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Gas prices in Texas rise from last week

Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 3.1 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.08/g yesterday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas. This compares with the national average that has increased 2.1 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.27/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 8.4 cents per gallon higher than the

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It's a cook-off!



HERALD photos/Roger Cline
 Above, American Legion Post 506 Secretary Barbara Clark, left, presents the award plaque for First Place Chicken Fajitas to Kelly Howell at the Legion's 13th Annual Fajita Cookoff Saturday. Howell also took first place for her beef fajitas. At right, kids participate in a "plant and cake walk" at the 13th Annual Fajita Cook-off hosted by American Legion Post 506. Kids walked around in a circle until the music stopped, then each stood on the nearest number. The Fajita Cook-off raised money for needed repairs and operations of the Legion and its auxiliary.



Trump son-in-law Kushner at Capitol, denies Russia collusion

By MARY CLARE JALONICK
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senior White House adviser Jared Kushner denied Monday that he colluded with Russians in the course of President Donald Trump's White House bid, declaring in a statement ahead of interviews with congressional committees that he has "nothing to hide."

He arrived shortly before 10 a.m. EDT on Capitol Hill.

The 11-page statement, released hours before Kushner's closed-door appearance before the Senate intelligence committee, details four contacts with

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Golf tourney fundraiser draws around 40 players



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
 Hijinio Moreno, board president of the Northside Community Center, grills up some hamburgers for the competitors of the the Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Hole-In-One golf tournament, a fundraiser for the Northside Community Center.

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

It was tee time at the Comanche Trail Park Sunday.

The Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Hole-In-One golf tournament, a fundraiser for the Northside Community Center, drew about 40 competitors to the city park this weekend.

Participants were greeted with cooler-than-normal summer morning temperatures and cloudy skies when it was time for tee-off at 10 a.m. thanks to a front that blew in Saturday night. However, the humidity rose quickly in the day cre-

ating muggy conditions for competitors to play in.

Northside Community Center Executive Director Diana R. Martinez said the golf tournament brought in around \$7,500 to \$8,000 for the non-profit agency, although Martinez emphasized those figures were still rough estimates. A final tally is expected to be reached later today.

"If it wasn't for our sponsors, we would not have been able to have a successful a golf tournament as we've had," Martinez said.

For 34 years, the Northside Community Center has provided financial assistance for utility bills, medical needs, education, and the purchase of work-related clothing items for people in need who live in the community. It also provides some educational course including introductory computer classes.

The center provides guidance for individuals and families, assists in establishing career goals, provides educational guidance and assistance, and assists in time management and preparation

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Obituaries

Chaplain Lynn Robertson

Chaplain Lynn Robertson, 58, of Big Spring went home to be with the Lord Friday, July 21, 2017, at her residence.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, July 25, 2017, at 10 a.m. at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday evening at the funeral home.

Lynn was born July 24, 1958, in Tucson, Ariz. She was raised here in Big Spring by her parents, Terry and Martha Lloyd. She married the late Rodney "Roddy" Robertson, March 24, 1978. He preceded her in death July 17, 2013.

She was a Licensed Vocational Nurse and worked at both Hall-Bennet and Malone-Hogan hospitals, as well as for doctors in private practice. Lynn later attended Bible College and became an ordained minister for the First Church of the Nazarene in Big Spring. This led to her combining her love of caring and also sharing when she became a Hos-

pice Chaplain. She has been a Chaplain with Odyssey and then Compass Hospices for over 12 years. So many lives have been touched by her tender spirit and willingness to always share from her favorite book, the Bible.

Her loves also include spending time with her family, riding motorcycles, with her husband Roddy, and learning guitar.

Survivors include two sons, Taylor Robertson of Big Spring, and Rodney Robertson Jr. and his wife Michelle of Abilene; four grandchildren, Candyce, Mica, Dalton, and Braydon; her father, Terry Curtis Lloyd of Midland; one brother, Curtis Lloyd and wife Melissa of Big Spring; two brothers-in-law, Randy Robertson and wife Vicki, and Robby Robertson of Weatherford; and extended family, Lanny Bell of San Diego, Calif., and Bob Bell and Peggy Adamo, both of Germantown, Md.

In addition to her husband, Lynn was preceded by her son, Jeremy Lloyd Robertson; and mother, Martha Lloyd.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences may be left at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **LISA LAREE RAILSBACK**, 52, of 901 West 3rd Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **JOSEPH OLIVARES**, 29, of 800 Tubb Road, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **RAY CARL MCGEE JR.**, 41, of 1411 Bluebird Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **VERONICA HILARIO MARTINEZ**, 34, of 1003 East 14th Street, was arrested on a charge of theft of property between \$100 and \$750.

- **TAYLOR WAYNE JOY**, 26, of 3918 Hamilton, was arrested on

a charge of public intoxication.

- **CARLOS GUILLERMO DIAZ**, 28, of 1218 Ridgeroad Drive, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

- **EDDIE JAY WHITE**, 25, of 1501 West Cherokee, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

- **BREANNA O'BRIEN**, 24, of 606 Caylor Drive, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

- **CODY RAY THOMPSON**, 30, of 200 Merrick Road, was arrested on two warrants from other agencies and on a charge of failure to identify fugitive.

- **EPIFANIO JOSE GUZMAN JR.**, 29, of 601 North Scurry Street, was arrested on a charge

of public intoxication.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 400 block of Washington Boulevard and the 1400 block of Bluebird Street.

- **THEFT** was reported near the intersection of South Monticello and Barnes, the 1300 block of Lamar Avenue, and the 1000 block of South Nolan Street.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported on the 2900 block of Hunters Glen.

- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 700 block of East 14th Street.

- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 300 block of South Furrh Street.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **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 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Wood Street. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of East FM 700. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Harding. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical

Center.

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

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

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

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Dixie Avenue.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Westover. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of Hearn. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Young. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of East 11th Place.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2700 block of Larry. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Take Note

- County Clerk Donna Wright's retirement party will be held July 25 from 1-2 p.m. in the county commissioner's courtroom on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

- 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.

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

Steve Ayer

Steve Ayer, 63, of Big Spring died Sunday, July 23, 2017. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Robert W. Loveless

Robert W. Loveless, 58, of Big Spring died Sunday, July 23, 2017, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Myrle Matthies

Myrle Matthies, 86, of Shattuck, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, July 23, 2017. 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 72 inmates at the time of this report.

- **TRAY AUSTIN BRIM**, 20, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief between \$100 and \$750.

- **OTHELLO BUSSEY JR.**, 43, was booked by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces, unlawful possession of a firearm, violation of bond or protective order, and on warrants for two counts of public nuisance.

- **GRAHAM ELTON DAVIS**, 44, was booked by the DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **CARLOS GUILLERMO DIAZ**, 28, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for theft of service between \$500 and \$1500.

- **AMANDA CORINNE ELLIS**, 28, was booked by the DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

- **ADAM MARTINEZ ESTRADA JR.**, 21, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for speeding and driving while license invalid.

- **EPIFANIO JOE GUZMAN JR.**, 29, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **TAYLOR WAYNE JOY**, 26, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **JESSE LAMBERT**, 32, was booked by the DPS on a charge of diving while intoxicated.

- **VERONICA HILARIO MARTINEZ**, 34, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property between \$100 and \$750.

- **RAY CARL MCGEE JR.**, 41, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **BREANNA LASHEA O'BRIEN**, 24, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

- **JOSEPH OLIVARES**, 29, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **LISA RAILSBACK**, 52, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **DENNIS MICHAEL RICHARDSON**, 32, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for criminal trespassing, two counts of theft of property between \$750 and \$2500, theft of property between \$100 and \$750, evading arrest or detention, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, failure to appear, and terroristic threat of family or household.

- **CODY RAY THOMPSON**, 30, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for defective or no stop lamps, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and on a charge of failure to identify fugitive.

- **EDDIE JAY WHITE**, 25, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.

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.

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Russians during Trump's campaign and transition. It aims to explain inconsistencies and omissions in a security clearance form that have invited public scrutiny.

"I did not collude, nor know of anyone else in the campaign who colluded, with any foreign government," Kushner said in the prepared remarks in which he also insists that none of the contacts, which include meetings at Trump Tower with the Russian ambassador and a Russian lawyer, was improper.

Kushner arrived Monday morning at a Senate office building, exiting a black sport utility vehicle and greeting photographers gathered outside with a grin and a wave.

In speaking to Congress, Kushner — as both the president's son-in-law and a trusted senior adviser during the campaign and inside the White House — becomes the first member of the president's inner circle to face questions from congressional investigators as they probe Russian meddling in the 2016 election and possible links to the Trump campaign.

He is to meet with staff on the Senate intelligence committee Monday and lawmakers on the House intelligence committee Tuesday.

Kushner's appearances have been highly anticipated,

in part because of a series of headlines in recent months about his interactions with Russians and because the reticent Kushner had until Monday not personally responded to questions about an incomplete security clearance form and his conversations with foreigners.

"I have shown today that I am willing to do so and will continue to cooperate as I have nothing to hide," he said in the statement.

The document provides for the first time Kushner's own recollection of a meeting at Trump Tower with the Russian ambassador to the U.S. to talk about secure lines of communications and, months earlier, of a gathering with a Russian lawyer who was said to have damaging information to provide about Hillary Clinton.

In the document, Kushner calls the June 2016 meeting at Trump Tower with Russian lawyer Natalia Veselnitskaya such a "waste of time" that he asked his assistant to call him out of the gathering.

Emails released this month show that the president's son, Donald Trump Jr., accepted the meeting with the idea that he would receive information as part of a Russian government effort to help Trump's campaign. But Kushner says he hadn't seen those emails until recently shown them by his lawyers.

Kushner said in his statement that Trump Jr. invited him to the meeting. He says he arrived late and when he

heard the lawyer discussing the issue of adoptions, he texted his assistant to call him out.

"No part of the meeting I attended included anything about the campaign, there was no follow up to the meeting that I am aware of, I do not recall how many people were there (or their names), and I have no knowledge of any documents being offered or accepted," Kushner's statement says.

Kushner also denied reports he discussed setting up a "secret back-channel" with the Russian ambassador to the U.S.

But he did detail a conversation with the Russian ambassador, Sergey Kislyak, in December at Trump Tower in which retired U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, then-incoming national security adviser, also attended.

During the meeting, Kushner said he and Kislyak talked about establishing a secure line for the countries to communicate about policy in Syria.

Kushner said that when Kislyak asked if there was a secure way for him to provide information on Syria from what Kislyak called his "generals," Kushner asked if there was an existing communications channel at the embassy that could be used to convey the information to Flynn.

"The Ambassador said that would not be possible and so we all agreed that we would receive this information after the Inauguration. Nothing

else occurred," the statement said.

Kushner said he never proposed an ongoing secret form of communication.

Flynn attorney Robert Keller declined comment when asked about Kushner's characterization of the meeting.

He also said he met with a Russian banker, Sergey Gorkov, at the request of Kislyak but that no specific policies were discussed.

Kushner also explained that his application form for a security clearance form was submitted prematurely due to a miscommunication with his assistant, who had erroneously believed the document was complete.

He said he mistakenly omitted all of his foreign contacts, not just his meetings with Russians, and has worked in the last six months with the FBI to correct the record.

In addition, Kushner described receiving a "random email" during the presidential campaign from someone claiming to have Trump's tax returns and demanding ransom to keep the information secret.

Unlike every other major presidential candidate over the last 40 years, Trump didn't release his tax returns during the campaign. Since taking office, he has continued to refuse.

Kushner said he interpreted the late October email as a hoax and that the email came from a person going by the name "Guccifer400." The name is an apparent

reference to Guccifer 2.0, an anonymous hacker who has claimed responsibility for breaking into the Democratic National Committee's computer systems.

Kushner said the emailer demanded payment in Bitcoin, an online currency. Kushner says he showed the email to a Secret Service agent, who told him to ignore it.

Trump Jr. and Trump's former campaign manager Paul Manafort, who was also at the June 2016 meeting, were scheduled to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee this week. But on Friday their attorneys said they remained in negotiations with that panel.

The two men are now in discussions to be privately interviewed by staff or lawmakers, though the GOP chairman of the committee, Iowa Sen. Chuck Grassley, has said they will eventually testify in public.

The president took to Twitter on Monday to repeat his criticism of the investigations, and reiterate allegation against his former opponent and included a swipe at Attorney General Jeff Sessions, who was the subject of a scathing public rebuke by Trump in a New York Times interview last week.

"So why aren't the Committees and investigators, and of course our beleaguered A.G., looking into Crooked Hillary's crimes & Russia relations?" the president tweeted.

GAS

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same day one year ago and are 1.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 1.4 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 11.7 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

According to GasBuddy historical data, gasoline prices on July 24 in Texas have ranged widely over the last five years:

\$2.00/g in 2016, \$2.51/g in 2015, \$3.40/g in 2014, \$3.54/g in 2013 and \$3.35/g in 2012.

Areas near Texas and their current gas price climate:

- Midland Odessa-\$2.09/g, down 0.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.09/g.
- San Antonio-\$2.00/g, up 4.0 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.96/g.
- Austin-\$2.04/g, up 2.2 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.02/g.

"Over the last week, gasoline prices have risen across a majority of the country, following the price of oil which has been rising as of late," said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy.com. "OPEC's meeting this week could steal the focus and propel markets higher or lower, depending on the outcome of the meeting, but for now, the most likely outcome would put pressure on oil prices to rise, especially if there's talk of another oil production cut from the cartel. Unfortunately, motorists are likely to see gasoline prices continue to rise in more places than prices fall, but it's not all bad news- gasoline prices nationally continue to hold somewhat near their summer lows, something that wasn't at all expected earlier this year."

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

GOLF

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of financial budgets.

Located on the north side of Big Spring, the center also provides meeting space for non-profit agencies like Legal Aid of North Texas

and New Mexico Legal Aid, Texas Lawyer for Texas Veterans, and Neuropsychological Services to visit with clients weekly or monthly.

For more about the organization, call the Northside Community Center at 432-263-2673.

UK parents withdraw legal action over their sick baby

By **CAROLINE SPIEZIO**

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The parents of critically ill baby Charlie Gard dropped their legal bid Monday to send him to the United States for an experimental treatment after new medical tests showed that the window of opportunity to help him had closed.

Chris Gard and Connie Yates wept as they withdrew their appeal during a London High Court hearing, signaling the end of a legal saga that had stretched for months.

The couple's attorney, Grant Armstrong, said recent medical tests on 11-month-old Charlie showed the baby has irreversible muscular damage, and the new treatment wouldn't help.

"It's too late for Charlie," Armstrong said. "The damage has been done."

Armstrong said the news had left Charlie's parents extremely distressed and they now "wish to spend the maximum amount of time they have left with Charlie."

Charlie has a rare genetic condition, and his parents wanted him to receive an experimental treatment in the U.S.

Doctors at Great Ormond Street Hospital in London had argued that the treatment wouldn't help and could cause the child pain, so they challenged the parent's wish.

The hospital wanted to switch off his life support and allow Charlie to die peacefully.

The case won international attention after Charlie's parents received support from Pope Fran-

cis, U.S. President Donald Trump and some U.S. lawmakers. Some U.S.-based activists also travelled to London to support Charlie's parents.

Some commentators have portrayed the case as a clash between a family and the state, and some U.S. conservatives have used it to criticize Britain's state-funded health care system — even though the case has never been about money.

Judge Nicholas Francis said the crux of the matter was that "in this country, children have rights independent of their parents."

While parents usually decide what is best for their children, in some cases hospitals and parents disagree, he said.

The judge condemned the abuse and threats directed at the hospital, doctors and nurses treating Charlie, but stressed these had nothing to do with the boy's parents.

The judge had scheduled a two-day hearing to consider fresh evidence after Dr. Michio Hirano, an American neurology expert from Columbia Medical Center in New York, came to London to examine the child.

But Armstrong said nothing further could be done and that it was "worthy of a Greek tragedy" that they had to withdraw their appeal just as they were about to present new evidence to the court.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Pictured from left, Virginia Natividad, Northside Community Center, board member; Diana R. Martinez, Northside Community Center executive director; and Denise Perrott, Northside Community Center volunteer, stand behind a Harley-Davidson Motorcycle, one of the main prizes for the center's annual golf tournament fundraiser which occurred Saturday.

The motorcycle was the prize for whoever could hit a hole-in-one at the Comanche Trail Park golf course Hole 11.

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Ruby Evelyn Engler, 91, died Tuesday. Funeral service were at 10 a.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside service will be at 2:30 p.m. at Belvedere Cemetery in San Angelo.

Myrle Matthies, 86, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Steve Ayer, 63, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Suspect to be charged Monday after 9 die in sweltering truck

By ERIC GAY and WILL WEISSERT

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A man will be charged in federal court Monday following his arrest in the deaths of nine people whose "very hot" bodies were found in a sweltering tractor-trailer in a Texas parking lot alongside nearly 20 others who were still alive but in dire condition, federal prosecutors said.

Authorities fear the death toll from the grim weekend discovery could rise because many of those hospitalized were suffering from extreme dehydration and heatstroke, officials said Sunday.

"We're looking at a human-trafficking crime," said San Antonio Police Chief William McManus, calling it "a horrific tragedy."

James Mathew Bradley Jr., 60, of Clearwater, Florida, has been taken into custody and will be charged in federal court on Monday, prosecutors said. The U.S. Attorney's Office wouldn't say whether Bradley was the alleged driver of the truck. It was not immediately known whether Bradley had an attorney who could speak on his behalf.

One U.S. official said Sunday evening that 17 of those rescued were being treated for injuries that were considered life-threatening. The official spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the information has not been publicly released.

Authorities were called to the Walmart parking lot in San Antonio late Saturday or early Sunday and found eight people dead inside the truck. A ninth victim died at the hospital, said Liz Johnson, spokeswoman for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The victims "were very hot to the touch. So these people were in this trailer without any signs of any type of water," San Antonio Fire Chief Charles Hood said.

Authorities would not say whether the trailer was locked when they arrived, but they said it had no working air conditioning.

It was just the latest smuggling-by-truck operation to end in tragedy. In one of the worst cases on record in the U.S., 19 immigrants locked inside a stifling rig died in Victoria, Texas, in 2003.

Based on initial interviews with survivors of the San Antonio tragedy, more than 100 people may have been packed

into the back of the 18-wheeler at one point in its journey, ICE acting Director Thomas Homan said. Officials said 39 people were inside when rescuers arrived, and the rest were believed to have escaped or hitched rides to their next destination.

Four of the survivors appeared to be between 10 and 17 years old, Homan said. Investigators gave no details on where the rig began its journey or where it was headed.

But Homan said it was unlikely the truck was used to carry the immigrants across the border into the United States. He said people from Latin America who rely on smuggling networks typically cross the border on foot and are then picked up by a driver.

"Even though they have the driver in custody, I can guarantee you there's going to be many more people we're looking for to prosecute," Homan said.

Mexican Consul General in San Antonio Reyna Torres said Mexican nationals were among the survivors and those who died on the rig.

The Mexican government also released a statement Sunday night expressing its condolences to the relatives of those who died and called for an "exhaustive investigation"

A Guatemalan official said two natives of Central American country were among those hospitalized. Consul Cristy Andrino in McAllen said the two told her they had crossed into the U.S. on foot and were later picked up by the rig.

Guatemala was seeking to obtain witness status for the two survivors so they wouldn't be deported, Andrino said.

The U.S. Homeland Security Department is leading the investigation. Department Secretary John Kelly said the deaths demonstrate the brutality of smuggling organizations that "have no regard for human life and seek only profits."

The truck had an Iowa license plate and was registered to Pyle Transportation Inc. of Schaller, Iowa. A company official did not immediately respond to a phone message seeking comment.

San Antonio is about a 150-mile (240-kilometer) drive from the Mexican border. The temperature in San Antonio reached 101 degrees (38 Celsius) on Saturday and didn't dip below 90 degrees



AP photo

San Antonio police officers investigate the scene Sunday, July 23, 2017, where eight people were found dead in a tractor-trailer loaded with at least 30 others outside a Walmart store in stifling summer heat in what police are calling a horrific human trafficking case, in San Antonio.

(32 C) until after 10 p.m.

The tragedy came to light after a person from the truck approached a Walmart employee and asked for water late Saturday night or early Sunday morning, said McManus, the local police chief.

The employee gave the person water and then called police, who found the dead and the desperate inside the rig. Some of those in the truck ran into the woods, McManus said.

Investigators checked store surveillance video, which showed vehicles arriving and picking up people from the truck, authorities said. Walmart released a brief statement Sunday saying it was doing what it could to help investigators.

On Sunday evening, about 100 people gathered at a San Antonio church for a vigil to mourn those killed.

Immigrants' rights activists and church officials held up handmade signs reading "Who here is not an immigrant" and "No human is illegal."

Those gathered held a moment of silence, then gave speeches blaming federal and Texas authorities' embrace of harsher immigration policies for contributing to the deaths.

Jonathan Ryan, executive director of a nonprofit called Raices, said it's "an unfortu-

nate example" of what happens when such policies are enacted.

A new law approved by the Texas Legislature lets police inquire about peoples' immigration status during routine interactions such as traffic stops.

Bob Libal is executive director of Grassroots Leadership, an Austin-based nonprofit that supports more liberal immigration policies. "These tragedies are compounded when it's incredibly dangerous and incredibly expensive and we push migration into the hands of illicit actors," Libal told The AP in a phone interview. "Everyone's thoughts today should be not in politicizing it but in making sure that everyone who survived this ordeal is treated with respect and get the protection they need."

A group of immigration lawyers and advocates sued Homeland Security Secretary Kelly and other U.S. officials this month alleging that guards on the U.S. border with Mexico have illegally turned away asylum-seekers.

In the May 2003 case, the immigrants were being taken from South Texas to Houston. Pros-

ecutors said the driver heard them begging and screaming for their lives but refused to free them. The driver was sentenced to nearly 34 years in prison.

"These criminal organizations, they're all about making money. They have no regard for human life," Homan said.

The Border Patrol has reported at least four truck seizures this month in and around Laredo, Texas. On July 7, agents found 72 people crammed into a truck with no means of escape, the agency said. They were from Mexico, Ecuador, Guatemala and El Salvador.

Authorities in Mexico have also made a number of similar discoveries over the years.

Last December, they found 110 migrants trapped and suffocating inside a truck after it crashed while speeding in the state of Veracruz. Most were from Central America, and 48 were minors. Some were injured in the crash.

Last October, also in Veracruz state, four migrants suffocated in a truck carrying 55 people.

White-bearded Texan wins Hemingway Look-Alike Contest

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — A white-bearded Texan has won the Hemingway Look-Alike Contest in Key West, where Ernest Hemingway lived during the 1930s.

Retired real estate franchise owner Richard Filip of Fayetteville, Texas, prevailed Saturday night at Sloppy Joe's Bar, a longtime Hemingway hangout.

The 71-year-old winner piloted a replica of Hemingway's fishing boat Pilar from Miami to Key West before

competing and said he shares the author's fondness for fishing, hunting and boating.

Michael Groover of Savannah, Georgia, husband of Paula Deen, finished in the top five as the celebrity chef watched from the audience.

Judged by former winners, the contest attracted 153 entrants and highlighted the annual Hemingway Days festival honoring the author's literary legacy.



AP photo

In this Saturday, July 22, 2017, photo provided by the Florida Keys News Bureau, 2017 Hemingway Look-Alike Contest finalists, from left, Frank Kramer, Michael Groover, and Joe Maxey gaze at the audience.

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O.J. Simpson had a 'conflict-free life'? Not really

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When O.J. Simpson told a Nevada parole board last week that he's led a "conflict-free life," he seemed to overlook a few episodes that had him cycling in and out of courtrooms and jail cells for nearly 20 years before the Las Vegas hotel-room heist that sent him to prison in 2008.

There was a wife-beating charge in 1989 that he pleaded no contest to, a road-rage charge he was acquitted of in 2001 and a contempt-of-court citation in 2008 that put him in jail for five days.

There was also, of course, the 1994 murder of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman. Acquitted by a criminal jury in 1995, the football hero and Hollywood star was found liable for the killings in civil court two years later and ordered to pay the victims' families \$33.5 million.

"The idea that he believes that he's led a conflict-free life shows a certain delusion that he's been very noted for throughout his career," said veteran Hollywood crisis publicist Michael Levine.

In the wife-beating case, Simpson was accused of attacking Nicole Brown Simpson on New Year's Day 1989, angrily telling police it was a "family matter." Then, fearing he would be arrested, he fled in his Rolls-Royce, according to police.

Officers reported they arrived at Simpson's Los Angeles home before dawn to find Nicole Brown Simpson screaming, "He's going to kill me!" They said she had a cut lip, a swollen and blackened left eye and cheek, and a handprint still visible on her neck.

She called 911 again, eight months before she was killed, to report Simpson had broken down a door to get into her home and was threatening to beat her. He could be heard screaming angrily in the background.

When the 70-year-old Simpson told



Jason Bean/The Reno Gazette-Journal via AP, Pool

Former NFL football star O.J. Simpson appears via video for his parole hearing at the Lovelock Correctional Center in Lovelock, Nev., on Thursday, July 20, 2017. Simpson was granted parole Thursday after more than eight years in prison for a Las Vegas hotel heist, successfully making his case in a nationally televised hearing that reflected America's enduring fascination with the former football star.

his parole board Thursday, "I've basically had a conflict-free life, you know," the remark lit up social media with derision and disbelief.

"A conflict-free life," Ron Goldman's father, Fred, asked incredulously Saturday. "This is who he is. He's a sociopath, a narcissistic liar, a murderer, a thug, a kidnapper, a robber. The list goes on."

Of course all those conflicts occurred before Simpson had nine years in prison to realize he was not above the law. Will he remember that after he gets out in October?

"I would guess that there is some message that got through to him, a deterrence message about having to take the criminal justice system seriously," said Loyola Law School professor Laurie Levenson.

"But you know, staying on the right path is difficult for anybody who gets out of prison," added Levenson, a former federal prosecutor. "And for O.J., who there is going to be a tremendous amount of public spotlight on, it may be particularly challenging."

The moment he slips up, she said, there will be an army of people wait-

ing to push the record button on their cellphones. And he could end up getting sent back to prison.

One of the most valuable things he learned behind bars, Simpson said at his parole hearing, came in an "Alternative to Violence" class that taught him "how to talk to people instead of fighting."

That seemingly would have been useful when he got into that road-rage dispute in Florida with a driver who accused him of trying to snatch the glasses off his face. Simpson denied trying to take the glasses, testifying his fingerprints must have gotten on them when he accidentally bumped him as both were shouting at each other.

In 2002 he nearly got locked up when he pleaded not guilty to speeding his boat through one of Florida's manatee-protected zones, then didn't show up in court. After a judge issued a warrant for his arrest, he paid the fine.

He didn't fare as well in 2008 after he sent an angry, expletive-filled message to one of his co-defendants in the hotel-room robbery after the judge specifically ordered him not to contact any co-defendants. She jailed him for five days until he promised not to do it again.

Simpson has argued all along — and repeated on Thursday — that he was only trying to retrieve some of his mementos when he and five others barged into that Las Vegas hotel room in 2007 and robbed two sports memorabilia dealers.

Levine, the crisis publicist, said that his best advice to Simpson would be to stay out of sight after he gets out and, when someone tries to goad him into an argument, turn the other cheek.

"If he doesn't," Levine said, "he's hours away from being back in license-plate-making school."

Pope calls for "moderation" after Jerusalem shrine violence

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis has appealed for moderation after recent killings at a Jerusalem holy site.

Francis told faithful Sunday in St. Peter's Square that he was following "with trepidation the grave tensions and violence" unleashed at a contested shrine. Last week Arab gunmen, shooting from the shrine, killed two Israeli policemen, three Palestinians were killed in street clashes and a Palestinian fatally stabbed three members of an Israeli family.

Francis said: "I feel the need to express a distressed appeal for moderation and dialogue." He invited others to pray with him so people would aim for reconciliation and peace.

Israeli authorities have imposed new security and tensions have been raised after the violence at what's known as Temple Mount to Jews and the Noble Sanctuary to Muslims.

Baby Charlie protesters rally as hospital reports threats

LONDON (AP) — Protesters who want critically ill British baby Charlie Gard to receive an experimental medical treatment rallied Sunday, while hospital officials say emotions are running so high in the heart-breaking case they have received death threats.

A small group of about 20 activists supporting Gard's parents, including some from the United States, gathered Sunday afternoon outside the High Court in London where legal proceedings will resume Monday with new medical evidence expected.

Charlie has a rare genetic condition and suffers from brain damage. His case, which pits his parents' wishes in conflict with the views of doctors treating him, has generated international attention.

His parents are fighting to get him more medical care but Great Ormond Street Hospital officials say the experimental treatment won't work and will just cause the 11-month-old more suffering. They argue that his life support should be turned off and he should receive palliative care.

Hospital chairwoman Mary MacLeod said the London police have been contacted because

of numerous threats received by the hospital's employees.

"Staff have received abuse both in the street and online," she said. "Thousands of abusive messages have been sent to doctors and nurses whose life's work is to care for sick children. Many of these messages are menacing, including death threats."

MacLeod said families visiting other ill children have also been "harassed and discomfited" on the grounds of the renowned hospital in London.

Charlie's parents have lost all previous court cases, including one before the European Court of Human Rights, which were designed to force the hospital to let them bring their son to the United States for an experimental treatment.

The loss in the European court, following an earlier defeat in Britain's Supreme Court, seemed final. But both Pope Francis and U.S. President Donald Trump expressed an interest in Charlie's fate, and the hospital asked for a new court hearing because of what the family claimed was new medical evidence.

Charlie has been examined by Dr. Michio Hirano, an American neurology expert from



Jonathan Brady/PA via AP

Reverend Patrick Mahoney from Washington DC, centre, speaks to the media outside the Royal Courts of Justice in London, as he joins other Charlie Gard supporters, Sunday July 23, 2017. Protesters who want critically ill British baby Charlie Gard to receive an experimental medical treatment gathered for a rally and prayer vigil Sunday.

Columbia Medical Center in New York who has designed the proposed experimental treatment.

The doctor's findings are expected to figure heavily in Monday's

court proceedings, as are the results of Charlie's recent brain scans.

A lawyer representing the hospital said in a brief hearing Friday that the latest brain scan results make for

"sad reading."

That prompted an angry outburst from Charlie's father, Chris Gard, and prompted his mother, Connie Yates, to burst into tears.



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Odor homers twice, Rangers sweep Rays with 6-5 win

By MARK DITTLER

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The Texas Rangers, floundering with a five-game losing streak when they arrived Friday in Florida.

The Rangers left the Sunshine State after a weekend stay surging.

Rougned Odor homered twice, including back-to-back drives with Carlos Gomez in the eighth inning, and the Rangers rallied to beat the Tampa Bay Rays 6-5 on Sunday and complete a three-game sweep.

"To win in the fashion that we did in this set of three, come-back wins, show heart and grit that these guys have," Texas manager Jeff Banister said.

Texas trailed by three runs in two of games, and two in the other.

"That's what it's all about right now for us, don't give up until that last opportunity," Rangers shortstop Elvis Andrus said. "We did it again, comeback."

Tampa Bay has an AL-high 31 losses after holding a lead.

"Pretty tough losses," Rays manager Kevin Cash said.

Odor's two-run drive off Brad Boxberger (2-2) tied the score, and Gomez put the Rangers ahead 6-5 two pitches later.

Joey Gallo also homered for the Rangers, who had not swept a series of three or more games at Tampa Bay since July 1999.

Adrian Beltre tripled and singled, moving within 11 of 3,000

hits.

Matt Bush (3-4) pitched a scoreless seventh, and Jose Leclerc got his second save despite two walks in the ninth.

Aided by four walks from Tyson Ross, the Rays scored three runs in the fourth for a 5-2 lead. Mallex Smith had a two-run double and Brad Miller drew a bases-loaded walk.

Beltre got his 37th triple and first since July 20 last year, then scored on Mike Napoli's sacrifice fly. Odor's solo homer off Jake Odorizzi put the Rangers ahead 2-0 in the second.

Odor has six career multi-homer games.

Gallo made it 5-3 in the fifth with his 23rd homer.

Odorizzi gave up three runs and four hits in four-plus innings. He has allowed a homer in 15 consecutive appearances.

Ross gave up five runs and four hits in 3 2/3 innings. He has allowed 14 runs over seven innings in last two starts.

Rangers catcher Robinson Chirinos departed with a sprained left ankle after a collision at the plate with Adeiny Hechavarria in the fourth. X-rays were negative.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: RHP Chi Gonzalez will have Tommy John surgery on his right elbow this week. ... LHP Jake Diekman (ulcerative colitis surgery) had his second bullpen session.

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Texas Rangers' Rougned Odor, right, celebrates his two-run home run with Carlos Gomez during the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays, Sunday, July 23, 2017, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Spieth takes road less traveled to British Open



Jordan Spieth of the United States holds the trophy after winning the British Open Golf Championships at Royal Birkdale, Southport, England, Sunday July 23, 2017.

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

SOUTHPORT, England — The start was not what anyone expected out of Jordan Spieth. All that mattered to him was how he finished the British Open.

And that might have been the biggest surprise of all.

The record will show that Spieth took a three-shot lead into the final round at Royal Birkdale, closed with a 1-under 69 and won by three shots over Matt Kuchar, giving him the third leg of the career Grand Slam.

"Seventeen pars and a birdie would have been fine, too," Spieth said, the silver claret jug at his side. "But there's a lot of roads to get there."

The road less traveled? This was more like blazing a new trail.

Seve Ballesteros won the 1979 British Open at Royal Lytham & St. Annes by making birdie from the parking lot. Spieth was

spared at Royal Birkdale by making a bogey from the driving range when he was expecting no better than a double bogey.

Henrik Stenson finished with four birdies over the last five holes at Royal Troon last year to pull away from Phil Mickelson in one of golf's greatest duels. Trailing for the first time all weekend, Spieth went birdie-eagle-birdie-birdie to overcome his own doubts and win his third major just four days before he turns 24.

"He's a fighter. He's shown that the whole way through his short career," Rory McIlroy said. "He can dig himself out of these holes. He's an absolute star."

Spieth headed back home to Texas with golf's oldest trophy, and the first drink to be poured must surely be some magic elixir.

How else to explain how he pulled this one off?

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Astros 3B Colin Moran placed on DL with facial fracture



Houston Astros' Colin Moran holds a towel as he is carted off the field after he sustained an injury to his face during his at bat in the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Baltimore Orioles, Saturday, July 22, 2017, in Baltimore.

By DAVID GINSBURG

AP Sports Writer

BALTIMORE — Houston Astros rookie Colin Moran has been placed on the 10-day disabled list with a facial fracture, and the third baseman remained hospitalized Sunday to receive treatment for the injury.

Moran fouled a ball off his face Saturday night in the sixth inning of Houston's 8-4 win over the Orioles. His face was bloodied and he had difficulty retaining his balance before being carted off the field.

Moran's overnight stay in the hospital enabled him to shake some of the nausea, but he remained in pain.

"Obviously he's not feeling very well. He's

stable," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said Sunday, adding that the fracture in the left cheek area.

Moran's eye, initially a concern, is fine, Hinch said.

Hinch said Moran will stay in a Baltimore hospital "for the foreseeable future until they decide what is next."

Playing his first game of the season Friday night, Moran hit his first big league home run and his first triple.

The 24-year-old appeared in nine games with Houston last season and was with Triple-A Fresno before being recalled last week.

"He was certainly trying to make his way into a little bit more

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Jones backs Elliott, puts on pre-camp show for Cowboys

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

OXNARD, Calif. —

Jerry Jones interjected some bad-boy anecdotes from his youth, smiled at the thought of life before social media and even asked a couple of questions himself Sunday at his annual training camp opener with reporters.

When the topic is the multitude of off-field issues confronting the Dallas Cowboys — headlined by star running back Ezekiel Elliott — their

owner, president and general manager can dance with the best of them.

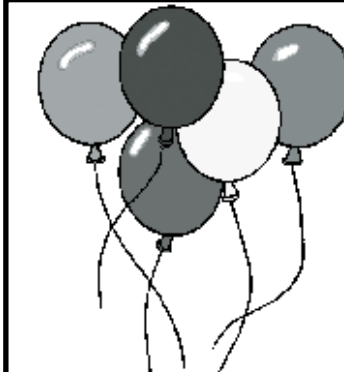
"I can give you the same old excuses — young, aggressive, got a lot of energy," Jones said. "Hard to paint that picture of the days when it won't be this easy, they won't be as pretty and they won't have the money. Somehow you've got to paint the picture."

Elliott is still waiting for clearance from

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This Dec. 11, 2016 file photo shows Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones at MetLife Stadium before a football game against the New York Giants in East Rutherford, N.J.



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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

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Lease/Unit Well No.: 2548WA
Lease/Unit Acres: 643.78
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Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

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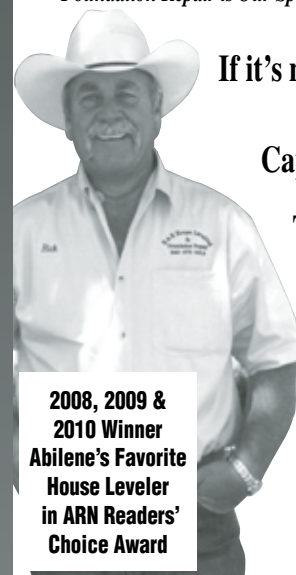


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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Much will depend on the fitness of your competition. There's little glory in an easy win. Also note that though a touch of competitiveness brings spice to a relationship, too much of it will ruin the balance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The invi-

tation sounds promising. Say yes! The invitation is intriguing. Say yes! The invitation is to give with no hope of ever being repaid. Say yes! You haven't fully lived until you've given what cannot possibly be repaid.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're drawn to those who have earned their status. You've done this in the past, and you're about to do it again. You've less respect for those who have inherited status, though you might also learn from their point of view.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's something heroic in you. It will show in today's reflexive impulse -- a lightning-quick response to the needs of others. Even if they happen to take advantage of your kindness, you'll never be sorry you helped.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). To extract meaning and deep engagement from your activities is to avoid the anxiety and destruction that can sneak through the alleyway of existential boredom.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There

are no bad or wrong emotions. All of your emotions have a purpose for you. It is only when you dismiss or ignore the message of emotions that they become a problem in your day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You will use your money to talk. You will boycott or buycott according to your beliefs and political views. The story of products will matter to you as much or more than the products themselves.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Life has a way of morphing into the thing you expect it to be. But what would it be if you didn't impose your expectation? Stay curious and open to the wonderful possibilities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The adventure will start with new social contacts. Branch out. Ask friends to introduce you to people you don't know. You'll make fast friends by participating in games and groups.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Today you'll be a receptacle for emotions that come from all

over the place -- from passers-by, from the sky, from the pages of your book, from the places you land on the internet and more.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's power in being cool; however, the enormously powerful don't have to be cool to be accepted. Note the difference between status and authority. You'll have the option to align with what's powerful or with what's cool.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Big companies were once small startups. Many ventures have their origins in a parent's garage. You'll be inspired by the work ethic of those who have built their dreams. You have it in you to do this, too.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 24). Your charisma is shining strong this solar return. August features exploration, and four weeks later, you'll benefit from what you discover. New ways to interact with family in 2018 will make daily life more enjoyable. Work projects pay fantastically in November. An alliance leads to

deeper passions and a new venture. Virgo and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 2, 28, 7 and 17.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "I was just invited to a seance. It wasn't really called that, but I think that's what it is because my friend lost her boyfriend and hired a psychic and possibly give her a message from him. What I want to know is: Can anything bad happen? I keep thinking of movies I've seen, and I'm afraid that once the porthole between our world and the next world is open, things will occur that usually couldn't happen without the use of special effects. Do you think I should go? And what should I wear? I'm a Pisces."

Pisces is the sign of spirit, and people who are born under the Pisces sign have strong powers of intuition. As well as being imaginative and open-minded, which you clearly are, Pisces also tend to be sensitive and impressionable. When something disturbs you or

frightens you, you do not easily shake it. I was brought up to believe that anything to do with the occult, including seances, was essentially evil. In my adult life, I learned to let my intuition lead the way. If something makes you uncomfortable or doesn't feel right, it's probably not going to be good for you. If you decide that it's OK to go, then wear black. It looks good on everyone.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Anna Paquin once had the unusual honor of winning an Academy Award at age 11. Then again, this Leo with Mercury in Leo, too, fits the entertainment business with stellar grace. Add the emotional depth of having Venus in Cancer and Jupiter in Scorpio to the equation and the rare, raw quality that emerges is practically screaming out, "Award me!" Paquin will earn more great awards in her lifetime.

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Annie's Mailbox

life is really starting to overwhelm me at the moment, and I want to quit the internship to leave more room in the schedule to relax (and eat and sleep). All I've done so far is go through beginning training with a group of 10 other interns. There is no supervisor or point person to speak with, just a rotating group of people who have trained us. Though the program is fine, it's not very influential in my field, and I haven't made strong connections. So my

fear of burning bridges is minimal. Do you think it would be OK to quit the program via email? That's where all my communication has been so far, and I'm looking forward to no longer having to worry about this. -- Peacing Out Politely

Dear Peacing Out: Wring a last bit of real-world experience from this internship by quitting the right way. That means in person. Ask one of the people who have been training you for a private meeting. Keep it short, sweet and humble. Express gratitude for the opportunity. Follow up afterward via email with a formal letter of resignation, so the company has it in writing. Then you may "peace out" with peace of mind.

Dear Annie: I enjoy your column and read it every day. I'd like to comment on the letter from "Death With Dignity My Way," the person who wants to not die with family members all around when the time comes.

Eighteen years ago, my 48-year-old husband died after just three months with pancreatic cancer. He was very healthy otherwise, but it was apparent just six weeks after his diagnosis that the disease was too far gone. They immediately just sent us home and started having hospice nurses show up. I rebelled against that. We had two young teenagers, who were facing the most horrible event in their young lives, and I felt that they did not

need to witness their father's death to know that it happened. Nor did they need to come into their home each night for years afterward to look at the spot where their beloved dad died. Death is not a beautiful experience that we should all share together.

I took care of my husband at home and made him as comfortable as possible, but when he really began to fail, I took him to the hospital to be admitted. I never left his side, and my children visited when he was having a good day. I had to take care of them, as well as him. He passed away in the hospital. Let my kids hate the hospital and be angry at the hospital. Many hospitals also have hospice

wings now so that the dying can have privacy if they wish. Hospice at home is not for everyone. -- Reader in Norwich, Conn.

Dear Reader in Norwich: I'm sorry for the loss of your husband. Many people grapple with the issue of dying at home versus dying in a hospital. It's commendable that you and your husband made a decision that was right for your family.

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Quitting the Right Way

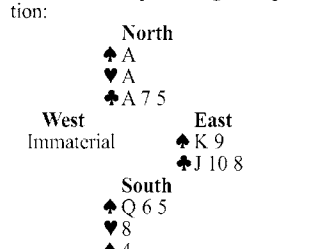
Dear Annie: Typically, I thrive when I'm in a fast-paced, busy environment. I am getting my master's degree in nutrition, am working a part-time job, have a boyfriend and am training for a marathon. A few weeks ago, I started an unpaid internship at a local hospital to get some more on-the-job training. However,



**By Steve Becker
Famous Hand**

Fast dealer. Neither side vulnerable.
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♠ A 7 3
♥ A K 6 4
♦ A 10
♣ A K 7 5
WEST
♠ J 10 8 4
♥ Q J 10 9 7 5
♦ 5
♣ 9 2
EAST
♠ K 9 2
♥ —
♦ 7 6 2
♣ Q J 10 8 6 4 3

soon after claimed the rest. "That spade return gave him the slam," Hoffman wailed. "Bet you 2,000 yen he can always make it," countered Flint. "You're on," Hoffman replied, "but the winner has to buy the next two beers." Flint agreed and pointed out that after any other return — say a club — declarer wins in dummy and runs six diamonds, producing this position:



Declarer now leads a heart to the ace, and East is in trouble. If he throws a spade, South cashes the spade ace, catching the king, and takes the last three tricks with the club ace, diamond four and spade queen. If East instead discards a club, declarer cashes the ace and ruffs a club, and dummy takes the last two tricks with the ace of spades and seven of clubs. **And so,** Flint won the battle but, as it turned out, lost the war! In Japan, two beers cost 12,000 yen!

The bidding:
East 3♠ South Pass West Pass North 6♦
Pass 5♦ Pass Pass 6♦
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This deal, played at an international tournament in Tokyo some years ago, features an amusing exchange between Martin Hoffman and Jeremy Flint, two British experts holding the East-West cards. Flint's double of six diamonds called for an unusual lead and helped Hoffman find the deadly heart opening. **Flint ruffed** dummy's king of hearts, reducing declarer's 12 top tricks to 11, but then returned a low spade. South played the queen, thereby regaining his 12th trick, and

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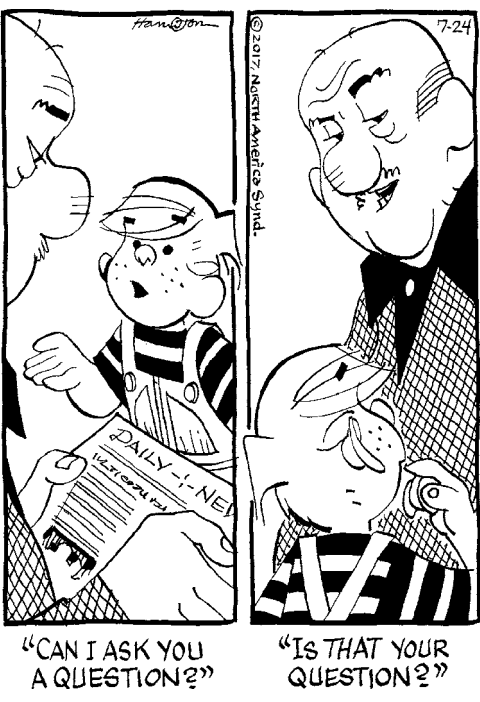
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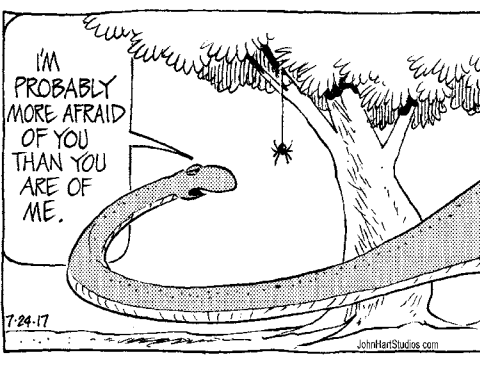
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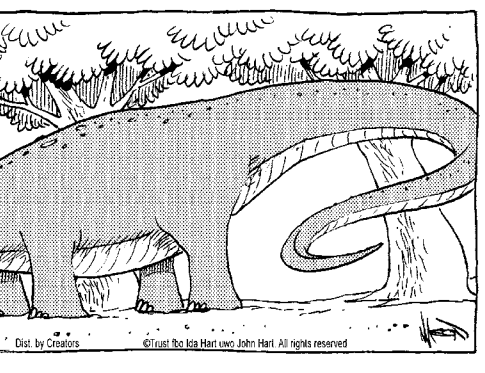
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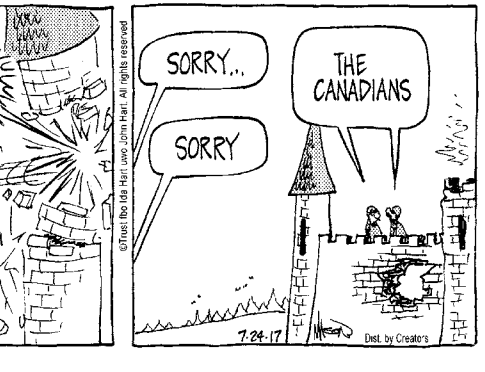
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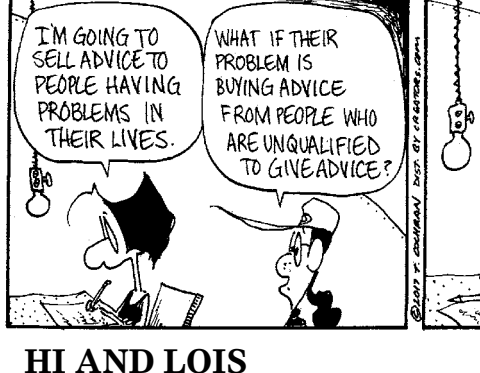
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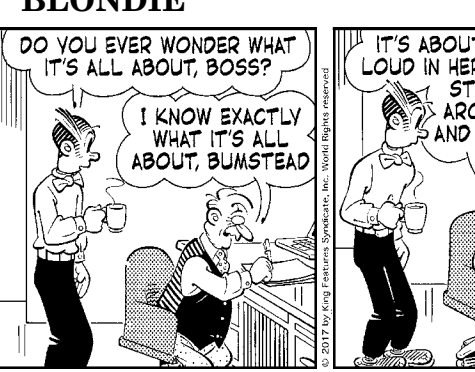
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- 23 Foe
- 24 Karate cousin
- 25 Leave the premises
- 28) and (, for short
- 30 Wise saying
- 31 Felony or misdemeanor
- 33 Had dinner
- 35 Tucker out
- 36 Dimes and pennies
- 37 Flower stalk
- 38 Lawn material
- 39 Small boat that's paddled
- 40 Vapor from a teakettle
- 41 Abs-building exercises
- 43 Barely at all
- 44 Grains in Cheerios
- 45 Ferries post
- 47 Takes a survey
- 49 Craftsperson with wood
- 53 "Scat!"
- 54 Settle a bill
- 55 Former vice president Al

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- Gator kin
- Prefix for chute or medic
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- The Flintstones' era
- Small couch
- Insurance filing
- Mix of metals
- Legal claim
- Letter before tee
- Video-game parlor
- Fizzy, as a soft drink
- And others: Abbr.
- Test-drive vehicle
- Poker pot starter
- Undiluted
- Traffic tie-ups
- Winery
- Mexican "So long!"
- Heart doctor's field
- Tree with cones
- Take without permission
- Argue the pros and
- de Janeiro, Brazil
- TV industry award
- Baseball players' hats
- Physical power
- Uses scissors
- "For Pete's ___!"
- Eagle's claws
- Occur
- Doctor's "open wide" request
- Temporary peace
- Attention-getting sound
- Toledo's state
- Theme of the puzzle
- Matador's opponent
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- Salespeople, for short
- Grade-school auxiliary org.

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today in History
By The Associated Press

Today in History
Today is Monday, July 24, the 205th day of 2017. There are 160 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On July 24, 1567, Mary, Queen of Scots was forced to abdicate by Scottish nobles in favor of her infant son James, who became King of Scotland at the age of one.

On this date:
In 1783, Latin American revolutionary Simon Bolivar (see-MOHN' boh-LEE'-vahr) was born in Caracas, Venezuela.

In 1862, Martin Van Buren, the eighth president of the United States, and the first to have been born a U.S. citizen, died at age 79 in Kinderhook, New York, the town where he was born in 1782.

In 1866, Tennessee became the first state to be readmitted to the Union after the Civil War.

In 1915, the SS Eastland, a passenger ship carrying more than 2,500 people, rolled onto its side while docked at the Clark Street Bridge on the Chicago River; an estimated 844 people died in the disaster.

In 1937, the state of Alabama dropped charges against four of the nine young black men accused of raping two white women in the "Scottsboro Case."

In 1952, President Harry S. Truman announced a settlement in a 53-day steel strike. The Gary Cooper western "High Noon" had its U.S. premiere in New York.

In 1959, during a visit to Moscow, Vice President Richard Nixon engaged in his famous "Kitchen Debate" with Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev.

In 1967, French President Charles de Gaulle stirred controversy during a visit to Montreal, Canada, when he declared, "Vive le Quebec libre!" (Long live free Quebec!)

In 1974, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that President Richard Nixon had to turn over subpoenaed White House tape recordings to the Watergate special prosecutor.

In 1987, Hulda Crooks, a 91-year-old mountaineer from California, became the oldest woman to conquer Mount Fuji, Japan's highest peak.

In 1998, a gunman burst into the U.S. Capitol, killing two police officers before being shot and captured. (The shooter, Russell Eugene Weston Jr., is being held in a federal mental facility.)

In 2002, nine coal miners became trapped in a flooded tunnel of the Quecreek (KYOO'-kreek) Mine in western Pennsylvania; the story ended happily 77 hours later with the rescue of all nine.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush, speaking at Charleston Air Force Base in South Carolina, sought to justify the Iraq war by citing intelligence reports he said showed a link between al-Qaida's operation in Iraq and the terror group that attacked the United States on September 11, 2001. A grand jury in New Orleans refused to indict Dr. Anna Pou (poh), who was accused of murdering four seriously ill hospital patients with drug injections during the desperate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The U.S. minimum wage rose 70 cents to \$5.85 an hour, the first increase in a decade.

Answer to previous puzzle

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DRIVE TIME

by Sandy Fein
Edited by Stanley Newman
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SPIETH

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"It was certainly a show that he put on," Kuchar said.

It sure didn't look like that at the start, when Spieth made three bogeys on his opening four holes to lose his lead, regained a two-shot advantage with a birdie and an exquisite pitch for par on the tough sixth hole, and then gave it right back with a three-putt bogey on the ninth as Kuchar made birdie.

Spieth couldn't help but think to the last time he had the lead in a major. It was 15 months ago when he lost a five-shot lead on the back nine at Augusta National, and the memories still lingered.

"As you can imagine, thoughts come in from my last scenario when I was leading a major on Sunday," he said. "I was so confident and all of a sudden, the wheels have kind of come off everything. And how do we get back on track to salvage this round and just give yourself a chance at the end? It took a bogey to do so."

Lost in the birdies and eagle during that mesmerizing stretch of golf was an intelligent question in the midst of a major meltdown.

Spieth's tee shot on the 13th hole went some 75 yards right of the fairway, and he was told it bounced off a spectator's head into even more trouble. The ball eventually was found nestled in thick grass on the slope of a dune so steep that Spieth could barely take a stance, much less swing a club.

He had nowhere to go. He only had the presence to ask a rules official, "Is the range out-of-bounds?"

No, it wasn't.

That allowed Spieth to take a one-shot penalty for an unplayable lie and go back as far as he wanted on a line from the ball to the flag. That led him to the range, right in the middle of the equipment trucks. He was able to move some more to get the trucks out of his line, and then it was a matter of the shot.

He couldn't see where he was going because of the dunes. He didn't know how far — Spieth thought it was about 270 yards, caddie Michael Greller thought it was 230 yards, and the caddie persuaded him to hit a 3-iron.

It came up short of a pot bunker near the green, and Spieth pitched over it to about 7 feet.

"The putt on 13 was massive," he said.

Kuchar, who had to wait 20 minutes for the ruling, missed his 15-foot birdie putt and only led by one. Just not for long.

What followed was a sequence that takes its place in major championship lore.

Spieth hit a 6-iron that narrowly went in the cup, leaving a short birdie putt. He holed a 50-foot eagle putt on the next hole to regain the lead. And he followed that with a 30-foot birdie putt for the 16th. And when Kuchar holed a 20-footer for birdie on the 17th to stay in the game, Spieth poured in a 7-footer on top of him.

Kuchar shot 69 and didn't make a mistake until it no longer mattered. Imagine having a one-shot lead, going par-birdie-par-birdie, and being two shots behind. "I can only control what I do, how I play," Kuchar said. "Jordan is a great champion and certainly played that way in the finishing stretch."

Next up is to see if Spieth can finish off the slam.

He joined Jack Nicklaus as the only players to get the third leg of the career Grand Slam at age 23. Spieth now goes to the PGA Championship next week in North Carolina with a chance to be the youngest to win them all.

"This is a dream come true for me," Spieth said. "Absolutely a dream come true."

That's about what it looked like over the final, wild hour. A dream.

COWBOYS

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the NFL on a year-old domestic violence case that prosecutors didn't pursue. The NFL rushing leader last season as a rookie, Elliott didn't help himself with his involvement in a bar fight a week before the Cowboys flew to California for camp.

Jones reiterated his belief that Elliott wasn't guilty of domestic violence in a dispute with his ex-girlfriend last summer in Columbus, Ohio, where he starred for Ohio State. But the Dallas owner still wouldn't speculate on whether Elliott will get suspended.

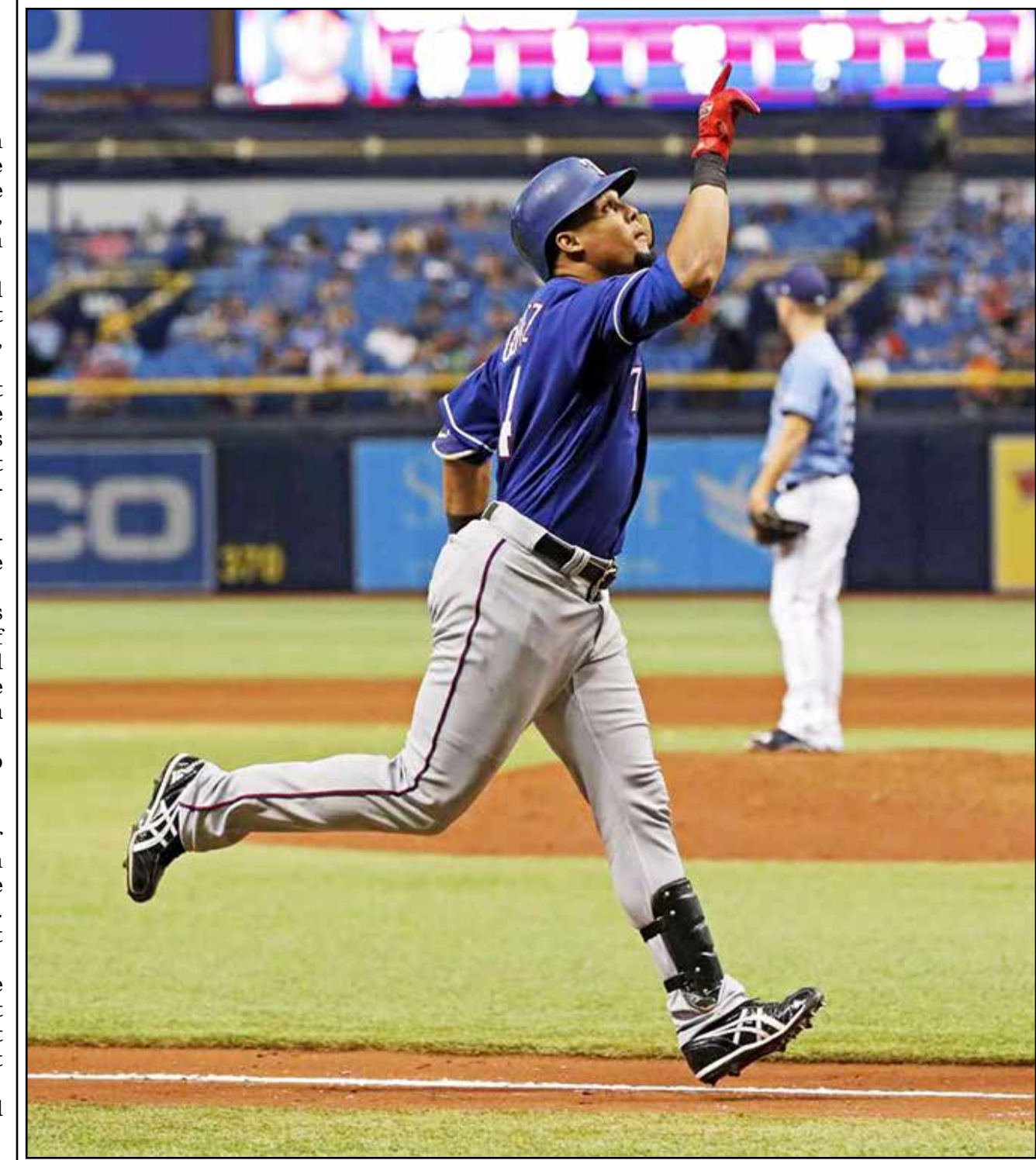
The Cowboys will have two suspended defensive players when the season starts in pass rushers David Irving and Randy Gregory. Two more could be: cornerback Nolan Carroll (drunken-driving charge) and linebacker Damien Wilson (aggravated assault charges).

Receiver Dez Bryant was late to report at the team's practice facility in suburban Dallas on Friday, a day before he was on the team flight to California. Irving decided to stay in California rather than report in Texas, and running back Darren McFadden missed the charter flight.

Not enough for the week leading to camp, with the first practice Monday?

How about receiver Lucky Whitehead claiming his dog was taken and held for ransom before being returned? Or video surfacing of receiver Terrence Williams accepting a challenge to a footrace outside a strip club late one night?

Still doesn't faze Jones much with the Cowboys trying to follow a 13-3 season that was the best in the NFC before a divisional playoff loss to Green



Texas Rangers' Carlos Gomez celebrates after hitting a home run off Tampa Bay Rays relief pitcher Brad Boxberger during the eighth inning of a baseball game Sunday, July 23, 2017, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

RANGERS

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Rays: Reliever Xavier Cedeno (left forearm) is throwing at 135 feet on level ground.

COMING ATTRACTION

New Rays reliever Sergio Romo could join the team Monday, two days after he was acquired from the Los Angeles Dodgers. "Anytime a guy that throws mid to upper 80's, when they hit a rough patch, it's easy to say, well, he's toast," Rays general manager Erik Neander said. "The way he works, coming to a league that hasn't seen him before, we think there's a chance that he can really help us."

ASTROS

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playing time," Hinch said. "Obviously this is setback for him."

Hinch said Moran is expected

to make a full recovery, though there is no timetable for his return.

The Astros filled out the 25-man roster by recalling first baseman Tyler White from Fresno.

White hit .299 with 19 doubles, 19 home runs, and 69 RBIs in 91 games with Fresno. He made the Astros' opening day roster in 2016, but this will be his first action this year.

ROAD WARRIOR

Gallo has homered in 12 ballparks this season. "It's really cool," said Gallo, who wasn't aware of the accomplishment until he saw it on the scoreboard.

UP NEXT

Rangers: LHP Martin Perez (5-7) is to start against Miami and RHP Adam Conley (2-3) on Monday night as Texas opens a nine-game homestand.

Rays: LHP Blake Snell (0-5) and Baltimore RHP Kevin Gausman (6-7) are Monday night's starters. Snell's 19 starts of five innings or fewer are the most by an AL pitcher within his first 30 big league games since 1913, according to Baseball Reference.

Bay.

"There's absolutely no impact on the spirit, or the enthusiasm or the expectation, which I would use those words in defining momentum and still not really know that I know what momentum is," Jones said. "You just can't let that deter going about your work and getting the job done."

Coach Jason Garrett continues to vouch for Elliott's character, despite the two most pressing issues and older episodes of visiting a legal marijuana shop in Seattle during the preseason last year and pulling down a woman's shirt during a St. Patrick's Day parade this past spring.

"We believe in Zeke Elliott," Garrett said about last year's fourth overall pick. "It's incumbent upon all of us, everybody in our organization — coaches, players, everybody who is connected with Zeke — to help him understand the importance of making

good decisions."

Jones, who will be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame next month, had several unprompted answers, usually to tell one of the stories that may or may not make the cut for his acceptance speech.

The 74-year-old twice asked son Stephen, executive vice president of personnel, to take on questions — including one on how risk-reward relates to building a roster.

If the Cowboys can be called a circus again — like in the 1990s when they were winning Super Bowls with tabloid headlines from receiver Michael Irvin — then it's clear they have a ringleader.

"It's not a tolerance," Jones said. "There is no question that when you're not available, it hurts everybody counting on you, particularly our fans. There's no question the implication involved in any infraction shines on us all."

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