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Chalet celebrates 30 years with ribbon cutting, mural unveiling



Special to the Herald

The Chalet will celebrate 30 years of serving the Big Spring community Friday with a ribbon cutting and the formal unveiling of a mural on the outside wall of the Chalet painted by the Honors Art Program at Big Spring Intermediate School. Big Spring Chamber of Commerce ambassadors will cut the ribbon at 9:30 a.m. in front of the double doors of the successful resale shop in the center of historic downtown Big Spring.

The ribbon cutting will be followed by a live radio remote, door prizes, giveaways, shopping discounts and free hot dogs, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations Dee Lindsey said.

"We also are excited to be using this occasion to spotlight a beautiful mural project produced by the Big Spring Intermediate Honors Art program. It is truly magnificent, and we couldn't be more proud of such a beautiful piece of art gracing the outside of our building."

"It adds to the historic beauty of

downtown Big Spring and we are so thrilled that the youth of our city were interested in beautifying our building. It's been such a pick-me-up to all of us. We absolutely love it." The Chalet attracts dozens of shoppers every day and the mural already has gained much attention.

"It's been such a conversation piece," Chalet Co-Chairman Ruth Nanny said. "Everyone notices it and they all ask about it."

"We love getting the youth involved in The Chalet and this was such a worthy project and something these kiddos can look at for years to come," she said. "What a proud moment for them and what a proud moment for The Chalet. It's just fantastic." Big Spring Intermediate Honors Art Teacher Bianca Mireles created the design and coordinated the project with I Think 219 Art Gallery owner Ramon Holguin. Mireles incorporated Holguin's photography depicting the scenic beauty of Texas. Holguin also documented the project through his lens.

"The Big Spring Intermediate Honors Art helped paint the mural and we also received help from local artists and friends who believed in the project who wanted to pitch in with their time, skills and energy," Mireles said. "Some of the parents of students in the Art Club



Mireles



Nanny

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Courtesy photos/
Ramon Holguin (I Think 219 art gallery)
Pictured at top, Big Spring Intermediate Honors Art students and volunteers paint the outside wall of the Chalet in Big Spring earlier this year. From left to right are Cynthia Hilario, Mia Guzman, Ronnie Christian, Ayden Martinez, Dylan Gonzalez, and Tyson Hodges. Above, Zynecka Christian; Bianca Mireles, BSI Art teacher — Honors Art Club; Tyson Hodges; and Dylan Gonzalez paint.

GOP eyes "Obamacare" repeal bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — They couldn't pass a repeal of "Obamacare," or find the votes for a White House-backed replacement. So now Senate Republicans are lowering their sights and trying to unite behind a so-called "skinny repeal" that would merely undo just a few of the most unpopular elements of Barack Obama's law.

The "skinny bill" is an admittedly lowest-common-denominator approach, and it may not even have the votes to pass, either. But as Republicans search for how to keep their years-long effort to repeal and replace "Obamacare" alive, they're coming to believe that the "skinny bill" may be the only option left.

"It still keeps it in play," said Sen. Steve Daines of Montana. "It's threading a needle at the moment, trying to get 51 in the United States Senate."

The strategy emerged after Republicans barely succeeded earlier this week in opening debate on health legislation in the narrowly divided Senate, winning the procedural vote to do so thanks only to Vice President Mike Pence breaking a 50-50 tie.

Hours of debate followed, as well as a few amendment votes that starkly revealed Republicans' divisions. On Tuesday, on a 57-43 vote with nine GOP defections, the Senate rejected a wide-ranging proposal by Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to erase and replace much of the Affordable Care Act. Then on Wednesday, a straightforward repeal measure failed 55-45 with seven Republicans joining Democrats in voting "no," even though nearly identical legislation had passed Congress two years earlier.

At that time, Obama was in the White House and vetoed the repeal bill. But now, with President Donald Trump sitting in the Oval Office and itching to sign it, Republican senators demonstrated they didn't have the stomach to go through with passing a measure that would end insurance coverage for more than 30 million Americans over a decade, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

In the wake of those two telling votes Republican senators have few options left, and that's led them to look to the "skinny repeal." The measure has not been finalized, but senators say it could eliminate Obamacare's two mandates — for individuals to carry insurance and for employers to offer it — along with an unpopular tax

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Mitchell Co. Senior Citizen's Dance

The Mitchell County Senior Citizens Dance will be held tonight from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Colorado City Civic Center, 157 West 2nd St. Live Music will feature Travis and Kevin. The cost is \$5 per person.

YMCA getting ready for new children's program this fall

By **ROBERT BARLOW**
Staff Writer

The YMCA was recently able to implement an educational and childcare program that has long been in the works, according to Dathan Jones, executive director for the YMCA; and it will hopefully help relieve some pressure for residents of Howard County.

"It's a program we wanted to have at the Y for a long time, but we could never get the funding or the space to have it here," said Jones.

SM Energy has been playing an active role in the community lately, and one of their most recent donations was in the form of a \$5,000 check for the YMCA to help kickstart this new pro-

gram. Beyond the monetary donation, SM put in volunteer hours working on the program's room at the YMCA.

"The thing about SM Energy, why I like those guys. We don't want partners to just give money, it's always good when a partner can work together with their partner and see where the money is going," said Jones. "As our partnership grows with SM Energy, we can always look back and they can know that they actually put hands in something."

The money and work the company put towards the program help push it

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HERALD photo/Robert Barlow
Thanks to a recent donation in the amount of \$5000 from SM Energy, the YMCA was able to implement a new children's program for kids ages 18 months to 2 years old.



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Obituaries

Myrle Evelyn Matthies



Funeral services for Myrle Evelyn Matthies, 86, of Big Spring, Texas, will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 28, 2017, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home, 301 E. 24th St., Big Spring, Texas, with Pastor Don Snipes officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Myrle Evelyn (Platte) Matthies was ushered into the presence of her Lord and Savior on the 23rd day of July, 2017, at the Shattuck Nursing home in Shattuck, Okla. Born in Muleshoe, Texas, on Sept. 12, 1930, she was the daughter of Samuel Rufus Atchison and Stella Lee (Leddy) Atchison. She was preceded in death by her husband, Burt Matthies; grandsons, Marc Sullivan, and Karl and Kevin Platte; great-granddaughters, Hope and Megan James; six brothers; and four sisters.

Myrle is survived by her seven children, Karen

Jones of San Angelo, Texas; Larry Platte of Big Spring, Texas; Janice Allman of Stark City, Mo.; Kenny Platte of Shattuck, Okla.; Roy Platte of Big Spring, Texas; Clifton Platte of Midland, Texas; and Bobby Platte of Pflugerville, Texas. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Myrle successfully worked for and managed a 7-Eleven store for Southland Corporation in Big Spring for 20 years. After retirement, she moved to San Angelo, Texas; then to Phoenix, Ariz.; and finally to Shattuck, Okla. She will be remembered as one "feisty" little lady as she faced life's ups and downs. More than anything, she loved the Lord, and her family knew that she loved them with a passion. She sacrificed much and gave much to raise her children alone. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Pallbearers will be Keith Platte, Bryan Platte, Josh Sherman, Ross Crawford, Jesse Dennis, and Jacob James.

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

Paid obituary

Malinda Jane "Mindy" (Crocker) Gober

Malinda Jane "Mindy" (Crocker) Gober, 75, of Brady died Thursday, July 20, 2017, in Austin.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 29, 2017, at Rochelle Baptist Church in Rochelle, Texas, with the Rev. Kenneth Barr and Chaplain Reeves Flint officiating. Burial will be in Rochelle Cemetery. Family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at Leatherwood Memorial Chapel in Brady.

Malinda was born Jan. 31, 1942, in Big Spring to Howard Verdo Crocker and Lona Mae (Bennett) Crocker. She was a longtime member of the Rochelle Baptist Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Victoria Flint and husband E. Reeves; her husband's children, Guy Gober of Columbus, Ind., and Teresa McAnally and husband Mark of San Antonio; brothers, John Crocker and wife Ruth of East Bend, N.C., and Sonny Crocker and wife Betty of Big Spring; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert Gober; and her sisters, Ann Crocker Miller, and Betty Jean Crocker.

Arrangements are entrusted to Leatherwood Memorial Chapels Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Brady, Texas.

Praxedis "Pry" Gonzales



Praxedis "Pry" Gonzales, 56, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, July 25, 2017, at Big Spring Center for Skilled Care.

Vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 28, 2017 at Myers and Smith Chapel. Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born July 21, 1961, in Coahoma, Texas, to Eufrosia Rojo Gonzales and Geronimo Guadalupe Gonzales. He had been a lifetime resident of Howard County. He was a car-

penter and had worked in the oilfield. He had also worked a number of years at CAMEO and SOLITAIRE homes. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

He is survived by three sons, Mike Gonzales of Dallas, Matt Gonzales of Big Spring, and Jacob Gonzales of Denver, Colo.; his mother, Eufrosia Gonzales of Big Spring; two sisters, Lupe Padron and Susie Aguirre, both of Big Spring; one brother, Tony Gonzales of Coahoma; and three grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his father, Geronimo "Lupe" Gonzales; and one brother Manuel Gonzales.

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

Jerry W. Roach



Jerry W. Roach, 67, of Big Spring died Tuesday, July 25, 2017, at University Medical Center.

The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 28, 2017, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service with Military Honors will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Myers and Smith Chapel with Bert Guzman officiating.

Jerry was born June 28, 1950, in Lubbock, Texas, to Wanda Northam Roach and Joe Roach. He married Susie Baker on Oct. 20, 1970, in Big Spring. He and his wife Susie owned Wagon Wheel, Lone Star Auto, and Retrievers Auto Recovery. He had been a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He was a veteran of the United States Army serving in Vietnam. Jerry was a Baptist.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Susie Roach of Big Spring; two sons, Edward Roach and fiancée Karly, and Randy Roach and wife Carmen, all of Big Spring; one brother, Lewis Bryant of Big Spring; eight grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Bobby Roach and Tommy Roach.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **GABRIEL JESSIE HERNANDEZ**, 30, of 1102 Lloyd Avenue, was arrested on two warrants from other agencies.
- **ROBERT NEAL SCOTT**, 45, of Coahoma, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **JOHN EDWARD DELANEY II**, 27, of 5511 East Midway Road, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **STACY LYNN PENDLETON**, 41, of 101 Cedar Drive, was

arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

- **PAIGE JALENA SMITH**, 25, of 1905 Wasson Road, was arrested on a charge of theft of property between \$100 and \$750 (shoplifting).
- **CORNIKA HEARON**, 21, of 1609 Oriole Street, was arrested on a charge of theft of property between \$100 and \$750 (shoplifting).
- **DAVID ALAN TINDOL**, 36, of 3413 Old Colorado City Highway, was arrested on a warrant for possession of marijuana.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1100 block of Lloyd Avenue, the 800 block of East 13th Street, and the 1500 block of Tucson.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1600 block of South Lancaster and near the intersection of 10th and Gregg Street.

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

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 200 block of Wooten Road.

Sheriff

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 73 inmates at the time of this report.
- **JOHN EDWARD DELANEY**, 27, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **AMBER MICHELLE GUTIERREZ**, 41, was booked by the HCSO on two bench warrants for possession of a controlled substance less than one gram and forgery of a financial instrument.
- **CORNIKA HEARON**, 21, was

booked by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property between \$100 and \$750.

- **GABRIEL JESSIE HERNANDEZ**, 30, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for disregarding a stop sign and improperly securing a child under 8 years old and less than 4'9".
- **RODRIGUS GERARD MONETTE**, 30, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for two counts of bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **STACY LYNN PENDLETON**, 41, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license

invalid with previous conviction or suspension.

- **ROBERT NEAL SCOTT**, 45, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for criminal trespassing.
- **PAIGE JALENA SMITH**, 25, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property between \$100 and \$750.
- **DAVID ALAN TINDOL**, 36, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.
- **RAUL JACOB URIAS**, 29, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

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.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.



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Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **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 1700 block of East Highway 350. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Cole Lane. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Washington. 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.
- **TRAUMA CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Tucson Road. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near Mile Marker 173 on Interstate 20.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of County Road 57 and Highway 350.
- **PASSENGER VEHICLE FIRE** was reported in the 700 block of Creighton.

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Demand overseas keeps Mustang on top despite lower US sales

DETROIT (AP) — On any given day this summer, you might find 97-year-old Lennart Ribbring driving his 2016 Ford Mustang GT on a winding road near his home in Sweden. Or you might see Chris Fitzpatrick polishing his 1967 Mustang convertible in Auckland, New Zealand. Guo Xin might be working on a Mustang in his car repair shop in Beijing, while in England, a happy bride and groom drive off in a Mustang GT California Special.

More than 50 years after it was introduced, the world remains captivated by the Mustang. Ford will ship the quintessential American car to 140 countries in 2017.

"It has a mass appeal," says John Heitmann, a history professor at the University of Dayton and the author of

"The Automobile and American Life." "Cars, historically, have been so closely tied to status and class, but the Mustang transcends so many different class distinctions."

Ford's growling pony car became the best-selling sports car in the world last year, with more than 150,000 sold, according to IHS Markit. Mustang sales are slipping in the U.S., where overall sales are softening. U.S. Mustang sales fell 13 percent last year, and they're down 29 percent so far this year.

But rising sales elsewhere could help the Mustang retain the global crown.

Mustang sales were up 40 percent in the first half of this year in China, where Guo owns three of them, including a 2005 GT convertible.

The former race car driver

finds Mustangs tougher and more fun to drive than European or Japanese sports cars. The Mustang beat out two sleeker European rivals, the BMW 4 Series and the Porsche 911, to become No. 1.

"I like what is simple and rough in a Mustang," says Guo, who leads the Mustang Club of China, with more than 3,000 members.

The car's largest fan club, the Mustang Club of America, has around 12,000 members. But there are hundreds of smaller ones. The Icelandic Mustang Club boasts 200 members.

Fans have been importing individual Detroit-built Mustangs for decades, but Ford recently put in the engineering muscle to ensure that the cars could be sold in dealerships around in the world.

The sixth-generation Mustang, released in 2015, is the first that comes in both right-hand and left-hand drive versions. Its air conditioning system was built to withstand blowing sand in the Middle East, while its front end conforms to European pedestrian-safety regulations.

New markets for the Mustang this year include Brazil, Ivory Coast and Palau.

Ford's global push makes the Mustang more accessible to longtime fans like Fitzpatrick. When he was a teenager in New Zealand, American-made cars were expensive status symbols. To him, American cars meant muscle. European sports cars were smaller and less aggressive.

"I always think of touring and power when I think of

Mustang," says Fitzpatrick, who now owns two classic Mustangs.

Heitmann, the history professor, says the Mustang is one of the few cars that is appealing — and affordable — to nearly everyone. A base model with a V6 engine starts at \$25,000. Aficionados will pay more than double that for a Shelby GT350 version with a V8. Heitmann, 69, has owned two Mustangs in his lifetime, and has his eye on the 2018 model.

"It's democratic. A working-class person can drive this car to the plant, and a banker can drive it to the office. You can't do that with a Mercedes," he says.

Television and movies — like the 1968 thriller "Bullitt" — also cemented the Mustang as a global icon.

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to its completion, allowing them to begin taking in children for it by September.

"There are some centers that have waiting lists all the way out till 2019," stated Jones. "New parents don't want to just throw their kids anywhere, they want their kids to be at the safest place available in our community."

According to Jones, the YMCA noticed a problem when several parents called or came in looking for a good place to leave their children, after running into roadblocks from long waiting lists at some of the other daycare centers in town that offer programs for kids of that age.

"Theres a lot of 18-month- to 2-year-olds that need care, and there are a lot

of centers in town that have waiting lists," said Jones. "A lot of these parents that have these kids in the community are younger parents, so they need to go out to earn a living to provide for their kiddos."

After doing some "due diligence," the staff at the YMCA came to the conclusion that this was a problem that needed to be addressed, and they were the ones who could do something about it.

"There is a need in the community, the YMCA is meant to meet the needs in the community," Jones continued. "Thats all that we're here for."

Before the program could be up and running, Jones needed to get the appropriate license and permits from the state. However, Jones hopes that once the state can see that this is a problem within the community and the program needs to grow, they will get the official go-ahead to expand and

continue to help alleviate the issue.

"If that program hits, then were going to look at expanding it," Jones stated. "We don't want a waiting list here, we want to always be able to meet the needs of the community, but we just need the kind of space to be able to do that."

Jones expects the program to fill up fast, and said he couldn't promise there wouldn't be a waiting list at first. But in time he believes that the program will be able to expand to accommodate more children.

Jones also stressed the importance that this program isn't just good for the parents, but also benefits the children in the long run.

"If we can reach these kiddos here and build their mindsets, learning, curriculum, and get them up, when they get into our school district their going to be ready to achieve." Jones stated.

Parents interested in enrolling their kids in the program can go to the YMCA and speak with one of the staff for more details. Because the kids are not school age yet, they will need a current immunization record from their doctors, and parents will need to fill out a child care application with the YMCA.

Contact Staff Writer Robert Barlow at (432) 263-7331 ext. 234.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Stephen Lawrence Ayer (Poppy), 63, died Sunday. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. today at Crestview Memorial Park in Wichita Falls, Texas.

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dedicated time toward the project as well by helping paint and donating snacks for the workers."

The Volunteer Services Council approved the design and funded supplies for the mural, Lindsey said. "We really wanted to show it off to the public and we thought there would be no better time than our 30th anniversary celebration," Lindsey said. "I know it just seems like yesterday when we celebrated our 25th anniversary, but time just marches on at The Chalet."

"Our volunteers rarely take a day off from their five-day-a-week operation," Lindsey said. The Chalet is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the volunteers often can be found there on Monday's sorting and pricing items in preparation for the week's business.

"The Chalet is run similar to a retail store," Lindsey said. "We sort, price and display the items but it's all done with a volunteer workforce. We receive so many donations from the public and for that we are so thankful, but at times our cup runneth over, and we need more assistance to keep up with the demand."

Nanny said more volunteers are needed to keep up with the donations. Anyone interested in volunteering at The Chalet should come by the Chalet and talk to Co-Chairman Jobeth Corwin, Nanny, or Manager April Wascom.

When the doors open at 10 a.m. every morning, there's usually a line waiting, Corwin said. "It's a very popular place to shop. Many of our customers come several times a week."

All proceeds from The Chalet benefit the patients of Big Spring State Hospital. Big Spring State Hospital is a 200-bed psychiatric hospital serving people in West Texas and the Texas South Plains.

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on medical devices, and perhaps contain a few other provisions.

The purpose of passing such legislation would be to get something, anything, out of the Senate, so that talks could begin with House Republicans who passed their own more comprehensive repeal-and-replace bill in early May. The House and Senate bills would need to be reconciled by a "conference committee" into one final piece of legislation that both chambers would have to pass again.

"We've got to move it along and get it to

conference," said Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa.

A few GOP aides suggested that perhaps the House would pass the Senate's "skinny bill" as-is, which would allow Republicans to claim at least a partial victory and move on to other issues. With tax legislation and other priorities waiting in the wings, Republicans are eager to move along after spending the first six months of Trump's presidency trying unsuccessfully, so far, to fulfill their years of promises to repeal and replace "Obamacare."

However the House might be unwilling to agree to the "skinny

bill" as-is. Conservatives were already ruling that out.

"There would not be enough votes to pass it and send it to the president," said Rep. Mark Meadows of North Carolina, head of the conservative Freedom Caucus. "But to use it as a vehicle to continue negotiations is certainly welcomed."

The behind-the-scenes maneuvering came as the Senate moved through 20 hours of debate on repeal legislation, with Democrats unanimously opposed to the GOP efforts. Under the complex rules governing how the legislation is being considered, the debate will

culminate at some point Thursday afternoon or evening in a bizarre exercise called a "vote-a-rama" during which unlimited amendments can be offered by all sides in rapid succession.

The vote-a-rama will likely last into the wee hours of Friday morning, or until "people get tired," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas.

And by the time it's over, Republicans hope they will have found something, anything, that can get enough votes to pass.

"I think it is quite likely we will be here much of the night, if not all night," said Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas. "And at the end of it hopefully we'll have a bill that can bring us together."

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Trump's transgender troops ban divides veterans in Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's decision to ban transgender service in the armed forces drove a wedge through military veterans in Congress, with one camp standing squarely behind the commander in chief and the other decrying his order as an ugly attack on dedicated troops.

Sen. Tammy Duckworth, D-Ill., a former Army helicopter pilot who lost her legs and partial use of her right arm during the Iraq war, called Trump's announcement discriminatory.

"When my Black Hawk helicopter was shot down in Iraq, I didn't care if the American troops risking their lives to help save me were gay, straight, transgender or anything else," she said. "All that mattered was they didn't leave me behind."

Duckworth said if a person's willing to risk their life as a member of the armed forces "and you can do the job, you should be able to serve — no matter your gender identity, sexual orientation or race."

Rep. Steve Russell, R-Okla., said Trump's decision is understandable given the mounting concern among members of Congress over the amount of money the Pentagon is required to spend on gender transition surgeries and hormone therapy. Russell, a retired Army officer who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, said service members undergoing these medical procedures often aren't ready to deploy.

State fair to open without rides after deadly malfunction

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A state fair, where one person was killed and seven others were injured when an "aggressive thrill" ride broke apart, will be open Thursday, officials said, but the rides won't be running until they all are determined to be safe.

Dramatic video captured by a bystander Wednesday evening at the Ohio State Fair shows the Fire Ball ride swinging back and forth like a pendulum and spinning in the air when it crashes into something and part of the ride flies off. Screams are heard as passengers are thrown to the ground.

"The fair is about the best things in life, and tonight with this accident it becomes a terrible, terrible tragedy," said Republican Gov. John Kasich.

Officials said the man who was killed was one of several people who were thrown to the ground when the ride malfunctioned. They have not released his name. Three of the injured remained in critical condition late Wednesday.

Officials did not know what caused the ride to break apart, saying the investigation was ongoing.

Muslim leaders tell faithful to return to Jerusalem shrine

JERUSALEM (AP) — Muslim leaders told the faithful to return to pray inside a major Jerusalem holy site on Thursday after Israel removed security devices it installed outside entrances to the shrine following a deadly Palestinian attack at the compound.

Thousands of Palestinians had been praying in the streets outside the shrine to protest the security measures since the crisis began.

"After extensive discussion and after achieving this victory in this round we call on our people in Jerusalem and inside (Israel) and anyone who can access the Al-Aqsa Mosque to enter ... en masse," the Islamic leaders declared in a statement.

The head of the Supreme Islamic Committee, Ikrema Sabri, said the first prayers would be held there Thursday afternoon.

Abdel Azim Salhab, of the Waqf, Jordan's religious body that administers the site, said "we call on Imams to close all mosques in Jerusalem Friday in order for all worshippers to pray Friday prayer in Al-Aqsa mosque only."

Isolated Qatar hires firm founded by Trump aide

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Qatar has hired a Washington influence firm founded by President Donald Trump's former campaign manager and another specialized in digging up dirt on U.S. politicians, signaling it wants to challenge Saudi Arabia's massive lobbying efforts in



AP Photo/Daniel Chan, File

In this combination of March 1, 2017, file photos, Indonesian suspect Siti Aisyah, left, and Vietnamese suspect Doan Thi Huong, both suspects in the killing of Kim Jong Nam, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's estranged half brother, are escorted out of court by police officers in Sepang, Malaysia. Two women accused of poisoning Kim are expected to plead innocent when they appear in a Malaysian court on Friday, July 28, 2017.

America's capital amid a diplomatic dispute among Arab nations.

The Gulf rift already has seen slogan-plastered taxicabs in London, television attack ads in the U.S. and competing messages flooding the internet and state-linked media on both sides since the crisis began June 5.

Hiring a firm associated with former Trump aide Corey Lewandowski shows Qatar wants access to a White House with close ties to Saudi Arabia.

But matching Saudi Arabia, which scored a diplomatic coup by hosting Trump's first overseas trip, could be a tough battle for Qatar even if it does boast the world's highest per-capita income due to its natural gas deposits.

"The Qataris are belatedly working up to the scale of the challenge they face," said Kristian Coates Ulrichsen, a research fellow at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University who lives in Seattle. "This whole crisis, now that it's kind of settled down into a prolonged confrontation or standoff, it's become almost a struggle to win the hearts and minds in D.C."

Trump emboldens friendly foreign leaders, leaves foes wary

Are you a friend or foe? That seems to be uppermost in President Donald Trump's approach to foreign policy in the first six months of office.

The probe at home into Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. election continues to be a thorn in his side, bedeviling Trump's apparent desire to have warm relations with Russia's Vladimir Putin, and the initial "bromance" with China's Xi Jinping also buckled under geopolitical and economic disagreements. But there are others who have been lavished with the president's favor.

Who is in the friend camp is clear from the president's foreign travels, actions and statements. To varying degrees, his support has emboldened favored countries to carry out contentious regional or domestic policies.

Some traditional U.S. foes, though, could find themselves in a more precarious position than they did under President Barack Obama, who generally avoided direct confrontation and even pursued diplomatic openings with Iran and Cuba.

Suspects to plead innocent over Kim Jong Nam's assassination

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Two women accused of poisoning the estranged half brother of North Korea's ruler in a bizarre airport assassination are expected to plead innocent when they appear in a Malaysian court on Friday, their lawyers said.

Indonesian Siti Aisyah and Vietnamese Doan Thi Huong are suspected of smearing Kim Jong Nam's face with the banned VX nerve agent at a crowded airport terminal in Kuala Lumpur on Feb. 13. The women, who face the death penalty if convicted, say they were duped into thinking they were playing a harmless prank for a hidden-camera show.

They are the only suspects in custody in a killing that South Korea's spy agency said was part of a five-year plot by reclusive North Korean leader Kim Jong Un to kill a brother he reportedly never met. Four North Korean suspects fled the country, police say.

The women's lawyers say their clients are expected to plead not guilty

at the High Court Friday.

Amazon and Foxconn reflect a growing trend: Deliver it now

WASHINGTON (AP) — In today's economy, speed is everything.

Amazon's plans to add 50,000 jobs at a dozen warehouses across the United States and Foxconn's decision to build a \$10 billion plant and hire up to 13,000 workers in Wisconsin aren't just feel-good stories of job creation. They reflect the pressures companies now feel to be as close to their customers as possible — a trend that's helping restore some American factories and jobs.

Computer advances increasingly let manufacturers customize orders and ship goods faster. In the new world, making products in faraway low-wage countries like China can be a disadvantage: It can take too long — weeks, months — to ship finished products to the United States.

"This is about customer proximity," said Michael Mandel, chief economic strategist at the Progressive Policy Institute. "You develop a sustainable

and durable advantage against overseas competition."

Mandel said the growing trend would have emerged regardless of who occupied the White House. Still, President Donald Trump took the opportunity to take some credit Wednesday for the Foxconn announcement, saying it "definitely" happened because of his election and his pursuit of tax and regulatory cuts.

Businesses, cities cashing in on total solar eclipse crowds

BARTLETT, Tenn. (AP) — Millions of eyes will be fixed on the sky when a total solar eclipse crosses the U.S. in August, and it's likely many of them will be safely behind the special glasses churned out by a Tennessee company.

American Paper Optics ramped up production for this year's eclipse and expects to make 50 million paper and plastic eclipse glasses. John Jerit, the company's CEO and president, said they began preparing about two years ago. During his almost 27 years making safety glasses, he's only seen one total solar eclipse, in France in 1999, but will be going to Nashville for this one.

"It's a life experience," Jerit said during an interview at his company's office in the Memphis suburb of Bartlett. "When that two minutes is over, or however long you've got, the question that you really want to hear is, 'When is the next one?'"

His company is one of many businesses — hotels, campgrounds and stores — taking advantage of the total solar eclipse — when the moon passes between Earth and the sun. The moon's shadow will fall in a diagonal ribbon across the U.S., from Oregon to South Carolina. The rest of the U.S. will experience a partial eclipse, along with Canada, Central America and a bit of South America.

Cities and towns along the path of totality — where there will be about 2 1/2 minutes of darkness — are gearing up for the crowds. St. Joseph, Missouri, population 76,000, is in a prime location and officials are bracing for tens of thousands of eclipse watchers to descend on the city, said Beth Conway, spokeswoman for the St. Joseph Convention & Visitors Bureau.

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5 Colombian citizens charged in Texas jewelry thefts

DALLAS (AP) — A prosecutor says five Colombian citizens have been arrested in three violent robberies targeting traveling jewelry salesmen in Texas, one of which resulted in a death. U.S. Attorney John Parker of the Northern District of Texas says the five, who range from ages 25 to 35, are charged with multiple counts of robbery and brandishing a firearm to further a crime. Parker says the robberies took place in 2016, including one in which a victim was beaten to death. He says the group is part of a larger organized theft ring from South America. They were wanted by the FBI, the Dallas Fort Worth International Airport Department of Public Safety, the Arlington Texas Police Department and the Garland Texas Police Department.

Texas nurse gets 4 years in prison in \$375M health care scam

DALLAS (AP) — A registered nurse in Texas must serve four years in federal prison for her role in what prosecutors call a health care scam involving nearly \$375 million in false claims. Charity Eleda of Rowlett (row-LET) in North Texas was sentenced Wednesday in Dallas and must repay nearly \$400,000 to Medicare. The 56-year-old Eleda was convicted last year of conspiracy to commit health care fraud, health care fraud and making false statements to secure Medicare benefits. Investigators say Eleda helped improperly recruit clients, including homeless people in Dallas.

Authorities say the case involves Dr. Jacques (ZHAWK) Roy of Rockwall. Roy was convicted last year of multiple counts of health care-related fraud, including unnecessary services related to Medicare and Medicaid.

Prosecutors say Roy awaits sentencing and faces up to 105 years in prison.

Mexican Consulate official accused of selling work permits

HOUSTON (AP) — An employee at the Mexican Consulate in Houston is accused in a lawsuit of offering U.S. work permits for sale.

The Houston Chronicle reports that the lawsuit filed earlier this month in Harris County accuses a consulate employee, Fidencio Navarrete Peralta, of accepting \$10,000 for two work permits but never delivering them. Navarrete's boss at the consulate, Consul General Oscar Rodriguez Cabrera, also is named as a defendant.

Xochitl Leticia Aguilar seeks return of the \$10,000 and other compensation of \$200,000. She says her American citizen daughter was hoping to obtain a work permit for her Mexican husband and a friend, but that they received only a single consul ID card. A consulate spokesman had no comment for the newspaper about the lawsuit and could not be reached Wednesday.

Cause sought in Texas mobile home fire that leaves 2 dead

PAIGE, Texas (AP) — Authorities say two women have died in a Central Texas mobile home fire.

Officials are seeking the cause of the fire reported around 1 a.m. Wednesday at a rural home near Paige, about 35 miles (56 kilometers) east of Austin.

Fire Chief Josh Gill with Bastrop County Emergency Services District No. 2 says neighbors noticed the flames and summoned help.

Gill says firefighters located the first body, in a bedroom, while battling the blaze. He says the second body was found later in a bathroom.

Gill says firefighters do not believe the fire was suspicious.

Autopsies were ordered. Names of the victims and any possible relationship weren't immediately released.

Gill says most of the mobile home was destroyed by the flames.

Texas officer hurt, suspect killed in early-morning gunfight

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Police officers and a home invasion suspect exchanged gunfire Wednesday morning outside a San Antonio apartment complex, killing the suspect and leaving one of the officers in serious condition, authorities said.

Police Chief William McManus said officers responded to a disturbance call at the complex where investigators believed a home invasion may have occurred.

Officer Nathan Becerra confronted three suspects in a car and began struggling with the driver, McManus said. A back-seat passenger got out of the car and began firing, striking Becerra at least once.

Becerra and one other officer returned fire, killing the gunman, McManus said. Becerra, a four-year department veteran, underwent surgery for a stomach wound and is recovering.

The car's driver and the second passenger were taken into custody. Police say the gunman was 26 years old but have not identified him.

The shooting is the latest violent confrontation to

Texas Senate again OKs 'bathroom bill' over police criticism



Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo, left, and San Antonio Police Chief William McManus, right, stand with other law enforcement in the rotunda at the Texas Capitol as they wait to speak against a proposed "bathroom bill" at a public safety event, Tuesday, July 25, 2017, in Austin, Texas. The Texas Senate has revived a bill mandating transgender Texans use public restrooms corresponding to their birth-certificate genders.

By PAUL J. WEBER

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A Texas version of a North Carolina-style "bathroom bill" targeting transgender people again passed the state Senate on Tuesday over opposition from police and major corporations, but still faces an uncertain path to becoming law.

It is the second time this year Texas has lurched toward putting restrictions on which bathrooms transgender people can use, but the same deep GOP divisions that sank the first try remain.

If anything, tensions are running even hotter. Now at stake for Republican Gov. Greg Abbott, who faces reelection in 2018 and has gone against the tide of GOP governors who have shied from following the lead of North Carolina, is whether his party will deliver after ordering them to finish the job in a special legislative session that ends in August.

Big business and police — two usually important groups to Texas Republicans — have urged Abbott to drop it. Just as the bill came to floor inside the Senate, police chiefs and commanders from Texas' largest cities stood outside on the Capitol

steps and railed against the effort as a waste of time.

Nearly 9 hours later, the bill tentatively passed 21-10 after Democrats dragged out the vote. State troopers removed a few protesters in the mostly empty Senate gallery who shouted "This is a farce!" and unfurled a banner that read "Y'all means all."

"It's about privacy and protection," Republican state Sen. Lois Kolkhorst said. She said her bill would stop a man from "saying today I feel like a female and I have the right to go into these intimate spaces."

The bill would require transgender people to use the bathroom that matches the sex on their birth certificate, including in public schools. It now moves to the House, where the original Senate version died earlier this year without a vote.

The bill has ripped clean open a rancorous split in the Texas GOP between moderates who stand with high-profile opponents — including Amazon and the NFL — and social conservatives who drive the state's political agenda. Republican House Speaker Joe Straus has aligned with companies that denounce the measure as bad for Texas business

and has not wavered in his opposition.

Before the vote, Abbott released a statement touting "growing support" and listed endorsements from five socially conservative groups.

Kolkhorst called the bill an "opportunity to shut down predators and voyeurs." Police chiefs and top commanders from Texas' four biggest cities — Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and Austin — said before the vote they had not found examples of restroom-related sexual assault and argued the bill would make Texas more, not less, dangerous.

"Folks will feel emboldened, they will feel that they can discriminate, they can target and they will feel they can have vigilante justice out there because of this law," Houston police Chief Art Acevedo said.

It's not just police from Texas' liberal big cities.

"I've never met an officer who was pushing for the bathroom bill," said Charley Wilkison, executive director of the Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas, an influential police lobby group. His group has not, however, officially taken a position.

On Monday, police in

Austin filed court documents alleging that a Texas transgender activist beaten in a car-jacking was targeted because of her gender identity. Two brothers were charged with beating and pulling a gun on Stephanie Martinez before stealing her car last week.

Court documents show that one of the suspects allegedly told police they targeted Martinez because she was transgender. The day after her attack, Martinez was among hundreds who packed the Capitol to testify against the bill.

The bill is the second time this year that police leaders from Texas' biggest cities, which are also some of the largest in the U.S., are at odds with a marquee piece of Republican legislation. The same chiefs also unsuccessfully railed against a "sanctuary cities" ban signed by Abbott in May that lets police ask people during routine stops whether they're in the U.S. legally.

North Carolina earlier this year partially repealed its "bathroom bill" following economic and political backlash. In Texas, Republican supporters have dismissed the impact on North Carolina as exaggerated.

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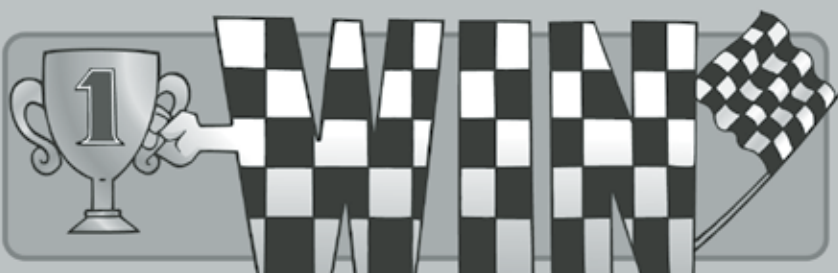
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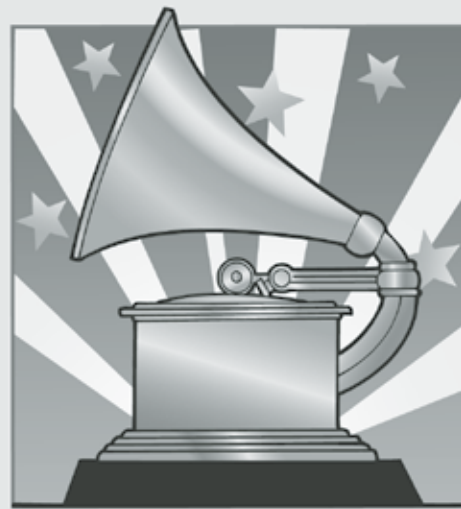


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Name That Music

Awards are given for different types of music.
Fill in the blanks to name some of them.



- 1) P _ P
- 2) RO _ K
- 3) CLA _ _ ICAL
- 4) RA _
- 5) C _ UNT _ Y
- 6) JA _ Z
- 7) GO _ _ EL

Answers: 1) Pop, 2) Rock, 3) Classical, 4) Rap, 5) Country, 6) Jazz, 7) Gospel

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Q: What do you call cows that play instruments?

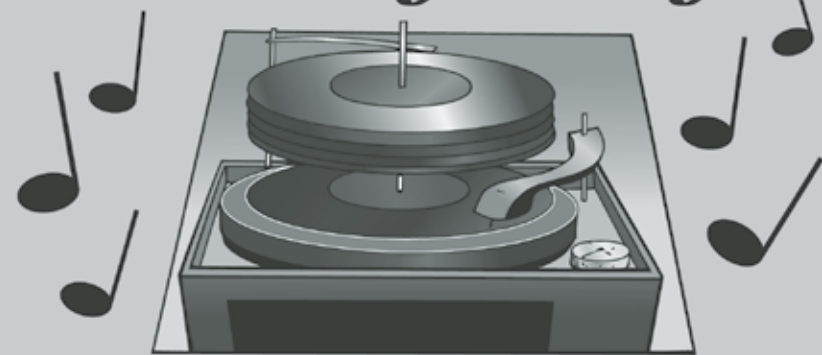
A: Moo-sicians!



Q: What do you get when you cross a sweet potato with a jazz player?

A: A yam session.

The Beginning



In 1958, a group of record company managers came together and decided to start the Grammy Awards. At the time, rock 'n' roll music was becoming popular, but not everyone liked it or thought it was good, including some of the managers. Their goal was to make sure musicians continued to make good music by rewarding them for it.

The first event took place in the Grand Ballroom of the Beverly Hills Hotel on May 4, 1959. Awards were given in 28 categories for various types of music from country and western to rhythm and blues. Domenico Modugno won for Record of the Year and Song of the Year. Henry Mancini won for Album of the Year. Perry Como and Ella Fitzgerald won for Best Vocal Performance.

Since then, the awards have changed a lot, with many categories being added and some dropped. More awards are now given for everything from Best Rap Song to Best Comedy Album.

Fact or Fiction? Award Challenge

Every year, musicians from all over the world are awarded for their work at an event called the Grammy Awards. Here are some questions about some of the younger musicians that have received or been nominated for an award. How many can you answer correctly?

- 1) Taylor Swift writes her own songs. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 2) Lorde is from New Zealand. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 3) One of Lorde's most popular songs is "Royals." *Fact or Fiction?*
- 4) Beyonce used to be part of the girl group, Destiny's Children. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 5) Michael Jackson sang with his brothers as a child. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 6) One of Michael Jackson's most popular songs is "Thriller." *Fact or Fiction?*
- 7) Paty Kerry is a singer and a songwriter. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 8) Justin Bieber is from the United States. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 9) Some of Justin Bieber's fans are called "Beliebers." *Fact or Fiction?*
- 10) Ariana Grande sings "The Way." *Fact or Fiction?*

Answers: 1) Fiction, the singer's name is Taylor Swift, 2) Fact, 3) Fact, 4) Fiction, the group's name was Destiny's Child, 5) Fact, 6) Fact, 7) Fiction, the singer's name is Katy Perry, 8) Fiction, Bieber is from Canada, 9) Fact, 10) Fiction, the singer's name is Ariana Grande



Cowboys' Elliott smiles for fans, shuns media as issues loom

By SCHUYLER DIXON
AP Sports Writer

OXNARD, Calif. — Ezekiel Elliott stopped for a few moments to greet military personnel and pose for a few pictures on the opening day of training camp.

Just like that, the star running back of the Dallas Cowboys darted out of a large crowd of reporters and ran toward a fence to sign a few autographs.

Last year's NFL rushing leader as a rookie isn't talking to media members because of lingering issues off the field, but Elliott is still hamming it up with adoring fans. And he's also going through complete workouts a year after a hamstring issue limited his playing time.

"I'm not even worrying about Zeke because that guy loves football," said receiver Dez Bryant, who had his share of trouble

upon entering the league in 2010.

"I understand it's more than football. He's got a great supporting cast and he can't lose with guys like us around him."

The NFL has been investigating Elliott for more than a year over a domestic violence complaint that prosecutors in Ohio declined to pursue.

Owner Jerry Jones seems less convinced than he was a few months ago over whether the former Ohio State star will get suspended.

Elliott potentially damaged his standing a week before training camp by fighting involved in a bar fight that ended with a 30-year-old man getting punched in the nose, although Elliott's name didn't appear in the police report.

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Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott signs autographs at the end of the day at NFL football training camp in Oxnard, Calif., Tuesday, July 25, 2017. *AP Photo*

Marlins record 22-10 win vs Texas, Darvish; Beltre 3 hits



AP Photo

Miami Marlins' Christian Yelich connects for a solo home run as Texas Rangers catcher Jonathan Lucroy reaches out to the pitch in the first inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, July 26, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Dee Gordon homered on the first pitch of the game, and the Miami Marlins kept piling on against Yu Darvish and the Texas Rangers.

Darvish allowed a career-worst 10 runs, and Miami added plenty more runs after that — including a 468-foot blast for Giancarlo Stanton's majors-best 33rd homer in the eighth. The Marlins set a franchise record in a 22-10 victory Wednesday night.

"It's one of those games that happens every so often," Marlins manager Don Mattingly said. "They actually become hard games to play, trying to preserve arms and not embarrass

anybody."

With trade speculation swirling about Darvish, the right-hander from Japan had the worst start of his five seasons with Texas. And Adrian Beltre, closing in on 3,000 hits, got ejected from the game while on deck in the eighth.

Beltre homered and had two doubles, giving the Rangers third baseman 2,996 hits before the strange call that ended his night.

When second-base umpire and crew chief Gerry Davis motioned for Beltre to get closer to the on-deck circle, Beltre instead dragged the large plastic mat marking the circle closer to him. Manager Jeff Banister also

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Rupp, Nola help Phillies defeat Astros 9-0



AP Photo

Philadelphia Phillies starting pitcher Aaron Nola throws during the third inning of a baseball game against the Houston Astros, Wednesday, July 26, 2017, in Philadelphia.

By AARON BRACY

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The surprise wasn't seeing a team pound out nine extra-base hits, just that it was the Phillies doing it.

Cameron Rupp hit two home runs and had four RBIs and Aaron Nola set a career high with 10 strikeouts over six innings to lead Philadelphia to a 9-0 victory over the Houston Astros on Wednesday night.

Maikel Franco homered and doubled and Tommy Joseph had two doubles for the Phillies, who had 14 hits while setting season highs for doubles (5) and extra-base hits.

The Astros, who entered leading the majors in average, hits and homers, had 22 hits and 18 runs while winning the first two games of the series. But the Phillies did their best Houston impression on Wednesday.

"The bats came alive," manager Pete Mackanin said. "It's great to beat a team like that. It was fun tonight."

Nola (8-6) continued his impressive stretch, limiting Houston to four hits and improving to 5-1 with a 1.49 ERA over his last seven starts.

"Nola was fantastic," Mackanin said. "I don't have enough accolades for him."

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Watt relieved to return to practice field for Houston Texans



AP Photo

In this June 6, 2017 file photo, Houston Texans defensive end J.J. Watt stretches during an NFL football practice in Houston. A year after missing the preseason on his way to an injury-shortened regular season, J.J. Watt made his return to training camp for the Texans on Wednesday, July 26, 2017.

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. (AP) — A year after missing all of the preseason on his way to an injury-shortened regular season, J.J. Watt made his return to training camp for the Houston Texans on Wednesday.

Practice never felt quite so good for the three-time NFL Defensive Player of the Year.

"It's just good to be back on the field, be back playing football, be back with my teammates," Watt said. "It's just — it feels good. It feels like where I belong."

Watt played in only three games last season due to a pair of back surgeries. The first was to repair a herniated disk in July, causing him to miss all of training camp and Houston's four pre-season games.

The defensive end, who won the Defensive Player of the Year award in 2012 and 2014-15, then started in the Texans' first three regular-season games before reinjuring his back and undergoing season-ending surgery.

Watt took part in Houston's offseason program following his surgeries, but Wednesday's start of training camp was a day one of the NFL's most dominant defensive players had looked forward to throughout his recovery.

"Obviously, it's been a long time coming," Watt said. "We've done a lot of work to get to where we are, but today's just the beginning. Today's just Day One and I'm really looking forward to stacking up days and, like I said, I just really enjoy being with my team-

mates."

The 28-year-old Watt has 76 sacks through the first 83 games of his six-year career, and Houston needs him to return to form this season — pairing with fellow defensive end Jadeveon Clowney to form one of the top pass rushes in the NFL.

"It's great to have him back," Texans coach Bill O'Brien said. "He's a great player, one of the top players in our league, so to have him back, it means a lot to our football team."

To lessen the wear and tear on his back, Watt said he'll "be smart" about his practice schedule during training camp, taking days off as needed to stay fresh rather than pushing himself as he's done in the past.

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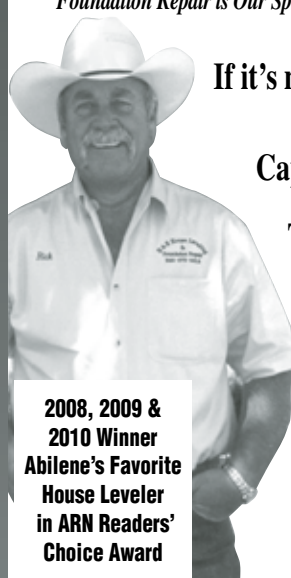
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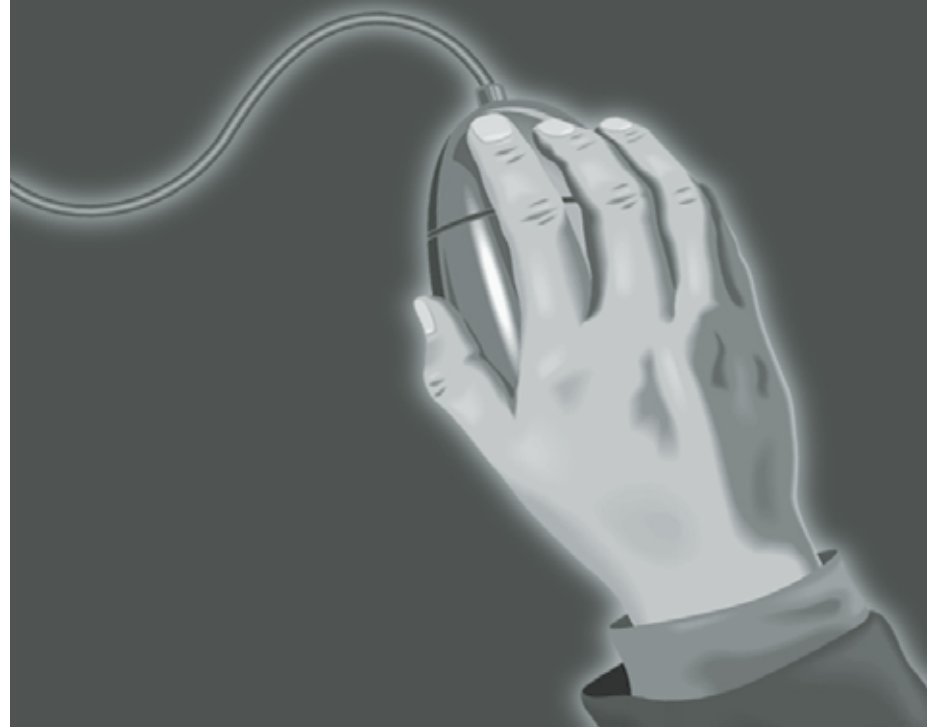
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2. It is the policy of Glasscock County ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
3. Glasscock County ISD will take steps to ensure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.
4. For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Tom Weeaks, at P. O. Box 9, Garden City, Texas

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37
Case No. 0305788
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jul 19, 2017
Status/Permit No. 827077
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug 23, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SM ENERGY COMPANY, [RRC Operator No. 788997] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 24, Bk. 35, T&P RR CO/POWELL, M Survey, A-797, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 13.3 miles W direction from BIG SPRING, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of re-

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cord of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6751.

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Post-Conjunction Stretch

The alignment of the sun is moving slowly apart, stretching us in the direction of our ambition. Be like the seed of a tree. Concern yourself with your own creation and growth. Reach upward; root downward; find the sun and water you need to thrive. Note: Trees don't have the eyes to check out how they are comparing with other trees.
ARIES (March 21-April 19). To feel that everything is a necessity is a warning sign that you may be avoiding an uncomfortable reality. The truth is that your necessities are covered, for the most part. So what is this trumped-up sense of urgency really about?
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Eye contact is your most effective accessory. Of course, it's impossible to wear well while using your phone. It's like hiding a Cartier watch in your pants pocket.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). An obsession with the perfect moments of the past can be a lovely distraction every bit as fanciful as fictional storytelling. Tap into your own artistry. Play around with this. History is more art than science.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). No place is inherently superior. Each place is just a better or worse fit for the organism trying to inhabit it. Though there may be no point to building a metaphorical boat to get to the next place, build it anyway. You were meant to sail.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you act intentionally, your action automatically has a purpose. When you act unintentionally,

Tomorrow's Horoscope

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 27). This solar return sees you opening your heart to new people and places, adding excitement and spice to your world. Your commitment to a cause will bring multiple rewards in 2018. You already know enough; you'll learn more on the job than you will in school, so sign up and get earning.
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the purpose is lost. Get aware. If you don't know your own motivations, figure them out or make them up.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The scene will change, and you will need to change, too. That which dissolves you allows you the opportunity to build yourself up anew (and to custom specs, too).
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The story of meeting a person is likely to reflect the story of the entire relationship. No pressure! But it does make you think twice about your social game -- and introductions specifically.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have already learned what you need to do. Now the question is whether you are at liberty to do so. This is one of those times when it will be better to seek forgiveness than permission.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your contributions are quality and should be honored as such. Particularly precious is your attention. Loved ones need to value this, or you will not be very inclined to give it so well again.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Lao Tzu said, "Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving some-

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Contract Bridge
By Steve Becker
A deviation from the norm

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ Q 8 6
♥ Q 9 4
♦ 5
♣ A Q J 7 4 3
WEST EAST
♠ 10 7 2 ♠ J 9 5 3
♥ J 5 3 ♥ 10 8 6 2
♦ A 10 7 4 3 ♦ K 9 2
♣ 8 2 ♣ K 6
SOUTH
♠ A K 4
♥ A K 7
♦ Q J 8 6
♣ 10 9 5
The bidding:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — four of diamonds.
There are plays that are difficult for a declarer to make because they run completely contrary to standard procedure. But bridge being the kind of game it is, there is room for an occasional deviation from the norm — especially when logic indicates that the deviation has everything to gain and nothing to lose.
Take this case where West led the four of diamonds against three notrump, and East won with the king. East returned the diamond nine, covered by declarer with the queen.

whereupon West made the eminently correct play of the three.
West's only hope was that East would later gain the lead and return a third diamond before declarer could score nine tricks. East's return of the nine indicated he did not have four diamonds originally, as in that case he would have returned his original fourth-best diamond. Declarer's most likely diamond holding, therefore, was Q-J-x-x.
Lacking a ninth trick, South now tried a club finesse. East won with the king and returned a diamond, and the contract went down one.
The excellent defense notwithstanding, declarer did himself in at trick two when he covered East's nine of diamonds with the queen. Instead, he should have played the eight on the nine! This maneuver would have completely discombobulated the defense. Another diamond lead by East would have given the defenders their third trick, and East's king of clubs would later have scored their final trick.
From declarer's viewpoint, the diamond duck at trick two guarantees three notrump whether West started with four, five or six diamonds. The hard part is to think of it before the queen or jack pops out of declarer's hand.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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sudoku
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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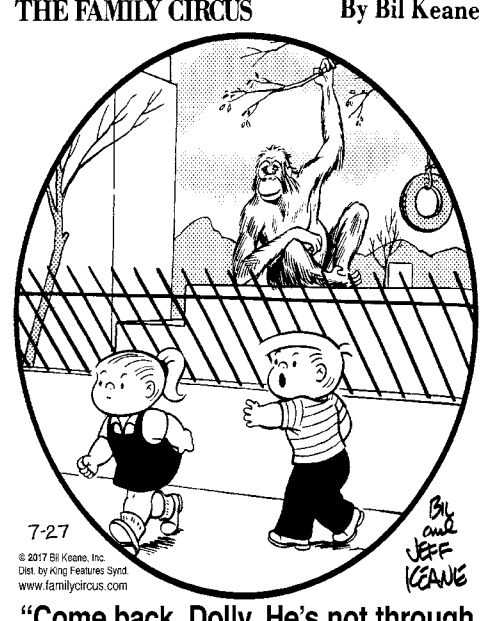
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5:PM	Local 2	Hotel	The List	News	Tele	News	Some	Mind	Hap.Days	American	Seinfeld	Bones	SportsCenter	Around	Texas	Law & Order:	The First 48	Monster
5:30	ABC	Notic.	Mod Fam	CBS	Noticias	News	HaYesod	Business	Griffith	American	Seinfeld	Bones	SportsCenter	Pardon	Outdoors	SVU	The First 48	Mako
6:PM	Jeopardy!	Rosa de	Big Bang	News	Caso Cer-	News	All About	PBS News-	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Seinfeld	Bones	SportsCenter	Football	Sportsday	Law & Order:	The First 48	The Lost
6:30	Wheel	Guadalupe	Big Bang	ET	News	News	M:25	Hour	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Seinfeld	Bones	SportsCenter	Baseball	Focused	SVU	The First 48	Sharks City
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"MY MOM USES HER PHONE TO CALL EVERYBODY ELSE, BUT FOR ME... SHE JUST YELLS!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

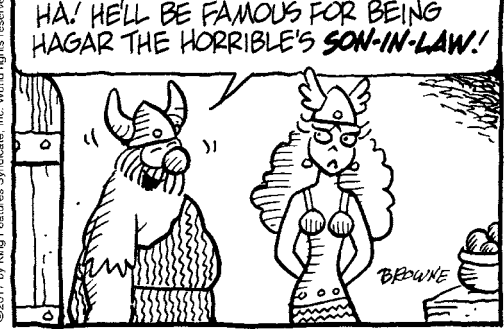


"Come back, Dolly. He's not through looking at you."

HAGAR



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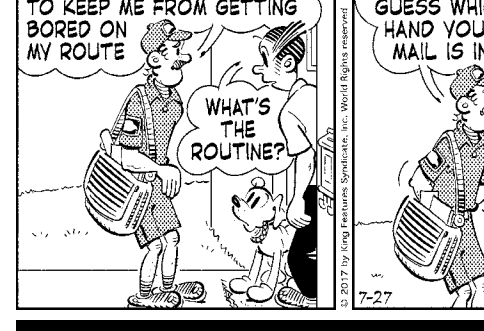
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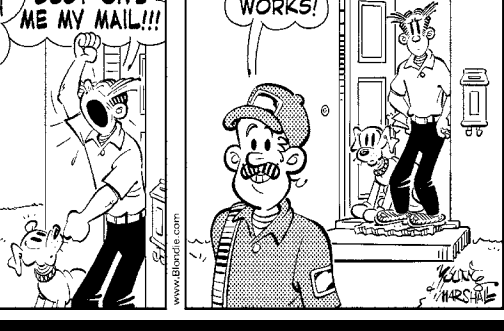
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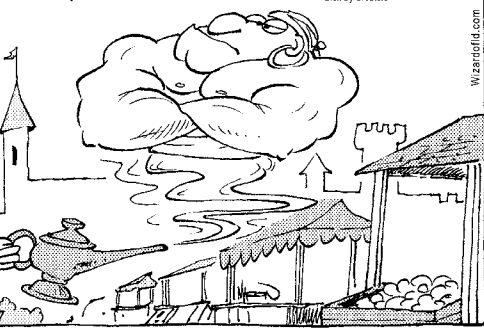
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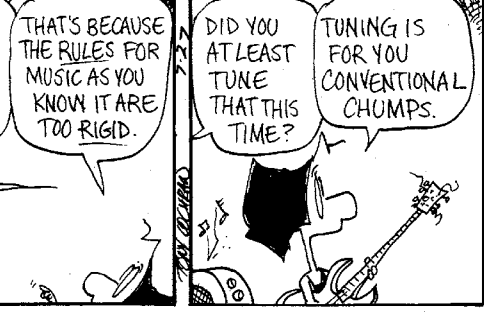
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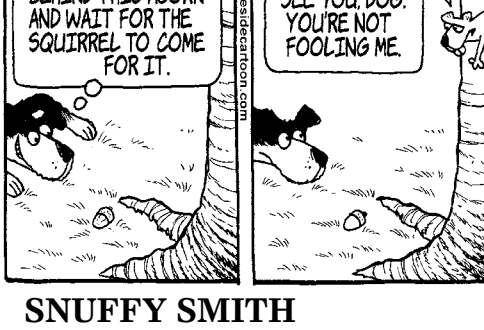
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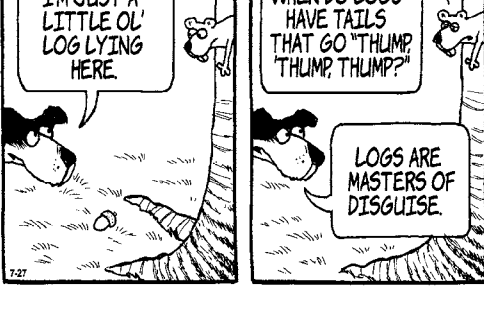
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, July 27, the 208th day of 2017. There are 157 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 27, 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed the Kerner Commission to assess the causes of urban rioting, the same day black militant H. Rap Brown told a press conference in Washington that violence was "as American as cherry pie. Americans taught the black people to be violent. We will use that violence to rid ourselves of oppression if necessary."

On this date: In 1789, President George Washington signed a measure establishing the Department of Foreign Affairs, forerunner of the Department of State. In 1866, Cyrus W. Field finished laying out the first successful underwater telegraph cable between North America and Europe (a previous cable in 1858 burned out after only a few weeks' use). In 1880, British and Indian troops suffered a major defeat to Afghan forces during the Second Anglo-Afghan War. In 1921, Canadian researcher Frederick Banting and his assistant, Charles Best, suc-

SHADES OF MEANING

ceded in isolating the hormone insulin at the University of Toronto. In 1942, during World War II, the First Battle of El Alamein in Egypt ended in a draw as Allied forces stalled the progress of Axis invaders. (The Allies went on to win a clear victory over the Axis in the Second Battle of El Alamein later that year.) In 1953, the Korean War armistice was signed at Panmunjom, ending three years of fighting. In 1960, Vice President Richard M. Nixon was nominated for president on the first ballot at the Republican national convention in Chicago. In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee voted 27-11 to adopt the first of three articles of impeachment against President Richard Nixon. In 1980, on day 267 of the Iranian hostage crisis, the deposed Shah of Iran died at a military hospital outside Cairo, Egypt, at age 60. In 1995, the Korean War Veterans Memorial was dedicated in Washington by President Bill Clinton and South Korean President Kim Young-sam. In 1996, terror struck the Atlanta Olympics as a pipe bomb exploded at Centennial Olympic Park, directly killing one person and injuring 111. (Anti-government extremist Eric Rudolph later pleaded guilty to the bombing, exonerating security guard Richard Jewell, who had been wrongly suspected.) In 2003, comedian Bob Hope died in Toluca Lake, California, at age 100. Ten years ago: The House sent President George W. Bush legislation to intensify anti-terror efforts in the U.S., carrying out major recommendations of the independent 9/11 Commission (Bush signed the measure into law). Former Qwest Communications chief Joe Nacchio (NAH'-chee-oh) was sentenced to six years in prison for illegally selling \$52 million in stock while not telling investors that his telecommunications company faced serious financial risks. (Nacchio was released in September 2013 after serving 4 1/2 years.)

Answer to previous puzzle

D	I	A	L	S	P	S	I	R	E	T	I	E
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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Trattoria staple
 - 6 Swahili's language group
 - 11 *Dancing with the Stars* ailer
 - 14 In base 8
 - 15 Regarding birds
 - 16 Status follower
 - 17 Medal depicting Washington
 - 19 WWW bookmark
 - 20 Lake source of the Mississippi
 - 21 Public face
 - 23 Freshly formulated
 - 24 Comics bark
 - 26 Harpoon, essentially
 - 28 Traditional Christmas dessert
 - 32 Arctic vehicles
 - 36 Echelon
 - 37 What may hit tarps
 - 38 Hawaiian port
 - 39 Peripheral
 - 40 Fashion editor Wintour
 - 41 Library patron
 - 42 ___ Scott decision
 - 43 Poise or patience
 - 44 Aromatherapy bottle
 - 47 Rack up
 - 48 *On the Road* narrator
 - 49 Junkyard dog
 - 52 Simone's "small"
 - 54 '60s NASA project
 - 56 Will Smith biopic
 - 57 Folk-rock duo
 - 62 Texter's qualifier
- DOWN
- 1 Arrive unexpectedly
 - 2 Sharp-witted
 - 3 Juice-box attachment
 - 4 Draws upon
 - 5 RENDERED THUS
 - 6 Dickensian epithet
 - 7 Boston's Mass ___
 - 8 Actress Vardalos
 - 9 Surfacing stuff
 - 10 Disentangled
 - 11 Most people born in February
 - 12 Village
 - 13 Fiddler caller of rhyme
 - 18 Rank above viscount
 - 22 Plaid-pattern fabric
 - 25 Commodities market offerings
 - 26 Some swim goggles
 - 27 Sound of a Maltese or motor
 - 29 Bishop's hat
 - 30 "Ladies dancing" carol count
 - 31 Swam member, maybe
 - 32 Rabbi's workplace
 - 33 Bart's brainy sister
 - 34 Butte or mesa
 - 35 *The Sound of Music* song
 - 39 At ___ (disagreeing)
 - 43 Purports
 - 45 Lifelong local
 - 46 Bard's evil advisor
 - 49 Wispy clouds
 - 50 In darkness
 - 51 Levitates
 - 52 No longer owed
 - 53 Sailor's patron saint
 - 55 Personal bearing
 - 58 Quelch
 - 59 Seven Dwarfs leader
 - 60 Suffix for percent
 - 61 Milk qty.

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Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott, left, hands off to running back Ezekiel Elliott during practice at the NFL football team's training camp in Oxnard, Calif., Monday, July 24, 2017.

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Dallas police halted the investigation when the man who was punched couldn't be reached. Jones has said he doesn't have any other details on the incident.

While Elliott waits for word from the NFL, he's preparing for an encore to his 1,631-yard season that helped the Cowboys take the top seed in the NFC at 13-3 before losing to Green Bay in a divisional playoff.

Elliott, who turned 22 the day the Cowboys reported for camp in California, wasn't the only rookie sensation for Dallas. Dak Prescott won NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year honors with one of the best debuts for a quarterback in league history.

And Prescott has proven to be a solid citizen off the field after having

to answer to a drunken-driving charge in his college town of Starkville, Mississippi, after the Cowboys drafted the former Mississippi State standout.

Prescott has since been cleared in the case, but was emphatic a year ago in saying it wouldn't happen again.

"I've made probably as many bad decisions as any of these guys have, only being 23, so I'm definitely not one that I can point fingers and be mad," said Prescott, who turns 24 Saturday. "All I can do is give from my young experience and the things that happened to me."

If the budding franchise quarterback can help his young backfield mate, he doesn't want to share that possibility publicly.

"But definitely he's a good friend," Prescott said. "So yeah, I mean, I take pride in helping him out every way on

and off the field, yes."

Bryant clashed with veterans when he was a rookie and faced lawsuits over unpaid jewelry bills. He had a run-in with police over wearing sagging pants in a mall, and then a more serious brush with the law in a domestic incident with his mother.

Other than a few on-field tantrums, he's been mostly trouble-free the past five years. And now the 28-year-old is the dean of Dallas' receiving group.

"I had an older guy tell me once, you'll get it over time," said Bryant, an All-Pro in 2014. "That's for any young guy that's having any type of situation. Even if I intentionally did something or didn't mean to do something, you still got to go through some things to understand that's not how you do certain things."

Elliott's backup, Darren McFadden shares

the experience and spotlight of being a fourth overall pick. McFadden was chosen in 2008, Elliott eight years later. Now they share the running back room.

"At the end of the day, you can't be right there with somebody every moment of their life," McFadden said. "I just try to give him the best advice that I can and go from there."

NOTES: QB Zac Dysert, who was battling for the No. 3 job, sustained a herniated disk that will require surgery, likely ending his longshot bid to make the roster. Executive vice president of personnel Stephen Jones said Dysert was injured when he bent over to lift a bag Wednesday. ... Veteran LB Justin Durant, signed just before camp to continue his second stint with the Cowboys, is on the non-football injury list after offseason surgery on his left elbow.

TEXAS

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got tossed after coming out to argue the decision.

Beltre, who is in his 20th major league season, was standing where he does almost every time while waiting to hit. And near where many other players routinely stand.

"I tell Gerry I have no problem, but I didn't want to get hit. I've been hit standing over there. He said I don't care and you need to be on top of the mat," Beltre said. "I wasn't being funny. He told me to stand on the mat so I pulled the mat where I was. ... I actually did what he told me."

Drew Steckenrider, the Marlins pitcher at the time, said he didn't complain to the umpires and called it one of the funniest things he's ever seen on a baseball field.

"Standing in the same spot that he's stood for as long as I've been here. ... Look liked to me that they crew chief didn't want him standing there anymore," Banister said. "The man's chasing 3,000, our fans stuck around to see that last at-bat, they didn't get to see it."

Christian Yelich also hit a solo homer in the first for the Marlins,

and Marcell Ozuna's three-run triple in the fourth made it 9-1 to chase Darvish (6-9), whose miserable outing came in his last start before Monday's non-waiver trade deadline.

Yelich finished 4 for 5 with a homer and three doubles, a night after homering with two doubles. The Marlins had 22 hits, and their last four runs came in the ninth when backup catcher Brett Nicholas pitched for Texas — including a 45 mph pitch that Ichiro Suzuki hit for a single.

Beltre went deep to start the Texas fourth against Jose Urena (9-4), who allowed five runs with five strikeouts and four walks while pitching into the sixth.

Miami sent 13 batters to the plate and scored nine times in the top of the fourth that took more than a half-hour to play. J.T. Realmuto greeted reliever Jeremy Jeffress with a two-run homer that scored Ozuna, the last batter faced by Darvish, whose five consecutive losses over his last eight starts mark the longest losing streak in his career.

"The first three innings, I actually felt pretty good. I thought I had the stuff to do it with. I got to the fourth inning and I couldn't locate my pitches," Darvish said through his interpreter, also insisting that he wasn't thinking



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ASTROS

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After the game, the Phillies announced a trade of reliever Pat Neshek to the Colorado Rockies for three minor leaguers. Neshek had a 1.12 ERA in 43 games.

Houston's Jose Altuve doubled and singled to extend his hitting streak to 18 games. It was the 13th multi-hit game during the streak for Altuve, who is batting .513 over that stretch. At 67-34, the Astros still lead Seattle by 17 games in the AL West.

"It wasn't a good night for us, and it really started with their starting pitcher," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said. "Nola did a great job."

Nola said he didn't worry about Houston's potent offense and focused on spotting his pitches.

"They're pretty good, but I just tried to stay with my plan," he said. "Don't really change up anything just because they're in first place. I think location was going to get them. That's what I was focused on tonight, trying to make pitches in quality locations."

Mike Fiers (7-5) allowed three runs and five hits in four innings, continuing his struggles against the Phillies. The right-hander is 0-3 with a 10.12 ERA in three career starts against Philadelphia.

Rupp took Fiers deep in the fourth, driving a 1-1, 89-mph fastball into the seats in right to give the Phillies a 2-0 lead. Nick Williams' two-out single to right made it 3-0.

After snapping an 0-for-16 skid with a first-inning double, Franco launched a two-run homer just inside the foul pole in left off Michael Feliz in the fifth to give Philadelphia a five-run lead.

The Phillies scored four more in the sixth, highlighted by Rupp's first career multi-homer game with a two-run shot to left-center.

"We got pitches to hit and we didn't miss them," Rupp said. "We did what we were supposed to do. We hit mistakes. It was fun."

The loss was in the first in 10 interleague games for the Astros. It also was just the third time they were shut out.

BENCHED AND BOOED

A night after he failed to run on a dropped third strike, Odubel Herrera was not in the starting lineup. Herrera struck out pinch-hitting in the sixth and was loudly booed.

DOUBLE THE FUN

Altuve and Josh Reddick doubled, giving Houston a two-base hit in 58 straight games.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: All-Star left-hander Dallas Keuchel is set to rejoin the Astros' rotation on Friday at Detroit. The 2015 AL Cy Young Award winner has not pitched since June 2 due to a neck injury. ... Hinch said before the game that outfielders Alex Bregman (right hamstring) and George Springer (left quadriceps) and reliever Will Harris (right shoulder) could return to the lineup on Friday against Detroit.

Phillies: OF Howie Kendrick was lifted for a pinch-hitter in the fourth inning due to a left hand bruise after being hit by a pitch in the third. ... OF Daniel Nava (left hamstring strain) was placed on the 10-day DL retroactive to Sunday. ... Aaron Altherr tripled and singled in his return from the DL. Altherr had been sidelined since July 17 with a right hamstring strain.

UP NEXT

Astros: Keuchel (9-0, 1.67 ERA) will look to pick up where he left off before landing on the DL when the Astros open a three-game series at Detroit on Friday night.

about the trade rumors while on the mound. "I was able to focus on just today's game."

SHORT HOPS

The 32 combined runs were the most in an MLB game this season. The previous was 28, with Detroit beating Seattle 19-9, and Washington winning 23-5 over the Mets. Both of those games were the last week in April. ... Miami's previous scoring record came in a 20-1 win over Atlanta on July 1, 2003. ... In seven career games against Texas, Yelich is hitting .613 (19 for 31). ... The Marlins have won three consecutive road series for the first time since 2012.

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With his 1,095 extra-base hits, Beltre overtook Dave Winfield for 21st all-time. His 604 doubles pushed him past Cal

Ripken Jr. for 15th on that list, and his 454 homers rank 38th.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Marlins: Right-handed reliever Kyle Barraclough was put on the 10-day disabled list with right shoulder impingement.

Rangers: C Robinson Chirinos, out since spraining his left ankle in a collision at the plate Sunday, said he felt good after he did some catching drills and ran some before the game.

UP NEXT

Marlins: LHP Chris O'Grady (1-1, 5.40 ERA) is scheduled to make his fourth career start, and his second in a row against the Reds. He got a no decision in Cincinnati on Saturday.

Rangers: Before a weekend series at home against Baltimore, the Rangers have a day off Thursday.

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Hop on! Wild rabbits surf on sheep to flee flood

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — It was a woolly ride, but three wild rabbits managed to escape rising floodwaters in New Zealand by clambering aboard sheep and surfing to safety on their backs.

Ferg Horne, 64, says he's been farming since he left school at age 15 and has never seen anything quite like it.

He was trudging through pelting rain to rescue a neighbor's 40 sheep from the floodwaters on Saturday at their South Island farm near Dunedin when he spotted some dark shapes from a distance.

He was puzzled because he knew his neighbor, who was away in Russia attending a nephew's wedding, didn't have any black-faced sheep.

As he got closer, he thought it might be debris from the storm, which had drenched the area and forced Horne

to evacuate his home.

Then he saw the bedraggled rabbits hitching a ride — two on one sheep and a third on another sheep.

"I couldn't believe it for a start," he said.

Nobody else would believe him either without proof, he thought, so he got out his phone to take a photo, an image he figured his grandchildren would enjoy.

In fact, he inadvertently shot a short video.

"It's a Samsung or a smartphone or whatever you call it. I swear at it every day," he said. "I'm absolutely useless with technol-



In this image made from July 22, 2017, video, three rabbits sit on the back of sheep as they avoid rising flood waters on a farm near Dunedin, New Zealand. Three wild rabbits managed to escape rising floodwaters in New Zealand by clambering aboard a flock of sheep and surfing to safety on their woolly backs.

Ferg Horne via AP

ogy."

Nevertheless, Horne managed to capture the

moment. He said the

sheep were huddled together on a high spot

said.

Horne herded the sheep to a patch of dry

ground on the farm, standing in about 8 centimeters (3 inches) of water.

He said the rabbits looked like they'd gotten wet but seemed quite comfortable and relaxed atop their mounts.

Rabbits are considered a pest to farmers in New Zealand, and Horne said that typically when he sees one, he shoots it.

"But they'd showed so much initiative, I thought they deserved to live, those rabbits," he

ground on the farm, standing in about 50 meters (164 feet) away. The sheep didn't like it.

"As they jumped through the water, the rabbits had a jolly good try at staying on," Horne said.

He said the rabbits appeared to cling onto the wool with their paws.

As they approached the higher ground, the rabbits fell off but managed to climb a hedge to safety.

Horne returned later that afternoon. The floodwaters were receding, the sheep were all safe and the rabbits were long gone.

Horne swaid his home had also remained dry.

He then sent his video to his son, who sent images to the local newspaper and posted them on Facebook, as Horne doesn't have his own page.

"From then on it's just gone crazy," he said.



Tugs pull the 107-year-old battleship "Georgios Averof" to Trocadero marina in southern Athens on Wednesday, July 26, 2017. After three months of extensive maintenance and conservation work, a relic of the era of dreadnoughts is back in its berth in Athens, where it serves as a floating museum

AP Photo/Thanassis Stavrakis

Century-old warship returns to Athens after repairs

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — After three months of extensive maintenance and conservation work, a 107-year-old battleship returned Wednesday to its berth in Athens, where it serves as a floating museum.

A naval band played, surrounding ships and boats sounded their horns and a naval helicopter flew overhead as the Georgios Averof, a relic from the era of dreadnoughts, was nudged in to its mooring spot.

Three tugs towed the 10,000-ton former Greek navy flagship from a shipyard in Skaramangas — where the repairs were carried out with private funding — through the straits of Salamis to Trocadero in Athens.

Named after the Greek businessman who partly financed

the huge cost of the ship's purchase, the armored cruiser was built in an Italian shipyard in 1910 and was at the time the most feared warship in the Aegean Sea.

It served in the Greek navy during the Balkan wars in 1912-1913, playing a leading role in victorious encounters with the Ottoman Turkish navy, helping free a string of Greek islands in the northeastern Aegean and securing Greek naval dominance in the archipelago.

It also saw active service during World War II, when it was based in Alexandria, Egypt, after the fall of Greece to German forces. After the end of

the war, it carried the Greek government-in-exile back to Athens.

The Georgios Averof remained in service until 1952, and spent the next quarter-century moored on the island of Poros, until the navy decided to restore and use it as a museum in the mid-1980s.

The 460-foot (140-meter) ship will open again to visitors in September, following further refurbishment at its berth. About 60,000 people visit it every year.

Items from Auschwitz death camp to tour Europe, America

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — An exhibit of some items from the former Nazi German death camp of Auschwitz are going on a tour of Europe and North America to bring its tragic truth about the Holocaust to a wider audience.

The exhibit — called "Auschwitz. Not long ago. Not far away" — will be the first-ever traveling show done by the museum and will include 600 original items. Most of them will come from the Auschwitz museum, but also from other collections, like Israel's Yad Vashem, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C., and from survivors.

"Today, when the world is moving in uncertain directions," the exhibition can be a "great warning cry for us all" against building a "future on hatred, racism, anti-Semitism and bottomless contempt for another human being," museum chief Piotr M.A. Cywinski said.

The exhibit aims to tell victims' stories through their personal items. It will also show an original barrack from the Auschwitz-Monowitz part of the camp and a German freight train wagon that the Nazis used to bring inmates to the camp



Pawel Sawicki/Aushwitz Museum via AP This photo made available by the Aushwitz Museum on Wednesday, July 26, 2017 shows an SS belt buckle from their exhibition.

in. Some items, like an SS military belt buckle, are linked to the perpetrators, the German SS- men who built and operated the camp in occupied Poland during World War II.

The project will visit seven cities in Europe, starting in Madrid later this year, and seven in North America. The names of the cities in North America have not been released yet.

Some 1.1 million people, mostly Europe's Jews, but also Poles, Roma and Soviet prisoners of war, were killed in the camp's gas chambers or died of hunger, disease and hard labor during World War II.

The state museum was established in 1947 to preserve the memory of the victims and be a warning to future generations. In 2016, a record number of over 2 million people visited the Auschwitz museum.

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