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Segars arrested

Suspect in June hit-and-run death caught Wednesday

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

The man wanted for the June hit-and-run death of Teddy Diaz was captured in Fort Worth, authorities say.

Bradley Cecil Segars, 45, was arrested prior to boarding a bus on Camp Bowie Boulevard around noon Wednesday, according to information released by the Big Spring Police Department.



Segars

A warrant for Segars' arrest was issued two weeks ago, charging him with manslaughter in the June 7 hit-and-run death of Diaz, 47, of Big Spring.

According to police reports at the time of accident, Diaz had arrived at The Bar, parked in a lot on the south side of Fourth Street and was walking across Fourth Street when he was struck by a motor vehicle, which left the scene. Diaz died later that evening.

"The arrest is the result of the efforts of the Big Spring Police Department Criminal Investigation Division, with the assistance of the United States Marshalls," the news release stated. "(We) also thank the community for the information received regarding this investigation."



Mona Lue Tonn of Spring Tabernacle Ministries is preparing for the 30th anniversary of the church she and her late husband, Arnold Tonn, started together.

Spring Tabernacle marks 30th anniversary

By **JULIE BASS**
 Staff Writer

Spring Tabernacle Ministries turns 30 this week.

The ministry, which started as a husband-and-wife team feeling compelled to share God's word with others led the couple from a pawn shop back room to the church's current location in west Big Spring.

The church has grown and spread the word through several ministries over the years, providing services ranging from a food pantry to free clothing for those in need to housing assistance to providing Christmas gifts to low-income families.

"One year we had enough donations that the parents, grandparents and guardians got to pick four presents per child that they had," said Mona Lou Tonn, who started the ministry along with her husband, Arnold, in 1985. "The most we ever served was 68 families."

For 21 years, Arnold ran the ministry, preached and led the congregation.

"I sang. I sang for everything and that was my contribution" Mona Lou said. "My husband led the worship and organized the church. When he passed away nine years ago, the con-

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"When (my husband) passed away nine years ago, the congregation asked if I would lead them. I told them I would have to pray about it — a lot."

Mona Lou Tonn
 minister,
 Spring Tabernacle



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Thanks to a creative dad, these kids enjoy a dip in the pool right outside their home during a hot Tuesday afternoon. Andrew Duenes rigged up the "pool" by draping a tarp in the bed of his pickup and raising the vehicle's front wheels up with blocks.

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Obituaries

Roger Lynn LeVier



Roger Lynn LeVier made his entrance into the world Feb. 17, 1951, in Snyder, Texas to Francis Willis and Dolores Thompson LeVier. Roger passed away in LaPorte, Aug. 8, 2015, at the age of 64.

He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1969 and attended Howard College. In 1987, he moved to LaPorte.

Roger was one of a kind. He never met at stranger and loved telling jokes. A man who required very little to be happy and a man who was liked by all who met him. He touched a lot of lives during his time here through his humor and kindness. His character, quick wit and love for family is a legacy that will live on through the memories of those he cherished.

From early on, Roger understood that family was the heartbeat of life. He had great compassion and respect for his parents and two sisters. Anyone who had the honor of knowing Roger can agree on one thing, there was nothing he loved more than being a father. Daughter Michele and son Nick were the twinkle in his eye. He thought the world of his children and they thought their daddy hung the moon. Roger helped raise them both to be strong willed, independent children who knew the importance of

hard work, solid values and a good personality.

Roger's children gave him years of happiness and fun memories and then blessed him with three grandsons. Zach, Garrett and Ty were their Papa's pride and joy. Although they did not have near long enough time with him, they gave him a lifetime full of joy. As Roger rides his Harley through the streets of heaven, know he is smiling and thinking of his two children, three precious grandkids, family and friends.

Roger is survived by his mother, Dolores "Nanny" LeVier of Big Spring; his sisters, Frances Hobbs and husband, Leon of Big Spring and Amy Schultz and husband, Chuck of Kingsville; daughter, Michele Schooley and husband, Stephen; son, Nicholas LeVier and wife, Angie all of the LaPorte area; and grandchildren, Zach Schooley, Garrett Schooley and Ty LeVier.

He was preceded in death by his father, Francis Willis LeVier; and his grandparents.

A memorial visitation will be Friday, Aug. 14, 2015, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Paul U Lee Funeral Home in LaPorte.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 3001 N. Big Spring, Midland, Texas 79705.

Arrangements under the direction of Paul U Lee Funeral Home in LaPorte.

Paid obituary

Lora M. Pollard

Lora M. Pollard, 90, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2015, in a Lubbock hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Maria Abrego

Maria Laura Abrego, 83, of San Antonio, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2015, in San Antonio. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• DERRICK TODD DRAKE, 29, of 1212 E. 17th St. was arrested on charges of evading arrest/detention, fail to appear and driving without lights – when required.

• MISTY MICHELLE BAKER, 34, of 505 Union St. was arrested on charges of public intoxication.

• REYMUNDO GUTIERREZ PEREZ, 46, of 1101 Blackmon was arrested on warrants for driving without being secured by safety belt, expired registration and forgery – check/credit card.

• TYREE WILLIAMS, 30, of 708 S. Johnson St. was arrested on warrants for no driver's license and fail to appear.

• RONALD STANLEY HASELBY, 64, of 1302 Tucson St. was arrested on charges of public intoxication.

• AMANDA BLEVINS, 33, of 806 S. Lancaster St. was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

• OTIS KERMIE PORTER, 64, of 2911 W. Hwy 80 was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated 3rd or more.

• RICARDO ORTIZ DELOSRIOS, 54, of 1406 E. Hwy 350 was arrested on warrants for five counts

of accumulated items/weeds/rubbish.

• GARY DON GOODMAN, 20, of 1604 S. Benton was arrested on warrants for burglary of a building and possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this report.

• AMANDA PRICE BLEVINS, 33, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping and fail to appear.

• SAMANTHA CASTILLO, 30, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping and fail to appear.

• DERRICK TODD DRAKE, 29, was booked by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest/detention; and warrants for driving without lights and violate promise to appear.

• JOSE LUIS ESTRADA, 33, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for no driver's license, allowing child age 2-17 to ride while not secured and violate promise to appear.

• GARY DON GOODMAN, 20,

was booked by the HCSO on warrants for motion to revoke – burglary of a building and motion to revoke – possession of a controlled substance.

• RONALD HASELBY, 64, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication.

• REYMUNDO GUTIERREZ PEREZ, 46, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for no seat belt and display expired registration; charges of forgery.

• TYREE MAURICE WILLIAMS, 30, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for no driver's license and fail to appear.

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

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2000 block of Hwy 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg St. No transport.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3000 block of Cornell. Service was refused.

• VEHICLE FIRE was reported in the 1000 block of Runnels. Fire was extinguished.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls).

Open meeting at 7 p.m.

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles.

Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting

8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Heal-

ing Center.

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls).

Open meeting at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

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

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

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock

APDA office at 806-785-0942

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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Lela Warwick

Lela Warwick, 80, of Midland died Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2015 in a Midland hospital. Services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

Today's Weather

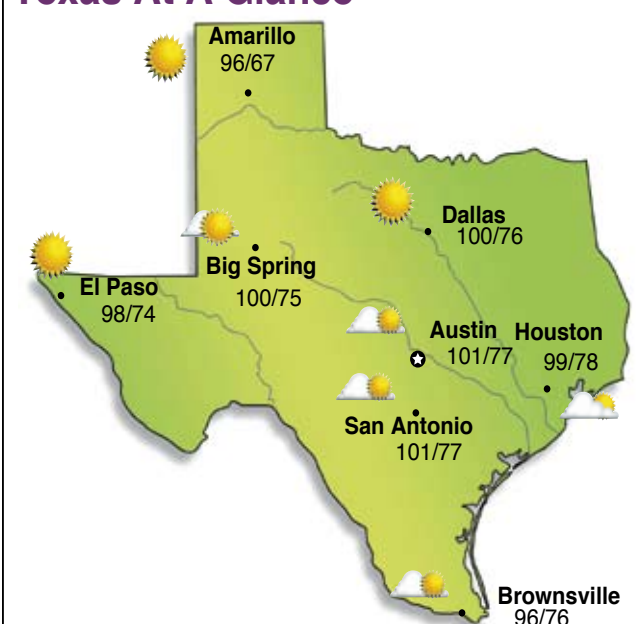
Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 8/14	Sat 8/15	Sun 8/16	Mon 8/17	Tue 8/18
100/75 Sunshine and some clouds. High near 100F. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph.	100/74 Mostly sunny. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the mid 70s.	94/72 Thunderstorms developing in the afternoon.	95/72 More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	94/71 Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 7:08 AM Sunset: 8:32 PM	Sunrise: 7:09 AM Sunset: 8:31 PM	Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 8:30 PM	Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 8:29 PM	Sunrise: 7:11 AM Sunset: 8:28 PM

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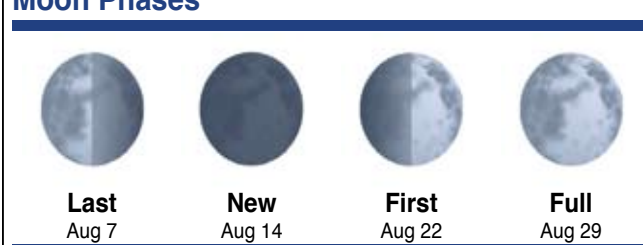
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	99	75	mst sunny	Kingsville	101	76	pt sunny
Amarillo	96	67	sunny	Livingston	98	75	pt sunny
Austin	101	77	pt sunny	Longview	97	69	mst sunny
Beaumont	96	73	pt sunny	Lubbock	99	72	sunny
Brownsville	96	76	pt sunny	Lufkin	97	71	mst sunny
Brownwood	99	74	pt sunny	Midland	102	77	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	98	79	pt sunny	Raymondville	100	77	pt sunny
Corsicana	99	73	mst sunny	Rosenberg	99	76	pt sunny
Dallas	100	76	sunny	San Antonio	101	77	pt sunny
Del Rio	102	79	mst sunny	San Marcos	102	77	pt sunny
El Paso	98	74	sunny	Sulphur Springs	96	69	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	100	75	mst sunny	Sweetwater	99	76	mst sunny
Gainesville	96	70	sunny	Tyler	98	73	pt sunny
Greenville	96	70	mst sunny	Weatherford	99	73	sunny
Houston	99	78	cloudy	Wichita Falls	94	72	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	88	67	pt sunny	Minneapolis	91	69	pt sunny
Boston	82	63	mst sunny	New York	84	68	mst sunny
Chicago	87	69	mst sunny	Phoenix	109	82	sunny
Dallas	100	76	sunny	San Francisco	68	58	pt sunny
Denver	91	61	mst sunny	Seattle	85	62	mst sunny
Houston	99	78	cloudy	St. Louis	88	70	mst sunny
Los Angeles	90	68	sunny	Washington, DC	87	67	sunny
Miami	91	77	cloudy				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Fri 8/14	Sat 8/15	Sun 8/16	Mon 8/17	Tue 8/18
11	11	11	11	11
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

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Take note

• American Leagion Post 506 will hold a fish fry Saturday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the lodge, located at 3203 W. Highway 80. Serving is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; delivery available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$12 per plate. For more information, call 263-2084.

• Midway Baptist Church will be holding a revival Aug. 23 - 26. Former church pastor Chad Haney will lead the revival.

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

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-7960.

• 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 students 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 guardian.

Meet the Teacher night for all elementary campuses will be on Thursday, Aug. 20, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

• 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 provide a schedule of classes to a 7th grade student. Questions about immunizations and shot records should be directed to Leah Gordon, Big Spring ISD Nurse, at 432-264-3622.

• Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

• A hungry child cannot learn. Food2Kids-Big Spring was created to provide nutrition for hundreds of children who do not get a substantial meal on the weekends. F2K began last November and this volunteer program now serves more than 300 children weekly. Once the need has been identified, 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 - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721. For more information call, Muffet Bomar 432-935-3998 or Peggy Hopper 214-773-6775. Find us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids

• An account has been set up at Western Bank (account number 1017623) for Blantyn Gusman and Zachary Duncan, who were seriously injured in an accident.

• 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 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 profession-

al 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@howard-college.edu or e-mailing Wills at ewills@howard-college.edu.

• For information on Garrett Parrish's condition, or to post messages of support, visit his Facebook page (#GP-STRONG). Parrish was seriously injured in a sledding accident.

• 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 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

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

• The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No al-

cohol or smoking. We are handicapped-accessible. Cost is \$8 per person.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• 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 of-

rice at 432-263-9669.

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

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Seferino "Jack" Villarreal, died Sunday. Funeral service was at 11:00 AM today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

Joel "J.J." Morales, Jr., 40, died Friday. Rosary service will be at 7:00 PM tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10:30 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Maria Laura Abrego, 83, of San Antonio, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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gregation asked if I would lead them. I told them I would have to pray about it — a lot."

Pray about it she did, and she consented to be ordained and continue the work of her husband. For the past seven years, her daughter, Gena Ray, has assisted in the ministry.

For the last nine years,

she has carried on his work and added new ministries over time. Some of Spring Tabernacle's services will be discontinued, like the clothing give-away, while new ones will be added.

"We are planning to turn the house next door into a rehab," Tonn said. "It will be a place for women to overcome their addictions when they get out of jail. In the church, we will offer GED classes and other

teachings to help people move on in their lives."

The church is currently undergoing renovations to support the rehab ministry.

Spring Tabernacle is located at 1209 Wright St. and the phone number is 267-5321. Sunday service is at 10 a.m.

EDITOR'S NOTE: For more on *Mona Lou Tonn and Spring Tabernacle's 30th anniversary*, read *Sunday's* edition of *the Herald*.

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Parent's corner: Dealing with the "Al Gebra" problem

Life is loaded with interesting things and when many of these things happen they (as a friend of mine often says) catch us in our unawares? This friend recently asked me if I noticed that a teacher was recently arrested at DFW.

I told him that I hadn't seen anything about it, and then he smiled and told me the following story.

He said, "Yeah, a public school teacher was arrested at DFW a few days ago as he attempted to board a flight while in possession of a ruler, a protractor, and compass, a slide rule and a calculator."



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I looked at him with an extremely puzzled gaze and asked, "What on earth is this all about?" He smiled and replied, "I heard that Attorney General Eric Holder said at a press conference that he believes that the man is a member of the notorious Al-Gebra movement.

He didn't identify the man, but he confirmed that the man had been charged by the FBI with carrying weapons of math instruction.

He said that Al Gebra is a problem for us because they derive solutions by means and extremes, and sometimes go off on tangents in search of absolute values.

He said that they use secret codes names like "X" and "Y" and refer to themselves as "unknowns" but we have determined that they belong

to a common denominator of the axis of medieval with coordinates in every country.

He said that he agrees with the Greek philosopher Isosceles, who used to say, 'There are three sides to every triangle'."

Then my friend went on to say, "Teaching our children sentient thought processes and equipping them to solve problems is dangerous and puts our government at risk! We must rid our society of such evil and make sure that teachers such as this man can never have the opportunity to corrupt our children."

Then my friend smiled at me and asked, "Since you are the Director of Safety at our school district, what have you done to make sure that

none of these Al-Gebra members are part of our teaching staff?" I didn't know exactly how to answer his question, but I did my best.

I said, "I think you, our illustrious Attorney General, and the FBI may have gotten this all wrong. Yes, the Al-Gebra teachers are attempting to mess with math instruction, and not only are they are doing it through the use of math, but also through science. They are following the advice of James T. Kirk of Star Trek fame, when he said, "Our mission is to seek the unknown; to search out new life and new civilizations; to go where no man has gone before."

We had our laugh, and we agreed that maybe we should keep an eye on the activities

of the Attorney General and not be caught in our unawares.

As Will Rogers would have said: The worst thing that happens to us may be the best thing for us if we don't let it get the best of us! And to follow up on another Will Rogers thought about education: I wonder what would happen if congress passed a constitutional amendment prohibiting anyone from learning anything. If that would work as good as our current laws on prohibited drugs we should soon have the smartest people on earth. Just a thought!

By Darrell Ryan is the BSISD Director of School Safety

2015-2016 School Supplies List 5th-8th Grade

5 th GRADE	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
2 Composition Notebooks (blk & wht) 4 12 count package of #2 yellow pencils (Plain, No Colored, Plastic, or Decorated) 1 (5 count) pkg clear document sleeves 2 Plastic Folders with pockets & brads 1 Box of colored map pencils 1 Package of Crayola Markers 1 Pencil bag (large with 3 ring holes) 2 Red grading pencils 2 Pkg highlighters (5 colors) 1 Pair 5" Fiskar Scissors 2 8oz. Bottles of Elmer's Glue (No colors, gel, or "No-run" glue) 4 Large Elmer's Glue Sticks 4 pkgs pink erasers 4 Packs Reg. Ruled Notebook Paper 1-12" ruler with inches and centimeters 2 Hand-held sharpeners with lids 1 Pkg Baby Wipes 3 Boxes Kleenex tissues (200 count) 1 Hand Sanitizer-10 fl oz Box Gallon size zip-lock bags	1 Pencil Bag 1 Zipper Binder** 1 Dozen #2 Pencils & sharpener with cover 1 Pair 7" Scissors 2 Pink erasers or a package of cap erasers 2 Highlighters 1 pkg Map Colors (12 count) 2 Red Pens 4 Glue sticks 2 Packages of Notebook Paper (wider rule) 1-3 Subject Spiral Notebook (science) 3 Composition books 100 ct (Social Studies, Math, and ELA) 2 boxes Tissue (homeroom) 1 set of cheaper ear buds for computers 1 Spiral for ELA 3 pkg notebook paper 3 boxes of tissues	4 Black Expo Markers (writing & math) 1 Pencil Bag 1 Zipper Binder** 1 Dozen #2 Pencils & sharpener with cover 1 Pair 7" Pointed Scissors 2 Pink erasers or a package of cap erasers 4 Highlighters 1 pkg Map Colors (12 count) 2 Red Pens 2 Black/Blue pens 4 Glue sticks (jumbo—2 for science) 2 Packages of Notebook Paper (wider rule) 4 Composition books 100 ct (Social Studies, Math, Writing, Science and ELA) 2 boxes Tissue (homeroom) 1 set of cheap ear buds for computers 1 1" 3 ring binder for math (with dividers)	2 Expo markers (Math) 2 Pencil Bags (one for art) 1 Zipper Binder** 1 Dozen #2 Pencils & sharpener with cover 1 Pair 7" Pointed Scissors 2 Pink erasers or a package of cap erasers 4 Highlighters 1 pkg Map Colors (12 count) 2 Red Pens 2 Black/Blue Pens 4 Glue sticks (2 for science) 2 Packages of Notebook Paper (wider rule) 3 Composition books 100 ct (Social Studies, Math, Science, and ELA) 2 boxes Tissue (homeroom) Germ-x Hand Sanitizer 1 set of cheap ear buds for computers 1 spiral (math) 1 2" 3 ring binder for math with set of 5 dividers

The zippered binders are utilized to carry all supplies and materials at the Junior High and Intermediate Schools. *Backpacks are allowed, but not necessary.

ALL STUDENTS WITH BACKPACKS – NO WHEELS OR ROLLERS, PLEASE

2015-2016 School Supplies List PK – 4th

PRE-K & PPCD	KINDERGARTEN	1 st GRADE	2 nd GRADE	3 rd GRADE	4 th GRADE
2 Boxes Crayola Brand primary crayons 1 Box Crayola Washable Markers 1 Pair Fiskars Brand blunt tip scissors 12 Glue sticks 2 Packages Construction Paper Kinder-Mat & Towel (for nap) 3 Boxes Kleenex 2 Package of baby wipes (refills) Backpack (regular size) Cheap Paper Plates (not Styrofoam) BOYS—Gallon size inexpensive, sealable baggies GIRLS—Quart size inexpensive, sealable baggies *Please only labeled backpacks, Kinder-mats, towel, and clothes **	2 Boxes 24 Count Crayola Crayons 1 12 Count Package of #2 Yellow Pencils (Plain, No Colored, Plastic, or Decorated) 2 Pink Erasers (large) 1 Plastic Pencil box 1 5-1/2" Pair of Fiskars Scissors 2 8oz. Bottles of Elmer's Glue (No colors, gel, or "No-run" glue) 8 Elmer's Glue Sticks 2 Plastic Folders with pockets 2 Spiral Notebooks (wide-ruled) 3 Boxes Kleenex tissues (200 count) 2 Tubs of Baby Wipes 2 Hand Sanitizer-10 fl. oz 2 Box of storable snacks (vanilla wafers, goldfish, crackers, etc.-no chips) Girls: 1 Box Quart size Zip-lock bags Boys: 1 Box Gallon size Zip-lock bags **	2 Boxes 24 Count Crayola Crayons 2 24 count package of #2 yellow pencils 4 Elmer's Glue Sticks 1 8oz. Bottle of Elmer's Glue 2 large pink Erasers 1 (4 Pack) of Dry Erase Markers 1 Pair of Pointed Fiskars Scissors 3 Spiral Notebooks (wide-ruled) 1 Plastic Folder with pockets and brads 1 Composition Notebook Wide Rule 3 Boxes Kleenex tissues (200 count) 2 Tub of Baby Wipes 1 bottle of hand sanitizer Girls: 1 Box Quart size Zip-lock bags Boys: 1 Box Gallon size Zip-lock bags	3 Boxes 24 Count Crayola Crayons 4 12 count pkg. of #2 yellow pencils (Plain, No Colored, Plastic, or Decorated) 2 packages large pink erasers 2 Box of colored map pencils 1 Small School Box for Supplies (no soft boxes that zip and no large boxes) 1 Pair of Pointed Fiskars Scissors 8 glue sticks 4 vinyl folders with pockets & brads 4 pkgs of wide ruled notebook paper 2 Composition Notebooks 2 Spiral Notebooks (wide-ruled) 4 Boxes Kleenex tissues (200 count) 2 Tub of Baby Wipes 1 Hand Sanitizer-10 fl. oz Girls: 1 Box Quart size Zip-lock bags Boys: 1 Box Gallon size Zip-lock bags	1 Box 24 Count Crayola Crayons 4 12 count package of #2 yellow pencils 4 Big Pink Erasers 1 Box of colored map pencils 1 10 Count Box of Crayola Markers 1 Pair of Pointed Fiskars Scissors 6 Large Elmer's Glue Sticks 2 Plastic Folders with pockets and brads 1 4 Count Low Odor Dry Erase Markers 2 Spiral Notebooks (wide-ruled) 2 Composition Notebooks wide ruled 4 Pkgs of notebook paper (wide-ruled) 1 Ruler with inches and centimeters 1 3 Ring Zipper Pencil Bag 3 Boxes Kleenex tissues (200 count) 2 Tub of Baby Wipes 1 Hand Sanitizer-10 fl. oz 1 Box map colors 2-Red Pens Girls: 1 Box Quart size Zip-lock bags Boys: 1 Box Gallon size Zip-lock bags	1 Box 24 Count Crayola Crayons 4 12 count package of #2 yellow pencils 2 Pkg of Baby Wipes 1 Box of Pencil Top Erasers 1 Pencil Zipper Bag with holes 2 Pink Erasers 1 Box of Colored Map Pencils 1 4 count Package of Highlighters 1 10 Count Box of Crayola Markers 1 8oz. Bottle of Elmer's Glue 2 Glue Sticks 2 Red Pencils 1 Pair 5" Fiskar Scissors 4 Pkgs of notebook paper (wide-ruled) 4 Plastic folders with pockets & Brads 1 Spiral Notebook wide ruled 3 Composition Notebooks wide rule 3 Boxes Kleenex tissues (200 count) 1 Hand Sanitizer-10 fl. oz 1-12" ruler with inches and centimeters Girls: 1 Box Quart size Zip-lock bags Boys: 1 Box Gallon size Zip-lock bags

Complete change of clothes including socks and underwear.

ALL STUDENTS WILL NEED BACKPACK – NO WHEELS OR ROLLERS, PLEASE

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News in brief

At least 17 dead, hundreds injured as huge warehouse blasts strike Chinese port of Tianjin

TIANJIN, China (AP) — Huge explosions in a warehouse district sent up massive fireballs that turned the night sky into day, killing at least 17 people and injuring hundreds in the Chinese port city of Tianjin, officials and witnesses said Thursday.

China's state broadcaster, CCTV, said that at least 17 people were killed in the explosions late Wednesday and that 32 were in critical condition in hospital. Hundreds of others were taken to hospital.

The blasts, originating at a warehouse for hazardous material, knocked doors off buildings in the area and shattered windows up to several kilometers (miles) away.

"I thought it was an earthquake, so I rushed downstairs without my shoes on," Tianjin resident Zhang Siyu, whose home is several kilometers from the blast site, said in a telephone interview. "Only once I was outside did I realize it was an explosion. There was the huge fireball in the sky with thick clouds. Everybody could see it."

Former President Jimmy Carter says he had cancer, revealed by recent liver surgery

ATLANTA (AP) — Former President Jimmy Carter, who at age 90 still travels the world supporting the humanitarian endeavors that have consumed his time in the decades since he left office, announced Wednesday he has cancer that has spread to other parts of his body.

"Recent liver surgery revealed that I have cancer that now is in other parts of my body," Carter said in the statement released by the Carter Center. "I will be rearranging my schedule as necessary so I can undergo treatment by physicians at Emory Healthcare."

The statement makes clear that Carter's cancer is widely spread but not where it originated, or even if that is known at this point. The liver is often a place where cancer spreads and less commonly is the primary source of it. The statement said further information will be provided when more facts are known, "possibly next week."

Carter announced on Aug. 3 that he had surgery to remove a small mass from his liver.

Good wishes poured in on social media after Carter's announcement, while President Barack Obama said he and first lady Michelle Obama wish Carter a fast and full recovery.

Islamic State affiliate in Egypt releases purported image of beheaded Croatian hostage

CAIRO (AP) — A Croatian hostage abducted in Egypt by Islamic State militants has been beheaded, according to a gruesome image circulated Wednesday online — a killing that, if confirmed, would be the first of its kind involving a foreign captive in the country, undermining government efforts to project stability and buttress an economic turnaround.

The killing of the 30-year-old oil and gas sector surveyor would deal a blow to President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi's attempts to burnish the country's reputation a week after he unveiled a new extension of the Suez canal in a much-hyped ceremony attended by international dignitaries.

It will also likely rattle companies with expatriate workers in Egypt and cast a cloud over hopes of boosting international investment and tourism following years of unrest in the wake of Egypt's Arab Spring uprising.

The still photo, circulated by IS supporters on social media, appeared to show the body of Tomislav Salopek, a married father of two, wearing a beige jumpsuit like the one he wore in a previous video.

Inmate from bloody 1971 'San Quentin 6' escape attempt killed in California prison riot

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — An inmate involved in a bloody 1971 San Quentin escape attempt that left six dead has been killed by a fellow prisoner, corrections officials said Wednesday.

The slaying of Hugo Pinell, 71, triggered a riot Wednesday that grew to involve about 70 inmates at a maximum security prison east of Sacramento, said California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation spokeswoman Dana Simas.

"He was definitely the target," Simas said. She would not give more information about the alleged attacker for his own protection.

Once Pinell was attacked in a California State Prison, Sacramento, exercise yard by his fellow inmate, "everyone else joined in," Simas said, including members of multiple prison gangs.

Clinton's email troubles persist; backers say it's just politics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Try as she might to focus on the policies she wants to enact if elected president, Hillary Rodham Clinton just can't dig out of her inbox.

Clinton's email problems are getting worse. She agreed to turn over her private server to the Justice Department this week on the same day Congress got word that at least two emails that traversed the device while she was secretary of state contained information that warranted one of the government's highest levels of classification.

The developments suggest the investigation into the security of Clinton's email setup could run deep into 2016, as she is trying to win the Democratic nomination for president.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Big Spring, Texas will hold a public hearing on the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2015 and ending on September 30, 2016. The public hearing will be held on September 8, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Council meeting in the City Council Chambers at 307 E. 4th Street.

All citizens shall have the opportunity to provide oral and written comments concerning the proposed budget. A copy of the proposed budget is available for review in the office of the City Secretary in City Hall, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas, and on the city's web site at www.mybigspring.com.

August 13, 2015
Donald L. Moore, CPA
Finance Director/City Secretary

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NOTICE OF 2015 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR City of Big Spring, Texas

A tax rate of \$ 0.770500 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of City of Big Spring, Texas. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.770500</u> per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.856640</u> per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.700789</u> per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.771725</u> per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Big Spring, Texas from the same properties in both the 2014 tax year and the 2015 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that City of Big Spring, Texas may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{property tax amount} = (\text{rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

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diane.carter@howardcountytexas.com
http://www.co.howard.tx.us/default.aspx?Howard_County/County.Assessor.Collector

You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

First Hearing: August 25, 5:30 PM at City Council Chambers, 307 East 4th Street
Second Hearing: September 8, 5:30 PM at City Council Chambers, 307 East 4th Street

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The Commissioners Court of Howard County, Texas will hold a public hearing to receive comments or questions of the public regarding its pending budget for the 2015-16 Fiscal year. Hearing will be held August 24, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. in the Courtroom located on the third floor of the Courthouse.

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$30,038, which is a 0.25 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property to the tax roll this year is \$51,063.25.

Pursuant to Local Government Code, Section 152.013, the Commissioners Court must publish the salary, expenses, and other allowances of elected positions proposed to be increased & the amount of the increases as provided in the proposed 2015-16 budget.

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Fiscal 2016</u>	<u>Proposed Annual Increases</u>
County Judge		
Salary* (STATE SUPPLEMENT)	\$27,323	\$12,323
Longevity* (for Wiseman)	\$2,700	\$2,700
Commissioner Pct 3		
Longevity*	\$1,680	\$240
Commissioner Pct 4		
Longevity*	\$1,200	\$240
County Clerk		
Longevity*	\$9,360	\$240
District Clerk		
Longevity*	\$8,400	\$240
Tax Assessor-Collector		
Longevity*	\$2,640	\$240
Printing	\$16,000	\$2,000
Telecommunications	\$1,500	\$300
Software/Hardware Maint.	\$20,000	\$2,000
Sheriff		
Longevity*	\$1,680	\$240
Data Conversion	-	\$23,650
New Vehicles (\$100,00 contingent on receiving grant)	\$220,000	\$100,000
Treasurer		
Longevity*	\$8,880	\$240
Misc.	\$250	\$250
JP 1-1		
Longevity*	\$7,920	\$240
JP 2		
Longevity*	\$4,080	\$4,080
County Attorney		
Longevity*	\$1,680	\$240

*plus associated fringe benefits

A copy of the proposed budget is available for inspection at the Office of County Judge, Courthouse 2nd floor, Big Spring, Tx. (432/264-2202).

Kathryn Wiseman, County Judge

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Iwakuma tosses no-hitter in Seattle's 3-0 win over Orioles

SEATTLE (AP) — Off the bat, Hisashi Iwakuma believed the slicing flyball was going to find its way to the outfield grass and end his dream of joining an elite pitching fraternity one out shy.

Then he saw Seattle teammate Austin Jackson sprinting with his glove extended in the air, ready to squeeze the final out and put Iwakuma's name next to Hideo Nomo as the only Japanese-born pitcher to throw a no-hitter.

"I can't find the words to express my feelings," Iwakuma said through an interpreter after the fourth no-hitter in the major leagues this season. "I'm truly happy."

Iwakuma became the first American League pitcher in nearly three years to throw a no-hitter, silencing the Baltimore Orioles in the Mariners' 3-0 victory on Wednesday.

Talented but often injured from Japan in 2012, the 34-year-old native of Tokyo didn't overpower the Orioles.

That's not his style.

Instead, Iwakuma smartly used a biting and precise control to throw the fourth individual no-hitter in franchise history and become the oldest pitcher since Randy Johnson in 2004 to throw a no-no.

Iwakuma's gem ended a streak of 11 straight individual no-hitters thrown by National League pitchers, includ-



Seattle Mariners starting pitcher Hisashi Iwakuma, center, is mobbed by teammates, including catcher Jesus Sucre (2), after Iwakuma threw a no-hitter against the Baltimore Orioles in a baseball game Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2015, in Seattle. The Mariners won 3-0.

AP photo

ing three this season: Philadelphia's Cole Hamels — prior to his trade to Texas — Washington's Max Scherzer and San Francisco's Chris Heston.

The last AL pitcher to keep zeros across the board was teammate Felix Hernandez, who tossed a perfect game at Safeco Field on Aug. 15, 2012. And in an odd numerical coincidence, Hernandez's Tampa game against Tampa Bay came on 8/15/12, while Iwakuma's no-hitter was on 8/12/15.

Not surprisingly, Hernandez was one of the first to greet Iwakuma as he was mobbed on the pitcher's mound after the final out, wearing a fuzzy bear hat that was handed out to fans earlier in the season in a promotion to honor Iwakuma.

"I'm just glad it's over. I've had to pee since the fifth inning," Seattle manager Lloyd McClendon joked. "It's a pretty special. I've seen a lot. I thought in the fifth inning his stuff was really sharp and his split

was coming out crisp. I thought you never know but he may have a shot here."

The right-hander struck out seven and walked three and while Jackson made a solid catch for the final out, the play everyone will remember is Kyle Seager's contorting catch to open the ninth inning. Seager tracked David Lough's foul ball near the stands and made a nifty over-the-shoulder catch for the first out.

"In that situation you're not letting it get

down the grounder in shallow right field and throw across his body to get Iwakuma at first.

Iwakuma walked

Chris Davis with two

outs, but he struck out

Jimmy Paredes to end

the threat.

Iwakuma also walked

Jonathan Schoop on a

check-swing, full-count

pitch to open the eighth

inning. But after striking

out Ryan Flaherty

looking, Iwakuma got

Caleb Joseph to ground

into a double play.

After Lough fouled

out to open the ninth,

Machado grounded out

to Seager and Parra flew

out to shallow center

field to end it. It was the

first complete-game of

Iwakuma's career, having

pitched 8 2-3 innings

twice, including earlier

this month against Min-

nesota.

"It's not just a normal

loss. We're going down

in the bad books on

the bad side of a no-hit-

ter," Baltimore's Adam

Jones said. "But tip your

cap. Iwakuma threw his

game."

Iwakuma missed 2

½ months early in the

season after straining a

muscle in his back and

side. He's been solid

since returning and

there were rumblings

around the trade dead-

line Iwakuma might be

moved.

"That's all I thought

was to come back and

give it all I've got every

start and make up for

the lost time I had in

the first half," Iwakuma

said.

Astros beat Giants 2-0 to end road trip with a win

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Houston's lighted spinning disco ball was back in the clubhouse, and so was the fog machine.

The two staples of celebration for the AL West-leading Houston Astros didn't get much use during the team's longest road trip since the All-Star break. Both were in full effect Wednesday after manager A.J. Hinch's ballclub ended its four-game losing streak.

Colby Rasmus homered to lead off the seventh inning to help Scott Feldman earn his first win in more than two months, and Houston

held on to beat the San Francisco Giants 2-0.

Jed Lowrie also homered for the Astros, who stumble back to Minute Maid Park with a slimmer division lead after going 2-7 on their nine-game road trip.

"It was nice to squeeze one out of here," Hinch said. "It's never easy in this park. It hasn't been easy for us on this trip. To be able to shake hands afterward was a good feeling. We needed it."

Feldman (5-5) missed 45 games earlier this season with a torn meniscus and had been winless in four starts since coming off the

disabled list in July.

He combined with four relievers on the five-hit shutout.

The Astros right-hander — winless since May 26 — gave up four hits over six innings, walked one and struck out four while allowing only one runner past second base.

"I felt good," Feldman said. "I don't face these guys too often so I just tried to remember some of the guys that I had faced in the past and just get on the same page with (catcher Jason Castro). I had a pretty good command of all four pitches and that was kind of helpful."

Luke Gregerson

pitched the ninth for his 23rd save.

The slumping Astros needed it on a day they managed only five hits.

Giants starter Chris Heston (11-7) allowed one run and over 6 1-3 innings. The San Francisco rookie struck out four and matched his season high with four walks while losing consecutive starts for the first time.

Rasmus ended the pitcher's duel with his 15th home run of the season, a solo shot that bounced into McCovey

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Big Spring Youth Soccer Association will hold sign-ups on Saturdays, Aug. 1, 8 and 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Spring Town Plaza. Also Aug. 10 – 14 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Ages 3 – 15. Cost is \$70 a child. For more information contact Bryan Kligora at 816-2582.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL					NATIONAL LEAGUE												
East Division					East Division												
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB						
Toronto	63	52	.548	—	Los Angeles	59	54	.522	2	Los Angeles	64	50	.561	—			
New York	61	51	.549	½	Texas	55	57	.491	5½	San Francisco	60	53	.531	3½			
Tampa Bay	58	56	.505	4½	Seattle	54	61	.470	8	San Francisco	60	53	.531	3½			
Baltimore	57	56	.504	5	Oakland	51	64	.443	11	San Francisco	60	53	.531	3½			
Boston	50	64	.439	12½	Cleveland	51	64	.443	11	San Francisco	60	53	.531	3½			
Central Division					Central Division												
Kansas City	68	45	.602	—	St. Louis	73	40	.646	—	Chicago Cubs	65	46	.586	7			
Minnesota	57	56	.504	11	Pittsburgh	65	46	.586	7	Chicago White Sox	64	48	.571	8½			
Detroit	55	59	.482	13½	Chicago	64	48	.571	8½	Pittsburgh	64	48	.571	8½			
Chicago	54	58	.482	13½	Cincinnati	50	62	.446	22½	Pittsburgh	64	48	.571	8½			
Cleveland	53	59	.473	14½	Milwaukee	48	67	.417	26	Pittsburgh	64	48	.571	8½			
West Division					West Division												
Houston	62	53	.539	—	St. Louis	73	40	.646	—	Chicago Cubs	65	46	.586	7			
Los Angeles	59	54	.522	2	Pittsburgh	65	46	.586	7	Chicago White Sox	64	48	.571	8½			
Texas	55	57	.491	5½	Chicago	64	48	.571	8½	Pittsburgh	64	48	.571	8½			
Seattle	54	61	.470	8	Cincinnati	50	62	.446	22½	Pittsburgh	64	48	.571	8½			
Oakland	51	64	.443	11	Milwaukee	48	67	.417	26	Pittsburgh	64	48	.571	8½			
Tuesday's Games					Friday's Games												
Toronto 2, Oakland 2	Tampa Bay 2, Atlanta 0	Miami 5, Boston 4, 10 innings	N.Y. Mets 3, Colorado 0	Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 6-5) at Chicago White Sox (Samarzija 8-7), 4:10 p.m.	St. Louis 73, 40 .646	Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 6-5) at Chicago White Sox (Samarzija 8-7), 4:10 p.m.	Cincinnati 6, San Francisco 3, Houston 1	Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 6-5) at St. Louis (Lynn 9-6), 7:15 p.m.	Chicago White Sox (Samarzija 8-7), 4:10 p.m.	St. Louis 73, 40 .646	Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 6-5) at Chicago White Sox (Samarzija 8-7), 4:10 p.m.						
Miami 5, Boston 4, 10 innings	Cleveland 5, N.Y. Yankees 4, 16 innings	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	Seattle (Montgomery 7-4) at Boston (J.Kelly 4-6), 7:10 p.m.	Oakland (Chavez 6-11) at Baltimore (U.Jimenez 9-7), 7:05 p.m.	Chicago White Sox (Samarzija 8-7), 4:10 p.m.	Chicago White Sox (Samarzija 8-7), 4:10 p.m.	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	San Francisco 3, Houston 1						
San Francisco 3, Houston 1	Seattle 3, Baltimore 0	Houston 2, San Francisco 0	Tampa Bay (Karns 7-5) at Texas (M.Perez 1-2), 8:05 p.m.	N.Y. Yankees (Nova 4-4) at Toronto (Price 11-4), 7:07 p.m.	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	San Francisco 3, Houston 1							
Seattle 3, Baltimore 0	Houston 2, San Francisco 0	Miami 14, Boston 6	Cleveland (Undecided) at Minnesota (P.Hughes 10-8), 8:10 p.m.	Seattle (Montgomery 7-4) at Boston (J.Kelly 4-6), 7:10 p.m.	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	San Francisco 3, Houston 1							
Houston 2, San Francisco 0	Miami 14, Boston 6	Toronto 4, Oakland 2	Detroit (Simon 10-6) at Houston (Keuchel 13-6), 8:10 p.m.	Tampa Bay (Karns 7-5) at Texas (M.Perez 1-2), 8:05 p.m.	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	San Francisco 3, Houston 1							
Miami 14, Boston 6	Toronto 4, Oakland 2	Tampa Bay 9, Atlanta 3	L.A. Angels (Weaver 4-8) at Kansas City (D.Duffy 5-5), 8:10 p.m.	Cleveland (Undecided) at Minnesota (P.Hughes 10-8), 8:10 p.m.	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	San Francisco 3, Houston 1							
Tampa Bay 9, Atlanta 3	Cleveland 2, N.Y. Yankees 1	Detroit 7, Kansas City 4	NATIONAL LEAGUE	Seattle (Montgomery 7-4) at Boston (J.Kelly 4-6), 7:10 p.m.	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	San Francisco 3, Houston 1							
Cleveland 2, N.Y. Yankees 1	Detroit 7, Kansas City 4	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	East Division					Central Division									
Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	Minnesota 11, Texas 1	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB			
Minnesota 11, Texas 1	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	New York	62	52	.544	—	St. Louis	73	40	.646	—	Chicago Cubs	65	46	.586	7
Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	Minnesota 11, Texas 1	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	Washington	58	55	.513	3½	Chicago	64	48	.571	8½	Chicago White Sox	64	48	.571	8½
Minnesota 11, Texas 1	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	Atlanta	51	63	.447	11	Chicago	64	48	.571	8½	Chicago White Sox	64	48	.571	8½
Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	Minnesota 11, Texas 1	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	Miami	46	68	.404	16	Cincinnati	50	62	.446	22½	Chicago White Sox	64	48	.571	8½
Minnesota 11, Texas 1	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	Philadelphia	46	69	.400	16½	Milwaukee	48	67	.417	26	Chicago White Sox	64	48	.571	8½
Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	Minnesota 11, Texas 1	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	Central Division					West Division									
Minnesota 11, Texas 1	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB			
Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	Minnesota 11, Texas 1	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	St. Louis	73	40	.646	—	St. Louis	73	40	.646	—	St. Louis	73	40	.646	—
Minnesota 11, Texas 1	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	Pittsburgh	65	46	.586	7	Chicago	64	48	.571	8½	St. Louis	73	40	.646	—
Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	Minnesota 11, Texas 1	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	Chicago	64	48	.571	8½	Chicago	64	48	.571	8½	St. Louis	73	40	.646	—
Minnesota 11, Texas 1	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	Cincinnati	50	62	.446	22½	Cincinnati	50	62	.446	22½	St. Louis	73	40	.646	—
Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	Minnesota 11, Texas 1	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	Milwaukee	48	67	.417	26	Milwaukee	48	67	.417	26	St. Louis	73	40	.646	—
Minnesota 11, Texas 1	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	West Division					East Division									
Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	Minnesota 11, Texas 1	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB			
Minnesota 11, Texas 1	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	Los Angeles	64	50	.561	—	Los Angeles	64	50	.561	—	Los Angeles	64	50	.561	—
Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	Minnesota 11, Texas 1	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	San Francisco	60	53	.531	3½	San Francisco	60	53	.531	3½	Los Angeles	64	50	.561	—
Minnesota 11, Texas 1	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	San Francisco	60	53	.531	3½	San Francisco	60	53	.531	3½	Los Angeles	64	50	.561	—
Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	Minnesota 11, Texas 1	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	San Francisco	60	53	.531	3½	San Francisco	60	53	.531	3½	Los Angeles	64	50	.561	—
Minnesota 11, Texas 1	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings	San Francisco	60	53	.531	3½	San Francisco	60								

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1509 E. 11th. Sat. Aug. 15th. 8-1pm. Furniture, love seat, coffee table, sofa table, and household items & decor.
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Multi-Family, 614 Colgate (by the college), Friday 3pm-8pm & Saturday 6:30am-12pm. See us first for back to school shopping! Name brand Juniors clothing (VS Pink*Nike*Buckle*Polo*UA *Miss Me* ETC) and

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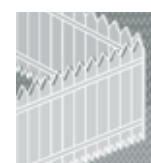
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Heart Moon

The heart-focused Leo moon reminds us that often "being in love"

HOLIDAY MATHIS

is more akin to infatuation than it is to higher states of love. There is still a value in this type of passion. A fascination with one person makes all of life spring into vivid declaration. Noticing the grandeur in one person allows the ability to see the beauty in everything.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are some paths you step onto that feel so right, you suspect they are unavoidable. Predestined. The wind carries you chariot style and simultaneously rushes in your face.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are people out there who could potentially resonate with you, like you, love you -- if they could only get to you. Put yourself in the public eye in a bigger way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Investigate the options -- there are so many different

ways to accomplish your goal. You will be so much more productive than you thought you could be once you find the right system.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Because you live inside your mind, you don't realize how special it really is. That's why you need people around you like that Pisces and that Capricorn you know who remind you who you are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You respect your deadlines. Not only that, but you appreciate how the limit pushes and concentrates your talents. Today you'll deliver a powerful presentation and do it on time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Just because you enjoy it doesn't mean it's not work. You'll sweat and toil and smile. To be tired at the end of a day of enjoyment feels so much better than the kind of exhaustion that comes from a joyless day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Today's realization will come like a wakeup call in a five-star hotel: polite and effective. You'll get up and do things differently than you did when you

were "asleep."

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your charisma is turned up, and most people can't help but say yes to even your craziest ideas. That means it will be important to keep "no" people around you to keep you grounded and reasonable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The secret to happiness is simple today. At work, work. When not at work, enjoy your family or have fun doing your own thing -- as long as it's not working!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Some of the fun will have to do with a live performance. If you're not up to it, make yourself go anyway. Everything will be vivid and memorable in person, so don't cheat yourself by staying in with the remote.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Judging by certain comments that are aimed at you, it might be hard to tell that family members are actually on your side. The only way to get past this gracefully is to take the high road.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Pay back old debt, or give

back by teaching an intern or mentoring a lower-level employee. Your best wins come when you are merely showing others how to be successful.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 13). There's wild fun at first, but in the weeks to come, this solar return also brings lessons in patience, compassion and kindness. Relationships will grow in tenderness through the end of the year. Your whimsical idea in September will be a moneymaker. Family members will help one another reach success -- you taught them this. Cancer and Aquarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 50, 14, 39 and 48.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I've spent the past 34 years in what seems like a parade of endlessly bad relationships, and the only common element in all of them is ME! According to my natal chart, I am supposed to be challenged in the marriage/relationship sector of my life, but I have no idea how to overcome it. Any help you can provide on the topic of actually applying this knowledge would

be wonderful, especially as it relates to the future of my love life! I was born on Sept. 17, 1973, at 2:07 p.m. in Clearwater Beach, Fla."

Even with a body of astrological knowledge, it's still hard to be objective when looking at ourselves. When I'm stumped by ME, I'll ask the stars their opinion as to what's going on, as though they were real characters with needs and wants, which they are! Your 7th house Saturn in Cancer could say, in an authoritative baritone: "I absolutely need a responsible partner who is emotionally mature and can handle my occasional freak-outs." Your Mercury in Libra squaring Saturn chimes in: "Well, I don't need all that; I love a good-looking intellectual." When you give your planets a voice, you'll be surprised how much they'll tell you.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Iconic filmmaker Alfred Hitchcock was referred to as "the master of suspense" for his manner of delivering psychological thrills and chills. Born when the sun and Venus were both in Leo, the

sign of entertainment, it should not come as a surprise that Hitchcock's moon was in Scorpio, the sign associated with the spooky side of life.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have four siblings. One of my sisters thinks she has a right to invite herself to our homes, join us for dinner and attend other functions, whether we invite her or not. It's like she thinks we are joined at the hip.

For example, "Ginny" will call and ask, "Where are we going for dinner tonight?" I am tempted to reply, "I don't know where you're going, but I have my own plans." However, Ginny is overly sensitive and none of us wants to hurt her feelings.

Worse, Ginny is very nosy. She will come to my house (uninvited, of course) and read my mail.

She also asks questions about things that are none of her business. But, Annie, Ginny has many good qualities. She has a big heart and a generous spirit and is always willing to help. I have considered buying her an etiquette book that should cover such things, but my other siblings don't think this is a good idea. We all love her dearly, but her poor manners are driving us crazy. Any suggestions? -- No Name, Please

Dear No Name: Ginny may not understand that she is ignoring boundaries and behaving inappropriately, a sign that she may be on the autism spectrum. Or, she may simply be lonely and clingy, and her siblings are her entire social life.

You would be doing Ginny a favor by gently explaining these things. Say that you love her to pieces, but occasionally, you have plans that don't include family members. When she asks an inappropriate question, you are not obligated to respond. Put your mail where she cannot get to it. Suggest that she look into organizations and activities that will interest her and provide a wider circle of friends and a more active social life. She sounds like she needs guidance. Please help her out.

Dear Annie: I recently rode on the New York State Thruway. My toll was \$2.25. I gave the toll collector, who appeared to be a recent high school graduate, a \$5 bill plus a quarter. I saw him count out three quarters, and when I saw that he was going for some singles, I said, "I want three sin-

gles, please." All of a sudden, it dawned him how this worked and I heard him say, "Ohhh!"

What are the schools teaching these kids? I knew this when I was in the fourth grade. -- K.

Dear K.: Schools still teach mathematics, but we aren't sure they teach the variables of counting out change. And since most people now use credit cards, debit cards or electronic pay options on their cellphones (and cashiers use registers that tell them what the change should be), we aren't sure a toll collector

fresh out of high school would come across this type of calculation often enough for it to be automatic. But we'd bet if you saw this same kid in a year, he wouldn't have any problem at all.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Playing According to the Odds

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 8 6 5
♥ 10 8 5
♦ K 8 3
♣ 9 7 6 4

WEST
♠ J 10 9 7
♥ A 7
♦ J 4 2
♣ Q 8 3 2

EAST
♠ Q 3
♥ 9 6 4 3 2
♦ Q 10 7 5
♣ 10 5

SOUTH
♠ A K 4 2
♥ K Q J
♦ A 9 6
♣ A K J

The bidding:
South West North East
3 NT Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead — jack of spades.

When all is said and done, bridge is a game of probabilities. You make a certain bid because you think it has a better chance to succeed than any other bid. You make a certain play because you think it is better, percentage-wise, than any other play.

But a probability, by definition, is not a certainty. All you can do in bridge is rely on the percentages and hope for the best. You might be wrong in a particular case, but in the long run you'll be right more often than wrong.

All of which leads us to the play of today's hand, which is strictly a matter of percentages. Let's say you win the spade lead with the king and play the king of hearts. West takes the ace and returns a spade, which you win with the ace as East produces a second spade.

There are now two ways to proceed. You can cross to the king of diamonds and take a club finesse. If the jack wins, you have nine tricks. This approach offers about a 50-50 chance to make the contract. (In the actual deal, though, this method of play would fail.)

The alternate line of play is to play the A-K-J of clubs. This will succeed if the clubs are divided 3-3 or if either the queen or ten falls as the A-K are led. The diamond king provides the entry to dummy if the nine of clubs becomes a trick.

The second approach is significantly better. The clubs will break 3-3 about 36 percent of the time, while a singleton or doubleton queen or ten will occur in approximately one out of every three deals.

The combined chance of finding the clubs 3-3, or otherwise favorably divided, comes to about 70 percent. Playing the A-K-J of clubs thus has a better chance to win and is therefore the superior line of play.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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8:PM ABC	Astronaut- Club	Amores con Trampa	BOOM! (DVS)	Mom	Avenida Brasil (SS)	Food Fight- ers	Fam. Guy	Upd	Il Volo: Live From Pompeii	Griffith	Beauty & Beast	Naked and	(:15) Movie: Sixteen Candles	Movie: Gran Torino, Bee Vango (DVS)	Chocolate City, DeRay Davis	Jessie	Edmonton Eskimos at Montreal Alouettes.	Little League Baseball
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12:PM ABC	Jimmy Kim- mel Live	Noticiero	Cleveland	NCIS: Los Angeles	Titulares	Tonight Show	Office	Called	Newsline	Raising	Cougar	Naked and Afraid		Wendy Wil- liams	Good		SportsCenter	
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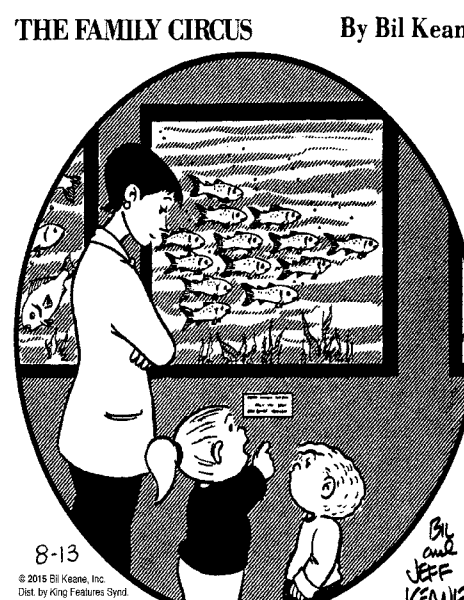
DENNIS THE MENACE



"TIMES GET TOUGH. YOU GOTTA PULL YOURSELF UP BY YOUR BOOTSTRAPS!"

"I'M IN REAL TROUBLE. I DON'T EVEN HAVE UP BOOTS."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"The one at the front of the school is the teacher. Right, Mommy?"

HAGAR

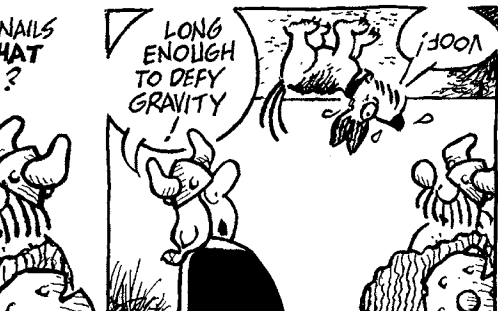


"WE REALLY NEED TO CLIP SNERT'S TOENAILS!"

"ARE HIS NAILS REALLY THAT LONG?"

"LONG ENOUGH TO DEFY GRAVITY!"

BLONDIE



"SINCE WE BOTH HAVE FITNESS BANDS, LET'S SEE WHO CAN WALK MORE MILES"

"YOU'RE ON!"

"UH-OH, THERE GOES HERB FOR A WALK!"

"NO PROBLEM, I'VE GOT THAT TAKEN CARE OF..."

BC



"I'LL HAVE THE FRESH SQUID."

"THEY SAY THIS PLACE HAS THE FRESHEST SEAFOOD IN TOWN."

WIZARD OF ID

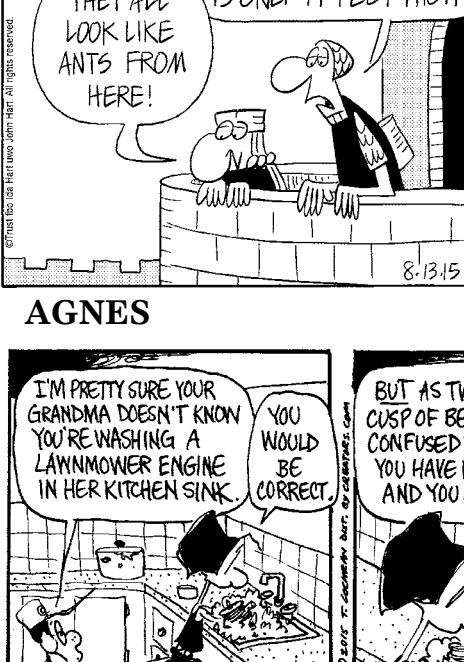


"THEY ALL LOOK LIKE ANTS FROM HERE!"

"BUT, SIRE, THIS BALCONY IS ONLY 14 FEET HIGH"

"I KNOW!"

AGNES



"I'M PRETTY SURE YOUR GRANDMA DOESN'T KNOW YOU'RE WASHING A LAWNMOWER ENGINE IN HER KITCHEN SINK."

"YOU WOULD BE CORRECT."

"BUT AS TWO YOUNG GIRLS ON THE CUSP OF BEING TROUBLESOME AND CONFUSED TEENAGERS, I'M SURE YOU HAVE MY BACK... RAT ME OUT AND YOU GO PUBERTY ALONE."

"SHE'S COMING IN THE DOOR! I'LL GO FAKE A MASSIVE HEAD WOUND WHILE YOU CLEAN UP!"

"THANKS."

HI AND LOIS



"WE'RE PLAYING TWO-ON-TWO."

"THERE ARE TWO MEN ON BASE."

"SO WE NEED DAWG FOR A PINCH RUNNER."

THE OTHER COAST



"HEY, KOKO, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?"

"WHAT DO YOU MEAN?"

"THE PACK AND I SPENT THE MORNING CHASING SQUIRRELS IN THE PARK."

"I MESSAGED YOU AN INVITE AT YOUR FIRE HYDRANT."

"I ONLY CHECK THE HYDRANT ONCE A WEEK."

"LUDDITE."

SNUFFY SMITH



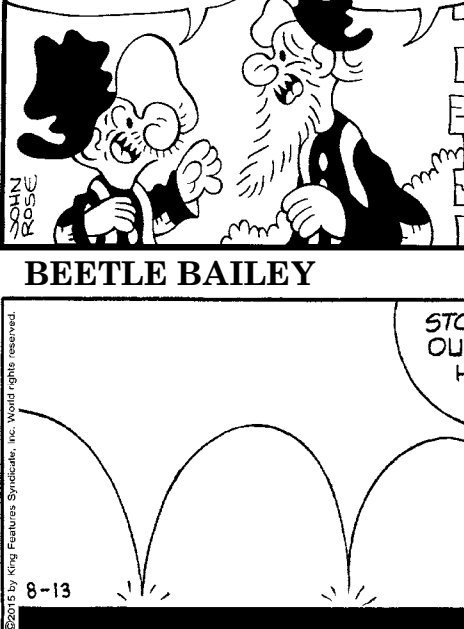
"WHAT HAPPENED TO YORE BILLY GOAT, LUKEY?"

"ELVINEY MADE ME GIT RID OF HIM !!"

"TURNS OUT HE WUZNT MUCH OF A LAWN MOWER..."

"BUT HE WUZ AN EXPERT AT KILLIN' TH' ROSES !!"

BEEBLE BAILY



"STOP! CAN I GET OUT UNTIL YOUR HICCLIPS ARE OVER?!"

This Date In History

Today is Thursday, August 13, the 225th day of 2015. There are 140 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 13, 1961, East Germany sealed off the border between Berlin's eastern and western sectors; within days, the Communist authorities began building a wall that would stand for the next 28 years.

On this date:

In 1624, King Louis XIII of France appointed Cardinal Richelieu (ree-shuh-LYOO) his first minister.

In 1792, French revolutionaries imprisoned the royal family.

In 1846, the American flag was raised for the first time in Los Angeles.

In 1910, Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, died in London at age 90.

In 1923, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk was again elected Speaker of Turkey's Grand Assembly.

In 1934, the satirical comic strip "Li'l Abner," created by Al Capp, made its debut.

In 1946, author H.G. Wells,

79, died in London.

In 1960, the first two-way telephone conversation by satellite took place with the help of Echo 1. The Central African Republic became totally independent of French rule.

In 1979, Lou Brock of the St. Louis Cardinals became the 14th player in major league baseball history to reach the 3,000th career hit plateau as his team defeated the Chicago Cubs, 3-2.

In 1981, in a ceremony at his California ranch, President Ronald Reagan signed a historic package of tax and budget reductions.

In 1989, searchers in Ethiopia found the wreckage of a plane which had disappeared almost a week earlier while carrying Rep. Mickey Leland, D-Texas, and 14 other people. Ai there were no survivors.

In 1995, Baseball Hall of Famer Mickey Mantle died at a Dallas hospital of rapidly spreading liver cancer; he was 63.

Ten years ago: The Pentagon said for the second time since the Iraq war began that it was replacing body armor for U.S. troops in Afghanistan and Iraq, citing a need for better protection.

Five years ago: Weighing in for the first time on a controversy gripping New York City and the nation, President

Barack Obama endorsed allowing a mosque near ground zero, telling a White House dinner celebrating the Islamic holy month of Ramadan that the country's founding principles demanded no less. Veteran NBC newsman Edwin Newman died in Oxford, England, at age 91.

One year ago: Six people, Ai including Associated Press video journalist Simone Camilli, Ai were killed when leftover ordnance believed to have been dropped in an Israeli airstrike blew up in the Gaza Strip.

Thought for Today:

"People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges."

Joseph Fort Newton, American clergyman (1876-1950).

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Answer to previous puzzle

SHAW	MALLS	INKS
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Newsday Crossword

DON'T BLOW IT by Carolyn Stewart

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- 1 Warner Bros. products
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 - 17 Natural balm
 - 18 Think ahead
 - 19 Puff up
 - 20 Take care of business
 - 23 Troublemakers
 - 24 Downton Abbey button
 - 28 Be short
 - 29 Some household members
 - 31 Quiche, essentially
 - 32 Wall climber
 - 34 Cerulean, for instance
 - 35 Pantry array
 - 36 Destroy evidence, perhaps
 - 39 Out of town
 - 40 Pronoun-avoiding
 - 41 Encouraging words
 - 42 Football great
 - 43 Remnants
 - 44 Rail splitter
 - 45 Show off
 - 47 Undercover ops
 - 50 Cheat at poker
 - 54 More innocent
 - 57 Put to work

- 9 Charners' snakes
- 10 More adept
- 11 Forbidden City
- 12 Ulla in The Producers
- 13 Abbr. in home
- 21 Rapunzel's home
- 22 Chamber group
- 25 Elbow room
- 26 Sounds from pens
- 27 Noun suffix
- 29 Windfalls
- 30 Greek capital
- 32 I, for one
- 33 Don Trump's mom
- 34 Audacious
- 35 Where dates are always found
- 36 Young elephant
- 37 One-person news bureau
- 38 Chicago character
- 43 Menu selection
- 44 Greek capital
- 46 Web surfers
- 47 Sandal feature
- 48 Paganini's hometown
- 49 Patton
- 51 Roughen
- 52 1,000 grams
- 53 Hamstring's location
- 54 Expected result
- 55 Action film weapon
- 56 Operate

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ASTROS

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Cove over the right field wall.

Lowrie homered with two outs in the eighth off George Kontos.

Feldman retired 12 of 14 during one stretch, getting help from shortstop Carlos Correa, who made a running, bobbling catch on Nori Aoki's high fly to short center.

"Their guy pitched well . but we didn't generate any offense," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "We just couldn't get much going offensively."

FELDMAN MUSCLES UP A SINGLE: The Astros had three singles in the game, including Feldman's first hit of the season. The Houston pitcher struck out in his first at-bat against Heston before blooming a single to left with two outs in the fifth. It was Feldman's first hit since June 15, 2013, when he was pitching full-time in the National League with the Chicago Cubs. "I used to like to hit," Feldman said. "Now it's

just try not to embarrass yourself and see if you can maybe close your eyes and get lucky. It's always fun playing in the National League and playing at this ballpark for me especially."

TRAINER'S ROOM
Astros: OF Carlos Gomez was held out of the game after injuring his right knee while colliding with the fence in the first inning of Tuesday's loss. Gomez flew out as a pinch hitter in the seventh.

Giants: Aoki was back in the lineup after getting hit in the head by a pitch from the Cubs' Jake Arrieta on Sunday but was dizzy afterward and will be re-evaluated on Thursday. RHP Mike Leake is eligible to come off the disabled list Aug. 18. He's expected to be activated and slide back into the rotation.

UP NEXT
Astros: LHP Dallas Keuchel (13-6) pitches against Detroit on Friday when Houston begins a 10-game homestand. Keuchel was beaten in his previous outing and has not lost consecutive starts this season.

Martinez falters early in Rangers' 11-1 loss to Twins

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Early mistakes forced Nick Martinez to adjust his game plan.

The Minnesota Twins made sure the struggling Texas Rangers' starter never got the chance to implement any of those adjustments.

Aaron Hicks had four of Minnesota's 17 hits, Miguel Sano homered twice and Mike Pelfrey picked up his first win since June as the Twins routed Texas 11-1 on Wednesday night.

Hicks lead off the game with a homerun on a 2-0 fastball, and Sano had two homers in the first four innings as Martinez couldn't get out of the fourth to lose for the fifth time in six decisions.

"I recognized the adjustment I need to make," Martinez said. "I just couldn't get to those adjustments."

Martinez (7-7) allowed seven runs - four earned - on 11 hits in 3 2/3 innings. In four starts since being recalled from Triple-A, he's allowed 17 earned runs in 19 innings.

"He could get ahead of

some hitters and then couldn't quite find the range with the breaking ball," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "Didn't seem like he had a really good feel for it and then when he had to go to the fastball, the fastball seemed to be up in the zone."

On the other side, Texas could only muster four hits and a run off of Pelfrey, who had gone 0-5 with a 6.22 ERA in his last 10 starts. Pelfrey (6-7) didn't allow a baserunner until Shin-Soo Choo's one-out double in the fourth as the Rangers lost for the fourth time in five games.

Texas bunched three hits for a run in the sixth, but Twins left fielder Eddie Rosario threw out Choo at the plate to end the threat.

"We're at the time of the year, we need to string them together," Banister said. "I believe it's five straight series wins. Going to Seattle and some tough ballgames, tough ballgame last night, this one is not typical. They do happen, but it's one we don't need at this time

of year."

BREAKING THE STREAK
The Rangers hadn't fallen behind by big deficits too often lately, even during a tough stretch.

Wednesday snapped a streak of 19 consecutive games in which Texas had held a lead. The streak is the second longest in the majors this season behind Toronto's current streak of 26 games, according to STATS Inc., which said it's the longest run of leads since the Rangers had a span of 23 straight games with a lead in 2006.

TRAINER'S ROOM:
Rangers: Josh Hamilton was scratched from the lineup about an hour before the game with a sore left knee, after taking batting practice and experiencing discomfort. Ryan Strausborger replaced Hamilton in LF and was inserted in the ninth spot, with Elvis Andrus, Rougned Odor and Bobby Wilson each moving up one position.

Twins: LHP Tommy Milone (strained left elbow) will throw in the

bullpen Thursday and if all goes well will be activated from the DL when he's eligible Monday. But there's an opening for a starter Saturday against Cleveland. Kyle Gibson has volunteered to pitch on three days' rest, which Molitor said he didn't want to do. Someone could be called up from Triple-A Rochester instead.

UP NEXT:
Rangers: RHP RHP Chi Chi Gonzalez was picked to start Thursday and fill the spot of Cole Hamels (sore left groin) in the rotation. Gonzalez, who posted a 2-4 record and a 3.74 ERA over seven starts prior to the All-Star break, will be recalled from Triple-A Round Rock. Someone on the staff will have to be sent down, but manager Jeff Banister declined to speculate about the options.

Twins: RHP Ervin Santana (2-3, 5.40 ERA) will take the mound for the series finale, looking to break a three-start losing streak.

Judge puts NFL on hot seat as he belittles 'Deflategate'

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal judge put the NFL on the defensive Wednesday over its four-game suspension of Tom Brady, demanding to know what evidence directly links the New England quarterback to deflated footballs and belittling the drama of the controversy.

"What is the direct evidence that implicates Mr. Brady?" Judge Richard M. Berman repeatedly asked NFL lawyer Daniel L. Nash at the first hearing in the civil case in Manhattan federal court as Brady and Commissioner Roger Goodell looked on.

Nash responded there was "considerable evidence Mr. Brady clearly knew about this," including records of text messages and phone calls between the quarterback and one of two Patriots employees implicated in the scandal known as "Deflategate."

But he also said there was no "smoking gun" showing Brady had direct knowledge that the balls were underinflated for the first half of the Patriots' 45-7 win over the Indianapolis Colts in the AFC championship game Jan. 18.

Brady and Goodell didn't speak during the hearing, except to introduce themselves to Berman. Brady, his head lowered, looked dour as lawyers spoke for about 1 hour, 20 minutes.

Immediately afterward, Brady smiled slightly as he signed sketches for two court artists. Berman then met individually with each side for more settlement discussions in private.

The talks continued more than four hours until about 5 p.m. Afterward, a smiling Brady left the courthouse. Several people shouted "cheater, cheater!"

Berman could be seen briefly speaking with Goodell inside the courthouse before the commissioner left to a waiting sports utility vehicle about 10 minutes after Brady. Goodell smiled as dozens of photo and video journalists did their work. Neither of them spoke and there was no immediate word on the status of talks.

Two weeks ago, the NFL asked Berman to declare that its punishment of Brady was properly carried out. The players' union countered, asking him to nullify the suspension. The judge has signaled from the start that he wants the parties to reach a swift settlement.

On Wednesday, Berman called it "ironic or not" that Brady's statistics were better in the second half of the AFC championship game, after the balls were re-inflated.

"You might say (Brady) got no better advantage from the under-inflation," the judge said.

At one point, the judge also seemed to try to defuse the controversy, saying: "This Deflategate. I'm not sure where the 'gate' comes from."

When the union got its chance to argue, the judge asked attorney Jeffrey L. Kessler why one of the Patriots employees would deflate balls without Brady's knowledge. Kessler said the union does not believe the balls were deflated but, if they were, the employee did it on his own because he "thought it would be good for his quarterback."

The judge also questioned why Brady destroyed his cellphone in the midst of the inquiry — a move that the league argues was further proof of his deception. Kessler claimed that the quarterback got

rid of the phone on the advice of his agent to protect his privacy but had otherwise cooperated with the inquiry.

However, in hindsight, "You're right, it could have been done a different way," the lawyer said of the phone.

Both sides are scheduled to return to court next week.

In an email after everyone left court, Kessler said: "Sorry, not commenting."

Lawyers for the NFL did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Goodell suspended Brady after concluding he "knew about, approved of, consented to, and provided inducements and rewards" to support a scheme in which a Patriots employee deflated balls on game day. Brady insists he knew nothing about it.

In a July 28 decision

upholding the suspension, Goodell heavily criticized Brady for having an aide destroy

a cellphone containing nearly 10,000 text messages from a four-month stretch including the AFC championship game. He accused him of obstructing the NFL probe about a controversy that represented

"conduct detrimental to the integrity of, and public confidence in, the game of professional football."

In court documents, the union's lawyers said the suspension was unfair and violated the labor contract and complained that it would cause irreparable harm to Brady by forcing him to miss games.

They called a June appeal hearing before Goodell "a kangaroo court proceeding, bereft of fundamentally fair procedures."

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