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Electrical issue is cause of house fire Saturday



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Firefighters were called to a house fire in the 1700 block of Lancaster Saturday evening. The cause of the blaze was electrical in nature, according to Big Spring Fire Marshal Dan Hendricks.

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

The cause of a house fire Saturday night in the 1000 block of Lancaster has been ruled electrical in nature, according to the Big Spring Fire Marshal Dan Hendricks. "It looks like it started around the main breaker box and worked it way up the wall to the attic," Hendricks

said this morning. Three fire trucks, an ambulance, and a command unit responded to the blaze which occurred around 6:30 p.m., Big Spring Fire Department officials said. There were no injuries reported in the incident but one the home's occupants did go to Scenic Mountain Medical Center as a precaution, Hendricks said.

"There was one person in the house on continuous oxygen and that person was taken to the hospital for observation because the oxygen ran out," he said. According to Hendricks, the house is not livable at this time. The Emergency Chaplain Corp is assisting the two occupants of the house with temporary housing, said Big Spring Fire Chief Craig Ferguson.



City officials to propose 2 cent hike in tax rate

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

If initial plans are approved, Big Spring city officials will hike the municipal property tax rate by 2 cents for the coming fiscal year.

When the Big Spring City Council meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in its chambers at 307 E. Fourth, they will consider a proposal from staff members to increase the city's property tax rate from 77 cents per \$100 valuation to 79 cents per \$100 valuation.

According to information published on the city's website(www.mybigspring.com), the proposed tax rate would fall just below the rollback rate — the figure which would trigger a tax rollback election — by roughly three-quarters of a penny.

The effective operating rate — the figure that would raise the same amount of tax revenue as the previous fiscal year — is 84.7 cents per \$100 valuation.

Sixty-seven cents of the proposed rate is earmarked for maintenance and operations, with the remainder dedicated to debt service.

The council will hold two public hearings on the new tax rate, on Aug. 23 and Sept. 13. Also in September, the council will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year.

During a recent workshop, staff presented a proposed budget that would cut expenditures by \$1 million from the previous fiscal year.

In other business Tuesday, council will consider:

- Authorizing the city manager to negotiate an agreement with Scenic Mountain Medical Center for water line installation.
- Acceptance of a deed of gift from Fay Marie Hughes.
- Approval of an agreement with the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission for a solid waste grant.
- Appointment of Bebe McCasland to the city's planning and zoning committee.

Let's go shopping Thursday

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

The final Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Summer Shopping Extravaganza is Thursday and features mostly businesses near FM 700.

"Participants really liked that we separated the event into sections of town," said Debbye ValVerde, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce executive director. "This system al-

lowed shoppers to concentrate on a section and allowed more time to browse and visit all businesses. We really wanted to increase foot traffic for these shops."

Summer Shopping Extravaganza is an effort by the Chamber's business development committee to promote the local business community. The original idea called for local businesses to extend their hours until 8 p.m. allowing residents who may not be able to shop their

because of work schedules time to browse. Many businesses have offered a number of special deals and door prizes to increase foot traffic.

"It's been very popular not only with the businesses but a lot of customers thought this is awesome," ValVerde said. "I had a couple of people come up to me and tell me they loved this because they don't get off of work until 5 and 6 and

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Gas prices drop 1.9 cents, down .5 cents nationwide

Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 1.9 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$1.94/g yesterday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas. This compares with the national average that has fallen 0.5 cents

per gallon in the last week to \$2.12/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 45.0 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 13.3 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 12.1 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 47.8 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

According to GasBuddy historical data, gasoline prices on August 8 in Texas have ranged widely over the last

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

A family enjoys a picnic lunch by the Comanche Trail Lake Friday afternoon while near the lake two people sit waiting for their lines to get a nibble from an interested fish. Hundred degree weather continues in the Cross Roads. All last week, the highs have been in low 100s, according to weather.com.

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Obituaries

James Edward "Jimmy" Airhart Jr.



James Edward "Jimmy" Airhart Jr. passed peacefully from this life at his home in Lamesa, surrounded by his family.

Jimmy, the oldest of the six children of Pearl and J.E. Airhart, was born in Knott, Texas, in Howard County on Sept. 14, 1935. He helped raise his younger siblings and drove a tractor at an early age on the family farm in Sparenburg. He attended school at Sparenburg until it closed in 1948, and then entered Klondike ISD, where he was an accomplished athlete. He met his future wife, Mary Forehand, as they attended Howard College in Big Spring. They both continued college at Texas Tech. After their marriage in 1957, they made their home on a farm in Sparenburg. Four children and several failed crops later, Jimmy returned to education and obtained his master's degree and administrative certification from Sul Ross State University. Upon graduation, he taught at Sands ISD in Ackerly, where he also served as principal, then one year at Lamesa High School, and later to Dawson ISD at Welch, where he taught and later became superintendent. Jimmy excelled as a teacher, and gained the respect and admiration of his students as well as the teachers and staff that he worked with. Following family tradition, he also raised nurse cows and beef cattle.

Jimmy's love of sports was lifelong. He was a

fierce competitor. His volleyball team (SPARS) won 1st place in many area tournaments. He loved watching his children and grandchildren compete in sports, loved attending the Texas UIL state basketball tournaments for both boys and girls, and supported the Texas Tech Red Raiders as long as his mobility allowed. Later, he became an "arm-chair" supporter of the Rangers, Mavericks, and Cowboys.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife Mary of 59 years; four children, Teri Jones (Sam), Tracey Harris (Brian), Tanya Harley (Jerry), and Todd Airhart (Sonnya). He and his wife are blessed with 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by three brothers, Donald of Lubbock, and Quinton (Sharon) and Gayland (Donna) of Lamesa; and two sisters, Judy Everts of Lamesa, and Glenda Shortes (Don) of Ackerly.

He worshipped with the Church of Christ in Lamesa, where funeral services will be held on Monday, Aug. 8, at 2 p.m., with Mark Hackett officiating. Interment will follow in Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home of Lamesa. Visitation was at Branon Funeral Home from 3 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 7.

Jimmy and his wife resided in Lamesa for 25 years after retirement. Their immediate family increased to 50, with two more expected this year. He loved them all, and served as surrogate grandfather for many of their friends. He was much loved and was a positive influence on all who knew him. To send condolences online, please visit www.branonfuneralhome.com.

Paid obituary

Shyrlene Gregory



A graveside service for Shyrlene Gregory was Monday, August 8, 2016 at Bixby Cemetery, 151st St. and Sheridan in Bixby, Okla., followed by a celebration of life at 11 a.m. at Woodlake Assembly of God, in Tulsa, Okla. Shyrlene passed away in her home surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, Aug. 4, 2016. She was 66.

Shyrlene was born in Wichita Falls, Texas, on Aug. 8, 1949, to John Calvin and Melba Ruth (Dea) Moore. She was born and raised in Texas, where she graduated from Coahoma High School in 1968. Shyrlene was a decorated drum majorette in the Coahoma High School Band. She continued her education by attending Howard County College in Big Spring, Texas, and Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Okla.

On May 24, 1969, Shyrlene married the love of her life, Mr. Kenneth Gregory, in a Coahoma, Texas, wedding ceremony. Their union was blessed with three children. Shyrlene was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother. She adored her family and was completely devoted to them.

Shyrlene's love of family did not stop with her immediate family. She was fascinated by genealogy and loved researching her family history. She was proud of her family heritage and enjoyed being a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Shyrlene was also a member of Woodlake Assembly of God and attended all three campuses. Shyrlene was very creative and mastered any skill required of her. She was a gifted seamstress and enjoyed crafting and mending items for her family.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 4110 S. 100th E. Ave., Grant Building, Suite 101, Tulsa, Okla., 74146.

Shyrlene is survived by her husband, Kenneth Gregory of Bixby, Okla.; children, Wendi Simmons and husband Duke of Bixby, Okla., Kenny Gregory and wife Kathy of Weatherford, Okla., and Prissi Klepczyk and husband Brian of Claremore, Okla.; grandchildren, Scarlett, Noah, Isaac, Milady, Hannah, Jaken, Noah, and Elijah; brother, John L. Moore and wife Karon of Dennison, Texas; brother-in-law, Howard Gregory of Jewett, Texas; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and other loving family.

Shyrlene was preceded in death by her parents and parents-in-law.

Paid obituary

Ronnie Richardson



Ronnie Richardson, 76, died Saturday, Aug. 6, 2016, at Parkview Nursing and Rehab.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Myers and Smith Chapel with Chaplain Lynn Robertson of Compass Hospice officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Ronnie was born March 26, 1940, in Big Spring. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. Before his failing health, he had worked in the lab at the Cosden Refinery. He was an avid ham operator for years talking to people all over the world. He enjoyed his coffee shop buddies. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Richardson; daughter, Rhonda Lefever and her husband David; stepdaughters, Teresa McGuire and her husband Jerry, and Janet Kilgore and her husband Ben; great-granddaughter, R'Lonie Cole, who made her home with Ronnie and Helen; grandsons, Justin

Lefever and his wife Sarah, Cody Lefever and his wife Morgan, Shelby Lefever and his wife Haley, and Brandon McGuire and his wife Alicia; granddaughters, Shayna Davis and her husband Brian, and Dylan Kilgore; great-grandsons, Trustin Lefever, Triton Lefever, Wade Lefever, Jake Wadligton, Alex Sherman, Brian Davis Jr., and Jaxon McGuire; great-granddaughters, in addition to R'Lonie Cole, Audra Lefever and Madison McGuire; many aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, and wonderful friends, including all the staff at Parkview Nursing Home.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his father, Ernie Richardson; his mother, Irene Richardson; son, Leslie Richardson; and one stepson, Cecil Sherman.

A special thank you to all the staff and Parkview Nursing and Rehab and Compass Hospice.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to Alzheimer's Association, Great West Texas Chapter, 4400 N. Big Spring, #C-32, Midland, Texas, 79705.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com.

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Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 62 inmates at the time of this report.

- **ROGERICK JACQUES BROWN**, 21, was booked by BSPD on warrants for failure to appear, driving with an invalid license, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **JOSE FELIPE CHAVEZ**, 41, was booked by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **ANGELA CELESTE DUGGER**, 38, was booked by BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for theft of property (\$500 to \$1,500).
- **JOHN GERARD ESCOVEDO**, 37, was booked by BSPD on warrants for failure to appear/contempt of court and speeding in a school zone).
- **ADAM FLORES**, 22, was

booked by BSPD on a warrant for violation of bond/protective order.

- **LYNDON TRENT FRALEY**, 36, was booked by BSPD on warrants for speeding and displaying expired registration.
- **JOE NICK GARFIAS**, 68, was booked by BSPD on warrants for of failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear, and on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
- **ROSA DEJESUS MATA-GUSMAN**, 33, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for speeding.
- **ISAAC DANIEL PLATT**, 27, was booked by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespassing.
- **ROSENDO RODRIGUEZ**, 51, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for no driver's license, and on another outstanding warrant.
- **JOE LUIS RODRIGUEZ**, 23, was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property (\$100 to \$750).

• **ARTURO JUAN VELA**, 34, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft of service (\$100 to \$750).

• **ASHLEE NICKOLE VILLA**, 18, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for no driver's license.

• **JARRETT ALLEN WEAVER**, 34, was booked by BSPD on warrants for driving with an invalid license, disregarding a red light, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

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Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 8/9	Wed 8/10	Thu 8/11	Fri 8/12	Sat 8/13
99/77 Sunny, along with a few afternoon clouds. High 99F. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph.	101/77 Mostly sunny. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the upper 70s.	101/78 A few clouds. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the upper 70s.	96/72 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	83/69 A few t-storms possible. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 7:06 AM Sunset: 8:36 PM	Sunrise: 7:07 AM Sunset: 8:35 PM	Sunrise: 7:07 AM Sunset: 8:34 PM	Sunrise: 7:08 AM Sunset: 8:33 PM	Sunrise: 7:09 AM Sunset: 8:32 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	100	79	P Cloudy	Kingsville	100	77	Sunny
Amarillo	94	69	Cloudy/Wind	Livingston	97	75	P Cloudy
Austin	102	78	Sunny	Longview	97	76	P Cloudy
Beaumont	97	77	P Cloudy	Lubbock	98	72	P Cloudy
Brownsville	98	79	Sunny	Lufkin	97	74	P Cloudy
Brownwood	102	77	P Cloudy	Midland	102	78	Sunny
Corpus Christi	95	80	M Sunny	Raymondville	101	78	M Sunny
Corsicana	102	79	Sunny	Rosenberg	99	75	M Sunny
Dallas	102	82	Sunny	San Antonio	102	78	Sunny
Del Rio	103	81	Sunny	San Marcos	101	76	P Cloudy
El Paso	100	75	P Cloudy	Sulphur Springs	100	78	Sunny
Fort Stockton	100	76	Sunny	Sweetwater	100	77	Sunny
Gainesville	98	76	Sunny	Tyler	99	78	Sunny
Greenville	101	78	Sunny	Weatherford	102	77	Sunny
Houston	100	80	Sunny	Wichita Falls	102	78	Sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	87	73	Cloudy	Miami	85	80	Cloudy
Boston	82	66	Sunny	Minneapolis	83	69	Sunny
Chicago	81	68	M Cloudy	New York	87	71	Sunny
Dallas	102	82	Sunny	Phoenix	109	85	P Cloudy
Denver	91	63	M Sunny	San Francisco	66	55	Cloudy
Houston	100	80	Sunny	Seattle	71	58	Cloudy
Los Angeles	81	65	Cloudy	Saint Louis	86	71	Cloudy

Police Blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JARRETT ALLEN WEAVER**, 34, of 802 E. 15th St. was arrested on warrants for driving with an invalid license, disregarding a red light, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **JOE NICK GARFIAS**, 68, of 1300 S. Johnson St. was arrested on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear, and possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
- **ASHLEE NICKOLE VILLA**, 18, of 1104 S. Austin St. was arrested on a warrant for no driver's license.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 800 block of East 15th Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 800 block of East 16th Street.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1300 block of East Third Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 6300 block of North County Road 37.

Support Groups

MONDAY

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

- Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 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

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Trump to outline economic plan

DETROIT (AP) — Donald Trump is focusing his economic message on boosting jobs and making America more competitive globally by cutting business taxes, reducing regulations and increasing domestic energy production.

With a speech Monday to the prestigious Detroit Economic Club, the Republican presidential nominee seeks to reset his campaign and delve into a subject — the economy — that is seen as one of his strengths. It also is aimed at showing that Trump is a serious candidate despite a disastrous stretch that has prompted criticism from Republicans and Democrats alike.

Trump has been immersed in controversy over his repeated criticism of a Muslim-American family whose son, an Army captain, was killed in Iraq, and his refusal for days to endorse House Speaker Paul Ryan in Tuesday's Wisconsin primary. He announced his backing of Ryan on Friday.

While polls have shown that voters have deep concerns about Trump's temperament and fitness for office, he fares better on the economy. On that topic, recent polling puts him ahead of or on par with Hillary Clinton.

The Democratic nominee is also focusing on the economy this week as she lays out plans for what her campaign

describes as "the biggest investment in good-paying jobs since World War II." Clinton has argued that Trump is focused only on the wealthiest Americans. She has questioned his commitment to creating U.S. jobs, given the history of outsourcing at his companies.

On Monday, Clinton will visit the battleground state of Florida, where she will tour a small brewery and hold two rallies. On Thursday, she is set to deliver her own economic speech in Detroit, a city that has symbolized the nation's manufacturing plight.

When he speaks in Detroit, Trump is expected to reiterate his plan for reducing income taxes, as well as lowering the corporate tax rate to 15 percent from the current 35 percent in an effort to draw new investment. He is also calling for eliminating the estate tax and a temporary moratorium on new regulations.

Among his specific proposals will be allowing parents to fully deduct the cost of child-care from their taxable income. He also is expected to call again for boosting domestic energy production — a plan his campaign estimates can add \$6 trillion in local, state and federal revenue over four decades.

An economic adviser to the campaign, Ste-

phen Moore, who helped work on the speech, said Trump's policies were aimed at boosting economic growth to bolster middle-class workers, whose wages have stagnated for decades. The annual growth rate of the economy was just 1.2 percent from April to June, far below what economists had expected.

"We need much, much faster growth if we're going to have wages rising and salaries rising and middle-class incomes rising," he said. "How do we get back to a healthy rate of economic growth which we haven't had in a decade?"

Trump will also revisit his opposition to current trade deals, including his plan to renegotiate the NAFTA trade agreement with Canada and Mexico, and vow to improve intellectual property protections.

Trump is also expected to spend much of the speech contrasting his approach with that of Clinton, whom his campaign accuses of pushing the same "stale, big government policy prescriptions that have choked economic growth in America and led to over 40 years of wage stagnation."

Trump campaign chair Paul Manafort said Sunday on Fox News Channel that with the speech, "we're comfortable that we can get the agenda and the narrative of the campaign back on

where it belongs, which is comparing the tepid economy under Obama and Clinton, versus the kind of growth economy that Mr. Trump wants to build."

Clinton has proposed raising taxes on the highest-income earners, including a surcharge on multimillionaires, but analysts have found lower-income earners would see little change beyond measures such as additional tax credits for expenses like out-of-pocket health care costs.

This won't be the first time Trump lays out his economic vision. He first unveiled his tax plan last fall, framing it as a boon to the middle class. "It's going to cost me a fortune," the billionaire businessman told reporters as he vowed to lower taxes across the board without exploding the deficit.

But a host of independent groups crunching the numbers soon concluded otherwise. The plan, they said, dramatically favored the wealthy over the middle class and would increase the debt by as much as \$10 trillion over the next decade.

Trump had promised at the time that he would make up for lost revenue by closing a slew of loopholes. But like so many of his plans, he declined to provide specifics. And a companion plan on reducing government spending, which he had promised would follow, never came.

Moore said that, while Trump still favors the plan he unveiled in September, his team has added new details and made changes "that will significantly reduce the cost of the plan."

39 killed by mudslides in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Tropical Storm Javier pushed closer to the resort city of Cabo San Lucas on the tip of Mexico's Baja California Peninsula Monday, while the death toll from former Hurricane Earl rose to 39 in the country's eastern mountains.

Communities in two states were digging out from weekend mudslides during heavy rains brought by remnants of Earl, which slammed into Mexico's Gulf coast.

Javier was expected to brush Cabo San Lucas late Monday and continue raking the Pacific coast of the Baja peninsula.

Javier was located about 100 miles (160 kilometers) southeast of Cabo San Lucas early Monday, with winds of 50 mph (85 kph), according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center.

Javier was moving northwest, on a path that could take it inland further up the peninsula on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Among the casualties of Earl, at least 28 people died in multiple mudslides in the mountainous north of Puebla state, National Civil Protection Coordinator Luis Felipe Puente said Sunday in an interview with ForoTV. He said 25 were killed in different parts of the township of Huauchinango and three died in the hamlet of Tlaola.

"It is a tragedy what has happened to our people in Huauchinango," Gabriel Alvarado, the township's mayor.

In neighboring Veracruz state, 11 people lost their lives when mud-

slides hit the towns of Coscomatepec, Tequila and Huayacocotla, Gov. Javier Duarte said.

The continuing heavy rain led officials to close a section of the main federal highway connecting Mexico City to the region. Federal transportation authorities said the area had received a month's worth of rain in 24 hours.

A hurricane warning was in effect for the southern tip of Baja California. A hurricane watch and tropical storm warning was in effect for parts of the peninsula farther north.

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Nancy Hale, 67, died Thursday. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Trinity Memorial Park. A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church.

Loring "Sonny" Wiseman, Jr., 84, died Thursday. Graveside services with military honors will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Snyder Cemetery.

Ronnie Richardson, 76, died Saturday. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

SHOPPING

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lunch hour is usually taken up with running errands."

"The Chamber's businesses committee is planing to do this again sometime in December," she continued. "Of course we are going to be bringing back the 12 Days before Black Fri-

day because that is always fun."

Participating businesses will have a "Shop with Us Tonight" sign posted at the shop. A list of businesses participating in Thursday's event is: Blissful Boutique, 1801 E FM 700; Crowned Bird, 406 E Marcy Drive; Gale's Bakery & Deli, 2414 Scurry; Sonic Drive-In #2, 601 E FM 700; Star Chrysler Dodge Jeep

Ram, 820 W I-20; and business located in the Spring Town Plaza — Blum's Jewelers, Gary B's Music, Suggs Hallmark, and The Wellness Center

For more information, call Valverde at 263-7641

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five years: \$2.39/g in 2015, \$3.30/g in 2014, \$3.44/g in 2013, \$3.47/g in 2012 and \$3.56/g in 2011.

Areas nearby Texas and their current gas price climate: Midland Odessa, \$1.95/g, down 2.8 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.98/g; San Antonio, \$1.92/g, down 1.6 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.94/g; and Austin, \$1.97/g, down 1.9 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.99/g.

"Government EIA data last week showed a sizable draw on gasoline in-

ventory followed by a strong jobs report, with new jobs for July reaching 255,000. And consequently, WTI crude oil ended the week nearly \$3 higher than where it began," said Gregg Laskoski, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy.

"While that may create a brief pause early this week in the decline of retail gasoline, we expect that the prevailing price trend (incremental decline) will resume shortly, barring any additional refinery problems in the midwest, or, potential Atlantic hurricane activity."

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Big Spring's Katie Wash passes to a teammate during a scrimmage Saturday.

Lady Steers impress in Saturday's scrimmage

By DREW WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

Football wasn't the only sport that finished its first week of two-a-days Friday.

The Big Spring Lady Steers volleyball team capped off a successful first five days with an entire morning of scrimmages on Saturday, playing Greenwood at 9 a.m., Midland Christian at 11 a.m., and Colorado City at 1 p.m. Though the games and the scores didn't officially count, Big Spring head coach Sunni Strickland liked what she saw from her team.

"It went pretty good. We're working on some different lineups, so it's just kind of a learning curve for them. So once

we get it down, it'll be pretty good," she said. "I kind of had in my mind what we were capable of, so we've worked on a few things over two-a-days. We did a lot of conditioning though to get us in shape to be able to rally, but we've mainly worked on rotations, working in different offensive plays, and learning where to go on defense."

She added that the work ethic she saw from her team in the scrimmages was something to be proud of.

"Their drive to win is awesome. They want it, and they're very coachable. I can tell them

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Rangers win 5-3, take two of three in Houston



AP Photo/Eric Christian Smith

Texas Rangers' Rougned Odor watches his RBI-double in the 11th inning of a baseball game against the Houston Astros, Sunday, Aug. 7, 2016, in Houston.

HOUSTON (AP) — Ian Desmond keeps coming up with big hits for the Texas Rangers.

Desmond was no different.

Sunday hit a tiebreaking single in the 11th inning and the Rangers got past Houston 5-3, beating the Astros for the 11th time in 13 meetings this season.

"For a guy like Desmond, who's had some challenges here lately but had been so big for us all year long in those type of situations to come up with the big hit for us was a great day for him," Texas manager Jeff Banister said.

Texas took two of three in the weekend series and extended its AL West lead to 7 1/2 games over the Astros.

"This is the type of game good teams need to win," Banister said. "This is a group of guys that are going to continue fighting. They're engaged. We came out on the top of it today. Things worked out for us today."

Houston went 2-5 on its and has lost eight of its last 10 games.

"Anytime I leave this podium after a loss I hate it," Houston manager A.J. Hinch said. "I don't care

what team's on the other side, I don't care what division they're in, what league they're in and how the loss happened."

"Clearly games against the Rangers matter when they're ahead of us, they matter when they're behind us, they're in our division. So I'm not naive, I know that those games are going to be magnified. You get into August and we're in a playoff race, these games get a little heightened awareness," he said.

After Shin-Soo Choo led off the 11th with a double, Desmond followed with a single against Chris Devenski (0-4).

Desmond is tied for the major league lead with Houston's Carlos Correa with seven go-ahead RBIs in the seventh inning or later this season.

"I just want to make sure I feel good in those situations, and I have," Desmond said.

Rougned Odor later hit an RBI double.

"We were 5-for-21 with runners in scoring position," Banister said.

"In those types of situations these guys are up there trying to put the best at-bat they can together.

We got a little anxious in some of the at-bats and then hit some balls fairly well. We needed that big one and Desmond was able to come through."

Matt Bush (5-2) pitched the 10th, then struck out George Springer with runners on the corners in the 11th.

Texas starter Yu Darvish pitched seven shutout innings, striking out eight and giving up five hits.

Darvish said through a translator the outing was the best he has felt since coming off the 15-day disabled list July 16.

Alex Bregman hit an RBI double, and Jose Altuve followed with an RBI single off Jeremy Jeffress to cut the Rangers' lead to 3-2 in the eighth.

Tony Kemp tied it in the ninth with a single off Sam Dyson that scored pinch-runner Carlos Gomez, who slid around Jonathan Lucroy's tag.

Lucroy put the Rangers ahead with an RBI double in the fifth. Jurickson Profar hit a two-run double off Ken Giles to extend the lead to 3-0 in the eighth.

Alex Rodriguez to play final game with Yankees on Friday

NEW YORK (AP) — Ready or not, Alex Rodriguez will play his final game in pinstripes this week.

One of the most prolific hitters and polarizing figures in baseball history, the slumping slugger plans to take his final turn at-bat with the New York Yankees on Friday night and then become a special adviser and instructor with the team next year.

A-Rod and the club made the announcement before Sunday's 3-2 victory over Cleveland.

"This is a tough day. I love this game and I love this team," he said, often chok-

ing up. "And today I'm saying goodbye to both."

The 41-year-old Rodriguez, who sat out the 2014 season while serving a performance-enhancing drug suspension, will play against Tampa Bay at Yankee Stadium and then be released following Friday's game. New York will pay him the remainder of the approximately \$27 million he's owed as part of his \$275 million, 10-year contract.

Rodriguez said the agreement arose out of conversations over the past few days with Yankees Managing General Partner Hal Steinbrenner. The two met face-

to-face more than once, and A-Rod said he asked for one more chance to play in front of a New York crowd.

Relegated to little more than a spare part lately, the three-time AL MVP acknowledged "the last four weeks have not been fun."

"It's been very painful and embarrassing to sit on the bench. It's been awkward," Rodriguez explained. "So from that sense I'm very happy that we found this solution."

But he made it clear he still thinks he could contribute

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AP Photo/David Zalubowski

Miami Marlins' Ichiro Suzuki follows the flight of his triple off Colorado Rockies starting pitcher Chris Rusin in the seventh inning of a baseball game, Sunday, Aug. 7, 2016 in Denver. The hit was the 3,000th in his Major League career.

Ichiro Suzuki gets 3,000th career hit in major leagues

DENVER (AP) — Ichiro Suzuki tripled off the wall for his 3,000th career hit in the major leagues Sunday, becoming the 30th player to reach the milestone.

The 42-year-old Marlins outfielder did it in the seventh inning against Colorado at Coors Field. He joined Paul Molitor as the only players whose 3,000th hit was a triple. Miami players came out of the dugout to congratulate Suzuki, and he waved his helmet to acknowledge the cheers.

Hitting coach Barry Bonds gave him a hug as the celebration at third base ended, and Suzuki got another round of applause when he scored on Jeff Mathis' single, as well as a hug from manager Don Mattingly.

Suzuki gave the crowd a wave as he went into the dugout. He batted again in the

ninth and drew a walk.

Suzuki was hitless in his first three at-bats of the game before the big hit against Chris Rusin.

The Japanese star launched a long drive to right field that carried just beyond the reach of leaping Gerardo Parra. Suzuki breezed into third standing up.

Suzuki is in his 16th season in the majors. He got 1,278 hits while playing nine years in Japan before becoming the American League Rookie of the Year and MVP with Seattle in 2001.

Suzuki was greeted with cheers every time he came to bat. He struck out in the first inning, hit a comebacker in the third and grounded out to short in the fourth.

At 42 years, 290 days he is

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For 1st time, Williams sisters lose Olympic doubles match

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Serena and Venus Williams never had lost an Olympic doubles match until Sunday night, going 15-0 and earning three gold medals together.

Their first-round opponents at the Rio de Janeiro Games, the Czech Republic's Lucie Safarova and Barbora Strycova, never had won any sort of match as a pair, at any event. And they had zero wins between them in Olympic doubles competition, going a combined 0-3 with other partners.

So it was rather stunning, to say the least, when the Williams sisters were beaten 6-3, 6-4 by Safarova and



AP Photo/Charles Krupa

Venus Williams reacts after losing a point in a doubles match with her sister Serena against Lucie Safarova and Barbora Strycova, of the Czech Republic, Sunday, Aug. 7, 2016.

Strycova in the first round in Rio.

"We played terrible," Serena said, "and it showed in the results."

The American duo was seeded No. 1 and coming off a 14th Grand Slam champi-

onship together at Wimbledon a month ago.

The Czechs, meanwhile, are unseeded. And get this: They weren't even supposed to be playing together at the

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

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♠ K 5
♥ Q 5 3
♦ 8 5 3
♣ K J 10 3 2

WEST
♠ J 9 8 7 6 4
♥ J 9 7 2
♦ J
♣ 7 5

EAST
♠ A Q 3 2
♥ 10 8 6 4
♦ 10 9
♣ Q 9 8

SOUTH
♠ 10
♥ A K
♦ A K Q 7 6 4 2
♣ A 6 4

This deal occurred in the semifinal of the 1979 Vanderbilt Teams. It illustrated, in a variety of ways, the great emphasis placed upon pre-emptive bidding by top players. Such tactics are like a roll of the dice, however, in that they can be spectacularly successful or terribly costly.

In the first of the two matches, the bidding at one table went:
West North East South
3♠ (!) Pass 5♠ (!) 6♦
South did not feel altogether comfortable bidding for 12 tricks all by himself — but that's what frequently happens against pre-emptive tactics. As a result, East-West pushed South into a laydown slam that might not have been reached otherwise.

At the second table in the same

match, the bidding went:
West North East South
Pass Pass Pass 1♣
2♦ Dbble 3♠ 4NT
Pass 5♣ Pass 6♦

South's one-club bid was artificial and showed at least 16 high-card points. North's double of two spades indicated at least eight points and balanced distribution. After using Blackwood, South bid six diamonds, matching the result at the first table.

In the other match, the bidding at the first table went:
West North East South
3♠ Pass 4♠ 5♦

And at the second table:
West North East South
2♠ Pass 4♠ 5♦

Both declarers finished with an overtrick, so here too the deal was a washout, despite the fireworks.

In the second match, where the East-West tactics were less aggressive, it's hard to blame either South for opting to bid five diamonds rather than six over four spades.

What conclusion can be drawn from all this? Those who favor pre-emptive tactics will argue that in the second match, both East-West pairs kept North-South from reaching a cold slam, while those who criticize such tactics will point out that at the first table in the first match, East-West drove South into a slam he might not have bid on his own.

Tomorrow: Thirteen — the magic number.

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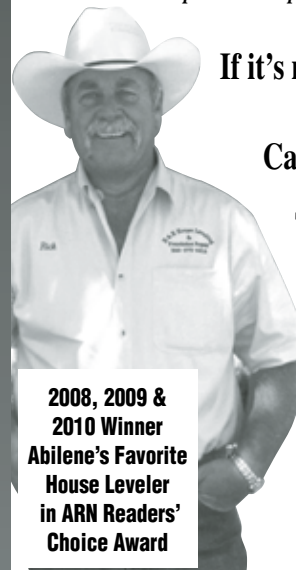


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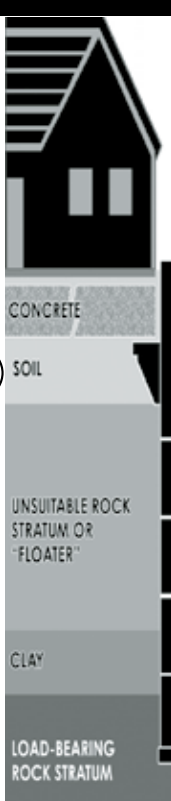
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Tomorrow's Horoscope



Partner-ship Moon

In cupcakes and crushes, the results depend largely on timing. Just as there's

a science to cupcakes, there are many controllable elements in socializing, so get in there and control them. The moon in Libra, the sign of partnership, highlights new love, first attraction and the development of friendly ties.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Happiness is knowing your way out before you get stuck. With an exit strategy in place you can relax and enjoy your environment, knowing you're not trapped. It's your choice to be there.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Does it seem like you're crumpling into a stress wad? Take a walk. Oxygen levels go up, synapses fire, and then the endorphins kick in, too. It will become a completely different day because of your better brain.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's safe to assume that everyone is rooting for you. After all, most of the people around you serve to gain something if you succeed. And the others -- well, they gain something from pretending to be supportive.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). So much of human interaction happens at a basic and tribal level. This is how we've survived as a species for thousands of years, so don't blame yourself for joining in the group think now. Just know it's not the only option.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Don't saddle yourself with presumptive responsibility or animosity. Let your brain reside in the evidence that's happening in real time instead of leaping forward to make up stories based on probabilities you've made up in your head.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Holding a person's interest will have more to do with holding back than showing up strong. No one will be more interesting than the person

who isn't even there. Use the element of mystery carefully and responsibly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). On some level you want to feel that you are continuously earning what you've got, every step of the way, otherwise you won't value it as much. This is why you suddenly feel animated, creative and witty around the person who's walking away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's weak to be closed off to the competition. It makes you seem overly worried about losing. Relax. Remember that "the competition," in some other scenario, could become your colleague and/or ally.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're getting pretty good about getting around the questions you don't want to answer. And by the way, there are very few, if any, people in the world to whom you actually owe an explanation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Gateways aren't just about drugs. They're also about heaven, beauti-

ful parks, magnificent homes and success in general. Make life easier by posting figurative gateways that open to the wonders you want to experience.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you're wondering if you're good enough for a situation, it's either a sign that you're not ready for it, or it's an opportunity to rise to the occasion and become who you've always wanted to be.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What you need is a kind of performance coach -- someone who can tell you how to improve and hone your work. Perhaps the most important question to ask now is: "Is this the right kind of work for this crowd?"

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 8). You'll seek those who live the way you want to live and study them until you know how to do it, too. You'll then follow this recipe for success perfectly and get a mighty-fine result by the end of the year. New resources and tools will help your process in September.

November brings a commitment. Libra and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 12, 20, 9 and 41.

COMMUNICATION TIPS BY SIGN (PART ONE OF FOUR):

With dreamy Neptune pulling from across the sky at Mercury the messenger in his home of Virgo, our styles of communication are more defined and pronounced. Aries is a youthful sign who, like a child, has a way of saying things that most other adults would agree shouldn't be said. These utterances are coming from an honest place and are not intended to harm. When communicating with Aries, a direct approach is often best. Aries can take the blunt truth, and prefers that others lead with the main point of the communication instead of tiptoeing around it with formalities. Taurus responds well to sensory messages. Elaborating about the way things look, feel, taste and sound will make your message come alive in the bull's imagination. If your topic is dry, juice it up with sensual

adjectives (itchy, sticky, crisp, velvety, sweet, etc.) to capture Taurus' attention. Gemini appreciates sharp wit. Incorporate humor in the message to hit a home run. The twins love complexities of language, though they still want the boiled-down version. They live, listen and talk by the Shakespearean dictum, "Brevity is the soul of wit."

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Cinematic treasure Dustin Hoffman has made a career of taking on difficult acting challenges. He's played a cross-dresser, a card counter with autism, a small red panda and over 70 other equally diverse characters, all with poignancy and vulnerability that keeps audiences coming back for more. Look for him in the upcoming comedy "Yeh Din Ka Kissa." Hoffman is a Leo with three planets in hardworking Virgo.

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Annie's Mailbox

Date Saved for Nothing

Dear Annie: Three months ago, my husband and I received a save-the-date card for a wedding. At one time, we were very close to the bride's parents, but we seldom see them anymore. The date conflicted with a trip my husband and I were taking, so we changed our plans to be able to attend the wedding.

After a few months, we learned through mutual friends that wedding invitations had been sent out -- but we never received one. I can only assume they needed to trim the guest list and we didn't make the cut. I wouldn't have been offended to not be invited to the

wedding if we hadn't received the save-the-date card. Plus, we changed our trip plans to accommodate them, and our trip is now at a less convenient time.

Is this a common practice? We've never had this happen before. I run into the bride's mother several times a year. Should I say something? -- Uninvited

Dear Uninvited: It's not common to send a save-the-date card and never follow up with an invitation. What is common is things getting lost in the mail. If they took the time to send you a save-the-date, they were probably pretty sure they wanted you at the wedding.

Ask the bride's mother whether she

can check with her daughter to see whether you're still invited to the wedding; leave her an easy out by being understanding. Don't ask and you risk their assuming you blew off their invitation. Do ask and you risk their feeling slightly awkward for a few minutes as they let you know they had to trim the guest list. The first scenario would look much worse on your end.

Dear Annie: We built a custom home back in 2005. Even though we checked out the contractors beforehand, they walked off the job and took all of our money. We were certain that we would win a lawsuit and took out loans and cash advances to try to finish

the house.

Long story short, the house was never finished, and our lawsuit never went to court. Our attorney advised us to file for bankruptcy and then discharge it to stay in the house longer. Our creditors are sending 1099s to the IRS. Their thought is that if we didn't pay off the debts, we must have used the money as income.

My husband and I disagree as to what to do. Should we make arrangements with the collection agencies to pay off the debts, seeing as we did run up these amounts, or should we just wait until the 1099s show up? Paying off the debts would not change our credit scores. If we

were to leave where we are living now, we wouldn't be able to pass a credit check to rent. We are seniors on a fixed income and don't know what to do. With the bad contractors, bad choices and bad legal advice, we don't seem to have a future. -- Not-So-Golden Years

Dear Not-So-Golden: I know you're under extreme duress right now, but it's not so dire as you think. There are nonprofit resources for seniors in your shoes. Your best option is to enlist the help of a credit counseling agency, which can help you determine the best way to approach your situation. Consult the National Foundation for Credit Counseling

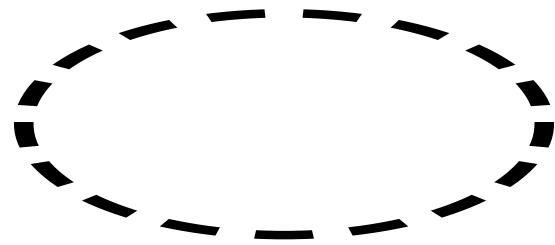
at debtadvice.org to find one. Stay away from any for-profit agencies, which are typically predatory and would only worsen your situation.

Be grateful for health and loved ones. You might be under a lot of stress right now, but you do have a future. Try to find the sliver of a silver lining where you can.

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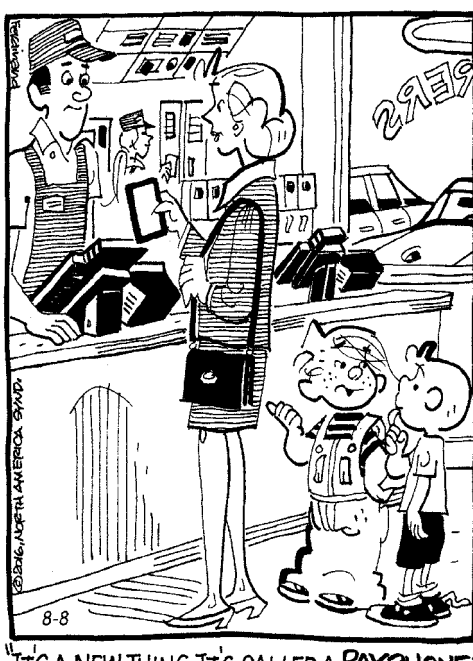
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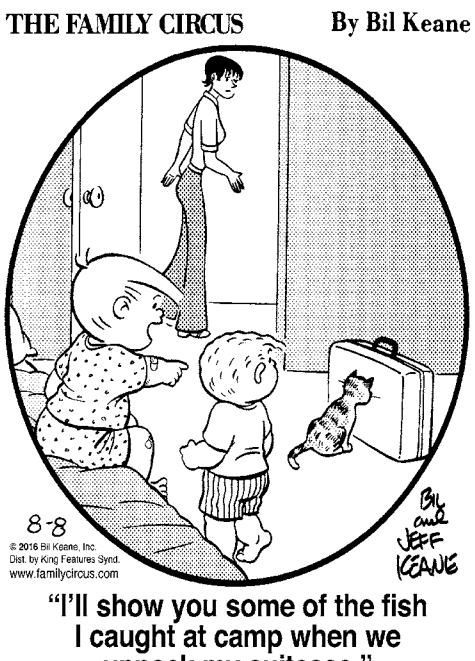
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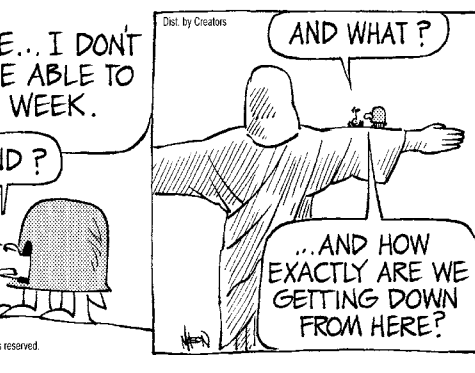
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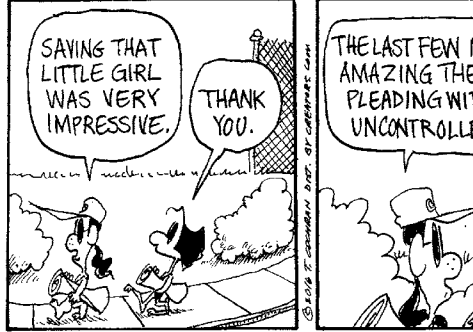
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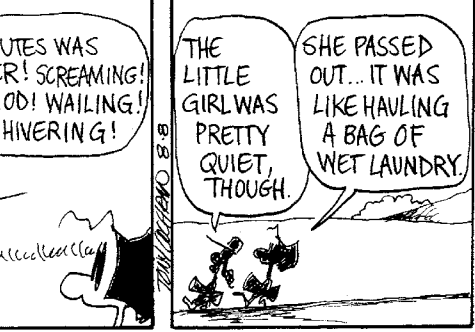
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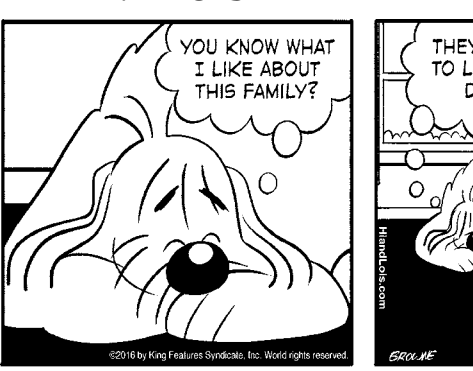
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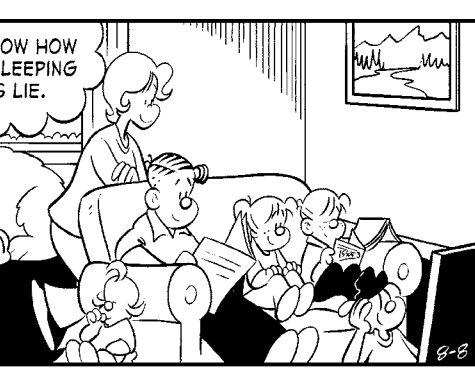
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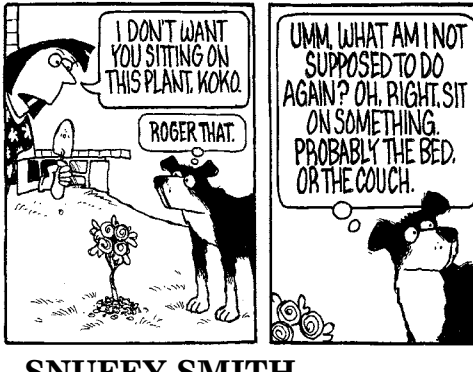
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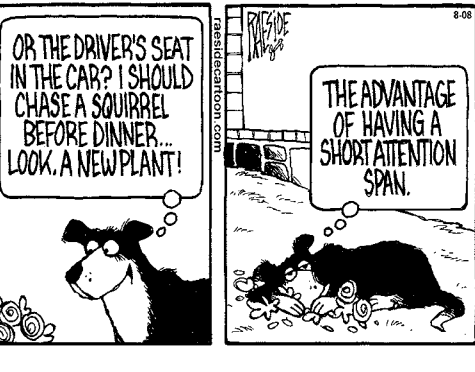
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Aug. 8, the 221st day of 2016. There are 145 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 8, 1974, President Richard Nixon announced his resignation, effective the next day, following damaging new revelations in the Watergate scandal.

On this date:

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte set sail for St. Helena to spend the remainder of his days in exile.

In 1911, President William Howard Taft signed a measure raising the number of U.S. representatives from 391 to 433, effective with the next Congress, with a proviso to add two more when New Mexico and Arizona became states.

In 1937, during the Second Sino-Japanese War, Japan completed its occupation of Beijing.

In 1942, during World War II, six Nazi saboteurs who were captured after landing in the U.S. were executed in Washington, D.C.; two others who'd cooperated with authorities were spared.

In 1945, President Harry S. Truman signed the U.S. instru-

ment of ratification for the United Nations Charter. The Soviet Union declared war against Japan during World War II.

In 1953, the United States and South Korea initialed a mutual security pact.

In 1963, Britain's "Great Train Robbery" took place as thieves made off with 2.6 million pounds in banknotes.

In 1968, the Republican national convention in Miami Beach nominated Richard Nixon for president on the first ballot.

In 1973, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew branded as "damned lies" reports he had taken kickbacks from government contracts in Maryland, and vowed not to resign, 'Ai which he ended up doing.

In 1994, Israel and Jordan opened the first road link between the two once-warring countries.

In 2007, space shuttle Endeavour roared into orbit with teacher-astronaut Barbara Morgan on board.

In 2009, Sonia Sotomayor was sworn in as the U.S. Supreme Court's first Hispanic and third female justice.

Ten years ago: Sen. Joe Lieberman lost the Connecticut Democratic primary to political newcomer Ned Lamont (however, Lieberman ended up winning re-election to the Senate by running as an inde-

pendent).

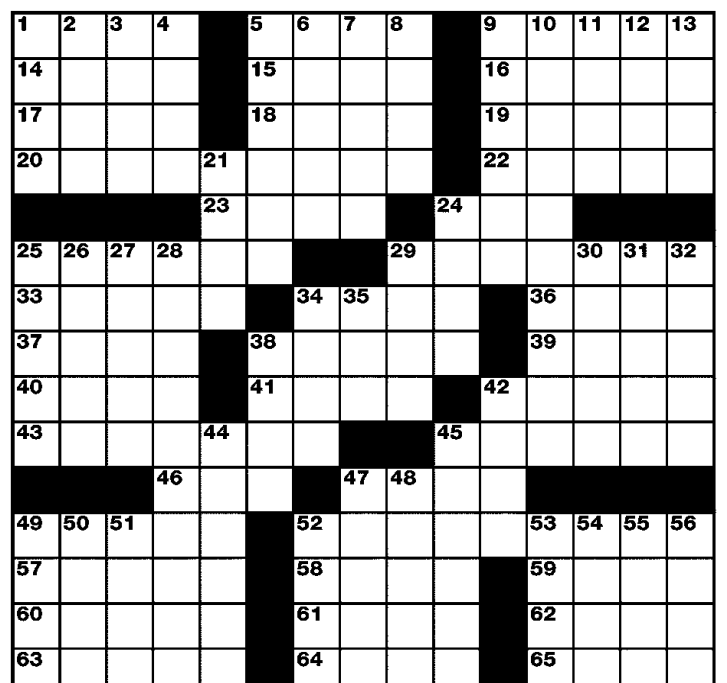
Five years ago: Eager to calm a nervous nation, President Barack Obama dismissed an unprecedented downgrade by Standard & Poor's of the U.S. credit rating from AAA to AA-plus, declaring: "No matter what some agency may say, we've always been and always will be a triple-A country."

One year ago: Several rivals of Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump criticized his treatment of a debate moderator; the real estate mogul and reality television star remained unbowed, refusing to apologize for saying on CNN that Megyn Kelly, who had aggressively questioned him during the primary debate on Fox News, had "blood coming out of her eyes, blood coming out of her wherever" when she asked him about his incendiary comments toward women.

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS
- 1 "That's a shame"
 - 5 Rant and _____ (show anger)
 - 9 Modify to fit
 - 14 Instinctive feeling, for short
 - 15 Garden in Genesis
 - 16 "Same here!"
 - 17 Shopping-list line
 - 18 Locate
 - 19 Loud noise
 - 20 Very tasty
 - 22 Parts of a chain necklace
 - 23 Otherwise
 - 24 Wooden pin
 - 25 Sound judgment
 - 29 Spicy cinnamon candies
 - 33 Poker pot starters
 - 34 Vietnam neighbor
 - 36 Jogger's pace
 - 37 Shape of a noose
 - 38 "Same here!"
 - 39 Destiny
 - 40 Toe the _____ (be the)
 - 41 Lambs' dads
 - 42 More adorable
 - 43 Skinny
 - 45 Very serious
 - 46 Morning lawn moisture
 - 47 Doe or fawn
 - 49 Purely
 - 52 For protection, as a weapon
 - 57 Basil and thyme
 - 58 Corrosive compound
 - 59 Creative thought
 - 60 Limber
- DOWN
- 1 Gung-ho
 - 2 Low-cal, in ads
 - 3 Brother of Cain
 - 4 "Half" prefix for final
 - 5 Make, as a movie remake
 - 6 Spanish "So long"
 - 7 Event location
 - 8 Brings to a halt
 - 9 Strolled lazily
 - 10 Very enjoyable
 - 11 _____ angle (slanted)
 - 12 "Pulled" barbecue meat
 - 13 Tips of socks
 - 21 Corporate VIPs
 - 24 Money in Mexico
 - 25 Room boundaries
 - 26 How some tuna is packed
 - 27 Pebble or boulder
 - 28 Trustworthy
 - 29 Goes bad, as fruit
 - 30 Give a speech
 - 31 Indian pole
 - 32 Back of a boat
 - 34 Untruthful one
 - 35 24-hr. bank device
 - 38 Created a sketch
 - 42 Food on a cob
 - 44 More jam-packed
 - 45 Sowed, as a lawn
 - 47 Sticker on a window
 - 48 Pay taxes online
 - 49 Casual talk
 - 50 Toy building-block brand
 - 51 Ireland nickname
 - 52 Somewhat wet
 - 53 Drinks slowly
 - 54 Much-admired celebrity
 - 55 Presidential rejection
 - 56 Toward sunrise





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Big Spring's Addie Jimenez (left) passes to a teammate and Logan Terrazas (right) spikes the ball during Saturday's scrimmages.

V-BALL

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something and if they do it wrong, I can say "This is what

you need to do,' and they'll go out there and do it," she said. Strickland, who is the head girls track and field coach, initially took the head volleyball position in an interim role after the position went

unfilled. Now she says, at least for this season, it would be hard to hand over. "It's kind of both, interim/head coach, for this season," she said. "I've already kind of taken it under my wing, so

it would be hard to give it up, and hard for someone else to come in right in the middle of it all." The team will participate in two tournaments at Abilene High School next week, one

Tuesday at 4 p.m. and one Friday and Saturday at a time yet to be announced, before playing at home again against Colorado City with the freshmen starting at 5 p.m. August 16.

A-ROD

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on the field. "Of course, I think I can play baseball. You always think you have one more hit in you, or help the team win one more game, for sure," said Rodriguez, who is four home runs shy of 700. "That wasn't in the cards. That was the Yankees' decision and I'm at peace with it."

A news release issued by the club indicated Rodriguez will be released after "his final major league game" to sign a contract that gives him a job working with minor leaguers throughout the Yankees' farm system. He will report directly to Steinbrenner, and the deal runs through Dec. 31, 2017.

A-Rod said he'll go home to Miami following Friday's game, and he thought his new duties would begin in spring training. He thanked the Steinbrenner family for the opportunity to stay in baseball.

General manager Brian Cashman acknowledged that Rodriguez has a right to change his mind and pursue any potential

opportunity. And for his part, Rodriguez never used the word "retire."

So, if another team offered him a chance to play, would he consider it?

"You know, when Hal told me, I just told him: 'Give me a few days. I need to kind of think on this, sleep on it.' I have not thought past the pinstripes, and my horizon is Friday," he said.

Yankees pitcher CC Sabathia said when Rodriguez makes decisions, "they're pretty much final."

"He played a long time, since he was 18 years old," Sabathia said. "I know he has bigger goals and bigger dreams to do different things."

A 14-time All-Star, Rodriguez is hitting .204 this season with nine home runs and 29 RBIs in 216 at-bats. He's started only once in 15 games since July 22.

"It's sad to see Alex going like this," teammate Brett Gardner said.

New York manager Joe Girardi said he'd talk to Rodriguez about possibly playing this week in Boston.

"If he wants to play in every game, I'll find a way," Girardi said.

When the fourth-place Yankees (56-55) jettisoned veterans Aroldis Chapman, Andrew Miller and Carlos Beltran leading up to last week's trade deadline, they made it clear they were turning toward a youth movement.

On Friday, 36-year-old first baseman Mark Teixeira announced he will retire at the end of the season.

"We all want to keep playing forever," Rodriguez said. "But it doesn't work that way."

A-Rod trails only Barry Bonds (762), Hank Aaron (755) and Babe Ruth (714) on the career home run list and joins Boston bopper David Ortiz as iconic stars apparently in their final seasons this year.

"As much as he's gone through, the PED stuff and all the stuff that's kind of happened throughout his career, he's still one of my favorite players to watch as a child growing up," Rays outfielder Steven Souza Jr. said.

Rodriguez has a \$20 million salary this year and is owed \$20 million more in 2017, the final season of a \$275 million contract that was the largest in baseball when he signed it.

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Olympics. Strycova was a late replacement for Karolina Pliskova, who withdrew from the tournament.

Indeed, Strycova and Safarova only had played one match as a team before Sunday — and they lost that, in a Fed Cup match last year.

"That's true, but we are really good friends. We know each other's games," said Strycova, never better than a doubles semi-finalist at a Grand Slam tournament. "I know what I have to do on the court, and she knows what she has to do."

Safarova is a strong doubles player, and she won two major titles in 2015 with Bethanie Mattek-Sands of the U.S.

When the Czechs found out who they'd be facing to start things off in Brazil, Safarova said their reaction was: "The draw

could be better."

And then she and Strycova started laughing.

"But it was a challenge," Safarova continued, "and we love challenges. We had nothing to lose. We stepped out there today and played a great game and deserved to win."

This was the 34-year-old Serena's second match of the day: The 22-time major singles champion won her first-rounder in that event earlier Sunday. The 36-year-old Venus, meanwhile, now has two first-round exits at the Rio Olympics, because she was beaten in singles on Saturday night.

After that defeat, Venus did not meet with reporters, but U.S. women's Olympic tennis coach Mary Joe Fernandez said that the seven-time major singles champion had been sick since before she arrived in Brazil. Fernandez also said Venus was dealing with cramping, dehydration and an upset stomach after Saturday's loss.

ICHIRO

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the second-oldest player by three days over Ricky Henderson to reach the milestone. Only Cap Anson, who was 45 when he got his 3,000th hit in 1897, was older.

"Congratulations to my friend and teammate Ichiro on joining the 3,000-hit club," former Yan-

kees star Derek Jeter said in a statement.

"I was fortunate to have both the pleasure of competing against him and the honor of playing alongside him. Baseball is more than a game to him, it is a craft, which he works at tirelessly with intense discipline."

Suzuki got his 2,999th hit Saturday night as a pinch-hitter. He stayed in the game and grounded out in the ninth.

Suzuki played for Seattle until getting traded to the Yankees during the 2012 season.

"Prior to Ichiro's first game for the Mariners in 2001, the late Pancho Ito, a Japanese baseball broadcaster and historian, said, 'He is a genius with the bat.' Mr. Ito was absolutely correct," Mariners chairman Howard Lincoln said in a statement.

"A tip of the Mariners cap to Ichiro," he said.

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