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Production up, gas prices go down

Analysts: Lower oil prices, 'robust' refining equals savings for motorists

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Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 5.3 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.39 a gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas. This compares with the national average that has fallen 5.4 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.60 a gallon.,

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices Sunday were 89.6 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 17.7 cents per gallon lower than a month ago.

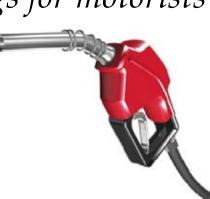
decreased 16.2 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 87.9 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"The powerful combination of declining crude oil prices and robust production from U.S. refineries continues to pummel retail

The national average has gasoline prices nationwide and it's a trend we expect to continue," said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst with GasBuddy.

"With West Texas Intermediate slipping to \$43.75 per barrel on Friday and refineries exceeding 17 mil-

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A back

to school

splash

SMMC, Marcy Place

provide supplies to

150+ students

Special to the Herald



A large group of parents and students attended the recent End of Summer Health Splash co-hosted by Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Marcy Place.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Marcy Place helped more than 150 students with school supplies during the End of Summer Health Splash health

"We are very excited about the turnout that we had during our End of Summer Health Splash. We are even more excited that we were able to help as many students as we did. Of course,

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Man charged in multiple killings due in court

By JUAN A. LOZANO

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A man with a violent criminal history entered a Houston home through an unlocked window and fatally shot a woman he'd previously dated, her husband and six children, including a boy believed to be his own son, authorities said.

David Conley, 48, is charged with capital murder in the deaths and is set to make his first court appearance Monday morning before a trial judge.

Conley, who is being held in the Harris County Jail and doesn't yet have an attorney, didn't appear at a court hearing Sunday at which he was denied bond.

The dead, who all were shot in the head, were identified as parents Dewayne Jackson, 50; his wife, Valerie Jackson, 40; and their children Dewayne, 10; Honesty, 11; Caleb, 9; Trinity, 7; and Jonah, 6. Also killed was a 13-year-old, Nathaniel, who was believed to be Conley's son from the

"We do not — cannot — fully comprehend the motivation of an individual that would take the lives of so many innocent people. Especially the lives of the young ones,"

> Chief Deputy Tim Cannon Harris County Sheriff's Office

relationship with Valerie Jackson.

"We do not — cannot — fully comprehend the motivation of an individual that would take the lives of so many innocent people. Especially the lives of the young ones," said Chief Deputy Tim Cannon of the Harris County Sheriff's Office. "The killer's motives appear to be related to a dis-

pute with Valerie, who was his former domestic partner." Authorities were first alerted Saturday about a problem

at the home when a relative of

Valerie Jackson's contacted

the sheriff's office to request a welfare check.

"Upon arrival, deputies made multiple attempts to establish contact with residents inside the home. No contact was made," Cannon said.

After authorities learned that Conley, who had once lived in the home, had a warrant for his arrest for an assault charge, the sheriff's office High Risk Operations Unit was called.

"While awaiting response for the (unit), the body of an

unidentified child was ob-

served through a window at

the residence," he said. "Dep-

uties on scene forced entry into the home and were immediately met with gunfire. The deputies withdrew from the home ... and awaited the arrival of the" unit.

A standoff ensued for several hours between Conley and authorities until Conley surrendered, said Sgt. Craig Clopton, the lead investiga-

Investigators declined to say when on Saturday the victims were shot or if any victims were alive when deputies first tried to enter the

According to an arrest affidavit, Conley told authorities that he discovered on Saturday morning that the locks had been changed at the home after he had moved out. He entered the home through an unlocked window, the affidavit said.

According to Clopton, Jackson and Conley had a relationship, which ended, and "then (Dewayne Jackson) began a relationship with Valerie, which led to five children."

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Obituaries

Loray Jeffcoat



Loray Morris Jeffcoat, 87. of Knott, died Sunday, Aug. 9. 2015, in a Stanton nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2015, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Jim Binnix officiating.

She was born June 28, 1928, in Big Spring, Texas, and married James Jeffcoat April 1, 1944, in Big Spring, Texas. He preceded her in death September 22, 1986.

Loray was a lifelong resident of Howard County and was a longtime employee of the First National Bank in Big Spring. After the death of her husband, James, she worked as the manager of Luther Gin until retiring, and was one of two women in the state of Texas working as a gin manager.

Survivors include one son, Alvis Jeffcoat and

wife, Beverly of D'Hanis, Texas; five grandchildren, Joe Don Lilly and wife, Susan, and Jeffery Lilly all of Midland, Janna Turner and husband, Randy of Stanton, Krista Jeffcoat of Lake Jackson and Kara Lands and husband, Justin of Uvalde; and seven great-grandchildren, Brandon Lilly, Martin Lilly, Katelyn Inge, Kenslea Inge, Alvery Lands, Jethro Lands and Amoz Lands.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Janie Jeffcoat; her father, Virgil Morris; her mother, Dorothy Windham; and a brother, Billie Joe

The family suggests memorial donations be made to the Amy Shofner Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o State National Bank, P.O Box 661, Lamesa, Tex-

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

Paid obituary

Jose B. Fierro



Jose B. Fierro, 99, of Big Spring died Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born to Tirza and Jose Fierro Sr. on Feb. 22, 1916, in Stanton, Texas. His family moved

to Big Spring in 1921. He married Enedina Roldan in April 1939, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on Sept. 1, 2010. He worked for Sid Richardson for 18 years and the railroad for 24 years. He was a longtime member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He helped build the church building and

youth center of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He was a member of Holy Name Society. He served many years as a church usher.

He is survived by three daughters, Josie DeLeon and her husband Rudy of Big Spring, Belen Alvarez and her husband George of Garland, and Nina Wood and her husband David of Big Spring; one son, John Fierro and his wife Juanita of Dallas; two brothers, Tom Fierro and his wife Nina from Holland, Mich. and Crespin Fierro and his wife Florence from Mohave, Ariz.; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Richard Alvarez, Jeffrey Leal, Rudolph Munoz, Adrian DeLeon, Rene DeLeon, Chris Salazar, Jarrett Barraza and Justin Franco.

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

Joel 'J.J.' Morales Jr.

Joel "J.J." Morales Jr., 40, of Lamesa, formerly of Big Spring died Friday, Aug. 7, 2015, at Medical Arts Hospital in Lamesa. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Judy Roberts

Judy Roberts, 73, of Big Spring died Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015, in a Midland hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Cre-

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following ac-

- GARY CASTILLO VASQUEZ, 25. of 1504 Vines Ave. was arrested on charges of assault/family violence by threat or offensive touch.
- 5388 County Road 1221, Malakoff, Texas was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated. • JARRETT KARL MCCURDY,

• RANDY NEAL JONES, 43, of

- 39, of 1022 Leaning Hickory Lane Mccomb. Miss. was arrested on charges of public intoxication.
- TONY LEOS, 33, of 1207 E. 16th St. was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.
- CRYSTAL LASHEL COBLE, 28, of 2710 S. Anderson Rd. was arrested on warrants for fail to appear, failed to control speed and two warrants from other agencies.
- GEROGE ANTHONY ROBIN-SON, 48, of 903 Abrams was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- EPIFANIO JOSE GUZMAN JR., 27, of 1002 E. 16th St. was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITA-TION was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of Birdwell Lane and 4th St. and in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1000 block of S. Main St.
- HARASSMENT was reported in the 2100 block of S. Gregg St. and the 1600 block of E. 6th St.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 100 block of E. 17th St.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore St. and the 500 block of $E.~15^{th}~St.$

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

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Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 79 inmates at the time of this re-

- CODY SHANE AMIDON, 44, was booked by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid with previous convic-
- MISTY MICHELLE BAKER, 34, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication.
- JESSE THOMAS BLACK-WELL, 50, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping and fail to appear.
- ASHLEY BURT, 27, was booked by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest/detention with a vehicle and warrants for two counts of manufacturing/forgery with financial instrument.
- MICHAEL WILSON CARL. 31, was booked by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram and a warrant for evading arrest/ detention with a vehicle.
- JEFFREY PAUL CARTER, 52, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication.
- CRYSTAL COBLE, 28, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for bail jumping and fail to appear, manufacturing/possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram, failure to control speed and fail to appear.
- JESSE DELEON, 46, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for manufacture/possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.
- JERRY DON DUFFER, 28, was booked by the BSPD on charges of theft less than \$50 and criminal trespass.
- TIMOTHY JOE FLORES, 40, was booked by the BSPD on charges of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and driving while license invalid with previous convictions.
- STANLEY LYNN FRALEY, 51, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication.
 - **EPIFAN-**

- IO JOE GUZMAN JR., 27, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for motion to revoke probation – burglary of habitation.
- APRIL ROCHELLE HALL, 25, was booked by the BSPD on charges of theft less than \$50.
- SHAWN KATHLENE HAT-FIELD, 44, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for speeding and violate promise to appear.

 COREY PRESTON HOFF-PAUIR. 38, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for burglary of a building.

- RANDY NEAL JONES, 43, was booked by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated.
- MARCEL ANTHONY JOR-DAN, 32, was booked by the BSPD on charges of unauthorized use of a vehicle and warrants for fail to maintain financial responsibility, two counts of no driver's license, theft of property more than \$20 but less than \$500 and three counts of failure to appear.
- ESTEBAN JUAREZ III, 35, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication.
- TONY LEOS, 33, was booked by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated.
- ROBERT ADAM MATA, 28, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia.
- JARRETT KARL MCCURDY, 39, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxciation.
- DAVID GRIJALBA MO-RALES, 38, was booked by the BSPD on charges of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.
- RODRIGO GARCIA PEREZ, 33, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for obstruction of justice and piston on premises.
- JARRETT ALAN POSTON, was booked by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest/detention with a vehicle and possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

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White Street	William St.			
102/73 Sunny. High 102F. Winds SSE at 10 to 15 mph.	100/74 Sunshine. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the mid 70s.	99/75 More sun than clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	100/76 Mostly sunny. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the mid 70s.	98/74 Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.
Sunrise: 7:06 AM Sunset: 8:35 PM	Sunrise: 7:07 AM Sunset: 8:34 PM	Sunrise: 7:08 AM Sunset: 8:33 PM	Sunrise: 7:08 AM Sunset: 8:32 PM	Sunrise: 7:09 AM Sunset: 8:31 PM
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Texas At A Glance



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City	Hi Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	102 75	sunny	Kingsville	99	74	pt sunny
Amarillo	89 67	t-storm	Livingston	103	78	mst sunn
Austin	102 75	pt sunny	Longview	106	76	sunny
Beaumont	102 76	mst sunny	Lubbock	96	71	mst sunn
Brownsville	95 76	pt sunny	Lufkin	104	78	mst sunn
Brownwood	103 74	sunny	Midland	102	75	sunny
Corpus Christi	95 78	pt sunny	Raymondville	99	76	pt sunny
Corsicana	105 78	sunny	Rosenberg	102	76	pt sunny
Dallas	106 82	sunny	San Antonio	102	74	pt sunny
Del Rio	102 75	mst sunny	San Marcos	102	75	pt sunny
El Paso	99 74	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	104	79	sunny
Fort Stockton	102 73	sunny	Sweetwater	102	74	sunny
Gainesville	102 78	sunny	Tyler	106	79	sunny
Greenville	104 78	sunny	Weatherford	105	78	sunny
Houston	104 79	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	102	77	mst sunn

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	92	71	t-storm	Minneapolis	82	60	mst sunn
Boston	76	63	pt sunny	New York	79	71	pt sunny
Chicago	84	64	t-storm	Phoenix	103	79	pt sunny
Dallas	106	82	sunny	San Francisco	68	60	pt sunny
Denver	84	60	t-storm	Seattle	84	60	mst sunn
Houston	104	79	pt sunny	St. Louis	88	70	pt sunny
Los Angeles	79	61	pt sunny	Washington, DC	84	73	t-storm
Miami	90	78	t-storm	•			

Moon Phases



UV Index Wed Tue Thu Sat 8/14 8/15 8/11 8/12 8/13 Extreme Extreme Extreme

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

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will lead the revival.

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Midway Baptist Church will be holding a reviv-

al Aug. 23 – 26. Former church pastor Chad Haney

with office work. Volunteers set their own hours.

deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-

· On or before Friday, parents or guardians of

Big Spring ISD students in grades 1-4 need to stop

by the elementary campus they believe their stu-

dents will be attending this year and bring proof of residency. This information is needed before

the school's administration can place students

on classroom rosters. Any recent monthly bill or

bank statement with a street address will suffice to validate the residence of the student and parent or

Meet the Teacher night for all elementary cam-

puses will be on Thursday, Aug. 20, from 4:30-6:30

 Big Spring ISD students entering kindergarten and 7th grade must provide a current shot record

to the school district prior to Aug. 18. Shot records

can be delivered to the Big Spring ISD Records and

Registration office at 1109 South Benton. Without

current shot records, the school district will not be able to enroll a kindergarten student or pro-

vide a schedule of classes to a 7th grade student.

Questions about immunizations and shot records

should be directed to Leah Gordon, Big Spring ISD

· Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for pa-

LOCAL

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tient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

at www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids

- A hungry child cannot learn. Food2Kids-Big
- Spring was created to provide nutrition for hun- Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all dreds of children who do not get a substantial meal ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to on the weekends. F2K began last November and this volunteer program now serves more than 300 sit with patients, make items for patients and help children weekly. Once the need has been identified, For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at F2K fills a sack of food to send home each Friday during the school year. You can help. Volunteers are needed and donations can be sent to Food2Kids · Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721. For drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help more information call, Muffet Bomar 432-935-3998
 - An account has been set up at Western Bank (account number 1017623) for Blantyn Gusman and Zachary Duncan, who were seriously injured in an

or Peggy Hopper 214-773-6775.. Find us on Facebook

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.
- The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.
- 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 information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's

to help students and

teachers as they return

"We truly can't say

thank you enough to

community

their help. This event

truly was a success,"

Cervantes said.

to school.

- a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9-11 a.m. and get two for one, plus a rehab meeting.
- The Howard College Music program is offering a season ticket allowing a person to gain entrance to all of its performances for the season including guest solo recitals, chamber concerts and all student recitals as well. The ticket is \$50 for the general public and \$40 for Howard College faculty. The 2015-2016 season is expected to feature from 15 to 20 concerts from up and coming professional musicians including concerts for trombone, brass quintet, flute, clarinet, two trumpets, cello, piano, tuba, solo and group voice recitals, saxophone quartet, a trio featuring cello, trumpet and piano. To reserve a ticket, call 432-264-5145, e-mailing Kiley at dkiley@howardcollege.edu or e-mailing Wills at ewills@howardcollege.edu.
- An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for Briana Mendoza to help with medical cost. Briana was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- 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 ½ Main St.
- The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending
- The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to **MYERS & SMITH** all ages. No alcohol or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handicapped-accessible. Cost is \$8 per

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Jose B. Fierro, 99, died Saturday. Vigil services will be at 7:00 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11:00 AM Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Jr., 40, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral

Joel "J.J." Morales,

SPLASH

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Nurse, at 432-264-3622.

none of this would have made possible been without the community support and our wonderful vendors," Erica Cervantes, Marcy Place Community Relations Manager, said.

More than 20 vendors were on hand for the health fair. Information ranged from vitamin supplements, home health agencies, assisted living facilities, local non-profits and more. In addition to the 100 backpacks given away – donated by Parks Agency and SMMC Auxillary 30 door prizes were given away. "Our community and

our vendors really went above and beyond what we expected. We wanted to be able to give back to the community by helping out in a small way, maybe one or two kids, but we were able to help a couple hundred kids with this event," Cervantes said. "We are so grateful for all the support we received and we look forward to making this event even bigger and better next year."

In addition to the information, there were free hot dogs - donated by BBVA compass, cookies – donated by HEB, bounce houses - donated by Zeke Flores and activities for the

kids to take part in. Familia Dental also helped with a monetary donation and the Heritage Museum donated the tables that were used during the health fair.

'What started out as a small project – a way to provide health education to the community soon turned into an even bigger event than we could have imagined," Cervantes said. "Of course, this means, it's time to catch our breath, take a small break, and start planning next year's event so we can do something even bigger."

The school supplies that were donated during the event will be donated to Forsan ISD

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Howard County Junior College District will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 15.17 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Tax Code, Chapter 26). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 17, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at Howard College, in the Tumbleweed Room of the Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720.

The second public hearing will be held on August 20, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at Howard College, in the Tumbleweed Room of the Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Dr. John Freeman, Mr. Maxwell Barr, Mrs. Marie Ethridge, Mr. Murray Murphy, Mr. Michael Flores

AGAINST: none

PRESENT and not voting: **none**

ABSENT: Dr. Charles Warren and Mr. Adrian Calvio

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the Howard County Junior College District last year was \$51,244. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.176620 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$90.51.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the Howard County Junior College District this year is \$55,717. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.218472 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$121.73.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.251623 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$140.20.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

GAS

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lion barrels per day in each of the past four weeks, a level that hasn't been reached since the Energy Information Administration began publishing the data in 1990, that explains why the national average price of gas shed 6 cents per

gallon in the past week," DeHaan noted.

"Even with the extraordinary price spikes in California earlier this summer that inflated the national average, improving conditions there have brought the state average from its mid-July peak at \$3.90 down to \$3.60 today and that average is 31 cents less than what Califor-

nians were looking at last year," added Gregg Laskoski, another senior petroleum analyst with GasBuddy. "Overall Americans are paying 88 cents per gallon less than what we were paying a year ago and some states like Indiana and Kentucky are saving more than \$1 gallon vs. last year at this time."

POLICE

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- GARY CASTILLO VASQUEZ, 25, booked by the BSPD on charge of assault family violence.
- STEPHEN YANEZ, 22, was booked by the DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated.



Page 4 Monday, August 10, 2015

Hall of Famer Frank Gifford dead at 84

By BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — From the football field to the broadcast booth, Frank Gifford was a star. And a winner.

An NFL championship in 1956 with the New York Giants. An Emmy award in 1976-77 as television's "outstanding sports personality." Induction in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in '77.

Gifford, as well known for serving as a buffer for fellow announcers Don Meredith and Howard Cosell on "Monday Night Football" as for his versatility as a player, died Sunday. He was 84.

"Frank Gifford was an icon

of the game, both as a Hall of ing," his family said in the Fame player for the Giants and Hall of Fame broadcaster for CBS and ABC," NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said. "Frank's talent and charisma on the field and on the air were important elements in the growth and popularity of the modern NFL."

In a statement released by NBC News, his family said Gifford died suddenly at his Connecticut home of natural causes Sunday morning. His wife, Kathie Lee Gifford, is a host for NBC's "Today."

"We rejoice in the extraordinary life he was privileged to live, and we feel grateful and blessed to have been loved by such an amazing human bestatement. "We ask that our privacy be respected at this difficult time and we thank you for your prayers."

A running back, defensive back, wide receiver and special teams player in his career, Gifford was the NFL's MVP in 1956. He went to the Pro Bowl at three positions and was the centerpiece of a Giants offense that went to five NFL title games.

Beginning in 1971, he worked for ABC's "Monday Night Football," at first as a play-by-play announcer and then as an analyst.

Later in life he stayed in the spotlight through his marriage to Kathie Lee Gifford,

who famously called him a "human love machine" and "lamb-chop" to her millions of viewers.

"He was a great friend to everyone in the league, a special adviser to NFL commissioners, and served NFL fans with enormous distinction for so many decades," Goodell added.

Gifford hosted "Wide World of Sports," covered several Olympics — his call of Franz Klammer's downhill gold medal run in 1976 is considered a broadcasting masterpiece — and announced 588 consecutive NFL games for ABC, not even taking time off after the death of his mother shortly before a broadcast in

While he worked with others, including Dan Dierdorf, Al Michaels, Joe Namath and O.J. Simpson, Gifford was most known for the eight years he served as a calming influence between the folksy Meredith and acerbic Cosell.

In its early years the show was a cultural touchstone, with cities throwing parades for the visiting announcers and celebrities such as John Lennon and Ronald Reagan making appearances.

"I hate to use the words 'American institution,' but there's no other way to put it, really," Gifford told The Associated Press in 1993. "There's nothing else like it."

Seattle stops Rangers

SEATTLE (AP) — For all the success Nelson Cruz has enjoyed during his career, the Seattle slugger can't ever remember a streak like

Cruz hit his 33rd home run and Felix Hernandez earned his 14th win Sunday, leading the Mariners over the Texas Rangers 4-2. Cruz tied Angels star

Mike Trout for most homers in the majors this season. Hernandez (14-6) is tied for the most wins in the big leagues.

"I'm glad he's on our side," King Felix said.

Cruz extended his hitting streak to 19 games. tving a career best, with his solo shot off Colby Lewis (12-5) in the sixth.

Cruz is batting .422 with 11 home runs six doubles and 15 RBIs during the streak.

"I think so, no doubt, it's better than any other time." he said.

The 35-vear-old Cruz ranks among the AL leaders in batting average (.325) and RBIs (69).

The homer was Cruz's seventh home run in his last nine games. He has gotten an extra-base hit in nine straight games, one behind the team record set by Ken Griffey Jr. in 1993.

"I don't know where we'd be without him. He's hitting .370 with runners in scoring position. It's unbelievable what he's accomplished this year. It's almost jawdropping."



Joey Logano (22) passes Kevin Harvick on the final lap to win the NASCAR Sprint Cup race in Watkins Glen, N.Y. Sunday afternoon.

Watkins Glen a gas for winner Logano

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. (AP) – Joey Logano kept his foot on the gas pedal a little bit longer than usual after taking the checkered flag at Watkins Glen International, a huge cloud of smoke wafting toward victory lane.

This time he had more than enough left in the tank of his No. 22 Ford.

"It makes up a lot for last week," Logano said Sunday after notching his first Sprint Cup victory on a road course and second of the season. He also won the season-opening Daytona 500.

"It's nice it played out this time. We may not have had the fastest race car, but the execution of the day is what won us this race. What goes around comes around, I guess."

A week after running out of

gas while leading at Pocono with three laps to go, Logano passed Kevin Harvick on the final turn of the 90-lap race as Harvick ran dry.

Logano completed the first NASCAR weekend sweep at the track after winning the Xfinity race Saturday. He also gave Roger Penske his first Cup victory at The Glen.

"It means an awful lot to Team Penske," team vice chairman Walt Czarnecki

"I believe this is our winningest track in the whole history of our company going back to the Trans-Am and Can-Am, so this is particularly meaningful for us."

Kyle Busch, who ran out of fuel on the last lap at Pocono while leading, finished second and moved to 30th in points,

the cutoff to make the Chase for the Sprint Cup title as he continued his remarkable surge.

"I had a chance. I could've raced the 22," said Busch, six points ahead of Cole Whitt and just one behind Justin Allgaier. "I felt like I was better than he was, but my crew chief (Adam Stevens) called in scared on the fuel situation from last week and I don't blame him. We didn't want to do the same thing."

Harvick coasted home third, Matt Kenseth was fourth, and Kurt Busch fifth. Clint Bowyer, Brad Keselowski, Carl Edwards, Sam Hornish Jr. and Jimmie Johnson rounded out the top 10.

Tony Stewart, who qualified third, was competing at Watkins Glen for the first time

after missing the previous two Cup races at the track. He was nursing a broken right leg two years ago and sat out last year's race after the sprint car he was driving in a race at nearby Canandaigua struck and killed 20-year-old driver Kevin Ward Jr. the night before Stewart was scheduled to race at Watkins Glen.

On Friday, Stewart again had to revisit that tragedy. Attorneys representing the Ward family filed a wrongful death lawsuit against Stewart, another hurdle in what has been a season without much hope until recently, and Sunday marked the one-year anniversary of Ward's death.

Stewart, a five-time winner at The Glen, was greeted warmly by fans during driver introductions.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE **East Division** GB New York .540 61 11/2 Toronto Baltimore Tampa Bay 56 56 .500 50 62 .446 Boston **Central Division** w **L** 44 Pct GB 66 .600 Kansas City .495 11½ 56 Detroit 54 57 .486 121/2 .468 141/2 Chicago 59 Cleveland West Division W GB L 52 Houston 1/2 Los Angeles 59 51 .536 .500 41/2 Texas Seattle Oakland 62 .451 10

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Monday's Games
Detroit (Boyd 1-2) at Kansas City
(Cueto 0-1), 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 5-7) at
Chicago White Sox (Sale 9-7), 8:10
p.m.

Baltimore (W.Chen 5-6) at Seattle (Nuno 0-0), 10:10 p.m. Tuesday's Games Oakland at Toronto, 7:07 p.m. Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m. Boston at Miami. 7:10 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees at Cleveland, 7:10 Detroit at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m. L.A. Angels at Chicago White Sox, Texas at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m. Baltimore at Seattle, 10:10 p.m

Houston at San Francisco, 10:15

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American League BOSTON RED SOX hab assignment. Designated RHP Jus-

p.m.

TRANSACTIONS BASEBALL

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Assigned 1B/OF Chris Parmelee outright to Nor folk (IL). Agreed to terms with LHP Nick Addition on a minor league contract. Mookie Betts to Portland (EL) for a re-

tin Masterson for assignment. Acquired

3B Carlos Rivero from Seattle for cash

DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned

and assigned him to Pawtucket (IL).

Philadelphia (Harang 5-12) at

Cincinnati (Holmberg 1-0) at San

Arizona (R.De La Rosa 9-5), 9:40

Diego (Kennedy 6-10), 10:10 p.m. Washington (G.Gonzalez 8-4) at

L.A. Dodgers (B.Anderson 6-6), 10:10

Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.

Colorado at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.

Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.

Philadelphia at Arizona, 9:40 p.m

Cincinnati at San Diego, 10:10

Washington at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10

Houston at San Francisco, 10:15

Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, 8:05

Boston at Miami, 7:10 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

National League WASHINGTON NATIONALS Placed RHP Aaron Barrett on the 15day DL, retroactive to Thursday American Association

RHP Joe McCarty.
KANSAS CITY T-BONES

leased INF Christian Torres

AMARILLO THUNDERHEADS Released OF Eric Williams GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS

Signed OF Josh Henderson and

ST. PAUL SAINTS — Released

RHP Shane Greene to Toledo (IL).

Selected the contract of LHP Tom Gor

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KANSAS CITY ROYALS - Op-

MINNESOTA TWINS — Assigned C

OAKLAND ATHLETICS - Sent 2B

tioned INF Cheslor Cuthbert to Omaha

(PCL). Recalled OF Paulo Orlando

Eric Fryer outright to Rochester (IL).

Tyler Ladendorf to the AZL Athletics for

a rehab assignment. Reinstated RHP

Taylor Thompson from the 60-day DL

TEXAS RANGERS — Sent LHP

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Op-

tioned INF Munenori Kawasaki to Buf-

Derek Holland to Frisco (TL) for a re-

zelanny from Toledo.

from Omaha.

hab assignment.

RHP Roberto Hernandez.

RHP Mikey Mehlich. WICHITA WINGNUTS — Released INF Jerry Gonzalez. Traded RHP Tyler Heil to Ottawa (Can-Am) for future

considerations. Atlantic League

LONG ISLAND DUCKS - Signed OF Anthony Vega. SOUTHÉRN MARYLAND BLUE CRABS — Traded OF Anthony Vega to Long Island to complete an earlier

Can-Am League NEW JERSEY JACKALS -

 Signed OF Charley Thurber OTTAWA CHAMPIONS leased INF Alex A. Nunez. QUEBEC CAPITALES

RHP Coby Cowgill.
ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Released RHP Nathaniel Roe and LHP Nicholas May.

FOOTBALL National Football League BUFFALO BILLS — Signed CB

Nickell Robey to a contract extension and DE Erik Williams CLEVELAND BROWNS — Waived LB Darius Eubanks and TE Kevin Haplea. Signed TE Manasseh Garner.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed CB Eric Patterson. TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

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At the tail end of this Jupi-HOLIDAY ter transit, $^{M_{\text{ATHIS}}}\,\text{many}$ will

look back and realize how life has been stretched like a favorite sweater into the dimensions that fit. No, it will never be the same, but it's better this way. There's a beautiful style in this. The Cancer moon adds that she hopes you are growing in compassion and becoming softer and

more inclusive. ARIES (March 21-April 19). The details of your journey matter today, but they will matter even more at a future moment. Pause to take pictures even if it seems silly or inconvenient. Later you'll be glad you did.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You experience the good times more vividly because you've been through bad ones. Try to have compassion for that bored and very naive person who doesn't have the same breadth of experience that you do.

Dear Annie: My

cousin is getting mar-

ried soon and anoth-

er cousin's girlfriend

have been dating for

was invited. They

years, and I really

like her. The prob-

was not invited,

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even though we, too,

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in whether I could

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bring my boyfriend. I

don't want to create

first family event that

attend and I'd like ev-

eryone to meet him.

If he cannot at-

tend, I will still go and

make sure my cous-

perfect. -- Don't Want

Dear Don't: We

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ple are invited, but

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the Emily Post Insti-

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any problems, but

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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Don't assume the forces that are not in your control are against you. Something outside of your influence will surprise and delight you, as long as you are open to such results.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Most people consider the road they know to be the safest one, though familiarity doesn't make it so. For the fun of it, take a chance on an untried route. It will prove both safe and exciting

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your style is not to complain, commiserate with other complainers or have anything to do with the negative energy that goes along with complaining. You'll work around the obstacle and solve the problem.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your quest for love, beauty and artistic expression may be secret, even to you. As you follow your curiosity and connect with the people who interest you, you'll land where there's opportunity a-plenty for what your heart seeks.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's a role that's open, just waiting for someone to jump in. While it might not seem perfect for you, try it on anyway. You might be surprised just how well you can play this part once you commit to it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). This day has an evenness of tone throughout. You'll quickly figure out what you can expect, and there's comfort in the lack of surprises. Choose an attitude that will carry you through with grace.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21). New information and resources will become available. Soon it will be appropriate and beneficial to set new goals based on what you're gathering now -- but not yet!

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You needn't let your age dictate your choices. Act according to how you feel, not how you're supposed to feel based on the number of years you've been alive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The situation won't be straightened out with sudden insight or

a new idea; rather, it will unravel bit by bit with consistent work. Apply what you already know.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your humor may be self-deprecating, but everyone knows your modest ways are a social cover to help you fit in even when you happen to be doing superior work (as you are now). **TODAY'S BIRTH-**

DAY (Aug. 10). The one you meet before October is part creative genius, part misbehaving scamp, and it will be hard to say which part is more fun. Gatherings you pull together in November will be lucky on both personal and business levels. Your agreement helps a project take off in January. You'll live differently when this is finished. Gemini and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 24, 31, 29 and 16.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: My girlfriends and I get together every other weekend to hang out, play cards and talk about our lives. After a few hours of drinking and carrying on, we tend to share things that are extremely personal

things many times that, in the morning, I wish I hadn't. Now these women have so much information about me that any one of them could sink me in one phone call. I haven't done anything illegal or particularly wrong, but still I know that certain people wouldn't like to hear what I've discussed. Why have I been so confessional? And more importantly, can I stop? -- Gabby Gemini

and private. I've said

Bonding and blowing off steam are important to you. So is entertaining your friends. When you get the sense that certain wording would be more amusing than it is true, you'll go for the laugh every time. The fact that you have regrets in the morning means you recognize that talking about people who aren't in the room is almost always a betrayal of some kind. Forgive yourself and move forward with the intention of sticking to lighthearted and more innocuous com-

ments. **CELEBRITY PRO-FILES:** Kylie Jenner has been planning for her milestone 18th

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if not years. Like her Kardashian sisters and her parents, this Leo has a natural inclination to entertain, surprise and delight. However, her chart also reveals a shy side. Her moon in Scorpio reveals a love/hate relationship with publicity and indicates that she likes to be in control of every aspect related to persona and image.

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Your cousin apparently didn't know that your relationship was steady and ongoing and the couple may not have felt obligated to include someone they didn't know. They also may not

be a good idea if you found a way to introduce your boyfriend to your cousin before the wedding. Perhaps the two of you could take the bridal couple out to dinner to celebrate. You might also consider having a small party to introduce him to your relatives so they have an opportunity to get to know him.

We think it would

have room.

Dear Annie: My sister does not have her own email address or Facebook page. Everything is in her husband's name. That means he sees everything I send to

There are times when I would like to send stuff to my sister in private. I'm not asking her to hide anything important from her husband, but I don't see the point of him being able to read everything I send. Sometimes there are personal things between sisters that I'd prefer she

not share, although

if she chooses to. that would be her choice. It wouldn't be because he is reading them anyway. Knowing that he is looking at everything I send changes the way I write to her and makes it less sisterly.

I don't understand why she refuses to create her own accounts. It's not that difficult. What's up with this? -- Annoyed Sis

Dear Annoyed: Have you asked your sister directly why her accounts are in her husband's name? Perhaps it was a mutual decision allowing both of them to have access to

each other's communications and social media posts. This is sometimes a trust issue and not your business. Or maybe she can't be bothered to set up her own, in which case, you can offer to do it for her.

We understand that this annoys you, but it's not your decision. If you need to say something to your sister that you'd prefer her husband not be privy to, we recommend the old-fashioned way: Pick up the telephone or meet her for coffee. Those types of personal communication are still quite effective.

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By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH **EAST** WEST **♦** J 10 9 8 4 3 2 ♥ 9 6 5 4 3 **♥**10872 **4**10 SOUTH ♦ A K Q 10 9 8 6 4 The bidding: North East Pass

7 NT Opening lead — seven of spades. This hand was devised many years ago for the annual Intercollegiate Bridge Championship. Par for North-South was to bid and make seven notrump. South should surely undertake the grand slam after learning that North has the only missing ace. Thirteen tricks in notrump seem

Pass

4 NT

But if South gets careless during the play, he fails in his mission and that's what happened to many of the declarers who got to seven

when declarer must win the spade lead with dummy's ace. He then cashes the queen of spades, discarding the ace of hearts! This is followed by the K-Q-J of hearts, discarding the A-K-Q of clubs! When declarer next cashes the jack of clubs and East's ten appears.

The first test comes at trick one,

dummy's clubs all become tricks, and South easily makes the grand Observe that if declarer plays the hand in less spectacular fashion by winning the spade lead with the king

and trying to run his diamonds, he South's first five plays are certainly unusual, but they illustrate an important principle of card play. When dummy appears, South sees that the contract is certain unless the

To guard against this, he plays his cards in the manner described. If the diamonds are divided 2-2 or 3-1, no harm can come from discarding the ace of hearts and A-K-Q of clubs at the start of play But if, as in the actual case, it

diamonds are divided 4-0.

turns out that the diamonds are divided 4-0, South gives himself an extra chance by putting himself in position to utilize dummy's clubs. The fact that East's ten of clubs falls on dummy's jack is merely poetic

Tomorrow: Comparing right with wrong.

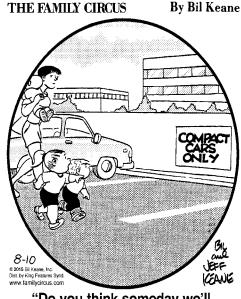
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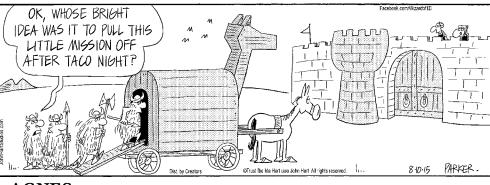


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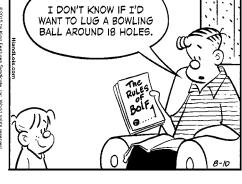
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, August 10, the 222nd day of 2015. There are 143 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight History:

On August 10, 1945, a day after the atomic bombing of Nagasaki, Imperial Japan conveyed its willingness to surrender provided the status of Emperor Hirohito remained unchanged. (The Allies responded the next day, saying they would determine the Emperor's future status.)

On this date:

In 1792, during the French Revolution, mobs in Paris attacked the Tuileries (TWEE'luh-reez) Palace, where King Louis XVI resided. (The king was later arrested, put on trial for treason, and executed.)

In 1821. Missouri became the 24th state. In 1846, President James K.

Polk signed a measure establishing the Smithsonian Institution.

In 1874 Hoover, the 31st president of the United States, was born in West Branch, Iowa.

In 1913, the Treaty of Bucharest was signed, ending the Second Balkan War.

In 1921, Franklin D. Roosevelt was stricken with polio at his summer home on the Canadian island of Campobello. In 1949, the National Military

Establishment was renamed the Department of Defense. In 1969, Leno and Rosemary LaBianca were murdered in

their Los Angeles home by members of Charles Manson's cult, one day after actress Sharon Tate and four other people had been slain. In 1975, television personality David Frost announced he

had purchased the exclusive rights to interview former President Richard Nixon. In 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed a measure providing \$20,000 payments to still-

living Japanese-Americans

who'd been interned by their

government during World War

In 1993, Ruth Bader Ginsburg was sworn in as the second female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1995, Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols were charged with 11 counts in the Oklahoma City bombing (McVeigh was convicted of murder and executed; Nichols was convicted of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter and sentenced to life in prison). Norma McCorvey, "Jane Roe" of the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, announced

she had joined the anti-abortion group Operation Rescue.

Ten years ago: A defiant Iran resumed full operations at its uranium conversion plant. President George W. Bush signed a \$286 billion transportation bill. Tennessee prison inmate George Hyatte and his wife, Jennifer, surrendered in Columbus, Ohio, a day after she'd ambushed two prison guards at a courthouse, killing one of them, to help her husband escape. (Both later pleaded guilty to first-degree murder and were sentenced to life in prison without parole.)

Thought for Today: "It is easier to make a saint out of a libertine than out of a

George Santayana, Spanish-born philosopher (1863-1952).

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- 10 Bun or bagel
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News in brief

Trump defends record on women as presidential rivals try to lift campaigns out of his shadow

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump doesn't appear to be going away anytime soon, so his rivals are scrambling to figure out how best to handle the blowback from every new bout of bluster drowning out their campaigns.

Lead the charge, if you're the sole woman in the Republicans' White House race and trying to crack the top tier for the next debate, by questioning Trump's ability to withstand the pressure of the presidency.

Belittle Trump's claim to be a truth-teller by arguing that self-promotion is the billionaire's guiding philosophy.

Warn that Trump's provocative comments about women endanger the party's standing with a group that makes up the majority of voters.

Or simply plead for the incessant Trump questioning to cease so that other candidates can get on with the business of why they're running.

Minutes of silence, march mark 1-year anniversary of Michael Brown's death in Ferguson

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP) — One year after the shooting that cast greater scrutiny on how police interact with black communities, the father of slain 18-year-old Michael Brown led a march in Ferguson, Missouri, on Sunday after a crowd of hundreds observed $4\frac{1}{2}$ minutes of silence.

Those who gathered to commemorate Brown began their silence at 12:02 p.m., the time he was killed, for a length of time that symbolized the $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours that his body lay in the street after he was killed. Two doves were released at the end. Police largely remained away from the ceremony.

Michael Brown Sr. held hands with others to lead the march, which started at the site where his son, who was black and unarmed, was fatally shot by Ferguson officer Darren Wilson on Aug. 9, 2014. A grand jury and the U.S. Department of Justice declined to prosecute Wilson, who resigned in November, but the shooting touched off a national 'Black Lives Matter" movement.

Pausing along the route at a permanent memorial for his son, Michael Brown Sr. said, "Miss you."

He had thanked supporters before the march for not allowing what happened to his son to be "swept under the carpet."

Israel imprisons high-profile Jewish extremists, arrests more in West Bank settlement outposts

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel intensified its crackdown on Jewish extremists Sunday, imprisoning two high-profile ultranationalist Israelis for six months without charge and arresting additional suspects in West Bank settlement outposts, security authorities said.

The crackdown comes after a deadly July 31 firebomb attack on a Palestinian home in the West Bank that killed an 18-month-old boy and his father and severely wounded his mother and brother.

Tensions have soared since that attack and on Sunday, Israeli troops shot and killed a Palestinian who had stabbed an Israeli in the West Bank, wounding him lightly.

Authorities called the arson attack an act of "Jewish terrorism," and Israel's Security Cabinet approved the use of harsh measures to combat the trend, including administrative detention, which allows suspects to be held for lengthy periods with-

The measure has been mainly used against Palestinians suspected of involvement in militant groups, and rarely against Israelis.

Social Security at 80: Modest but politically difficult changes could save massive program

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Social Security approaches its 80th birthday Friday, the federal government's largest benefit program stands at a pivotal point in its history.

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Relatively modest changes to taxes and benefits could still save it for generations of Americans to come, but Congress must act quickly, and even limited changes are politically difficult.

The longer lawmakers wait, the harder it will become to maintain Social Security as a program that pays for itself, a key feature since President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act "The more time that they take, the less acceptable

the changes will be because there needs to be adequate time for the public to prepare and to adjust to whatever changes Congress will make," Carolyn Colvin, acting commissioner of the Social Security Administration, said in an interview.

Social Security's long-term financial problems are largely a result of demographic changes. As baby boomers swell the ranks of retirees, relatively fewer workers are left to pay taxes.

Police: Man who killed 8 members of a Texas family had a dispute with woman victim

HOUSTON (AP) - A family of six children and two parents were fatally shot in the head at a Houston home by a man with a violent criminal history who had previously been in a contentious relationship with the mother, authorities said Sunday.

David Conley, 48, was charged with capital murder in the deaths. Most of the victims had been handcuffed and some had been shot multiple times, said Sgt. Craig Clopton, the lead investigator for the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

The dead were identified as parents Dewayne Jackson, 50, his wife Valerie Jackson, 40, and children Nathaniel, 13, Dewayne, 10, Honesty, 11, Caleb, 9, Trinity, 7, and Jonah, 6. Nathaniel was believed to be Conley's son from the relationship with Valerie Jackson. The Harris County Sheriff's Office had earlier said that there were three adults and five children killed. "We do not — cannot — fully comprehend the mo-

tivation of an individual that would take the lives of so many innocent people. Especially the lives of the young ones," said Chief Deputy Tim Cannon of the Harris County Sheriff's Office. "The killer's motives appear to be related to a dispute with Valerie, who was his former domestic partner."

Conley, who is being held in Harris County Jail, didn't appear at a court hearing Sunday where an arrest affidavit was read. The judge denied him

Amid push for higher minimum wage, concern rising about workers cheated out of proper pay

NEW YORK (AP) — As a campaign to raise the minimum wage as high as \$15 has achieved victories in such places as Seattle, Los Angeles and New York, it has bumped up against a harsh reality: Plenty of scofflaw businesses don't pay the legal minimum now and probably won't pay the new, higher wages either.

Some economists, labor activists and regulators predict that without stronger enforcement, the number of workers getting cheated out of a legal wage is bound to increase in places where wages

Estimates on the size of the problem vary, but the Bureau of Labor Statistics said that in 2014, roughly 1.7 million U.S. workers — two thirds of whom were women — were illegally paid less than the federal minimum of \$7.25 per hour.

Other studies put the number higher. A report by the Department of Labor in December estimated that in New York and California alone, there are 560,000 violations of the law every week, representing \$33 million in lost income.

Those figures represent workers like Celina Alvarez, who came to the U.S. from Michoacan, Mexico, four years ago and took a series of poorly paying jobs as a cook after settling in New York City.

Even after 100 years, town debates what to do with painful memories of Leo Frank's lynching

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crispy that may be this town's most prized landmark, and just across from Fast Eddie Auto Sales, the wedge of dirt hard by Interstate 75 is notable only for its lack of notability. And when Rabbi Steven Lebow pulls up there, he leaves the engine running and door open.

Nearly ever since the South Florida native found a pulpit in this fast-changing county just north of Atlanta three decades ago, this spot — or, more specifically, the tale of murder and vengeance that has stained its ground and local history for 100 years has weighed on him. But with transportation crews readying to build

over the place where Marietta's leading citizens lynched a Jewish factory superintendent named Leo Frank on an August morning a century ago, Lebow talks only of what's worth preserving. "There's nothing to see here. It's anonymous. That's why we need to be the memory," Lebow says,

as trucks grind past. "We don't want to remember it, but it's a cautionary tale." As this community prepares to revisit that tale,

though — "whether it wants to or not," the Marietta Daily Journal's "Around Town" columnists wrote recently — there are reminders that it remains unsettled as well as unsettling.

About 300 gather to remember Vermont social worker police said shot by woman upset about case BARRE, Vt. (AP) — About 300 people packed into

Barre's Old Labor Hall Sunday to pay tribute to a Vermont social worker who was gunned down by a woman who police say was upset at losing custody of her 9-year-old daughter. Some cried openly while others stifled tears. Some spoke warmly of Lara Sobel, the veteran so-

cial worker whose death on Friday outside the office where she worked has shaken many state employees, but others said they didn't know her or work for the state, but attended the vigil to show "Lara was a beautiful, beautiful individual and she really, really cared about the kids, all the kids,"

Joseph Faryniarz, the cousin of Sobel's husband,

said during the vigil that included a march ending at the spot where Sobel was shot and killed as she left work. "This is a tragedy and the family is doing the best that it can." Police said Jody Herring shot Sobel, 48, twice on Friday with a hunting rifle, killing her outside an office of the state Department for Children and

was leaving work. Herring, 40, was tackled by bystanders. She was then arrested and charged with first-degree mur-

Families in Barre as Sobel, a 14-year DCF veteran,

Police: Man killed by police in shootout killed his neighbor

GASTONIA, N.C. (AP) — A shoot-out in a small North Carolina town — sparked by a gunman's alleged killing of a neighbor — left the gunman dead and two police officers wounded, authorities said Sunday. A bystander was also hurt.

The injuries to the officers didn't appear to be lifethreatening, Gaston County Assistant Police Chief Joseph Ramey said at a late-night news conference. A woman was also wounded in the incident, but she is expected to survive, Ramey said.

A number of officers rushed to the neighborhood around 9:30 p.m. Saturday after getting several 911 calls about a man shot to death and another man still in the area with a gun, the assistant chief said.

The suspected gunman was on a street corner armed with a pistol and a rifle and fired on officers. He was killed when several officers fired back.



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