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Average gas prices in Texas remain stable

Special to the Herald
 Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have not moved 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 fallen 1.7 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.24/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 1.7 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 6.2 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 5.0 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 3.3 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

According to GasBuddy historical data, gasoline prices on July 17 in Texas have ranged widely over the last five years:

\$2.02/g in 2016, \$2.54/g in 2015, \$3.44/g in 2014, \$3.52/g in 2013 and \$3.25/g in 2012.

Areas near Texas and their current gas price climate:

- Midland Odessa- \$2.08/g, down 2.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.11/g.
- San Antonio- \$1.94/g, flat from last week's \$1.94/g.
- Austin- \$2.01/g, down 1 cent per gallon from last week's \$2.02/g.

"As expected, gasoline prices over the last week were mixed. While the national average edged lower by a couple cents nearing its lowest of the summer, 20 states saw average prices move higher, two states saw prices little changed, while 28 saw average prices decline," said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst

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S. Korea offers talks on tension, family reunions with North

By HYUNG-JIN KIM

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea on Monday offered talks with North Korea to ease animosities along their tense border and resume reunions of families separated by their war in the 1950s.

It was unclear how North Korea will react since it remains suspicious of new South Korean President Moon Jae-in's outreach to it. But Moon's overture,

the first formal offer of talks since his inauguration in May, indicates he wants to use dialogue to defuse the international standoff over North Korea's weapons programs, despite having condemned the North's first intercontinental ballistic missile test on July 4 and vowed a firm response.

If realized, the talks would be the first inter-Korean dialogue since December 2015. Ties between the Koreas have plunged over the North's expanding

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Benefit show shines light on VS



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Colored lights flash across the face of Little Joe Hernandez as he performs at a benefit concert for Victim Services at the Howard County Fair Barn Saturday night. Joining Little Joe y La Familia were Big Spring's A.C. and the Heaters, and Monty Dawson of Bowie, Texas. The event drew about 150 people and raised about \$600 for the non-profit in support of victims of domestic violence.

Little Joe rocks Fair Barn for Victim Services

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

After a slow start, a concert at the Howard County Fair Barn picked up a little momentum, and a small group got to hear some great music and raise awareness about a local non-profit.

About 150 people showed up – eventually – to see Monty Dawson, A.C. and the Heaters, and Little Joe y La Familia. The event was a benefit concert for Victim Services of Big Spring, and was organized by the Coyote Store in Gail.

"I have a rough estimate. Of course, as

you saw, we didn't have very many come out," said Coyote Store owner Becky Justice. "After the total costs of the show, I think we ended up bringing them in about \$600. That was profitability after paying the Fair Barn rental, and after paying for Little Joe."

While the show's monetary donation to Victim Services was moderate, the real payoff was the exposure generated for the organization, she said.

"The greatest victory of this show – and yes, on the monetary side, you always want to do well – But the awareness that was generated," said Justice. "So many people

didn't know. We do know that, because of the exposure gained from this event, we've had people reach out to Victim Services seeking help."

Victim Services Executive Director Linda Calvio agreed.

"We were pleased because, as a non-profit, any money you get is helpful. Of course, our main objectivity was to raise awareness of Victim Services and our programs," she said. "With all of the media coverage of this concert, from the radio and you guys at the newspaper, and even on social media, that objective was met. Of course we would have liked to have been

busting at the seams, but we had a good, manageable crowd. And it was a great show. Those who weren't there really missed out."

Doors at Saturday's concert opened at 6 p.m. Big Spring's A.C. and the Heaters, featuring Adrian Calvio, and Monty Dawson of Bowie, Texas, warmed up and then took a break until about 8 p.m., when more people began to show up. Then Dawson took the stage, singing both original and covers of country music; followed by A.C. and the Heaters, providing a mix of classic rock and roll.

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Bollworms mount attack on some Texas cotton

Special to the Herald

COLLEGE STATION – Insect damage to crops is ramping up across Texas, said Dr. David Kerns, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service integrated pest management state coordinator in Col-

lege Station.

"We have been seeing a great deal of bollworm activity in Bt cotton and there have been quite a few insecticide applications going out," he said. "A lot of these reports have been coming out of the Wharton and

Corpus Christi areas, but the problem is not confined to just those locations or to only cotton.

"In the Brazos River Bottom, we had a field of WideStrike cotton that virtually had a worm in every terminal and as

much as 40 percent fruit loss in the upper third of the canopy," he continued. "We have reports of unacceptable injury in some TwinLink and Bollgard 2 varieties as well."

Cotton fields in the Brazos Valley have received

seasonable rains, but bollworms are finding a feast on some varieties and must be controlled, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialists say. Kern is asking producers with Bt

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Obituaries

Sylvia Rodriguez

Sylvia Rodriguez, 63, of Big Spring died Sunday, July 16, 2017, at her home.

Family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Monday, and the prayer service will begin at 7 p.m. at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Myers and Smith Chapel with Norberto Guzman officiating. Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery.

Sylvia was born on Jan. 29, 1954, in Rochester, Texas, to Margarita and Antonio Rodriguez. She came to Big Spring in 2000 from San Antonio, where

she lived most of her life. She was a homemaker, and spent most of her life caring for other family members. She was a Catholic.

Sylvia is survived by one sister, Emma Granado and her husband Thomas of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, George Rodriguez and Antonio Rodriguez Jr.; and one sister, Isabella Fabela.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **MARIO ILDEFONSO SALAZAR**, 27, of 1500 Chickasaw Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **MARISA OLIVAS**, 35, of 2604 Rebecca Drive, was arrested on three warrants from other agencies.

- **SHANDREYA NCOLE PRANSCHKE**, 26, of 2002 Merrily Drive, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest or detention

with vehicle.

- **RAYMOND NOEL RANDO**, 32, of 1905 Wasson Road, was arrested on charges of evading arrest or detention, two counts of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces, and on two warrants from other agencies.

- **DAVID CANALES JR.**, 32, of 616 State Street, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

- **LANCE WAYNE LAND**, 28, of 1102 Sycamore Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **WESLEY JOHN PORRAS**, 31, of 1425 East 6th, was arrested on a warrant for theft of service between \$100 and \$750.

- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported on the 1500 block of Chickasaw Street.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported on the 1500 block of Chickasaw Street.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 200 block of East 3rd Street.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on the 100 block of North Runnels. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on the 1500 block of Phillips Road. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on the 1000 block of Stadium. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

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

- **MEDICAL CALL** was

reported on the 1900 block of Martin Luther King. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on the 8700 block of West FM 846. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on the 1300 block of Highway 176.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on the 700 block of Driver Road. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on the 00 block of Meadowbrook Road. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on the 1400 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on the 200 block of Algerita.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on the 4100 block of Muir. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on the 1800 block of South Main. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on the 1300 block of Lamar. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on the 1000 block of South Main Street. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 300 block of Matt Loop Road.

- **COOKING FIRE** was reported in the 700 block of Goliad.

- **MOBILE PROPERTY FIRE** was reported in the 800 block of Caylor Drive.

Take Note

- 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.

- 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.

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 Symptomatic 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.

Marva Jo Reid Forman

Marva Jo Reid Forman, 69, of Big Spring died Sunday, July 16, 2017, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Jacquelyn Jean Mauch

Jacquelyn Jean Mauch, 69, of Big Spring died Friday, July 14, 2017, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 78 inmates at the time of this report.

- **RENEA RENNA BOOKER**, 35, was booked by the BSPD on a charge for failure to obtain a Texas driver's license.

- **DAVID CANALES JR.**, 32, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.

- **CHRISTINE ANN DESROSIERS**, 55, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- **ROY GARCIA JR.**, 26, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.

- **NATHAN CARL DEAN GARRARD**, 25, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

- **LANCE WAYNE BIDDLE LAND**, 28, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **COREY M. LAWLER**, 40, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **LUIS ALFREDO MICHELENA**, 34, was booked by the HCSO on a motion to adjudicate warrant for possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams.

- **CALEB KEITH MORRIS**, 36, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property between \$100 and \$750.

- **JUSTIN DANIEL NEWSOM**, 35, was booked by Glasscock County on charges of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces and unlawful carrying a weapon.

- **MARISA OLIVAS**, 35, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for no driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and violating promise to appear.

- **SAMUEL DAVID PITTMAN**, 34, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for theft of service between \$750 and \$2,500.

- **WESLEY JOHN PORRAS**, 31, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for theft of service between \$100 and \$750.

- **SHANDREYA NCOLE PRANSCHKE**, 26, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention with vehicle.

- **JUSTIN M. RAMIREZ**, 30, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for parole violation.

- **MARGARITA OLIVAREZ RAMIREZ**, 34, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for parent contributing to non-attendance.

- **RAYMOND NOEL RANDO**, 32, was booked by the BSPD on two failure to appear warrants for the manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, a warrant for possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces, and on charges of evading arrest or detention and possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

- **JOSE REYNOSA RUBIO**, 51, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **BENITA KAY PADRON SALAZAR**, 44, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of assault by family violence, threat, or offensive touch.

- **MARIO ILDEFONSO SALAZAR**, 27, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **CHRISTOPHER LEE VASQUEZ**, 35, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

- **OSCAR RAMIREZ VELASCO**, 77, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for accident involving damage to vehicle.

- **SAM STEVENSON WALKER JR.**, 26, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

- **EMMETT EARL WOODARD**, 55, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for criminal mischief between \$2,500 and \$30k.

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TALKS

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missile and nuclear programs and the hard-line policies of Moon's conservative predecessors.

South Korean Vice Defense Minister Suh Choo Suk proposed on Monday that defense officials from the two Koreas hold talks at the border village of Panmunjom on Friday on how to end hostile activities along the border. South Korean acting Red Cross chief Kim Sun Hyang told a news conference that it wants separate talks at the border village on Aug. 1 to discuss

family reunions.

North Korea's state media didn't immediately respond to South Korea's proposals. But analysts say North Korea may accept the defense talks because it wants the South Korean army to halt loudspeaker broadcasts at the border that began after North Korea's fourth nuclear test in January 2016. Prospects for talks on family reunions are less good because North Korea has previously demanded that South Korea repatriate some North Korean defectors living in the South before any reunions take place, according to the analysts.

Earlier this month, Moon said in

a speech in Germany that he's willing to meet North Korean leader Kim Jong Un if certain conditions are met. Moon also said the two Koreas must halt hostile activities along the border, restart family reunions and cooperate on the 2018 Winter Olympics to be held in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

Moon has said he will use both dialogue and pressure to resolve the standoff over North Korea's nuclear and missile programs. But he has achieved little progress, with North Korea test-firing a series of newly developed missiles.

North Korea is believed to possess

hundreds of missiles capable of striking South Korea and Japan. It recent test of an ICBM put it one step closer to its goal of developing nuclear-armed missiles capable of reaching anywhere in the United States.

After the ICBM launch, Kim said he would never negotiate over his weapons programs as long as U.S. hostility and nuclear threats persist.

The two Koreas have been divided since the 1950-53 Korean War ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty. About 28,500 American troops are stationed in South Korea.

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cotton exhibiting unacceptable bollworm injury to let him know as he would like to make further collections. Contact him at 979-845-2516, dlk-erns@tamu.edu.

"Be sure to give the technology the opportunity to work, though," he said. "Our research has shown that if you are running 6 percent injured fruit with live larvae present, it pays to spray. That said, if I had a very large egg lay in WideStrike technology, I would be inclined to spray. Make sure you check blooms, bracts and bloom tags for eggs and small larvae. A great many of the egg lays we are seeing are not so much in the terminal but in the canopy."

Kerns said the most common insecticide choices for bollworm control are pyrethroids. Blackhawk at 3.2 ounces per acre, Prevathon at 14-19 fluid ounces per acre and Besiege at 7-10 fluid ounces per acre are common treatments.

"Be careful with the pyrethroids," he said. "Granted, they are inexpensive, but we have had some reports of control failures, especially if the bollworms are second instar or larger when sprayed, plus they can flare aphids and spider mites."

Grain sorghum is also on the bollworms' menu this summer, Kerns said.

"Bollworms are also hitting grain sorghum and if you catch them small — in the first and second instar stage — pyrethroids usually will control them, but rely on Blackhawk, Prevathon or Besiege if very many large worms are encountered."

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

CENTRAL: Scattered showers and thunderstorms were widespread. Pastures were in good condition. Crops looked fantastic for this time of year. Sorghum was quickly maturing.

Corn harvest is underway, and cotton and soybeans looked extremely good. Producers applied growth regulators multiple times. Hay was being produced at a higher-than-average rate due to extensive amounts of rain, and some producers were making a second cutting of hay. Brush control was being done.

Cattle were doing well on native pasture and maintaining super body condition. All other livestock were in excellent condition. Range and pasture conditions were good and tanks were full.

PANHANDLE: Above-average temperatures were experienced across most of the area. Some moisture was received early in the week, but the soil moisture was rated short to adequate. Some producers were replanting hailed-out corn. Irrigation was active on summer crops, which were stressed by hot conditions. Ranges were drying out. Wheat harvest was winding down. Some livestock producers were hauling water to cattle due to lack of wind to turn windmills.

FAR WEST: Temperature highs were in the 100's and lows in the 70's. Rainfall totals averaged 0.3 to 3 inches. Dryland cotton was starting to look good as it was squaring. Sorghum was filling grain and looked good as well. Corn was stressed by high temperatures and hot wind during peak water demand. Pastures were freshened up but still yellowing in some spots from heat. Shipping of all lambs was completed. Managers continued to feed livestock and wildlife.

WEST CENTRAL: Weather was reasonable, with temperatures in the high 90's in most areas. Scattered isolated showers were reported in many counties. Crops looked good for most areas with adequate rainfall.

Cotton crops were progressing as young plants established. Cotton and grain sorghum crops were in mostly good to excellent condition. Some farmers had to replant cotton due to heavy rains and high winds. Corn continued to do very well due to rainfall. Forages were being harvested with average to above-average yields. Cutting and baling hay continued, and hay reports have been good. Range and pastures continued to improve in areas that reported rainfall. Good grazing for cattle was reported. Quail counts were up from last year. Deer looked to be in good condition. Livestock remained in fair to good condition. The cattle market was active, and demand was good. The pecan crop remained good.

GAS

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for GasBuddy.com. "Oil prices, after sagging to close the month of June, had started July by surging, only to let up shortly after. Last week, however, the market resumed the rise, post-

ing a 5% weekly gain, so we're likely again to see something of everything: gas prices rising in most areas, falling in a few, and perhaps changing little in a handful of places as well. The bigger issue we're now looking at that could affect gasoline prices are a last minute special meeting OPEC will be holding

on July 27. It remains a bit of a mystery what, if anything, they may decide, but all eyes will be focused on any policy changes or production changes."

For LIVE fuel price averages, visit <http://FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com>.

JOE

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Calvio's regular band was on vacation, and he was joined by a few substitutes, including Eddie Austin on bass, Braedyn Alaniz on guitar, and Chris Ackery on

drums.

Following A.C. and the Heaters, Little Joe y La Familia took the stage, and rocked the audience with his signature combination of Tejano, oldies, and country. Joining Joe as the horn section of La Familia were Big Spring's

own John Ontiveros and Gracie Acosta. Also traveling with the group was Neal Sharpe, an R&B singer, who performed a short interlude during Little Joe's set.

Victim Services is a non-profit organization in Big Spring serving Howard County

and its adjacent counties. The organization provides assistance and support to victims of domestic violence and abuse.

For more information about Victim Services, call 432-263-3312 or visit their website at www.vsofbigspring.com.

See the Herald this coming Sunday for a more in-depth story and more pictures of the concert.

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

Jordanian soldier sentenced to life for killing 3 US troops

By REEM SAAD and OMAR AKOUR

Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — A military court convicted a Jordanian soldier Monday of killing three U.S. military trainers at a Jordanian air base and sentenced him to life in prison with hard labor.

The defendant, who had pleaded "not guilty," has said he opened fire because he feared the base was coming under attack.

As he was led out of the courtroom, 1st Sgt. Marik al-Tuwayha said: "I have all the respect for the king, but I was doing my job."

Relatives of two of the slain soldiers sat quietly as the judge announced his ruling to a crowded court.

Charles Lewellen, one of the bereaved fathers, later told The Associated Press that the verdict "won't take the pain away," but that it proved "what we have been saying all along ... that he murdered our sons."

Some of the relatives criticized Jordan's handling of the case and called for the death penalty, saying the maximum sentence in this case, life in prison, was not enough.

The three U.S. Army Green Be-

rets were killed Nov. 4, as their convoy waited at the gate to the al-Jafr base in southern Jordan. Jordan initially said the Americans triggered the shooting by disobeying entry rules, a claim that was later withdrawn.

The trial "confirmed that the deceased U.S. service members followed all established procedures when accessing the base the day of the incident, as we have noted before," the U.S. Embassy in Jordan said in a statement. "We are reassured to see the perpetrator brought to justice."

The victims were 27-year-old Staff Sgt. Matthew C. Lewellen of Kirksville, Missouri; 30-year-old Staff Sgt. Kevin J. McEnroe of Tucson, Arizona; and 27-year-old Staff Sgt. James F. Moriarty of Ker-ville, Texas.

Jordan is a member of a U.S.-led military coalition against Islamic State group extremists in neighboring

Syria and Iraq. Jordan hosts troops, including trainers, from the U.S. and other countries as part of the anti-IS battle.

The military court judge, Col. Mohamed al-Afeef, said at the start of the trial that the defendant had no known ties to militant groups.

This left questions about a possible motive.

The defendant and some of the gate guards testified that they heard what might have been a pistol shot coming from the direction of the U.S. convoy. The defendant said he opened fire because he feared the base was coming under attack. Other

guards said they held their fire because they couldn't determine the source of the sound.

The defendant has said he had "no intention of killing anyone" and felt no resentment toward Americans.

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Killeen police arrest 8 on riot charges after mall fight

KILLEEN, Texas (AP) — Police have arrested eight people on riot charges after a weekend fight at a Central Texas mall.

A Killeen police statement says four adults and four juveniles were arrested Saturday night following the disturbance at the Killeen Mall.

Cmdr. Alex Gearhart says investigators are trying to determine what sparked the fight involving more than 30 people. Gearhart says there were no significant injuries or property damage.

Gearhart says the dispute began inside the mall and then spilled outside.

Gearhart says seven males and one female face riot charges. She's also charged with unlawful carrying of a weapon.

Killeen is about 60 miles (97 kilometers) north of Austin.

Damaged statue atop Waco courthouse removed from dome

WACO, Texas (AP) — A statue of Themis, the Greek goddess of divine law, has been removed from the top of the McLennan County Courthouse dome 115 years after it was placed there.

Crews removed the almost three-ton zinc statue Saturday, three years after it lost to a 65-mph wind the arm that held the scales of justice.

The statue is being trucked to Alabama where a duplicate will be fashioned in aluminum, complete with the lost arm and scales. County officials hope the replacement to be back on its dome-top perch in three to four months.

State District Judge Matt Johnson said he hopes the maimed original will be returned and displayed publicly, not locked away in a warehouse.

Police kill domestic violence suspect after chase, standoff

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Police in a North Texas suburb have shot dead a domestic violence suspect wearing body armor after he hijacked a car and led police on a chase.

An Arlington Police Department statement says the incident began late Saturday afternoon when a man was threatening friends and family with a knife and handgun at an apartment on the city's west side. Officers tried to negotiate his surrender as they saw him don body armor.

The armed man fled to the parking lot, hijacked a car and drove several blocks until he got a flat tire and fled on foot into a neighborhood of single-family homes.

At one point, the man emerged from between two houses and pointed his gun at an officer, who shot him dead.

No other injuries were reported.

Ohio police find body after checking on missing Texas woman

MANSFIELD, Ohio (AP) — Authorities say a body has been found in the trunk of a car after Texas police asked an Ohio department to check a house for a missing woman.

The (Mansfield) News Journal reports officers in central Ohio found the missing Texas woman's car parked in front of a Mansfield home early Saturday. Police say they spoke to a man who claimed he hadn't seen the woman since Thursday when he picked up a child at her Cedar Hill, Texas, home.

Police say the man fought with officers and tried to flee on foot after being told Cedar Hill police had asked to retain him. He was subdued after being hit with a stun gun.

The woman's body was then found in the trunk of her car.

Texas funeral held for American beaten to death in Greece

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A funeral for the American tourist who was fatally beaten in Greece took place Saturday in his hometown of Austin, Texas, King-Tears Mortuary, the funeral home handling the body, confirmed.

The service began at 11 a.m. Saturday at Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church in Austin, according to King-Tears Mortuary.

Greek police say 22-year-old Bakari Henderson was beaten to death outside a bar July 7 on the Greek island of Zakynthos. Henderson had recently graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Arizona and was in Greece working on a photo shoot to launch a clothing line, his family said. Friends described him as fun-loving with a friendly demeanor.

Greek police spokesman Theodoros Chronopoulos has said that the exact cause of the fight was unclear, but that it started shortly after Henderson took a selfie with one of the bar's waitresses.

A fight broke out and Henderson was chased down the street.

Texas 'bathroom bill' may shape 2018 GOP primary campaigns



AP photo

In this April 19, 2017, file photo, Texas Speaker of the House Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, talks with fellow lawmakers on the House floor at the Texas Capitol in Austin. Straus has for months opposed a "bathroom bill" targeting transgender people, saying the proposal could spark boycotts that could hurt the state's economy. The Legislature is heading into special session on Tuesday, July 25 and conservative groups have promised to target Straus and his key House lieutenants during March's GOP primaries if the issue doesn't pass.

By WILL WEISSERT

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Though "bathroom bills" targeting transgender people fizzled in deep-red states across the U.S., the issue is still white hot in Texas, where the Legislature is heading into special session prepared to revive it and conservative groups are vowing revenge on Republican lawmakers who don't approve it.

Whether Texas eventually enacts a law requiring transgender people to use public restrooms according to their birth-certificate gender, the issue is looming large over Republican primaries set for March. Powerful business entities, from Apple to the NFL, oppose such a bill as discriminatory, but insurgent candidates have promised to brand lawmakers who dare reject it — or try to remain neutral in the face of so much outcry — as soft on social issues dear to conservatives.

The issue appeared dead in the near-term when the Legislature ended its regular session on Memorial Day without approving a bathroom bill. The Texas Senate had passed a strict version in March, but the more-moderate House — led by vocal bathroom bill opponent Republican Speaker Joe Straus — balked and approved a watered-down version applying only to public schools. The Senate rejected that. A stalemate may yet prevail if neither side budges during a 30-day extra session that GOP Gov. Greg Ab-

bott has convened starting Tuesday.

The Conservative Republicans of Texas political action committee says it's ready to pounce on those who don't support the strict proposal that mimicked a 2015 North Carolina law that sparked so much uproar and threats of costly boycotts that lawmakers there eventually rolled much of it back. No other state has approved such a law, despite similar bills being introduced in nearly 20 states.

"To the extent that someone chooses to lock arms with Joe Straus and promote his liberal agenda for the state, and work with him to kill conservative legislation, we're going to be looking for and back a primary challenger to that individual," said Jared Woodfill, a Houston attorney who is the group's president.

Woodfill's PAC donated nearly \$2 million between the 2010 and 2016 election cycles to 100-plus Texas legislative candidates and other conservative causes, and plans to spend lavishly to target moderate Republicans up for election in 2018.

On the other side are business and civil rights organizations, gay rights activists and many religious leaders who see the law as harmful to transgender residents and bad for the state's economy. But such groups, generally, have been less active in Texas' GOP primaries.

"The mainstream

faith communities in this state cringe when they hear that violent, hateful language so they vacate the field and leave it to extreme people," said Bee Moorhead, executive director of Texas Impact, which represents religious congregations from across the faith and political spectrum. "What they are realizing is, even though we don't like that approach, it is incumbent upon us to learn about how to talk about politics."

The issue's top Texas proponent is Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, a fiery former radio talk show host who oversees the Senate and is the state's leading conservative voice. Abbott, meanwhile, has appeared conflicted. He refused to endorse the bathroom bill for months,

then backed only the softened House version. But Abbott has now put the issue on a list of 20 items he'd like to see the Legislature approve during the special session, bolstering his conservative credentials as he seeks re-election in 2018.

Straus likened the bathroom bill and Abbott's other special-session priorities to a mountain of horse manure. He crushed past tea party-backed primary challengers in his San Antonio district and was re-elected to a record-tying fifth term as speaker unanimously by the House at the start of the regular session. But the Republican Party's executive committee in Straus' home county recently endorsed a non-binding resolution calling for his removal as speaker.

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Military cyber operations headed for revamp after long delay



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In this May 9, 2017, file photo, U.S. Cyber Command and the National Security Agency Director Adm. Mike Rogers testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington. U.S. officials say the Trump administration, after months of delay, is finalizing plans to revamp the nation's military command for defensive and offensive cyber-operations. The plan would eventually split it from the intelligence-focused National Security Agency in hopes of intensifying America's ability to wage cyber war against the Islamic State group and other foes.

WASHINGTON (AP) — After months of delay, the Trump administration is finalizing plans to revamp the nation's military command for defensive and offensive cyber operations in hopes of intensifying America's ability to wage cyberwar against the Islamic State group and other foes, according to U.S. officials.

Under the plans, U.S. Cyber Command would eventually be split off from the intelligence-focused National Security Agency.

Details are still being worked out, but officials say they expect a decision and announcement in the coming weeks. The officials weren't authorized to speak publicly on the matter so requested anonymity.

The goal, they said, is to give U.S. Cyber Command more autonomy, freeing it from any constraints that stem from working alongside the NSA, which is responsible for monitoring and collecting telephone, internet and other intelligence data

from around the world — a responsibility that can sometimes clash with military operations against enemy forces.

Making cyber an independent military command will put the fight in digital space on the same footing as more traditional realms of battle on land, in the air, at sea and in space. The move reflects the escalating threat of cyberattacks and intrusions from other nation states, terrorist groups and hackers, and comes as the U.S. faces ever-widening fears about Russian hacking following Moscow's efforts to meddle in the 2016 American election.

The U.S. has long operated quietly in cyberspace, using it to collect information, disrupt enemy networks and aid conventional military missions. But as other nations and foes expand their use of cyberspying and attacks, the U.S. is determined to improve its ability to incorporate cyber operations into its everyday warfighting.

Experts said the command

will need time to find its footing.

"Right now I think it's inevitable, but it's on a very slow glide path," said Jim Lewis, a cybersecurity expert with the Center for Strategic and International Studies. But, he added, "A new entity is not going to be able to duplicate NSA's capabilities."

The NSA, for examples, has 300 of the country's leading mathematicians "and a gigantic super computer," Lewis said. "Things like this are hard to duplicate."

He added, however, that over time, the U.S. has increasingly used cyber as a tactical weapon, bolstering the argument for separating it from the NSA.

The two highly secretive organizations, based at Fort Meade, Maryland, have been under the same four-star commander since Cyber Command's creation in 2009.

But the Defense Department has been agitating for a separation, perceiving the NSA and intelligence community as resistant to more

aggressive cyberwarfare, particularly after the Islamic State's transformation in recent years from an obscure insurgent force into an organization holding significant territory across Iraq and Syria and with a worldwide recruiting network.

While the military wanted to attack IS networks, intelligence objectives prioritized gathering information from them, according to U.S. officials familiar with the debate. They weren't authorized to discuss internal deliberations publicly and requested anonymity.

Then-Defense Secretary Ash Carter sent a plan to President Barack Obama last year to make Cyber Command an independent military headquarters and break it away from the NSA, believing that the agency's desire to collect intelligence was at times preventing the military from eliminating IS' ability to raise money, inspire attacks and command its widely dispersed network of fighters.

Carter, at the time, also pushed for the ouster of Adm. Mike Rogers, who still heads both bodies. The Pentagon, he warned, was losing the war in the cyber domain, focusing on cyberthreats from nations such as Iran, Russia and China, rather than on countering the communications and propaganda campaigns of internet-savvy insurgents.

Officials also grew alarmed by the growing number of cyberattacks against the U.S. government, including several serious, high-level Defense Department breaches that occurred under Rogers' watch.

"NSA is truly an intelligence-collection organization," said Lauren Fish, a research associate with the Center for a New American Security. "It should be collecting information, writing reports on it. Cyber Command is meant to be an organization that uses tools to have military operational effect."

After President Donald Trump's inauguration, officials said Defense Secretary Jim Mattis endorsed much

of the plan. But debate over details has dragged on for months.

It's unclear how fast the Cyber Command will break off on its own. Some officials believe the new command isn't battle-ready, given its current reliance on the NSA's expertise, staff and equipment. That effort will require the department to continue to attract and retain cyber experts.

Cyber Command was created in 2009 by the Obama administration to address threats of cyber espionage and other attacks. It was set up as a sub-unit under U.S. Strategic Command to coordinate the Pentagon's ability to conduct cyberwarfare and to defend its own networks, including those that are used by combat forces in battle.

Officials originally said the new cyber effort would likely involve hundreds, rather than thousands, of new employees.

Since then, the command has grown to more than 700 military and civilian employees. The military services also have their own cyber units, with a goal of having 133 fully operational teams with as many as 6,200 personnel.

Its proposed budget for next year is \$647 million. Rogers told Congress in May that represents a 16 percent increase over this year's budget to cover costs associated with building the cyber force, fighting IS and becoming an independent command.

Under the new plan being forwarded by the Pentagon to the White House, officials said Army Lt. Gen. William Mayville would be nominated to lead Cyber Command. Leadership of the NSA could be turned over to a civilian.

Mayville is currently the director of the military's joint staff and has extensive experience as a combat-hardened commander. He deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan, leading the 173rd Airborne Brigade when it made its assault into Iraq in March 2003 and later heading coalition operations in eastern Afghanistan.

Hit for-profit New Mexico art venue seeks out tiny investors

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — The startup company behind a popular immersive art exhibition space in New Mexico sought out small-scale internet investors Saturday as it lays the groundwork to take its themed entertainment to one or more major metropolitan markets.

More than 500,000 visitors have flocked to Meow Wolf's kaleidoscopic walk- and crawl-through exhibit space since it opened in a converted Santa Fe bowling alley in early 2016. The art installation starts with a riddle on the doorsteps of a fanciful Victorian house and extends through a maze of glowing passageways and rooms with lasers, buttons and odd musical instruments that respond to the touch.

The privately held company behind the art complex — which now encompasses a gift shop, nonprofit educational studio, live music venue, food truck, and a craft beer and wine area — hopes to raise roughly \$1 million in increments of as little as \$1,000 through the crowdfunding website WeFunder.

The investment opportunity comes with no guarantee of a financial return. Shares are not paired to a stock exchange — and come with no guarantee they can ever be sold — under equity crowdfunding regulations created just over a year ago by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

"It's a leap of faith," Meow Wolf CEO Vince Kadlubek said. "You're buying into a company that you think has a good trajectory."

The offering appeals directly to Meow Wolf's fan base to help outfit a creative studio in Santa Fe with heavy manufacturing equipment, while hiring a new creative team. The goal is to add new art installations in major cities — with Austin, Denver, Las Vegas and Houston listed as top contenders.

"This is a foundational round (of financing) that is meant to help us build the infrastructure necessary to deliver on future projects," Kadlubek said.

Registered as a public benefit corporation that can set community priorities before profits, Meow Wolf has reported \$7 million in revenues during its first full operating year ending in March. About 85 percent of revenues came from admissions, with full-price tickets going for \$20, or \$14 for children.

The hit family destination has been a bright spot on a sluggish state economy, while adding a dose of venture capitalism to a Santa Fe arts scene that revolves around public museums, nonprofit foundations and private galleries.

"We see ourselves as a company of creatives," Kadlubek said.

Current owners of the company include eight founding officers and an additional 48 private shareholders —

a number likely to multiply in coming days.

Game of Thrones author George R.R. Martin, a Santa Fe resident, helped Meow Wolf get off the ground by purchasing its current location and leasing the property at an accessible rate. Federal filings show Meow Wolf's directors include seasoned San Francisco venture capitalist Stewart Alsop and Texas-based entrepreneur Peter Zandan, a specialist in global brand development.

Meow Wolf has been closing in on final approvals for \$1.1 million in infrastructure funding from the City

of Santa Fe and the New Mexico Economic Development Department.



AP Photo/Morgan Lee

Computer programmer Ken Lambrecht, right, of Louisville, Colorado roams the gift shop outside Meow Wolf's mazelike exhibition space in Santa Fe, N.M., on Friday, July 14, 2017. The startup company behind the popular art installation is seeking out small-scale Internet investors as it lays the groundwork for expansion to major metropolitan markets.

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Cilic in pain and tears in final at Wimbledon

By CHRIS LEHOURITES

AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — In pain and in tears, Marin Cilic never really had a chance.

The big-serving Croat played with a blister on his left foot in Sunday's Wimbledon final against Roger Federer. Cilic looked good for a while, but the injury quickly got worse as Federer quickly got better and won 6-3, 6-1, 6-4.

"It was definitely one of the unfortunate days for me," Cilic said after losing on Centre Court. "Fluid just came down under my callous in the foot. ... Every time I had to do a reaction fast — fast change of movement — I was

unable to do that."

Cilic said he first felt the blister during his four-set victory over Sam Querrey in the semifinals. The 2014 U.S. Open champion said it wasn't that bad on Friday that night.

"I felt that the foot wasn't so good. It wasn't so bad after the match," Cilic said. "We tried to take some fluid out overnight, and yesterday in the morning it was worse. The doctors and physios were trying to help as much as they could. They really did the best they could, really helped a lot."



Daniel Leal-Olivas/Pool Photo via AP

Croatia's Marin Cilic holds the runners-up trophy after losing to Switzerland's Roger Federer in the Men's Singles final match on day thirteen at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London Sunday, July 16, 2017.

Cilic served to open the match against Federer and both held to 2-2. Federer then broke twice to take the first set, and then broke again early in the second to take a 3-0 lead.

After that game, Cilic walked back to his changeover chair and broke down, tearing up as he covered his head with his white towel.

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Choo loses fly in sun with 2 out in 9th, KC shades Texas 4-3



AP Photo/Charlie Riedel

Texas Rangers pitcher Yu Darvish throws during the second inning of a baseball game against the Kansas City Royals, Sunday, July 16, 2017, in Kansas City, Mo.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Texas right fielder Shin-Soo Choo lost Lorenzo Cain's routine fly in the sun,

and the ball glanced off his glove for an RBI single with two outs in the ninth inning that lifted the Kansas City Royals over the Texas Rangers 4-3 Sunday.

Choo tried to shield his eyes, but even sunglasses didn't help on Cain's sliced flyball. The Royals snapped a five-game losing streak, and also ended a 12-game skid against the Rangers.

Kelvin Herrera (2-2) pitched a spotless ninth. Jason Grilli (2-5), acquired by Rangers from Toronto on July 2, took the loss.

Alcides Escobar led off the ninth with a single and Alex Gordon walked on four pitches. With one out, Grilli hit Whit Merrifield with a pitch to load the bases. After

Jorge Bonifacio struck out, Cain delivered the game-winning hit, with some luck.

Texans rookie running back D'Onta Foreman arrested

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Houston Texans rookie running back D'Onta Foreman has been arrested on drug and weapons charges.

A statement from the University of Texas Police Department in Austin said officers answered a report of the smell of marijuana outside a campus dormitory about 12:30 a.m. Sunday. They found three occupied vehicles

with marijuana in each and a firearm in one of them. Foreman was among those in the vehicles and was identified by police as the owner of the firearm.

Foreman was arrested on charges of unlawful carrying of a weapon and marijuana possession, both misdemeanors, and released on bond.

Fiers strikes out 11 as Astros beat Twins 5-3



AP Photo/David J. Phillip

Houston Astros' Alex Bregman, left, scores a run as Minnesota Twins catcher Chris Gimenez looks for the throw during the second inning of a baseball game Sunday, July 16, 2017, in Houston.

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Mike Fiers struck out a season-high 11 over seven strong innings and Nori Aoki had two hits and two RBIs to help the Houston Astros beat the Minnesota Twins 5-3 on Sunday.

The AL West leaders took two of three from

the Twins coming out of the All-Star break.

Houston trailed in the fourth before Yuli Gurriel doubled, Marwin Gonzalez walked and Aoki hit a two-run double for a 3-2 lead.

The Astros added a couple of insurance runs in the seventh thanks to alert baserunning. Jake Marisnick walked, stole second base and scored on an

error by first baseman Kennys Vargas. Jose Altuve doubled, stole third and dashed home when Josh Reddick was thrown out at first on a third strike that got away.

Fiers (6-4) allowed two runs on four hits and no walks. He had walked eight combined in his last two starts.

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Bike problem nearly derails Froome on Stage 15

LE PUY-EN-VELAY, France (AP) — If Chris Froome rides into Paris next Sunday with the Tour de France's famed yellow jersey still on his shoulders, it will be impossible to argue that he didn't earn the win.

In another day of drama Sunday in a 104th Tour full of twists, Froome broke a back-wheel spoke at the worst possible time on Stage 15 — just as his top rivals were picking up speed in front of him going into yet another punishing climb.

By the time Froome had stopped, taken a wheel off his teammate Michal Kwiatkowski and got going again, they were long gone, already about one minute down the road.



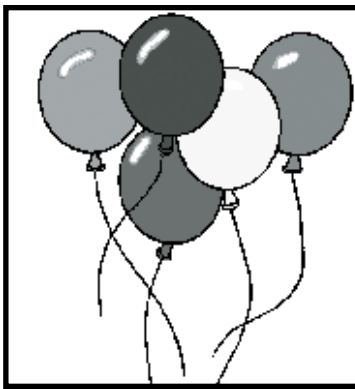
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Froome had two choices: pour all his energy into catching them or lose his overall race lead and its yellow jersey that has already changed hands three times since the Tour started in Germany on July 1.

"Panic stations," he said. "I really thought that that could be the yellow jersey changing shoulders again."

Like a hound chasing prey, Froome hared off after Romain Bardet, Fabio Aru and Rigoberto Uran — the three riders all within 30 seconds of Froome in the overall standings of the Tour that, after a hum beginning, has become thrillingly close.

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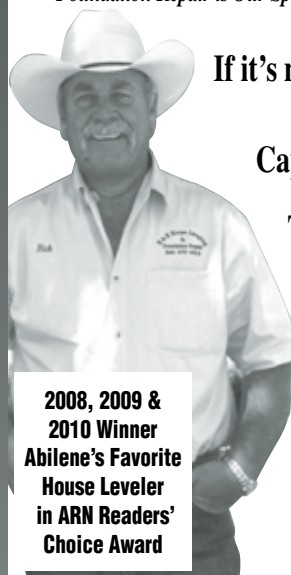
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

time, go. The time will pass whether you embark on the journey or not.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you're on the same team, you need to be on the same side, too. Don't let the spirit of competition get out of hand. Infighting will lead to the demise of the group.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). To do what is best for you is to do what is best for those around you. Ignore your own needs and it will catch up to the whole group. That said, there's a difference between good self-care and the indulgence of weakness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You could, alone in a room armed with determined focus, plan out your life down to the minute details. What's going to work better, though, is to get in motion and start making some mistakes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Usually when something is changing you, you feel it -- and it's not usually a pleasant feeling, either. They call it "growing pains," not "grow-

ing pleasures." The pleasure will be in the privileges of being grown.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Happy people bob along to the music, whereas sad people delve into the meaning of the lyrics. To be fully appreciated, the art (and life itself!) needs to be looked at from many different lights and moods.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The best group will be a diverse group. It may take longer to work out the different roles and the balance of personalities, but once you do, the unit will be unstoppable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Many ideas will be bandied about. If you come to an impasse, take a break and then come back to it. There's more in the well. Don't stop until you find a mutually beneficial solution. It's the only kind that will endure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Beauty captivates your attention and leads it toward hope and light. You don't have to be looking for beauty to find it, but you do have to know

it when you see it. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Excellence is a mansion atop a long, sweaty hill. Getting to it takes great effort, but it's a lot easier because you can see the proud result as you step ever nearer to it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's a very pleasurable thing to imagine an adventure and quite a different thing entirely to embark on one. Your spirit of exploration will be awakened and encouraged by fire sign influences (Aries, Leo and Sagittarius).

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 17). There's a fire burning in you, in the form of a quest. This isn't so much about a project; it's more like a mission of emotion. You want to feel and experience deeper love, more engagement, greater excitement, and this will happen for you as you take risks with your social life this year. You'll be a different person this time next year. Pisces and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 20, 22, 28 and 11.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "This quotation has haunted me (a Gemini guy) lately, Holiday: 'Even after all this time, the sun never says to the earth, "You owe me." Look what happens with a love like that. It lights the whole sky.' -- Hafiz

"Thoughts?" The 14th-century Persian mystic Hafiz wrote enduringly popular poems of love, faith and hypocrisy. Though the beauty of his work cannot be denied, modern love is so complex that I could see how a poem such as this could hang up a Gemini guy's processor. Does this quotation give your mind the icon of a spinning beach ball?

To me, the problem is that the sun never did anything for Earth that it wasn't doing already, so of course the sun isn't owed any thanks from a measly little planet that can't help its complete reliance on a star. Any relationship with a power balance as extremely skewed as that of a solar power to its luminary is unhealthy and doomed inside the rules of contem-

porary romance. Bottom line: People who actually put themselves out for one another (SET ITAL) do (END ITAL) have responsibilities, debts and their own system of accounting appreciation and gratitude to one another. Ignore this and the sky of the relationship will most likely light up in the manner of the sunset before the end.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: This Cancer crab once made a public request that we not "hassle the Hoff." David Hasselhoff has the hard shell that all moon children are born with to hide a sensitive emotional core that runs deep and thrives with equal parts excitement and quiet. Hasselhoff has Mercury and Venus in Leo, suggesting that when it's showtime, he can turn on a sparkling persona with the flip of a switch.

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Cosmic Squares

The Greek poet Hesiod said, "It will not always be summer; build barns." Try to store some emotional warmth up today. Capture it in a pic. Jot a note. Make a list of the things you can do to keep your energy, creativity and playfulness alive when things change, as they inevitably will as Venus squares Neptune and Mars squares Uranus.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). People feel comfortable with you. Maybe it's the way you kindly accept all the quirks. Your presence is easy. Your love is generous. Your moments will be full and vibrantly lived.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Remember when you didn't go because you thought it would take too long to get there? This

Divulging Mental Illness in a New Relationship

Dear Annie: It's no secret that there is a stigma when it comes to mental health in today's society. I've struggled with anxiety and depression for several years now, and I'm fortunate to have it "under control," so to speak, thanks to therapy and medication. I like

to think that I am in charge of my illness rather than the other way around, and I don't want to be shy about it, because it is part of who I am. However, I'm now not sure when it's appropriate to share this information with someone.

I am in a happy, healthy new relationship, and I care about my boyfriend very much. I feel that

this is something he needs to know about me, but I'm scared to bring it up, because I don't want to scare him off. I'm sure that he will be very understanding once he knows, and I really do want him to know, but I don't know how realistic it is for me to wait for this subject to come up naturally. It is a hard thing to say out loud. The thought of telling him overwhelms me, but I am even more overwhelmed knowing that he doesn't know this huge thing about me. Should I just go ahead and bring it up to him out of the blue and get it over with, or should I wait? -- Smitten and Scared

Dear Smitten and Scared: There is no set timeline for divulging mental health issues to a new partner. The right time is when-

ever it feels right for you. That means when you trust him, when you're sure the relationship is serious and when the fact that you haven't told him is really bugging you. If you're at that point, then you're ready to have the conversation. Decide ahead of time just how much you want to divulge. A short, simple explanation like the one you gave me would be perfectly acceptable, and you can reveal more as your relationship progresses. He will not break up with you over this, and if he does, you're better off without him.

Dear Annie: In my local newspaper this past weekend, there was a wonderful column in which you provided information about Al-Anon (the support group for

friends and family members troubled by someone else's drinking). I just wanted to thank you for putting the word out there. Many people don't know about Al-Anon. They say that for every alcoholic in a family, at least 10 others are affected by his/her behavior and are unaware of it. I know that Al-Anon has helped many people learn to live and even love their alcoholic family members. Thank you. -- Lori H.

Dear Lori: Alcoholism truly is a family disease, and I believe it's as important for

loved ones to seek help as it is for the problem drinkers to do so. For more information and to find a meeting near you, visit <http://al-anon.org> or call 888-425-2666.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

North dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 8 7 6 4
♥ A 10 3
♦ 10 9 8 4
♣ K 5

WEST
♠ K J 5 2
♥ Q J 9 6 4
♦ A J
♣ A 10

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

SOUTH
♠ 9
♥ K 5
♦ K Q 7 6 5 3 2
♣ 6 4 2

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 4♦ Dble
Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead — ace of clubs.

It is, of course, much easier to play well when you can see all 52 cards rather than just 26. For a striking example of how even the best players occasionally veer from perfection, consider this deal from the 1983 world championship match between the United States and New Zealand.

At the first table, with a U.S. pair seated North-South, the bidding went as shown, and the New Zealand West led the ace and another club to dummy's king. Declarer played a diamond to his king, losing to West's

ace. West then led a spade to his partner's ace, and East returned a club, ruffed with the jack to put the contract down one.

Although this outcome might appear unavoidable after West led the ace and another club, the fact is that South could have made the contract.

After winning the club king, he should have played the K-A-10 of hearts and discarded his spade on the ten. With West unable to reach East's hand, declarer would have lost only three tricks for a score of 510.

At the second table, with a New Zealand pair North-South, the bidding went:

North East South West
Pass Pass 3♦ Dble
3 NT 4♦ 5♦ Dble

Here the U.S. West chose the disastrous lead of the queen of hearts. The declarer won with the king, finessed the ten of hearts and discarded his singleton spade on the ace of hearts. The only tricks the defenders could then score were a diamond and a club, so declarer made the contract for a score of 550 points.

And so, the U.S. team lost 650 points on the deal. But if the declarer at the first table had made four diamonds doubled, and West at the second table had led a spade instead of a heart, the Americans would have gained 610 points instead.

Tomorrow: When and how to lose a trick.

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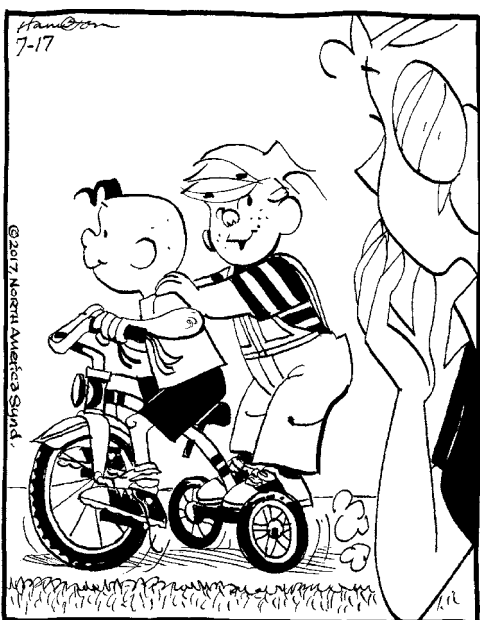
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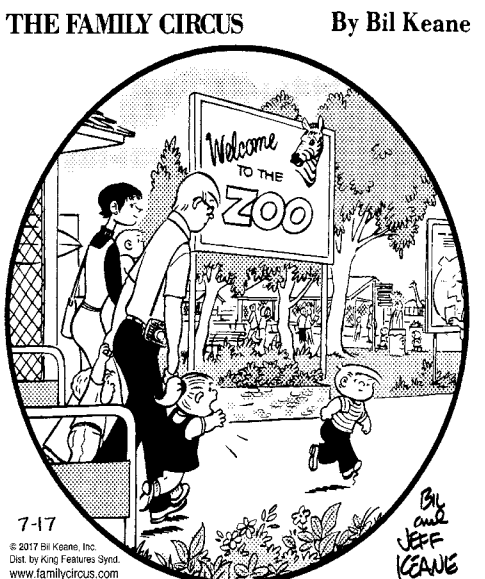
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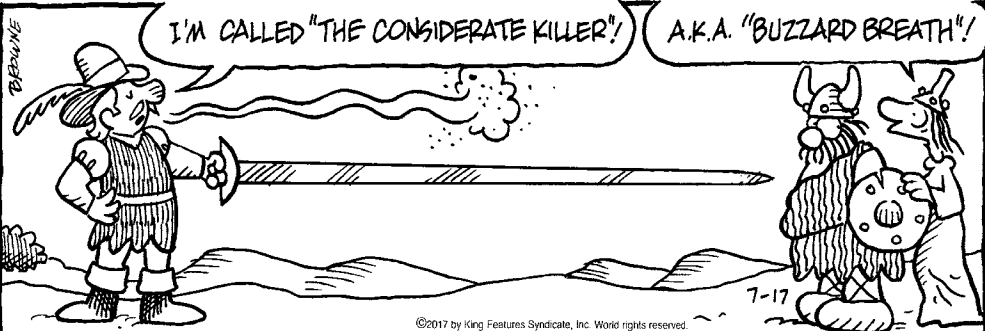
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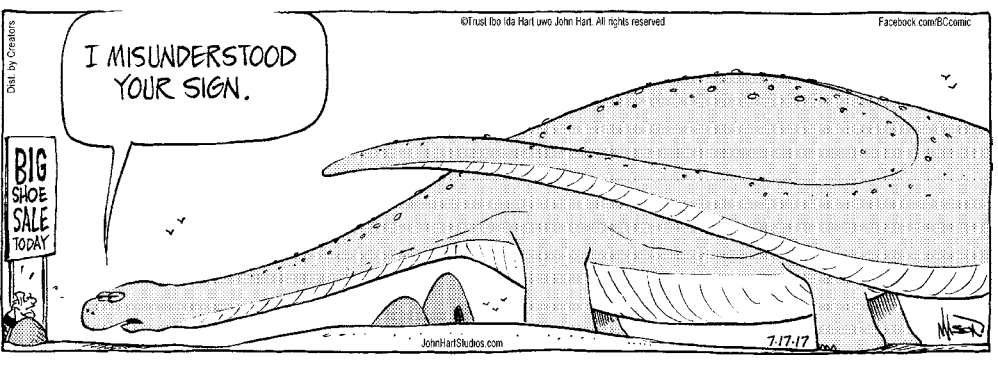
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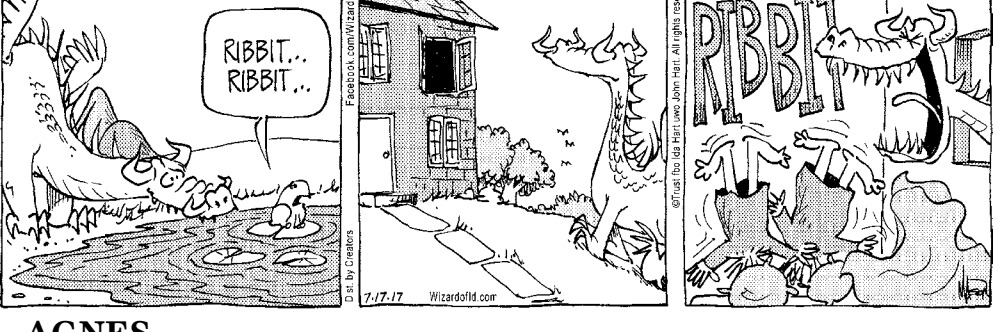
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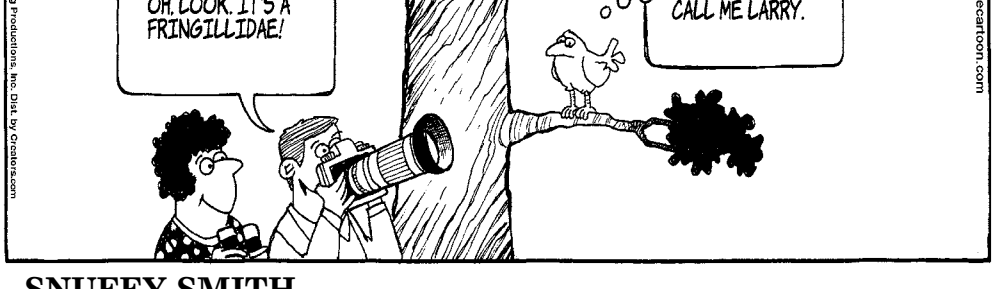
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THE OTHER COAST



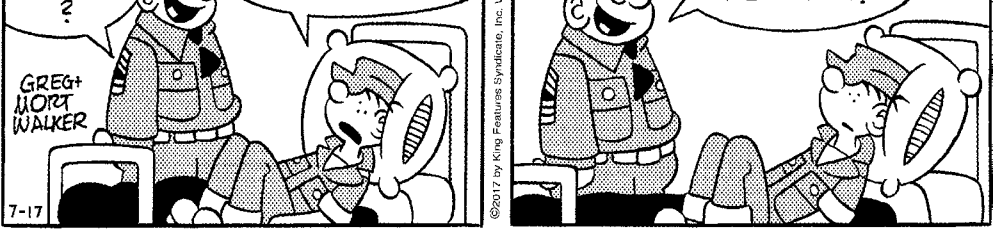
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I'LL HAVE YORE BACK, LUKEY !! AN' I'LL HAVE YOR'N, OL' BUDDY !!

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This Date In History

Today is Monday, July 17, the 198th day of 2017. There are 167 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

- On July 17, 1967, after seven dates, Jimi Hendrix quit as the opening act for the Monkees following a concert at Forest Hills Stadium in New York. (Although greatly admired by the Monkees, Hendrix had received a less than enthusiastic reception from their fans.)
- Jazz composer-musician John Coltrane died in Long Island, New York, at age 40.
- On this date:
 - In 1717, George Frideric Handel's "Water Music" was first performed by an orchestra during a boating party on the River Thames (tehms), with the musicians on one barge, and King George I listening from another.
 - In 1821, Spain ceded Florida to the United States.
 - In 1917, during World War I, Britain's King George V issued a proclamation decreeing that the royal family adopt the name "Windsor" while relinquishing "the Use of All German Titles and Dignities." Comedian and actress Phyllis Diller was born in Lima, Ohio.
- In 1918, Russia's Czar Nicholas II and his family were executed by the Bolsheviks.
- In 1936, the Spanish Civil War began as right-wing army generals launched a coup attempt against the Second Spanish Republic.
- In 1944, during World War II, 320 men, two-thirds of them African-Americans, were killed when a pair of ammunition ships exploded at the Port Chicago Naval Magazine in California.
- In 1955, Disneyland had its opening day in Anaheim, California.
- In 1975, an Apollo spaceship docked with a Soyuz spacecraft in orbit in the first superpower link-up of its kind.
- In 1981, 114 people were killed when a pair of suspended walkways above the lobby of the Kansas City Hyatt Regency Hotel collapsed during a tea dance.
- In 1996, TWA Flight 800, a Europe-bound Boeing 747, exploded and crashed off Long Island, New York, shortly after departing John F. Kennedy International Airport, killing all 230 people on board.
- In 1997, Woolworth Corp. announced it was closing its 400 remaining five-and-dime stores across the country, ending 117 years in business.
- In 2014, all 298 passengers and crew aboard Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 were killed when the Boeing 777 was shot down over rebel-held eastern Ukraine.

Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- Flat-topped hill
- Top poker cards
- Being pulled from behind
- Whitish gemstone
- Start to melt
- River of Paris
- Be nostalgic for
- Toon explorer
- Pained expression
- Well-educated
- Prodded, with "on"
- Lambs' mothers
- Slangy refusal
- Vegetable plot
- Household rubbish
- Light (seemingly weightless)
- Give a high-five to
- "_ the other hand..." (alternatively)
- Glides on snow
- Ejects, as lava
- Very funny person
- Money in Mexico
- Durable hardwood
- Bored by it all
- Changed direction abruptly
- Old Faithful, for example
- Morning lawn moisture
- Sports org.
- Honey-colored

DOWN

- Female parents
- Long, heroic story
- Wide belt
- In addition
- When roosters crow
- Routine task
- British noblemen
- Swing to and fro
- "That's really the truth"
- Helpful to those living close by
- Sound of a small bell
- "_ upon a time..."
- Unwanted plant
- Implite look
- Short snoozes
- Sounds of fright
- Out of whack
- Salary increase
- Untidy
- Stare (at)
- Opera solos
- Honking bird
- Walk inside
- Drove too fast
- Meadow
- Slow-cooker meal
- Boyfriend
- Parts of poems
- Deep cuts
- Retro "Cool!"
- Quoted as a source
- Picnic pests
- Veal or beef
- Ali _ and the 40 Thieves
- Cash borrowed
- Knocks sharply
- One of the Great Lakes
- Pre-Easter period
- Chatters

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Hingis and Murray win mixed doubles title at Wimbledon



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Britain's Jamie Murray and Switzerland's Martina Hingis celebrate as they hold their trophies after beating Finland's Henri Kontinen and Britain's Heather Watson to win the Mixed Doubles final match on day thirteen at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London Sunday, July 16, 2017.

LONDON (AP) — It's not a good idea to turn down Martina Hingis. Jamie Murray is glad he didn't.

Hingis and Murray won the Wimbledon mixed doubles title on Sunday, beating Henri Kontinen and Heather Watson 6-4, 6-4 on Centre Court.

Murray hadn't played mixed doubles since the 2016 French Open, but when Hingis contacted him before Wimbledon, he couldn't resist.

"I mean, the (men's) doubles for me is obviously my biggest goal of the year," Murray said. "It's going to take

something pretty special to kind of maybe potentially take my eye off the ball with it."

The duo had both previously won the title playing with different partners, Murray with Jelena Jankovic in 2007 and Hingis with Leander Paes in 2015.

Hingis, who has won five Grand Slam singles titles, 11 women's doubles and six mixed doubles, usually gets her way.

"I'm not used to 'no,'" Hingis said. "No, I don't take 'no' as an answer pretty much."

FROOME

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Earlier at the Tour, Froome's rivals had waited for the race leader to catch them back up when he suffered another mechanical problem, that one with his gears.

There was no such politeness this time.

Cheered on by partisan crowds on the 8.3-kilometer (5-mile) slog up the steep Col de Peyra Taillade — scaled for the very first time by the Tour — Bardet's French team AG2R put the hammer down.

Further back, Froome realized that if he didn't catch them by the top, he might never do so.

The race was on.

Helped first by teammates Mikel Nieve and then by Mikel Landa, and booed by some spectators as he labored past them, Froome worked furiously on the climb to reel in Bardet's group.

"They all emptied themselves to get me back into the race," Froome said of his teammates. "I had to get back by the top of the climb. Otherwise it was game over for me."

"It was a stressful moment," Froome said. "I thought I might not get back to the front."

Froome said the back-wheel problem seemed to be a broken spoke. "The wheel wasn't straight anymore," he said.

By recovering from the misfortune, Froome now takes the jersey and an 18-second lead over Aru into Monday's rest day, the last of two at the Tour, ahead of a crucial last week of racing in the Alps and with a time trial in Marseille.

The stage itself was won by Bauke Mollema of the Netherlands, with a courageous solo breakaway at the front of the race.

Mollema, a top-10 finisher at the Tours of 2013, 2014 and 2015, sped away on the descent from the Peyra Taillade climb and endured over the last 30 kilometers (20 miles) in front of a group of four riders who laid chase.

They couldn't catch the Trek-Segafredo rider, who was determined to secure his first-ever win at the Tour.

Mollema held his arms out in a cross shape as he sped across the finish in

Le Puy-en-Velay, the start of a famed Christian pilgrimage route to Spain. Champagne would be uncorked in celebration, he promised.

"I've never ridden so many kilometers alone in my life," Mollema said. "But I made it!"

The arduously bumpy 189.5-kilometer (117-mile) stage from the cattle-market town of Laissac-Severac L'Eglise, past rocky outcrops and patchwork fields on the high plateaus of central France's Massif Central mountains, offered two important insights going into the final week: Froome's rivals haven't given up trying to unseat him, and he still has energy to burn.

Riding back into Bardet's group required a big effort, especially since the French rider and his AG2R teammates were scaling the ascent at a brisk pace, roared on by the crowds. At one point, they rode over the words "Go Romain" that someone had painted on the tarmac.

"I had to go very deep," Froome said.

But he still had reserves at the end to finish the stage with a sprint, making clear that he's not prepared to cede an inch of road without a fight.

The top four standings remained unchanged: Aru, 18 seconds back in second place; Bardet 23 seconds behind the leader in third; Uran, 29 seconds off the lead, in fourth.

Irish rider Dan Martin moved up from sixth to fifth overall by powering ahead of the leaders' group in the final stretch. Now just 1:12 behind Froome — having started the day 1:26 back — Martin can expect to be watched even more closely by Froome and his Team Sky support riders from now on.

"It's going to be every second at this point," Froome said, "every second all the way into Paris."

Newgarden races to second Toronto IndyCar win in 3 years

TORONTO (AP) — Josef Newgarden raced to his second Toronto IndyCar title in three years Sunday, dominating on the streets surrounding Exhibition Place.

Newgarden came out in front on Lap 25 after a crash by Tony Kanaan caused a caution and maintained an advantage of over two seconds for the majority of the rest of the race. The American has five career victories, also winning in Alabama in April.

Newgarden gave Team Penske its 193rd victory, the most of any team.

Alexander Rossi was second, and James Hinchcliffe finished third in his hometown race for the second straight year. Marco Andretti was third, followed by Simon Pagenaud, Ryan Hunter-Reay, Max Chilton, Helio Castroneves, Graham Rahal and series leader Scott Dixon.

Dixon has a three-point lead over Castroneves with five races left.

Kanaan had his brakes lock up while leaving the pits and connected



Frank Gunn/The Canadian Press via AP

Josef Newgarden crosses the finish line to win the Honda Indy Toronto auto race in Toronto on Sunday, July 16, 2017.

with the protective tires in Turn 1. The caution caused the top-three cars of Castroneves, Pagenaud and Rahal to fall back.

Thundershowers were a threat throughout the race but held off. It started out sunny and humid, then clouded over during the event and it rained lightly at a few points.

Esteban Gutierrez, the rookie who crashed late in qualifying Saturday, was cleared to race after experiencing concussion-like symptoms. He finished 14th,

CILIC

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"It was a mix of emotions. Obviously a little bit of a frustration that I had that, and also trying to focus on the other side," Cilic said. "It's a tough part when you're in that kind of situation. You know there is not much possibility that you're going to win. It's just actually fighting it through."

After the second set, Cilic called for a trainer and had his left foot re-taped.

Federer knew something was going on with Cilic, but he wasn't exactly sure what.

"Because I didn't know and I couldn't tell, I just said; 'Focus on your game. Focus on your match. Keep playing,'" said Federer, who won his eighth Wimbledon title and 19th major overall. "The good thing is I was already in the lead."

Cilic came into the match one victory from his second major championship. Despite a 1-6 record in their previous seven matches, Cilic beat

Federer in straight sets in the U.S. Open semifinals three years ago on his way to the title. Federer followed that up by defeating Cilic last year in the Wimbledon quarterfinals, but Federer is 35 and Cilic, at 28, is one of the biggest hitters in the game.

The injury, though, made Sunday's match a veritable walkover.

"The first five, six games was really good tennis, exactly the way we were hoping, crowd was hoping, that it was going to be this great battle," said Jonas Bjorkman, Cilic's coach. "But unfortunately it was not meant to be. You could see he started not being able to push off as good and then he started giving us a little bit of a signal that it was not correct 100 percent again, so then obviously we knew that it was a problem."

That problem never went away, but Cilic served in the match, trying to hold serve and struggling to even win one point when the ball was in Federer's hand.

"I really wanted to give my best," Cilic said, "to try as much as I could."

ASTROS

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Ken Giles gave up a run in the ninth for his 20th save.

Vargas and Ehire Adrianza hit solo homers for Minnesota. Kyle Gibson (5-8) yielded four runs in six-plus innings.

Vargas gave the Twins a 1-0 lead with his shot to right-center in the second. The Astros tied it in the bottom half on singles by Alex Bregman, Aoki and Marisnick.

Adrianza put the Twins back on top when he hit his first homer of the season in the third.

Robbie Grossman singled with two outs

in the third before Fiers retired six in a row. Adrianza singled with two outs in the fifth, but he was picked off at first to end the inning and Fiers didn't allow another baserunner before he was replaced by Chris Devenski to start the eighth.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: Injured ace Dallas Keuchel will make a rehabilitation start for Double-A Corpus Christi on Monday. Keuchel hasn't pitched since June 2 because of a pinched nerve in his neck. The lefty will likely need multiple starts in the minors before he comes off the DL, but the Astros haven't yet determined exactly how

many he will need. He's expected to throw two innings on Monday.

UP NEXT

Twins: Adalberto Mejia (4-4, 4.43 ERA) will start for Minnesota in the opener of a three-game series against the Yankees on Monday. He allowed five hits and four runs in 6 2/3 innings of a 5-1 loss to Baltimore in his last start.

Astros: Lance McCullers (7-2, 3.05) is set to start for Houston when the Astros begin a three-game series with the Mariners on Monday. McCullers yielded nine hits and a season-high six runs in 4 1/3 innings of a 7-4 loss to Toronto in his last time out.

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