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85th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

It's just about that time again! The 85th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo is drawing near, and will be held at the R360 Rodeo Bowl starting June 21-23, on FM 700 and Bus. 1-20 West, with performances beginning at 8 p.m. nightly in the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl. Each night will feature something different for the guests of the Rodeo.

On Friday, June 22, Jake Hooker & The Outsiders will perform at the Friday Rodeo Dance, sponsored by Miller Insulation. Mr. Hooker got his start in music from



Big Spring's Stephen Wallis ropes his steer during the tie down roping event at the 83rd Annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo on Saturday, June 18, 2016.

File photo (Tony Claxton)

his father who led a country band, playing the traditional music of East Texas. At the age of seven, Mr. Hooker had absorbed enough of this musical atmosphere to allow him to join the group, playing bass guitar.

Band members include: Tommy Detamore a Grammy nominated steel guitarist; Jess Meador, an award winning fiddle player; Hank Singer who spent 30 years in Nashville playing with all of the top artists and has been acknowledged as a great honky-tonk fiddler; and last but surely not least, John

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SMMC Lunch and Learn with Dr. Ewing

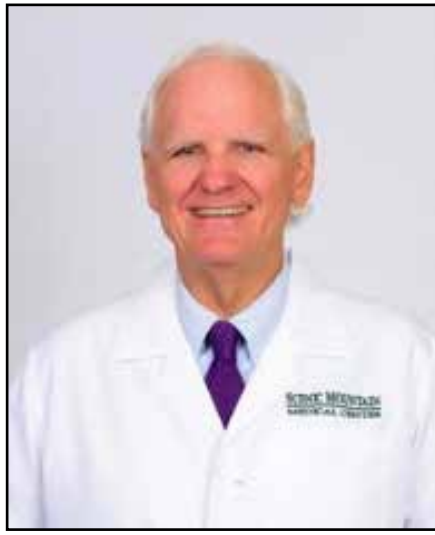
Special to the Herald

A torn rotator cuff, carpal tunnel issues and even a broken bone don't have to be the cause for not being able to enjoy daily activities or living with pain.

Dr. Tom Ewing, Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon, will be the featured speaker, June 28 for the Our Healthy Circle June Lunch n Learn. For his presentation, he will focus on possible treatment options that will help patients get back to their normal routine after an upper extremity injury.

"Whether you are dealing with pain from carpal tunnel syndrome, a crush injury from being out in the oilfield, or a broken bone from a sports activity, Dr. (Tom) Ewing can help ease your pain and get you back to your daily routine," Amanda Duforat, SMMC Marketing Mgr. Said.

Dr. Ewing previously op-



Dr. Tom Ewing, D.O.

Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon erated his own practice in Oklahoma before joining the Scenic Mountain Medical Group last April. He received his degree from Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine and graduated in the top quarter of his class. Dr. Ewing specializes in upper extremity injuries, including rotator cuff tears, crush injuries and carpal tunnel. He has performed more than 3,000 key hole surgeries for carpal tunnel syndrome, and completed his hand

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Military photos needed for Pops



File photo

The picture above shows the colors being presented during the 2017 20th Annual Pops in the Park at the ComancheTrail Theatre. Military photos of yourself, loved ones of those who served or are still active are needed to be presented and honored during the intermissions of Pops in the Park. You can send photos via email at popsinthepark@yahoo.com or take it to the Big Spring Chamber at 215 W. 3rd St., to be scanned.

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The 21st Annual Pops in the Park, which will be held on Tuesday, July 3rd, is quickly approaching. The Pops in the Park's mission is to give back to those who have served our

country and pay tribute to them for their selfless sacrifice as well as the sacrifices of their families. Right now, Pops coordinators need your help in making this event as memorable and honorable as possible.

"During the intermission

breaks at pops in the park, we will show a video tribute honoring local veterans," said Hayley Herrera, Tourism Coordinator of the Big Spring Convention and Visitors

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Trump, GOP to huddle as outrage builds over border policy

By **DUSTIN WEAVER** and **ALAN FRAM**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Calls are mounting on Capitol Hill for the Trump administration to end the separation of families at the southern border ahead of a visit from President Donald Trump to discuss legislation.

Trump's meeting late Tuesday afternoon with House Republicans comes as lawmakers in both parties are up in arms over the administration's "zero tolerance" approach to illegal border crossings.

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Under the policy, all unlawful crossings are referred for prosecution — a process

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2018 Legends and Legacies tonight



File photo

Robert Ragan, a 2017 Heritage Museum of Big Spring's Cowboy/Cowgirl Hall of Fame inductee, displays a framed photo of himself provided by the museum, along with his wife Charlene. The 2018 Legends and Legacies will take place tonight at the Rodeo Bowl Barn.

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Obituaries

Sammy Yates



Sammy Yates rode off into his final sunset Saturday, June 16, 2018 surrounded by his family and friends.

Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, 2018, at Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton, Texas. Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 20, 2018, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial

Park.

Born Jan. 2, 1936, in Big Spring, Texas, he was given the name Preston Gail. However, he was known as "Sammy" to his friends and was a beloved "Pop" to countless young souls.

He graduated from Stanton High School and married Nancy Marie Glaze of Tarzan on June 4, 1955. They have three children, Jody, Tana and Judith.

If you knew Sammy, you knew he loved Nancy with his entire being. Together they built an incredibly close and God-seeking family they considered their biggest treasure and greatest accomplishment.

He is survived by wife Nancy (Glaze) Yates, son Jody and wife DeAnn, daughter Tana May and husband Bill, and daughter Judith Pinkerton and husband Wayne, all of Tarzan; grandchildren, Katie Jo and Rusty Day of Meadow, Samantha and Brandon Borgstedt of Tarzan, Ky May of Tarzan, Trent May of San Antonio, Lynsey and Colton Pardue of Tarzan, Brody and Ashley Pinkerton of Midland, Bryley Pinkerton of Tarzan; seven great-grandchildren; sisters, Hazel Martin of Peoria, Ill., and Peggy Latty of Flomaton, Ala.; and a host of nieces and nephews.

In his heavenly home he is being reunited with parents Pal and Sudie Yates; brother Marshall Yates; mother and father-in-law Jack and Joe

Glaze; brothers-in-law Lee Lawdermilk, Billy Joe Latty, and Donald Nichols; sister-in-law Janice (Glaze) Penn; and great-granddaughter Sierra May.

Sammy LIVED every single day. He was a cowman, cotton farmer, and member of the Tarzan Church of Christ. Among his community service that went unannounced, Sammy was also a 4-H leader for Martin County and the entire State of Texas, a member of the Martin County Sheriff's Posse, Wagon Boss for the West Texas Boys Ranch, and a proud member of the Grady School Board and Caprock Electric Board.

Pop adored watching his grandkids play ball, and traveled countless miles supporting them in whatever events they participated. He gave them each a nickname when they were little and called them by it even as adults. "Ain't that right, Pee Leg?" His favorite traditions were taking his granddaughters shopping for Gramma and cooking guiso for his family every Christmas. Sammy loved to hunt & fish and was a pioneer in the club calf industry, and he sure wasn't afraid to share his knowledge with anyone. He passed down his passion for outdoors to his grandchildren, teaching them how to handle a gun and respect all of God's creations.

There was nothing he couldn't do and certainly nothing he wouldn't do for friends and family. Sammy never met a stranger and always had room for new friends; it's hard to fathom how God could fit such a huge heart into such a small man.

Sammy wasn't much on flowers, but he loved kids, so if you would like to honor him please do so by making a donation to West Texas Boys Ranch, 10223 Boys Ranch Road, San Angelo TX, 76904; or Buckner Children & Family Services, 129 Brentwood Avenue, Lubbock TX, 79416.

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

Paid obituary

Take Note

- The Maranatha Baptist Academy (MBA) is starting their open enrollment for their Summer session, which starts June 18 - July 12 from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. MBA has been operating since 1981 and teaches ACE curriculum for grades K-12. The Fall term is scheduled to start on August 1 from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, please call 432-213-1046.

- 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 families, 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. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

- The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

- Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, handles legal issues affecting Veterans, Retirees, and their family members. They will have clinics that provides volunteer attorneys that will provide free legal advice (up to 25 minutes depending on the issue). A pro bono attorney may be assigned to handle some cases that include: bankruptcy, consumer issues/contract, child support and custody, divorce, employment, foreclosure, housing, landlord/tenant, probate and guardianship, real estate, social security/SSI, Veterans benefits/issues, wills and estate planning. The Clinic dates are on Aug. 23 and Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Northside Community Center on 110 N.E 8th St. Applicants must be financially eligible to obtain services. Please bring a copy of your DD215 and/or Veterans ID card. Appointments are required. For more information or to make an appointment, please contact Pete Fierro at 432-332-1207, ext. 4511.

- The Howard County Democrats meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 5:30 p.m. in the Howard College Library.

- The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

- 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.

- Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

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

- Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

- Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

- Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club has changed its meeting time. The club now meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday and the fourth Thursday of each month. Meetings are still held at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. Visitors are welcome.



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Dean Myers

Dean Myers, 100, of Big Spring died Friday, June 15, 2018, at her home.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Myers and Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. She was born Aug. 23, 1917, at Olton, Texas, to Annie Daugherty Graef and Willie Graef. She moved to Dimmit in 1935 and to Big Spring in 1990. Dean worked most of her life as a housekeeper, baby sitter and in the school cafeteria. She also worked for over 20 years at the Carlisle Theatre in Dimmit.

She is survived by one son, Bill Myers and his wife Charlsa of Big Spring; two grandchildren, five nieces and nephews; and a number of great nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters.

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

Henry Rios



Henry Rios, 90, of San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, June 15, 2018.

Vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, June 18, 2018, at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Myers and Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Henry was born Sept. 17, 1927. He lived most of his life in Junction, Big Spring and San Angelo. Henry retired from farming and ranching.

Henry is survived by four sons, Leon Rios (Yolanda) of Big Spring; Tony Rios (Lisa) of Junction; Henry Rios of Junction; and William David Rios of Big Spring; two daughters, Olga Salazar (David) of Knott and Virginia Silva of San Angelo; one sister, Martha Perez of San Angelo; 22 grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Maria S. Rios, who passed on April 2, 2011.

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

Support Groups

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

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.



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BORDER

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that moves adults to the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service and sends many children to facilities run by the Department of Health and Human Services. Under the previous administration, such families were usually referred for civil deportation proceedings, not requiring separation.

Nearly 2,000 children were separated from their families over a six-week period in April and May.

The fight is erupting as the House is already embroiled in an election-year struggle over immigration legislation that threatens to hurt Republicans in November.

Democrats have seized on the family separation issue, swarming detention centers in Texas to highlight the policy. They are demanding that the administration act to keep migrant families together. Republicans are increasingly joining Democrats in that call.

Michigan Republican Rep. Fred Upton called for an immediate end to the "ugly and inhumane practice," adding, "It's never acceptable to use kids as bargaining chips in political process." Kansas GOP Sen. Pat Roberts said he is "against using parental separation as a deterrent to illegal immigration."

"The time is now for the White House to end the cruel, tragic separations of families," Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, said in a statement.

The Trump administration insists the family separations are required under the law. But after signaling Monday that it would oppose any fix aimed solely at addressing the plight of children separated from their parents under the crackdown, the White House said Tuesday that it is reviewing emergency legislation being introduced by Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, to keep migrant families together.

Asked if the White House supports the Cruz measure, Mercedes Schlapp, director of strategic communications, told reporters "we're looking into the legislative text on the Cruz bill."

The senator's bill would add more federal immigration judges, authorize new temporary shelters to house migrant families, speed the processing of asylum cases and require that families that cross the border illegally be kept together, absent criminal conduct or threats to the welfare of any children.

At a White House briefing Monday, Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen declared, "Congress alone can fix it." That line has been echoed by others in the administration, including Trump, who has falsely blamed a law passed by Democrats for the "zero tolerance" approach to prosecutions of families crossing the border.

Two immigration bills under consideration in the House could address the separations, but the outlook for passage is dim. Conservatives say the compromise legislation that GOP leaders helped negotiate with moderates is inadequate.

Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, a member of the Freedom Caucus, said he's skeptical that even a full-throated endorsement from Trump will be enough to get the compromise bill through the House.

The compromise bill shifts away from the nation's

longtime preference for family immigration to a new system that prioritizes entry based on merits and skills. It beefs up border security, clamps down on illegal entries and reinforces other immigration laws.

To address the rise of families being separated at the border, the measure proposes keeping children in detention with their parents, undoing 2-decade-old rules that limit the time minors can be held in custody.

Rep. Dave Brat, R-Va., another Freedom Caucus member, said he expects the GOP compromise bill to be defeated if it reaches the floor. "There's not enough votes because it doesn't solve the problem," he said.

Faced with the prospect of gridlock in the House, senators appear willing to take matters into their own hands.

Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, the No. 2 Republican leader, said Senate Republicans are working on language to address the family separations that could receive a floor vote, potentially as part of a spending bill package.

"I don't think the answer to family separation is to not enforce the law. I think the answer to family separation is: Don't separate families while you're enforcing the law," Cornyn told reporters. "It's all within our power, and people have to overcome their desire to preserve an issue to campaign on."

Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, the Republican chairman of the Judiciary Committee, said he wants to do away with a legal settlement that requires the government to release children from custody and to their parents, adult relatives or other caretakers, in order of preference.

GOP senators including Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, Jeff Flake of Arizona and Susan Collins of Maine also said they've been discussing family separation legislation.

Graham told reporters the measure would keep migrant families together, provide additional judges so detained families would face shorter waiting periods, and supply facilities for the families to stay. He said he did not know how much the proposal would cost.

The administration, meanwhile, is hoping to force Democrats to vote for the bills or bear some of the political cost in November's midterm elections. Democrats brushed aside that pressure.

"As everyone who has looked at this agrees, this was done by the president, not Democrats. He can fix it tomorrow if he wants to, and if he doesn't want to, he should own up to the fact that he's doing it," said Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer of New York.

Senate Democrats have rallied behind an immigration bill from Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif. Her bill would prohibit the separation of migrant children from their parents, with exceptions for findings of child abuse or trafficking. If separations occur, Homeland Security would have to provide clear guidelines for how parents can contact their kids.

One House Republican in a swing district, Rep. Mike Coffman of Colorado, said he is willing to endorse the Feinstein bill if that's what it takes.

"I reached out to Sen. Feinstein's office to let her know I want to help her put a stop to this human rights disaster at the border. If that means introducing her bill in the House, I'd be honored to stand with her," he said.

POPS

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Bureau. "We are looking for candid military photos of locals who have served or are still active. If you have a picture and want to send it in, you can send it in an email at popsinthepark@yahoo.com or take it to the Big Spring Chamber at 215 W. 3rd St., to be scanned.

Pops in the Park is an annual event that Howard County residents always look forward to, and meant to provide fun and safe entertainment for the community of Big Spring.

"The annual Pops in the Park provides a family-friendly time in the historic and beautiful Comanche Trail Amphitheater, and this year there will loads of entertainment by some very talented groups that will be provided for the Pops and the Park viewers," said Debbye ValVerde, of the Chamber of Commerce. "This year, the music will be provided by two pre-show entertainers starting with Spur 327 and Justin Kaczyk and the Natural Outlaws, and then the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra and Chorus."

ValVerde also stated that the event, as usual, will be capped off with the spectacular display of choreographed fireworks from one of the nation's leaders in pyrotechnics along with the memorizing music from the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra.

Every year, the Pops in the Park celebration is held in the Comanche Trail Amphitheater, and the gates will open at 5 p.m. For the Pre-Show this year, Spur 327 and Justin Kaczyk and the Natural Outlaws will go on at approximately 6 p.m. The Presentation of Colors, the salute to Armed Forces, and Retiring of the colors will follow the pre-show, followed by a video tribute to honor the local men and women who serve our country.

"This is a great family event," said Herrera. "It's going to be great. Pops in the Park is a community event, and without support from the community it would not be possible."

If you would like to donate, please contact the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce at 432-263-7641, or donations can be sent to Pops in the Park, 215 W. 3rd-79720 or P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring 79721.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Felicia Guerra at 432-264-2540.

Please note that according the City of Big Spring ordinance, only service dogs are allowed in the Comanche Trail Amphitheater, and also no drones will be allowed. For more information contact the Big Spring Chamber at 432-263-7641 or the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau at 432-263- 8235.

RODEO

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Jenkins, a Big Spring native.

John Jenkins, son of Emma and Terry Jenkins of Big Spring serves as the drummer for the Outsiders band. Growing up, John surrounded himself with musicians like Jody Nix, Jason Roberts, John "Smiley" Reynolds and Jake Hooker, stating he feels that these gentlemen showed him the way to play REAL country music.

The ticket for the Friday night Rodeo will also serve as admission into the dance. The Friday rodeo dance will begin at 9:30 p.m. in the fair barn, adjacent to the R360 Rodeo Bowl.

On Saturday, June 23, the Big Spring Rodeo Parade will make its way through downtown, and is set to begin at 10 a.m. KBEST is encouraging all businesses, organizations, youth groups and clubs to consider participating in this year's parade. To enter a float or trailer into the parade is free. A few different types of entry include a float, club, vehicle, trailer, walking, horse, or if another please list so in the entry fee. For

questions, please contact Mark Richardson at 432-267-6391.

This year's festivities are shaping up to be as exciting and entertaining as ever. Another treat the Rodeo provides will be the return of Toy "Wild Child" Lerwill with his crazy antics, and Madison Macdonald is expected to put on a thrilling show with her amazing trick riding.

Troy "Wild Child" Lerwill started out as a bullfighter back in the early 90s, learning to do comedy "...with a lot of help from my friends," as he explains, then inventing his famous act that incorporates, comedy, rodeo and a motorcycle. Lerwill was once ranked No. 1 in Utah as a professional motocross rider, so he has the tools and experience needed for that element.

"What I do in my act is a great blend of both rodeo and motocross. I'm really blessed that I get to do both," he said. His signature painted face, blue-and-yellow shirt and giant yellow cowboy hat makes him easy to spot as he banters with ring announcers and struts his stuff in the arena.

Following after the Wild Child, the Mutton Bustin' and Shetland Pony Bronc riding will join the

professional cowboy and cowgirl events. Mike Mathis will announce the rodeo on horseback in the arena.

On Saturday night Pat Green will perform, sponsored by Surge Energy. Green's list of achievements includes over 2 million albums sold, three Grammy nominations and a sold out Houston Astrodome.

The Saturday night performances will begin at 9:30 p.m. in the Howard County Fair Barn next to the R360 Rodeo Bowl (FM700 & Business 20) in Big Spring. Noel Olivas and the Benders open for this night of great music. Come have a cold drink and dance night away in the newly air conditioned Howard County Fair Barn.

Tickets may be purchased from Ward's Western Wear, 1109 South Gregg, Big Spring. To purchase tickets in advance contact: Shane Ward, sandkward@att.net

Tickets are also available at the Big Spring Area Chamber Of Commerce, Ward's Boot And Saddle, Western Bank, Compass Bank, Wells Fargo, Citizens Federal Credit Union, State National Bank, Lonestar State Bank, Prosperity Bank.

LEARN

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surgery fellowship at Tufts University in Boston.

"Dr. Ewing has been in Big Spring for a little more than a year and has been steadily growing his practice," Dufort said. "The experience he brings with him is a plus for Howard County, and we are excited have him as part of the team at Scenic Mountain Medical Group."

There is no charge for this Lunch and Learn event, but RSVP is recommended due to limited seating. The luncheon will take place in the First Floor Classroom at Scenic Mountain Medical Center at 11:30 a.m. RSVPs can be made to Sherri Wigington at 432-268-4902.

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Glenna Collier Thurman, 53, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Texas economy adds 34,700 positions in May

The Texas economy added 34,700 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs in May, which marked 23 consecutive months of employment growth. Over the year, Texas added 352,100 jobs for an annual employment growth rate of 2.9 percent. Private-sector employers added 34,300 positions over the month. Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.1 percent in May, unchanged from April 2018.

Petroleum Museum Hall of Fame Accepting Nominations

MIDLAND, TEXAS — The Petroleum Hall of Fame is dedicated to those who cherished the freedom to dare, and whose work and service helped build the Permian Basin. Nominations for candidates to be inducted into this prestigious group will be accepted until September 1, 2018.

The Hall of Fame Committee will consider nominees based on the following criteria:

- Candidate should have made outstanding contributions to the development of the petroleum industry.
- A candidate for election to the Hall of Fame may be living or deceased.
- Neither wealth nor the absence of wealth will be considered as factors in an election.
- A cover letter must include the name of the candidate and a clear statement as to why the candidate should be considered followed by a biographical sketch.

The Petroleum Hall of Fame's 142 members include some of the most influential men and women in the history of the petroleum industry such as former Presidents George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush, Erle P. Halliburton, and former U.S. Secretary of Commerce Donald Evans. On May 9, 2017, a biannual banquet was held as the Museum proudly inducted Joseph McShane, Curtis Mewbourne and James Cleo Thompson as the most recent honorees.

The next induction ceremony and dinner will be held on May 2, 2019 welcoming the newest members selected from nominations received by the September 1, 2018 deadline. "To be inducted into the Petroleum Museum Hall of Fame is an honor that is second to none in the oil and gas industry as only four persons or teams are elected by their peers every other year," said Richard Booth, President, Petroleum Museum Board of Trustees.

For more information and a full list of nominating criteria and instructions, visit the Petroleum Museum website at www.petroleummuseum.org/hall-of-fame/ or contact Tiffany Bradley, staff liaison to the Hall of Fame Committee at tbradley@petroleummuseum.org or 432-683-4403.

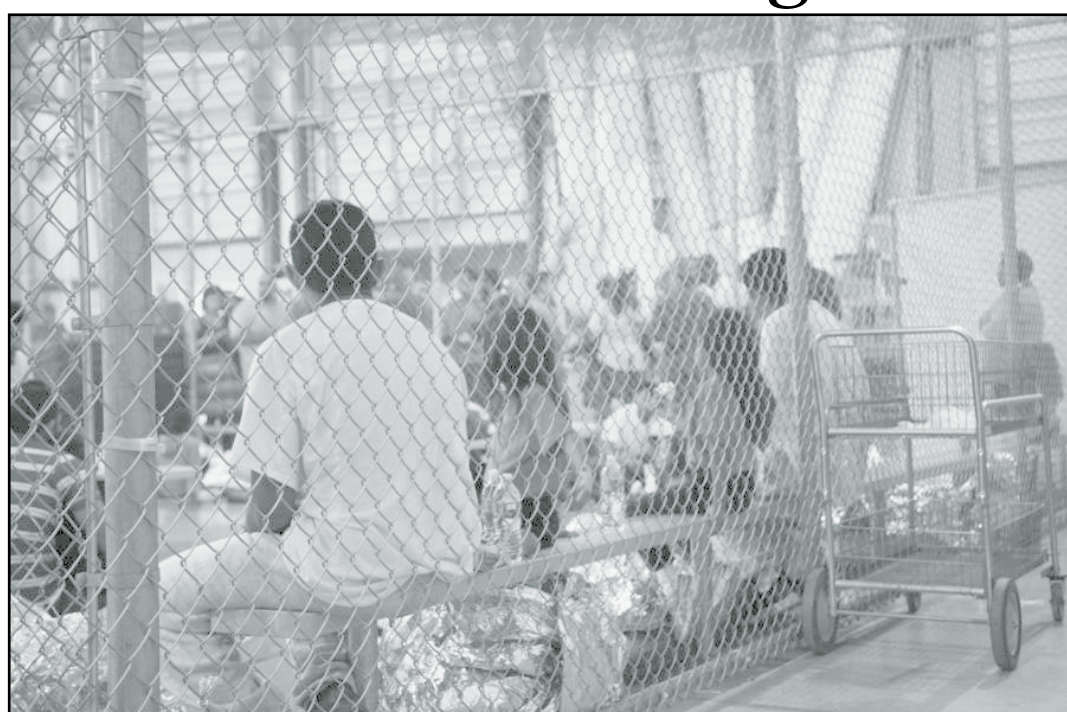
About the Petroleum Hall of Fame

The Petroleum Hall of Fame was instituted in October 1967, by the authority of the charter of the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum to honor those persons and firms who have made outstanding contributions to the development of the petroleum industry or have served as worthy examples to those in the petroleum industry, and thereby to record such examples of service, strength of character and achievement for the inspiration and education of present and future generations. The first Hall of Fame Ceremony and Dinner was held in 1968 when Frank T. Pickrell of El Paso, Texas was selected as the initial honoree.

About the Petroleum Museum

The Permian Basin Petroleum Museum was founded in 1975 by over 500 community leaders under the leadership of George T. Abell. The Museum is one of the largest in the country dedicated to the petroleum industry and its pioneers, and has expanded its offering to include a Transportation Wing, featuring the world-renowned Chaparral Car Gallery, as well as one of the state's largest mineral galleries. Through education, technology, and community leadership, the Petroleum Museum continues to serve the Permian Basin community as an evolving resource for the petroleum industry and honors the individuals that have helped create its rich history.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: Border policy fuels backlash against Trump



In this photo provided by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, people who've been taken into custody related to cases of illegal entry into the United States, sit in one of the cages at a facility in McAllen, Texas, Sunday, June 17, 2018.

By The Associated Press

The forced separation of migrant children from their parents fueled a weekend of intense criticism of President Trump's immigration policies. Both Democrats and some Republicans are now calling for an end to the practice at the U.S.-Mexico border. A look at the latest developments:

TRUMP DIGS IN

Amid the criticism, the president dug in Monday, again falsely blaming Democrats for the crisis. His administration put the practice in place and could easily end it.

Trump tweeted: "Why don't the Democrats give us the votes to fix the world's worst immigration laws? Where is the outcry for the killings and crime being caused by gangs and thugs, including MS-13, coming into our country illegally?"

AP photo

The U.S. has tried for years to address the influx of families crossing the border. In April, Trump's administration adopted a zero-tolerance policy. That means if a person does not arrive at an appropriate port of entry to claim asylum, the crossing is prosecuted as a crime. With the adult detained, any minors accompanying that person are taken away.

ISSUE DIVIDES REPUBLICANS AS DEMOCRATS STEP UP PRES-SURE

The policy is starting to divide Republicans and their allies as Democrats turn up the pressure.

Former first lady Laura Bush called the practice "cruel" and "immoral." GOP Sen. Susan Collins also expressed concern.

Religious groups, including some conservative ones, are also protesting.

Mrs. Bush made some of the strongest comments yet about the policy from the Republican side of the aisle.

"I live in a border state. I appreciate the need to enforce and protect our international boundaries, but

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5 dead as SUV chased by Border Patrol crashes in South Texas

BIG WELLS, Texas (AP) — At least five people were killed and several others hurt Sunday as an SUV carrying more than a dozen people during a suspected "smuggling event" crashed while fleeing from Border Patrol agents in South Texas, authorities said.

The SUV carrying 14 people went out of control at more than 100 mph and overturned on Texas Highway 85, ejecting most of the occupants, Dimmit County Sheriff Marion Boyd said.

"From what we can tell the vehicle ran off the road and caught gravel and then tried to recorrect," Boyd said, adding that "caused the vehicle to turn over several times."

Four victims were dead at the scene, Boyd said. He said at least one and possibly two others died at a hospital.

The Border Patrol said in a statement Sunday night that two other vehicles had been traveling alongside the SUV earlier in the day. An agent suspected they were conducting a "smuggling event," according to the statement, which did not elaborate.

The border agent stopped one of the vehicles and another agent stopped a second one. Multiple people from both vehicles were arrested.

The third vehicle kept going when agents encountered it, and a sheriff's deputy took over the chase



AP photo

This frame grab from video provided by KABB/WOAI in San Antonio shows the scene on Texas Highway 85, where authorities say multiple people are dead and others hurt as an SUV carrying more than a dozen people crashed, Sunday, June 17, 2018, in Big Wells, Texas, while fleeing from Border Patrol agents.

prior to the fatal crash, the border patrol said.

The incident comes amid heightened tensions over the treatment of immigrants at the southern border.

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Apple sets up iPhones to relay location for 911 calls

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Apple is trying to solve a problem caused by the technological mismatch between a 50-year-old system built for landlines and today's increasingly sophisticated smartphones.



An estimated 80 percent of roughly 240 million emergency calls in the U.S. this year will come from mobile phones, most of which are capable of precisely tracking where their users are.

Emergency calling centers, however, don't get that detailed location information from mobile 911 calls. Instead, they get the location of the cellular tower transmitting the call, and must rely on other methods to figure out where the caller is.

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Trump announces plans for Pentagon to create 'Space Force'

By **MARCIA DUNN**
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Vowing to reclaim U.S. leadership in space, President Donald Trump announced Monday he is directing the Pentagon to create a new "Space Force" as an independent service branch aimed at ensuring American supremacy in space.

Trump envisioned a bright future for the U.S. space program, pledging to revive the country's flagging efforts, return to the moon and eventually send a manned mission that would reach Mars. The president framed space as a national security issue, saying he does not want "China and Russia and other countries leading us."

"My administration is reclaiming America's heritage as the world's greatest spacefaring nation," Trump said in the East Room, joined by members of his space council. "The essence of the American character is to explore new horizons and to tame new frontiers."

Trump had previously suggested the possibility of creating a space unit that would include portions equivalent to parts of the Air Force, Army and Navy. But his directive will task the Defense Department to begin the process of establishing the 'Space Force' as the sixth branch of the U.S. armed forces. He said the new



AP photo
President Donald Trump shows off a "Space Policy Directive" after signing it during a meeting of the National Space Council in the East Room of the White House, Monday, June 18, 2018, in Washington.

Rent-A-Center going private in \$800 million sale

NEW YORK (AP) — Rent-A-Center is being sold to a private equity firm for more than \$800 million.

The chain, which leases household goods on a rent-to-own basis, got a second offer from Vintage Capital Management for \$15 per share, a 25 percent premium to the company's closing price on Friday, and a dollar more per-share than

Vintage bid the previous week. The Plano, Texas company said Monday that it's accepted the second bid.

Rent-A-Center Inc. has been reviewing its plans over the past year, including a potential sale.

The sale to Vintage is expected to close by the end of 2018.

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The Trump administration has said tougher immigration policies — even separating children from their parents — are needed to deter immigrants from coming to the country illegally. Over a six-week period ending in May, about 2,000 children had been separated from their families, administration officials said Friday.

Most of the occupants in the SUV were believed in the country without legal permission. Boyd said the driver and one passenger

were believed to be U.S. citizens. The driver was among those hospitalized, and a deputy who assisted the Border Patrol with the chase found the driver sitting upright in his seat and took him and the passenger into custody.

"This, I think, is a perfect example, of why are borders need to be secured," Boyd said.

Some injured were taken by helicopter to San Antonio, about 90 miles (144.83 kilometers) northeast. Dimmit County is directly north of Webb County and east of Maverick County, which border Mexico.

"Our deepest sympathy

goes out to the families of those who died in the crash," The Border Patrol said in the statement.

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this zero-tolerance policy is cruel. It is immoral. And it breaks my heart," she wrote in a guest column published Sunday in The Washington Post. She compared it to the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II, which she called "one of the most shameful episodes in U.S. history."

The signs of splintering GOP support come after a longtime Trump ally, the Rev. Franklin Graham, called the policy "disgraceful."

FIRST LADY HOPES FOR REFORM

First lady Melania Trump issued a statement saying that she "hates" to see families separated at the border and hopes "both sides of the aisle" can reform the nation's immigration laws.

Mrs. Trump "believes we need to be a country that follows all laws, but also a country that governs with heart," Stephanie Grisham, a spokeswoman for Mrs. Trump, said Sunday.

She said Mrs. Trump hopes both sides "can finally come together to achieve successful immigration reform."

While the statement suggested the matter was an issue for Congress, Democratic lawmakers and others have pointed out that no law mandates the separation of children and parents at the border.

CLINTON SAYS PEOPLE SHOULD BE 'OUTRAGED'

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton called the zero-tolerance policy "a moral and humanitarian crisis."

Speaking Monday at an awards lunch for the Women's Forum of New York, Clinton said what was happening to families at the U.S.-Mexico border is "horrific."

"Every human being with a sense of compassion and decency should be outraged," Clinton said.

The 2016 Democratic presidential nominee said she had warned during the campaign that Trump's hard-line immigration stance would result in family separations.

"Now as we watch with broken hearts, that's exactly what's happening," she said.

REPORTERS VISIT WAREHOUSE HOLDING FACILITY

The Border Patrol on Sunday allowed reporters to briefly visit the facility where it holds families arrested at the border.

Inside an old warehouse in South Texas, hundreds of immigrant children waited in a series of cages created by metal fencing. One cage had 20 children inside. Scattered about are bottles of water, bags of chips and large foil sheets intended to serve as blankets.

One teenager told an advocate who visited that she was helping care for a young child she did not know because the child's aunt was somewhere else in the facility. She said she had to show others in her cell how to change the girl's diaper.

More than 1,100 people were inside the large, dark facility, which was divided into separate wings for unaccompanied children, adults on their own, and parents with children. The cages in each wing opened into common areas to use portable restrooms. The overhead lighting in the warehouse stays on around the clock.

Close to 200 people inside the facility were minors unaccompanied by a parent, the Border Patrol said.

5 KILLED IN SUV CRASH WHILE FLEEING FROM BORDER PATROL

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Warned 30 years ago, global warming 'is in our living room'

By **SETH BORENSTEIN and NICKY FORSTER**

Associated Press

SALIDA, Colo. — We were warned. On June 23, 1988, a sultry day in Washington, James Hansen told Congress and the world that global warming wasn't approaching — it had already arrived. The testimony of the top NASA scientist, said Rice University historian Douglas Brinkley, was "the opening salvo of the age of climate change."

Thirty years later, it's clear that Hansen and other doomsayers were right. But the change has been so sweeping that it is easy to lose sight of effects large and small — some obvious, others less conspicuous.

Earth is noticeably hotter, the weather stormier and more extreme. Polar regions have lost billions of tons of ice; sea levels have been raised by trillions of gallons of water. Far more wildfires rage.

Over 30 years — the time period climate scientists often use in their studies in order to minimize natural weather variations — the world's annual temperature has warmed nearly 1 degree (0.54 degrees Celsius), according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. And the temperature in the United States has gone up even more — nearly 1.6 degrees.

"The biggest change over the last 30

years, which is most of my life, is that we're no longer thinking just about the future," said Kathie Dello, a climate scientist at Oregon State University in Corvallis. "Climate change is here, it's now and it's hitting us hard from all sides."

Warming hasn't been just global, it's been all too local. According to an Associated Press statistical analysis of 30 years of weather, ice, fire, ocean, biological and other data, every single one of the 344 climate divisions in the Lower 48 states — NOAA groupings of counties with similar weather — has warmed significantly, as has each of 188 cities examined.

The effects have been felt in cities from Atlantic City, New Jersey, where the yearly average temperature rose 2.9 degrees in the past 30 years, to Yakima, Washington, where the thermometer jumped a tad more. In the middle, Des Moines, Iowa, warmed by 3.3 degrees since 1988.

South central Colorado, the climate division just outside Salida, has warmed 2.3 degrees on average since 1988, among the warmest divisions in the contiguous United States.

When she was a little girl 30 years ago, winery marketing chief Jessica Shook used to cross country ski from her Salida doorstep in winter. It was that cold and there was that much snow. Now, she has to drive about 50 miles for snow that's not on mountain tops, she said.

"T-shirt weather in January, that never used to happen when I was a child," Shook said. When Buel Mattix bought his heating and cooling system company 15 years ago in Salida, he had maybe four air conditioning jobs a year. Now he's got a waiting list of 10 to 15 air conditioning jobs long and may not get to all of them.

And then there's the effect on wildfires. Veteran Salida firefighter Mike Sugaski used to think a fire of 10,000 acres was big. Now he fights fires 10 times as large.

"You kind of keep saying 'How can they get much worse?' But they do," said Sugaski, who was riding his mountain bike on what usually are ski trails in January this year.

In fact, wildfires in the United States now consume more than twice the acreage they did 30 years ago.

The statistics tracking climate change since 1988 are almost numbing. North America and Europe have warmed 1.89 degrees — more than any other continent. The Northern Hemisphere has warmed more than the Southern, the land faster than the ocean. Across the United States, temperature increases were most evident at night and in summer and fall. Heat rose at a higher rate in the North than the South.

Since 1988, daily heat records have been broken more than 2.3 million times at weather stations across the nation, half a million times more than cold records were broken.

Doreen Pollack fled Chicago cold for

Phoenix more than two decades ago, but in the past 30 years night time summer heat has increased almost 3.3 degrees there. She said when the power goes out, it gets unbearable, adding: "Be careful what you ask for."

The AP interviewed more than 50 scientists who confirmed the depth and spread of warming.

Clara Deser, climate analysis chief at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, said that when dealing with 30-year time periods in smaller regions than continents or the globe as a whole, it would be unwise to say all the warming is man-made. Her studies show that in some places in North America — though not most — natural weather variability could account for as much as half of local warming.

But when you look at the globe as a whole, especially since 1970, nearly all the warming is man-made, said Zeke Hausfather of the independent science group Berkeley Earth. Without extra carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, he said, the Earth would be slightly cooling from a weakening sun. Numerous scientific studies and government reports calculate that greenhouse gases in the big picture account for more than 90 percent of post-industrial Earth's warming.

"It would take centuries to a millennium to accomplish that kind of change with natural causes. This, in that context, is a dizzying pace," said Kim Cobb, a climate scientist at Georgia Tech in Atlanta.



AP photo

In this March 15, 2018, file photo, a supervisor shows one of the maps used by dispatchers at a 911 call center in Roswell, Ga. Apple is trying to drag the U.S.'s antiquated system for handling 911 calls into the 21st century. If it lives up to Apple's promise, the iPhone's next operating system will automatically deliver quicker and more reliable information pinpointing the location of 911 calls to about 6,300 emergency response centers in the U.S.

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That can take up precious time and often isn't very accurate, especially when calls come from inside a building. Emergency responders are sometimes dispatched a mile or more away from a caller's location.

Apple's upcoming 911 feature relies on technology from RapidSOS, a New York startup. The approach developed by Apple and RapidSOS sends location data from an iPhone to a "clearinghouse" accessible to emergency calling centers. Only the 911 calling centers will be able to see the data during the call, and none of it can be used for non-emergency purposes, according to Apple.

Individual call centers will each have to embrace the technology required to communicate with the RapidSOS clearinghouse. Some centers already have the compatible software, according to Apple, but others will have to install upgrades to their existing software.

Apple expects calling centers for large metropolitan areas to upgrade more quickly than those in rural areas.

Tom Wheeler, a former chairman for the Federal Communications Commission, believes Apple's new approach for locating 911 calls will set a new industry standard.

"This is going to save a lot of lives," said Wheeler, now a visiting professor at Harvard University. He said he hopes other

phone makers will follow Apple's lead.

The planned changes were announced Monday in Nashville, Tennessee during a 911 convention. They'll be part of iOS 12, the next version of Apple's iPhone software, which the company will release in September as a free update.

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branch's creation will be overseen by Gen. Joseph Dunford, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"When it comes to defending America, it is not enough to merely have an American presence in space. We must have American dominance in space," Trump said. He added: "We are going to have the Air Force and we are going

to have the Space Force, separate but equal."

The president also used the White House event to establish a new policy for reducing satellite clutter in space. The policy calls for providing a safe and secure environment up in orbit, as satellite traffic increases. It also sets up new guidelines for satellite design and operation, to avoid collisions and spacecraft breakups.

Trump was joined by Vice President Mike

Pence, who leads the recently revived space council, and several Cabinet members, NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine, retired astronauts and scientists.

The council's executive secretary, Scott Pace, told reporters before the meeting that space is becoming increasingly congested and current guidelines are inadequate to address the challenge.

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Colon passes Marichal for most wins by Dominican pitcher

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Bartolo Colon has reached one goal he set for himself this season and is within two wins of another.

Colon earned his 244th victory, passing Hall of Famer Juan Marichal for the most by a pitcher born in the Dominican Republic, and the Texas Rangers beat the skidding Kansas City Royals 6-3 on Monday night.

Adrian Beltre hit a three-run homer for the Rangers, who won their third straight game. The 45-year-old Colon (4-4) allowed three runs and nine hits in six innings to break a tie with Marichal on the career wins chart.

Only right-hander Dennis Martinez has more victories among pitchers from Latin America. Martinez, a native of Nicaragua, won 245 games in the majors.

"Now that I've won the 244, I see that it's close to Dennis Martinez, but with health and enough time, I'm ready to be able to pass him and be the first Latin with more wins," Colon said through a translator. "I feel happy, of course, to pass a Hall of Famer, the first Dominican in the Hall of Fame."

The Royals have lost seven straight and 13 of 14. They've dropped 27 of 37 games at Kauffman Stadium, the worst home record in the majors. Kansas City is 2-14 in June, having been outscored 95-35.

Colon was 1-3 with a 9.51 ERA in his five previous starts. Kansas City loaded the bases with one out in the fifth, but the portly and popular right-



AP photo

Texas Rangers starting pitcher Bartolo Colon throws during the first inning of a baseball game against the Kansas City Royals Monday, June 18, 2018, in Kansas City, Mo.

hander affectionately nicknamed Big Sexy got out of the inning when Hunter Dozier grounded into a double play.

"They've wanted to get this win for him for some time now," Rangers

manager Jeff Banister said. "It's just incredible to watch. He's such a humble guy. No real fanfare whatsoever. Kind of just a great humility. But, these guys fought hard for him and

were able to get him some runs and he fought hard for it tonight."

Keona Kela tossed a spotless ninth for his 16th save in 16 chances.

Beltre homered in the third off late Kennedy, with Elvis Andrus and Nomar Mazara aboard, to give the Rangers a 5-0 advantage. Mazara had three hits.

Kennedy (1-7) is 1-13 in his last 28 home starts. He is winless in 13 starts since an April 7 victory at Cleveland.

The right-hander gave up a home run to Shin-Soo Choo on his fourth pitch, a drive that just cleared the Royals' right-field bullpen fence. Choo reached base five times, including a double and three walks.

Kennedy yielded five runs and four hits, two of them homers. He walked three.

"Just one really bad inning and it cost us the game," Kennedy said. "One pitch, I hung a curveball and the three-run homer was the big swing and it cost us the game. I felt like I pitched better than the line. I really felt like we were going to come back and win."

Adalberto Mondesi had an RBI double in the Kansas City third and scored on Mike Moustakas' sacrifice fly.

Rosel Herrera had a run-scoring triple in the fourth for his first extra-base hit and RBI, trimming the lead to 5-3.

Delino DeShields' bunt single in the eighth scored Jurickson Profar for the final Texas run.

The Fastball Paradox: With velocity up, fastballs on decline

By JAKE SEINER

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Over five seasons as ace of the Pittsburgh Pirates, Gerrit Cole threw one of the game's hardest, heaviest fastballs, and he threw it often. The pitch helped him make millions of dollars. It put him in contention for major awards. Hitters swung through it again and again, and Cole seemed content not to mess with a good thing.

But when Cole was traded to the Houston Astros this offseason, a funny thing happened. He became more frugal with his fastball and ended up more overpowering than ever.

Cole has joined some of the game's best pitchers — including Cleveland's Corey Kluber and the Dodgers' Clayton Kershaw — in benefiting from a puzzling baseball paradox: In an era when pitchers are throwing harder than ever, they're maximizing success by using fewer fastballs.

Pitchers — even ones with blazing fastballs like Luis Severino and Chris Archer — are using more offspeed than ever recorded, and while many aces think the downturn is a trend, some believe baseball could be entering a new age dominated not by 100 mph heaters, but by a steady stream of breaking balls and changeups.

So why is the hardest-throwing generation of pitchers ever going the way of the junk-baller?

Depends who you ask, but one culprit stands out to Cole, Kluber and Kershaw: baseball's swing-changing batters.

"You can call it launch angle, or you can call it the upper cuts," Cole said. "There are a lot of swings that are dictating breaking balls."

Cole's move away from a fastball-first approach is striking given the reputation of his hardest pitch. He topped out at 99 mph as an ace at UCLA, and his fastball was the headliner on a resume that earned him an \$8 million signing bonus as the first overall draft pick in 2011 by Pittsburgh. Under the guidance of Pirates pitching coach Ray Searage, Cole pounded the bottom of the strike zone with that heater, and for years, it worked. He was an All-Star and finished fourth in NL Cy Young Award voting in 2015, and was considered among the game's most overpowering starting pitchers.



AP photo

In this June 13, 2018, file photo, Houston Astros pitcher Gerrit Cole follows through on a delivery to an Oakland Athletics batter during the first inning of a baseball game in Oakland, Calif. Cole, Corey Kluber and Clayton Kershaw are among the many big league pitchers maximizing success by throwing fewer fastballs.

Then baseball's flyball revolution took flight — a movement of hitters using upper-cut swings designed to crush exactly the kinds of sinking fastballs Cole was delivering. After never allowing more than 11 home runs in a season, Cole was tagged for 31 last year.

So it was time to change things up. From 2013-17, Cole threw his fastball 65 percent of the time — well above the league average. But this year, he's cut that fastball rate by about 10 points, replacing the new look heaters with sliders and curveballs. The new look is working. Cole is 8-1 with a 2.59 ERA through 15 starts and leads the American League with 138 strikeouts.

"I think you're just continually trying to mess timing up, especially when guys are trying to slug," Cole said. "When they're trying to hit it out of the park every time, you have an easier time changing speeds."

Kluber and Kershaw have made similar adjustments in the past couple years. Both Cy Young winners rank among the league leaders in fewest fastballs thrown this season.

"Guys are geared up to swing for a fastball," Kluber said. "I guess it's almost rare now to see somebody actually, like, go the other way with the breaking ball."

Kluber has set a career low with a fastball rate of 41.8 percent this season. Same for Kershaw, who has dropped from a 72-percent fastball clip in 2010

es, he wouldn't even bother with a breaking ball. "No," Bauer recalled telling Allen. "He should never throw a fastball."

Bauer's theory is that the threat of a 100 mph fastball might be more dangerous to hitters than the fastballs themselves. "As guys throw harder, guys have less and less time to hit that offering," Bauer said. "So they have to speed up in order to catch up to it, which, that makes the breaking ball more effective."

Hitters are left picking between two nasty poisons — risk being behind on triple-digit fastballs, or jeopardize taking ugly swings on breaking pitches as they dart out of the strike zone.

Veteran slugger Todd Frazier was with the Yankees last year when New York's hard-throwing bullpen led by Betances, Aroldis Chapman and Chad Green overpowering hitters while also posting the lowest fastball rate in the majors.

"I have to set my feet for 98 mph, and understand I might get 84-88 mph slider," said Frazier, now with the New York Mets. "It makes it tougher on you."

And yet, Frazier and his fellow hitters aren't close to jumping off their fastball-first approach. "The baseline of hitting is the fastball," Mets teammate Jay Bruce said. "You have to stay on the fastball. For me personally, that's what my timing of the at-bat works off of." See **MLB**, Page 14

all the way to 42.8 percent in an injury-hampered 2018.

"The hitters tell you what you need to do," Kershaw said. "And for me, I guess it's been throwing a lot more breaking balls."

Cole, Kluber and Kershaw suspect the tide will turn back, perhaps soon, once hitters recalibrate to the number of four-seam fastballs pitchers are throwing up in the strike zone.

But Trevor Bauer, Kluber's analytically-minded teammate in Cleveland, thinks the offspeed uptick is only going to spread.

Two years ago, Bauer and Indians closer Cody Allen watched as 6-foot-8 Yankees fireballer Delino Betances carved up Cleveland's hitters with a fastball that averaged 98 mph. Allen — no slouch himself with a fastball around 94 mph — told Bauer that if he could throw hard like Betances,

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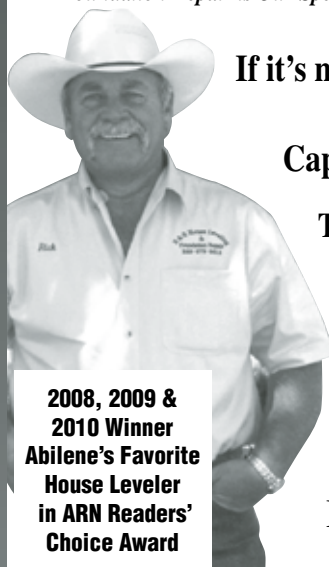


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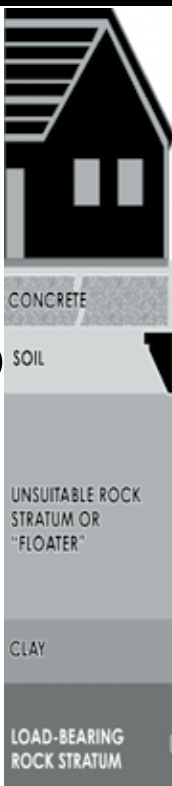
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ruin the evening. First he'll insist on a different restaurant. Then he'll interrupt everything I say. And by the time we get our food, I'm ready to walk out.

Recently, we were out with some mutual friends, and sure enough, she had Joel with her. We all went back to my place. Then he wanted to order pizza. I calmly said, "Joel, you don't need to order pizza. There's food here already." He ignored me and ordered pizza to be delivered. Because of a mix-up, the order arrived cold just as everyone was leaving. He wanted me to warm it up in my oven, and I suggested he do that when he got home because I just wanted to go to bed. He started giving me all kinds of stupid reasons, and I cursed at him and told him, "Be

a man and eat it cold." My girlfriend then got angry with me for being mean.

The last straw was last week, when we went out to a nice restaurant for my birthday. Joel showed up even though she had said he wouldn't be there. I tried to bribe him to leave by handing him \$20 and saying, "Get a sandwich and see a movie." But that didn't work.

Everything would be fine in my relationship if it weren't for Joel and the way my girlfriend enables him. She and I get along really well, and we have fun together, but our time together is limited. My job is tough, and I don't have a lot of patience for aggravating things outside of work. How can I get her to stop letting her moron brother tag along? I don't want

him around, but my sweetie can't seem to act like a grown-up and say no to her family. -- Over It

Dear Over It: Long-term relationships aren't just about getting along well. They're about priorities. And it sounds as though you and your girlfriend have some irreconcilable differences in that department. In all the incidents you mentioned, Joel's presence never seemed to be a nuisance to her, only to you. Even if firmer boundaries would be beneficial for her, that's a decision she needs to make on her own. It could be that her family will always come first. If you're not prepared for that, consider ending things now. That would give her the chance to meet someone a bit more sympathetic to her family.

Dear Annie: I'd like to respond to "Child-Free and Tired of Judgment," who wondered what to say when someone asks her why she isn't having children. She should just look at the person and say, "Why do you ask?" I find this works for someone who is being just plain nosy. What could anyone possibly say except, "I'm nosy"? -- More Caring

Dear More Caring: Those four words really do say it all. Thank you for sharing this excellent retort.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Mercury Poses Existential Question

Albert Camus said it's necessary to fall in love, "if only to provide an alibi for all the random despair you are going to feel anyway." Camus is not known for his stellar attitude and optimism -- but he does makes an interesting point, similar to the point of this Mercury trine to Jupiter. Which comes first: the circumstance or the feeling?

ARIES (March 21-April 19). In order to celebrate what is, you'll have to let go of what you thought it would be. This shouldn't be too hard, since there's much about the way things are right now that suits you better than you'd ever dreamed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Sometimes inspiration strikes. Other times, including now, it's more of an itch, a slow tug or a nudge that gets you on the path. Once there, life starts to feel like a custom design made just for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Yes, there were deals that didn't quite pan out, arrangements that never found their groove and actions that didn't land as you might have preferred. But if it made you smile, there's nothing to regret about it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Unfamiliar people will be especially hard to read, and it may be best not to try. Assume nothing. Ask questions instead. It would be easy to overdramatize the significance of social interactions today, but try not to.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The most important thing in life is this. Literally this. Because "this" is what you're doing now -- or, more precisely, 12 words ago. The present moment is your domain. Seize it over and over.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The first hint was when they said, "Repeat after me: I am free." Well then, why don't you feel like it? All of this "acting normal" might have something to do with it. What was that idea you had that came from you and only you?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Anyone who's loved a television character or been devastated by the plotline of a book knows that something doesn't actually need to happen to feel real. You can use this principle to your advantage.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The young who set out to learn who they are tend to miss the point. Those who have become who they are tend to be so completely unselfconscious, they no longer think about such things, if they ever did.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Today's road isn't exactly smooth, but this only makes you

more appreciative of the paved paths of your past and future. Keep a sure footing and move ever forward. You can't stumble over something if it's behind you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your attention is a precious commodity that's all yours to distribute how you see fit. Sometimes you give unconditionally, but today you let people earn your attention. You're both better for the effort.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The beauty is all around you today, mostly because you have the eye to pick it out. You're also excellent at bringing together the elements that will feature beauty in its best frame and light.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've been in the equivalent of a chorus line -- where blending in, kicking the same height as the others and general-

ly working as one were the necessary qualities for success. Today it's time to step out with your solo work.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 19). There will be three months of closing karmic circles. Past kindnesses will catch up to you, and you'll also enjoy the delayed benefits of work you did long ago. You'll be generally embraced

and applauded in 2019 to the extent that you might often choose a low profile just to take a break from the spotlight. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 20, 13, 35 and 28.

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

ANSWER:

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The one and only chance

North dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ J 10 7
♥ Q J 3
♦ A K Q 10 2
♣ 9 3

WEST

♠ 6 2
♥ K 5
♦ J 9 8 6 4
♣ 10 8 4 2

EAST

♠ A 4
♥ A 8 6 4
♦ 7 3
♣ K Q J 7 5

SOUTH

♠ K Q 9 8 5 3
♥ 10 9 7 2
♦ 5
♣ A 6

The bidding:

North East South West
1♦ 2♣ 2♠ Pass
3♠ Pass 4♠

Opening lead — two of clubs.

As soon as dummy is tabled, it is the job of the defenders to formulate a plan to defeat the contract. In striving to attain that goal, the defenders should utilize any clues they might glean from the bidding and/or play and then, at the appropriate moment, put their thoughts into action.

Take this case where North-South reached four spades as shown, and West led the deuce of clubs. Declarer won with the ace, cashed the A-K of

diamonds, discarding a club, and then led the seven of spades.

Had East been napping through the first three tricks, he could easily have missed his only chance to defeat the contract. If he had played low on the spade lead, South would have won, led a second trump to East's ace and later lost two hearts to make his game.

But East had been wide awake during the early play and was more than ready when the first spade was led. He realized that South could not have started with more than two clubs, since he had not attempted to discard another club on the queen of diamonds.

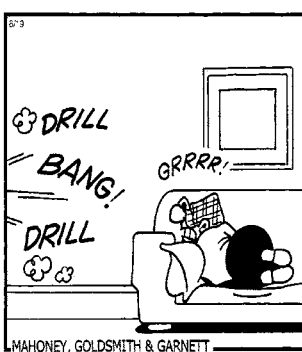
Furthermore, since declarer had no fewer clubs or diamonds and was known to hold a strong spade suit, East correctly concluded that the only chance for the defense was to score two hearts and a heart ruff in addition to the spade ace. And the only way this could be achieved was if West had the doubleton king of hearts.

Accordingly, East rose with the ace of spades at trick four and led a low heart to West's king. West then returned a heart to East's ace, and a third heart was ruffed by West to set the contract.

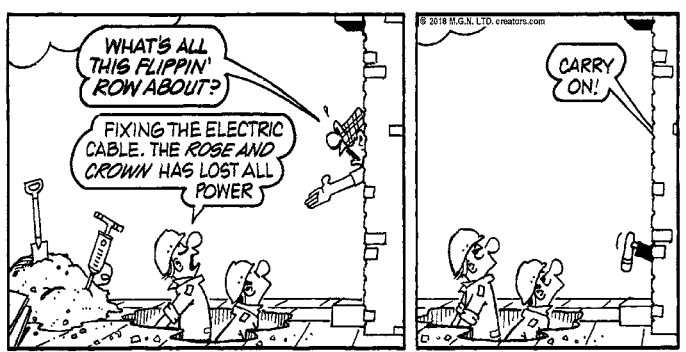
Tomorrow: Two chances are better than one.

Table with 20 columns representing different TV channels and their programming schedules for the day.

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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, June 19, the 170th day of 2018. There are 195 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On June 19, 1953, Julius Rosenberg, 35, and his wife, Ethel, 37, convicted of conspiring to pass U.S. atomic secrets to the Soviet Union, were executed at Sing Sing Prison in Ossining, New York.

Maryland basketball star Len Bias, the first draft pick of the Boston Celtics, suffered a fatal cocaine-induced seizure. Artificial heart recipient Murray P. Haydon died in Louisville, Kentucky, after 16 months on the man-made pump. In 1999, author Stephen King was seriously injured when he was struck by a van driven by Bryan Smith in North Lovell, Maine.

Singer Spanky McFarlane (Spanky and Our Gang) is 76. Nobel peace laureate Aung San Suu Kyi (soo chee) is 73. Author Sir Salman Rushdie is 71. Actress Phylicia Rashad is 70. Rock singer Ann Wilson (Heart) is 68. Musician Larry Dunn is 65. Actress Kathleen Turner is 64. Country singer Doug Stone is 62. Singer Mark DeBarge is 59. Singer-dancer-choreographer Paula Abdul is 56.

Actor Andy Lauer is 55. Rock singer-musician Brian Vander Ark (Verve Pipe) is 54. Actor Samuel West is 52. Actress Mia Sara is 51. TV personality Lara Spencer is 49. Rock musician Brian Dujardin is 46. Actress Robin Tunney is 46. Actor Bumper Robinson is 44. Actress Poppy Montgomery is 43. Alt-country singer-musician Scott Avett (AY'-veht) (The Avett Brothers) is 42. Actor Ryan Hurst is 42. Actress Zoe Saldana is 40. Actress Lauren Lee Smith is 38. Rapper Macklemore (Macklemore and Ryan Lewis) is 35. Actor Paul Dano is 34. Actor Giacomo Gianniotti is 29. Actor Chuku Modu (TV: "The Good Doctor") is 28. Actor Atticus Shaffer is 20.

Thought for Today: "To seek fulfillment is to invite frustration." Jiddu Krishnamurti Indian author and philosopher (1895-1986).

Newsday Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.


Answer to previous puzzle: ERAS, POOH, ARMOR, PART, EXPO, MANGO, ISEE, DYES, ODORS, CHAMPAGNE, GRAPES, ALE, EAR, SAGES, NASAL, PEA, CLEATS, OUR, TERRS, ELEVATOR, BUTTONS, NOSE, PUT, POTPIE, EWE, TATAS, RESET, IOU, ESS, WRINKLED, CLOTHES, HENCE, TRUE, WERE, INFUN, DARE, ARIA, MOORS, STEP, SEEM

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Bregman's double runs Astros' winning streak to 12

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Alex Bregman hit a game-ending two-run double with one out in the ninth inning and the Houston Astros beat the Tampa Bay Rays 5-4 Monday night to match a franchise record with their 12th straight win.

Houston trailed 4-0 after three innings but cut the lead to one entering the ninth.

Sergio Romo (1-2) walked Marwin Gonzalez to start the ninth, then allowed a single to Max Stassi. Tony Kemp's sacrifice bunt moved both runners up, and Houston loaded the bases when George Springer reached on interference by catcher Wilson Ramos.

Bregman then drove a ball that bounced off the wall in left-center. He lifted both arms as he trotted into second base, and teammates mobbed him in the infield.

Collin McHugh (2-0) struck out two in a scoreless ninth for the win on a night Gerrit Cole walked a career-high five to help the Rays build the early lead.

Houston also won 12 straight in 2004 and 1999. The Astros will go for No. 13 on Tuesday with ace Justin Verlander on the mound.

NATIONALS 5, YANKEES 3, 1ST GAME

YANKEES 4, NATIONALS 2, 2ND GAME



AP photo

Houston Astros' Alex Bregman (2) celebrates after hitting a game-winning double to score two runs against the Tampa Bay Rays during the ninth inning of a baseball game Monday, June 18, 2018, in Houston. The Astros won 5-4.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Aaron Hicks' go-ahead two-run homer sparked chants of "Let's go, Yankees!" on the road and helped New York beat Washington in the second game of an unusual semi-doubleheader, after pinch-hitter Juan Soto's tiebreaking two-run shot for the Nationals won the opener.

These games originally were scheduled more than a month ago, and Game 1 resumed after being suspended because of rain in the middle of the sixth — so technically, Soto managed to homer in a game played before he made his major league debut.

Huh?

The 19-year-old Soto was called up

from the minors for the first time five days after Game 1 started on May 15; it picked back up at 3-all and the Nationals about to bat in the bottom of the sixth. After Bryce Harper — who had a full beard back on May 15, when the game began, but was clean-shaven this time — struck out, and Anthony Rendon singled, Soto drove a 97 mph fastball from Chad Green (4-1) to the back of the second deck in right field.

RANGERS 6, ROYALS 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Bartolo Colon earned his 244th win, passing Hall of Famer Juan Marichal for the most by a pitcher born in the Dominican Republic, and Texas beat skidding Kansas City.

Adrian Beltre hit a three-run homer for the Rangers, who won their third straight game. The 45-year-old Colon (4-4) allowed three runs and nine hits in six innings to break a tie with Marichal on the career wins chart.

Only right-hander Dennis Martinez has more victories among pitchers from Latin America. Martinez, a native of Nicaragua, won 245 games in the majors.

Ian Kennedy (1-7) is 1-13 in his last 28 home starts. The Royals have lost seven straight and 13 of 14. They've dropped 27 of 37 games at Kauffman Stadium, the worst home record in the majors. Kansas City is 2-14 in June, having been outscored 95-35.

MLB

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Bauer has hypothesized for years that as velocities climb, pitchers may benefit from throwing fewer fastballs, but he didn't fully embrace the shift himself until this year. After a 2017 postseason in which Houston's Lance McCullers Jr. (40 percent fastball rate in 2017) and the Yankees' Masahiro Tanka (26.4 percent) thrived with low fastball rates, Bauer has finally followed suit.

It's no coincidence to him that he's having the best season of his life.

Bauer has thrown his four- and two-seam fastballs less than 40 percent of the time this year — about a 10-point drop from his career average — and filled that gap mostly with sliders. He's baffling hitters like never before, ranking among the league leaders with a 2.50 ERA and 129 strikeouts — second only to Cole in the AL.

That 40-percent clip puts Bauer among the most infrequent fastball throwers, but he thinks the rest of the league may soon catch up by slowing down. Since pitch-type data was first recorded in 2002, the rate of four- and two-seam fastballs has shrunk steadily from 64.4 percent to 55.4 percent, according to data logged by Fangraphs. Meanwhile, average fastball velocity has risen from 89 mph to 92.6.

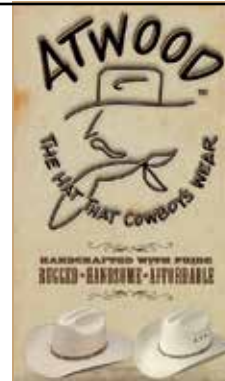
If the heat keeps getting hotter, Bau-

er thinks pitchers will cool it further on the fastballs. After all, other hurlers are going to notice the success that Cole and Bauer — former UCLA teammates — are having with the adjustment this season. Bauer suspects the league-wide fastball rate could drop as low as 40-45 percent before hitters finally adjust.

"You trap the hitters, basically, if you take that approach," Bauer said.

What do the hitters make of all that?

"Everybody can hit 98,' is what they're saying," Frazier said. "But that isn't necessarily true. It's very hard to hit 98 with movement. I think sometimes pitchers over-think things."



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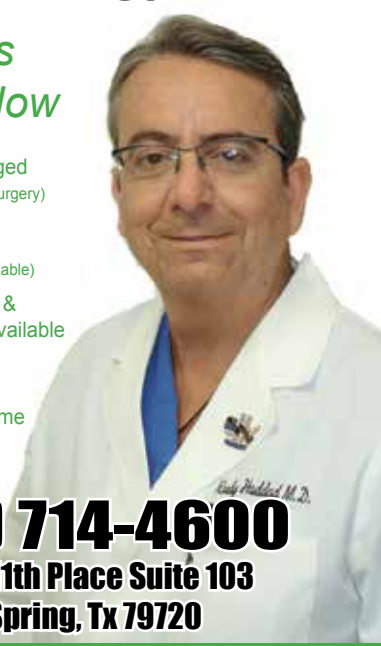
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