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Howard County Bowl on the horizon

Preparations underway for local scholarship game



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Forsan High School head football coach Jason Phillips, left, talks to a crowd of Rotarians Tuesday during their weekly meeting about the upcoming Howard County Bowl. Standing by is Coahoma High School head football coach Fred Dietz. The two Howard County communities will come together on Friday, Sept. 1, for the first football match of the season. Money raised from sponsorships, merchandise and ticket sales will go toward funding scholarships for seniors at both schools.

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

With high school football season nearly upon us, coordinators of the Howard County Bowl are now deep in the fourth quarter for preparations to pull off what has become a recent tradition for two Howard County schools.

In an effort to publicize the first football match of the season, head football coaches for Coahoma and Forsan high schools visited with the Rotary Club of Big Spring Tuesday. Joining the men was Dr. Jody Reid, who was one of the major driving forces in

bringing the game back from Midland to Howard County nearly four years ago.

The Howard County Bowl, set for September, is billed as a rivalry between the two schools, but when both coaches were asked "Who's gonna win?" by a person in the crowd, the answer came from Buffaloes head football coach, Jason Phillips.

"No comment," Phillips said with a smile, drawing laughter.

"It's great to see the community behind it," Phillips said at the beginning of his speech. "We always joke that

it's a rivalry, but Coach (Fred) Dietz and I are really good friends, and most of our players are really good friends with each other. But in that three-hour span, we're trying to beat the snot out of each other. Other than that, it's a good rivalry, a friendly rivalry, and one we hope can continue."

For some years, the two teams met in Midland, but about four years ago, Reid, owner of Back in Motion Chiropractic and a Coahoma ISD school board mem-

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Cowboys in the blood

Give a pint for a chance at game tickets

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

True Dallas Cowboys fans may want to roll up their sleeves and head down to the Big Spring City Council Chambers Friday to donate a pint of blood. Two game tickets are on the line.

According to Linda Grace, senior donor recruitment representative for United Blood Services, people who donate in Friday's blood drive will have a chance to come away with two tickets to the Cowboys versus Colts game, set for Aug. 19 at AT&T Stadium in Arlington.

"Tickets were donated by Mr. Chuck Romo," Grace said. The blood drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. inside the Big Spring City Council Chambers, 310 Nolan Street.

Donors will receive a T-shirt and a coupon for a free car wash at Mighty Car Wash, and HERO points which can be redeemed on line for a movie pass.

"There will be a slider tray from Dickey's BBQ for donors — so don't worry about lunch — we have that covered," Grace said. "Only blood donated by volunteer donors can be transfused to save the lives of patients at Scenic Mountain Medical Center."

Donors are encouraged to make an appointment by calling Stacie King at 264-2387 or 1-877-827-4376. The sponsor code is COB. Donors can also schedule an appointment by visiting <http://www.bloodhero.com>.

Ready, set, shop! Texas annual sales tax holiday set for this weekend

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

Shoppers are expected to flock to retail stores this weekend to take advantage of the annual Texas sales tax holiday which begins Friday and continues through Sunday.

Most clothing, footwear, school supplies, and back-

packs priced under \$100 will be exempt from sales tax during the holiday. That could equal a savings of \$8 on every \$100 spent, the Texas Comptroller's office estimates.



Retail stores like Walmart in Big Spring have placed many school supplies together for easy access to parents hoping to save

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HCVFD receives training simulator Public invited to demo, celebration next week

By ROBERT BARLOW
 Staff Writer

The Howard County Volunteer Fire Department (HCVFD) just got a major upgrade, adding a new training simulator that will help firefighters gain their certification faster and saving the county some money in the process.

After approval from the commissioners court during a meeting held a few weeks ago, the volunteer fire department was able to purchase a refurbished Fire Engineer Training Simulator.

"It's a training simulator, it allows us to put firefighters in real fire fighting conditions where they're operating the fire engines

under pressures and different hoses," said Tommy Sullivan, Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief. "The simulator will simulate busted hoses, loss of a fire hydrant, losing water to the fire engines. It keeps the firefighters on their toes and teaches them how to pump the truck and how to react to the things that are happening."



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According to a press release from the Volunteer Fire Department International, the new system is a state-of-the-art, computer-controlled machine, and it will be able to help train the "intricacies and mission

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US warship sails close to China-held island in disputed sea

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A U.S. warship sailed close to a Chinese-made island in the disputed South China Sea in an operation that challenged China's vast territorial claims in

busy international waters, a U.S. Navy official said Thursday.

The official told The Associated Press that Chinese vessels were in the vicinity when the USS John S. McCain sailed in a "routine" freedom

of navigation operation near Mischief Reef Thursday. It was not immediately clear if the Chinese demanded the U.S. destroyer leave as they have done in the past.

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Obituaries

Paula D. Green



Paula D. Green, 64, of Big Spring, joined our family in heaven Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2017 at a local hospital. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, Aug. 11, 2017, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Michael Willard officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., tonight, Aug. 10, 2017, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Paula was born Nov. 2, 1952, in Midland to Jessie D. and Elsie Pearl (Friday) Green. She loved her family and being a Grandma. She loved playing the games of Scrabble, Yatzee, Super Mario, and Zelda.

Paula is survived by two daughters, Denise Smith and husband, Robert, and Tonya Wright, all of Big Spring; two sons, Carl Stanley Friday Jr. of Beeville, and Paul Daniel Lee of Big Spring; nine grandchildren, Stormi Smith, Reba Strebeck and

husband, William, Nicole Wilcox and husband, Terry, Chesnei Smith, Kalob Burnett, Amanda Wright, Carl Nicholson, David Valdez, and Hailley Burnett; four great-grandchildren, Zoey Wilcox, Carl Nicholson, Lillana Nicholson and Aiden Pyle; two brothers, David Green and wife, Sarita of Booneville, Ark., and Curtis Green and wife, Linda of Midland; two step-sisters, Patricia Biver of Midland, and Debbie Vincent of Houston; and several nieces and nephews.

Paula is preceded in death by her parents; two grandsons, Matthew Burnett and Paul Friday; a brother, Tommy Green; and a step-mother, Treva Green.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Salvation Army, 308 S. Aylesford, Big Spring, TX 79720 or Happy Day Humane Society, 5715 I-20 Frontage Road, Big Spring, TX, 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Fred W. Earhart



Fred W. Earhart, 56, of Abilene, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2017, at his residence. Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, 2017 at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Aug. 20, 1960, in Big Spring to Glen R. Earhart and Dorothy Echols Earhart.

Fred attended school in Big Spring and Abilene. He participated in Special Olympics for many years.

Survivors include two sisters, Jan Havens and husband, R. G. of Kalgary, Texas, and Dee Thomi of Dallas; three brothers, Gary Earhart of Stanton, Dick Earhart of Big Spring and Max Earhart of Hobbs, N. M.; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Mark Earhart and Joe Earhart.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Special Olympics, 401 West Texas Ave., Suite 507, Midland, Texas 79701.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Coralyn Davis Smith



Coralyn Davis Smith, 86, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Aug. 7, 2017 in a Saint Joseph, Mo., hospital. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 11, 2017 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

She was born June 6, 1931 in Montcalm County, Mich., and married Vance Davis Oct. 28, 1965 in Tucumcari, N.M. He preceded her in death July 5, 1991.

Coralyn moved to Big Spring in 1966 from Ft. Sumner, N.M. She worked as a hairdresser for six years, retiring in 1980.

She had been a member of First Baptist Church in Coahoma and was a member of the Big Spring Eagles.

Survivors include three daughters, Coralyn Elaine Willeford of Temple, Ann Clark, and Wanda Simpson of Cripple Creek, Colo.; two sons, Eric Johnson of Temple and Virgil Ted Johnson of King City, Mo.; ten grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and one sister.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Texas 75231.

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

Joe L. Gonzales



Joe L. Gonzales, 61, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Aug. 08, 2017 at Odessa Regional Medical Center. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. tonight, Aug. 10, 2017, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Joe was born Nov. 30, 1955 in Big Spring, Texas to Florencia

Gonzales Franco and Alejandro A. Franco. He was raised in Santa Ana, Calif., and returned to Big Spring in 1979. He worked at Winn Dixie and later at H.E.B. until his death. He was a member of Holy

Trinity Catholic Church.

Joe is survived by five sisters, Emma Blanco and husband, Gilbert, and Erma Delgado and husband, Fernando, all of Big Spring, Celia Pacheco and husband, Diana Aguilar and husband, Hector, and Elvira Avina and husband, Beto, all of Santa Ana, Calif.; four brothers, Consejo Romero Jr., Tony Romero, Richard Romero, and Waldo Romero, all of Santa Ana, Calif., and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Florencia "Mommy Pola" France and Alejandro "Jandro" Franco and one brother Alejandro "Alex" Franco Jr.

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

Take Note

• Following a summer break, Howard County Republicans will resume a regular 2nd Monday monthly meeting schedule. Club members will meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College on Aug. 14 at 11:30 a.m. for dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m. Guest speaker will be Grace Jones, who will be discussing the up coming 2018 elections. Please plan to attend and bring a fellow conservative.

• School at Maranatha Baptist Academy, 903 Johnson St., begins Aug. 1 for the fall term. Maranatha uses Accelerated Christian Education curriculum, an individualized curriculum used internationally (see www.aceministries.com for more information). School and office hours are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. week days. Tuition is reasonable. For more information visit the office or contact Dr. Lillian Bohanan at 432-213-1046.

• 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.



MIRACULOUS PRAYER

Dear heart Jesus, in the past I have asked for favors. This time I ask you this very special one (mention favor). Take it dear Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it, then in your merciful eyes it will become your favor and not mine. Amen. Say this prayer for 3 days, promise publication and favor will be granted. Never known to fail. F.G.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **CHAVANDA RENIQUE MICKIN**, 18, of 1102 Ridgeroad Drive, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **KRYSTAL MORGAN GARCIA**, 23, of Waco, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces, and on a warrant from another agency.
- **NANCY RAMIREZ**, 49, of Waco, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.
- **ALONZO VELASCO**, 65, of Ackerly, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MARIBEL RODRIGUEZ LUERA**, 49, of 500 South Lancaster, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 500 block of Northwest 8th Street.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 100 block of Northwest 12th Street.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1600 block of South Gregg Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 500 block of Northwest 8th Street.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 100 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this report.

- **LYNDON TRENT FRALEY**, 57, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **KRYSTAL MORGAN GARCIA**, 23, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces, and on warrants for robbery and evading arrest or detention with vehicle.
- **LARRY GARCIA SR.**, 56, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **MARIBEL RODRIGUEZ LUERA**, 49, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CHAVANDA RENIQUE MICKIN**, 18, was booked by the BSPD on a motion to revoke warrant for theft of property between \$100 and \$750.
- **PABLO RICARDO PEREZ-PRieto**, 38, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for failure to appear for possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram.
- **NANCY RAMIREZ**, 49, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.
- **PATRICK RIOS**, 27, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for cruelty to livestock animals.
- **ALONZO VELASCO**, 65, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **VICKIE LORAIN ZIPS**, 53, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

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ber, had the idea of bringing it back to Howard County.

"It didn't make sense to us that we were taking 2 to 3,000 people out of our community and going to support another community," Reid told the Rotarians.

Since then, Reid said, organizers have turned the event into a scholarship vehicle for students of both schools.

"Over the past three years, we've been able to award \$67,000 scholarships," he said.

Qualifications for the scholarships are simple. A student must be a senior at one of the schools; must have participated in the game in some way, such as playing in the game, cheerleading, or being in the band; and be in good standing throughout the school year.

Once all scholarship applications are returned, the committee compiles

two lists — one for Coahoma students and one for Forsan — and then begins to order the applications from top down, Reid said.

"As we are able to raise money...we just line them up as far as we go," he explained. "We take a Forsan kid and Coahoma kid, and we just go down until we run out of money."

Reid pointed out Howard College also gives the first two student recipients a \$1,000 scholarship each.

Money raised through donations, ticket sales, T-shirt merchandise, and concessions stands all go towards scholarships or youth activities, Reid said.

"We really try to push our pre-game tickets," he said. "The more money that we can sell through T-shirts or with tickets before the game, it let's us know kind of somewhat before the game where our money is. We want to love on and recognize as many kids as we can during the game. If we can kind of get an idea of where those numbers are, then we able to recog-

nize those kids while we do that."

As for the event itself, Dietz told the crowd it's an experience that has an impact on both communities.

"It's a tremendous event. Just putting this on stage. It means it a whole bunch to our kids," he said. "Small town Coahoma, we don't always get to play on this stage. We don't always get to play in a big stadium in front of these people. A lot of our games on Friday nights are played on grass in front of about half of the amount of people we play in front of in this thing."

"So to be able to start the year and start the season in this setting and this environment, and have this kind of atmosphere around the game, it's a big boost to Texas high school football and it makes kids more interested in the game," he continued.

And the event is more than just a good old West Texas football game, Reid said, but a reason for two communities to come together and support their youth.

"Even if you are not about football, we want this to be an event that you just don't want to miss the show, because any way you support that, you help kids not only from Forsan and Coahoma but Big Spring. Big Spring gets the concession sales," he said. "The (Big Spring) Band Boosters are able to take that money and put them towards their programs. You are helping our local kids by coming any way, shape, or form."

Pregame tickets and T-Shirts can be purchased at Back in Motion, 1113 S. Scurry during normal business hours; or by visiting the Howard County Bowl Facebook Page. Pregame tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. All tickets cost \$8 at the gate. The Howard County Bowl will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, at Memorial Stadium, located on the Howard College Big Spring campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

The event is sponsored by Back in Motion, KBST Radio, Sonic Drive-In, and Dale Coates AC & Heating.

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critical procedures" that firefighters may encounter.

The HCVFD will host an event on Friday, Aug. 18, at its training facility in Coahoma to demonstrate the machine to the public.

"Were going to have the pump simulator set up with the fire engine, and then we're going to demonstrate flowing it," said Sullivan. "It's open to the general public to come out and they can see it, and celebrate with us being able to get this. They can see what it's like to be a fire engineer."

The machine is set to be delivered to the fire department next Friday, Aug. 18, when they are hosting the event.

According to Sullivan, the simulator will not only save money for the department in training it's firefighters and on the annual pump test, but it will also be able to create revenue from training additional firefighters from other departments.

"It's part of our certification, there's so many hours you have to do pump operations and stuff. So it allows us to train our firefighters in house," Sullivan said. "Also this simulator — we have to do an annual pump test on all our fire trucks, so this machine will be able to test the trucks, and we won't have to bring someone in to do it for us. It'll save us about

\$10,000 a year by doing that."

Add to that savings the ability to train firefighters from outside the county, Sullivan said. This could add up to another \$5,000 in savings for the department for each class of ten students.

"We will probably be able to start that service in October," Sullivan stated. "After that media day, I am going to have ten of my officers that are going to be going through training to learn how to operate this simulator so we can have our certification to be trained with this machine."

Brand new, the simulator would cost around \$65,000 however the department was able save money because it was slightly used.

"This one is less than a year old and the people that had it didn't want it anymore. The trailer will also have special graphics with the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department logo on it," Sullivan said. "I thank the Commissioners Court for allowing us to get this important piece of equipment that will help my firefighters get better and save us some money too."

The event is set for August 18 from 1 to 4 p.m. at 210 North 1st Street in Coahoma and Sullivan encourages the public to come out and see the new equipment.

Contact Staff Writer Robert Barlow at (432) 263-7331 ext. 234 or by email at reporter@bigspringherald.com

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The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to speak to the press about the matter.

China, which claims the South China Sea virtually in entirety, has protested such repeated U.S. military operations, which President Donald Trump's administration has continued partly to reassure allies locked in territorial rifts with Beijing.

Tensions escalated a few years ago when China began to build seven reefs, including Mischief, into islands, including three with runways, which the U.S. and China's neighbors fear could be used to project Beijing's military might and potentially obstruct freedom of navigation. China has reportedly installed a missile defense system on the new islands.

The U.S. is not involved in the long-seething disputes in the busy and potentially oil- and gas-rich waters involving China, Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and

Vietnam. Washington, however, has declared it in its interest to ensure that the conflicts are resolved peacefully and that freedom of navigation and overflight remain unhampered. An estimated \$5 trillion in annual trade passes through the waterway.

In the latest sail-by, U.S. military officials notified Philippine counterparts of the maneuver, a Philippine official told the AP, adding Filipino forces were not involved.

Philippine marines stationed in a marooned ship on a disputed shoal may have monitored the U.S. Navy operation because they are based near Mischief Reef, which is also claimed by the Philippines, the official said.

U.S. Pacific Fleet spokeswoman Lt. Cmdr. Nicole Schwegman said all Navy operations "are conducted in accordance with international law and demonstrate that the United States will fly, sail, and operate wherever international law allows."

"That is true in the South China Sea as in other places around the globe," she said.

The disputes and North Korea's recent intercontinental ballistic missile tests were high on the agenda of an annual gathering of Asia-Pacific foreign ministers last weekend in Manila.

Although China opposes inclusion of the sea disputes in international conferences, partly to prevent the U.S. and other Western governments from intervening, U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop and Japan's new top diplomat, Taro Kono, expressed concern over aggressive actions in the waters.

They sought compliance with an arbitration ruling last year that invalidated China's claims in the South China Sea. China has ignored and dismissed the ruling as a sham.

Washington's critical actions came as it courts the help of China, North Korea's ally, in taming Pyongyang's nuclear weapons ambitions and ending its missile tests.

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HOLIDAY

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a little money as they prepare for another school year.

The following list of school supplies, if prices less than \$100, qualifies for exemption: binders, book bags, calculators, cellophane tape, blackboard chalk, compasses, composition books, crayons, erasers,

and folders — expandable, pocket, plastic, and manila.

Glue — paste and paste sticks, highlighters, index cards, index card boxes, legal pads, lunch boxes, markers (including dry erase markers), notebooks, and paper — loose leaf ruled notebook paper, copy paper, graph paper, tracing paper, manila paper, colored paper, poster board, and construction paper.

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Check out textastaxholiday.org for a list of qualifying tax-exempt apparel.

Texas' tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999. According to the Texas Comptroller's office, shoppers are expected to save an estimated \$87 million from both state and local taxes during the three-day period.

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Immigrant mom to stay in US while child treated for cancer

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials are allowing an immigrant mother facing deportation to Mexico to stay in the U.S. for another six months while her daughter is treated for cancer at a Texas children's hospital.

ICE officials told The El Paso Times that this is the third permit they've granted Maria Elena de Loera in the past two years.

"I'm happy because I'm going to be able to stay with my daughter," she said.

De Loera sought asylum in the U.S. in 2014, after her husband was killed in Mexico. Her daughter, Alia, had been diagnosed with bone cancer by the time immigration officials denied her asylum request in 2015.

De Loera's requests for a temporary stay of removal in 2015 and 2016 were granted, but her request this year initially was denied.

Her attorney, Linda Rivas, said the initial denial may be an indication of a change in approach under President Donald Trump's administration. "This really indicated a shift in the new administration and their goals and policies because, in the past, we have not seen them deny this petition and now they did," Rivas said.

That, to us, is easy to speculate that the new leadership was the reason that this had to be so hard fought."

Rivas and local religious leaders met with ICE officials this week to request the deportation delay.

It's unclear what will happen once the six-month period is over, Rivas said.

"The fact that this was denied the first time and so hard fought, to actually get an approval, I think ICE is sending a clear message," Rivas said. "This may be very difficult to repeat."

Alia has undergone almost 10 surgeries since being diagnosed.

She was briefly in remission in February, but tumors were found in her lungs later.

"It feels good to know that my mom is going to stay," Alia said.

Education Agency says some Houston schools must improve

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Education Agency has warned the state's largest district to make improvements at some schools or possibly have managers appointed to run the whole district.

The Houston Chronicle reports officials with the Houston Independent School District say they're aware of TEA's concerns about "chronically underperforming" schools.

A statement Tuesday says the HISD, with about 215,000 students and 283 campuses, is working closely with state education officials to make improvements.

The initial warning about 13 schools came Monday. District officials said Wednesday that state officials now say only eight campuses, plus two charter schools, must improve.

The TEA could appoint managers for HISD if even one of the schools that have struggled, for at least the past three years, receives failing accountability marks in 2017 and again in 2018.

Ex-Texas Gov. Mark White, 77, remembered at Houston funeral

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Gov. Mark White has been remembered as a dedicated and caring Texas leader by someone who later held the same elected position — George W. Bush.

The nation's 43rd president spoke Wednesday at White's funeral at Second Baptist Church in Houston. White, who battled kidney cancer, died Saturday at age 77.

Bush praised White, who served in the 1980s, as a good and decent man who "envisioned a Texas where all children were educated."

Gov. Greg Abbott and ex-Gov. Rick Perry were among the hundreds of mourners.

Luci Baines Johnson, a daughter of ex-President Lyndon B. Johnson, said White may have retired from public office but never retired from public service.

White was to lie in state Thursday at the Capitol Rotunda, with burial at the Texas State Cemetery.

Man convicted of notorious dragging death gets court review

By MICHAEL GRACZYK

Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — A man on death row for the notorious slaying nearly 20 years ago of a black man chained to the back of a pickup truck and dragged along a bumpy rural East Texas road will get his claim of innocence and poor legal representation reviewed by an appeals court.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals late Tuesday said it would review a claim from John William King that lawyers were deficient in presenting a case for innocence during his trial for what became one of the nation's most shocking hate crimes since the Civil Rights era.

King's appeal said that only a few pieces of circumstantial evidence that could be innocently explained tied him to the scene of a fight that resulted in 49-year-old James Byrd Jr. being chained at his ankles to the bumper of a truck in June 1998 and fatally dragged outside Jasper, about 125 miles (201 kilometers) northeast of Houston.

King, now 42, was the first of three white men convicted of capital murder for the hate slaying. Each was tried separately.

King's attorney, A. Richard Ellis, raised five claims to the 5th Circuit, four of them focusing on what he said was King receiving ineffective legal help at his 1999 trial in Jasper. The fifth claim contended a federal district judge who rejected King's appeal denied him due process and a fair hear-

ing.

The 5th Circuit rejected all but the claim questioning the trial attorneys' effectiveness regarding some of the state's evidence in the case. King's appeals attorney described the trial lawyers' response to the evidence as "confusing and disjointed," according to the court.

The evidence included a cigarette lighter engraved with a Klan symbol and King's prison name, "Possum," along with cigarette butts found at the crime scene and King's sandals stained with Byrd's blood. Other evidence at his trial included letters in which King wrote about launching a racist gang and tattoos on King's body that prosecutors said showed he hated blacks.

King's lawyers called three witnesses who testified for less than an hour at the guilt-innocence portion of the trial. The attorneys appeared to concede the conviction and hoped to save his life in the punishment phase. Jurors decided he should die.

King's lead defense attorney, Haden "Sonny" Cribbs, died in June. His trial co-counsel, Brack Jones, declined comment Wednesday.

The appeals lawyer, Ellis, based in Mill Valley, California, did not immediately respond to a message left by The Associated Press.

The 5th Circuit gave Ellis 30 days to submit a brief on his claim. State attorneys then will have 15 days to respond.

The second participant in Byrd's killing, Lawrence Russell Brewer, 44, was executed in



AP photo

This photo provided by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shows John William King. A federal appeals court has approved additional review of a claim from King, the condemned killer insisting he's innocent of the notorious slaying nearly 20 years ago of a black man chained to the back of a pickup truck and dragged along a bumpy rural East Texas road. An attorney for King argued to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that King's trial lawyers were deficient in presenting a case for innocence in what became the nation's most shocking hate crime since the civil rights era.

2011. Evidence at their trials showed Brewer, previously convicted of cocaine possession, and King, a convicted burglar from Jasper, met in a Texas prison where they got involved in a KKK splinter group and adorned themselves with racist tattoos.

The third man, Shawn Berry, 42, is serving life in prison. Evidence showed that after King was released from prison, he returned to Jasper, became friends with Berry and moved in with him. Brewer later joined them.

Evidence and trial testimony showed the

three men offered Byrd a ride in the early morning hours of June 7, 1998, and they all drove about 10 miles (16 kilometers) into the wooded county before stopping along an isolated logging road. A fight broke out and the outnumbered Byrd was tied to the truck bumper with a 24 1/2-foot logging chain. Three miles (4.8 kilometers) later, what was left of his shredded remains was dumped between a black church and cemetery where the pavement ended on the remote road. Fingerprints taken from the headless torso identified Byrd.

Drownings lead to swimming ban at popular Texas Gulf site

ANGLETON, Texas (AP) — County leaders south of Houston have banned people from entering the Gulf waters at the popular San Luis Pass where more than 10 people have drowned in the last four years.

Brazoria County sheriff's Lt. Varon Snelgrove says the effort by county commissioners to ban swimmers and others began before a man and his son-in-law drowned Monday in the rip currents of the pass.

The ban takes effect Aug. 20. The eastern side of the pass is in Galveston County, where Snelgrove says a similar ban is already in place.

Brazoria has had signs cautioning people about entering the waters, but Snelgrove says drownings continued.

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Trump hits McConnell for Senate crash of Obama health repeal

By **ALAN FRAM**

Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump rebuked his own party's Senate leader on Wednesday for the collapse of the Republican push to repeal and replace the Obama health care law, using Twitter to demand of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, "Why not done?"

Trump was firing back at the Kentucky Republican for telling a home-state audience this week that the president had "not been in this line of work before" and had "excessive expectations about how quickly things happen in the democratic process."

The exchange came less than two weeks after the Senate rejected repeated attempts by McConnell to muscle legislation through his chamber scuttling President Barack Obama's health care law. The House approved its version in May, but its Senate failure — thanks to defecting GOP senators — marked the collapse of the party's attempt to deliver on vows to erase Obama's statute it's made since the law's 2010 enactment.

"Senator Mitch McConnell said I had 'excessive expectations,' but I don't think so," Trump tweeted. "After 7 years of hearing Repeal & Replace, why not done?"

Trump had repeatedly used Twitter to pressure McConnell to find the votes to approve the health care bill, even saying hours after its failure that GOP senators "look like fools." But his tweet

Wednesday was an unusually personal reproach of the 33-year Senate veteran. McConnell is deeply respected by his GOP colleagues and Trump will need him to guide the next major Republican priority through the chamber — a tax system overhaul.

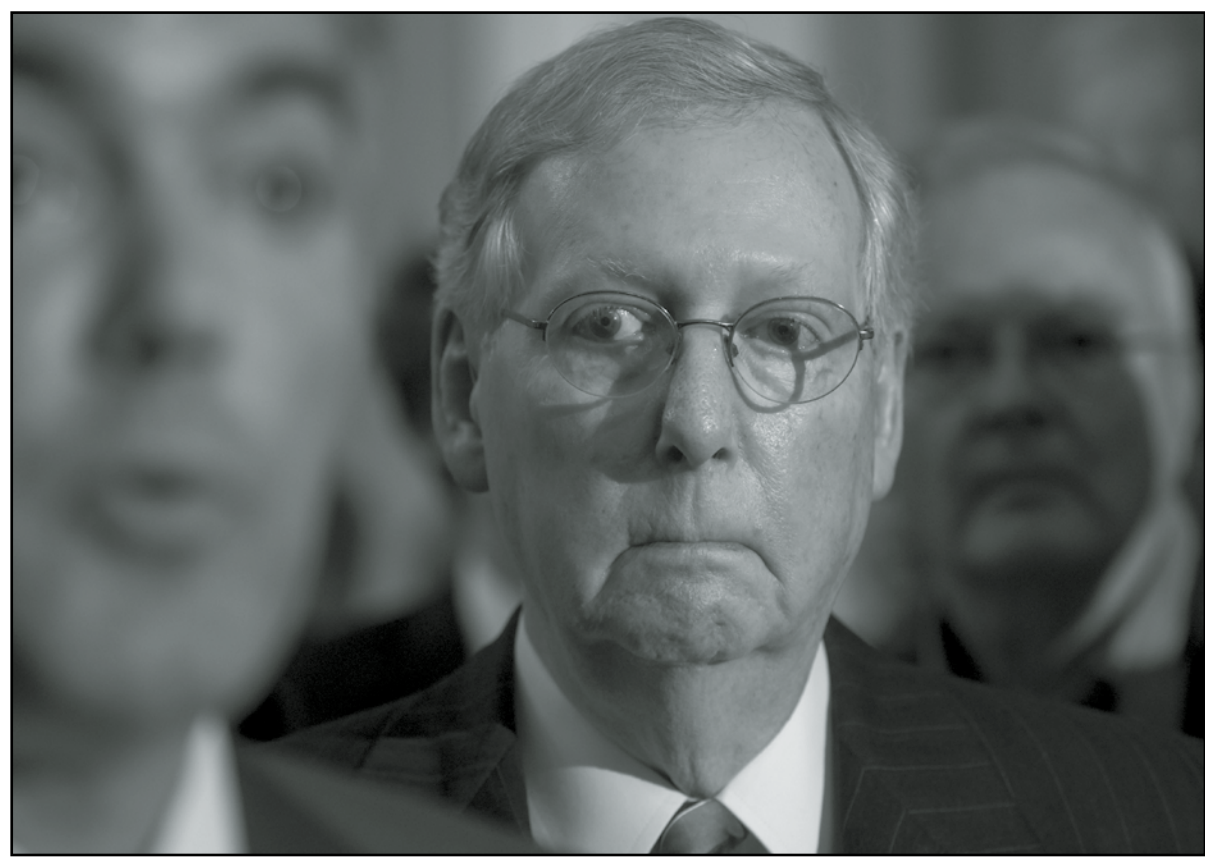
For his part, McConnell's statement was surprising because he is generally among the capital's most guarded politicians. When it comes to criticizing Trump, he's seldom gone further than saying he wishes he would stop tweeting, and usually refused to chime in when Trump made widely condemned comments during last year's presidential campaign.

McConnell told the Rotary Club of Florence, Kentucky on Monday that people think Congress is underperforming partly because "artificial deadlines, unrelated to the reality of the complexity of legislating, may not have been fully understood."

He added that 52 is "a challenging number," a reference to the GOP's scant 52-48 Senate majority. "You saw that on full display a couple of week ago," when McConnell was unable to muster a majority to push three different Republican health care bills through the chamber.

That drew a tweet Wednesday from Dan Scavino Jr., the White House social media director.

"More excuses," wrote Scavino, one of Trump's more outspoken loyalists. "@SenateMajLdr must have needed another 4 years - in addition



AP photo

In this Aug. 1, 2017 file photo, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell Ky. listens during a news conference on Capitol Hill Washington. A top White House aide and a Fox News host are criticizing McConnell after the Senate majority leader said people think Congress hasn't achieved anything this year partly because President Donald Trump has created "excessive expectations."

to the 7 years -- to repeal and replace Obamacare...."

This is the first year Republicans have been in a position to scuttle Obama's law because they control the White House and Congress, making last month's crash of their bill acutely painful for the party.

Also joining the fray was Fox News Host Sean Hannity, a close Trump ally.

"@SenateMajLdr No Senator, YOU are a WEAK, SPINELESS leader who does not

keep his word and you need to Retire!" Hannity tweeted.

In addition, Rep. Mo Brooks, R-Ala., who is challenging Sen. Luther Strange for his Senate seat, responded angrily to Trump's endorsement of Strange. On his campaign website, Brooks said, "Mitch McConnell and the Swamp managed to mislead the President last night."

The conservative Brooks has criticized McConnell before, accusing him of doing a

poor job of crafting a health care bill that could pass the Senate.

Republicans placed health care at the top of their 2017 agenda when the year began. Congress has begun its summer recess without passing any major legislation. Congress has passed legislation buttressing veterans' health care and financing the Food and Drug Administration, and the Senate confirmed Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch.

Ex-disc jockey in groping case says Swift photo is awkward

By **JAMES ANDERSON and TATIANA FLOWERS**

Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — A former disc jockey accused of groping Taylor Swift while posing for a photograph with her before a concert acknowledged Wednesday that the image is "weird and awkward," but he insisted that he touched Swift in the ribs, not in the rear, as she alleges in a lawsuit.

During testimony at the civil trial, Swift's attorney Douglas Baldrige repeatedly asked David Mueller why his right hand was behind Swift in the 2013 photo op.

Mueller said his hand was touching Swift's skirt after he put his arm around her and their arms got crossed.

"My hand was at ribcage level and apparently it went down," Mueller said.

In the image, shown to jurors during opening statements, Mueller's hand is behind Swift, just below her waist. Both are smiling.

One of Mueller's lawyers, Gabriel McFarland, told jurors that the photo does not show Mueller's hand under

Swift's skirt and that the skirt was not rumpled.

Baldrige, however, said several people noticed the pop star was upset after meeting with Mueller.

Her bodyguard Greg Dent has testified in a deposition that he had seen Mueller lift Swift's skirt, the lawyer told jurors.

In addition, Baldrige quoted a deposition by Swift's photographer Stephanie Simbeck, who said Swift uttered "that guy" had grabbed her behind.

Dent and Simbeck are listed as possible witnesses at the trial.

Mueller has sued Swift, claiming he was falsely accused and then fired over her allegation. He is seeking at least \$3 million.

Swift has countersued, claiming she was sexually assaulted. She is seeking a symbolic \$1, saying she wants to serve as an example to other women who have been assaulted.

On Tuesday, Mueller testified that one of his radio station bosses, Hershel Coomer, said he had met Swift earlier before the show and that "he told me that he had his hands on her butt."

GOP senator suggests brain tumor affected McCain vote

By **DONNA CASSATA**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Ron Johnson suggested that fellow Republican Sen. John McCain's brain tumor and the after-midnight timing of the vote were factors in the Arizona lawmaker's decisive vote against the GOP health care bill.

In a radio interview Tuesday with AM560 "Chicago's Morning Answer," Johnson answered questions about the collapse of the years-long Republican effort to repeal and replace Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act, his criticism of the process and McCain's dramatic vote.

In the early morning hours July 28, the Senate narrowly rejected the legislation, with McCain joining Sens. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Susan Collins of Maine, delivering a serious blow to President Donald Trump's agenda.

McCain, who had been diagnosed with brain cancer, had returned to the Senate that week for the critical votes, lifting GOP hopes and then dashing them.

"He has a brain tumor right now. That vote occurred at 1:30

in the morning. Some of that might have factored in," Wisconsin's Johnson said.

That surprised the interviewer, who asked, "Really?" and wondered whether the senator's illness and the late night affected his judgment.

Johnson said he didn't want to speak for any other senator, "I don't know exactly what. ... I really thought John was going to vote yes."

Responding to Johnson, McCain spokeswoman Julie Tarallo said Wednesday, "It is bizarre and deeply unfortunate that Senator Johnson would question the judgment of a colleague and friend. Senator McCain has been very open and clear about the reasons for his vote."

Amid questions about his comments, Johnson issued a statement on Wednesday, saying: "I'm disappointed I didn't more eloquently express my sympathy for what Sen. McCain is going through. I have nothing but respect for him and the vote came at the end of a long day for everyone."

Shortly after his vote, McCain said he opposed the bill be-

cause it fell short of the Republican promise to repeal and replace the 2010 law with meaningful reform. McCain returned to Arizona after the vote for radiation and chemotherapy treatments for his brain cancer.

Though Johnson ended up backing Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., on all four key health care votes last month, he was a repeated annoyance for party leaders on the issue.

A week before debate on the bill began in late July, Johnson signaled he might vote against the measure after accusing McConnell of "a real breach of trust." Johnson said McConnell had told moderate GOP senators that Medicaid cuts imposed by the

bill would "never happen."

A month earlier, Johnson was among four GOP senators who, minutes after McConnell unveiled his initial bill, said they opposed it.

They said in a joint statement the measure fell short of "the most important promise that we made to Americans: to repeal Obamacare and lower their health care costs."

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Answers: 1) Basketball, 2) Volleyball, 3) Soccer, 4) Baseball, 5) Swimming, 6) Tennis, 7) Dodgeball



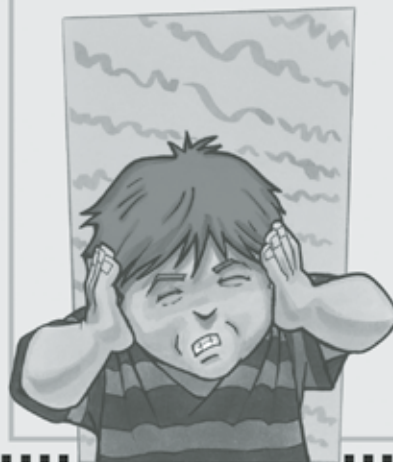
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Some answers: bun, fun, gun, none, nun, pun, shun, sun, ton

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Hand Washing Challenge

P.E. teachers not only help kids stay active but teach them healthy habits. Here are some questions about hand washing. How many can you answer correctly?



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- 3) If you are already sick, you don't have to worry about washing your hands. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 4) You should wash your hands before eating. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 5) You should wash your hands after handling pet food, treats and waste. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 6) You should wash your hands before using the restroom. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 7) Soap is recommended but not needed for hand washing. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 8) Clean, running water is also recommended for hand washing, but if you don't have any, lotion will do. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 9) You should spend several minutes washing your hands, making sure you wash the front and back. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 10) You should dry your hands with a clean towel. *Fact or Fiction?*

Answers: 1) Fact, 2) Fact, 3) Fiction, sick people should wash their hands more often to prevent germs from spreading, 4) Fact, 5) Fact, 6) Fiction, you should wash your hands after using the restroom, 7) Fiction, you should always use soap and clean running water, 8) Fiction, lotion will not kill germs—hand sanitizer is best when there is no soap or clean water, 9) Fact, 10) Fact



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P.E. is short for physical education. It is a big part of schools today, but it wasn't always that way. Long ago, schools had just one teacher who taught students how to read, write and do math. It wasn't until people like Catharine Beecher opened larger schools that the idea of P.E. came about.

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Beecher understood that healthy students make better learners. She taught her students to eat better and exercise more, making way for P.E. to become part of schools.

Perez leads Rangers over Mets 5-1 for 2-game split



By **SCOTT ORGERA**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Martin Perez headed straight to the video room after being hit hard in his previous start. What he saw may have led to his longest outing in over two years.

Perez allowed three hits over eight innings, Joey Gallo hit his 32nd home run and the Texas Rangers beat the New York Mets 5-1 on Wednesday for a two-game split.

"Last time I felt that they knew what pitch was coming," Perez said.

After noticing his glove was positioned close to his waist prior to each pitch, Perez decided to bring the leather closer to his mouth. He also made an effort to take less time between pitches.

"I've got a better tempo," Perez said. "I take the ball and I just go back to the mound and throw the pitch."

He completed eight innings for the first time since getting 25 outs on

Aug. 2, 2015.

"Probably the best outing he's had all year long," manager Jeff Banister said. "Great rhythm and tempo."

Texas went ahead 3-0 in the first against Rafael Montero (1-8) when the pitcher balked with Shin-Soo Choo taking a sizable and distracting lead off of third, and Gallo hit a two-run drive into the upper deck in right, his AL-leading 11th home run since the All-Star break.

"You look at my at-bats from earlier in the year and I was pulling everything," Gallo said. "It doesn't just happen overnight, but I'm starting to feel a lot better with it and those pitches on the outer half that I was missing early in the year now I'm getting at least the barrel to it."

Elvis Andrus grounded into a forceout in the second, and advanced on three straight pitches when he stole second and third, and then slid home headfirst ahead

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AP Photo
Texas Rangers starting pitcher Martin Perez throws during the first inning of a baseball game against the New York Mets at Citi Field, Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2017, in New York.

Rookie QB Watson shines in Texans' 27-17 loss to Panthers

By **STEVE REED**
AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Deshaun Watson reminded everyone why Panthers coach Ron Rivera — and many others — felt he should have won the Heisman Trophy last season.

Watson shined in his NFL preseason debut, completing 15 of 25 passes for 179 yards and running for a score in the Houston Texans' 27-17 loss to the Carolina Panthers on Wednesday night.

Watson, who led Clemson to the ACC championship on this field last December en route to winning the national championship, received a rousing ovation from Tigers fans dressed in orange when he entered the game in the second quarter.

The cheers grew louder when Watson outran two defenders for a 15-

yard touchdown — although Panthers fans tried to cover the celebration with boos.

"It was good just to get my feet wet," said Watson, who was pleased with his overall effort.

Houston's first draft pick looked comfortable in the pocket, stepping up to avoid pressure and getting rid of the football in a timely manner. He didn't let penalties on his team affect him and didn't turn the ball over in nearly three quarters of play.

"He's a smart player, an instinctive player," Texans coach Bill O'Brien said.

"For the first game out there I thought he did some good things. That's a big jump from college to the NFL and I thought he handled it pretty well."

Tom Savage went three-and-out on his

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AP Photo
Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson (4) runs against the Carolina Panthers during the first half of an NFL preseason football game, Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2017, in Charlotte, N.C.

Anderson, Gonzalez lead White Sox to 7-1 rout of Astros



AP Photo
Houston Astros manager A.J. Hinch, left, takes starting pitcher Collin McHugh (31) out of the base game as catcher Brian McCann watches during the sixth inning against the Chicago White Sox on Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2017, in Chicago.

By **JOHN JACKSON**
Associated Press

CHICAGO — For much of the season, Tim Anderson has been struggling to duplicate the promise he showed last year as a rookie.

He's finally starting to feel he's making progress.

Anderson homered and

drove in three runs, Miguel Gonzalez tossed eight strong innings and the Chicago White Sox beat the Houston Astros 7-1 on Wednesday night, their second straight win over the team with the best record in the AL.

"I'm just really being more relaxed and just letting it happen," said Anderson, who is

now batting .242 with 11 homers. "It's not like I have to force the issue."

"I'm playing like myself."

Leury Garcia and Yolmer Sanchez each had two-run singles as Chicago won consecutive games for just the second time since last month's All-

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Cowboys sign punter Chris Jones to 4-year extension

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Dallas punter Chris Jones has signed a four-year contract extension through 2021, securing the Cowboys' special teams combo with kicker Dan Bailey for at least the next four seasons.

Jones, who had one year remaining on his deal, had a career-best average of 45.9 yards last season, including a 66-yarder that rolled out of bounds at the 1-yard line at Philadelphia in the

regular-season finale.

The 28-year-old Jones also had a video highlight last year when he leveled Detroit's Andre Roberts on a punt return late in the season. He had a 30-yard run on a fake punt in an overtime win at home against the Eagles.

Bailey, who has made nearly 90 percent of his field goals through six seasons, is signed through 2020.

Astros activate OF George Springer from 10-day DL

CHICAGO (AP) — The Houston Astros activated George Springer from the 10-day disabled list on Wednesday, and he will lead off and play center field against the Chicago White Sox.

Springer had been sidelined since July 24 with a left quad injury. He tested the injury on Tuesday by running the bases and playing the outfield. He was given the green light to return

when he experienced no ill effects from the workout.

"I'm happy to be back," he said. "It's tough just sitting around and not being able to help the team."

Springer, a first-time All-Star this season, is batting .310 with 27 home runs and 66 RBIs in 93 games.

To make room on the active roster, first baseman Tyler White was optioned to Triple-A Fresno.

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tice of Application with The
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Commission for a BQ Wine
and Beer Retail Dealer's Off-
Premise License by TA Op-
eraing LLC d/b/a Travel Cen-
ters of America, located at
740 West Interstate 20, Big
Spring TX 79720, Howard
County.

TA Operating LLC; Barry M.
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retary; Mark R. Young – EVP
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Public Notice

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR OIL & GAS WASTE
DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT**

SM ENERGY COMPANY;
6301 HOLIDAY HILL RD,
BLDG 1, MIDLAND, TX
79707
(Company Name/Address)

Is applying to the Railroad
Commission of Texas for a
permit to dispose of pro-
duced salt water or other oil
and gas waste by well injec-
tion into a porous formation
which is productive of oil and
gas.

The applicant proposes to
dispose of oil and gas waste
into the Fusselman, Montoya
and Ellenburger formations.
Guitar 28 SWD Well Number
6.

The proposed disposal well is
located 5.8 Miles in a South
direction from Knott, Texas,
in the Spraberry (Trend Area)
field, in Section 28, Block A,
Bauer and Cockrell Survey,
Howard County, Texas.

The waste water will be injec-
ted into strata in the subsur-
face depth interval from
10,600' to 11,330 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY:
Chapter 27 of the Texas Wa-
ter Code, as amended, Title 3
of the Natural Resources
Code, as amended, and the
Statewide Rules of the Oil
and Gas Division, Railroad
Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hear-
ing from persons who can
show they are adversely af-
fected, or requests for further
information concerning any
aspect of the application
should be submitted in writ-
ing, within fifteen days of
publication, to the Environ-
mental Services Section, Oil
and Gas Division, Railroad
Commission of Texas, P.O.
Box 12967, Capitol Station,
Austin, Texas 78711 (Tele-
phone 512-463-6792).

#9490 August 10, 2017

Public Notice

The Howard County Auditor
will receive two scaled bids
until 10:00 a.m. Friday, Au-
gust 25, 2017 prescription
medicine and services.
These will be two separate
bids.

1) County Indigent Health
Care Program, County Wel-
fare and Howard County Ju-
venile Probation Office

2) Howard County Detention
Center

Specifications may be ob-
tained at the County Indigent
Health Care Office, located at
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house, 300 Main Street,
Room 310, Big Spring,
Texas 79720.

Bids will be presented to the
Commissioners' Court for
their consideration on
Monday, August 28, 2017.

The Court reserves the right
to reject any or all bids.

Jackie Olson, County Auditor

#9490 August 10, 2017

**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 Commis-
sion of Texas ATTN: Drilling
Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email:
SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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

PURSUANT TO THE
TERMS of Railroad Commis-
sion rules and regulations,
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no protest to the application
is received within the dead-
line. An affected person is
entitled to protest this applica-
tion. Affected persons in-
clude owners of record and
the operator or lessees of re-
cord of adjacent tracts and
tracts nearer to the proposed
well than the minimum lease
line spacing distance.If a
hearing is called, the applic-
ant has the burden to prove
the need for an exception.A
Protestant should be pre-
pared to establish standing
as an affected person, and to
appear at the hearing either
in person or by qualified rep-
resentative and protest the
application with cross-exam-
ination or presentation of a
direct case. The rules of evi-
dence are applicable in the
hearing. If you have any
questions regarding the hear-
ing procedure, please con-
tact the Commission's Dock-
et Services Department at
(512)463-6848. If you have
questions which are specific
to the Application or the in-
formation set forth in this No-
tice, please contact the Com-
mission's Drilling Permit Unit
at rule 37
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TENT TO APPEAR IN
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CEIVED IN THE RAILROAD
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OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS,
FAX NUMBER, OR
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OUT ABOVE BY Aug 23,
2017 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO
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TION**

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Lease Lines: 501.0F SE

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4	9	1	5	7	8	2	6	3
8	7	3	1	2	6	9	5	4
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5:PM	Local 2 ABC	Hotel	The List	CBS 7	Tele	News	Some	Mind	Hap.Days	American	Seinfeld		SportsCenter		Stars In. SVU	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Alaskan Bush
6:PM	Jeopardy!	Noticiero	Big Bang	CBS 7	Noticias	News	HaYesod	Business	Griffith	Fam. Guy	Seinfeld	Bones	Little League Baseball	SportsCenter	Sportsday	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Alaskan Bush
7:PM	Boy Band	Enamorán-dome	Beat Shazam	Big Bang	Jenni Rivera	The Wall	News	Daytrip	Griffith	Fam. Guy	Seinfeld	Movie: American Sniper, Jake McDorman (DVS)	Little League Baseball	WNBA Basketball: Mercury at Wings	BIG3 Basketball	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Last Frontier
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9:PM	Local 2	Impacto	Mod Fam	CBS 7	Tele	News	Families	Charlie Rose	C. Burnett	King	Conan	(:01) Movie: Collateral	SportsCenter	30 for 30	Camp Sportsday	(:01) The Sinner	(:03) The First 48	First in Hu-man
10:PM	Jimmy Kim-mel Live	Noticiero	Two Men	Late Show- Colbert	Titulares	Tonight Show	Hidden	Newsline	T. Smiley	Tw. Zone	Hitchcock	(12:01) Castle	SportsCenter	Nación ESPN	Texas Insider	(:01) Shooter	(:03) The First 48	First in Hu-man
11:PM	Nightline	Quiero Amarte	How I Met Corden	Insider	Programa	(:08) Today	Light of Southwest	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa
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DENNIS THE MENACE

8-10

"HE STILL HAS EYEBROWS, DAD. YOU SAID HE WAS 'BALD AS A BILLIARD BALL'!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

8-10

"Wow! You'd need a LOT of rope to hang a swing from that one!"

HAGAR

8-10

HELP! HAGAR, SAVE ME!

CAN I HELP IT IF THE HOT SAND BURNS MY TENDER FEET?

BLONDIE

8-10

BUMSTEAD, I WANT YOU TO CALL CORA FOR ME! TELL HER I'M WORKING LATE AND WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE HER TO DINNER!

SHE'LL START YELLING, BUT DON'T LET THAT FREAK YOU OUT

I REALLY THINK YOU SHOULD MAKE THAT CALL, BOSS

NO WAY...IT FREAKS ME OUT WHEN SHE STARTS YELLING LIKE THAT!!

WIZARD OF ID

8-10-17

I HAVE PAIN WHEN I WALK.

IT'S GOUT.

WOW, THANKS, PETER.

APPARENTLY, IT'S CALLED... 'GOUT'!

AGNES

8-10-17

THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR ATTACKING US DURING AFTERNOON TEA!

HI AND LOIS

8-10

IT'S SO HOT YOU COULD FRY AN EGG ON THE DRIVEWAY.

LET'S TRY IT.

THE EGGS ARE ALMOST DONE.

BUT THE BACON HAS A WAY TO GO.

NOW WHAT?

THE OTHER COAST

8-10

BARK! BARK! BARK!

WHY THE LOUD BARKING?

THAT LADY PUT A FAKE SERVICE DOG VEST ON HER DOG. THAT'S CHEATING!

THERE SHOULD BE A FAKE SERVICE DOG SWITCH LINE.

SNUFFY SMITH

8-10

TH' WOODS ARE SO THICK 'ROUN' HERE, I CAN'T EVEN TELL WHAR WE ARE HALF TH' TIME !!

THAT AIN'T NECESSARILY A BAD THING, LUKEY !!

'CUZ THAT MEANS TH' SHERIFF CAN'T TELL WHAR WE ARE NEITHER !!

BEETLE BAILEY

8-10

WHERE ARE YOU, BEETLE?

I DON'T KNOW WHERE I AM

DON'T SOUND SO HELPLESS! JUST LOOK AROUND FOR ANY FAMILIAR LANDMARKS

This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Aug. 10, the 222nd day of 2017. There are 143 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On August 10, 1977, postal employee David Berkowitz was arrested in Yonkers, New York, accused of being "Son of Sam," the gunman who killed six people and wounded seven others in the New York City area. (Berkowitz is serving six consecutive 25-years-to-life sentences.)

On this date:
In 1680, Pueblo Indians launched a successful revolt against Spanish colonists in present-day New Mexico.
In 1792, during the French Revolution, mobs in Paris attacked the Tuileries (TWEELUH-reez) Palace, where King Louis XVI resided. (The king was later arrested, put on trial for treason, and executed.)
In 1821, Missouri became the 24th state.
In 1846, President James K. Polk signed a measure establishing the Smithsonian Institution.
In 1874, Herbert Clark Hoover, the 31st president of the United States, was born in West Branch, Iowa.
In 1921, Franklin D. Roosevelt was stricken with polio at his summer home on the Canadian island of Campobello.
In 1949, the National Military Establishment was renamed the Department of Defense.
In 1962, the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum was dedicated in West Branch, Iowa, on the 88th birthday of the former president, who attended the ceremony along with former President Harry S. Truman. Marvel Comics superhero Spider-Man made his debut in issue 15 of "Amazing Fantasy" (cover price: 12 cents).
In 1969, Leno and Rosemary LaBianca were murdered in their Los Angeles home by members of Charles Manson's cult, one day after actress Sharon Tate and four other people were slain.
In 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed a measure providing \$20,000 payments to still-living Japanese-Americans who were interned by their government during World War II.
In 1991, nine Buddhists were found slain at their temple outside Phoenix, Arizona. (Two teen-agers were later arrested; one was sentenced to life in prison, while the other received 281 years.)
In 1993, Ruth Bader Ginsburg was sworn in as the second female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Ten years ago: Three men being lowered into a southern Indiana coal mine were killed when a nylon sling attached to the bucket the men were riding in got caught, causing the bucket to tip and sending them plummeting more than 500 feet to their deaths.

Five years ago: A man in an Afghan army uniform shot and killed three American service members in southern Afghanistan; the Taliban claimed the shooter joined the insurgency after the attack.

One year ago: During a raucous campaign rally outside Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Republican Donald Trump accused President Barack Obama of being the "founder" of the Islamic State group. (Trump later said he was "being sarcastic" before adding, "but not that sarcastic, to be honest with you.")

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Mercury-Retrograde Countdown

You often wonder how you'd perform in extraordinary circumstances, the hope being that your more heroic instincts would win out. Don't wait for the opportunity, though, because ordinary circumstances are the perfect chance to do good. Besides, there are but two days left before Mercury retrograde makes benevolence a bit more complicated.
ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you want a comparison, you tend to

compare yourself with yourself, which is a much better habit than using anyone else as a benchmark. The trouble is, even for you, you're a hard act to follow.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're mentally versatile and will use your mind as you would any number of tools. Your mind can be a calculator, a map, a sleuth, a translator, a puzzle solver, a flashlight -- and a sleeping pill if need be.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Here's an idea that might seem radical: What if your actions best represented your own needs, feelings and values instead of those of your loved one? Bring your attention back to yourself and an internal locus of control.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Good fortune starts with how you treat people, which, it turns out, is also the beginning

and end result. How you treat people is the whole story! For you it's not always about serving and pleasing, but it (SET ITAL) is(END ITAL) always about respecting.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The impulse to do something sneaky is not just about the thrill of your quickening pulse or the adrenaline rush that comes with the risk of being caught. The impulse is also a sign of needs unmet in the current situation.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People say that it's not about the cards you're dealt -- that it's how you play them that matters. Of course that's silly. Good cards win, and playing bad ones requires bluffing. Today's game will be tricky. You'll prevail.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Life can be strange and complicated, especially when love's involved. The romantic shades of love bring out the

most extreme examples of this, which may cause you to wonder whether that kind of love is worth the trouble.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be zipping along today, moving in spite of your restraints or maybe even because of them. The limits do have a way of focusing your power in one direction.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In the past you felt it best to concede your power to another. It made the situation easier, and at that moment it seemed like the right thing to do. That moment is passed. It is now time to take your power back.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Much activity will center on possessions. You'll treat possessions as living things, with respect for their purpose, attention to their maintenance and storage that honors their aesthetic value.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Before you leave the house, get centered on what you want. This will prevent you from needless wandering. See, you'll be lucky today. Hearts and doors will open to you. With so few borders, the limits must come from within.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). This will be a sociable day in which your relationships run harmoniously. If there's the least bit of tension it will serve as a spicy touch for the ultimate enhancement of the tie.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 10). Relationships smooth out. In the months to come you'll educate yourself and get a handle on changing what bothers you. In 2018 it's about building something new in its place. A mentor will help you make a plan and execute it. A dream will spring to life in March. Romantic getaways happen in May. New

family comes in June. Gemini and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 17, 8, 33 and 41.
COUNTDOWN TO THE TOTAL ECLIPSE: Aug. 21 brings the great American total eclipse of 2017, a highly anticipated and magnificent astronomical affair. Most of the continent will not see its "totality" or the complete blackout of the sun. Only those directly in the path of the eclipse and within the 73-mile-wide diagonal band of its crossing will experience the total darkness. The rest will still be able to see a rather spectacular partial eclipse, though.
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Annie's Mailbox

Grief and Loss
Dear Annie: Lord willing, next month I'll turn 67. In a recent column, you solicited seniors to write about issues they are facing. A big one for me is

grief. I met "Shirley" when she was 15 and a junior in high school. I was a senior. Both of our families relocated the same summer from different states, with us coming kicking and screaming,

mad our social lives were being upended. It turned out to be a blessing in disguise. She was so pretty I was afraid to ask her out. We became friends, both being the new kids. She would set me up with her girlfriends so we could double-date. After two years, when she was 17, we went out together and were together every day. I dropped out of night school to avoid getting more speeding tickets trying to make it to her parents' house before her 10 p.m. curfew. When she was 20 and I was 21, we got married, and we started our family 15 months later. When the children were 7 and 4, we started traveling in a used Volkswagen camper and told people we were growing up with our children. We retired four years before Shirley passed away at age 62. That was 33 months ago. People give unsolicited kind observations that I am doing so well. I am. To be honest, I am not lonely. I have my children, grandchildren, friends, former co-workers and church members

with whom I regularly interact. But there are times when, for no rhyme or reason, an emptiness comes in and takes over. I've learned to face, even embrace, it so the episode passes more quickly and I can heal from the experience and gain a better perspective. But the emptiness is profound. It makes all of life look like vanity. When I can talk to people about Shirley, it is the next best thing to being with her. All of our life together seems real again instead of being some wonderful, long dream that never happened. "How could it be real?" I often think. It was so good for so long. That never happens. -- Rob in Jacksonville
Dear Rob: Thank you for your beautiful letter. I'm sure it will touch many others as it has touched me.
Dear Annie: My sister's ex-mother-in-law just passed away. My sister's children were still very young when the divorce happened, barely into elementary school. Anyway, her mother-in-law thought the world of her, and they got along very well

They saw each other often because of the children. I am sure it is breaking my sister's heart. What is the proper etiquette for me to do something for my sister? I am close to this family also and want to know what I can do for them. -- Elle
Dear Elle: If you're looking for something you can do to comfort her, bring over a home-cooked meal. Then sit with her and listen, or just sit with

her in silence. When comforting someone who is grieving, it's not about finding the exact right thing to say or do. It's about being there.
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Contract Bridge
By Steve Becker
The Alcatraz Coup
North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 9 7 2
♥ 4
♦ A K J 10 5
♣ A K J 9
WEST
♠ 10 3
♥ 6
♦ Q 8 7 4 2
♣ 10 8 6 3 2
EAST
♠ A K Q J 8
♥ J 7 5 2
♦ 6 3
♣ 5 4
SOUTH
♠ 6 5 4
♥ A K Q 10 9 8 3
♦ 9
♣ Q 7
The bidding:
North East South West
1♦ 1♠ 2♥ Pass
3♦ Pass 4♥ Pass
Opening lead — ten of spades.
The Ethics Committee at Alcatraz was in solemn session. The complainant was East, who testified that his six of spades had somehow gotten stuck behind the seven of clubs and that he did not see it until after West had discarded a club.
The Ethics Committee, after due deliberation, decided that South's "inadvertent" revoke at trick three was simply another variation of the notorious Alcatraz Coup. Accordingly, the committee suspended him from further bridge activities for the balance of his prison term.
Tomorrow: Test your play.
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DENNIS THE MENACE

8-10

"HE STILL HAS EYEBROWS, DAD. YOU SAID HE WAS 'BALD AS A BILLIARD BALL'!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

8-10

"Wow! You'd need a LOT of rope to hang a swing from that one!"

HAGAR

8-10

"HELP! HAGAR, SAVE ME!"

"CAN I HELP IT IF THE HOT SAND BURNS MY TENDER FEET?"

BLONDIE

8-10

"BUMSTEAD, I WANT YOU TO CALL CORA FOR ME! TELL HER I'M WORKING LATE AND WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE HER TO DINNER!"

"SHE'LL START YELLING, BUT DON'T LET THAT FREAK YOU OUT"

"I REALLY THINK YOU SHOULD MAKE THAT CALL, BOSS"

"NO WAY...IT FREAKS ME OUT WHEN SHE STARTS YELLING LIKE THAT!!"

BC

8-10

"I HAVE PAIN WHEN I WALK."

"IT'S GOUT."

"WOW, THANKS, PETER."

WIZARD OF ID

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"APPARENTLY, IT'S CALLED... 'GOUT!'"

AGNES

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"HELLO...I HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS."

"GOOD NEWS FOR YOU, MAYBE."

"OH, LET ME GUESS...YOU HAVE TO OPERATE, RIGHT? YOU WON'T BE HAPPY UNTIL YOU ARE CARVING UP MY TENDER THROATAL AREA LIKE A PRIZE HOLIDAY TURKEY!"

"WE WILL TRY A ROUND OF ANTI-BIOTICS FIRST."

"OH! SO NOW I'M YOUR LITTLE PETRI DISH!"

HI AND LOIS

8-10

"IT'S SO HOT YOU COULD FRY AN EGG ON THE DRIVEWAY."

"LET'S TRY IT."

"THE EGGS ARE ALMOST DONE."

"BUT THE BACON HAS A WAY TO GO."

"NOW WHAT?"

THE OTHER COAST

8-10

"BARK! BARK! BARK!"

"WHY THE LOUD BARKING?"

"THAT LADY PUT A FAKE SERVICE DOG VEST ON HER DOG. THAT'S CHEATING!"

"THERE SHOULD BE A FAKE SERVICE DOG SWITCH LINE."

SNUFFY SMITH

8-10

"TH' WOODS ARE SO THICK 'ROUN' HERE, I CAN'T EVEN TELL WHAR WE ARE HALF TH' TIME !!"

"THAT AIN'T NECESSARILY A BAD THING, LUKEY !!"

"'CUZ THAT MEANS TH' SHERIFF CAN'T TELL WHAR WE ARE NEITHER !!"

BEEBLE BAILEY

8-10

"WHERE ARE YOU, BEETLE?"

"I DON'T KNOW WHERE I AM"

"DON'T SOUND SO HELPLESS! JUST LOOK AROUND FOR ANY FAMILIAR LANDMARKS"

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Aug. 10, the 222nd day of 2017. There are 143 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On August 10, 1977, postal employee David Berkowitz was arrested in Yonkers, New York, accused of being "Son of Sam," the gunman who killed six people and wounded seven others in the New York City area. (Berkowitz is serving six consecutive 25-years-to-life sentences.)

On this date: In 1680, Pueblo Indians launched a successful revolt against Spanish colonists in present-day New Mexico. In 1792, during the French Revolution, mobs in Paris attacked the Tuileries (TWEELUH-reez) Palace, where King Louis XVI resided. (The king was later arrested, put on trial for treason, and executed.) In 1821, Missouri became the 24th state. In 1846, President James K. Polk signed a measure establishing the Smithsonian Institution. In 1874, Herbert Clark Hoover, the 31st president of the United States, was born in West Branch, Iowa. In 1921, Franklin D. Roosevelt

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THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR ATTACKING US DURING AFTERNOON TEA!

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AP Photo

Texas Rangers' Joey Gallo, left, celebrates his home run with Nomar Mazara during the first inning of a baseball game against the New York Mets at Citi Field, Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2017, in New York.

RANGERS

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of shortstop Amed Rosario's throw on Nomar Mazara's grounder.

Perez (6-10) did not allow a hit until Wilmer Flores homered leading off the fifth, a drive off an orange M&M sign that initially was ruled a double but was changed after a video review. Perez struck out five and walked none. He had a 9.41 ERA in losing his previous four starts.

"It's nice to give our pitching staff some breathing room," Adrian Beltré said.

Originally scheduled to start this weekend at home, Perez moved up after Andrew Cashner was scratched with a stiff neck on Tuesday.

"He had a good sinker going. He was kind of getting in on lefties. He had a good changeup to throw to the right-handers, mix in a slider here and there," said the Mets' Michael Conforto, who was 0 for 4. "He was just hitting his spots, was not walking guys. Just attacking guys and getting early contact."

Alex Claudio pitched a perfect ninth to complete a three-hitter.

Montero was remarkably inefficient and struggled to throw his changeup, needing 40 pitches to get through the first inning and 74 through the first two. He left after

three innings and 87 pitches, allowing four runs, five hits, three walks and two hit batters. Montero is 0-4 in seven starts since winning at San Francisco on June 25.

"I think the changeup for me is a really important one," Montero said through a translator. "Today was just a bad day. Pitchers go through that sometimes where a pitch they really trust doesn't really work on a certain day."

Mets pitchers needed 124 pitches to get through five innings and 210 in all. New York (50-61) dropped 11 games under .500, matching its low since July 2014.

Hansel Robles walked Drew Robinson with the bases loaded in the sixth.

LEFT BEHIND

Texas stranded 15 runners and was 3 for 15 with runners in scoring position.

"We've got to get better in those spots," Banister said.

CLIMBING THE RANKS

Beltre had two hits, raising his total to 3,008 and passing Al Kaline for sole possession of 29th place.

ROSTER SHUFFLE

Texas recalled INF Tyler Smith from Round Rock and optioned RHP Nick Martinez to the Triple-A farm team. Smith was claimed on waivers from Seattle on July 30, and the 26-year-old rookie hit .188 in 10 games with the Mariners. Martinez was sent down so that he

could continue to start on a regular basis, according to Banister.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: 2B Rougned Odor was out of the starting lineup after being hit on the left foot by an errant pitch Tuesday night. "Precautionary more than anything else," Banister said. Odor struck out as a pinch hitter in the eighth and remained in the game at second base. ... Cashner (stiff neck) has made some positive progress since being scratched on Tuesday. "It still hurts a little bit, but my movement is definitely better today than it was yesterday," he said before the game. Cashner will continue treatment and may start this weekend.

Mets: RHP Matt Harvey (stress injury to right shoulder) said he felt fine, a day after throwing batting practice. "He wants to get out and start pitching in some games," manager Terry Collins said. "He's raring to make the next step."

UP NEXT

Rangers: LHP Cole Hamels (6-1) is to start Friday's series opener against visiting Houston. He is coming off a four-hit complete game win at Minnesota.

Mets: RHP Jacob deGrom (12-5) starts Thursday in the first game of a four-game series at Philadelphia. DeGrom has lost two straight starts after winning eight in a row.

ASTROS

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Star break.

Gonzalez (6-10) allowed one run on five hits to record the 50th win of his career. He bounced back after getting shelled for seven runs on seven hits in 1 2/3 innings against Boston last Thursday.

"I was trying not to think about it," Gonzalez said. "It's definitely not easy because as starters we have four days to think about what we have to do to get better."

Derek Fisher homered leading off the eighth for Houston's only run. George Springer went 1 for 4 in his return from the 10-day disabled list. The Astros have dropped three of four overall and four straight on the road.

"The results, obviously, are going to be tough on our guys, but I've always liked our approach," manager A.J. Hinch said. "All in all, it wasn't a good night."

Chicago rookie Yoan Moncada went 1 for 2 with two walks and has reached safely in 14 of his last 25 plate appearances.

Houston starter Colin McHugh (0-1) escaped a bases-loaded, no-out jam in the second inning, but Chicago broke through for four runs in the fifth. Nicky Delmonico led off with a single and Anderson followed with a homer to make it 2-0. The next batter, Omar Narvaez, kept the rally going with a single and one out later Garcia hit a ground-rule double to put runners on second and third. Sanchez then singled to left to score both runners for a 4-0 lead.

The White Sox tacked on three runs in the sixth — highlighted by Anderson's run-scoring double — to knock out McHugh. He allowed seven runs on nine hits in 5 1/3 innings.

Gonzalez's only rough inning was the second, when he faced runners on second and third with one out. But he got Brian McCann to fly out to shallow right and struck out Fisher looking.

BIG SURPRISE

Gonzalez wasn't aware it was his 50th win until asked by the media for his reaction after the game. "It was my 50th? Really?" he said. "I didn't even know. Well, that's a blessing in disguise, for sure. I'm happy, I'm excited."

MINORS MOVES

To make room for Springer on the roster, the Astros optioned 1B Tyler White to Triple-A Fresno. Hinch said it was a tough decision. "Tyler White deserved to stay," Hinch said. "There's only 25 roster spots." White, 26, batted .310 with three homers and nine RBIs in nine games with Houston.

The White Sox announced a minor trade before the game, acquiring RHP Steve Johnson from Baltimore for cash considerations. Johnson, 29, was assigned to Triple-A Charlotte.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: RHP Michael Feliz (right shoulder discomfort) is expected to begin throwing soon. He was placed on the 10-day DL on Aug. 1. . C Evan Gattis is still experiencing symptoms after being placed on the 7-day concussion DL on Saturday. .

TEXANS

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first two possessions against Carolina's first-team defense. Savage had better luck with Carolina's starters out of the game, completing 8 of 8 passes for 67 yards on his final drive capped by a 16-yard TD run by Alfred Blue.

But it was a strong showing for Carolina's defensive starters.

"We put ourselves in good third down situations and we were able to execute and get off the field," Panthers linebacker Thomas Davis said. "Overall, the first half, the ones definitely had a good showing."

Panthers veteran backup Derek Anderson looked sharp starting in place of Cam Newton, who's still resting a sore right shoulder.

Anderson completed 4 of 5 passes for 76 yards, including a 23-yard touchdown pass to Kelvin Benjamin to finish with a perfect 158.3 QB rating.

The 6-foot-5 Benjamin, who reported to training camp in good shape after being overweight in the spring, made a leaping grab in the corner of the end zone to give Carolina the early 7-0 lead.

"I am feeling good again," Benjamin said. "I am ready to get Cam (Newton) back out there so we can rebuild that chemistry."

WATT, KUECHLY RETURN: Two former NFL Defensive Players of the Year returned to action after missing significant time last season with injuries.

J.J. Watt played one series for the Texans in his return from back surgery. Kuechly played six plays after returning from his second career concussion. Neither registered a tackle.

SITTING OUT: Along with Newton, veteran defensive ends Julius Peppers and Charles Johnson, center Ryan Kalil and rookie wide receiver Curtis Samuel did not suit up for Carolina.

ROOKIE WATCH

Texans: Rookie linebacker Dylan Cole appeared to return a fumble for a touchdown to tie the game in the fourth quarter, but the play was overturned.

Panthers: Christian McCaffrey had 33 yards on seven carries in his rookie debut and showed impressive quickness and the ability to make defenders miss.

POSITION BATTLES

Texans: RB Alfred Blue outperformed projected starter Lamar Miller. Blue ran for 33 yards on seven carries including a 16-yard touchdown, while Miller carried two times for no yards.

Panthers: Wide receiver Damiere Byrd, considered a fringe roster player, did nothing to hurt his chances by hauling touchdown passes of 50 and 8 yards from Joe Webb.

WHAT BROWN DOES FOR YOU: The Texans clearly missed left tackle Duane Brown, whose contract situation remains unresolved. Savage was under heavy pressure on the first two series. Chris Clark started at left tackle.

INJURY UPDATE:

Texans: Reported no injuries.

Panthers: Vernon Butler, last year's first-round draft pick, left the game with a left knee injury and did not return.

QUOTABLE:

Texans: "I'm so happy to be back with my guys," Watt said of his return. "It's so much fun in my D-line room and being back out there with my teammates. That's where I belong."


Panthers: "It means a lot," Byrd said after the first of his two TD catches. "It's a dream of everybody's to be able to play for an organization as great as this in the NFL."


McHugh stayed in the game after being hit with a grounder on the left foot in the second.

White Sox: OF Avisail Garcia, who returned from the DL on Tuesday, said he still has inflammation in his right thumb but hopes to play through it. "Sometimes it hurts, sometimes no," he said.

UP NEXT

Astros righty Brad Peacock (10-1, 3.20 ERA) will be matched against lefty Carlos Rodon (1-4, 4.66) in the series finale on Thursday night. Peacock got the win in his last start against Toronto despite allowing seven runs in six innings. Rodon tied his season high with 11 strikeouts against Boston on Aug. 4.





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AP Exclusive: Maggot case gives rare look at neglect probes

ROME, N.Y. (AP) — In his bed at a New York state group home for the severely disabled, Steven Wenger lay helpless against a silent invader.

A slimy, wriggling clump was growing around the hole in his throat near his breathing tube. Nurses peered closer and made a discovery almost unheard of in modern American health care: maggots.

For Wenger, unable to walk, speak, or breathe without a ventilator since a car accident 26 years ago, it was the first of two infestations of the larval flies in his throat over successive days last summer, resulting in repeated trips to an emergency room and a state investigation that found days of neglect by caretakers. And if The Associated Press had not obtained a confidential report on the case, it's unlikely anyone in the outside world would have known anything about it.

That's because in New York and most other states, details of abuse and neglect investigations in state-regulated institutions for the disabled, addicted and mentally ill are almost never made public, even with the names blacked out.

As a result, it's easier to check the health record of a neighborhood restaurant than to find out about lapses in care in state institutions and group homes that people may be considering for their loved ones' around-the-clock care.

The suspect in car attack near Paris is an Algerian national

PARIS (AP) — A police source says the suspect in an attack on soldiers near Paris is a 37-year-old Algerian man who was legally living in France.

The man, Hamou Benlatreche, was known to French police over minor crimes but has never been convicted in court, the officer told The Associated Press Thursday. He spoke anonymously because he was not allowed to speak on an ongoing investigation.

French media, who reported the same name, say the suspect was living in the suburb of Bezons, north of Paris, where police searched a building on Wednesday night.

The suspect rammed his car into a group of soldiers Wednesday, injuring six of them. He was arrested by police following a highway manhunt and was hospitalized with bullet wounds.

Yemen's civil war turns country into cholera breeding ground

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Collapsing on sidewalks and constantly vomiting, some of the Yemeni villagers barely make it to the tiny health center where doctors spread carton sheets in the backyard and use trees to hang bags of IV fluids for patients.

They are part of a stream of hundreds of suspected cholera victims that continues to converge on the center from the impoverished town of Bani Haydan in Yemen's northern Hajja province. Just hours after being infected, vomiting and diarrhea cause severe dehydration that can kill without rapid intervention.

Yemen's raging two-year conflict has turned the country into an incubator for lethal cholera: Primitive sanitation and water systems put Yemenis at risk of drinking feces-contaminated water; wells are dirtied by runoff from rainfall on piles of garbage left uncollected for weeks; farmland is irrigated with broken sewers due to

lax oversight and corruption; medical intervention is delayed due to unpaid government employees and half of the country's health facilities are out of service.

The cholera outbreak in Haiti has killed more than 9,000 people since 2010, but Yemen has seen the largest outbreak of the disease ever recorded in any country in a single year. The United Nations and international aid organizations say they are shocked at the speed and scale of the outbreak.

"It's a cholera paradise," said George Khoury, head of Office at the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Yemen. "It's a recipe for disaster."

Hurricane Franklin makes landfall on Mexico's coast

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Hurricane Franklin roared ashore on Mexico's central Gulf coast early Thursday, threatening to pound a mountainous region prone to flash floods and mudslides with torrential rains and heavy winds.

Franklin strengthened into the first hurricane of the Atlantic season on Wednesday and its landfall as Category 1 storm early Thursday was its second on Mexican territory in three days. As a tropical storm, Franklin made a relatively mild run across the Yucatan Peninsula earlier in the week.

Authorities in Veracruz ordered classes canceled at public schools as a precautionary measure. Schools are frequently used as storm shelters in Mexico.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center said Franklin later weakened to a tropical storm Thursday morning with maximum sustained winds near 70 mph (113 kph). Additional weakening was forecast and Franklin was expected to dissipate by late Thursday or early Friday.

Franklin's center was about 75 miles (121 kilometers) south of Tuxpan, Mexico, and the storm was moving a little south of west near 15 mph (24 kph).

Study: Trump actions trigger health premium hikes for 2018

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration's own actions are triggering double-digit premium increases on individual health insurance policies purchased by many consumers, a nonpartisan study has found.

The analysis released Thursday by the Kaiser Family Foundation found that mixed signals from President Donald Trump have created uncertainty "far outside the norm," leading insurers to seek higher premium increases for 2018 than would otherwise have been the case.

The report comes with Republicans in Congress unable to deliver on their promise to repeal and replace the Obama-era Affordable Care Act. Trump, meanwhile, insists lawmakers try again. The president says "Obamacare" is collapsing, but he's also threatened to give it a shove by stopping billions of dollars in payments to insurers. Some leading Republicans are considering fallback measures to stabilize markets.

Researchers from the Kaiser foundation looked at proposed premiums for a benchmark silver plan across major metropoli-

tan areas in 20 states and Washington, D.C. Overall, they found that 15 of those cities will see increases of 10 percent or more next year.

The highest: a 49 percent jump in Wilmington, Delaware. The only decline: a 5 percent reduction in Providence, Rhode Island.

Free-speech debate swirls as officials block on social media

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An emerging debate about whether elected officials violate people's free speech rights by blocking them on social media is spreading across the U.S. as groups sue or warn politicians to stop the practice.

The American Civil Liberties Union this week sued Maine Gov. Paul LePage and sent warning letters to Utah's congressional delegation. It followed recent lawsuits against the governors of Maryland and Kentucky and President Donald Trump.

Trump's frequent and often unorthodox use of Twitter and allegations he blocks people with dissenting views has raised questions about what elected officials can and cannot do on their official social media pages.

Politicians at all levels increasingly embrace social media to discuss government business, sometimes at the expense of traditional town halls or in-person meetings.

"People turn to social media because they see their elected officials as being available there and they're hungry for opportunities to express their opinions and share feedback," said Anna Thomas, spokeswoman for the ACLU of Utah. "That includes people who disagree with public officials."

Club pros enjoying the spotlight at PGA Championship

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Alex Beach played a practice round with Luke Donald, walked off the ninth green and signed autographs.

The club pro from New Jersey is savoring every moment of his first PGA Championship.

And deservedly so. About a year ago at this time, he was in a hospital.

"It took a long time to fight back," Beach said Wednesday, "but to be here a year and some change later, it feels very special."

So while Jordan Spieth, Phil Mickelson and the rest of golf's glamour names likely will dominate the headlines later in the week, the eve of the season's final major championship belonged to Beach and the 19 other club professionals who scratched their way into the field at Quail Hollow.

Suspended Fox host suing reporter over alleged lewd texts



AP Photo

In this July 22, 2015, file photo, co-host Eric Bolling appears on "The Five" television program, on the Fox News Channel, in New York. Bolling is suing the reporter who broke the story that he allegedly sent lewd text messages to colleagues.

NEW YORK (AP) — Suspended Fox News host Eric Bolling on Wednesday sued the reporter who broke the story that he had allegedly sent lewd text messages to colleagues.

Bolling filed a \$50 million defamation lawsuit in state Supreme Court in Manhattan against Yashar Ali, a Huffington Post contributing writer. The cable news host said Ali damaged his reputation through what the court papers call the "highly reckless publication of actionable false and misleading statements about the plaintiff's conduct and character."

Bolling was suspended over the weekend pending an internal investigation that a Fox spokesperson said is underway.

Ali wrote last week that Bolling is accused of sending unsolicited photos of male genitalia to co-workers over several years.

On Wednesday, the reporter tweeted that he stands by his story and will protect his sources. Ali also wrote that he is not going to stop reporting on Bolling "or anyone else. I've had family members killed/jailed in Iran, a

lawsuit isn't going to scare me."

Huffington Post editor in chief Lydia Polgreen, a former top New York Times editor, tweeted in support of Ali Tuesday night. "Yashar Ali is a careful and meticulous reporter," Polgreen wrote, adding that the publication stands by his reporting and that it has "no hesitation about standing by him financially in this case." Huffington Post is owned by Verizon thanks to its 2015 purchase of AOL.

Bolling's lawyer, Michael J. Bowe, said in a statement: "This anonymously sourced and uncorroborated story is false, defamatory, and obviously intended to destroy this good man's career and family. We will defend Eric aggressively in court, where actual facts, based on evidence, testimony, and cross-examination, will belie these anonymous accusations."

Bolling tweeted that he "will continue to fight against these false smear attacks! THANK YOU FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT."

Huffington Post is not involved in the legal action.

Texas doctor gets 35 years in prison for \$375M medical fraud

DALLAS (AP) — A 60-year-old Dallas-area doctor has been sentenced to 35 years in prison for helping defraud Medicare and Medicaid out of almost \$375 million.

A federal judge also ordered Dr. Jacques (ZHAWK) Roy on Wednesday to pay more than \$268 million in restitution. A jury in April 2016 convicted the Rockwall physician of nine of 10 counts of defrauding a health care benefit pro-

gram. Roy owned Medistat Group Associates in the Dallas suburb of DeSoto.

Authorities say Roy and six co-defendants certified 11,000 Medicare beneficiaries through more than 500 home health providers between January 2006 and November 2011. Those numbers would have made Roy's Medicare practice the busiest in the country.

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