-round game against No. 6 Boston, which is 3-0 in Las Vegas.

McCaw, a UNLV product who started for the eventual NBA champions in the first round while Kevin Durant was injured, was 10 for 16 from the field back on his college campus.

Bell, a second-round pick from Oregon whose rights were acquired by the Warriors, had six points, 16 rebounds and three blocked shots. He had 11 rebounds and six blocks in the final preliminary game.

C.J. Williams, who hit the winning basket in that matchup, topped the No. 11 Timberwolves with 19 points.

SUNS 97, JAZZ 81  
No. 4 pick Josh Jackson had 21 points and 15 rebounds to power 13th-seeded Phoenix into a round of 16 matchup with unbeaten Memphis.

Dragan Bender and Mike James each added 18 points for the Suns (2-2), who will meet the fourth-seeded Grizzlies on Thursday.

Utah rested rookie Donovan Mitchell a night after his 37-point performance and fell to 0-4. Eric Griffin had 18 points and 10 rebounds for the No. 20 seed.

KINGS 69, BUCKS 65  
Skal Labissiere had 19 points and nine rebounds, Georgios Papagiannis added 17 points and 13 boards, and short-handed Sacramento advanced with its first victory.

All-Rookie selection Buddy Hield and No. 5 pick De'Aaron Fox sat out, then college player of the year Frank Mason left after 4 minutes with an apparent ankle injury. But rookie Justin Jackson from North Carolina shook off a 2-for-14 night from the field to make two free throws with the game tied at 65 with 13.2 seconds remaining, and the No. 19 Kings (1-3) moved on to a meeting with unbeaten and third-seeded Dallas.

Rashad Vaughn and Sterling Brown scored 12 points apiece for the No. 14 Bucks (1-3).

PELICANS 105, HAWKS 95  
Quinn Cook had 26 points, seven assists and five rebounds as New Orleans picked up its first victory after three losses.

Cheick Diallo and Jalen Jones each added 21 points for the No. 24 seeds, who advance to face No. 8 San Antonio.

John Collins had 25 points and nine

rebounds for ninth-seeded Atlanta (2-2).

NUGGETS 87, ROCKETS 81  
Torrey Craig had 27 points and 11 rebounds off the bench to lead Denver to its first victory and a spot in the second round.

The Nuggets, who had dropped their first three games and are seeded 23rd, will meet the No. 7 Brooklyn Nets.

Troy Williams and Chris Johnson each scored 20 points for the No. 10 Rockets (2-2).

HEAT 89, WIZARDS 88  
Justin Robinson made a go-ahead jumper with 11 seconds remaining to send No. 12 Miami into a second-round matchup with the unbeaten and fifth-seeded Los Angeles Clippers.

Robinson scored 13 of his 19 points in the fourth quarter as Miami improved to 3-1. Lamond Murray Jr. added 17 points.

Washington, the No. 21 seed, fell to 0-4 despite 18 points from Marcus Keene. Ike Diogu had 15 but his potential winning shot was blocked.

TRAIL BLAZERS 88, BULLS 77  
Jake Layman scored 22 points, Jarnell Stokes had 16 points and 17 rebounds, and Portland set up a meeting with top-seeded Toronto.

Rookie first-round pick Caleb Swanigan added 13 points and nine rebounds for the No. 16 Trail Blazers (2-2).

Antonio Blakeney had 27 points and 11 rebounds for the Bulls (1-3), the No. 17 seed.

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