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One dead in rollover

Weather partly to blame in N.M. woman's death

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

A 56-year-old New Mexico woman was pronounced dead at the scene of a one-vehicle crash on State Highway 176 Tuesday morning after law enforcement officials say the vehicle she was traveling in rolled several times.

According to officials with the Texas Department of Public Safety, the accident was reported at 8:40 a.m. at a location on Highway 176, approximately 7/10 of a mile from mile marker 306, inside Howard County.

Juan D. Ontiveros, of Eunice, N.M., was driving a 2008 Ford pickup eastbound on Highway 176, according to the accident report filed by DPS Trooper Octavio Ureste, who operates out of the Stanton, Texas, DPS office.

The report states Ontiveros passed a vehicle on the roadway and, while moving back into the right-hand lane, lost control of the pickup when it hit standing water on the highway. DPS communications officers said

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

A playground at Comanche Trail Park wasn't getting much use Tuesday, but it was a welcome sight to see the park's lake catching a good bit of rain. Much of West Texas received between one and three inches of rain the past two days, according to the National Weather Service.

Rain brings much-needed moisture across West Texas

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

An "unusual" weather system that brought welcome relief from baking temperatures and parched conditions may stick around a day or two longer, officials say.

Crossroads residents have been sighing in relief the past few days because of the system, which has slashed temperatures and brought some much-needed precipitation to the area.

National Weather Service Meteorologist David Henrig said the cause of all this welcome weather is an upper-level low pressure system that's slowly making its way through this area.

"It's unusual in that it formed well off to the east and is moving west through the West Texas area," he said. "Usually, systems move west to east in this region."

Because of its unusual movement, the system is drawing sig-

nificant amounts of Gulf moisture into this area, he added.

"Not only is it raining, but we're getting good amounts of rain," he said. "There's the possibility of 2 to 3 inches of precipitation in some areas ... it pretty much rained all day from Big Lake up to Gail (Tuesday)."

NWS reports between 1 and 2 inches or rain fell in various spots

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Coahoma All-School Reunion set Saturday

COAHOMA — Put your red on. Coahoma High School will hold its All-School Reunion in the elementary school cafeteria Saturday.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Lunch can still be reserved for \$10 with one of the officers or will be available at the door for \$12.

The reunion will last until 3:30 p.m. and will include an auction and opportunities to raise money for college scholarships to CHS students. Items for the auction will appreciated.

A CHS Reunion Social for all classes will be held at Kokapelli's in Big Spring from 6-11 p.m.

For further information or to reserve lunch, contact Joyce York Baumann, president, jefnjoyce@yahoo.com or 432-816-1588 or Cindy Parrish Klaus, secretary, cindy.klaus@whiting.com or 432-466-1298.

Coahoma ISD to hire on-site deputy

District also to look into building three housing units

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

COAHOMA — In a move to increase school safety, Coahoma Independent School District will contract with the Howard County Sheriff's Office to have a permanent security presence at campuses this coming school year.

During their monthly meeting Tuesday, CISD trustees approved an interlocal agreement with HCSO which will result in a deputy being stationed at the district full-time during the 2013-2014 school year.

The deputy will be employed by HCSO, but will be paid during the school year by Coahoma ISD. A similar agreement between the

sheriff's office and Forsan ISD will cost approximately \$50,000, which includes one-time expenses such as equipment, officials said.

The deputy will be responsible mainly for on-site security, but also will perform related duties such as helping the school district with emergency planning and the evaluation of safety drills.

Also during Tuesday's meeting, trustees voted to seek proposals for the construction of three housing units which would be located near Coahoma Elementary.

Housing issues have become critical for area school districts since the recent oilfield boom has brought in an influx of workers

to this area. That has had the unfortunate effect of shrinking the availability of housing for school district employees, officials said.

CISD Assistant Superintendent Andy Reddock said Thursday's vote was to solicit bids for construction; a final decision on the matter won't be made for a few months.

In other business, trustees tentatively approved a tax rate for the coming fiscal year of \$1.27 per \$100 property valuation, the same rate as currently used by the district.


Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

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Obituaries

Frances Faye Vinson Hobbs



Frances Faye Vinson Hobbs, 81, of Big Spring went to be with the Lord on Sunday, July 14, 2013, in a Lubbock hospice facility. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 18, 2013, at the Family Faith Victory Center with Brother Neil Hall officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, 2013, at the funeral home.

She was born April 15, 1932, in Hatchel, Texas, and married Johnnie A. Hobbs Jr. on Aug. 14, 1948, in Big Spring, Texas.

Faye moved to Howard County in 1940 and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1949. She started working for First National Bank at the age of 16 and retired after 49 years, having been involved in every aspect of the bank.

She and Johnnie owned Cowboys Restaurant for 11 years and both had been involved in little league baseball for 40 years. She bowled with the Sterling City Travelers for a number of years and enjoyed camping. Her family and grandchildren were the most important thing to her.

She was a lifelong member of Cedar Ridge Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Johnnie A. Hobbs Jr. of Big Spring; one son, Leon Hobbs and wife Frances of Big Spring; two daughters, Anita Cline and husband John of Big Spring and Karen Leonard and husband Mike of Andrews; eight grandchildren, Kimberly Hobbs Pierce and husband Greg, Derek Hobbs, Kandi Campbell and husband Nate, Krystal Walden and husband Brent, Stephanie Gilbert and husband Garland, Whitney Henderson, Aaron Henderson and wife Brittney, Kristan Sweatt and husband Brandon; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George Burley and Lula Frances Ward Vinson; and a brother, Milton Vinson.

Pallbearers will be Aaron Henderson, Ryan Ward, Garland Gilbert, Brent Walden, Derek Hobbs and Greg Pierce. Honorary pallbearers will be Greg Nelson, Nate Campbell, Rusty Henderson and J.J. Hunt.

The family suggests memorials be made to Alzheimer's Association — Greater West Texas Chapter, 4400 N. Big Spring, Suite C-32, Midland, Texas 79705.

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

Paid obituary

Carlos Humphrey

Carlos Humphrey, 84, of Big Spring died Tuesday, July 16, 2013, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, July 19, 2013, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rick Cunningham officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 18, 2013, at the funeral home.

Survivors include his wife, Willene Humphrey of Big Spring; one son, Neal Humphrey of Ira; one daughter, Gay Lynch of Midland; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today:

- ADAM MONTEZ VIERA, 29, of 1905 Wasson Road 67, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for

theft less than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500.

- JAMES ARTHUR WHITED, 47, of 309 West Fifth Street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft less than \$50, shoplifting.

- SARAH ARLEEN FAULTNER, 33, of 2401 Cheyenne, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

- JESSICA ELAINE CARMICHAEL, 32, of 2626 Hunter, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- JAMIE JONES CHAPPELL, 36, of 1200 Madison, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.

- RICKY LOVELLE KINNAMON, 60, of 8113 North Service Road, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.

- YOSELIN ELIZABETH PINEDA, 20, of 1700 North FM 700, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 1200 block of East 18th St.

- THEFT was reported at the 3600 block of West Highway 80, 200 block of West FM 700, 3700 block of Caroline.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the 1500 block of Sycamore.

- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the 300 block of Tulane.

- ASSAULT was reported at the 1400 block of East Sixth Street.

- INTOXICATED SUBJECT was reported at the 1400 block of Owens.

- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported at the 900 block of Willia.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 80 inmates at the time of this report.

- ADAM VIERA, 29, was booked by the BSPD on charges of theft of property less than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500.

- SARAH ARLEEN FAULTNER, 33, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of parent contributing to nonattendance.

- JESSICA ELAINE CARMICHAEL, 32, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana.

- JAMES ARTHUR WHITED, 47, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of theft less than \$50.

- RICKY LOVELLE KINNAMON, 60, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

- JAMIE JONES CHAPPELL, 36, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- YOSELIN ELIZABETH PINEDA, 20, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported at the 700 block of Johnson, one patient transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported at the 1200 block of South Runnels, one patient transported to SMMC.

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at Andrews Highway and Sulfa Draw. No one was transported.

- MEDICAL was reported at the 300 block of Veteran's Boulevard, one patient transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported at the 1600 block of Bluebird, no one transported.

- MEDICAL was reported at the 1900 block of North Highway 67, one patient transported to SMMC.

- AUTOMOBILE ON FIRE was reported at the 1300 block of South Birdwell.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

- "A Journey to a New Normal," a grief support network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic

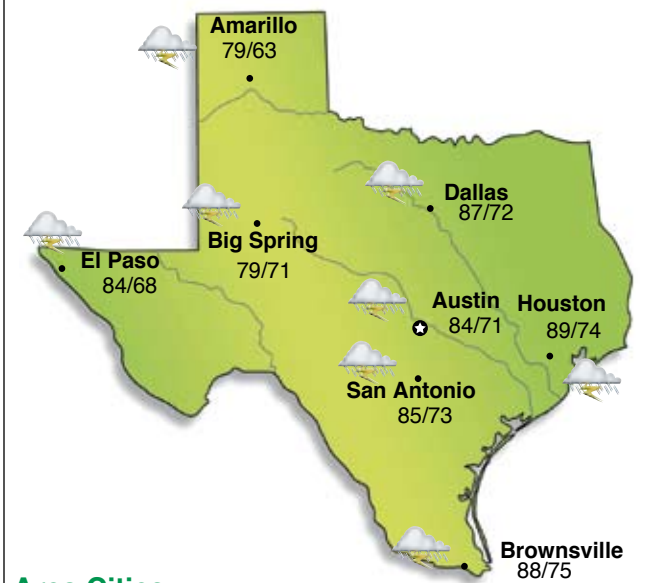
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 7/18	Fri 7/19	Sat 7/20
79/71 Showers and thunderstorms. High 79F. Winds E at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 80%.	87/71 Slight chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 70s.	93/70 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 6:52 AM Sunset: 8:53 PM	Sunrise: 6:52 AM Sunset: 8:52 PM	Sunrise: 6:53 AM Sunset: 8:52 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	81	71	rain	Kingsville	92	75	t-storm
Amarillo	79	63	t-storm	Livingston	90	70	t-storm
Austin	84	71	t-storm	Longview	91	72	pt sunny
Beaumont	91	72	t-storm	Lubbock	76	66	rain
Brownsville	88	75	t-storm	Lufkin	91	71	t-storm
Brownwood	86	71	rain	Midland	79	70	t-storm
Corpus Christi	90	78	t-storm	Raymondville	91	74	t-storm
Corsicana	86	70	t-storm	Rosenberg	89	73	t-storm
Dallas	87	72	t-storm	San Antonio	85	73	t-storm
Del Rio	85	75	t-storm	San Marcos	85	72	t-storm
El Paso	84	68	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	92	73	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	77	67	t-storm	Sweetwater	80	69	rain
Gainesville	87	70	t-storm	Tyler	90	72	t-storm
Greenville	90	71	t-storm	Weatherford	86	70	t-storm
Houston	89	74	t-storm	Wichita Falls	86	69	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	91	71	t-storm	Minneapolis	93	74	sunny
Boston	91	73	sunny	New York	92	79	sunny
Chicago	92	76	mst sunny	Phoenix	99	83	pt sunny
Dallas	87	72	t-storm	San Francisco	63	52	pt sunny
Denver	85	62	sunny	Seattle	80	57	pt sunny
Houston	89	74	t-storm	St. Louis	95	77	mst sunny
Los Angeles	83	64	sunny	Washington, DC	97	80	sunny
Miami	83	75	rain				

pain disease), a new 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. Non-smoking closed discussion 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. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

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Take Note

• Coahoma High School classes of 1952 through 1956 will hold a reunion at Papa Chon's Restaurant at 6 p.m. Friday. Contact Sue Buchanan Tindol at 432-394-4363 for more information or to reserve a seat.

• The Red Hat Club of Big Spring will meet at 6 p.m. July 25 at 2709 Carol Drive. For more information call 263-0020.

• Spring Creek Fellowship will hold a fundraiser, "We Sent Our Harts to Zambia," Aug. 3 at Big Spring State Park. Pre-registration will guarantee a commemorative T-shirt. Registration and sign in will be at 8 a.m. on top of Scenic Mountain. Entry fee is \$30. Race will begin at 9 a.m. Awards for all participants. Medals for the top three finishers. For more information, contact Shawn Hart at 432-238-0642 or Lauren Hart at 432-213-0790. Proceeds will be used to send the Harts to Zambia.

• Spring of Siloam Christian Women's Job Corps is accepting applications for its fall semester classes through the final week in August. For more information, call 432-517-4627.

• The Howard County Sheriff's Posse will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6 at Crispy's Cafe, located near the intersection of Birdwell Lane and FM 1700. The local group is looking for new members and would like to encourage anyone interested in joining to attend the meeting. For more information on the Howard County Sheriff's Posse or the meeting, contact Steve Gray at 432-213-6104 or Bert Sheppard at 432-263-4483.

• Diabetes and Nutrition will be the August Healthy Woman event in Room 215 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Paula Sue Sisson, new SMMC dietitian, will be the featured speaker. Find out about inpatient and upcoming outpatient services regarding diabetes and nutritional consultations.

The event, set Aug. 8 with a Lunch n Learn at 11:30 a.m. and refreshments and light snacks at 5:30 p.m., is free to the public, as always. For more information or to RSVP, call 268-4842 or 268-4721.

• Parenting classes will be held in room A-10 at Howard College from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month. For more information, call 263-2673 and ask for Linda.

• Howard County Fair Association is seeking volunteers to help with the Howard County Fair which will be held Sept. 26-28. To find out more information or to volunteer, contact Jamey Stegall at 214-717-9210 or jamey.stegall@gmail.com. The fair association is also accepting applications for exhibitors at the fair. All booths rent for \$100. Contact Stegall for more information.

• 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 263-9669.

• Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people's lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.

• Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice,

432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.

• You don't have to be a senior citizen to enjoy country-western dancing. The Big Spring Senior Center hosts a dance every Friday from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. A different band will be featured every night. Dancing is a fun way to exercise, so come enjoy the fun and meet new friends. Cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call 267-1628.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Manny Negron at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

• The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in need of fans. Community members can donate new or used fans. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• 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 foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-

995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• 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, please contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call 877-277-1618, the High Plains American Cancer Group Report Center.

• New Life Ministries Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

Army probes radiation in bunker at Texas post

FORT BLISS, Texas (AP) — Army and federal investigators have detected radiation in a former nuclear weapons bunker at Fort Bliss and are trying to determine if anyone or other

buildings on the West Texas post may have been contaminated, officials said Tuesday.

A group of investigators from the Army, experts on nuclear and chemical weapons, as

well as the Federal Bureau of Investigations Weapons of Mass Destruction team arrived Tuesday to the desert area where the bunker is located.

It sits along with other

above-ground concrete storage facilities completely buried in dirt.

A yellow and red sign warning of radiation danger could be seen on the steel doors of bunker 11507.

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RAIN

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in Howard County Tuesday, with even more expected today.

All that moisture also has brought a welcome break from typical scorching July

heat.

"We'll continue to have rain and clouds (Wednesday) and that will reinforce the cooler temperatures," Henrig said. "This will continue until Thursday, when we'll see clouds breaking up and things heating up again."

Because of all the residual moisture in the area, however, the warming trend will

be gradual — Henrig doesn't anticipate the return of typical mid-summer temperatures until the middle of next week.

The forecast calls for a 90 percent chance of rainfall through today, dropping to 50 percent tonight and 20 percent Thursday.

Contact Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or reporter@bigspringherald.com

WRECK

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the driver overcorrected, sending the vehicle into the north bar ditch, at which time the vehicle rolled several times.

Evangelina Ontiveros, 56, also of Eunice, N.M., was pronounced dead at the scene by Howard County Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs at approximately 9:30 a.m. Law enforcement officials said she was the only passenger in the vehicle not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash.

Despite observations by emergency medical personnel at the scene, DPS officials could not confirm whether Evangelina Ontiveros was

ejected from the vehicle during the rollover accident.

DPS officials said two other passengers were in the pickup at the time of the accident. However, no serious injuries were suffered by them or Juan Ontiveros as a result of the crash, according to the DPS accident report.

The body was taken to Myers & Smith Funeral

Home in Big Spring, according to law enforcement officials, and next

of kin has been notified.

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So what's in a nursery rhyme?

In keeping with my commitment to provide you, dear reader, with compelling and amusing literary expositions, I cautiously venture into a somewhat respected area of society's history that is nothing short of disturbing, albeit entertaining. If you have children you will probably best relate to the astounding unveiling of life-changing knowledge you are about to peruse. If you are observant, you surely detected the position of my tongue in that particularly cheeky statement. Nevertheless, here we go.

Parents and caretakers of children for generations have been reading the works of a particular author whose identity and origin is rather ambiguous and mysterious at best, Mother Goose. "She" is often cited as the author of hundreds of children's stories that have been passed down through oral tradition and published over centuries. Various chants, songs, and even games have been attributed to her, but she is most recognized for her nursery rhymes, which for generations have been published as Mother Goose Rhymes.

As a disclaimer of sorts, I will begin by acknowledging there is no general consensus among researchers and historians concerning the origin and meaning of many of the most enduring nursery rhymes. That being said, in my opinion some of the cutesy poetic compositions that have been fed to children during their youngest and most formative years is troublesome anyway. Of course, many of the sweet lilting verses read and lullabies sung to our children are perfectly innocent and bring joy to their peaceful hearts. But not all nursery rhymes are all pudding and pie. Look closely and you'll start to notice the starving dogs, nose-severing blackbirds, women held captive in pumpkin shells, and tails lopped off with carving knives. Those horrific images are just the remnants, though.

Mother Goose rhymes have been fairly sanitized over the years, and earlier versions were chock-full of atrocities. The farther back one looks, the more gruesome the rhymes become. Some even believe that

the seemingly harmless "Eeny, meeny, miny, mo" counting rhymes derive from ancient methods of choosing human sacrifices.

Nursery rhyme reform was the rallying cause of a few upstanding gentlemen of the 1950s, including Geoffrey Handley-Taylor, who surveyed 200 popular rhymes and listed in detail what sorts of unsavoriness they contained, much as parents groups today decry animated films or video game content.

Handley-Taylor's list of unpleasant elements in the rhymes he read is a whole page long, and includes these bothersome incidents: 8 allusions to murder, 2 cases of choking to death, 1 case of cutting a person in half, 1 case of death by devouring, 15 allusions to maimed human beings or animals, and 23 cases of physical violence.

In more repressed times, people were not always allowed to express themselves freely, for fear of persecution. Gossiping, criticizing the government or even talking about current events were offenses often punishable by death. In order to communicate at will, clever rhymes were constructed and passed around to parody public figures and events. Under the guise of children's entertainment, many rhymes that were encoded with secret messages throughout history have endured the test of time and are still with us today.

Other nursery rhymes don't seem to carry a particular message at all, but convey a macabre sense of humor. They have been so ingrained in us since childhood that we hardly notice that babies are falling from trees, women are held captive or live animals are being cooked. It's only when you stop and absorb the actual words of these catchy, sing-song rhymes that the darkness and absurdity is realized.

For instance, in children's books, Humpty Dumpty is portrayed as a large egg, usually dressed like a little boy. It's a sad story, as he gets busted up and nobody can fix him. Although the words Humpty Dumpty were often used to describe somebody obese in the 15th century, this nursery rhyme actually refers to a cannon. The huge cannon was used by the Royalists during the English Civil War (1642-1649) in the siege of Colchester. It was placed on top of the wall that served to protect the city of Colchester from invading forces

called Roundheads. However, a shot from the opposing side succeeded in throwing Humpty off the wall. The Royalists attempted to raise the cannon to another part of the wall, but because it was so heavy, "all the kings horses and all the kings men" couldn't do it. The city of Colchester soon fell to the Roundheads.

Then there's the favorite, "Mary, Mary quite contrary, How does your garden grow? With silver bells and cockle shells, And pretty maids all in a row." Almost all researchers agree that this rhyme is a reference to "Bloody Mary" Tudor, Queen Mary I of England, who killed vast numbers of Protestants. The garden actually refers to growing cemeteries filled with dead Protestants. Silver bells refer to a device that crush the thumb and cockle shells were torture devices attached to very sensitive body parts. The maiden is the other name of the guillotine used to behead people.

3 Blind Mice has been around a long, long time. The vicious farmer's wife in this rhyme is believed to refer to the same "Bloody Mary." When three Protestant bishops were convicted of plotting against Mary, she had them burnt at the stake, an event established in historical documents.

Jack and Jill originated in France. The characters refer to King Louis XVI, Jack, and his Queen Marie Antoinette, Jill. Jack was beheaded (lost his crown) first and then Jill came tumbling after during the Reign of Terror in 1793.

In somewhat of an ironic turn, the nursery rhyme that most people believe has an unpleasant origin — Ring a ring o' roses — has actually very little evidence connecting it with the bubonic plague as most people associate it. Many scholars believe that the link was merely the work of 19th Century conspiracy theorists, as indeed may be some of the interpretations that I've presented above. Let the debate rage on! And I guess the lyrics and the potentially psychologically damaging imagery aren't that important anyway if the little tykes will just go to sleep.

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

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DAILY PRAYER

Let us have the strength, dear Lord, to allow you to guide us through life on earth.

Amen

Vigilantes for justice

George Zimmerman exhibited the good sense not to flash a triumphant high-five after a jury found him not guilty of second-degree murder or manslaughter in the 2012 shooting death of an unarmed 17-year-old named Trayvon Martin. There was no public victory dance, only a quiet exit from the harsh public spotlight.

I had expected the jury to find Zimmerman guilty of manslaughter. After all, an armed adult shot and killed an unarmed teenager. Though Zimmerman's attorneys deny that race was a factor, I figured Zimmerman found Martin "suspicious" because he was a black teen in a hoodie in a predominantly white gated community. If true, all the government had to do was prove it.

But once a case becomes a cable TV news staple, the odds of acquittal increase. Think O.J. Simpson and Casey Anthony. High-profile cases draw top defense attorneys. Top lawyers know how to impress upon jurors the burden on the prosecution to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

On that, the prosecution failed.

As The New York Times reported, after a three-week trial, the details of the fateful brawl between Zimmerman and Martin remained "a muddle, fodder for reasonable doubt. It remained unclear who had started it, who screamed for help, who threw the first punch."

Also, there was a political taint to the case. In the weeks after the shooting, police refused to charge Zimmerman. Civil rights leaders protested; news reports misrepresented Zimmerman's conversation with a 911 operator. Florida Gov. Rick Scott then assigned a special prosecutor, who overcharged Zimmerman with second-degree murder, which requires the state to establish ill will, hatred, spite or evil intent.

Rachel Jeantel, the friend with whom Martin was talking on the phone when he first encountered Zimmerman, testified that authorities first interviewed her at the home of Martin's mother, Sybrina Fulton.

Impartial investigators don't question witnesses in front of the victim's mother. So though I suspect that Zimmerman was, as Martin told Jeantel, a "creepy-ass cracker" who didn't understand where neighborhood watch ended and vigilantism began, I will trust the jury's verdict.

Oddly, the folks protesting Zimmerman's vigilantism the most loudly are acting like vigilantes

themselves. In Oakland, Calif., protesters chanted: "Zimmerman, the people say guilty." NAACP President Benjamin Jealous launched a petition urging the U.S. Department of Justice to file civil rights charges against Zimmerman. First the verdict and then the trial.

The Department of Justice is pursuing the case. On Monday, Attorney General Eric Holder explained, "We are resolved, as you are, to combat violence involving or directed at young people, to prevent future tragedies and to deal with the underlying attitudes, mistaken beliefs and stereotypes that serve as the basis for these too common incidents." Holder seems unaware that the FBI investigated but found no evidence of racial bias on the part of Zimmerman.

Martin's parents have every right to sue Zimmerman in civil court for the wrongful death of their unarmed son.

But the Department of Justice should respect the jury and its verdict. The government doesn't get to keep trying this guy until some jury finds him guilty.

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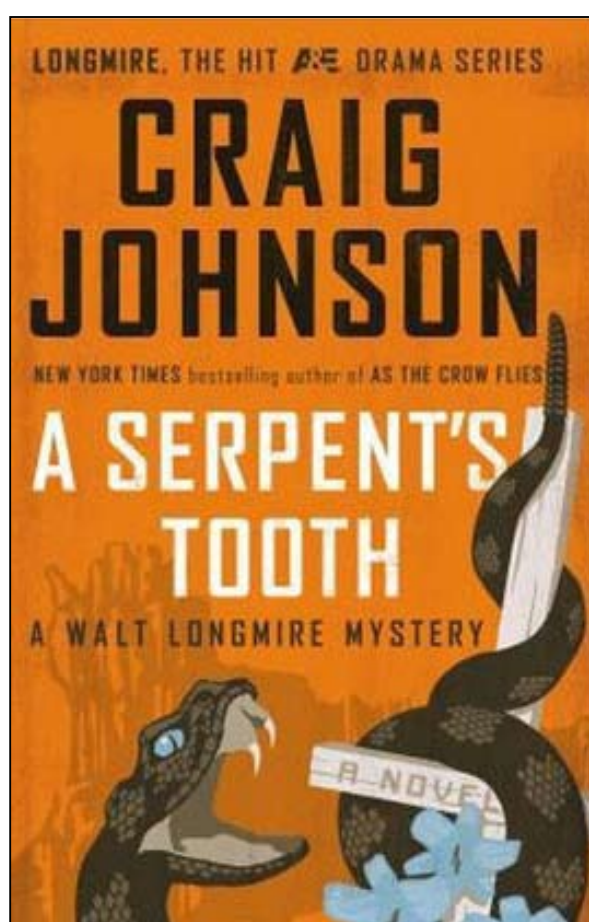
Why not check this out? At the library

Have you ever wished you were an only child? As one of five, I have (frequently, growing up). Lauren Sandler has written a book "One and Only: The Freedom of Having an Only Child, and the Joy of Being One" (306.874 SAN L). Sandler is an only child and she and her husband are the parents of one. In this heartfelt work, she explores the societal costs of having more than one child versus the cost of a single child. If parents no longer felt the need had to have second children to keep from really messing up their first, would they choose to have the second child? "One and Only" explores what the rise of the single child family means to our society, economy, environment and freedoms as a people.

This book has been mentioned in all the magazines as a book to read: "The Astronaut Wives Club: A True Story" 629.450 KOP L) by Lily Koppel. When Mercury 7 astronauts were launched into space, television cameras were focused on the brave smiles of their young wives. Overnight, these women were transformed into American royalty. Tea with Jackie Kennedy, appearing on the cover of Life magazine and becoming fashion icons, they were instant news. Annie Glenn (John Glenn's wife), Rene Carpenter and Trudy Cooper, together with the other wives, formed the Astronaut Wives Club, providing each other with support and friendship. More "wives" would come to join the club, as the space program expanded and the dynamic will change as you will find out. This is a fascinating look back into the space program of the early

1960s. "Longmire," starring Robert Taylor (from Australia) and Lou Diamond Phillips (Richie Valens from La-Bamba) is shown on the A&E Network on Monday nights at 9, I think. The show is taken from Craig Johnson's series based in Wyoming's Absaroka County. Walt Longmire is the quintessential Western gentleman. He has his code of ethics he lives and quite possibly will die by. In the latest book, "A Serpent's Tooth" (M JOH C) a Mormon "lost boy" forced off his compound for his supposedly rebellious behavior, shows up in Absaroka County. Sheriff Longmire, Deputy Vic Moretti and Henry Standing Bear search for the boy's mother and find themselves in a scavenger hunt that ends at the barbed wire doorstep of an interstate polygamous group. Run by the boy's father, Roy Lynear, the group is very well armed and very close-mouthed. The title of the book is very relevant to final ending as Shakespeare's King Lear put it very well "How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is; To have a thankless child!" You will discover why.

Volumes 3 and 4 of Jim Butcher's Codex Alera Series are in. "Cursor's Fury" (SF BUT J) by Butcher has the power-hungry High Lord of Kalare launching a merciless rebellion against the aging First Lord, Gaius Sexton. Caught off guard, Gaius must fight for survival with an unlikely ally, the High Lord of Aquitaine. "Captain's Fury," (SF BUT J) Book 4, has Tavi of Calderon, now a captain of the First Aleran Legion, realizing there is a bigger battle to fight " — that of the terrifying Vord. These are not new books, but possibly new to the library.



Book 8 in the Elemental Masters Series from Mercedes Lackey comes "Steadfast." This takes places in alternative Edwardian Britain, where magic is real, and Elemental Masters are in control. Lionel Hawkins is a magician whose act is only partially sleight of hand. The rest is real magic. He's an Elemental Magician with the power to persuade the Elementals of Air to help him create amazing illusions. It doesn't take long before his assistant, acrobat Katie Langford, notices that he's no ordinary magician, and for Lionel to discover that she's no ordinary acrobat, but rather an untrained and unawakened Fire Magician. She's also on the run from her murderous and vengeful brute of a husband. But can she harness her magic in time to stop her husband from achieving his deadly goal?

Another book from Jeanette Wells: "The Silver Star" (F WEL J). Some reviews feel that it is a little hastily written and perhaps might be more suitable for a younger audience, maybe young adult. However, Wells has written a heartbreaking and redemptive novel about an intrepid girl who challenges the injustice of the adult world. It is 1970 in a small town in California. "Bean" Holladay is 12 and her sister, Liz, is 15 when their artistic mother, Charlotte, a woman who "found something wrong with every place she ever lived," takes off to find herself, leaving her girls enough money to last a month or two. When Bean returns from school one day and sees a police car outside the house, she and Liz decide to take the bus to Virginia, where their Uncle Tinsley lives. An impetuous optimist, Bean soon discov-

ers who her father was, and hears many stories about why their mother left Virginia in the first place. Because money is tight, Liz and Bean start babysitting and doing office work for Jerry Maddox, foreman of the mill in town — a big man who bullies his workers, his tenants, his children and his wife. But when school starts in the fall, it's Bean who easily adjusts and makes friends and Liz who becomes increasingly withdrawn. And then something happens to Liz.

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News in brief

Senate pact between Dems, GOP over Obama nominations avoids partisan meltdown, for now

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bipartisan Senate pact has smoothed the confirmation path for a batch of President Barack Obama's nominations and removed, for now, a Democratic threat to impose procedural changes weakening minority Republicans' clout. Yet there are no guarantees that the conflict won't flare anew the next time a White House appointment stirs controversy.

A day after both parties celebrated an agreement averting a bitter fight over Senate rules, the chamber planned to vote Wednesday on one of Obama's picks, Fred Hochberg to be president of the Export-Import Bank.

Also possible this week are roll calls on Labor

Secretary-designate Tom Perez and Gina McCarthy, Obama's choice to lead the Environmental Protection Agency.

On Tuesday, Republicans agreed to allow quick votes on seven Obama selections by simple majority margins, rather than forcing Democrats to garner 60 votes to succeed. Hours later, the Senate by 66-34 approved the first of those appointments, confirming Richard Cordray to head the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau — after Republicans had blocked him for nearly two years as they demanded changes in the agency's structure and financing.

In a written statement, Obama thanked Senate leaders for working out their dispute but criticized his opponents for using "purely political reasons" to stall the nominations.

Democrats, White House pin immigration hopes on Romney running mate Ryan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats doggedly pursuing a far-reaching immigration bill are counting on help from Republican Rep. Paul Ryan, Mitt Romney's running mate last year and an unlikely candidate for delivering the centerpiece of President Barack Obama's second-term agenda.

Ryan, the House Budget Committee chairman who is frequently mentioned in the GOP lineup of possible 2016 presidential candidates, stands apart from many fellow House Republicans in favoring a way out of the shadows for the 11 million immigrants living in the U.S. in violation of the law.

He casts sweeping overhaul as a necessity to ensure both economic and national security — a fitting argument for an acolyte of Jack Kemp, the late Republican congressman and 1996 vice presidential candidate who backed an ill-fated effort in 2006 to overhaul the immigration system.

"Paul Ryan says we cannot have a permanent underclass of Americans, that there needs to be a pathway to citizenship," says Rep. Luis Guterres, D-Ill., who has been working relentlessly on immigration legislation. "He is my guiding light. I know I get him in trouble every time I say it."

Senior White House aides often mention the Wisconsin Republican as crucial to the prospects for legislation this year, hoping the Republican with impeccable conservative credentials will sway recalcitrant House members. Ryan also is a reminder of two other powerful forces backing an overhaul of immigration laws — the Catholic Church and business.

Cuba calls equipment seized on North Korean ship obsolete weaponry it had sent for repair

PANAMA CITY (AP) — Cuba said military equipment found buried under sacks of sugar on a North Korean ship seized as it tried to cross the Panama Canal was obsolete weaponry from the mid-20th century that it had sent to be repaired.

Panamanian authorities said it might take a week to search the ship, since so far they have only examined one of its five container sections. They have requested help from United Nations inspectors, along with Colombia and Britain, said Javier Carballo, Panama's top narcotics prosecutor. North Korea is barred by U.N. sanctions from importing sophisticated weapons or missiles.

Panamanian President Ricardo Martinelli said Tuesday that the ship identified as the 14,000-ton Chong Chon Gang, which had departed Cuba en route to North Korea, was carrying missiles and other arms "hidden in containers underneath the cargo of sugar."

Martinelli tweeted a photo showing a green tube that appears to be a horizontal antenna for the SNR-75 "Fan Song" radar, which is used to guide missiles fired by the SA-2 air-defense system found in former Warsaw Pact and Soviet-allied nations, said Neil Ashdown, an analyst for IHS Jane's Intelligence.

"It is possible that this could be being sent to North Korea to update its high-altitude air-defense capabilities," Ashdown said. Jane's also said the equipment could be headed to North Korea to be upgraded.

No shots fired: Leader of Mexico's Zetas cartel captured in precision operation, with U.S. help

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's most brutal drug cartel leader built a business empire stretching from the Southwest United States to Central America, but Miguel Angel Trevino Morales' final days of freedom were spent lying low in the hinterlands of Tamaulipas state, traveling only at night over back roads as Mexican marines closed in on his trail.

The last of the Zetas drug cartel's old-guard leaders saw fate swoop in on him in the pre-dawn hours Monday when a military Black Hawk helicopter flew low over his pickup truck, then almost touching the ground, faced down the vehicle with its guns, Mexico Federal Security spokesman Eduardo Sanchez said.

The vehicle stopped, and three men emerged. Two hit the ground while the third tried to run. All were captured by marine ground forces who had been watching the movements of 40-year-old Trevino Morales, Sanchez told The Associated Press Tuesday. Not a single shot was fired.

Time was clearly running out for the cartel leader better known — and feared — by his nickname, "Z-40," a play on police radio code for a commander. Mexico's navy, which has brought down a number of top drug lords, "found out that he had been traveling in the early morning hours on dirt roads. They had been corralling him in little by little," Sanchez said.

Trevino Morales had \$2 million in cash and eight rifles with him when marines caught him outside the border city of Nuevo Laredo, long the Zetas' base of operations. He was taken to Mexico City for questioning.

Liz Cheney challenge to Republican incumbent rare for Wyo. but becoming a GOP theme nationally

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Liz Cheney says her GOP primary challenge to Wyoming's senior U.S. senator is about sending a "new generation" to Washington. But it has all the hallmarks of the same divisions that have roiled the Republican Party nationally for years.

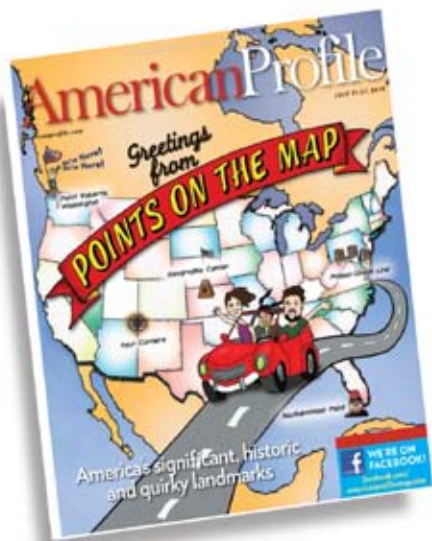
While he's no moderate, incumbent Sen. Mike Enzi has shown he is willing to compromise occasionally with Democrats, such as when he supported a sales tax on Internet purchases.

But Cheney, the elder daughter of former Vice President Dick Cheney, suggests that such compromise often isn't good enough for a true conservative.

"I'm running because I'm concerned about the direction of the nation," Liz Cheney said Tuesday. "I think it's time for us to say to ourselves, 'Can we continue to go along to get along in Washington?'"

Several Republicans senators elsewhere have faced tea party challengers questioning their conservative credentials.

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X Games going deep in the heart of Texas

(AP) — The X Games are going from the glitz of Los Angeles to deep in the heart of Texas.

Athletes with skateboards and motorcycles will be competing in the Texas capital after ESPN announced Wednesday that Austin will be the next North American host city for the X Games.

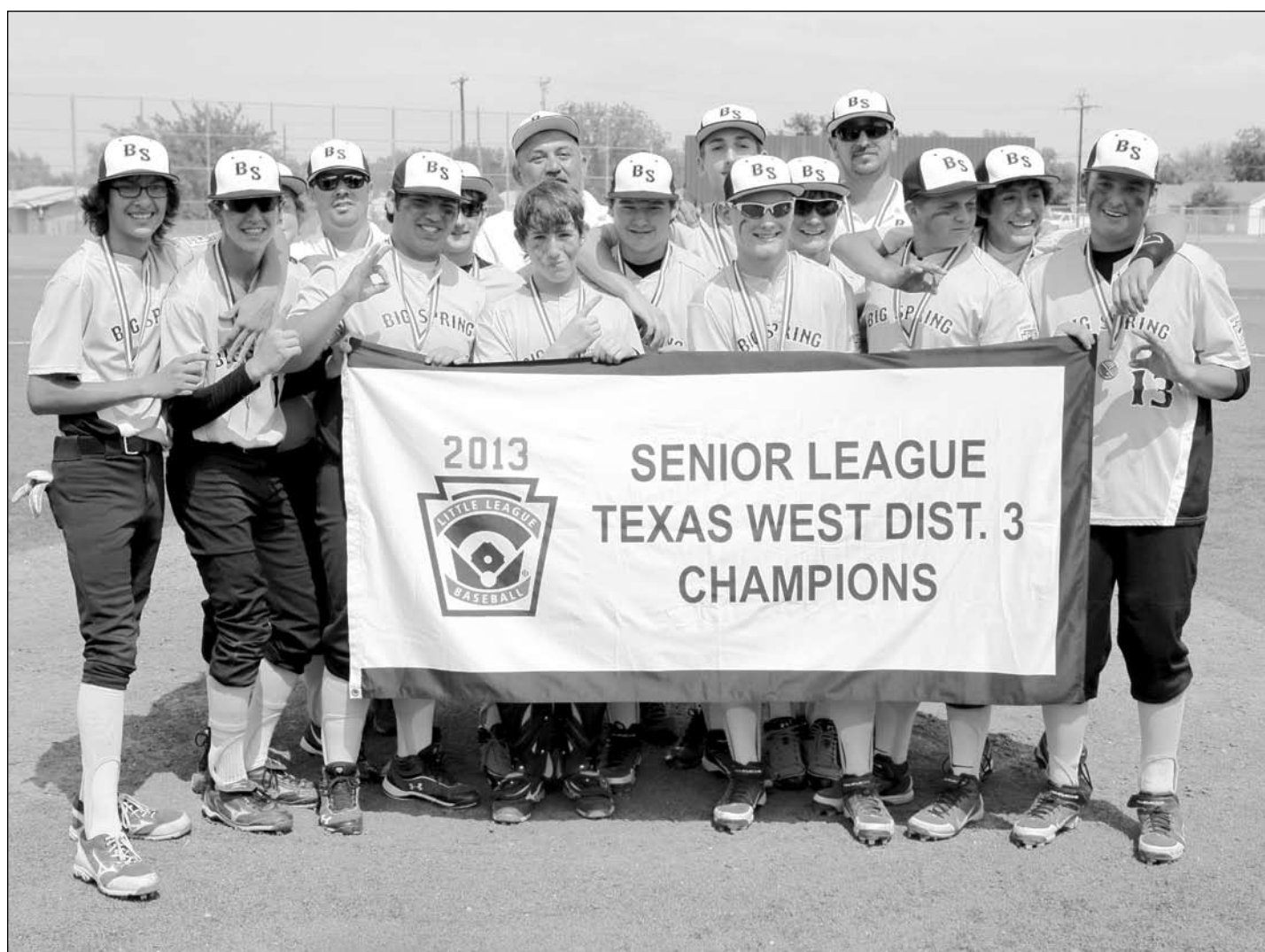
“Austin over the last several years has really become synonymous with supporting big events,” said Scott Guglielmino, senior vice president, ESPN programming and X Games. “The music scene is fantastic. The night life is fantastic and definitely a young, active town.”

The home to the University of Texas also has the new Circuit of the Americas sports and entertainment complex, which will be the primary site for X Games Austin. The 1,500-acre complex opened in November by hosting the Formula One U.S. Grand Prix and held a MotoGP motorcycle race in April.

Austin was selected over three other finalists: Chicago, Detroit and Charlotte, N.C. There were initially 13 qualified bids for the Olympic-style selection process, with Austin picked to host for four years starting next May 15-18.

“X Games is a great action sports

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The Big Spring Senior League All-Star will begin their tournament run Thursday at the Southwest Regional Complex in San Angelo. The four-team tourney will determine which squad goes to the Southwest regional tournament in Seguin the following weekend. The All-Star are (in alphabetical order): Bryson Burt, Jeremy Cervantes, Jesse Cervantes, Braden East, Adam Franco, Joshua Gutierrez, Garrett Kligora, Ryan Pearson, Jacob Valdez, Gary Watkins, Trevor Williams, Matthew Wood and Blaze Yeater. The 15-16-year-olds are managed by Artie Valdez.



AP photo

New York closer Mariano Rivera delivers a pitch during the MLB All-Star Game on Tuesday at Citi Field in New York. The AL won 3-0.

Exit Sandman: Mariano Rivera gets solo bow as AL defeats NL 3-0

NEW YORK (AP) — The great ones get the stage to themselves.

Mariano Rivera was held in the bullpen out in right-center field until Neil Diamond had sung the final words of “Sweet Caroline” in the middle of the eighth inning during Tuesday night’s All-Star game.

And then the opening notes of Metallica’s “Enter Sandman” — his Yankee Stadium theme song but unfamiliar on the road — rang out over the public-address system as the greatest reliever of all-time jogged toward the mound. The record crowd of 45,186 gathered at Citi Field on this humid summer night rose and cheered, knowing this was a moment people will remember much more than the American League’s 3-0 victory.

Quiet, reserved and understated during nearly a quarter-century in a sport that took him from Panama to the pantheon of pinstriped pitchers, Rivera was

being honored with that rarest of baseball tributes — a solo bow.

As he reached the brown circle in the center of the green diamond, Rivera realized he was the only person on the field.

Sinatra. Springsteen. The Mick — Jagger and Mantle. They all got to stand in the spotlight alone. And now it was Rivera’s turn.

He took off his cap, waved it to all sides of the ballpark. He touched his hat to his heart.

His AL All-Star teammates stood by the third-base dugout rail and applauded, just like the fans. So did his NL opponents on the first-base side. With no other players in fair territory, he finally started tossing his warm-up pitches to catcher Salvador Perez.

Like Ted Williams at Boston’s Fenway Park in 1999 and Cal Ripken Jr. at Seattle’s Safeco Field two years later, one man transcended all the rest of the

gathered talent.

“You’re supposed to know your team is behind you,” Rivera said. “I didn’t know what to do. Just keep throwing the ball, I guess, because it was so weird.”

And then, after a 90-second standing ovation, eight AL position players came on the field. Normalcy resumed. Rivera threw 16 pitches — all cutters — and retired Jean Segura, Allen Craig and Carlos Gomez, sending the side down in order the way he has so many times before.

“He still can pitch for three or four more years. He’s the best,” Gomez explained. “After I got to the dugout, I say I’m going to be history because I’m the last guy Mariano got out in the All-Star game.”

Rivera then walked to the dugout to another standing ovation and was given a hug by

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- Practice starts at 7:30 a.m. daily.

BSHS VOLLEYBALL

- Tryouts held from Aug. 5-7, 8:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.
- Team practices begin Aug 8., from 9 a.m. until noon, and 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.
- Parent information night will also be Aug. 8, from 6:15 p.m. until 7 p.m.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 237, or e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com

Big Spring to host Retro Series Triathlon on Saturday

U.S.A. Triathlon is holding its first-ever series of “Retro” triathlons — triathlons which involve the classic biking, running and swimming — but are open to all age ranges and nearly every level of physical fitness.

The race will be held Saturday at Comanche Trail Park and includes a swim around the lazy river at the Russ McEwen Aquatic Center, a bike ride around the trails and a one-kilometer run.

According to Craig Felty, event coordinator, all that is needed to compete is a pair of running shoes, any bicycle and a swimsuit.

Registration is \$25 per person, plus a one-day U.S.A. Triathlon membership. About 100 spots are available. To learn more, call Felty at 213-0409.

Coahoma volleyball camp still open to grades 1-5

Coahoma Volleyball Coach Jessica Weynand will be holding a volleyball camp July 23-24 for elementary students (grades 1-5). The camp is \$30 and will be held 9 a.m. until noon both days.

Registration forms can be picked up at the Coahoma ISD administration building or call Weynand at 979-

Local briefs

251-1902 to reserve a spot.

BSHS season tickets going on sale soon

Beginning Monday, Steer football fans can pick up their season tickets at the Athletic Training Center.

The books — which can be purchased Monday through Thursday, from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. — cost \$20 apiece and includes admission to all four home games, rapid access to the stadium and guaranteed seating in Section C. Call the athletic office at 264-3662 for more information.

Country Club to host low ball tourney

The Big Spring Country Club will be hosting a two-person, low ball tournament July 27-28. The \$100 entry fee (plus cart costs, private carts included) includes admission for tourney, Mulligans and barbeque on the course Saturday.

Field will be pre-flighted with handicaps required at entry. Number of flights determined by number of participants.

For more information, call the Pro Shop at 267-5354.

BSHS football equipment fittings coming up

Equipment fittings for Big Spring

football players will be held July 29-Aug 1, at the athletic training center. All students playing football are to report to the ATC on one of those dates between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to receive their gear.

Sports physicals due by Aug. 5

If your son or daughter is in grade 7, 9 or 11 and plans to participate in a fall sport, completed physical examination records must be turned in by Aug 5.

The fifth also marks the start of two-a-day practices for most fall sports in the area. Big Spring parents can contact Jim Campbell at 264-3627 for more information.

BSHS Volleyball Camp set for late July-August

Big Spring Athletic will hold a summer volleyball camp July 29-August 1 for grades 3-9 at the junior high gymnasium.

Grades 3-6 will be instructed from 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m., while the 7-9 camp will be from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Instructors include former Lady Steers and BSHS coaches.

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Dear Annie: I am the grandmother of nine beautiful little grandchildren. Two granddaughters live with their mother and spend weekends with their father, who remarried, and he and his wife are currently residing with me.

Here's the problem: The younger child, who is 5, was petite until recently. Then her mother and stepmother

began forcing this little girl to eat more, or she is punished. She is a picky eater and has been known to throw fits about eating, but no child should be forced to eat portions that are so big. She has gained 18 pounds in the past five months.

I understand the parents' frustrations. But she's a tiny child and should be served smaller portions of food. I also am a firm believer that force-feeding will lead to an eating disorder that could haunt her for the rest of her life.

I am very worried about her. I've seen her forced to eat a grilled hot dog, which she's not fond of, only to throw it up shortly afterward and then not be allowed to eat anything else. They say she was "putting on an act" so Grandma and Grandpa would feel sorry for her. But, Annie, this sudden weight gain cannot be a good thing. She is sick a lot, and I think this is affecting her overall health.

I admit I'm an overprotective grandma, but my kids were picky eaters when they were young. My wise pediatrician said, "Give them a vitamin every day and let it go. You cause more problems by forcing them to eat. Trust me, they won't starve to death. They'll eat when they need to." And they

did.

I will do whatever you say, but it's getting more and more difficult to keep my mouth shut. — *Worried Grandma in Illinois*

Dear Worried: Forcing a child to eat until she throws up or gains 18 pounds in five months could be construed as child abuse. We know her parents think she needs to eat more, but this is completely misguided. Not all children eat the same way, nor should they, and force-feeding a 5-year-old is harmful, both physically and psychologically. Please speak to your son. Ask him to talk to the pediatrician about this immediately.

Dear Annie: A few years ago, my wife and I retired and moved to a new home. We are friendly, helpful and generous, especially with good food and hospitality. But our neighbors have never reciprocated with so much as a cookie, and we have never been invited to their homes.

We all get along well enough, but I have asked my wife not to make extra dishes for them any longer. I'm disappointed with the manners of younger folks who don't seem to understand reciprocity. — *Southern Golden Oldie*

Dear Southern: Some people are reluctant to entertain in their homes, but you certainly do not have to keep putting forth the effort if there is no reciprocity of any kind. There's no point in being resentful. You can have a perfectly cordial relationship with these neighbors without baking pies and inviting them for coffee.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Midwest Cook" and others who wrote about children who are picky eaters and don't have the manners to say "no, thank you" when offered food they don't like.

My clever daughter-in-law taught my grandchildren to say, "Those Brussels sprouts look delicious. I'm sorry I can't eat them, but I'm allergic." Of course, a few nights later, when served scalloped potatoes, my grandson said (with a glint in his eye), "Those look delicious, but I'm allergic to potatoes unless they're French fried." — *There's Always a Solution*

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Second-hand smoke and your pet

We all know that smoking is bad for our health, but what might surprise many pet-owners are the dangerous effects that same smoke can have on their four-legged loved ones after some time.

"There are studies that show that dogs exposed to large amounts of second-hand smoke have significant changes to their lung tissue over time," said Heather Wilson-Robles, assistant professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Science (CVM). "These changes range from fibrosis, or scarring of the lung tissue to precancerous and even cancerous lesions."

A case report published in 2012 showed a cat developing a tracheal carcinoma after being exposed to large amounts of second-hand smoke in the home, and another study in 2002, published by the group at Tufts, showed that second hand smoke may double the risk of lymphoma development in cats.

Many veterinarians also feel that symptoms in their patients with respiratory diseases such as asthma or bronchitis improve if the owner's quit smoking. For those that do smoke, there are a few ways to tell if your habit is affecting your pet's health.

"For animals with asthma, allergic lung disease, or bronchitis you might see a dry hacking



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and progressive cough," said Wilson-Robles. "Asthma patients may have more frequent asthma attacks and their symptoms may be more difficult to manage medically. Animals with allergic lung disease will often have more severe symptoms if they live in a smoking household and these symptoms may persist all year round rather than being seasonal."

Disposing of your tobacco may also prove hazardous to the well-being of your pet if they tend to be nosy or like to dig in the trash. "Ingestion of tobacco products may cause gastrointestinal upset such as vomiting, diarrhea, drooling, increased salivation and trembling," said Wilson-Robles. "High doses of nicotine may lead to excitement, constricted pupils, odd behavior, seizures and even death. Cigarette butts are especially dangerous as they contain 25% of the nicotine found in the cigarette."

While the most efficient way to treat second-hand tobacco problems with your pet is for the owner to quit using the substance, there are other ways to keep your pet safe and keep your habit.

"Pet-owners need to immediately quit smoking around the animal and wash their hands thoroughly after smoking before touching the pet or anything it may come in contact with," said Wilson-Robles. "If your dog or cat eats a cigarette, chews tobacco, cigar, etc. call an emergency clinic nearby for directions on how to treat this toxicosis. In most cases the tobacco will induce vomiting by itself, but if not vomiting should be induced to clean the stomach out and prevent systemic and possibly even lethal nicotine toxicosis."

If you believe your pet is suffering from tobacco-related issues of any kind schedule an appointment with your local veterinarian immediately.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Uranus Retrograde

Uranus will be traveling backward for the next five months. Unlike when other planets go retrograde, Uranus offers less excitement rather than more with this transit. This revolutionary planet is an expert at amplifying our desire for change as it flies forward. The retrograde has us reviewing and assessing the changes we already made.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Pessimists and optimists can't agree on what constitutes emptiness and fullness. Artists, mathematicians and scientists can't agree on it, either. Maybe it's something you have to decide for yourself. Today you will.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A physical snapshot captures an image. A mental snapshot captures information. You will take a snapshot with your heart today and capture the entire feeling of a relationship.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll find beauty in humble scenes where nothing much is happening. What you see will entrance you. If you can get others to be quiet and observant with you, they will be equally delighted.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're a calming influence on those who struggle to handle their anger. Your positive way of dealing with them will defuse a situation. You could get paid for your skill in this area.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The day is marked by a sense of anticipation. You feel like you are in between moments, on the brink of transformation. You're hopeful for the change to come, but you also realize that it's not entirely under your control.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't need an angel to call you to freedom; you only need to realize that you already are free. The truth is that the limits by which you were most bound were self-created.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In regard to a person, place or activity, you may have the feeling you are falling in love. How do you know? There is music to accompany your fall, even when it is silent.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have a true appreciation for all that is taking place in your world today, and you may have to explain the action to another person. You'll delight in spelling out the intricacies of complicated things.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be mingling. The appropriate question to ask may not be obvious to you. Find out about people's connection to the event. Small talk will lead to big talk.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll take on the issues that can't be solved in a day and will make a significant dent in them, too. At this rate, you'll have one less problem by the end of the week.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Knowing yourself and your views may actually help you to be more open to other perspectives. Having already articulated your view, you won't feel the pressure to do so. You can just sit back and listen.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You inhabit your own body with authority. You'll handle today's situation with the same confidence, managing the moving parts and guiding the action in the way that best suits you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 17). Economic and intellectual growth happen in the next six weeks. A professional breakthrough may come disguised as a failed effort that leads to better prospects in September. A new relationship brings both tenderness and excitement. Romantic interludes in February and May are followed by practical decisions. Aquarius and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 22, 1, 40 and 9.

DEVELOP YOUR INTUITION, SCORPIO: The second water sign is among the most psychic of the zodiac. Scorpio is ruled by Pluto, the planet named for the ancient god of the netherworld. It is the sign associated with death and rebirth, transformation and powerful forces. Many Scorpios do not seek to be more psychic, because intuition is already such a strong part of the way they operate that they take it for granted, seeing this gift as nothing unusual and assuming that everyone senses the world and makes decisions in the same way Scorpio does. Scorpios who do seek to deepen their psychic knowledge and skills need only turn to the key words associated with their sign: I desire.

Is desire a motivational tool or a philosophical problem? Is it the root of all suffering, as the Buddhists believe, or the key to happiness? Can it be cured if what we desire isn't what we want to desire? And should it? Whatever you believe about desire, it is an undeniably mighty force and, for Scorpio, a channel into the land of intuition. By increasing awareness of what people dearly want, many accurate insights and predictions will be made. When Scorpio asks who wants what and why, Scorpio intuition rushes to answer.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Comedian and actress Beth Littleford graced "The Daily Show" with Jon Stewart for four years, and the intuitive Cancer met her husband on that set. Born when the sun, Mercury and Mars were all in the sign of the crab, Littleford is naturally sensitive and uses comedy as a way of dealing with the harsh realities of the world. Look for her in the upcoming comedy "It's Not You, It's Me."

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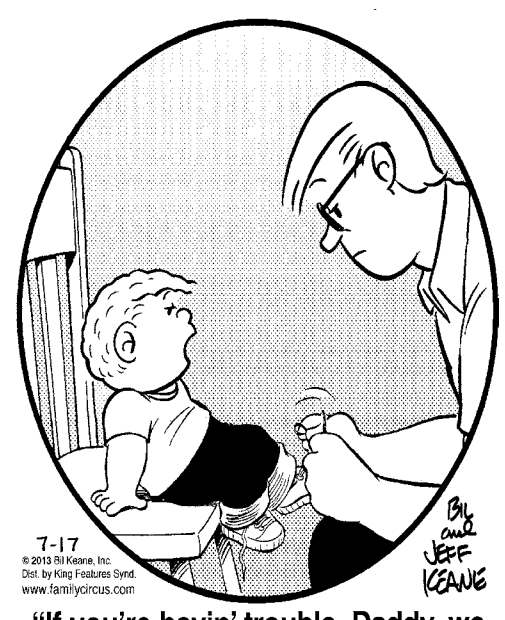
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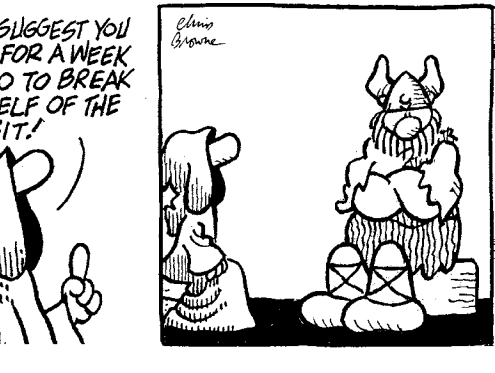
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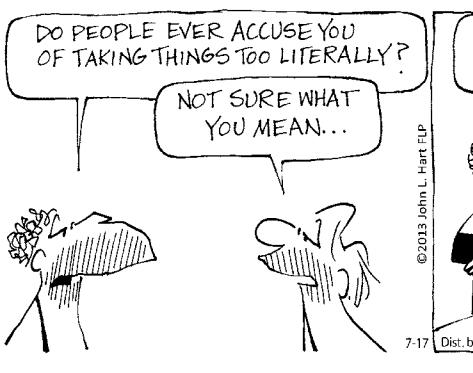
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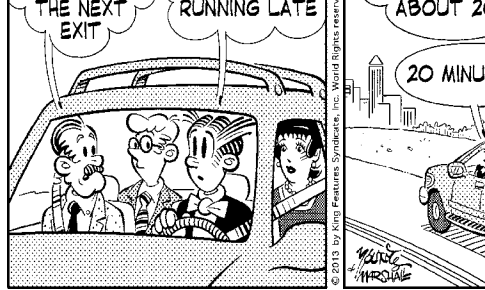
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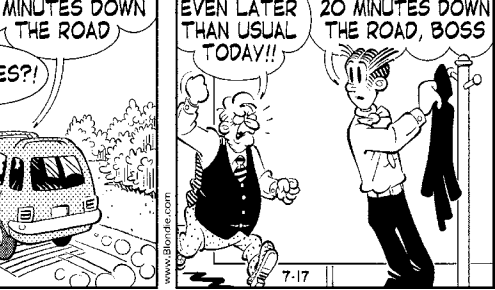
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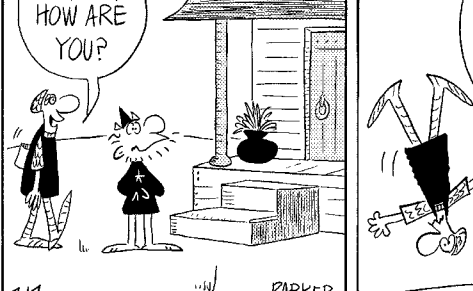
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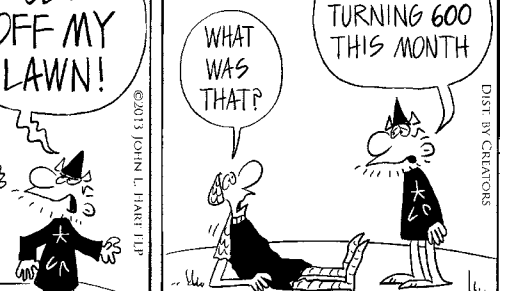
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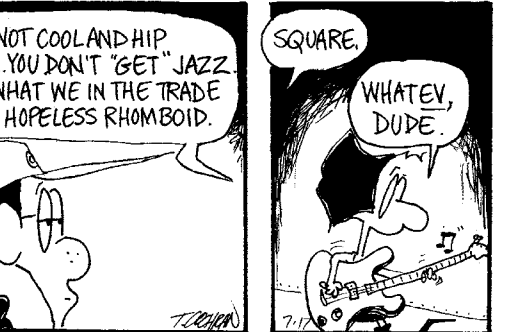
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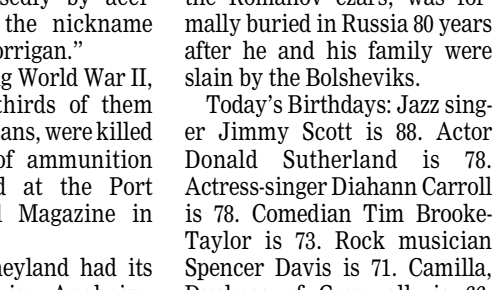
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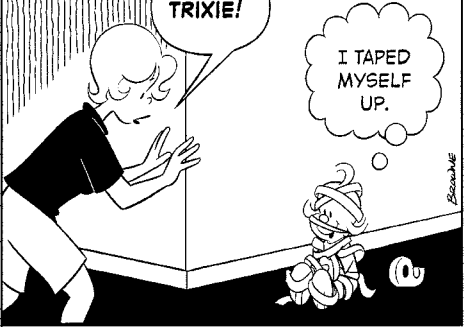
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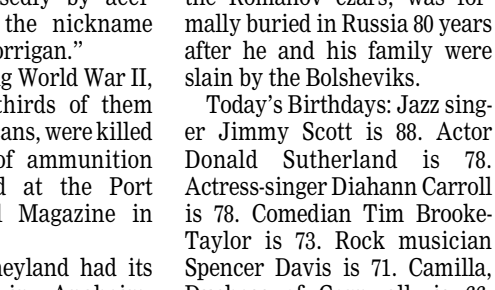
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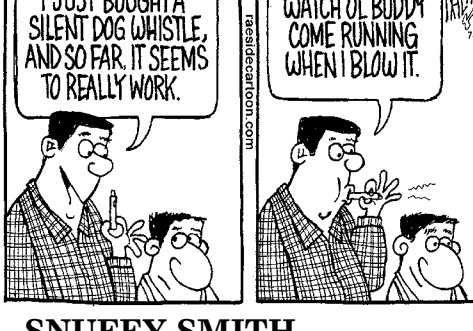
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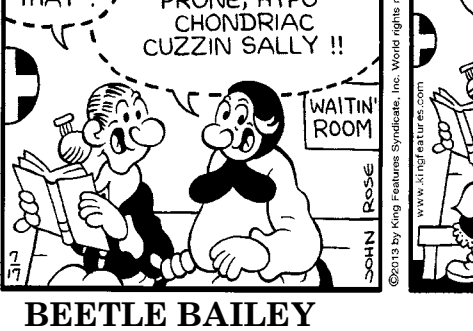
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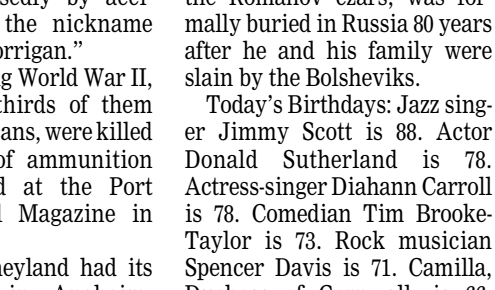
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, July 17, the 198th day of 2013. There are 167 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On July 17, 1918, Russia's Czar Nicholas II and his family were executed by the Bolsheviks. On this date: In 1763, American entrepreneur John Jacob Astor was born in Walldorf in present-day Germany. In 1821, Spain ceded Florida to the United States. In 1862, during the Civil War, Congress approved the Second Confiscation Act, which declared that all slaves taking refuge behind Union lines were to be set free. In 1936, the Spanish Civil War began as right-wing army generals launched a coup attempt against the Second Spanish Republic. In 1938, aviator Douglas Corrigan took off from New York, saying he was headed for California; he ended up in Ireland, supposedly by accident, earning the nickname "Wrong Way Corrigan." In 1944, during World War II, 320 men, two-thirds of them African-Americans, were killed when a pair of ammunition ships exploded at the Port Chicago Naval Magazine in California. In 1955, Disneyland had its opening day in Anaheim, Calif. In 1962, the United States conducted its last atmospheric nuclear test to date, detonating a 20-kiloton device, code-named Little Feller I, at the Nevada Test Site. In 1975, an Apollo spaceship docked with a Soyuz spacecraft in orbit in the first superpower link-up of its kind. In 1981, 114 people were killed when a pair of suspended walkways above the lobby of the Kansas City Hyatt Regency Hotel collapsed during a tea dance. In 1996, TWA Flight 800, a Europe-bound Boeing 747, exploded and crashed off Long Island, N.Y., shortly after leaving John F. Kennedy International Airport, killing all 230 people aboard.

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In 1998, Nicholas II, last of the Romanov czars, was formally buried in Russia 80 years after he and his family were slain by the Bolsheviks. Today's Birthdays: Jazz singer Jimmy Scott is 88. Actor Donald Sutherland is 78. Actress-singer Diahann Carroll is 78. Comedian Tim Brooke-Taylor is 73. Rock musician Spencer Davis is 71. Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, is 66. Rock musician Terry "Geezer" Butler is 64. Actress Lucie Arnaz is 62. Actor David Hasselhoff is 61. Rock musician Fran Smith Jr. (The Hooters) is 61. Television producer Mark Burnett ("Survivor," "The Apprentice") is 53. Actress Nancy Giles is 53. Singer Regina Belle is 50. © 2013 The Associated Press.

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Manziel says he "overslept" at Manning's football camp

HOOVER, Ala. (AP) — Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel says he missed activities at the Manning Passing Academy because he "overslept," and his absence had nothing to do with being out the night before.

The Heisman Trophy winner was a counselor at the camp for high school prospects run by the Manning family in Louisiana, along with many other college quarterbacks.

"I was not asked to leave. It was a mutual decision," Manziel said Wednesday at SEC Media Days.

He said that while there were social events every night with the Mannings, he did not miss his meetings because of too much partying.

"The speculation of me being too

hung over and that's the reason I missed the meetings is absolutely incorrect," he said.

The 20-year-old faced hundreds of reporters. Wearing a dark blue suit, the 6-foot-1, 200-pound sophomore discussed his fame, decision-making and even answered a few questions about football.

He says his eventful offseason has been at times "blown out of proportion," though he did acknowledge that he needs to make better decisions because he's such a public figure.

"My offseason, all the stuff's that's gone on will have no effect on this season," Manziel said. "I'm ready to stop. No more talk after this. Let's play football."

RIVERA

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Detroit ace Justin Verlander.

"It's kind of surreal for me," Verlander said. "I just wanted to give him the respect and the respect that he deserved, I just happened to be standing out there and I was the first one he came to. That's something that I will never forget."

AL manager Jim Leyland decided to pitch Rivera in the eighth instead of the ninth, worried that if the NL somehow rallied Rivera might not get into the game.

"I just couldn't take any chance," Leyland said. "You know, I'm probably not the most popular manager in baseball. I wanted to make sure I got out of here alive."

Rivera has never allowed an earned run in nine All-Star innings. The only older pitcher to appear in an All-Star game was 47-year-old Satchel Paige 60 years ago, according to STATS. At 43, Rivera was the oldest All-Star since Carlton Fisk in 1991.

Of course, he was selected the All-Star MVP. Never having had a chance for a talk, Mets star David Wright pulled Rivera aside at baseball's red-carpet event before the game.

"Before it was too late, I had enough courage to kind of go grab him and just tell him how much I appreciate his body of work, the way he carries himself, how great of an ambassador he is to this game," Wright said. "Forget about the numbers. Forget about being the greatest closer of all-time.

The way he carries himself and the way he goes about his business is special."

After the game, still smiling, sometimes laughing, Rivera spoke in the interview room as his family stood behind him.

"It was tough. It was special," an emotional Rivera said. "Seeing the fans sharing and both teams standing out of the dugout, managers, coaches, players — priceless."

Jose Bautista's fourth-inning sacrifice fly off loser Patrick Corbin stopped a 17-inning scoreless streak for the AL that dated to Adrian Gonzalez's homer off Cliff Lee two years ago in Arizona. J.J. Hardy added an RBI groundout in the fifth, and Jason Kipnis doubled home a run in the eighth off Atlanta closer Craig Kimbrel.

Rivera and nine other pitchers combined on a three-hitter, with Chris Sale getting the win. Joe Nathan worked the ninth, handing the final ball to Rivera as the AL ended a three-game losing streak and regained home-field advantage in the World Series.

So even when the Mets hosted the All-Star game for the first time in 49 years, the spotlight fell on a rival Yankee.

Hours after the game, a video board at Citi Field reminded people the All-Stars will gather next year at Minnesota's Target Field.

But the great Rivera won't be among them.

"It's been a privilege," Rivera said to the crowd, speaking on the field after the game. "You guys almost made me cry."

X GAMES

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competition and is an ideal fit for the city of Austin, which has a tremendous fitness orientation, a tremendous action sports community," said Steve Sexton, president of Circuit of the Americas.

Sexton said 16-18 X Games athletes live in Austin, and that a "couple of thousand people" showed up at the State Capitol to watch an exhibition when Austin was announced as one of the four finalists earlier this year.

X Games is nearing the end of its first year of global expansion and transformation, with events already held in Aspen, Colo., France, Brazil, Spain and Ger-

many.

The X Games will wrap up an 11-year run in Los Angeles with this summer's event Aug. 1-4.

"L.A. clearly, Southern California, it's a special home when it comes to action sports and that whole culture, no question about it," Guglielmino said. "But we felt like it was time to move the X Games to a new venue, a new city. We leave Los Angeles with a lot of great memories, certainly. ... We leave after quite a good and prosperous stay, but definitely looking forward to getting to Austin and really growing out the event."

Aspen has been the host of the winter X Games since 2002, but its contract expires after next year's event. Bidding to host winter com-

petition in the United States just ended, with the next site likely to be picked in early 2014.

There are about 350 fully developed acres at Circuit of the Americas, including the 3.4-mile race track with 20 turns, an expansive outdoor live music space for 14,000 spectators and a 25-story observation tower. There is a pit/paddock building with 34 garage bays and two upper levels of hospitality space, and a 44,000-square-foot event center.

Sexton expects at least 100,000 spectators for the competition.

"The ability to host the X Games fits into our overall strategy, to have a multidimensional entertainment and sports destination," Sexton said.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

On May 31, 2013, as required by the order of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") in Docket No. 39592, Sharyland Utilities, L.P. ("Sharyland Utilities"), a regulated electric utility company, filed an application with the Commission entitled *Application of Sharyland Utilities, L.P. to Establish Retail Delivery Rates, Approve Tariff for Retail Delivery Service, and Adjust Wholesale Transmission Rate* ("Application").

This Application has been assigned Docket No. 41474. Interested persons will be afforded the opportunity to participate in this proceeding. The deadline for intervention in this proceeding is August 9, 2013, and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the Commission by that date.

The Application is based on a twelve-month test year ending December 31, 2012, and supports a retail distribution base rate revenue requirement of \$75,116,884. Additionally, Sharyland Utilities proposes to recover an annual amount of \$3,839,015 through various riders. The primary purpose of this proceeding is to establish tariffs that will set the nonbypassable rates retail electric providers will be charged for delivery of electricity from the retail electric provider to the customer in order to transition to retail competition. The rates are to be effective on May 1, 2014, or ninety (90) days after Sharyland Utilities files its tariffs to implement the final Commission order approving the rates, whichever is later. The Application also supports rates sufficient to recover a revenue requirement of \$26,941,935, including amounts recovered through riders, for wholesale transmission service.

The Application potentially affects all customers and classes of customers in Sharyland Utilities' Brady, Celeste, Colorado City, and Stanton Divisions, but it does not affect retail delivery rates for Sharyland Utilities' McAllen Division. The Application also affects all customers taking service under Sharyland Utilities' Tariff for Wholesale Transmission Service.

A complete copy of Sharyland Utilities' Application is available for inspection at Sharyland Utilities' offices located at 1031 Andrews Highway, Suite 400, Midland, Texas 79701 and 1807 Ross Avenue, Suite 460, Dallas, Texas 75201, and at the office of Sharyland Utilities' legal representative, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, at 600 Congress Avenue, Suite 2000, Austin, Texas 78701. If you have questions about PUC Docket No. 41474, please contact Bridget Headrick at Sharyland Utilities at (512) 721-2668.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should mail their requests to intervene or their comments (along with 10 copies of your letter) to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas, 78711-3326 with reference to Docket No. 41474. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or (800) 735-2989. All communications should refer to Docket No. 41474.

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Union says drug bans likely not served this year

NEW YORK (AP) — The baseball players' association says any suspensions resulting from the sport's latest drug investigation likely won't be served until next year if the discipline is challenged before an arbitrator. Union head Michael Weiner expects Major

League Baseball will notify the union of its plans for penalties in the next month, and the association will maintain any discipline should not be announced until after a grievance hearing, and then only if arbitrator Fredric Horowitz upholds a ban. "We're going to have

a discussion with them. That discussion will include whether or not names of suspended players will be announced publicly," Weiner said Tuesday during a meeting with the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Former MVPs Alex Rodriguez and Ryan Braun are among the more than a dozen players under investigation for ties to Biogenesis, a closed anti-aging clinic in Florida linked with

the distribution of performance-enhancing drugs. MLB officials have been interviewing players, who have been represented by the union and their own lawyers.

A provision in baseball's drug agreement says discipline for first offenders can be announced before a hearing if the penalty results from an allegation that became public other than through MLB or a team. Miami New Times

published allegations in January, but the union could argue that a penalty results from evidence gathered rather than the newspaper account.

After MLB and the union decide how to process grievances, hearings will be scheduled before Horowitz — but not before September and possibly later. Each player is entitled to a separate hearing, and Weiner said the union wants Horowitz to hear all cases.

"When all the interviews are done, we will meet with the commissioner's office and we'll try to work something out," Weiner said. "Our players that deserve the suspensions, we'll try to come up with a fair suspension. Our players that don't deserve suspensions, we will argue that they don't deserve a suspension. And I hope we have success. We may not have success on every single player, but I hope we have a fair amount of success."

MLB Executive Vice President Rob Manfred declined comment.

Weiner spoke from a wheelchair and said symptoms have increased in the last month from a brain tumor he was diagnosed with last summer. He currently can't move his right side or right arm and must use a wheelchair.

Weiner said the union will appoint a deputy executive director within a week or two.

Most of his talk was dominated by the drug investigation.

While most suspensions have been for positive tests since the joint drug agreement was reached in 2002, players also can be penalized for "just cause," based on other evidence.

"In theory, they could be suspended for five games or 500 games," Weiner said. "We could then choose to challenge

or not, but the commissioner's office is not bound by the 50-100-life scale."

If multiple players are disciplined, management and the union would have to decide the order of the grievance hearings.

"They've got to prove all those cases. I like Dan Halem, a lot, but he's going to be running around like the proverbial chicken with its head cut off," Weiner said, referring to an MLB senior vice president. "If that's the circumstance, we'll just have to schedule them and get them done as quickly as we reasonably can. And if we have the number that you suggest, it's going to take a while."

Weiner said the union has taken the position that players can't be penalized for refusing to answer MLB's questions in the investigation. Arbitrator Raymond Goetz overturned Bowie Kuhn's suspension of Ferguson Jenkins in 1980, ruling the pitcher couldn't be penalized for refusing to answer questions while criminal charges were pending in Canada.

"Obviously we have looked at Jenkins in connection with this matter and whether or not it would apply, and our conclusion is that it clearly does," Weiner said.

Speaking before Weiner in a separate session, baseball Commissioner Bud Selig repeated his call to toughen penalties in the drug agreement for 2014.

"We've heard from a lot of players that increased penalties are called for. We've heard from a lot of other players that don't think increased penalties are called for," Weiner said. "And I imagine we will work it out at or near in early December and then have a negotiation with them over that very subject."

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A Crucial Decision

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 6 4
♥ K Q J 10 9
♦ Q 9 3
♣ A Q 5

WEST

♠ A K 7 2
♥ 7 5 4
♦ 8 6 4
♣ 9 8 7

EAST

♠ 9 8 3
♥ A 6 2
♦ 10 7 2
♣ K 6 3 2

SOUTH

♠ Q J 10 5
♥ 8 3
♦ A K J 5
♣ J 10 4

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT			

Opening lead — nine of clubs.

There is often more than one story in a bridge hand. For example, take this case where South was in three notrump and West led the nine of clubs. Declarer played the five from dummy, losing to East's king, whereupon East shifted to the nine of spades, covered by South with the ten.

West won the ten with the king and concluded that there was very little chance of defeating the contract

unless East had both the eight of spades and ace of hearts.

Accordingly, West returned the deuce of spades at trick three. Declarer took East's eight with the jack and had no alternative but to tackle hearts. East won the first heart with the ace and returned the three of spades, allowing West, who had the A-7 over South's Q-5, to score two spade tricks for down one.

There is no question that East-West defended perfectly. Nevertheless, the fact remains that South could and should have made the contract.

All he had to do was to put up dummy's ace of clubs at trick one and play the king of hearts at trick two. This would have guaranteed at least nine tricks — four diamonds, four hearts and a club — no matter how the defenders' cards were divided.

The lesson to be learned from South's play at trick one is that a finesse should not be taken just because it's there. While J-10-x facing A-Q-x is an ideal holding for finessing purposes, the overriding consideration is that in this case taking the finesse jeopardizes the contract, while refusing the finesse guarantees the contract. Given these circumstances, declarer has no choice but to decline the finesse.

Tomorrow: What can defeat me?

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Sudoku Answer on Page 6

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

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