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Well fire wanes

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

A well head fire in the Knot community that's been burning since Friday night is showing signs of waning, Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan said this morning.

According to Sullivan, the owner of the well, Diamondback Energy of Midland, is currently building pads and hauling in dirt to get to the well, which is sitting partially submerged in a lake bed.

On Friday night, volunteer firefighters received the call of the well fire in the Knott community. The well is located in an isolated part of northern Howard County off of North County Road 9 and about a half-mile north of West County Road 40.

After getting to about three feet from the pulling rig and well, Sullivan said they determined the well head failed and it was beyond the firefighters' capabilities to cap the escaping gas because of the unique situation. Crews opted to allow the fire to continue since it wasn't a public threat at the time rather than extinguishing the flames, Sullivan said. The escaping gas would create larger danger, he added.

"It's one of those unique situations," he said. "Its the first time I've been to one of these. It's the first time I've been to a well fire that we weren't able to put it out."

Although the cause of the fire is still unknown, Sullivan said fire crews are working on a theory that a piece of rusted metal broke away from the well head and ignited the escaping gas. Sullivan said the well



Sullivan

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A classic centennial



Classic cars of all shapes, sizes, colors, and ages stopped in Big Spring Sunday afternoon as part of the celebration marking the centennial of the Bankhead Highway, the first all-weather, transcontinental highway constructed in the United States. Sponsored by the Antique American Independent Automobile Association, the tour consisted of American-made vehicles manufactured in the 1920s to the 1960s.

HERALD photos/Lyndel Moody

Community reaches out to family that lost home

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

The community response to a young family who lost all of their positions in a recent structure fire has been tremendous, according to a family spokesperson.

"We are just amazed because of the outpouring from people who want to help," said Kelly Paige, family spokesperson. "We've had members of our entire family helping and then there are people in the community we don't even know help out. We are usually on the other side of helping out people so this is different. People in this community do help each other."

Randy Paige Jr. and Krista Murphree lost all their possessions when the trailer house the couple were renting in the Sand Springs area caught fire and was completely destroyed Wednesday. The couple and their two small children, a boy age 6 months and a



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Front-runner Trump bristles at Cruz-Kasich collaboration

The Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Donald Trump says an extraordinary collaboration between Ted Cruz and John Kasich aimed at unifying the anti-Trump vote in some remaining primaries is a desperate move by "mathematically dead" rivals.

Such collusion would be illegal in many industries, the Republican presidential front-runner said, but it's illustrative of "everything that is wrong in Washington and our political system."

Under the arrangement

outlined Sunday, Kasich, the Ohio governor, will step back in the May 3 Indiana contest to let Cruz bid for voters who don't like Trump. Cruz, a Texas senator, will do the same for Kasich in Oregon and New Mexico.

The arrangement does not address the five Northeastern states set to vote Tuesday, where Trump is expected to add to his already overwhelming delegate lead. Yet the shift offers increasingly desperate Trump foes a glimmer of hope in their long and frustrating fight to halt the billionaire's rise.

Trump said in a statement

the Cruz-Kasich compact joins two "puppets of donors and special interests" who have no path to the nomination.

Cruz's campaign manager, Jeff Roe, said in a statement explaining the new plans that Trump would be soundly defeated by the Democratic nominee, whether it's Hillary Clinton or Bernie Sanders. "Having Donald Trump at the top of the ticket in November would be a sure disaster for Republicans," he said.

Added Kasich's chief strategist, John Weaver, "Our goal

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Police & Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **TRACY LEE PATTERSON**, 53, of 3801 County 2 Road was arrested on charges of resisting arrest, search, or transport, possession of drug paraphernalia, and public intoxication.
- **LARRY DEAY CORWIN**, 57, of 2515 Broadway Street was arrested on a charge of burglary in habitation-assault.
- **CHUCK AARON DANIELS**, 50, of 202 Rocco Road was arrested on a charge of assault family violence threat or offensive touch.
- **ROBBY CARROLL ATKINSON**, 44, of 110 Scout Hut Road was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid-no license.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1100 block of W 3rd.
- **THEFT** was reported on the corner of 2nd and Union, the 5000 block of Sterling Road, and the 1200 block of E 11th Place.
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 3300 block of W Hwy 80.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1100 block of E 11th.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1700 block of S Benton.

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.
- **ROBBY CARROLL ATKINSON**, 44, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of driving with license invalid with previous conviction/suspension.
- **MONICA LYNN BASSETT**, 45, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to appear, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, driving with invalid license, and six counts of failure to appear.
- **LARRY DEAN CORWIN**, 57, of booked by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of habitation.
- **CHUCK AARON DANIELS**, 50, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.
- **SAMUEL MEAYA GALINDO JR**, 49, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **PRISCILLA IRENE HERNANDEZ**, 35, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for failure to appear/possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram.
- **JOSHUA VERNON JETER**, 19, was booked by

the HCSO on warrants for speeding 66 mph in a 45 mph and violation of promise to appear.

- **TYERA S. MARMOLEJO**, 22, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for theft (capias).
- **AMBER RAY MCCALISTER**, 36, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for driving the wrong way on a one way road, violation of promise to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility, display of expired registration, two counts of failure to appear, and charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram.
- **CHRISTOPHER MAL MCPHERSON**, 20, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury.
- **TRACY LEE PATTERSON**, 53, was booked by the BSPD on charges of resisting arrest search or transport, possession of drug paraphernalia, and public intoxication.
- **ADRIAN PENA**, 31, was booked by the RSO on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance.
- **MARK PEREZ**, 30, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for hindering secured creditors, failure to control speed, no driver's license when unlicensed, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **JORGE ACEVADO RAMOS**, 24, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for two counts of failure to appear, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, and displaying expired registration.
- **MARIA RAMOS**, 59, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **DORA RODRIGUEZ**, 45, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for theft of service, greater than \$500 but less than \$1,500.
- **MANUEL RODRIGUEZ**, 52, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RENE RODRIGUEZ**, 28, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for hindering secured creditors, no driver's license, failure to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility, driving with invalid license, and two counts of failure to appear.
- **JOHNNY VILLA**, 26, was booked by the DPS on warrants for violation of promise to appear and speeding 10 percent above posted limit.
- **JOSEPH YANEZ**, 43, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for expired drivers license, failure to appear, speeding 55 mph in a 40 mph zone, and violation of promise to appear.

Take Note

• Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

• Photographs of area military personnel — currently on the job or veterans — going about their daily life are currently being sought by the July 3 Pops in the Park committee to be used in a military tribute during the event. The candid photos will be used during the photographic military salute portion of the Independence Day celebration. Any wishing to provide photographs for the tribute can e-mail digital copies in a jpeg format to pops@thebigspringpark2016@yahoo.com. Submissions must be sent by June 15. Also, photographs can be dropped off at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 West Third St. to be scanned in during normal business hours. The person must leave a name and contact number with each submission.

• Dora Roberts Community Center is hosting a clinic on May 2nd, 2016 at 100 Whipkey Drive for Big Spring and Howard County residents to learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious condition with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Screenings are affordable, convenient, and accessible for wheelchairs and those with trouble walking. Packages start at \$149, but consultants will work with you to create a package that is right for you based on your age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 for more information.

• The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for the Fall 2016 semester. Students must be Howard county residents and

will enroll for at least 12 hours. Application deadline is April 15. Application deadline for current A&M students is June 1.

More information and the application can be found of the club website: www.westexags.com

• 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 is \$8 per person.

• The Howard County Fair needs people to cross stitch squares for the annual Quilt Fundraiser. Complete kits may be picked up from Cheryl Joy at the Heritage Museum, Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674

Meetings

• The Big Spring Art Association meets every third Tuesday, September through May at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring meets at noon every Thursday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Visitors are welcome.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more infor-

Support Groups

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

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

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.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

Obituaries






Jack Buchanan

Jack Buchanan, 89, of Stephenville, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, April 25, 2016 in Stephenville. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

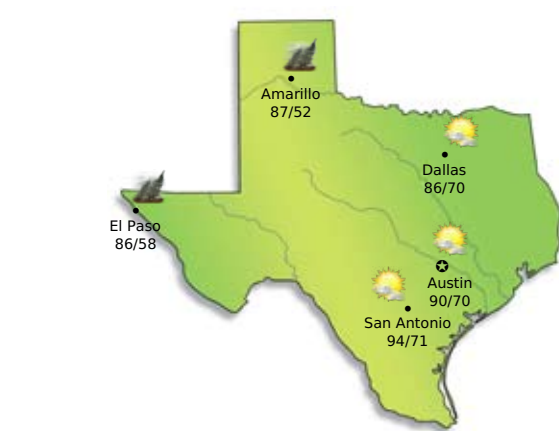
Gary Flores

Gary Flores, 49, of Big Spring died Saturday, April 23, 2016. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 4/26	Wed 4/27	Thu 4/28	Fri 4/29	Sat 4/30
 84/51 Sunny. Becoming windy late. High 84F. Winds WSW at 20 to 30 mph. Winds could occasionally gust over 40 mph.	 84/53 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 50s.	 86/61 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.	 83/54 Windy, t-storms likely early. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	 77/52 More sun than clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s.
Sunrise: 7:04 AM Sunset: 8:24 PM	Sunrise: 7:03 AM Sunset: 8:24 PM	Sunrise: 7:02 AM Sunset: 8:25 PM	Sunrise: 7:01 AM Sunset: 8:26 PM	Sunrise: 7:00 AM Sunset: 8:26 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	90	67	Sunny	Kingsville	91	71	Cloudy
Amarillo	87	52	Sunny	Livingston	87	67	Cloudy
Austin	90	70	Cloudy	Longview	84	67	Cloudy
Beaumont	82	69	Cloudy	Lubbock	91	55	Sunny
Brownsville	88	73	M Cloudy	Lufkin	86	66	Cloudy
Brownwood	91	67	Cloudy	Midland	93	63	Sunny
Corpus Christi	85	72	M Cloudy	Raymondville	97	74	Sunny
Corsicana	86	69	Cloudy	Rosenberg	87	70	Cloudy
Dallas	86	70	Cloudy	San Antonio	94	71	Cloudy
Del Rio	92	70	Cloudy	San Marcos	91	69	Cloudy
El Paso	86	58	Sunny	Sulphur Springs	84	68	Cloudy
Fort Stockton	93	61	Sunny	Sweetwater	90	66	Sunny
Gainesville	84	68	Cloudy	Tyler	86	68	Cloudy
Groesville	82	68	Cloudy	Weatherford	88	68	Cloudy
Houston	86	70	M Cloudy	Wichita Falls	91	70	Sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	79	60	M Cloudy	Miami	82	72	M Cloudy
Boston	61	44	M Cloudy	Minneapolis	66	44	Sct T-Storms
Chicago	76	55	M Cloudy	New York	67	55	M Sunny
Dallas	86	70	Cloudy	Phoenix	79	55	M Cloudy
Denver	75	42	Sunny	San Francisco	65	50	Sunny
Houston	86	70	M Cloudy	Seattle	59	44	Few Showers
Los Angeles	69	52	Sunny	Saint Louis	83	64	P Cloudy


Moon Phases

			
First Apr 14	Full Apr 22	Last Apr 30	New May 6

UV Index

Tue 4/26	Wed 4/27	Thu 4/28	Fri 4/29	Sat 4/30
10	10	10	10	10
Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.



mation, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

Volunteer opportunities

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

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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

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

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

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic

Obama: New troops to Syria 'essential'

HANNOVER, Germany (AP) — President Barack Obama on Monday announced the deployment of up to 250 U.S. military personnel to Syria, mostly special operations forces, to assist local troops trying to dislodge Islamic State extremists. He called the move essential to keeping up momentum against the group.

The deployment will bring the number of personnel to roughly 300, up from about 50 special operations forces currently in Syria.

Obama revealed his decision a week after Defense Secretary Ash Carter announced that more than 200 U.S. troops soon will be headed to Iraq, where local forces are also battling Islamic State militants who control areas of that country. He said none of the new forces heading to Syria would participate in direct combat.

"They're not going to

be leading the fight on the ground, but they will be essential in providing the training and assisting local forces," Obama said during a speech in Germany that capped a weeklong trip that also took him to Saudi Arabia and Great Britain.

IS was a focus of private talks with his counterparts in all three stops.

Senior U.S. officials have been touting the success of the existing U.S. forces in Syria, including their effectiveness in assisting local forces and generating critical intelligence that helps the U.S.-led coalition against IS target insurgents.

"We want to accelerate that progress," said Ben Rhodes, Obama's deputy national security adviser.

Obama said U.S.-European collaboration must extend to the threat posed by IS. As he announced deeper U.S.

involvement, he urged Europe to step up, too.

Before returning to Washington, Obama huddled with the leaders of Great Britain, Germany, France and Italy. He said ahead of the meeting that he planned to ask those nations to step up their training and airstrike contributions to the campaign against IS and to provide more economic aid to rebuild parts of Iraq recaptured from IS.

"Europe and NATO can still do more," he said. "We need to do everything in our power to stop them."

Obama discussed his troop decision briefly during a broader speech on U.S.-European relations and the importance to the world of continued European unity.

Obama urged Europe's leaders to pay attention to income inequality, which he said creates wedges among populations, and other issues

including education for young people and equal pay for equal work for women.

"If we do not solve these problems, we start seeing those who would try to exploit these fears and frustrations and channel them in a destructive way," Obama said. He decried an "us-versus-them" mentality that breeds animosity toward immigrants, Muslims and others.

"This is a defining moment and what happens on this continent has consequences for people around the globe," Obama said. "If a unified, peaceful, liberal, pluralistic, free-market Europe begins to doubt itself, begins to question the progress that's been made over the last several decades, then we can't expect the progress that is just now taking hold in many places around the world will continue."

The president's appeal for Europe to stick to-

gether came days after he made a forceful argument while in London against Great Britain exiting the European Union.

The possibility of Britain leaving the EU in a June referendum, along with the regional terrorist threat and the Syria refugee crisis, has raised questions about the strength of European unity.

Libya was also expected to be a topic of discussion at Obama's high-level meeting with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, British Prime Minister David Cameron, French President Francois Hollande and Italian Prime Minister Matteo.

Obama discussed Libya during separate talks with Cameron and Merkel. He recently said failure to plan for the fallout after Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi was toppled in 2011 was his biggest mistake.

Libya since has descended into chaos and become a base for IS. But Obama has said he has no plans to send in ground troops and prefers to support a newly installed unity government in the North African country.

Obama has said he remains opposed to large-scale U.S. military intervention in either Iraq or Syria. But he has incrementally deepened U.S. involvement in both countries, opening him up to charges of mission creep.

Carter last week announced the deployment of an additional 217 U.S. troops to Iraq, bringing the total to just over 4,000 in the first major increase in nearly a year. Eight Apache helicopters were also being sent to Iraq for the first time to help fight IS.

Both moves were cast as helping Iraqi forces as they prepare to retake the key northern city of Mosul.

Quick response to Wisconsin prom shooting draws praise

ANTIGO, Wis. (AP) — Officials praised the quick actions of police and district staff to stop an 18-year-old gunman, saying they averted what could have been a much worse attack on a high school prom in Wisconsin.

Two students were in-

jured when the gunman — identified by police as Jakob E. Wagner — fired a rifle on them as they left Antigo High School on Saturday night. A police officer already at the scene fatally shot Wagner in the parking lot.

Students headed back

to class Monday morning.

The Unified School District of Antigo said there will be a heightened police presence at the high school for the next several days and students will have support from counselors and others.

Investigators have not discussed a possible motive or said whether they believe the students were specifically targeted. But a school administrator said it appeared Wagner intended to go into the dance and start shooting randomly.

"We have no reason to

believe at this point it was targeting anybody specifically," interim district administrator Donald B. Childs told The Associated Press on Sunday, adding that the shooting at the entrance

happened "from some distance."

Wagner approached the school with a high-powered rifle and a large ammunition clip, school administrators said in a statement.

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girl age 15 months, escaped the fire without injury.

"They are doing pretty good right now," Paige said. "They had renter's insurance so they are able to pay for the hotel. They didn't need to take

funds offered by the Red Cross so the Red Cross could use that for other resources."

The family has enough clothing and hygiene items for now, Paige said, although they may need children's clothing size a little larger than their age since the children maybe hitting a growth spurt soon.

"Right now they are

looking for a place to live," she said. "Once they find one, they will need household items like dishes and silverware, maybe a baby's crib and furniture."

An account is set up to accept financial donations at Cosden Credit Union under the name of Randy Paige Jr. Donations of household items be dropped off at

KBST, 608 Johnson St., Big Spring; Paige Towing and Recovery, 5305 North Service Road, located near Alon Refinery; and My Favorite Place, 618 Gregg St, Big Spring

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WELL

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did not have any electricity at the time of the fire.

The well had been partially submerged since July 2015 after rainfall dropped an unofficial count of 4.5 inches in one day in the Knott community. According to Robert Rivera, a long-time resident of the

community, the lake bed where the well head and pulling unit are located was completely dry before the July rain.

That same storm caused damage around the community, including the destruction of a barn, according to reports at the time.

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TRUMP

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is to have an open convention in Cleveland, where we are confident a candidate capable of uniting the party and winning in November will emerge as the nominee."

The announcement marks a sharp reversal for Cruz's team, which aggressively opposed coordinating anti-Trump efforts with Kasich as recently as late last week. And the agree-

ment applies only to Indiana, Oregon and New Mexico — three of the 15 states remaining on the Republican primary calendar. As Kasich backs out of Indiana, Cruz promised he would not compete in Oregon on May 17 and New Mexico on June 7.

Trump campaigned Sunday in Maryland, which will vote on Tuesday along with Rhode Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Speaking to several thousand people in an airplane hangar in

Hagerstown, Maryland, Sunday evening, Trump stressed repeatedly that he expects to win the 1,237 delegates needed in the first round of voting in Cleveland to stave off a contested convention.

"I only care about the first," he said. "We're not going for the second and third and fourth and fifth."

As recently as three days ago Kasich's campaign announced investments in Indiana, including the opening of two offices and the creation of a campaign leadership team. His

campaign on Sunday night canceled a town-hall meeting and gathering in Indianapolis scheduled to watch the results of Tuesday's primaries.

Both campaigns encouraged allied super PACs and other outside groups to "honor the commitments."

On the Democratic side Sunday, underdog Sanders rallied thousands of voters in two New England states and offered mixed signals on how hard he would push his differences with the commanding front-run-

ner, Clinton.

The Vermont senator largely steered clear of Clinton at a Rhode Island park, but hours later delivered a sharp critique before more than 14,000 supporters

in New Haven, Connecticut. Sanders reiterated his call for Clinton to release transcripts of lucrative Wall Street speeches she delivered after leaving the State Department in early 2013.

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News in brief

On death row 35 years, Texas inmate dies of natural causes

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas prison officials say a man on death row, serving 35 years for a Houston robbery where three people were shot and killed, has died of natural causes.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Jason Clark says 60-year-old Max Soffar died Sunday at the infirmary at the Polunsky Unit prison, home of the state's male death row. Soffar had said he was being treated for liver cancer.

He was condemned in 1981, a year after the slayings of 17-year-old Arden Alane Felsher, her 17-year-old boyfriend, Tommy Lee Temple, and 25-year-old Stephen Allen Sims, an assistant manager at a bowling alley that was being robbed.

Soffar was retried in 2006 and convicted again.

MISD warns of fundraising scam for district athletic programs

Midland Independent School District learned Friday morning of a potential scam circulating throughout the community. According to a press release issued by the school district, some individuals have been claiming they are raising funds for new cleats for the Midland High School baseball team. The baseball team is not doing any fundraising at this time, according to MISD.

Former convict in famous Austin slayings seeks innocence

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A man once on death row

for the now still-unsolved slayings of four teenage girls a quarter-century ago in Austin returns to court this week trying to reinstate a lawsuit that seeks a declaration that he's innocent.

Robert Springsteen was condemned in 2001 after he was convicted of capital murder for killing one of the victims in what became known as the Austin yogurt shop murders.

The convictions of Springsteen and a co-defendant, Michael Scott, later were overturned when the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals said the two were unfairly denied the chance to cross-examine each other. They had implicated each other in statements to investigators.

Travis County prosecutors say Springsteen remains a suspect and could be retried if additional evidence surfaces.

Springsteen's lawyer, Broadus Spivey, tells the Austin American-Statesman (<http://atxnews.com>) that the unresolved case limits Springsteen to "common labor work" in West Virginia, where he moved since his release from prison.

Spivey is to argue before the 3rd Court of Appeals in Austin on Wednesday as Springsteen appeals a district court's dismissal last year of a lawsuit that sought a court order declaring him innocent. State District Judge Darlene Byrne said she didn't have the authority to make that decision. The appeal seeks to reinstate the lawsuit.

If he's declared innocent, Springsteen could become eligible to collect \$720,000 from a state fund earmarked for people wrongfully convicted. He's already been turned down twice by the state comp-

troller, who manages the fund, and twice in state and federal courts.

Two 17-year-olds, Jennifer Harbison and Eliza Thomas, worked at the I Can't Believe It's Yogurt store. Jennifer's 15-year-old sister, Sarah, and a 13-year-old friend, Amy Ayers, also were there the night of Dec. 6, 1991, when the store was set on fire. Firefighters poured thousands of gallons of water on it before anyone realized there were bodies inside. The four were found bound, gagged and shot in the head.

Police chased thousands of leads and received several false confessions. Springsteen, Scott and two other men were arrested in 1999, but charges against the other two were eventually dropped.

Saginaw police seek clues in fatal shooting of 17-year-old

SAGINAW, Texas (AP) — Police are trying to identify a suspect after a 17-year-old was fatally shot in a neighborhood in the North Texas town of Saginaw.

Saginaw police Capt. Russell Ragsdale tells the Fort Worth Star-Telegram (<http://bit.ly/1Wk9YK8>) that the shooting on Saturday afternoon occurred during "an altercation," but police had not determined what it was about or found an eyewitness. Police were told the shooter left in a vehicle.

Ragsdale says, "There's not an old feud that anyone's aware of."

The Tarrant County medical examiner's office identified the victim as Jordan Miles. The medical examiner's website shows that he would have turned 18 on Tuesday.

Street poet in Dallas winds words into images of hope, love

By SARAH MERVOSH

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS (AP) — She's a poet who hates love poems — but she'll write one for you anyway, if you ask.

Fatima-Ayan Malika Hirsi works as a street poet in the Bishop Arts District, where she hangs out with a vintage typewriter and a sign that says, "Pick a topic, get a poem."

The Dallas Morning News reports writing poetry on demand has become popular in cities across the country, but as far as the Dallas Poets Community, a nonprofit, can tell, Hirsi has carved out a niche in Dallas.

In less than 10 minutes, she can whip up stirring poetry on nearly any topic — from Pomeranians to, ahem, the splendor of a man's phallus.

She has a gift for capturing the essence of emotion, making even beer feel holy: We get Closer to God, try to feel everything from the inside, live like Nine Inch Nail songs and alcohol justify drunken lies.

About 10 percent of customers want a poem about an animal, Hirsi estimates. Another 30 percent request a love poem, her least favorite because they so often feel generic.

"Like, I'm not trying to write a Tom Jones song," she says.

Hirsi favors poetry that reflects her own life story: the kind that digs beneath the surface, turns dark and exposes something real.

It's a Friday evening.

Hirsi sets up in her usual spot, outside El Jordan Cafe on Bishop Avenue. She grabs her 1960s Smith Corona typewriter from a box decorated in a groovy floral pattern and displays it on a rickety table covered with a thrift store tablecloth.

Then, she waits.

Half-Jamaican and half-Somalian, Hirsi has big brown eyes and raven-black hair plaited into a bun. Her nose plays host to a hooped ring. Her lips shimmer raspberry, but otherwise, she wears minimal makeup.

At 28, she works two part-time jobs while studying anthropology at the University of Texas at Arlington. She also performs poetry across North Texas and leads a group called Dark Moon Poetry & Arts, dedicated to featuring female artists.

On spare weekend nights, though, she takes to the street.

She tried Deep Ellum and Lower Greenville before finding a home in Bishop Arts two years ago. She's now friendly with the valet guys, the business owners, the employees at The Wild Detectives bookstore around the corner.

"It's a way to be a part of a community, and it doesn't hurt that it pays the electric bills," she says.

Hirsi gets anywhere from two to 20 customers in a night. She doesn't charge, but allows them to decide the price. That's usually about \$20, but she's been paid as much as \$120 for a single poem.

Don Whittington, a poet who met Hirsi when they both worked at Half Price Books, commended his friend for having a "real mastery of shaking you in your boots."

"She'll write something and, on the face of it, it seems sort of ordinary. . Then, all of a sudden, there's a knife and she's cut you open and you're sitting there thinking, 'Wow, I did not see that

coming."

Two men stroll up, fresh off after-work drinks.

"So," they say, "you pick a topic and get a poem?"

Chris Hart, who is in his 30s and works in IT, wants one about his girlfriend, a "free-spirited" animal activist whom he met online.

A love poem.

Hirsi clasps her hands. Rubs them together. Begins to type, index fingers only. Clack. Clack. Clack.

It's getting dark now. Strings of yellow lights hang like frozen snakes in the trees.

After about 10 minutes, Hirsi abruptly stands up and snaps a photo of what she wrote.

Then comes what she calls the "transfer of spirit," when she reads her work aloud to her customer:

for chris and christina —
this is how you build a home —
show someone how to be brave —
take them to a place they did not know
exists — kisses before bed
and in the morning —
someone to ask about
your day.

Hart smiles and nods. When it's over, he empties his wallet into her hands, a few fives and some ones. He had planned to give just \$10, but changed his mind after hearing the poem.

"You can't buy this at the mall," he says.

As Friday night dinergoers pass by in perky high heels, Hirsi explains how her street poems differ from those she writes at home, with her purple notebook and her whiskey-laced tea.

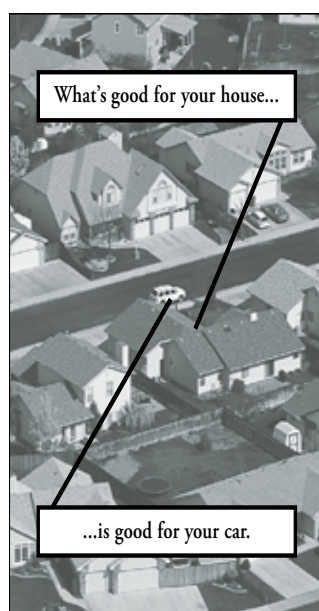
"Usually other people want to feel happy," she says.

Hirsi prefers the truth.

She moved around a lot as a kid. Jamaica. Pennsylvania. Texas. Her mom and dad separated, reunited, then broke up again.

Hirsi struggled with "the usual stuff women go through, but don't talk about." At 18, she says, she fell in love with a man who physically abused her, a dysfunction she described as "some sort of sick pre-destiny."

She eventually ditched a string of musician and artist boyfriends and is now married to a scientist



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In the poems she writes for herself, Hirsi often tackles women's issues in a voice that her friend Whittington describes as "honest, longing and truculent."

She writes of black mothers "singing songs of grief" as their babies get taken away.

Of her desire for a child, and eggs "that will never hatch."

Of an old relationship in which she felt like a "plaything."

Here, on the sidewalk, in the lull between customers, Hirsi keeps her fingers busy with lines about Mexican farmworkers in the 1920s.

That is, until the next love poem comes along.



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In Germany, Obama appeals for continued European unity

AERZEN, Germany (AP) — President Barack Obama appealed on Monday for continued European unity, saying anything less than total solidarity would jeopardize progress taking place around the world and give rise to the voices of intolerance and tribalism.

“The United States and the entire world needs a strong and prosperous and democratic and united Europe,” Obama said in Hannover, Germany.

Obama’s plea in a speech capping a weeklong trip came days after he made a forceful argument against Great Britain leaving the European Union, a 28-nation alliance. The possibility of Britain leaving the EU, along with the terrorist threat and tensions among nations grappling with the influx of refugees fleeing Syria and other nations, have raised questions about the strength of European Unity.

Obama said the way Europe handles its strains amount to a “defining moment.”

“What happens on this continent has consequences for people around the globe,” he said.

Test finds Chernobyl residue in Belarus milk

GUBAREVICH, Belarus (AP) — On the edge of Belarus’ Chernobyl exclusion zone, down the road from the signs warning “Stop! Radiation,” a dairy farmer offers his visitors a glass of freshly drawn milk. Associated Press reporters politely decline the drink but pass on a bottled sample to a laboratory, which confirms it contains levels of a radioactive isotope at levels 10 times higher than the nation’s food safety limits.

That finding on the eve of the 30th anniversary of the world’s worst nuclear accident indicates how fallout from the April 26, 1986, explosion at the plant in neighboring Ukraine continues to taint life in Belarus. The authoritarian government of this agriculture-dependent nation appears determined to restore long-idle land to farm use — and in a country where dissent is quashed, any objection to the policy is thin.

The farmer, Nikolai Chubenok, proudly says his herd of 50 dairy cows produces up to two tons of milk a day for the local factory of Milkavita, whose brand of Parmesan cheese is sold chiefly in Russia. Milkavita officials called the AP-commissioned lab finding “impossible,” insisting their own tests show their milk supply contains traces of radioactive isotopes well below safety limits.

Yet a tour along the edge of the Polesie Radioecological Reserve, a 2,200-square-kilometer (850-square-mile) ghost landscape of 470 evacuated villages and towns, reveals a nation showing little regard for the potentially cancer-causing isotopes still to be found in the soil. Farmers suggest the lack of mutations and other glaring health problems mean Chernobyl’s troubles can be consigned to history.

“There is no danger. How can you be afraid of radiation?” said Chubenok, who since 2014 has produced milk from his farm just 45 kilometers (28 miles) north of the shuttered Chernobyl site, and two kilometers (a mile) from the boundary of a zone that remains officially off-limits to full-time human habitation. Chubenok says he hopes to double his herd size and start producing farmhouse cheese on site.

Nepal begins reconstruction of quake-damaged heritage sites

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Nepal’s prime minister announced on Monday the start of reconstruction of key heritage sites in and around the capital that were damaged by an earthquake that killed nearly 9,000 people and devastated the country one year ago.

Prime Minister Khadga Prasad Oli offered prayers at the 17th century white-walled temple Anantapur, which was damaged in the magnitude 7.8 quake on April 25, 2015, long with more than 600 other historic structures. More than half a million homes were also destroyed, but hardly any have been rebuilt.

Nepal has been criticized for delays in reconstruction — largely due to bureaucratic bungling — of its historic structures and residents’ homes despite foreign donors pledging \$4.1 billion toward that end. Aid groups have demanded that authorities speed up the process and change some of the laws that have become obstacles.

Oli said Monday that work would begin on rebuilding the temple and three other heritage sites in Kathmandu, including the old palaces and temples at Kathmandu’s Durbar Square and key sites in the nearby cities of Patan and Bhaktapur.

Anantapur is one of the small Buddhist temples, stupas and monasteries surrounding the 5th-century hilltop shrine of Swayambhunath that lies in ruins. The site is also called the “monkey shrine” for the thousands of monkeys that congregate on the spot at the northwest edge of Kathmandu. It is listed



A woman writes on a memorial sheet complete with Prince’s symbol outside of Paisley Park in Chanhassen, Minn..

among the UNESCO heritage sites.

Ohio authorities seek leads in slayings of 8 in family

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Authorities are scrambling to determine who killed eight family members in a “pre-planned execution” that has shaken residents in their rural southern Ohio community.

Attorney General Mike DeWine said at a news conference Sunday that the killings at four homes near the small community of Picketon on Friday was “a sophisticated operation.” Seven adults and one teenage boy were found shot in the head; three young children were not harmed.

“This was a pre-planned execution of eight individuals,” DeWine said.

Authorities remained tight-lipped Sunday about details of the investigation, any suspects or motives for the crime. They said they found marijuana operations at three of the crime scenes, but didn’t say if the deaths were linked to pot. Autopsies were expected to be completed Monday.

Pike County Sheriff Charles Reader said it was clear the family was targeted, and he’s told the victims’ relatives to arm themselves.

A Washington ritual: Pentagon, Congress at odds over bases

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon thinks it has a winning argument for why Congress should allow a new round of military base closings. The case goes like this: The Army and Air Force have vastly more space for training and basing troops than they need, and trimming the surplus would save money better used to strengthen the military.

Congress, however, has its own logic: Closing bases can hurt local economies, which can cost votes in the next election. Besides, some lawmakers say, the Pentagon has cooked the books to justify its conclusions or at least has not finished doing the math.

Lawmakers are fiercely protective of bases in their district or state and generally prefer to ignore or dismiss any Pentagon push to close them. Nearly every year the Pentagon asks Congress for authority to convene a base-closing commission. The answer is always the same: not this year.

In a little-noticed report to congressional leaders this month, the Pentagon offered a detailed analysis — the first of its kind in 12 years — that concludes the military will have an overall 22 percent excess of base capacity in 2019. The Army will have 33 percent surplus, the Air Force 32 percent and the Navy and Marine Corps a combined 7 percent, the report says.

Nepal has done little to protect itself from next ‘big one’

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Last year’s massive earthquake in Nepal killed nearly 9,000 people, yet could have been much deadlier. It was spared not by disaster preparedness, but by the calendar.

It hit on a Saturday. Most children were out of school, and most adults were working in their fields, rather than in the hundreds of thousands of buildings that were damaged or destroyed.

The Himalayan country can’t count on that kind of luck next time, but since it’s in the middle of a highly active seismic region, it can count on another major quake at some point. Yet experts say Nepal and neighboring India have a long way to go to implement earthquake-safe building practices.

Nearly a year after the disaster, Nepalese authorities have yet to announce new building codes.

“I haven’t seen any significant initiative or change that would help the next time,” said Matias Bryneson of the Plan International aid agency. The government has said more than 8,000 schools were damaged or destroyed in last year’s quake. Still, “similar types of schools are still standing in other parts of Nepal,” Bryneson said.

Prince was a one-man band and a friend to many others

NEW YORK (AP) — On his own, Prince was a revolutionary recording artist and one-man band.

But the nearly-40 year career that ended with his death Thursday was hardly a private party. The other half of his musical legacy were his many collaborations and contributions, whether joining Stevie Wonder on stage in Paris for a spontaneous jam of “Superstition” or writing such future hits as “I Feel for You” and “Manic Monday” and giving them to other artists. In an industry where collaborations with other artists and credits are negotiated as heavily as world treaties, Prince followed only one credo when it came to working with others: the love of the music.

“Oh yes, he loved helping other people,” said his friend and former fiancée Sheila E., “and helping people by saying, ‘Hey, here’s a song you might want to do or like, I think this fits you, or you know come into the studio and see if we can work together.’”

In recent years, he boosted singer-songwriters such as Judith Hill, Lianne La Havas, Esperanza Spalding and Liv Warfield, and recorded singers like Rita Ora.

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Spurs rest up as they wait for next opponent

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs know they didn't face a spurs fight in the first-round of the playoffs, so they took what they could in sweeping an injury-depleted opponent.

A physical test they hope prepared them for the Western Conference semifinals.

The Spurs finished off their ninth postseason sweep in franchise history Sunday by

routing the Memphis Grizzlies 116-95. Now they await either Oklahoma City or Dallas, which will offer a much tougher series than the Grizzlies, who reached the playoffs despite using an NBA-record 28 players this season.

"They fought very hard," Spurs guard Tony Parker said of the Grizzlies. "Obviously, they had a lot of injuries, so it was not the

same. I've had some great battles against the Grizzlies over the years in the playoffs. You just have to give a lot of credit because they tried, and it was just too hard and too many injuries."

This was the third time the Spurs swept Memphis, including the 2004 first round and the 2013 Western Conference finals.

This series was a foregone

conclusion before the first tiptoff. But Spurs coach Gregg Popovich stopped on his way off the court to talk with Grizzlies forward Zach Randolph and give him a playful forearm to the chest. Popovich then complimented the Grizzlies' passion and drive for 48 minutes of each game.

"That physicality will help us I think in the next round," Popovich said.

Here are some things to know while the Spurs wait for their next opponent:

RESTED SPURS: With the Grizzlies so depleted by injuries, Popovich was able to take it easy on his starters. Even with Kawhi Leonard playing more than 42 minutes in Game 3, the Spurs starters still averaged fewer than 25

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MLB roundup:

Rangers swept by Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — It had been nearly 10 months since the Texas Rangers were swept, and manager Jeff Banister isn't sounding the alarm after dropping three straight to the Chicago White Sox.

Mat Latos and three relievers limited Texas to eight hits in a 4-1 White Sox victory Sunday. Chicago outscored the Rangers 13-4 in the series, giving Texas its first sweep since last July, when the Los Angeles Angels won three straight in Arlington, Texas.

"I like where the guys are at, where they're competing in the (batter's) box," Banister said. "It's tough to lose three in a row, but I felt we got some solid starting pitching in this series and played some good defense along the way."

"It was three days that we learned something about the next series." Now we'll move on to the next series."

Latos, Carlos Rodon and Jose Quintana combined with the bullpen to stymie Texas' lineup. In 24 at-bats, Adrian Beltre and Prince Fielder combined for four singles, one double and zero RBIs from the third and fourth spots in the order.

"We faced a really good pitching staff, but there are no excuses," Beltre said. "Our defense should be better."

"We played some decent games here, but we're not happy with the results."

Texas scored its only run on Nomar Mazara's home run in the first inning, the rookie's first since his major league debut on April 10. The blast cleared the visitor's bullpen and landed about five rows into the bleachers.

The Rangers posed their last threat in the sixth, when singles by Ian Desmond

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Houston falls in 11 innings

HOUSTON (AP) — After the Houston Astros rallied in the ninth inning, the Boston Red Sox kept the battle going until the 12th.

Ryan Hanigan fought through a 13-pitch at-bat for a walk that loaded the bases, and Jackie Bradley Jr. did the rest.

Bradley lined a tie-breaking RBI single in the 12th inning after Houston's Colby Rasmus hit a tying two-run homer off closer Craig Kimbrel in the ninth, and the Boston Red Sox beat the Astros 7-5 on Sunday night in a five-hour marathon.

Bradley singled with the bases loaded off Ken Giles (0-2). It was the first run the Red Sox had scored since Bradley belted the second of back-to-back RBI doubles with Hanigan in the third.

"Whether it's in extra innings tonight or other parts of the game where we stake an early lead, give it back or fall behind we continue to come back," Red Sox manager John Farrell said.

Mookie Betts grounded into a force at home, and then Giles uncorked a wild pitch that allowed Hanigan to score.

"I don't know what I can do," Giles said. "I put everything on the line, made good

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Carl Edwards does a backflip from his car after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup race in Richmond, Va. Sunday.

Edwards bumps past Busch for win

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Carl Edwards had been grinding for 30 laps, doing everything he could to catch Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Kyle Busch in a two-way breakaway from the pack at Richmond International Raceway.

When he finally caught him on the last lap Sunday, and in the final turn, he had no time to think about what would be the prudent thing to do. Instead, Edwards focused on the reason they are racing: to win.

Edwards bumped his sometimes-volatile teammate off his racing line in the last turn and passed him to win his second consecutive NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race, and the fourth in a row for the Gibbs racing stable.

NASCAR said it was the first last-lap pass for a victory in the history of

the premier series at the track, a span of 120 races.

"I wish it was anybody but my teammate that we had to race like that with, but big picture to me is we've both got some wins, we're in the Chase, and it's time to have to race your teammate for the win," Edwards said. "If the roles were reversed, I would have expected him to bump me the same way."

Then in a bid to throw a bone to Busch, whose car was sponsored by Banfield Pet Hospital, he said: "If my cat ever gets sick, I don't care how much it costs, I will take it to the Banfield Pet Hospital, if that helps."

Gibbs said there's no game plan for how to handle the next team meeting.

"What you do is you just start out and work your way through it, and that's

what we'll do," he said.

Edwards, who had fallen nearly 1.5 seconds behind after a restart with 36 laps to go, gradually ran him down, catching him on the final lap. Then he slipped underneath Busch, a master blocker in late-race situations, and nudged him just enough to allow Edwards to get inside him for his second consecutive victory. It was also the fourth in a row for the Gibbs stable, and fifth in nine races.

"Kyle's an amazing teammate and it's like he got really slow there at the end," Edwards said. "Something happened that last lap, it's like his rear tires went off or something, and he went down into (Turn) one and I dove it in and I got to him, and I thought, 'Man, I've got something here.' Then he went to get down to the bottom to park it in three

and four and I'd already decided to go down there, so I thought, 'Man, I'm going to give him a little nudge.'

"We've both got wins. We're racing for fun and getting these trophies. Just an awesome day."

After falling so far behind, Edwards was surprised to find himself in position to challenge for the victory.

"Man, I didn't think we had anything. Kyle was just so good for that run. I was just doing everything I could. He never spun his tires," he said. "I've Dave (crew chief Rogers) hadn't screamed at me to just get him, I don't know if I would have dove it in there that hard."

Busch seemed less than amused after being denied his third victory in the

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Stars hold on, eliminate Minnesota

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Minnesota's dormant arena had jolted awake, with two goals in a 16-second span by the previously slumbering Wild early in the third period.

The Dallas Stars had their 4-0 lead sliced in half, and coach Lindy Ruff called his team over to try to stem the momentum with 15-plus minutes to play.

"Probably one of the most useless timeouts I've taken, because they couldn't hear a word I said anyway," Ruff said. "But I was just trying to tell them, 'Listen, we've got to play.' You've got to live that environment to get better at it."

Though the Wild pulled even closer, coming within a fraction of an inch of tying the game in the final minute, the Stars pre-

vailed with a 5-4 victory on Sunday afternoon to wrap up their Western Conference quarterfinal series in six games and extract some valuable experience from the difficult finish.

Jason Spezza scored his fourth goal of the series and added three assists, and goalie Kari Lehtonen and the Stars needed every last one of them to reach the second round for the first time since 2008.

"A lot of things that you can take out of this that are good, a few things that are bad, but it's never easy to win a playoff series, especially against a tough team like Minnesota," said Patrick Sharp, who had one of the three first-period goals for Dallas.

John Klingberg, Jamie Benn and Alex Goligoski also scored for the Stars, who will face the winner

of the Chicago-St. Louis series, which is tied at 3 entering their decisive Game 7 on Monday night.

"The veteran leaders are the guys that you need in a game like this to make a difference, and they get all the credit for leading the way for us," Ruff said.

Jared Spurgeon scored two of Minnesota's four third-period goals, both on the power play, and the Wild nearly tied the game with 34 seconds remaining when Nino Niederreiter crashed the crease for a loose puck.

Freeze-frame replays showed it in the net, but not fully across the goal line, as it connected with Lehtonen's right pad. The oh-so-close call was upheld by review.

"We knew they wouldn't go away. They didn't all series and we didn't ex-

pect them to now," Goligoski said. "They made some great plays, and we made a couple mistakes but found a way. Sometimes it's just about winning games, especially this time of year, so we're happy we (sneaked) away with it."

At the end of a sleepy second period, with the Wild and their fans seeming more than ready for summer vacation, Benn put the Stars in front 4-0 on his top-shelf shot. Benn had two assists and finished with 10 points in the series.

The Wild weren't ready to pack it in, though, as they proved during the torrid 20 minutes that followed.

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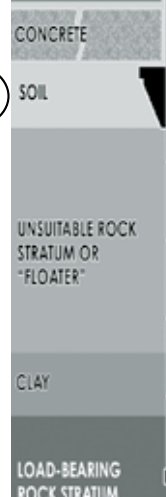
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Tomorrow's Horoscope



Void-of-Course Moon

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The void-of-course Sagittarius moon suggests there's plenty to ignore there. Furthermore, don't even bother judging yourself for thinking those thoughts!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have been searching tirelessly and faithfully for the signs that romance is real, love is magic and fate is holding a gift with your name on the tag. You'll have far more luck when you stop searching and just assume it's so.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Is the work worthy of you? If it feels at times like a crushing chore then the answer is probably yes. This

is the intensity you were born for. You will leave this work fortified, refined and feeling privileged.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be reminded that you are in a reciprocal relationship with your surroundings. As the results of your past efforts come around, you'll make adjustments in hopes that future results will please and serve you better.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The seemingly inconsequential responsibilities are detrimental en masse. You'd be wise to get into "handle it" mode and work whatever small details are in front of you for a few hours before you tackle the larger problems.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). In all interactions, look for the person behind the role; speak to the human, not the uniform. This is necessary in dealing with yourself, too. You have needs beyond what your role can fulfill.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There is quite a lot on the

schedule today that might be considered depleting work. Treat it like a meditation. Your attitude of mindfulness could turn these mundane tasks into your favorite moments of the day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When your mind is set on achieving and the expectation isn't met, you're more likely to get frustrated and give up. Set your mind on learning instead. You'll stay open and flexible while stacking the odds in your favor.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's a certain type of jealousy -- a snap of irritation followed by a flash of intense dislike -- that tells you exactly what you need to change in yourself. Act on this. Follow the impulse. Crystallize your plan.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Just because a thought shows up in your brain doesn't mean you have to act on it in any way. Today's mental intrusions are like Internet pop-up ads and can be removed just as easily. Click on the little X and

move on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Sure, you want the same happiness that everyone does, but the way that looks to you is different in specific ways. To inspire yourself, delve into your particular view of heaven on earth.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). By actively trying to stop negativity, you're making the issue important. Make it unimportant instead; ignore it. It just might drift by you like a dark cloud, moving on to rain somewhere else.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The schedule is subject to change. The one who "messes it up" could also be considered the angel of the day, though perhaps much later, when you're looking back at this day in the long-view.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (APRIL 25). An educational journey happens over the next six weeks. As a result you'll let go of some childish notions and adopt an empowering mindset. By July your routine is completely different and

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you think. Surely he admires your independence of mind and spirit, and that confidence is uniquely yours. Knowing the affinities of another can ease the "way in" to initial rapport but never at the cost of who you are. In the words of Billy Joel, "Don't go changing to try and please me." Authenticity is, by far, the best aphrodisiac.

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However, my parents have always drilled into me that I was to become a doctor or lawyer. They are very strict, and I always have obeyed them. I believe they do this for my benefit. My parents grew up poor. They want me to make heaps of money so I will want for nothing.

Whenever I bring up the topic of becoming an astronaut, they quickly shut it down, because they don't believe astronauts earn enough. My parents will never support me in this. I have only one

path, already drawn, complete with college courses and job openings. My parents see their friends' children becoming lawyers, surgeons or specialists, and they expect me to do the same. Even my teachers and friends give me doubtful looks when I tell them what I want to do.

But let's say that I cut ties with my parents and take college classes in physics and astronomy and don't get into NASA. Medicine is a solid field. You can find jobs anywhere. Shoot for the stars? Very funny. Do I live for myself or my parents? -- Trapped in the Grave of a Dream

Dear Trapped: Dreams are great, but they do not always translate to reality, as you know. According to NASA, the competition to be an astronaut is, well, astronomical

-- there are an average of 4,000 applicants for 20 openings every two years. You'd need a degree in engineering, science or mathematics, and then three years of related experience. Astronaut salaries are solid, but will not make you wealthy. But we don't want you to give up your dream if you are that committed to it.

The good news is, you don't have to decide today. In college, a pre-med program will require many of the same science classes that you would need to be an astronaut. This will give you an opportunity to see how well you do in those subjects, and your parents will have no objections.

Dear Annie: My husband died recently from complications due to Parkinson's disease. He, too, suffered the indignities of incon-

tinence, and initially refused adult diapers, even though he needed them.

I solved the problem by asking the nursing staff not to use the "D" word. After all, infants wear diapers and I did not want to infantilize my husband. I asked them to use the word "undergarments" to preserve the patient's dignity.

I am happy to report that the entire staff eliminated the word "diaper" around my husband, and probably around all the other residents of the nursing home, as well. Hopefully, they understood that one must give dignity and respect to everyone, no matter the circumstances. -- Advocating for My Husband

Dear Advocate: Sometimes the solutions to such problems are simple.

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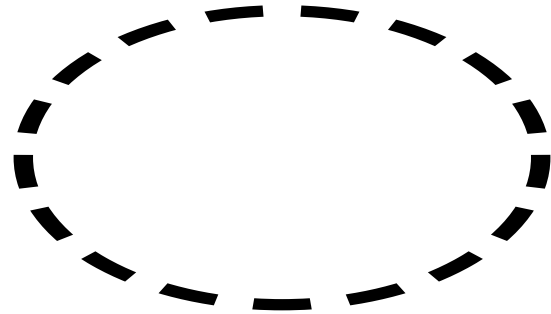
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Pass	Pass	1♠	Dble
6♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
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7♠	Pass	Pass	Dble

Opening lead — ace of clubs.

There is an old bridge adage that says if you bid like a hippopotamus and play the hand like a duck-billed platypus, you will still do well if your opponents defend just as badly as you bid or play.

Consider this deal from a high-stakes rubber-bridge game played in Holland. North was Bob Slavenburg, gifted Dutch expert whose hair-raising adventures have been recounted in this column before.

Most experts would probably open his hand as dealer with four spades, which offers many advantages. But in the actual case, Slavenburg chose to pass. After East also passed, South, obviously a member of the same school Slavenburg had graduated from, decided to open the bidding with one spade!

West doubled, and Slavenburg, holding modest trump support, raised his partner to six. West fearlessly doubled again, and this naturally caused Slavenburg to redouble.

At this point, South couldn't stand the heat anymore and ran to seven diamonds, his real suit. This didn't sit well with Slavenburg, who retreated to seven spades — again doubled by West.

West had no clear-cut opening lead, and unfortunately (for him) selected the ace of clubs as his opening salvo. The play of the hand did not prove difficult from then on. Declarer ruffed the club and led the nine of diamonds. When West followed low, South discarded dummy's singleton heart, and the nine won the trick.

Next came a heart ruff in dummy followed by another club ruff, establishing the J-10-9 as tricks. It was then a simple matter to trump a red card in dummy and cash the A-Q-J of trumps to bring home the grand slam!

Tomorrow: A valuable defensive signal.

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Lakers fire head coach

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Byron Scott will not return to coach the Los Angeles Lakers next season, the team announced late Sunday night.

Scott coached the Lakers for the two worst seasons in the 16-time NBA champion franchise's history, going 38-126. The Lakers are making another break from the Kobe Bryant era by firing the coach who shepherded the superstar guard's farewell season, but couldn't coax many wins out of an otherwise dismal roster.

Los Angeles finished with the NBA's second-worst record at 17-65 this

season, losing four more games than in its previous franchise-worst season in 2014-15.

"We would like to thank Byron for his hard work, dedication and loyalty over the last two years, but have decided it is in the best interest of the organization to make a change at this time," general manager Mitch Kupchak said in a statement.

Scott understood that his job was in jeopardy last week. He won three NBA titles as the shooting guard for the Showtime Lakers of the 1980s, playing alongside Magic Johnson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

STARS

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to Minnesota's late musical prodigy Prince, the song "Let's Go Crazy" played on the sound system after each score by the Wild, who sent 16 shots at Lehtonen in the third period. Lehtonen finished with 25 saves and a 3-1 record in the series, but the Stars were all out of sorts down the stretch.

Those early goals added up, though, because the Stars only needed one more to seal it. They got a friendly bounce when Goligoski's shot bounced around the goal mouth and Dubnyk didn't see it beneath him. Charlie Coyle lunged to try to keep it out, but the puck glanced off Dubnyk and in for a 5-3 lead with 9:32 remaining.

"I guess that's why you throw pucks to the net, but that was a tough time to get a bounce like that," said Dubnyk, who stopped 19 shots. "The way the guys worked in the third period, I'm just proud to be back there and a part of that. Right to the end, we still managed to get within one and almost score there. That makes you feel sick to have to lose a game and a series on a bouncer like that."

Jason Pominville slammed in a rebound with 4:47 left, setting up the frantic final flurry, but the Stars held on.

"I feel like we should still be playing," Wild defenseman Ryan Suter said. "The way that third period ended, I thought, 'Man, just one more minute in that period and maybe we're going to keep going.'"

NASCAR

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last four races.

"We just kind of gave it up a little bit there on the last lap, but I guess that's racing and we move on," he said. "... We had a really great car. ... We were fast, maybe not as good as Carl was on the long runs, but we did everything right, everything we were supposed to do."

Jimmie Johnson finished third, follow by Hendrick Motorsports teammate Kasey Kahne and pole-sitter Kevin Harvick. Gibbs placed all four of its drivers in the top seven, with Denny Hamlin sixth and Matt Kenseth seventh.

The race was the first scheduled for during the day at Richmond since 1997, and the racing made a huge fan of Johnson.

"We had multiple lanes that laid the rubber in the race track and we didn't have all

those marbles built up on the outside, where it really limited your opportunities up high," he said. "It was fun. The cars were slipping and sliding; there was a ton of fall-off. I enjoyed the long runs. I really like sizing-up guys that I'm racing with and seeing how that works out. And then, at the end we had a bunch of short runs."

Kahne was trying to hang on to a good finish at the end and missed the drama ahead of him.



Texas' Nomar Mazara (30) is congratulated by teammates after hitting a solo home run against the Chicago White Sox Sunday.

RANGERS

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and Elvis Andrus put runners on the corners with two outs. But the 6-foot-6 Latos nabbed Ryan Rua's hard grounder up the middle and started a double play.

"I was running on fumes there at the end," Latos said. "I was lucky to get a ground ball."

Latos (4-0) — who signed a \$3 million, one-year deal with Chi-

cago in February — was charged with one run and seven hits in six innings.

"Sometimes you tip your hat to the guy across the way, too," Banister said. "Latos has been hot. He has been pitching well."

Rangers starter Derek Holland (2-1) allowed three runs and five hits over 6 1/3 innings. His career 6.86 ERA versus the White Sox is the highest of any American League opponent.

Dioner Navarro homered and drove in two runs as Chicago won

for the fifth time in six games. Brett Lawrie added two hits and an RBI.

TRAINER'S ROOM

White Sox: C Alex Avila was placed on the 15-day disabled list with a right hamstring injury. To take his place on the roster, C Kevan Smith was recalled from Triple-A Charlotte. Avila, who is batting .214 in 10 games this season, was injured running the bases in the sixth inning on Saturday.

ASTROS

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pitches, got groundballs. Things aren't going my way right now."

Heath Hembree (1-0) pitched three scoreless innings and struck out Evan Gattis and Marwin Gonzalez with two on to end it.

"It feels good to con-

tribute to the team," Hembree said. "Just try to get the wins."

Rasmus hit a 98 mph 0-1 fastball from Kimbrel out to right-center field to tie it 5-5. Rasmus had a tie-breaking grand slam in Houston's 8-3 win over Boston on Saturday.

Carlos Correa doubled to set up Rasmus' tying homer.

"This is a tough loss be-

cause of how we battled back," Houston manager A.J. Hinch said.

"Obviously, the big home run from Rasmus. Both sides were in position to score even more runs than what we scored. We just lost the battle at the end," he added.

Pedroia finished a home run shy of the cycle. Hanigan, Betts, Hanley Ramirez and

David Ortiz each added two hits in the five-hour marathon.

Gonzalez hit a solo home run in the second to cut the lead to 3-1. Correa and Jose Altuve each had two hits, but Altuve also had two errors, which contributed to four of Boston's runs. It was the first time Altuve had two errors in a game since June 20, 2013.

SPURS

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minutes played per game during this series. Tim Duncan, who turns 40 on Monday, played just 13:32 in Game 3 and 19 minutes in Game 4. In wrapping up the series, six reserves played at least 13 minutes, and Andre Miller was the only Spur who played who didn't score Sunday.

HITTING THE BOARDS: LaMarcus Aldridge finished the series by posting a double-double in each of the two victories in Memphis. He scored 16 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in Game 3 and was only a point off matching those

numbers Sunday. He helped the Spurs dominate Memphis in the paint, where they out-rebounded the Grizzlies 41-36. Banging up against Randolph should only sharpen Aldridge for the semifinals.

The series win also provided a nice bit of redemption for Aldridge, who was with Portland last season when Memphis ousted the Trail Blazers 4-1 in the first round. Aldridge said he wasn't thinking of that right now. "Anybody that knows me knows that I don't like to look back on things until the end of the season," Aldridge said. "But I'm in the moment, and I'm enjoying the ride."

KAWHI LEADING

THE WAY: Kawhi Leonard, the two-time defensive player of the year, led the Spurs in scoring three of the four games. He also tied his postseason career-high with 32 points in Game 3. He did lead them in minutes

played each game.

STAYING SHARP: The Spurs didn't play with the precision they did most of the season in going 67-15. Yet they still finished this series shooting 50 percent in Game 4. Parker wasn't

sure how many practices Popovich will schedule before the next series starts. After a physical series with Memphis, Manu Ginobili is hoping for some rest first.

"I think we're due a couple days off, and

then we'll have a couple good practices to get the rhythm back," Ginobili said. "I think it's very important. We need it."

POP'S SWEEPS: Popovich now has nine postseason sweeps in best-of-seven series.

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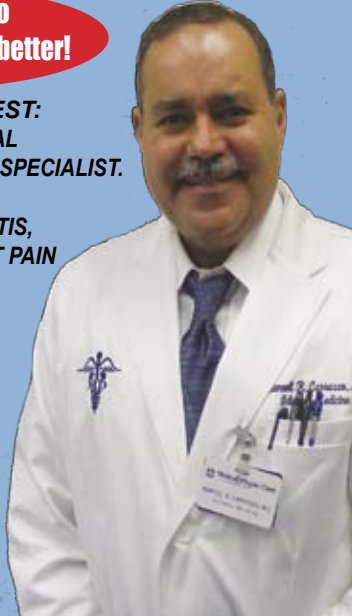
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