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BSISD renews Anderson flexible-hours program

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Big Spring's Anderson Accelerated School will continue to have a flexible-hours school day. BSISD trustees approved the measure at their meeting Tuesday evening. Anderson Accelerated is an alternative school that provides options for students that have problems working within a traditional school setup, for whatever reason. "Like we did last year, we have to have a public hearing saying that we're interested in having an optional flexible school day program, so this is what that is,"

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Big Spring woman wanted for murder

Big Spring Police Department

On the 12th of June, 2018, at approximately 11:00 P.M., Big Spring Police Department officers and Big Spring Fire Department Emergency Medical Services personnel were dispatched to 700 block of Bucknell in reference to a gunshot victim. Upon arrival at the residence, officers found Jesse James Collins White/Male 30 years of

age, inside with a gunshot wound to his chest. Collins was immediately transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center for treatment but later succumbed to his injuries. The Big Spring Police Department Criminal Investigations Division responded to the scene and the preliminary investigation has indicated that Susan Etta Overton (AKA "Goozie" Susan Humphrey), White/Female 31 years of age, shot Collins while inside the residence. Overton fled the scene in a white in color, 2010, Ford Focus 4 door with Texas license plates JYL4340. The Big Spring Police Department Criminal Investiga-



Susan Overton, WANTED for murder
 tions Division has received an arrest warrant for Overton for Murder, a Felony of the 1st degree. Mrs. Overton is to be See **WANTED**, Page 3

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NCAL celebrates 35 years of serving the community



By **TYLER SCHELLIE**
 Staff Writer

The Northside Community Action League (NCAL) continues to push forward in helping the community after their successful 35th anniversary celebration on June 2nd. "It was a great time, we had a ton of booths set up with games and refreshments, and one of the local banks even set up a spot where had a couple flavors of popcorn. It really was a good turnout," said Executive Director, Diana R. Martinez. After more than 30 years, the NCAL mission remains unchanged — lend a helping hand to Howard County's less fortunate citizens. Children's summer programs, legal aid, and financial aid for rent, utilities, and education are

The Northside Community Action Center (NCAL) held their 35th year celebration on June 2, 2018. NCAL Board members pictured in the green shirts from left to right include: Hijinio Moreno, Pedro Ortiz, Jesus Cisneros, Virginia Natividad, Tonya Baker and Diana Martinez, along with the members of the band that played at the celebration (blue shirts).

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Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez's Women Veterans Day celebration

The Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home in Big Spring honored their female veterans for their service with a Women Veterans Day celebration yesterday. Shown here, Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Administrator Major Natalie Rolling-Edlebeck, U.S. Army (retired), poses with veterans (from left) Sandra Wilson, U.S. Marine Corps; Adelita Guerra, U.S. Army; and Kim LaCroix, U.S. Navy.



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Obituaries

John "Morris" Villareal, Jr.



John "Morris" Villareal, Jr., 55, of Big Spring, died Saturday, June 9, 2018, at his residence. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

John was born Feb 8, 1963, in Big Spring, Texas, to Paula Chavarria Villareal and Maurice Villareal. John was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He married Mary Lou Hilario on Nov. 21, 1981, in Big Spring. He enjoyed playing softball, pitching washers, cooking and being outdoors. John was an avid Dallas Cowboy Fan. He had worked at Cornell Prison for over ten years but his last job took him to the oilfield where he was an operator and a supervisor. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

John is survived by his wife Mary Lou Villareal of Big Spring; two daughters, Gabrielle Fierro and fiancé Rafael Villarreal and Ysenia Villareal, all of Big Spring; one sister, Sylvia Villareal of Arlington; two brothers, Mike Villareal and wife Michelle of Coahoma and Rey Chavarria and wife Bentura of Big Spring; his father, Maurice Villareal of Big Spring and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He is also survived by Pete Correa and Mark Juarez whom he considered to be his brothers.

He was preceded in death by his mother Paula Chavarria Villareal and several aunts and uncles.

Pallbearers will be Roger Fierro, Michael Rivera, Augustine Rivera, Rey Chavarria, TJ Gonzales, Daniel Villareal, Michael John Villareal and Oscar Hernandez. Honorary pallbearers will be Abel Martinez, Justin Rivera, Nick Rivera, Nick Villarreal and Isaiiah Villareal.

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

Paid Obituary

Johnie Harold Williams



Johnie Harold Williams, 79, of Big Spring, died Saturday, June 9, 2018, at his residence. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, 2018, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, officiating. Private burial will follow at Gorman Cemetery in Gorman, Texas.

Johnie was born July 23, 1938, in Gorman, Texas, to Marjorie Taylor Williams and Clarence Marlin Williams. He has been a resident of Howard County for most of his life. He married Pauline Fee on Feb. 10, 1960, in Big Spring and she preceded him in death on Sept. 7, 1993. He then married Celia Terry on Aug. 18, 1995, in Big Spring. Johnie was a veteran of the United States Navy serving on the U.S.S. Helena, mostly in Japan and Hawaii. He worked a number of years for Meridian Oil and also owned several cafes in Forsan, Coahoma and Odessa. Johnie was a member of Church of Christ and had a Christian heart. He loved horses, the Dallas Cowboys, gardening, cooking and going to Ruidoso.

Johnie is survived by his wife Celia of Big Spring; two sons, Kenneth Casbeer (Nobie Kemper) of Big Spring and Marty Terry (Becky) of Rockwall; two daughters, Michelle Coutermarsh (Jim McDonald) of Sarcoxie, Missouri and Jana Terry of Big Spring; two brothers, James Williams (Barbara) of Kerens and Don Williams (Susan) of Stephenville; two sisters, Judy Brandon (Bill) Odessa and Martha Jean Teague (Charles) of San Angelo; 13 grandchildren, Kenny Casbeer, Jonathan Simpson, Michael Simpson, Jeffrey Simpson, Emilly Simpson, Taylor McDonald, Raymond Overton, Becky Overton, Ashley Dyer (Richard), Ryan Terry, Rance Terry (Lauren), Bradley Swain and Benjamin Swain; and several great grandchildren.

Johnie was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife; a daughter Katrina Williams and a grandson Michael Scott Simpson.

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

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Police, Sheriff Report

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JOSE LOUIS ONTIVEROS**, 39, of 1905 Wasson Rd., was arrested on warrants three counts failure to appear, two counts failed to maintain financial responsibility, fail to display drivers license, and public intoxication.
- **ADRIAN RICARDO DE-HOYOS**, 26, 0 Transient, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **IVY LYNN LEDESMA**, 36, of 1503 E. Cherokee, was arrested on a warrant with another agency.
- **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 1100 block of E 4th St.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was

reported in the 1300 block of S Gregg.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 700 block of Anna Street, and in 2600 block of Langley Drive.
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore Street.

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.
- **ADRIAN RICARDO DE-HOYOS**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **TREYCEE LYNN FAIRMAN**, 38, was arrested by HCSO

on warrants of criminal trespass, and on two counts of theft of property.

- **CHRISTOPHER SCOTT HOLMES**, 46, was arrested by HCSO on warrants of two counts of theft.
- **IVY LYNN LEDESMA**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **JOSE LOUIS ONTIVEROS**, 39, was arrested by BSPD on warrants three counts failure to appear, two counts failed to maintain financial responsibility, fail to display drivers license, and public intoxication.

Take Note

Come on down to the American Legion Post 506 Saturday, June 16 Fish Fry. The American Legion will be serving plates, \$10 each from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the Legion also offers carry out plate and will be delivering from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information or to order your Fish Fry plate for carry out call 432-263-2084. The American Legion Post 506 is located at 3203 W Hwy 80. Everyone one is welcome.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive fami-

lies, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. To volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346.

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Walter Ray Weaver



Walter Ray Weaver, 81, of Clyde died Saturday, June 9 at a Clyde nursing home. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, June 13 at 10:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Clyde with Robert Stone and Chaplin Kathi Edwards officiating. Graveside will follow at 3 p.m. in the Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, Texas. Visitation will be on Tuesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Bailey

Howard Funeral Home of Clyde.

Walter Ray was born Sept. 15, 1936, in Ackerly, Texas, to Milton and Ella (Nelson) Weaver. He graduated from Ackerly High School and attended Howard County Junior College. He married Margie Cook on July 14, 1955, in Big Spring, Texas. They moved from Big Spring to Clyde in 1971. Walter was a self-employed tile installer for many years and was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Clyde.

He is survived by his son Tony Weaver and wife Lynda of Sabinal; daughter Darla Marre of Clyde; sister Fern Kowalezyk of Martinez, Georgia; three grandchildren, Bucky Ray Weaver, Tara LaRae Herndon and Justin Ray Marre and one great grandchild, Cassidy Besinaiz.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents and his wife of 52 years.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donation to Hendrick Hospice Care or Clyde Volunteer Fire Department.

Online condolences may be made at www.baileyhowardfuneralhome.com

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Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of West 17th Street. No transport to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of Nolan. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Sunset Ave. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1700 block of N. Hwy 350. No transport to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAUMA ACCIDENT** was reported in the 700 block of Bucknell.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of Maple. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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Anderson Principal Heidi Wagner told the school board. "To refresh our memory, that is the way that we are able to take in kids that can't come to school in the traditional hours during the day. We can take kids that have dropped out and want to come back to school and get their education. It provides flexible hours for kids that work, kids that have kids of their own, kids that take care of their parents. So that is what this application is about. We did have four of our kids graduate this year that would have not graduated. So it was exciting!"

In other business, BSISD Testing Coordinator Gina Slover reported on the district's progress in testing. She credited BSISD Curriculum Director Dr. Raemi Thompson with compiling the results.

"We received unofficial preliminary scores for fifth grade math and reading, eighth grade math and reading, and high school EOCs in Algebra I, Biology and U.S. History," Slover said. "Like I said, these are just preliminary. We'll get the final scores in August after all the re-tests."

Slover broke down the trends in the preliminary scores.

"When you look at the reading for fifth grade, we've got a steady climb for the past three years. We're at 61 percent now," she said. "The junior high, eighth grade reading, we're seeing a drop. We're at 64 percent this year. Another thing I do want to make a point of saying is that these scores, whenever you're looking at 2016, 2017, 2018...these aren't the same kids. This is 2016's fifth graders, and 2016's eighth graders, so it's not exactly an apples-to-apples comparisons."

On math, Slover said fifth graders are at 70 percent, while eighth graders are at 54 percent. Algebra I was at 100 percent.

"They knocked it out of the park," she said. "They've done that the last three years."

Slover also listed out some passing percentages for high school end-of-course testing.

"English I, we've got a 40 percent passing rate. English II, a 53. Algebra I, a 62; Biology, an 82, and U.S. History is a 79 percent," she said. "Dr. Thompson, doing the math for this, the high school is going to be fine. We do have those low scores for English I and English II; one thing I will say about that: Statewide, English I and English II have been low since the EOCs have come around. So it's just going to be a matter of instruction, and we're going to keep working with it and get those scores up."

Slover also referenced recent glitches in the state computerized testing system.

"When we did have the testing in April and May, we did have some online testing issues," she said. "I'm sure you saw that on Facebook, you saw it on the news. Yes, we experienced that as well. In April, there was a 30-minute delay. I think that the servers for ETS had rebooted during the test and knocked our kids off for about 30 minutes. Highly inconvenient, and there were a lot of complaints that went to TEA and ETS for that. We thought that they had it fixed, and then in May, they had a disruption as well. Our disruption here, depending on the campus, was between an hour and an hour and 30 minutes."

Slover said the district has received word from TEA saying that scores for students who didn't pass won't count this year, while students who managed to pass despite the delays will still count.

In other business, BSISD trustees:

- Selected School Board President Fabian Serrano as a delegate to the Texas Association of School Boards Delegate Assembly, with School Board Secretary Thomas Olague Jr. an alternate.
- Approved an agreement for the purchase of attendance credits.
- Approved awards given by the HOPE Foundation.
- Reaffirmed the food service contract with Aramark for year two of a five-year contract.
- Met in executive session.

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Trump declares via Twitter the NKorea nuclear threat is over

By ANNE FLAHERTY, ADAM SCHRECK and FOSTER KLUG

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump declared on Wednesday that there was "no longer a Nuclear Threat from North Korea," a dubious claim following his summit with leader Kim Jong Un that produced no guarantees on how and when Pyongyang would disarm.

"Just landed - a long trip, but everybody can now feel much safer than the day I took office," he tweeted. "There is no longer a Nuclear Threat from North Korea. Meeting with Kim Jong Un was an interesting and very positive experience. North Korea has great potential for the future!"

Trump's claim that North Korea no longer poses a nuclear threat is questionable considering Pyongyang's significant weapons arsenal.

Independent experts say the North could have enough fissile material for anywhere between about a dozen and 60 nuclear bombs. Last year it tested long-range missiles that could reach the U.S. mainland, although it remains unclear if it has mastered the technology to deliver a nuclear warhead that could re-enter the atmosphere and hit its target.

And while Trump and Kim have signed a joint statement that contained a repeat of past promises to work toward a denuclearized Korean Peninsula, the details haven't been nailed down. Trump has said strong verification would be included in a final agreement, with the particulars sorted out by his team with the North Koreans next week.

"Before taking office people were assuming that we were going to War with North Korea," Trump tweeted Wednesday. "President (Barack) Obama said that North Korea was our biggest and most dangerous problem. No longer - sleep well tonight!"

Trump's chest-thumping tweets seemed reminiscent of the "Mission Accomplished" banner flown behind President George W. Bush in 2003 when he spoke aboard a Navy ship following the U.S. invasion of Iraq. The words came back to haunt the administration, as the war dragged on throughout Bush's presidency.

When asked whether Trump was jumping the gun by declaring victory, White House counselor Kellyanne Conway told reporters: "This president wants North Korea to completely denuclearize so obviously that has to be complete, verifiable and irreversible. That will take a while."

Trump and Kim were returning to their respective strongholds following the talks — but to far different receptions.

In Pyongyang, North Korean state media heralded claims of a victorious meeting with the U.S. president; photos of him standing side-by-side with Trump on the world stage were splashed across newspapers. Trump, meanwhile, faced questions about whether he gave away



too much in return for far too little when he bestowed a new legitimacy on Kim's rule and agreed, at Pyongyang's request, to end war games with Seoul that the allies had long portrayed as crucial to Asian safety.

There were worries, especially in Tokyo and Seoul, which have huge U.S. military presences, about Trump agreeing to halt U.S. military exercises with South Korea, which the North has long claimed were invasion preparations. That concession to Kim appeared to catch the Pentagon and officials in Seoul off guard, and some South Koreans were alarmed.

"The United States is our ally, so the joint military drills are still necessary to maintain our relationship with the U.S.," said Lee Jae Sung, from Incheon. "I think they will be continued for a while."

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo arrived at Osan Air Base south of Seoul from Singapore early Wednesday evening. He met for nearly an hour at the air base with Gen. Vincent Brooks, commander of U.S. Forces Korea, before heading by motorcade to Seoul.

Pompeo will meet President Moon Jae-in on Thursday morning to discuss the summit. Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Kono is also heading to Seoul and is due to meet with Pompeo and his South Korean counterpart. Pompeo, the former CIA director, then plans to fly to Beijing to update the Chinese government on the talks.

Moon has championed engagement with the North, and the agreement's language on North Korea's nuclear program was similar to what the leaders of North and South Korea came up with at their own summit in April. Trump and Kim referred back to the so-called Panmunjom Declaration, which contained a weak commitment to denuclearization but no specifics on how to achieve it.

The North suggested Wednesday that Trump had moved away from his demand for complete denuclearization before U.S. sanctions on the long-isolated country are removed.

The Singapore agreement does not detail plans for North Korea to demolish a missile engine testing site, a concession Trump said he'd won, or Trump's promise to end military exercises in the South while negotiations between the U.S. and the North continue. Trump cast that decision as a cost-saving measure, but also called the exercises "inappropriate" while talks continue.

The U.S. has stationed combat troops in South Korea since the end of the Korean War in the 1950s and has used them in a variety of drills. The next scheduled major exercise, involving tens of thousands of troops, normally is held in August.

The Pentagon said Tuesday it was consulting with the White House and others, but was silent on whether the August exercise would proceed. Defense Secretary James Mattis' chief spokeswoman, Dana W. White, told reporters he was "in full alignment" with Trump.

In Japan, the prospect of canceled U.S.-South Korean drills was met with concern.

"The U.S.-South Korea joint exercises and U.S. forces in South Korea play significant roles for the security in East Asia," Japanese Defense Minister Itsunori Onodera told reporters Wednesday. He said he planned to continue sharing the view with Washington and Seoul.

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John "Morris" Villareal, Jr., 55, died Saturday. Funeral service was at 10 a.m. this morning at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Johnny Ray Lee, 15, died Friday. Funeral service will be at 4 p.m. at today Myers & Smith Chapel.

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NCAL

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among the many services provided by the center, which is one of the member agencies of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

The community center is committed to helping those who struggle not only financially, but in guidance for education and to help improve the life of both families and individuals. Last year, the NCAL helped over 700 people,

and will continue do so in fun and entertaining ways, such as the upcoming Fathers day contest to be held on June 16th, and a golf tournament slated for July 3rd.

"The local sponsors help so much, and we appreciate all of the support we get, it's amazing how much the community reaches out to help," -Dianna Martinez.

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

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considered armed and dangerous. This is an ongoing investigation, and no further information is available at this time.

If you have any information regarding this investigation, the whereabouts of Mrs. Overton or the vehicle she was driving, please call the Criminal Investigations Division Sergeant at (432)264-2558 or you can call CrimeStoppers at (432)263-TIPS (8477).

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George H.W. Bush becomes 1st US president to turn 94

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine (AP) — George H.W. Bush enjoyed a relaxing birthday on Tuesday as he became the first former U.S. president to turn 94.

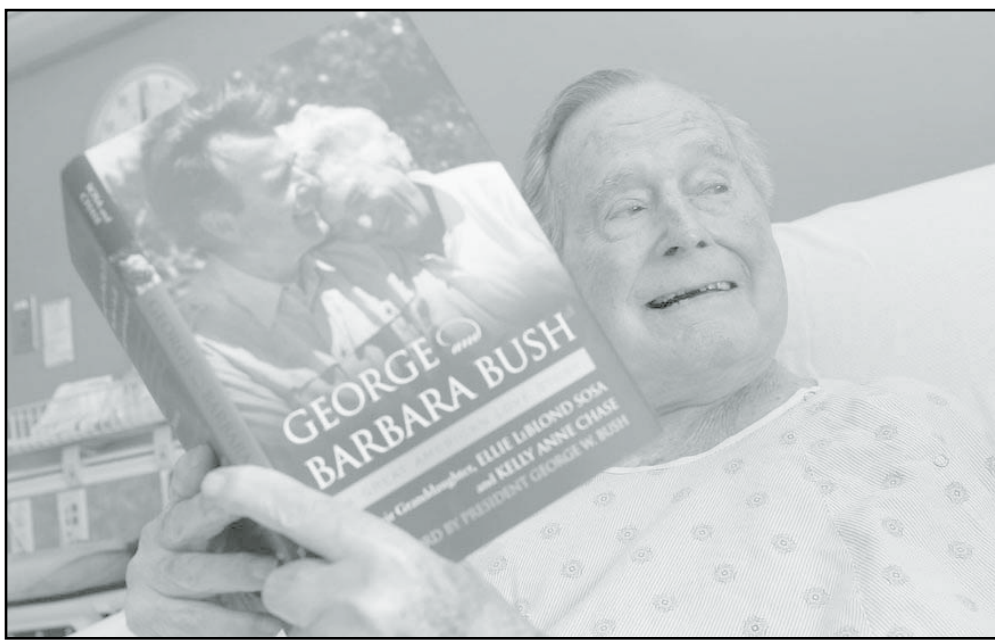
The nation's 41st president was receiving calls and taking it easy at his seaside home eight days after being released from a hospital where he was treated for low blood pressure, said Chief of Staff Jean Becker.

Several of his children were in town, including former President George W. Bush. Another son, Neil Bush, called on people in a newspaper opinion piece to volunteer and "to become a point of light."

As president, Bush encouraged others to be "points of light," reflecting his belief that people need to help out in their communities.

Bush became the oldest U.S. president months ago and is the first to celebrate a 94th birthday, said spokesman Jim McGrath.

Former Democratic President Jimmy Carter isn't far behind, at age 93, and he'll celebrate his 94th on Oct. 1. Two other former U.S. presidents made it to 93: de-



This file photo provided by Office of George H. W. Bush shows a photo of former President George H.W. Bush that was tweeted on Friday, June 1, 2018, from his hospital bed while reading a book about himself and his late wife in Biddeford, Maine.

ceased Republicans Ronald Reagan and Gerald Ford.

The Central Intelligence Agency marked Bush's birthday by releasing declassified material related to his tenure as the agency's director from January 1976 to January 1977.

The items include a video about his path to becoming CIA director and another about his farewell visit to the agency employees in January 1993, the final

month of his presidency.

Related to that visit is a copy of a schedule for a briefing over lunch to discuss Iraq, Bosnia, Somalia, counter-intelligence, counter-narcotics and "CIS Ops," an apparent reference to former Soviet states.

After dessert, the briefs included presentations on Russia, North Korea and "Clansig Operations," an agency acronym for clandestine signals intelligence.

Charitable giving in US tops \$400 billion for first time



In this Sept. 20, 2016, file photo, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and his wife, Priscilla Chan, prepare for a speech in San Francisco.

By DAVID CRARY

AP National Writer

NEW YORK — Fueled by a surging stock market and huge gifts from billionaires, charitable giving in the United States in 2017 topped the \$400 billion mark for the first time, according to the latest comprehensive report on Americans' giving patterns.

The Giving USA report, released Tuesday, said giving from individuals, estates, foundations and corporations reached an estimated \$410 billion in 2017 — more than the gross domestic product of countries such as Israel and Ireland. The total was up 5.2 percent in current dollars (3 percent adjusted for inflation) from the estimate of \$389.64 billion for 2016.

"Americans' record-breaking charitable giving in 2017 demonstrates that even in divisive times our commitment to philanthropy is solid," said Aggie Sweeney, chair of Giving USA Foundation, which publishes the annual report. It is researched and written by the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy.

Giving increased to eight of the nine charitable sectors identified by Giving USA. The only decline was for areas related to international affairs.

The biggest increase was in giving to foundations — up 15.5 percent. That surge was driven by large

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Trump contradicts US military stance on Korea war games

By ROBERT BURNS and FOSTER KLUG — Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's abrupt announcement Tuesday that he will suspend U.S. military drills in South Korea appeared to catch the Pentagon and the Seoul government flat-footed, and it contradicted a pillar of Defense Secretary Jim Mattis's campaign to make U.S. troops more combat-ready.

During a news conference following his summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, Trump pushed his unconventional approach even further by calling annual U.S.-South Korean military exercises "provocative." He also said he'd like to remove all 28,500 U.S. troops stationed in the South, although he made clear this was an option for the future, not a part of current negotiations.

The U.S. has stationed combat troops in South Korea since the end of the 1950-53 war and has used them in a variety of drills designed to sharpen skills and test troops' ability to operate effectively with their South Korean partners.

The next scheduled major exercise, known as Ulchi Freedom Guardian and involving tens of thousands of troops, normally is held in August.

"We will be stopping the war games, which will save us a tremendous amount of money, unless and until we see the future negotiation is not going along like it should," Trump said in Singapore. "But we'll be saving a tremendous amount of money. Plus, I think it's very provocative." In a later

interview with the Voice of America, Trump said the North Koreans were "very happy" about his decision to freeze the exercises "because it is so provocative."

In the wake of Trump's unexpected, almost off-hand comments to reporters, the Pentagon said it was consulting with the White House and others but was silent on whether Ulchi Freedom Guard-



AP photo

U.S. President Donald Trump answers questions about the summit with North Korea leader Kim Jong Un during a press conference at the Capella resort on Sentosa Island Tuesday, June 12, 2018 in Singapore.

ian will proceed. Mattis's chief spokeswoman, Dana W. White, told reporters he was "in full alignment" with Trump and had been consulted in advance on all aspects of the Singapore talks.

"There were no surprises," she said.

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If Mattis was aware that Trump was going to announce a suspension of military exercises, he apparently did not share that information with the South Koreans or with the military organization most directly affected: U.S. Forces Korea.

That U.S. command said it had "received no updated guidance on the execution or cessation of training exercises."

The South Korean government also appeared caught off guard. Seoul's presidential office told The Associated Press that it was trying to parse Trump's comments. The South Korean military seemed similarly surprised.

"At this current point, there is a need to discern the exact meaning and intent of President Trump's comments," Seoul's Defense Ministry said, adding that there have been no discussions yet with Washington on modifying drills set for August.

Trump's remarks contradicted decades of assertions by U.S. administrations that military exercises in South Korea are defensive and essential to ensuring that allied forces are ready at a moment's notice to fight the North. A favored U.S. slogan in South Korea is "ready to fight tonight."

Mattis often says his number one priority as Pentagon chief is to improve what he calls the "lethality" of the military, which includes making troops better equipped, trained and prepared for a full range of combat. In his view, preparedness equates to more effective deterrence -- persuading potential adversaries they cannot win and thus should not attack.

Trump's statement was portrayed by critics as an unreciprocated concession.

"Stopping the joint exercises has been a long-term goal for North Korea and China," two Asia analysts, Victor Cha and Sue Mi Terry, wrote in a summit assessment for the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "Trump delivered it while getting nothing in return beyond the same generalities that North Korea has been offering since the early 1990s."

Even some Republicans in Congress seemed uneasy about this. Rep. Ed Royce of California, who is chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, applauded Trump for pursuing peace through diplomacy, but he also said Kim had "gained much" Tuesday, "including an apparent promise" from Trump to suspend military drills.

Trump also seemed annoyed that U.S. bomber aircraft make six-plus hour flights from the Pacific island of Guam to the Korean peninsula as part of its exercise routine.

"Six and a half hours — that's a long time for these big massive planes to be flying to South Korea to practice and then drop bombs all over the place, and then go back to Guam," Trump said. "I know a lot about airplanes; it's very expensive."

North Korea regularly calls the military exercises provocative preparations for a northward invasion, and many of the scariest standoffs in recent years on the Korean Peninsula have happened when the drills were being staged.

Moon Seong Mook, a former South Korean military official, said Trump's comments on the drills confirmed what many in South Korea had feared all along — that North Korea would attempt to drive a wedge between Washington and Seoul and gain substantial concessions from an unconventional U.S. president who thinks much less of the traditional alliance than his predecessors.

"The American military presence in South Korea wouldn't mean much if the militaries don't practice through joint drills," said Moon, now a senior analyst for the Seoul-based Korea Research Institute for National Strategy.

#MeToo cases in the spotlight as Southern Baptists convene

By DAVID CRARY and RYAN TARINELLI

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Southern Baptist Convention opened its annual national meeting Tuesday in an anxious mood as the denomination's all-male leadership grapples with the fallout of multiple sexual misconduct cases.

One order of business is a draft resolution co-signed by dozens of SBC leaders calling on the largest Protestant denomination in the U.S. to repudiate any rhetoric or behavior that dishonors women. The resolution denounces those who commit or cover up such actions, and urges congregations and ministers to abide by all laws mandating the reporting of sexual abuse and assault.

In a late addition to the program, the SBC announced that Vice President Mike Pence would address the meet-



AP photo

In this June 13, 2017 file photo, the Southern Baptist Convention President Steve Gaines gives the president's address during the SBC annual meeting in Phoenix.

in church affairs.

In a recent video posted on Facebook, the Rev. J.D. Greear, one of two candidates to become the SBC's next

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High court voter roll decision may have limited impact



AP photo

In this Jan. 10, 2018, file photo, people rally outside of the Supreme Court in opposition to Ohio's voter roll purges in Washington.

By CHRISTINA A. CASSIDY

Associated Press

ATLANTA — A U.S. Supreme Court ruling has cleared the way for states to take a tougher approach

to maintaining their voter rolls, but will they?

Ohio plans to resume its process for removing inactive voters after it was affirmed in Monday's 5-4 ruling. It takes a particularly

aggressive approach that appears to be an outlier among states.

Few appear eager to follow.

"Our law has been on the books. It hasn't changed, and it isn't changing," said Oklahoma Election Board spokesman Bryan Dean.

At issue is when a state begins the process to notify and ultimately remove people from the rolls after a period of non-voting. In most states with similar laws, like Oklahoma, that process begins after voters miss two or more federal elections.

In Ohio, it starts if voters sit out a two-year period that includes just one federal election. They are removed from the rolls if they fail to vote over the following four years or do not return an address-con-

firmation card.

Opponents of the laws say their intent is to purge people from the rolls, particularly minorities and the poor who tend to vote Democratic. Supporters say voters are given plenty of chances to keep their active status and that the rules adhere to federal law requiring states to maintain accurate voter rolls.

Democrats and voting rights groups have expressed concern that other states will be emboldened by the ruling and adopt more aggressive tactics to kick voters off the rolls. In addition to Oklahoma, Georgia, Montana, Oregon, Pennsylvania and West Virginia have laws similar to Ohio's.

But even Republican-

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gifts from major philanthropists to their own foundations — including \$1 billion from Dell Technologies CEO Michael Dell and his wife, Susan, and \$2 billion from Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and his wife, Priscilla Chan.

Other sectors with increases of more than 6 percent included education, health, arts and culture, environment and animal welfare, and public-society benefit organizations — groups which work on such issues as voter education, civil rights, civil liberties and consumer rights.

Despite the record-setting total, Americans' level of generosity is no higher than it was decades ago. For

2017, giving by individuals represented 2 percent of total disposable income — down from 2.4 percent in 2000 and the same as the rate in 1978. Similarly, total charitable donations have hovered around 2 percent of the gross domestic product for many years; for 2017, that figure was 2.1 percent.

Una Osili, a dean and economics professor at the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, says the school's research shows that the percentage of U.S. households making charitable donations has declined steadily in recent years, from about 67 percent in 2000 to 56.6 percent in 2015 — the latest year for which data is available.

She said giving rates for lower- and middle-class families had dropped significantly since the 2008 recession,

while the giving rate for the wealthiest 20 percent of households was relatively steady.

Stacy Palmer, editor of the Chronicle of Philanthropy, said many fundraisers in the U.S. — while pleased with the recent increase in gifts — are unsure what lies ahead.

If trade wars break out, she said, that could weaken the economy to the point at which it deters some donors. She said fundraisers also worry that some middle-class donors may cut back on giving if changes in the new tax law no longer give them a deduction for their charitable donations.

Alluding to the surge of megagifts by the wealthy, Palmer added, "Some people feel they don't need to give any more."

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Extreme fire danger forces another national forest to close

By COLLEEN SLEVIN

Associated Press

DENVER — Extreme fire danger prompted officials to shut down a sprawling forest that includes some of Colorado's most stunning mountains in a region that attracts tourists from around the world, a rare tactic also being used in neighboring states as the U.S. Southwest struggles with severe drought.

National forests and parks in Arizona and New Mexico have already been shut down as precautions.

San Juan National Forest officials in southwestern Colorado closed hundreds of miles of trails and thousands of miles of back roads to hikers, bikers, horseback riders and campers Tuesday to prevent the possibility of an abandoned campfire or any other spark from starting a wildfire. It's the first full closure of a national forest in Colorado since 2002, which was another very dry year.

The closure will remain until sufficient precipitation eases the fire danger.

The move comes as the residents of over 2,000 homes have been forced to evacuate because of a fire that started June 1 in the forest that has burned about 31 square miles (about 80 square kilometers). It is 15 percent contained. Another fire nearby has burned about 4 square miles (10 square kilometers). Authorities are still investigating how the fire started.

No homes have been lost although the fire came close to buildings Sunday night, authorities said. Fire managers credited advance fire mitigation work by homeowners for helping firefighters save the structures.

Much of the U.S. West is experiencing some level of drought and the Four Corners region — where Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado meet — is at the center of a large patch of exceptional drought.



In New Mexico, the Santa Fe National Forest, along with portions of three national park sites, closed June 1 because of the fire danger. The Santa Fe forest is among New Mexico's most popular getaways.

The U.S. Forest Service also is planning to bar recreation in a handful of ranger districts in the Cibola National Forest outside of Albuquerque beginning Friday.

Portions of national forests in Arizona were also closed in late May because of severe fire conditions.

Full forest closures are not common and the Forest Service stresses they're only done as a last resort.

The Coconino National Forest in Arizona shut down completely because of fire danger in 2006 for nine days. A 2002 shutdown lasted nine weeks, including both Memorial Day and July 4 holidays, and other national forests had closures that year.

Colorado's latest closure will also bar non-recreational uses, although ranchers, for example, who use some of the forest's over 2,800 square miles (7,252 square kilometers) for grazing will be able to seek exemptions, San Juan National Forest spokeswoman Cam Hooley said.

If any exemptions are granted, those users would be required to take precautions, such as carrying water, shovels and fire extinguishers and possibly only allowed in during certain times of the day, she said.

"We recognize that this is difficult for the local businesses and the local economy and just ask that people just be understanding and patient," Hooley said.

The region, which is also home to Mesa Verde National Park, relies heavily on visitors to support its economy and fire managers have tried to help encourage them to keep coming by including links to tourism information in their regular fire updates.

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president, said the church has hurt itself by excluding women from top leadership posts.

Complementarianism "is biblical and we need to honor that ... but at the same time recognize that God has gifted women with spiritual gifts," he said. "We need to be as committed to raising them up in leadership and ministries as we are to our sons."

Greear, 45, a mega-church pastor from North Carolina who sometimes preaches in jeans and shirts with no sport coat, faces pastor and former seminary president Ken Hemphill, 70, in the presidential election.

Greear narrowly lost the election for president in 2016, and has been viewed by many Southern Baptists as the inevitable winner this time. Hemphill was nominated by

some veteran SBC leaders who view him as less likely to propose potentially divisive changes.

As the two-day meeting begins, advocates of a greater role for women in the SBC plan a protest rally outside the convention center. Rally organizers want the SBC to create a database of clergy sex offenders and require all pastors and seminarians to undergo training on how to address domestic abuse and sexual assault.

Paige Patterson, the central figure in the most prominent of the SBC's #MeToo cases, had been scheduled to deliver the featured sermon at the national meeting. However, he withdrew from that role Friday, heeding a request from other SBC leaders.

Patterson was recently dismissed as president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Texas because of his response to two rape allegations made years apart by

students. He also was accused of making improper remarks about a teenage girl's body and contending that women who are in abusive relationships should almost always stay with their husbands.

SBC leaders say there are many more cases — adding up to a humiliating debacle for the 15.2 million-member denomination.

"The avalanche of sexual misconduct that has come to light in recent weeks is almost too much to bear," the Rev. Albert Mohler, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, wrote in a recent blog post.

In addition to its debates over gender roles, the SBC has struggled to overcome its history as a denomination formed in defense of slaveholders.

On Monday, SBC leaders announced they would expel the Raleigh White Baptist Church in Alba-

ny, Georgia, because of racial discrimination.

According to Baptist Press, the SBC's official news service, the Raleigh White congregation agreed three years ago to share its space with a predominantly black congregation, but conflicts arose. In March, when some of the black worshippers arrived at the church unexpectedly, a black female was told to use the restroom at a nearby convenience store, rather than the restroom in the church.

Sing Oldham, an SBC spokesman, said he believed it was the first time the SBC had expelled a church on racism-related grounds.

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led states where officials are concerned about voter fraud may be wary when it comes to following the Ohio model.

One hurdle is likely to come from local governments, where election administrators would have to deal with disgruntled voters and manage an increase in the number of people placed on inactive voter lists, said Myrna Perez, who has studied voter list practices in her role as deputy director of the Brennan Center's Democracy Program.

"Using one election as an indicator is going to lead to a whole lot of false positives," she said. "There are plenty of states that clean their voter rolls successfully without being as aggressive as Ohio."

West Virginia is more lenient in targeting inactive voters than Ohio. Among other things, it requires counties in the year following a presidential election to mail an address confirmation to people who have not voted in any election during the previous four years.

Julie Archer of the watchdog West Virginia Citizen Action Group said the process appears to be working as it should.

"There is not a need to do something more aggressive," she said.

The controversy over Ohio's approach arose from apparently conflicting mandates in the National Voter Registration Act, which became law in 1993. It requires states to maintain accurate voter registration lists but also says they should protect against inadvertently removing properly registered voters.

Since 1994, Ohio has used voters' inactivity after two years — encompassing one federal election cycle — to trigger a process that could lead to removal from the voter rolls. That process has been used under both Democratic and Republican secretaries of state, but groups representing voters did not sue until 2016, under current Republican Secretary of State Jon Husted.

The legal action followed what the lawsuit called "a massive statewide purge" of voters in the summer of 2015.

In Pennsylvania, the process isn't triggered unless people have failed to vote for five years, or two general election cycles. The state has no plans to change that, Department of State spokeswoman Wanda Murren said.

The existing system hasn't been drawing complaints, said Ray Murphy, a spokesman for Keystone Votes, a liberal coalition that advocates for changes to Pennsylvania election law. But he said the group will watch the Legislature closely for any signs that lawmakers will want to follow Ohio's more stringent method.

Ballot access is a frequent battleground for Democrats and Republicans, but it's not always a neatly partisan issue.

In Oregon, for example, Republican Secretary of State Dennis Richardson last year expanded the period for removing people from the rolls from five years of non-voting to 10 years.

"A registered voter should not lose their voting rights solely because they haven't participated recently," he said in a written statement following Monday's Supreme Court ruling.

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Astros beat A's for 6th straight win

By JANIE MCCAULEY

AP Baseball Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — After Houston fell into a quick one-run hole, Evan Gattis appreciated how the Astros came right back swinging. Fences-clearing swings.

"It's like let 'em know we're here, you know?" he said.

Gattis hit a three-run homer and drove in five runs, Carlos Correa returned from a four-game absence and homered on the first pitch he saw, and the Astros beat the Oakland Athletics 6-3 on Tuesday night for their sixth straight win.

Gattis has seven homers and 20 RBIs over his last 14 games.

"It's been good for the last month," he said. "It's easy to lose sight of that when you have a couple games where it's like 1 for 8 or 9 or something like that. The last couple games in Texas. It's good to kind of sustain it a little bit."

Lance McCullers Jr. (8-3) struck out five over seven strong innings, allowing two runs and five hits while winning a second straight decision. He surrendered Stephen Piscotty's sacrifice fly in the second and then kept Oakland's powerful order in check.

Correa was in the lineup at shortstop after missing a series sweep at Texas with soreness in his right side after leaving last Wednesday's game against the

Mariners following an at-bat in the seventh inning.

Oakland scored on a wild pitch in the first before the Astros answered against Daniel Mengden (6-6). Correa homered leading off the second. Gattis hit his 11th homer three batters later, and then chased Mengden with a two-run double with two outs in the fifth.

"He's obviously seeing the ball and he's putting the barrel on it and coming up with huge hits, a lot of them doing damage," manager A.J. Hinch said.

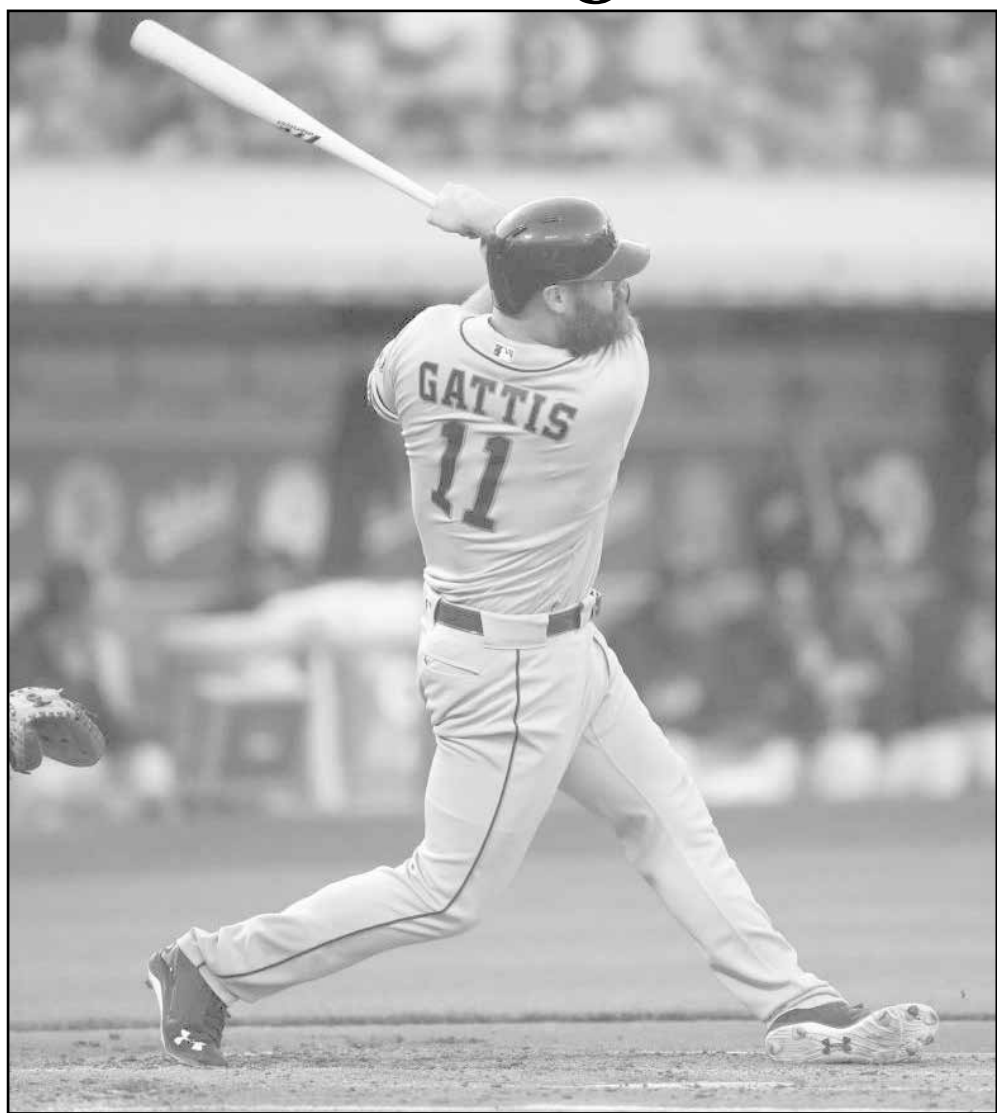
Matt Chapman hit three doubles before being hit by a pitch in the left hand in the eighth by Collin McHugh. X-rays were negative. Chapman's three doubles matched the Oakland single-game record, done for the 28th time and first since Matt Joyce last Sept. 27.

"He's using the whole field, seeing the ball early. Earlier in the season he was similar to this but right now I think he's seeing the ball as well as he has all year," A's manager Bob Melvin said. "You're seeing that the last few games."

Ken Giles finished for his 11th save in 11 tries as the World Series champions moved to 6-1 so far this season against the A's.

Both teams left the bases loaded in the fourth.

Mengden was charged with six runs and eight hits.



AP photo

Houston Astros' Evan Gattis connects for a three-run home run off Oakland Athletics' Daniel Mengden during the second inning of a baseball game Tuesday, June 12, 2018, in Oakland, Calif.

Dodgers win over Rangers 12-5



AP photo

Texas Rangers starting pitcher Bartolo Colon throws to a Los Angeles Dodgers batter during the first inning of a baseball game Tuesday, June 12, 2018, in Los Angeles.

By BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — After muddling their way through the first two months of the season, the Los Angeles Dodgers are hitting their stride in June.

Joc Pederson, Max Muncy and Yasiel Puig homered off ageless wonder Bartolo Colon, and the defending NL champions broke loose for seven runs in the fourth inning to rout the last-place Texas Rangers 12-5 on Tuesday night and improve to 8-2 this month.

Los Angeles moved two games above .500 for the first time this season.

"Winning is contagious," said Cody Bellinger, who reached base safely in four of five plate appearances. "When you're winning, everything comes together."

The Dodgers pounded out 16 hits in taking their

second straight game.

"We're taking a lot of good swings," manager Dave Roberts said.

Colon, the 45-year-old right-hander, has allowed 19 homers this season. He recorded his 2,500th career strikeout against Muncy in the first.

Colon (3-4) got tagged for season highs in runs (eight) and hits (nine) over 3 1/3 innings after tossing at least five innings in 10 of 11 starts. He was trying to break a tie with Hall of Famer Juan Marchal for most wins by a Dominican-born pitcher — they both have 243.

"They took advantage of me. They got heated up good," Colon said through a translator. "That's what happened, so I couldn't do (anything). They were very aggressive and I couldn't hold them."

The Rangers lost their season high-tying fifth in a row in their first visit to Dodger Stadium since 2015. They fell to 14-19 on the road, having lost four

of their last five.

Texas manager Jeff Banister liked Colon's velocity early on before watching it tail off.

"Couldn't get the sinker where he wanted it to. It seemed like all pitches were getting hit pretty good," he said. "Fastball was elevated and couldn't land the off-speed stuff down in the strike zone where he wanted to."

Edward Paredes (1-0) got the win with a scoreless inning of relief.

Daniel Corcino pitched three innings for his first career save, but stumbled with two outs in the ninth when he allowed two runs. Jurickson Profar had an RBI error by Puig in right field.

Pederson's two-run homer in the second — his seventh in eight games — gave the Dodgers a 3-0 lead after Puig drove in their first run with a two-out double.

Pederson notched his fourth three-hit game of the season. He hit just one homer in the first 53 games, and now has seven in his last eight games since June 2.

"What I used to do in the past is worry about the results," he said. "Used to get real frustrated with not getting results. Instead, I'm just sticking to the process. I've been hitting some balls hard on the ground. Now I'm able to get some balls in the air and do some damage."

Muncy hit his team-leading 13th homer, going deep in his fourth straight game, to make it 4-2 in the third. He made his first start of the season at second base.

The Dodgers batted around in the fourth, with Puig powering a two-run homer to get the scoring started. Chris Taylor added an RBI single and scored on an error by Profar at shortstop. Bellinger had an RBI double and Yasmani Grandal hit a two-run single in extending their lead to 11-2.

Muncy's groundout in the fifth made it 12-3.

Caleb Ferguson allowed two runs and five hits in four innings during his second major league start for the Dodgers after being recalled from Triple-A Oklahoma City earlier in the day. The left-hander struck out three and walked two.

Adrian Beltre had an RBI single for the Rangers, and Shin-Soo Choo homered leading off the fifth.

North American to host 2026 World Cup

By ROB HARRIS and GRAHAM DUNBAR

AP Sports Writers

MOSCOW — North America will host the 2026 World Cup after FIFA voters overwhelmingly opted for the financial and logistical certainty of a United States-led bid over a risky Moroccan proposal for the first 48-team tournament.

The soccer showpiece will return to the U.S. for the first time since 1994 after gaining 134 votes, while Morocco got 65 at the FIFA Congress in Moscow on Wednesday.

The vote by football federations was public, in contrast to secrecy surrounding the ballot by FIFA's elected board members for the 2018 and 2022 hosts, Russia and Qatar, in 2010.

The U.S. proposed staging 60 out of the 80 games in 2026, when 16 teams will be added to the finals, leaving



AP photo

Decio de Maria, President of the Football Association of Mexico, left, and Canadian soccer player Alphonso Davies, right, present a joint United bid by Canada, Mexico and the United States to host the 2026 World Cup at the FIFA congress in Moscow, Russia, Wednesday, June 13, 2018.

Canada and Mexico with ten fixtures each.

An optimistic promise of delivering \$14 billion in revenue helped sway voters, along with the lack of major construction work required on the 16 planned stadiums, all of which already exist.

By contrast, Morocco appeared too hazardous as a potential host when all 14 venues had to be built or renovated as part of a \$16 billion investment in new infrastructure. The vote leaves Morocco reeling from a fifth failure in a World Cup hosting vote, with the continent's sole tournament coming in 2010 in South Africa.

While Morocco's combined tickets and hospitality revenue would be \$1.07 billion, according to FIFA analysis, North America would generate \$2 billion additional income.

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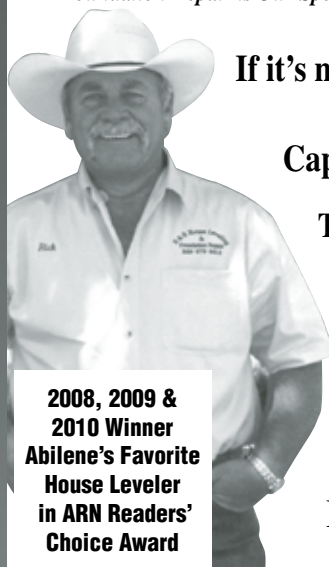
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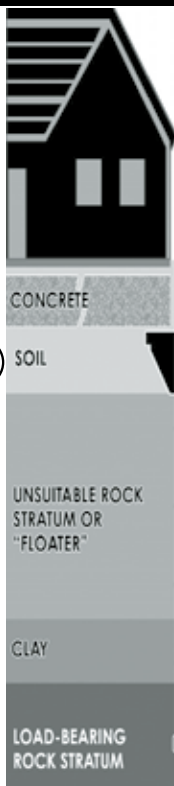
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Annie's Mailbox

Brother Butts In

Dear Annie: I am feeling so desperate, angry and frustrated. I deal with depression, and my brother is certainly not helping matters. I am 65. I cannot do a lot of lifting because of back problems, so I wait for my grandkids to come and help me when they can, which is not so often as I'd like.

My brother thinks I am a hoarder. He tells me that I have obsessive-compulsive disorder and that I need to deal with my problems. My brother is an alcoholic but does go to Alcoholics Anonymous and has

not imbibed for over 20 years. Every time we get together, he is rude and sarcastic and will not stop the conversation when I tell him that he is not my counselor and that my issues are my business and not his.

I do not feel that I'm a hoarder by any means. I will admit that I have accumulated things over the years and that this has gotten out of hand, but my home is not filthy or toxic. My downstairs area is not accessible at this time because I have been sorting through my things. I have taken several bags to The Salvation Army. I have thrown

many things away. And some of the items I've kept will be set up for a rummage sale this summer. If these items do not sell, they are going. This is not good enough for my brother.

I was going to my own counselor, but she retired at the end of April. She was awestruck with some of the things that my brother has said and done. Now he wants us to go to counseling. The problem is that I'm so tired of his abuse that I just don't want to be around him anymore. My brother has no concept of what personal boundaries are. What is your response to all of this? -- Want Peace

Back in My Life

Dear Want Peace: You are right that these are your issues, not your brother's. He might be trying to help, but forcing his version of help upon you clearly isn't helping anyone. The good news is that it doesn't matter too much if he has no concept of personal boundaries, because the person who sets your boundaries is you. You get to decide how often you talk to your brother and how many of his comments you take to heart. Peace is within your power.

That being said, it does sound as though clutter is getting in the way of your life. Your

items have rendered a floor of your house inaccessible, and you admit that it's gotten out of hand. If you have a desire to address that issue, you don't have to wait until your children or grandchildren come by to help. Consider hiring a personal organizer or senior move manager to sort out your belongings and move things into storage. You can also call a junk removal service for the items you have no use for.

Even more important than addressing your clutter, however, is treating and managing your depression. Your therapist should have referred you to

someone else when she retired. Follow up with her for some names. If you can't get in touch with her, the American Psychological Association offers a psychologist locator tool on its website. Psychology Today offers a similar tool: <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/therapists>.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



New Moon and New Venus, Too

The Gemini new moon and a new position for Venus favor the dance of social discourse, through breezy conversation or through actual dancing, which has been a part of human expression since the tribal beginnings of human evolution. In fact, movement might allow you to work something out that can't be worked out in other ways.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be caught in the shuffle of shifting priorities and redistributed responsibility. Indecision at higher levels will influence your destiny. Even so, the main determinations of the day will be yours to make.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Emotions are invitations to greater strength and power. Every time you accept and stick with an emotion through its lifespan (which can last months or minutes), you increase your capacity to manage your feelings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What's left undone is left out of fear. There's no pleasant way to face it, but if you don't face it eventually, the result will

be most unpleasant indeed. Come on. It won't be that bad. Just dive in and get it done.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). History has lessons it can only teach to the willing. The tendency is to say, "Well that was then; this is now." But the correlation will be rather obvious to the awake people of this class. It always repeats! Who's ready?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You may engage in frivolous pursuits, but solving sartorial problems of the day isn't among them. Clothing choice matters. It requires thought and discernment. Dress for style and respect, not attention.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You speak kindly of yourself and those around you; say thank you and return favors; and make time for those who need a friend. These quality habits will be their own reward, and yet other rewards spring forth, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are those who can't help but think in terms of finding a scapegoat. To own up to their own faults would cause unbearable shame. They fear being cut off for their mistakes. But mistakes are lessons, not death sentences.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The most ingenious comment in the world repeated over and over in an annoying tone will start to sound like idiocy. Even the brightest insights come across as

wrongheaded to those predisposed to think of them as such.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The new rule of thumb for those seeking to reach their maximum attractiveness quotient is to cultivate at least three hobbies that do not involve a screen. Energy spent in this direction will quickly repay you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Teenagers aren't the only ones prone to thinking that a problem is the worst thing ever in one moment

and then in the next moment finding that it's not even worth thinking about. This is a human thing. Bear with it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It is said that essence and life cannot be seen, but today you feel like you can see it -- and hear it and dance to it. Furthermore, there are certain people and places that occur to you like springs, gushing pure vitality.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Thanks to internet search engines it's easier to

know what millions of people around the world think about a subject than it is to ask your own mom. But ask your own mom (or maternal influence) anyway.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 13). An encouraging group of friends will help you make a personal goal. The time you devote to work will ramp up over the next 10 weeks. Professional gains

in 2019 will reflect a jump in experience level. You'll get a bonus. Stash it away for a major purchase. Travel and moves are favored in October and May. Aries and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 12, 14, 30 and 45.

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8	3	2	9	4	6	7	5	1
5	4	7	2	1	3	9	8	6
6	9	1	5	7	8	4	3	2
1	7	9	6	8	5	3	2	4
4	5	3	7	2	9	1	6	8
2	8	6	1	3	4	5	9	7
7	1	5	3	6	2	8	4	9
9	2	4	8	5	7	6	1	3
3	6	8	4	9	1	2	7	5

ANSWERS:

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Different strokes

West dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ J 9 7 2
♥ K 9 4
♦ A 7
♣ A 8 6 2
WEST
♠ Q 5 4
♥ A 10 7 5 3
♦ K Q 9 2
♣ Q
EAST
♠ A 10 8 6
♥ Q 6 2
♦ J 10 5 4
♣ 9 3
SOUTH
♠ K 3
♥ J 8
♦ 8 6 3
♣ K J 10 7 5 4

The bidding:
West 1♥ **North** Pass **East** 1NT **South** 3♣
Opening lead — five of hearts.
This deal occurred in a match between Italy and the United States many years ago. There wasn't much of a swing, as the final contract at each table was only three clubs, but the play at one table took an unexpected twist.
At the first table, Howard Schenken and B. Jay Becker were West and East, respectively. After Schenken's one-heart opening and Becker's one-notrump response, the Italian South bid three clubs, which closed the auction.

Schenken decided that there

wasn't much chance of beating the contract with ordinary defense, so he led the five of hearts!

Declarer can hardly be blamed for playing low from dummy. He assumed that West had led from a holding such as Q-10-7-5-x, in which case following low from dummy would be the only way to score a heart trick.

Becker naturally played the queen, and when it held, he knew Schenken had underled the ace. Not to be outdone, Becker returned a low spade! Again declarer misguessed, following low from his hand in the hope that East had the queen and West the ace. But Schenken won with the queen and shifted to the king of diamonds, and declarer eventually went down one.

At the second table, the bidding started exactly the same way, but the American South bid only two clubs over East's one-notrump response, and was raised to three clubs by North. Here West led the king of diamonds. Declarer took the ace, drew trump, led a heart to the king, which won, continued with a spade to the king, which won, and so made four clubs for a score of 130.

The U.S. thus gained 180 points on the deal. It wasn't earthshaking, but for Becker and Schenken, it was very satisfying.

Tomorrow: Avoiding a crucial finesse.

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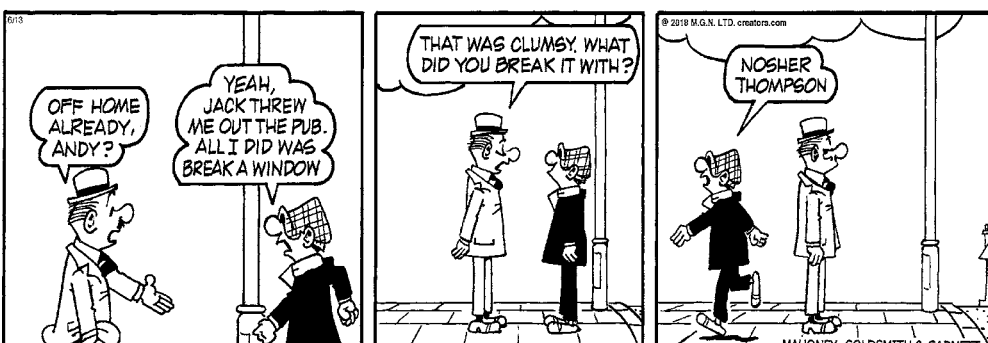
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, June 13, the 164th day of 2018. There are 201 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On June 13, 1978, the movie musical "Grease," starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John, had its world premiere in New York.

On this date: In 1525, German theologian Martin Luther married former nun Katharina von Bora.

In 1789, during the French Revolution, the National Assembly convened.

In 1842, Queen Victoria became the first British monarch to ride on a train, traveling from Slough Railway Station to Paddington in 25 minutes.

In 1911, the ballet "Petrouchka," with music by Igor Stravinsky and choreography by Michel Fokine, was first performed in Paris by the Ballets Russes, with Vaslav Nijinsky in the title role.

In 1927, aviation hero Charles Lindbergh was honored with a ticker-tape parade in New York City.

In 1935, James Braddock claimed the title of world heavyweight boxing champion from Max Baer in a 15-round fight in Queens, New York. "Becky Sharp," the first movie photographed in "three-strip" Technicolor, opened in New York.

In 1942, a four-man Nazi sabotage team arrived on Long Island, New York, three days before a second four-man team landed in Florida. (All eight men were arrested after two members of the first group defected.) President Franklin D. Roosevelt created the Office of Strategic Services and the Office of War Information.

In 1957, the Mayflower II, a replica of the ship that brought the Pilgrims to America in 1620, arrived at Plymouth, Massachusetts, after a nearly two-month journey from England.

In 1966, the Supreme Court ruled in Miranda v. Arizona that criminal suspects had to be informed of their constitutional right to consult with an attorney and to remain silent.

In 1977, James Earl Ray, the convicted assassin of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., was recaptured following his escape three days earlier from a Tennessee prison.

In 1983, the U.S. space probe Pioneer 10, launched in 1972, became the first spacecraft to leave the solar system as it crossed the orbit of Neptune.

In 1993, Canada's Progressive Conservative Party chose Defense Minister Kim Campbell to succeed Brian Mulroney (muhl-ROO'-nee) as prime minister; she was the first woman to hold the post. Astronaut Donald K. "Deke" Slayton died in League City, Texas, at age 69.

Ten years ago: Tim Russert, moderator of NBC's "Meet the Press," died suddenly while preparing for his weekly broadcast; he was 58. Pope Benedict XVI took President George W. Bush on a rare stroll through the lush grounds of the Vatican Gardens during the leaders' third visit together. R. Kelly was acquitted of all charges in his child pornography trial in Chicago, ending a six-year ordeal for the R&B superstar.

Five years ago: The White House said it had conclusive evidence that Syrian President Bashar Assad's regime had used chemical weapons against opposition forces seeking to overthrow the government. The U.S. Supreme Court unanimously threw out attempts to patent human genes, siding with advocates who said the multibillion-dollar biotechnology industry should not have exclusive control over genetic information found in the human body.

One year ago: A comatose Otto Warmbier (WARM'-beer), released by North Korea after more than 17 months in captivity, arrived in Cincinnati aboard a medevac flight; the 22-year-old college student, who had suffered severe brain damage, died six days later. Two inmates got through a gate inside a Georgia prison bus, shot and killed two guards and fled in a carjacked vehicle; the inmates were captured two days later in Tennessee. Rolling Stone magazine agreed to pay \$1.65 million to settle a defamation lawsuit filed by a University of Virginia fraternity over a debunked story about a rape on campus. Anita Pallenberg, a model and actress who had children with Keith Richards and served as a muse for the Rolling Stones, died in Chichester, West Sussex, England.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Bob McGrath is 86. Artist Christo is 83. Magician Siegfried

(Siegfried & Roy) is 79. Actor Malcolm McDowell is 75. Former U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon is 74. Singer Dennis Locorriere is 69. Actor Richard Thomas is 67. Actor Jonathan Hogan is 67. Actor Stellan Skarsgard is 67. Comedian Tim Allen is 65. North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper is 61. Actress Ally Sheedy is 56. TV anchor Hannah Storm is 56. Rock

musician Paul deLisle (deh-LYL') (Smash Mouth) is 55. Actress Lisa Vidal is 53. Singer David Gray is 50. Rhythm and blues singer Deniece Pearson (Five Star) is 50. Rock musician Soren Rasted (Aqua) is 49. Actor Jamie Walters is 49. Singer-musician Rivers Cuomo (Weezer) is 48. Country singer Susan Haynes is 46. Actor Steve-O is 44. Country singer Jason Michael Carroll is 40.

Actor Ethan Embry is 40. Actor Chris Evans is 37. Actress Sarah Schaub is 35. Singer Raz B is 33. Actress Kat Dennings is 32. Actress Ashley Olsen is 32. Actress Mary-Kate Olsen is 32. DJ/producer Gesaffelstein is 31. Actor Aaron Taylor-Johnson is 28.

Thought for Today:

"What intellectual snobs we have become! Virtue is now in the number of degrees you have — not in the kind of person you are or what you can accomplish in real-life situations."

Eda J. LeShan, American educator

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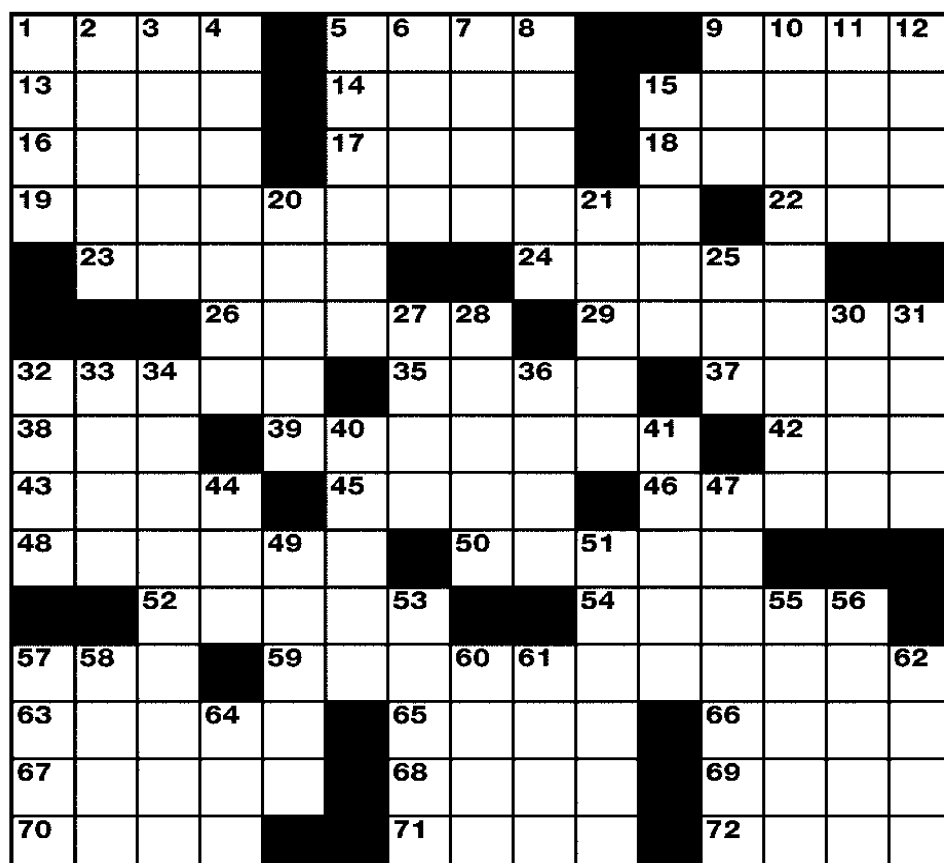
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5 Japanese wrestling
9 Small measure of area: Abbr.
13 Simplify
14 Molecule part
15 Scoundrel
16 Operatic solo
17 Sheet of glass
18 Helps in a heist
19 Pocket devices to answer
22 Maritime distress signal
23 Sleep sound
24 Paid out
26 Some museum statues
29 Go sailing
32 South American mountains
35 Big shot's auto
37 Christmas season
38 Feline zodiac sign
39 Small computers
42 '60s war zone, informally
43 Bit of rain
45 Shaker condiment
46 Is durable
48 Nimble
50 Wise people
52 Contradict
54 Takes a break
57 Pub serving
59 Party announcements to answer
63 Oklahoma oil city
65 Biblical paradise

- 66 Graceful bird
67 Stared at
68 Home of twigs
69 Hawaiian carving
70 Annoyance
71 Arm drawings, for short
72 Phase of a project
DOWN
1 Briny waters
2 Heats up a bit
3 From Thailand or Tibet
4 Chronological beginning
5 Drained of energy
6 It's west of Colorado
7 Prefix like uni-

- 8 Prophetic signs
9 Weep loudly
10 Exam parts to answer
11 Analogy phrase
12 Legendary loch
15 High-tech pointer
20 Have faith in
21 Orlando-area attraction
25 Convent resident
27 Napoleon exile isle
28 Window ledges
30 Usher's destination
31 Shade trees
32 M*A*S*H star
33 Uncool person
34 Entryway sounds to answer
36 Prefix for physics

- 40 Sean of the Lord of the Rings films
41 Wintry precipitation
44 "The Raven" author
47 Helps out
49 Homeric epic
51 Donations from foundations
53 Social gathering
55 "Specifically . . ."
56 Cobra or constrictor
57 Perched upon
58 Winter Olympics sled
60 Concept
61 Try out
62 Scissors sound
64 Fully prepared



Answer to previous puzzle: STRAP, DATA, ABCD, AROMA, ALUM, DEAR, NOSI, RITOGO, OGRE, ETA, CHEESE, FRIENDS, SEED, BLENDS, IMPFUL, NCAAA, STARE, TARS, LIAR, STARE, CREAM, OFMUSHROOM, HYENA, SEXY, INAT, PROD, RACERS, ONSALE, OINK, BUTTER, PECAN, RBI, ADAB, EAVE, UNION, MESA, AREA, ABBOT, ASHY, DARRIN, LAISSO

Wentz eager to return, but Foles allows Eagles to wait



Press. "There's the mental side of it, feeling comfortable with it, but also the physical limitations that the doctors put on you and you have to trust what they're saying. If I could tell you I'd be ready Week 1, I would. I just don't know. It's a fluid process. That's obviously the goal but so far things have been great."

Wentz's comeback comes with interesting circumstances: He has no pressure to return right away because the Eagles can lean on the Super Bowl MVP to start the season. And that's not necessarily a threat to Wentz, whose friendship with Foles doesn't have the strain seen in other famed NFL tandems like Brett Favre and Aaron Rodgers or Joe Montana and Steve Young.

"We've become so close ever since he first got here," Wentz said. "Developed a real friendship, a real relationship, more than just a working relationship, a true friendship."

Wentz admits it was difficult to see someone else hoist the Vince Lombardi Trophy on stage first. But the two quarterbacks are more like brothers than competitors for the starting job.

"It's human nature to want to be on that podium and be the guy," Wentz said. "You grow up wanting to be there, but not being able to be up there, there's nobody I'd rather have up there than Nick."

Eagles coach Doug Pederson has made it clear there's no quarterback controversy in Philadelphia since the minute Foles finished a sensational performance in the 41-33 win over the Patriots. When he's healthy, Wentz is the guy. He's the face of the franchise.

"I still believe this is Carson's team," Pederson said Tuesday. "There are no egos involved. They're

in this thing together. Both support each other. Nick supported Carson during the season last year, and then Carson turned around and supported Nick at the end of the year.

"Their relationship has carried over into this spring and summer, and it's really good. I see them working in the classroom. I see them working on the field. They keep talking. They want to get better individually. They want to get our team better. And so it's been a really good, really good dynamic between those two."

Foles has maintained since he replaced Wentz last December that he understands his role is the backup. He wants to start again in the NFL, but was happy to stay in Philadelphia.

"I've shown what I can do," Foles said. "I love the team and I love the city. I'm excited for Carson to get back."

While he was focused on rehabbing and returning to the field as quickly as possible, Wentz pursued other interests during the offseason. He went to Haiti for the second time in less than a year in April — teammates Zach Ertz, Nate Sudfeld and Rashard Davis joined him — and launched plans for his Audience of One Foundation to build a sports complex in that country.

"Being able to partner up with Mission of Hope in Haiti and to see how everything is so Christ-centered, they had a sports complex in thought so we were on board for that," Wentz said. "I know how sports changed my life, how so many doors have opened up and how my faith has grown through guys who have mentored me in sports. Just to know that can be given and provided to the people in Haiti, it'll really change their perspective on so many things and restore some dignity and hope. It gets me fired up and I'm excited to go back and be hands-on and see the impact it's making."

In this Thursday, June 7, 2018, file photo, Philadelphia Eagles' Carson Wentz runs a drill during an organized team activity at the NFL football team's practice facility, in Philadelphia.

AP photo

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Carson Wentz was having an MVP-caliber season before a torn ACL forced him to the sideline, where he watched Nick Foles lead the Philadelphia Eagles to their first Super Bowl victory.

Wentz has a mission to return for Week 1 and is already ahead of schedule after being cleared for 7-on-7 work last week. Still, he has a way to go before he is cleared for full activity.

"It's just a process," Wentz told The Associated

FIFA

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Canada will host men's World Cup matches for the first time, while Mexico gets its first taste of the event since staging the entire event in 1986.

President Donald Trump tweeted his approval: "The U.S., together with Mexico and Canada, just got the World Cup. Congratulations - a great deal of hard work!"

While Trump has been feuding with Canadian leaders over tariffs and Mexico about his proposed border wall, the political leaders are not heavily involved in the World Cup

bid. Even if Trump wins re-election, his presidency will end before the 2026 World Cup.

The 87,000-capacity MetLife Stadium outside New York is proposed for the final. It's just miles from where federal prosecutors spearheaded an ongoing investigation into FIFA corruption. More than 40 soccer officials and businesses indicted, convicted or pleaded guilty.

The bribery scandal put the governing body on the brink, FIFA President Gianni Infantino told the congress ahead of Wednesday's vote.

"FIFA was clinically dead as an organization," Infantino said, reflecting on his election in 2016. "Two years later, FIFA is alive and well, full of joy

and passion and with a vision for its future."

The North American victory suggests football officials are ready to gather for a World Cup in a country whose government has demonstrated its willingness to jail corrupt sports leaders through undercover investigations.

The North America bid also had to overcome concerns about the impact of policies from the Trump administration, including attempts to implement a ban on travel by residents of six majority-Muslim countries.

The main intervention by President Donald Trump was a warning in a White House news conference, discussing the FIFA vote, that he would

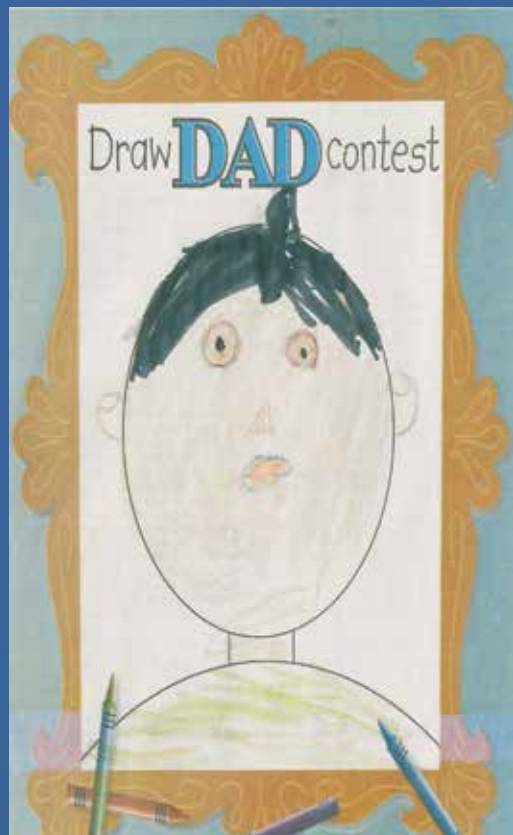
be "watching very closely." It was a veiled threat to withhold U.S. support from countries opposing the bid.

FIFA now has the final say on which cities are selected to host games and whether all three countries are guaranteed a place at the tournament. Victor Montagliani, the Canadian who leads CONCACAF, wants them to take three of the six qualification slots reserved for the region.

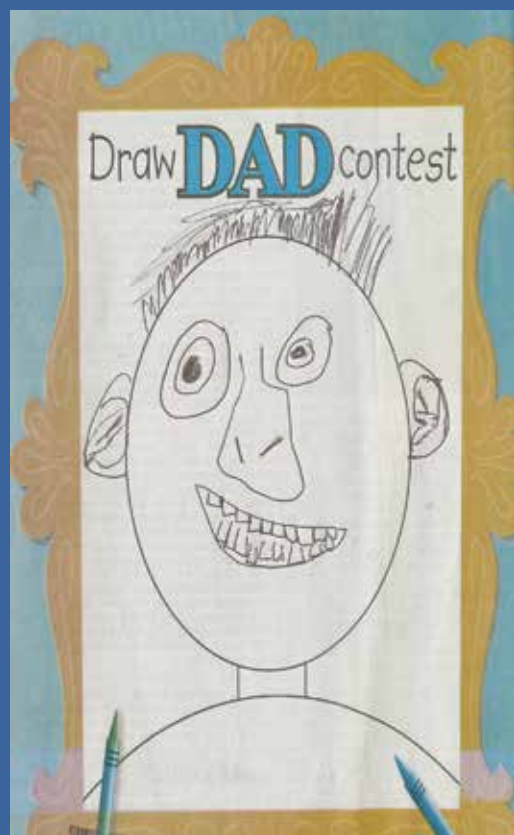
There is also a chance to send a seventh team via an inter-continental playoff. North America will host the six-team playoff tournament in November 2025 to decide the last two places in the 48-team lineup.



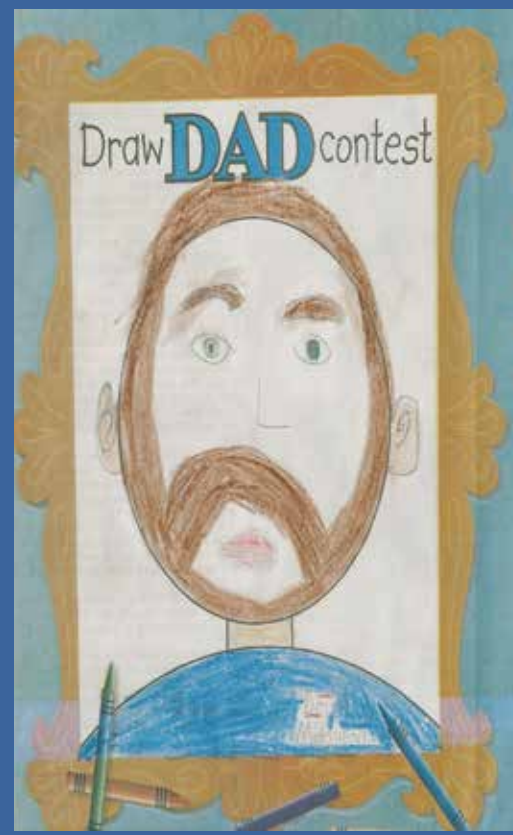
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