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BACK TO SCHOOL

Animal welfare

Creation of new committee on tap at city council meeting



By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Big Spring's city council will consider establishment of an animal rescue and adoption committee when it meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in council chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth St.

This will mark the second go-round for the committee, which was discontinued a few years ago. With greater cooperation between the city and rescue groups resulting in fewer shelter animals being euthanized, Mayor Larry McLellan believes the time is right to get even more citizen input into shelter operations and resurrect the committee.

"This can be a very positive thing for the community," McLellan said earlier this month. "There's a lot of people out there who think we can do better at the shelter, and we can do better."

The five-member board will be charged with raising public awareness and facilitating adoption of animals from the shelter, according to the proposed ordinance.

Under the ordinance, board members would be selected by majority vote of the city council and serve three-year terms. To stagger the terms, the initial board will have two members serving a one-year term, two serving a two-year term, and one serving for three years.

In addition to the five board members, the support services lieutenant from the Big Spring Police Department shall serve as an ex officio, non-voting member whose main duties will be to serve as a liaison between

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Howard County students headed back to school today for the new academic year. Pictured clockwise starting at top, Parents and children cross the street with help from two crossing guards at Goliad Elementary School. Big Spring Intermediate students head to class. Big Spring High School teacher Hilary Payne welcomes back students at the front door and JoAnn Garcia, computer manager for Moss Elementary School, gives a student a high five.

HERALD photos
 Steve Reagan,
 Roger Cline,
 and Drew Williams

Love our Lake

KBSB requesting volunteers to clean up Comanche Trail Lake

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Volunteers are being sought to spend a Saturday morning cleaning up Comanche Trail Lake.

The annual Keep Big Spring Beautiful (KBSB) Love our Lake event is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday.

"We will be clearing litter and debris from around the lake in preparation for the Comanche Warrior Triathlon," said KBSB President Lisa Brooks. "Kayaks and canoes are needed to reach the shoreline that cannot

be reached on foot." "Last year we have a fleet of kayaks, and we look forward to seeing them this year," Brooks said. "Also, ALON had a number of employees here last year, and they've confirmed they will be there again. We would love for anyone to come out. Just bring your gloves and grabber. We will supply trash bags and onion bags to put the wet trash in."

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Judge in Texas temporarily blocks Obama's transgender rules

By **PAUL J. WEBER**
 Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A federal judge in Texas is blocking for now the Obama administration's directive to U.S. public schools that transgender students must be allowed to use the bathrooms and locker rooms consistent with their chosen gender identity.

Hundreds of school districts Monday woke up to news of the order by U.S. District Judge Reed O'Connor on the first day of class in Texas and elsewhere.

The decision dated Sunday comes after Texas and 12 other states challenged the Obama directive as unconstitutional during a hearing in Fort Worth last week. It applies to schools nationwide, as many districts reopen this week after the summer vacation.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, a Republican, immediately cheered the decision.

"This president is attempting to rewrite the laws enacted by the elected representatives of the people, and is threatening to take away federal funding from schools to force them to conform," Paxton said.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ALVIN PHILLIP ALLEN**, 52, of 707 Wyoming St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **FREDERICK HERNANDEZ**, 46, of 1405 Runnels St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ROMAN MARTINEZ CISNEROS**, 39, of 1700 Yucca Rd. was arrested on a warrant for

driving with an invalid license.

- **REBECCA PACHECO**, 43, of 705 Lorilla St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JANIE MARTINEZ**, 47, of 609 N. Goliad St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JOHNNY RAY VIERA**, 31, of 4009 Piper Rd. was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended or invalid license.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 400 block of South Birdwell Lane,

the 2500 block of South Gregg Street, and the 800 block of South Owens Street.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1700 block of Wasson Road.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 500 block of South Birdwell Lane.
- **THEFT OF FIREARM** was reported in the 400 block of Valley Street.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.

- **ALVIN PHILLIP ALLEN**, 52, was booked by BSPD on a parole violation.
- **LEWIS JAY ARMSTRONG**, 27, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for driving while intoxicated.
- **FREDERICK HERNANDEZ**, 46, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ANASTASIA LEONICIA LOZANO**, 29, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for criminal mischief.
- **SABRINA VALENCIA MADRID**, 31, was booked by BSPD on warrants for failure to control speed, driving with an invalid license, violation of promise to appear, and theft of property (\$1,500 to \$20,000).
- **ROMAN MARTINEZ**

CISNEROS, 39, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for driving with an invalid license.

- **MARSHALL LOUIS COKER**, 33, was booked by HCSO on warrants for delivery of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram), failure to appear, and displaying expired registration.
- **DAVID LYNN DOW**, 33, was booked by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespassing.
- **DERRICK TODD DRAKE**, 30, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for theft of service (\$100 to \$750).
- **ANGELA CELESTE DUGGER**, 38, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for theft of property (\$20 to \$500) by check.
- **MERCEDES HENDERSON**, 25, was booked by Glasscock County on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury.
- **REBECCA PACHECO**, 43, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DENSIA DIANE POWELL**, 43, was booked by BSPD on a

charge of driving while intoxicated (2nd offense).

- **ALEXANDER QUINTANA**, 35, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MARIO SANCHEZ**, 25, was booked by Glasscock County on a charge of possession of a dangerous drug.
- **STEVEN GARY UPSHAW**, 55, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JANIE MARTINEZ BENTANCUR**, 47, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **AMY ELIZABETH BROWN**, 22, was booked by DPS on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury.
- **JOHNNY RAY VIERA**, 31, was booked by HCSO on a charge of driving with a suspended or invalid license.
- **LUIS ALBERTO VIERA**, 29, was booked by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1200 block of North Midway Road.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near mile marker 180 on Interstate 20.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Joshua. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of East FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical

Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Wood Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of West Interstate 20.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of North Goliad Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Hunter. One person was transported to

Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Donley Street.
- **TRAUMA CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Main Street.
- **FALSE FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 2500 block of Merrily.
- **FALSE FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway.
- **FALSE FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 2500 block of Merrily.

Take Note

• The Big Spring ISD is now accepting free/reduced lunch applications on line. To apply, go to the Big Spring Independent School District website www.bsisd.esc.18.net and click on the quick link "Meal App Now." Fill out the forms and then submit. You will be notified by mail or e-mail of the status of your lunch application. If you do not have access to a computer, please bring all of your income information, TANF or SNAP EDG number and come to the Food Service Department located at 708 11th Place.

• Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat. Cost is \$8 per person.

• The Howard County Fair quilters for the annual Quilt Fundraiser. For more information call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674

Meetings

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

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

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

Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

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



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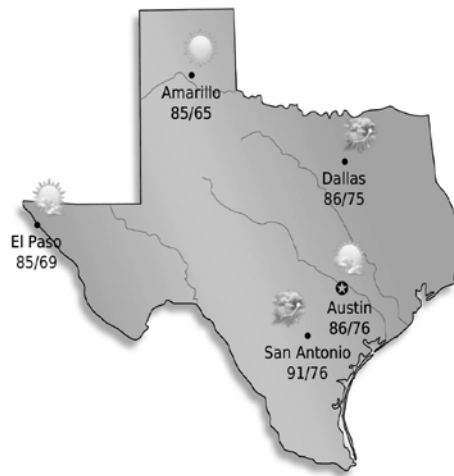
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| Tue 8/23 | Wed 8/24 | Thu 8/25 | Fri 8/26 | Sat 8/27 |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| 89/71 Mostly cloudy. A stray shower or t-storm is possible. High 89F. Winds S at 15 to 25 mph. | 89/69 Afternoon showers and t-storms. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s. | 90/67 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s. | 88/68 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s. | 89/69 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s. |
| Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 8:20 PM | Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 8:19 PM | Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 8:18 PM | Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 8:17 PM | Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 8:16 PM |

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|----------------|----|----|--------------|-----------------|----|----|--------------|
| Abilene | 84 | 71 | Cloudy | Kingsville | 94 | 76 | Cloudy |
| Amarillo | 85 | 65 | Sunny | Livingston | 87 | 74 | M Cloudy |
| Austin | 86 | 76 | Iso T-Storms | Longview | 84 | 72 | Cloudy |
| Beaumont | 86 | 76 | P Cloudy | Lubbock | 86 | 68 | M Cloudy |
| Brownsville | 95 | 78 | M Sunny | Lufkin | 88 | 72 | Cloudy |
| Brownwood | 83 | 71 | Cloudy | Midland | 86 | 73 | M Cloudy |
| Corpus Christi | 92 | 80 | M Cloudy | Raymondville | 97 | 76 | M Sunny |
| Corsicana | 88 | 75 | Cloudy | Rosenberg | 84 | 75 | P Cloudy |
| Dallas | 86 | 75 | Cloudy | San Antonio | 91 | 76 | Cloudy |
| Del Rio | 88 | 75 | Cloudy | San Marcos | 89 | 74 | Cloudy |
| El Paso | 85 | 69 | P Cloudy | Sulphur Springs | 84 | 73 | Cloudy |
| Fort Stockton | 84 | 69 | Cloudy | Sweetwater | 85 | 71 | Cloudy |
| Gainesville | 83 | 71 | Cloudy | Tyler | 85 | 73 | Iso T-Storms |
| Greenville | 84 | 73 | Cloudy | Weatherford | 85 | 73 | Cloudy |
| Houston | 87 | 78 | Sct T-Storms | Wichita Falls | 88 | 73 | P Cloudy |

National Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|-------------|----|----|--------------|---------------|----|----|----------|
| Atlanta | 89 | 70 | P Cloudy | Miami | 91 | 80 | M Sunny |
| Boston | 79 | 59 | Sunny | Minneapolis | 84 | 68 | P Cloudy |
| Chicago | 79 | 63 | Sunny | New York | 84 | 63 | Sunny |
| Dallas | 86 | 75 | Cloudy | Phoenix | 99 | 81 | Sunny |
| Denver | 91 | 63 | P Cloudy | San Francisco | 61 | 55 | Cloudy |
| Houston | 87 | 78 | Sct T-Storms | Seattle | 74 | 55 | Cloudy |
| Los Angeles | 81 | 63 | Sunny | Saint Louis | 84 | 63 | Sunny |

Moon Phases

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|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| | | | |
| First Aug 10 | Full Aug 18 | Last Aug 25 | New Sep 1 |

UV Index

| Tue 8/23 | Wed 8/24 | Thu 8/25 | Fri 8/26 | Sat 8/27 |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 8 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 10 |
| Very High | Very High | Very High | Very High | Very High |

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

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

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

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

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

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Dr. Tamanna Nahar, Cardiology Specialists of Big Spring interventional cardiologist, joined Kindred At Home's Coffee Hour this past Friday. Every Friday, Kindred offers coffee hour from 9-10 a.m. at Cornerhouse Coffee, 1701 Scurry St. During that time, they offer different health screenings.

One dead in vehicle/pedestrian collision

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

KERMIT — A 19-year-old man from Scroggins, Texas, was killed Friday after he was hit by a vehicle on State Highway 302, 25 miles west of Kermit, according to a new release by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS).

William L. Patterson was pronounced dead by M.E. Chuck Moad at the scene of the accident after he was struck by a 2015 Toyota Rav 4 SUV driven by 43-year-old Shelbi D. Couch of Odessa, DPS officials said.

According to the DPS release, Couch was driving eastbound on South Highway 302 in Ector County. She disregarded a construction convoy and made an unsafe lane change, the release said. Her vehicle struck Patterson and a 2005 GMC C7500 Truck driven by 36-year-old Max Ashley Jr. of Paris, Texas, DPS officials stated.

The collision occurred around 12:21 p.m.

The incident was investigated By: Trooper Raquel McLaurin, DPS Odessa.

Gulf Coast states most vulnerable to Zika

MIAMI (AP) — A National Institutes of Health official said Sunday that the Zika virus could “hang around” the United States for a year or two.

Dr. Anthony Fauci told ABC’s “This Week” that other Gulf Coast states, besides Florida, are most vulnerable to the spread of the disease.

“I would not be surprised if we see cases in Texas and Louisiana, particularly now where you have the situation with flooding in Louisiana,” said Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. “There are going to be a lot of problems getting rid of standing water.”

Mosquito-borne Zika cases have been found in two neighborhoods of Miami-Dade County—

the Wynwood neighborhood and Miami Beach. They are the first areas on the U.S. mainland where health officials determined mosquitoes were transmitting Zika, which has spread through Latin American and the Caribbean.

The discovery last week of non-travel-related infections in Miami Beach prompted the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to expand its travel warning for pregnant women to include the area known for nightclubs, pedestrian thoroughfares and beaches, as well as Wynwood, a neighborhood known for art galleries and boutiques.

Fauci said mosquito control is the best way to stop the spread of the Zika virus, which can cause severe birth defects, including microcephaly, in pregnant wom-

en.

“With our experience with other similar viruses like dengue, this is something that could hang around for a year or two,” Fauci said. “Hopefully, we get to a point to where we could suppress it so that we won’t have any risk of it.”

Meanwhile the mayor of Miami Beach said city workers are doing everything in their power to go after mosquitoes in the popular tourist destination.

Mayor Philip Levine told New York radio station AM 970 that Miami Beach is running smoothly, despite the Zika concerns.

“Those 15 mosquitoes have been put under arrest. They’ve been apprehended. We have them in jail right now,” Levine joked on “The Cats Roundtable Show.”

George P Bush visits Israel, meets with Netanyahu

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush has made a 3-day visit to Israel, his first overseas trip since taking elected office last year.

Bush met last week with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Spokesman J.R. Hernandez says Bush “expressed his strong support for Israel” while thanking Netanyahu “for all he is doing to fight terrorism.”

The pair discussed possible Texas-Israel partnerships on issues including technology and desalination. Bush also visited an Israeli desalination plant.

Bush met with the Israeli defense ministry’s head of rehabilitation. The land commissioner coordinates Texas’ veterans’ outreach efforts.

Hernandez said the trip was paid for by Israel’s foreign affairs ministry, the Republican Jewish Coalition and Bush campaign funds.

Bush’s uncle and grandfather are former presidents. His father, Jeb, ran unsuccessfully for the White House this year.

After Texas train derailment, work underway to clear cars

ROANOKE, Texas (AP) — Officials say that after a train hauling coal derailed in rural North Texas, work continues to clear cars.

Union Pacific spokesman Jeff DeGraff said half of the 26 derailed cars were cleared by Monday morning following the Sunday derailment in Roanoke, located north of Fort Worth. He says the cars that still need to be cleared include two that fell into a creek below a train bridge.

DeGraff says they’re still investigating what caused the cars to derail off the end of the train. No one was injured.

He says about 1,600 feet of rail will be replaced and that repairs to the bridge will take multiple days.

DeGraff says that U.S. Highway 377 will be closed into Monday evening as heavy equipment moves in and out of the site.

LAKE

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The group’s goal is to recruit 200 volunteers, Brooks said.

“If we have plenty of people, it will be quick work,” she said. “Many hands means quick work, and we will be able to expand into the park as well because this will be held two weeks before the Co-

manche Warrior Triathlon.”

The annual triathlon competition draws a large crowd of competitors to the city every year coming from all areas of Texas to swim the lake, bike, and run the roads.

And if anyone is interested in helping clean up other parts of the city, Brooks invited the public to take part in the Twilight Tuesday trash

off event held every Tuesday evening during Daylight Savings Time. The program was created by the leaders of Family Faith Center.

“For an hour before sunset, we meet at a designated area and pick up trash,” Brooks said. “Last Tuesday we had 14 volunteers and collected 24 bags of trash. Just go to our Facebook page, we will post the

next designated area.”

Love our Lake is held in conjunction with the state-wide project Keep Texas Waterways Clean. For more information about the event, contact Brooks at 432-935-2646.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mailing citydesk@big-springherald.com.

CITY

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BSPD and the board, and advise and assist the board as needed.

Membership will be open to residents of Big Spring and Howard County who show knowledge in one of the following areas:

- An interest in the health, safety, and welfare of the public and animals
- Experience and/or knowledge

of animal shelter operations

- Experience and/or knowledge of public health or sanitation

- Willingness to become familiar with state statutes regarding animal health and safety

- Advanced knowledge or license in veterinarian medicine.

In other business Tuesday, council will consider:

- A public hearing on the proposed FY 2016-17 tax rate.
- Participation in a Texas Enterprise Zone program.

- Amending city regulations to allow residents to pay delinquent utility bills with a credit card or check.

- Approval of the minutes from the Economic Development Corp. June 21 meeting.

- Hold an executive session to consider the city’s lease with Desert Tanks, LLC.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 432-263-7331, ext. 235.

RULES

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“That cannot be allowed to continue, which is why we took action to protect states and school districts.”

The federal government told U.S. public schools in May that transgender students must be allowed to use bathrooms and locker rooms consistent with their chosen gender identity. That announcement came days after the Justice Depart-

ment sued North Carolina over a state law that requires people to use public bathrooms that correspond with the sex on their birth certificate, which U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch had likened to policies of racial segregation. Republicans have argued such laws are commonsense privacy safeguards.

Schools were not explicitly told to comply or lose federal funds. But the Obama administration also didn’t rule out that possibility in court

documents filed in July, saying recipients of federal education dollars “are clearly on notice” that antidiscrimination policies must be followed. Texas alone gets roughly \$10 billion in federal education funds.

The lawsuit was filed in May by Texas, Alabama, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Utah and Georgia, and the Republican governors of Maine, Mississippi and Kentucky. Two small school districts in Arizona and

Texas, which have fewer than 600 students combined and no transgender persons on their campuses, also joined the effort to prevent the directive from being enforced.

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Opinion

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

—FIRST AMENDMENT

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DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord, may we turn our grumbling ways into grateful ways by counting our many blessings. Amen.

Not the way to do minority outreach

In the nanosecond between Donald Trump's foot-in-mouth moments this week, just before he made headlines by announcing changes in the topless blender that is his senior staff, he gave what many consider to be the finest speech of the campaign. CBS' Major Garrett tweeted "Having been listening since August 2015, objectively best drafted & best delivered (Trump) speech of campaign. Will resonate." Byron York of the Washington Examiner, while acknowledging some of Trump's critics' objections, thought Trump delivered a "focused, powerful, and disciplined speech ... focused largely on problems that disproportionately afflict black Americans, arguing that his proposals on crime, immigration, trade, jobs, education, and other issues will improve African-American lives more than Hillary Clinton's."



MONA
CHAREN

Donald Trump is currently polling near zero among African-Americans in key swing states. While it may shock regular readers of this column to see these next words from my pen, there were some good points in Trump's speech. He urged African-Americans to consider that Democratic policies (cities are virtually Republican-free zones) have not yielded solutions but rather "more crime, more broken homes and more poverty." (Actually, crime fell even in big cities starting in the 1990s, but it remains too high.) He argued that those who advance the "narrative of cops as a racist force in our society — a narrative

supported with a nod by my opponent — share directly in the responsibility for the unrest in Milwaukee, and many other places within our country." Well-phrased, which suggests ventriloquism by the speechwriter, but still, credit to the candidate for agreeing to the text.

There are a few reasons to think that this message will not resonate with black voters. Start with the venue: The speech was delivered not in Milwaukee to a black audience but in West Bend, a suburb 25 miles away, which has few African-Americans. The audience was nearly all white.

Second, while African-American voters, unlike Hispanics, women, Muslims and others, have not received much direct incoming fire from Trump's flamethrower during this cycle, they doubtless recall that one of Trump's countless forays into conspiracy-mongering concerned Barack Obama's birth certificate. Some on the right (this columnist included) chafe at the suggestion that all criticism of Obama is merely thinly veiled racism. But birtherism is probably just that. Need more? A couple of weeks ago, Trump suggested that if he loses in November, it will be due to irregularities in "certain areas." He then accused Obama, repeatedly (and unsarcastically) of being the "founder of ISIS." By hiring Steve Bannon of Breitbart, the candidate is signaling that the alt-right, nationalist, protectionist, loutish fringe is going to pilot this ship straight into the reef.

Even supposing that Trump misspoke or was misunderstood about all of the above, it's perverse to imagine that blacks will not have their radar activated when Trump relentlessly derides other minorities. An attack on one minority group — Hispan-

ics have been one of Trump's preferred targets — is threatening to all. Consider the Asian vote in 2012. If there is one minority group that ought to lean Republican, it's Asians. They have very low illegitimacy rates, little divorce, high levels of small business ownership, are highly educated, hardworking and self-sufficient. Yet they cast more than 75 percent of their votes for Obama over Mitt Romney. (Interestingly, the only Asian subgroup that supported Romney was Vietnamese-Americans.) Could it have been the vehement hostility to immigration telegraphed by nearly all of the Republican candidates in the primaries? Funny how touchy people can be.

This election, as calamitous as it will be for many fine candidates, will not have been entirely in vain if it serves to bury the idea — beloved even of many non-Trump Republicans — that the party can win national elections without broadening its appeal to minorities and women. Every precious American tradition, from religious liberty to free speech to free markets to national security, depends upon convincing more Hispanics, Asians and African-Americans to oppose the policies of the Democrats. Even immigration restriction is possible if not framed in an odious way.

This was the year when it would have been relatively easy to do. Hillary Clinton is Imelda Marcos in a pantsuit. The nomination of Trump was the greatest act of self-sabotage by a political party in American history. The Republican Party may not survive it, but if it does, it will be because it stopped signaling that it was the party of white people and got back to being the party of Lincoln.



The "Donation"

Happy New Year!

As regular readers may remember, I have long insisted that Jan. 1 — smack in the middle of winter and completely overshadowed by Christmas, just a week earlier — makes no sense as to when to begin the year. Labor Day — the first Monday in September, when days grow shorter and weather cooler, when vacations end and schools reopen and summer gives way to autumn — is the more logical New Year's Day.



MARK
SHIELDS

If Labor Day is to become the real New Year's Day, then it will need some resolutions, predictions, even semi-reflections.

Given the unfavorable personal ratings both Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump get from voters in every poll, 2016 could turn out to be a Mae West election. For those too young to recall, the earthy and occasionally profane Mae West was Hollywood's original blond bombshell, and she once observed in a film, "When caught between two evils, I generally like to take the one I never tried."

This presidential campaign, sadly, has been almost humor-

free. Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, the GOP VP nominee, is earnest but not publicly witty. Mitch Daniels, the current Purdue University president and former budget director under President George W. Bush, was Pence's Statehouse predecessor. It was Daniels who humorously introduced himself to a roomful of reporters this way:

"I bring greetings from my beloved Indiana, a land of surprises where, as we say, South Bend is in the north, North Vernon's in the south and French Lick is not what you hoped it was."

Since Harry Truman left the White House some 63 years ago, the U.S. has elected six presidents to two consecutive terms (Dwight Eisenhower, Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama), but only once since then — in 1988, with the election of George H.W. Bush to succeed Reagan — have voters given a party a third consecutive term. If Hillary Clinton does win a third White House term for the Democrats in November, then it's a good bet that the overriding reason will be that the 2016 election turned out to be a referendum on Donald Trump.

I resolve to put on my car's bumper the campaign sticker of the candidate who in the first presidential debate, on Sept. 26, can, in 60 seconds, make a direct

case for her/his election without once mentioning his/her opponent.

How was the United States — without either a gluten-free cuisine or quinoa anywhere on the menu — ever able to win both World War II and the Cold War?

Since the end of World War II, well over 100 countries have become democracies. It is fair to say that the American democratic experience has inspired millions around the globe. But what does it tell us that not a single one of the world's new democracies, when choosing how to elect its national leadership, even considered copying our uniquely irrational Electoral College system?

How irrational is the Electoral College? Consider this: California, the largest state, has approximately 39 million residents, and having 53 U.S. representatives and two U.S. senators entitles it to 55 electoral votes. This means that California gets one electoral vote for every 700,000-plus of its citizens, while Wyoming — which has a total population of just 584,000 but two U.S. senators and one U.S. representative — is awarded three electoral votes, translating roughly to one electoral vote for every 195,000 Wyomingites.

It remains mathematically impossible to over-tip a waitress at breakfast. Happy Labor — New Year's — Day.

Cowboys open sparkling facility

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Jason Witten glanced overhead at a giant picture of him above the walkway to the new indoor practice stadium for the Dallas Cowboys.

Defensive coordinator Rod Marinelli turned one way through a crowd of media members, only to reappear seconds later going the other way, not afraid to admit he was lost.

The Cowboys had their first workday Sunday at their new practice facility — part headquarters, part spa, part museum with amenities the players probably couldn't have imagined at aging Valley Ranch.

"I mean, words can't describe it," Witten said about the site about 30 miles north of Dallas. "It's an unbelievable facility."

Historical displays from a franchise with five Super Bowl titles are scattered through the football wing and the adjacent headquarters, an office building with a view of the outdoor practice fields on one side.

The cramped training room at the old facility in Irving has been replaced by multiple rooms and rehab pools, including one

with a surface that moves up and down to accommodate players limited by movement coming off surgery. It also has underwater cameras for athletic trainer to see as player's feet hitting the surface.

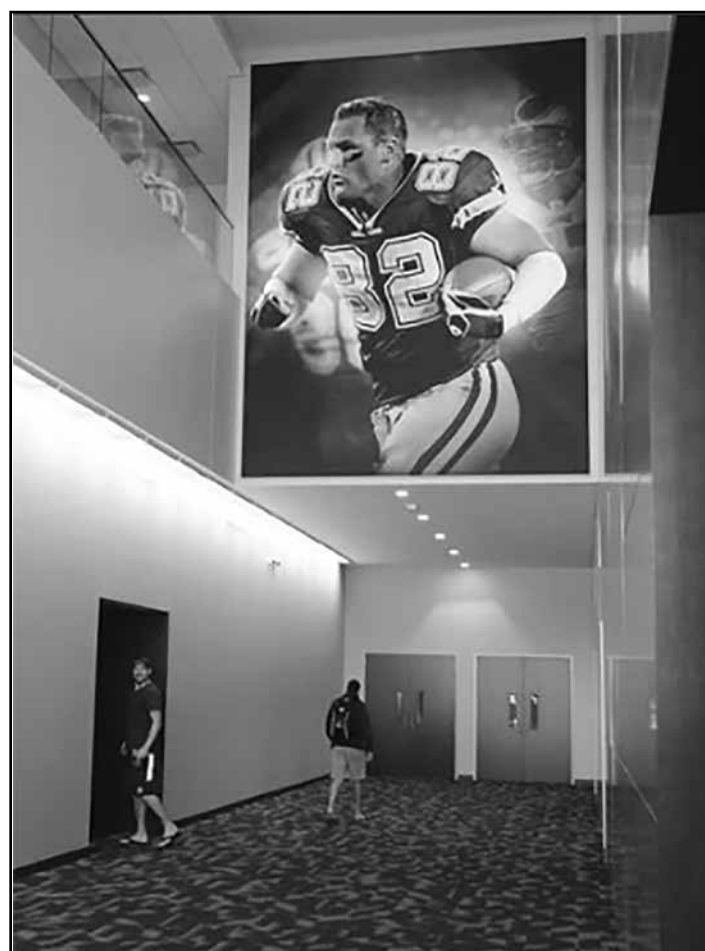
And the football-shaped locker room dwarfs the previous one.

"Probably have to yell if you want to talk to some of the guys down the way," running back Darren McFadden said. "But it's definitely a great layout."

Dallas just finished training camp in California and played the first home preseason game two days before the official move-in to the new headquarters, which was commemorated by a ribbon cutting with owner Jerry Jones and all the dignitaries associated with a project that ultimately will cost more than \$1 billion.

While the Jones family celebrated outside, the Cowboys practiced inside in their own place for the first time since the spring of 2009, when a severe storm destroyed their indoor facility at Valley Ranch.

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Vernon Bryant/The Dallas Morning News via AP
Dallas Cowboys Jason Witten smiles as he makes his way to the players area after looking at a photo of himself at the Dallas Cowboys new headquarters at The Star in Frisco, Texas, Sunday, Aug. 21, 2016. The Cowboys had their first workday Sunday at their new practice facility — part-headquarters, part-spa, part-museum with amenities the players didn't have at Valley Ranch.

Tech LB Stice happy to be back home in West Texas

By OSCAR LEROY

Midland Reporter-Telegram via AP

Luke Stice always knew he would come back home to West Texas.

Although he enjoyed his three years as a walk-on fullback and special teams stand-out with the University of Houston football team, he knew that transferring to Texas Tech for his final year would be a possibility.

So with a redshirt season still available, he took it in 2015 and sat out his final year at Houston. Then the ball started rolling on his decision to come back to God's country, as Stice affectionately calls West Texas.

One of the first people he talked to about the decision was his old friend and his former teammate at Lee, current Tech junior defensive lineman Talor Nunez.

"Talor has been one of my closest teammates since junior high and high school and he was one of the first guys I talked to about the possibility of having an opportunity here," Stice said. "Once it started looking like this was going to be the place where I would play my final year, everything just kind of fell into place."

An added bonus was that he has

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Cuban star Gurriel singles in big league debut for Astros

By TODD KARPOVICH

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Houston Astros manager A.J. Hinch has already described Yulieski Gurriel as an international star. Now, the 32-year-old Cuban is getting a chance to make his mark in the majors.

Gurriel singled in his first big league at-bat Sunday after being called up from Triple-A Fresno earlier in the day.

"I wasn't sure I was going to get my first hit that fast," Gurriel said. "I will take care of (the ball) and put it away and put in a place that is very special."

Gurriel was the designated hitter against Baltimore, and he came to the plate in the second inning after waiting a bit — the start of the game at Camden Yards was delayed more than four hours because of rain.

Gurriel finished 1 for 2 with a walk and a groundout. He left the game in the eighth with right hamstring tightness and is day to day.

"This is the one test in his whole life he has never answered," Hinch said. "He's played at every level in the world and been on the center stage and one of the best international players for a long time. This will be different for him, he'll feel like a rookie again."

Gurriel, who signed a \$47.5 million, five-year deal with the Astros on July 16, is primarily a third baseman. This weekend, the AL wild-card contenders sent third baseman Luis Valbuena back to Houston to re-evaluate his injured right hamstring, and he could be out for the season.

But Gurriel can play other positions and could

possibly get some time in left field, Hinch said. Gurriel said he is open to helping the club any way he can.

"I'm not going to be nervous. Excited is probably a better word," Gurriel said through a translator. "This has been a dream of mine for years. For a Cuban player, to make it is a big deal, so I'm excited."

Gurriel batted .250 with two home runs and 14 RBIs in 15 games (56 at-bats) with four Astros' minor league affiliates. That was enough for Houston to give him an opportunity at the major league level, especially with Valbuena ailing.

"He got up to 50 at-bats with us in the minor leagues," Hinch said. "That's a normal spring training for him. We've bounced him around the country. But from a baseball standpoint, he's

ready and he's ready for this challenge. To add him to this group is exciting for us, certainly fun for us, our guys will be excited about it. His baseball readiness, he's in shape and ready to go."

Gurriel said the biggest adjustment might be dealing with all of the excessive travel of a major leaguer. That was never an issue in his native Cuba. He got his first taste of that grind flying from California to Maryland to meet his new teammates.

"Those trips are always a little tiring," Gurriel said. "Obviously, in Cuba I didn't travel as much as they do here. But I'm ready to play and help my team today."

To make room on the roster, infielder Tyler White was optioned to Triple-A after Saturday's game.



AP Photo/Gail Burton

Forsythe homers in return, Rays beat Rangers 8-4

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — The AL West-leading Texas Rangers stumbled again on the road against Tampa Bay.

Logan Forsythe homered after missing four games due to back spasms, and the Rays took two of three from the Rangers with an 8-4 victory on Sunday.

Forsythe hit an opposite-field, three-run shot off Martin Perez (8-9) during a five-run fourth that made it 6-2. He has six homers in his last 10 games.

"It's a challenge to recover from a five-run inning," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "Martin today, kind of the old nemesis, that one inning is a big inning."

Drew Smyly (6-11) allowed four runs and five hits over 6 2/3 innings to go 4-0 in his last six starts.

"Texas has been in first place all year," Smyly said. "They've got a very good lineup, great pitching and we beat them two out of three."

Tampa Bay, last in the AL East, has won six of seven while outscoring opponents 55-18 dur-



AP Photo/Chris O'Meara

Texas Rangers starting pitcher Martin Perez waits for a new ball as Tampa Bay Rays' Logan Forsythe runs around the bases following a his three-run homer during the fourth inning of a baseball game Sunday.

ing the stretch.

"I think we're getting big hits, having more quality at bats with guys in scoring position," Forsythe said.

Delino DeShields hit a two-run homer in the third inning and Drew Stubbs had a solo drive in the fifth for the Rangers, who have lost nine (1-9-2) of their last 12 regular-season road series against the Rays. Texas beat

Tampa Bay in the 2010 and 2011 ALDS, going a combined 5-0 at Tropicana Field.

Perez, 1-8 on the road this season, gave up six runs, five hits and three walks over six innings.

"They scored some runs but I feel (physically) good," Perez said. "That's part of the game."

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Get a grip: Harvick loves Bristol Motor Speedway

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) — Kevin Harvick believes Bristol Motor Speedway is on to something. Now, he wants similar tracks to follow that lead.

Bristol officials used a tacky resin to "polish" the track and improve grip on the bottom lane so racers would have a two-groove layout and be able to pass down low.

Harvick used the lower groove several times to stick and move past drivers on the way to winning the rain-delayed, water-logged Sprint Cup race Sunday night.

The past few years, Harvick said there was no use taking the low side of the high-banked, concrete track because cars were three-or-four tenths of a second slower.

"Tonight, you could hold your ground, you

could get past lapped cars," he said. "It gave everybody an option to do something different and, as a driver, that's what you want."

Harvick pointed out a couple of other similar circuits in need of Bristol's grippy approach.

"Martinsville needs to call Bristol and say, 'What do we need to do to make a second lane come in?' because they did a great job here," he said. "I think that would be the first place I would attack and do something different."

Drivers and fans had complained that Bristol had become a top-heavy, one-groove race track where passes were far less frequent than in the bump-and-run days of Darrell Waltrip, Rusty Wallace and the late Intimidator, Dale Earnhardt.

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and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court, 118th Judicial District, of Howard County, Texas, by the District Clerk on said date, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on the 28th day of July, 2016, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in September 2016, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the Courthouse door, of said County in the City of Big Spring, beginning at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of the defendants in such suit to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Howard and the State of Texas, to-wit:

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Dated at Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this the 28th day of July, 2016.

/s/ Stan Parker
STAN PARKER
SHERIFF,
HOWARD COUNTY

#9136 August 15, 22, & 29, 2016

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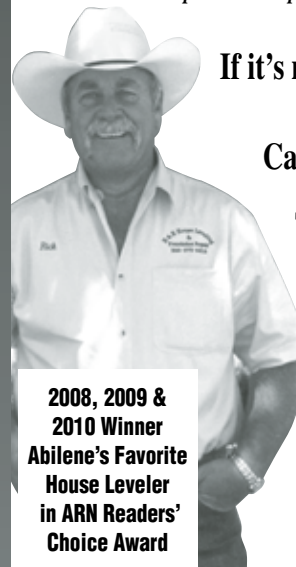
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**Chinese Proverb of
the Virgo Sun**

The sun's trans-
it into Virgo begins
a course of major
productivity. Creative
and experimental
efforts will soon yield
quantifiable results!
Protect against nay-
sayers who might
dampen momentum
and spoil the vibes. As
one Chinese proverb
suggests, the person
who says it cannot be
done should not inter-
rupt the person who is

doing it.
**ARIES (March
21-April 19).** You've
celebrated many wins
achieved with those in
your group. Now you'll
celebrate an individ-
ual success. Some
may feel threatened
by this, but ultimately
it will only contribute
to the strength of the
group.

**TAURUS (April
20-May 20).** There will
be none who come to
you that do not leave
your presence in a
happier state of being.
You consider it your
sacred and joyous
responsibility to uplift
others.

**GEMINI (May 21-
June 21).** When one
person lowers his or
her standards and the
other raises them, the
middle ground where

they meet is, unfortu-
nately, a place neither
really wants to be. Is
there a better collabor-
ation out there for
you? It's a fine time to
look.

**CANCER (June
22-July 22).** Future
You is built on the
choices of Present
You and that's a prob-
lem; what you want
now is incongruous
to who you want to
become. Something's
got to give. Decide
what you want most;
then make a choice.

**LEO (July 23-
Aug. 22).** They'll be
asking you ques-
tions you'd rather not
answer. Do what the
politicians do -- an-
swer the question
you wish you'd been
asked instead. Think
of what you want them

to know about you,
and nudge the conver-
sation accordingly.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-
Sept. 22).** The truly
powerful don't need to
lose their cool, raise
their voice or spout
off. The truly power-
ful need only to call
on their resources
to achieve a desired
result. Be calm. Calm-
ness is power.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-
Oct. 23).** When you
realize the hefty cost
of harboring resent-
ment, you'll likely
give it up. Why keep
something that caus-
es you such pain and
inconvenience, mean-
while having little to
no effect on its source?

**SCORPIO (Oct.
24-Nov. 21).** The situ-
ation that's happening
today is fresh, but the

strife you're attach-
ing to it may be old. Are
you confusing what
happened in your past
with what's happening
now? These people
are not those people.

**SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21).**
You can't control
whether people accept
or reject what you're
presenting, but you
can certainly stack the
odds in your favor by
presenting to those
who have the best po-
tential to be a good fit.

**CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** If
you're only offering
forgiveness because
it was asked of you, it
probably won't take.
When you finally do let
go of your grievances,
it will be so that you
can feel better and
move on. That's as

good a reason as any.
**AQUARIUS (Jan.
20-Feb. 18).** Today
you'll be struck by
what an utter waste of
time it is to offer your
judgment to others.

Besides, unless you're
planning on perfecting
yourself in every area
of life, there's no room
to judge.

**PISCES (Feb.
19-March 20).** If you,
as a general rule, take
the high road (es-
pecially when those
around you are going
low) you will work
harder to gain altitude,
but occupying a space
closer to heaven will
be worth it.

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Checking Out

Dear Annie: I
have an embarrassing
problem, and I don't
know what to do.
I met a beauti-
ful young woman who
works in a local store.
She is about 20 years
younger than I am.
She took my breath
away the first time I
saw her, but I figured

that with the age dif-
ference, there was no
chance.
I saw her every
day for about 18
months, and every day
I liked her more. One
day, she told me she
was depressed and
needed to be cheered
up. She also told me
she was glad to see
me because I always
cheered her up. That
was the nicest thing a
woman has ever told

me.
A couple of weeks
later, I went into the
store, and we locked
eyes. She turned
around without a word
and went into the back
room and didn't come
out while I was there.
Needless to say, that
hurt.
For the next two
weeks, she acted the
same way, as if I were
invisible. I was devas-
tated. I stopped going
in when she was work-
ing. I can take a hint.

Ten months later,
she changed shifts,
and I saw her again.
It is a much longer
story, but she acted
as if I was her best
friend again. That's
when I realized I am in

love with her. But with
the age difference, I
know it's a no-brainer.
Again I was devastat-
ed, even more so this
time.
My question is
this: Why is she so
cruel? Is it a power
thing? A tease?
My heart is broken
again, and I guess I
want to know why a
woman would do that
to someone who has
always treated her
with respect. It's so
cruel. I'm lost here.
Maybe I hurt her. But
she won't talk about it,
so I don't know. What
should I do? -- Crush
on the Clerk

Dear Crush: I
think you're shopping
in the wrong aisle

here. It's possible this
girl is playing games
with you, but the
bottom line is that you
will never know what
is going on in another
person's head. You
can only control how
you react.
So let's focus on
your feelings here: I
don't think you are in
love with this girl; you
are infatuated with her.
The best way to get
over infatuation is to
avoid the object of it.
Change your routine;
go to a different store.

I'd also recom-
mend getting involved
in a community orga-
nization so you can
meet more people
and build your self-es-
teem. You can't expect
anyone else to respect
you if you don't re-
spect yourself.

Dear Annie: My
girlfriend and I occa-
sionally go to events
during which "The
Star-Spangled Ban-
ner" or a similar patri-
otic song is performed.
The announcers
always ask that peo-
ple stand and please
remove their caps.

My girlfriend, "Marie,"
absolutely refuses
to remove her hat.
This is not for political
reasons. Rather, she
says removing a hat
is only for guys. For-
tunately, no one has
expressed annoyance
at her -- at least no
one other than me.
Asking politely has no
effect. What can I do?
-- No-Hatter

Dear No-Hatter:
Neither of you is too
far off base. The wide-
ly accepted etiquette
is that men must re-
move their hats during
the national anthem;
women can leave
fashion hats on but
should remove unisex
hats (such as baseball
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Bridge**

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South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q
♥ K 9 6 2
♦ K Q J 5
♣ A K 6

WEST ♠ K 9 8 7 6 5 4
♥ A 8 5 4 3
♦ —
♣ Q

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

SOUTH
♠ 10
♥ J
♦ 10 9 7 6 3 2
♣ J 10 9 5 2

The bidding:
South West North East
Pass Pass 2NT Pass
5♦

Opening lead — ace of hearts.

This spectacular deal arose in the
1993 playoff between Mexico and
Canada to determine which of the
two countries would play in the
Venice Cup World Women's Teams
later that year. Canada won the
match by a comfortable margin
despite being on the wrong end of the
deal at both tables.

When Mexico's Luisa Grinberg
and Laura Mariscal held the North-
South cards, the bidding went as

shown. The Canadian West elected
not to act initially with her 7-5 distri-
bution, no doubt planning to enter
the auction at her next turn.
This strategy backfired, however,
when her next chance to bid came
over five diamonds, at which point
she decided to leave well enough
alone. With the club queen falling
singleton, Mariscal had no trouble
making her contract, losing only the
two red aces for plus 600.

At the other table, with Elena
Brucilovsky and Bronia Nosnik of
Mexico sitting East-West, Nosnik
opened the West hand with one
spade, leading to this auction:

| | | | |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| South | West | North | East |
| Pass | 1♠ | Dble | 2♠ |
| Pass | 4♠ | Dble | |

South could have saved the day
by removing her partner's second
double to five diamonds or four
notrump (asking North to choose a
minor), but she elected to pass. The
contract could have been defeated,
but North led the king of diamonds
rather than a top club. Nosnik dis-
carded her losing club on the dia-
mond ace and later led a heart toward
dummy's queen to hold her losses to
three tricks.

Plus 590 at this table gave Mex-
ico a total gain of 1,190 points, or 15
IMPs, on the deal.

Tomorrow: Psychological warfare.
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Annie's Mailbox

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DENNIS THE MENACE

8-22

"YA THINK SOMEDAY I'LL WIN A BEAUTY CONTEST?"

"SURE, IF NOBODY ELSE ENTERS."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

8-22

"We should decide soon, Dolly. I'm startin' to get cold."

HAGAR

8-22

THERE'S NO AVOIDING THEM!

PREPARE TO MEET THE ENEMY!

MAY I BORROW YOUR COMB?

BLONDIE

8-22

I DON'T THINK THE COFFEE IS VERY STRONG THIS MORNING, HONEY

YES, IT IS, DEAR... THE COFFEE IS PERFECT THIS MORNING

IT'S PERFECT?

IT'S VERY PERFECT!

WELL, ALL RIGHT, THEN, PERFECT IT IS

PERFECT

BC

8-22-16

WHAT'S THIS?

I CALL IT A COMIC STRIP.

I SPENT HOURS CRAFTING THE JOKE AND STAGING THE ART TO BE JUST RIGHT.

WIZARD OF ID

8-22-16

IT COULD USE A CAT.

AARRGGHHH!

This Date In History

Today is Monday, Aug. 22, the 235th day of 2016. There are 131 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 22, 1485, England's King Richard III was killed in the Battle of Bosworth Field, effectively ending the War of the Roses.

On this date: In 1787, inventor John Fitch demonstrated his steamboat on the Delaware River to delegates from the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

In 1846, Gen. Stephen W. Kearny proclaimed all of New Mexico a territory of the United States.

In 1851, the schooner America outraced more than a dozen British vessels off the English coast to win a trophy that came to be known as the America's Cup.

In 1910, Japan annexed Korea, which remained under Japanese control until the end of World War II.

In 1922, Irish revolutionary Michael Collins was shot to death, apparently by Irish Republican Army members opposed to the Anglo-Irish Treaty that Collins had co-signed.

In 1932, the British Broadcasting Corp. conducted its first experimental television broadcast, using a 30-line mechanical system.

In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Vice President Richard Nixon were nominated for second terms in office by the Republican National Convention in San Francisco.

In 1968, Pope Paul VI arrived in Bogota, Colombia, for the start of the first papal visit to South America.

In 1972, President Richard Nixon was nominated for a second term of office by the Republican National Convention in Miami Beach.

In 1985, 55 people died when fire broke out aboard a British Airtours charter jet on a runway at Manchester Airport in England.

In 1986, Kerr-McGee Corp. agreed to pay the estate of the late Karen Silkwood \$1.38 million, settling a 10-year-old nuclear contamination lawsuit. The Rob Reiner coming-of-age film "Stand By Me" was put into wide release by Columbia Pictures.

In 1996, President Bill Clinton signed welfare legislation ending guaranteed cash payments to the poor and demanding work from recipients.

Ten years ago: A Russian Pulkovo Airlines jet carrying 170 people crashed in eastern Ukraine, killing all aboard.

Newsday Crossword

WORTH-Y TRIO by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS

- 1 Song
- 5 Speck of dust
- 9 Complete collections
- 13 Scarlett of *Gone with the Wind*
- 15 Baking appliance
- 16 Hint for a detective
- 17 Softens, as sound
- 18 End a plane flight
- 19 Evaluate
- 20 Potential to cause outrage
- 22 Molecule part
- 23 Golfer's pegs
- 24 Jay Z and Dr. Dre
- 26 Auto navigation aid: Abbr.
- 29 Physicians: Abbr.
- 30 Historical period
- 31 Opera solo
- 33 Salty body of water
- 35 Performers' roles
- 40 Buccaneers' plunder
- 44 Mascara mishap
- 45 Guys
- 46 Prepare carefully
- 47 Tax agcy.
- 50 Oh and
- 52 CPR expert
- 53 Motorist's reference
- 57 Glasgow native
- 59 "Yikes!"
- 60 Gold medal, for example
- 65 Skillets and woks
- 66 At no cost

DOWN

- 67 Artist's stand
- 68 One of the Great Lakes
- 69 Isn't truthful
- 70 Locations
- 71 Gets a glimpse of
- 72 Approximate takeoff hrs.
- 73 Scent detector
- 10 Make happy
- 11 One-on-one instructor
- 12 Appears to be
- 14 Posed a question
- 21 Poem
- 25 Baby Bear's dad
- 26 Empty spaces
- 27 ___ and proper (strait-laced)
- 28 Kingly address
- 32 Small battery
- 34 24-hr. bank device
- 36 Poisonous snake
- 37 Regulation
- 38 Disney World shuttle
- 39 Placed in the mailbox
- 41 Quick haircut
- 42 Make a new judgment on
- 43 Pass, as legislation
- 48 Fund-raising lottery
- 49 Holy ___ (one of the Trinity)
- 51 Wishes earnestly
- 53 Boxing ring borders
- 54 Chicago airport
- 55 Sharpshooter Oakley
- 56 Medicinal amounts
- 58 Prepare for a marathon
- 61 Marsh grass
- 62 "That's all there ___ it!"
- 63 Letters symbolizing sleep
- 64 Otherwise

AGNES

8-22-16

I'VE DONE IT! I'VE INVENTED THE TELEPHONE!

IT'S RINGING! WHO COULD IT BE?

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HI AND LOIS

8-22-16

TROUT! GET OUT HERE! THE DAYS OF SUMMER ARE TICK-TOCKING TO GONE!

I KEEP HEARING A VOICE.

I HAVE OUR AGENDA FULLY PREPARED! LOOK LIVELY, NOW! WE'LL HAVE JOY! WE'LL HAVE FUN! WE'LL HAVE SEASONS IN THE SUN!

HOT TOWN, SUMMER IN THE CITY! BACK OF MY NECK GETTING SWEATY AND PRETTY!

THAT'S NOT HOW IT GOES, PILGRIM.

THE OTHER COAST

8-22

WHAT THE HECK IS THAT, STEVE?

A CHILD BOOSTER SEAT.

YOU DON'T HAVE ANY KIDS.

BUT I HAVE A SMALL DOG.

SNUFFY SMITH

8-22

AWRIGHT, DOC--AS HIS CHARACTER WITNESS, HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW TH' DEFENDANT, SNUFFY SMITH?

LET'S NOT SAY, JUDGE, THAT I'VE REMOVED BUCKSHOT FROM HIS BACKSIDE MORE OFTEN THAN I CAN COUNT !!

BEETLE BAILEY

8-22

THEY SAY ALL THE ANTS IN THE WORLD WEIGH MORE THAN THE PEOPLE

WELL, I'M DOING MY PART!

WORTH-Y TRIO

8/22/16

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| TAXI | TSE | BADSIDE |
| ANIMAL | UNCOILED | |
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BOYS

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There is still the business of football, an easy thing to forget amid the hoopla.

"I think our guys will get that message today from coach (Jason) Garrett," defensive tackle Tyrone Crawford said. "And if they don't get it from coach Garrett, they'll definitely get it from me. This is nice. Enjoy it for the day. Get the way around the land and then get back to football. That's got to be the message."

The players have a new team meeting room that seats more than 150. Position group meeting rooms have huge TVs, with large murals of previous stars (Troy Aikman in the quarterback room, for instance). "Cafeteria"

doesn't seem like an elaborate enough word for a dining facility that will feed the players and host parties.

When they practice outside, the Cowboys will have a turf field and a grass field. The weight room has a great field-level view of both, along with dozens of dumbbells that have the Cowboys' famous star logo on the side.

The lockers have cushion seat backs that open for storage. The helmets are illuminated in small cubicles and would like they were for display only if they didn't have scars from game use on them.

"It's just beautiful," quarterback Tony Romo said. "Until you set foot in this place, you can't appreciate it."

It was easy to forget that the Cowboys have another preseason game in four days (Thursday night at Seattle). And the regular-

season opener Sept. 11 at their suddenly secondary \$1.2 billion stadium against the New York Giants.

And it was easy to forget that much of the memorabilia already stuffed inside the new facility — with plenty more coming — is from Super Bowl eras now at least 20 years old. The Cowboys last reached the title game 21 years ago, and 31 years since their old home in Irving opened.

"The great thing about Valley Ranch over all those years were the championships those guys formed and won," said Witten, going into his 14th season along with Romo. "That's what you want to create here. All of this is great, but then you have to go and take the next step and that is win football games."

Just give Marinelli a few days to find his office.



Vernon Bryant/The Dallas Morning News via AP
This Sunday, Aug. 21, 2016 photo shows one of the two practice fields at the Dallas Cowboys new headquarters at The Star in Frisco, Texas. The Cowboys had their first workday Sunday at their new practice facility — part-headquarters, part-spa, part-museum with amenities the players probably couldn't have imagined at aging Valley Ranch.

STICE

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some familiarity with Tech defensive coordinator David Gibbs and linebackers coach Zac Spavital from their days with the Cougars.

Then in December he announced on his Twitter account that he would transferring to Texas Tech and would be playing linebacker, the position he played with the Rebels and became the 2011 District 3-5A Defensive MVP.

Now he's competing for a starting job as the weak-side or middle linebacker as the Red Raiders are going through camp in preparation for the Sept. 3 season opener against Stephen F. Austin at Jones AT&T Stadium.

"It's been a great deal for me coming back out to West Texas," said Stice as he got emotional at one point. "To make the full circle and come back here for the last year of my eligibility and be around a great group of guys that I

have become close to in the last seven months, it's a real special opportunity and I'm excited for what ahead for this team."

Leaving Houston behind Stice said there are no regrets leaving Houston as he believes he had a great deal of closure before making his decision to transfer.

He finished up with the majority of the 2012 freshman class he came in with, and he graduated with a degree in Kinesiology.

"It took a lot of praying, it took a lot of things falling into place," he said. "I just honestly thank God for this opportunity. You can't explain it, but the way things have fallen into place has been really special for me. To tell you the truth, it's really been a special process throughout this entire deal."

Stice went through spring practices with the Red Raiders and was with the team when it scrimmaged at Grande Communications Stadium in April.

But the fact that he was fi-

nally a Red Raider didn't hit Stice until he sat down with the parents of the late Jacob Power, a former teammate at Lee who was killed in a car accident after their senior year. Stice wore Power's No. 37 at Houston and will continue to wear the number at Tech in his honor.

"I met his parents and I showed them the Texas Tech schedule and I just wanted to see if there were any games they could catch," Stice said. "They both got real emotional and we talked about that night how special it was for me being out in West Texas. After I talked to them about and it showed how much it meant to them, it kind of sunk in that we're doing this and we have a chance to do something special for Texas Tech."

Bundle of energy When the Texas Tech coaches talk about Stice, the first thing they mention is the energy he brings every day.

"Luke Stice is new to our program but has really been a leader for us, even though he just got here," said Tex-

as Tech head coach Kliff Kingsbury during his press conference just before the start of camp. "(The) defense tends to lean towards him for energy and any kind of emotion."

Added Spavital: "He's been great, especially with the young group of linebackers that we've got. He just brings that maturity, that work ethic and that leadership role that you can't ask for anything more from that aspect. He's been an asset in so many different ways."

Nunez is very familiar with Stice's enthusiasm. He's seen it many times before and said it can be infectious.

"He is the hardest working guy I've ever known in my life, and that's even an understatement with how hard he works," Nunez said. "He's in the facility longer than anybody else, working on his technique, drills, stretching, taking care of his body. He has the best attitude I have ever known as a person. Every single day it is and whatever day he comes in and it's,

'championship Monday' or 'championship Tuesday', or 'championship Wednesday.' That's his attitude every single day."

And remember, this is not coming from a player who was highly recruited out of high school or even someone on an athletic scholarship. Stice said that's just him and knows that being someone others can look up to.

"If I can inspire my teammates in any way to raise them to a high level, as well as making me a better player, is something I look forward to," said Stice, who's listed at 6-feet, 230 pounds. "Knowing this is my last year at Texas Tech, I'm definitely going to do anything I can to help my team be successful and make the most of this season."

"I take pride in having that West Texas work ethic, as they call it. My old man has been preaching since I was born that attitude and effort are the only two things you can control, and that's exactly what I try to do."

BRISTOL

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Harvick gushed how Bristol's gamble could become a blueprint to improve the on-track product.

On Friday night, Brad Keselowski and Kyle Busch were locked in a pass-happy duel before Busch eventually wrecked and Keselowski ran out of gas — all after 295 of 300 scheduled laps.

"I think Friday night was probably one of the beset Xfinity races I've ever sat and

watched," Harvick said with a grin. "Just really happy to see Bristol back where it is this weekend."

Other things we've learned from the weekend at Bristol Motor Speedway:

BAD LUCK BUSCH: Kyle Busch was in position to win both the Sprint Cup and Xfinity races, yet left the track wrecked both times. On Friday night, he tangled with rival Brad Keselowski and wound up in the wall with five laps to go. On Sunday, Busch led a race-high 256 laps, yet got hit by Justin

Allgaier after a spin. Busch threw his helmet and called both Allgaier and his spotter the "biggest moron(s) out there."

GOOD LUCK BUESCHER: Rookie Chris Buescher, the surprise winner at Pocono earlier this month, moved into 30th in points which would qualify him for NASCAR's Chase. Buescher left here 13 points ahead of David Ragan. Buescher has three races left before the 16-man playoffs begin.

GORDON'S FINISH: Jeff Gordon wound up 11th, his best showing in the four rac-

es he's run in the No. 88 car replacing injured Dale Earnhardt Jr. Gordon won't drive in Michigan because of a prior commitment. Earnhardt is scheduled for tests and Hendrick Motorsports will update his status next week.

WHERE'S JGR?: The Joe Gibbs Racing quartet looked like it would sweep the top spots after it finished 1-2-3-5 in qualifying Friday night. It didn't finish that way Sunday. Denny Hamlin led the way in third while pole-sitter Carl Edwards was sixth. Both Matt Kenseth and Kyle Busch were caught up in accidents

that ended their chances earlier than expected.

IT'S FOOTBALL TIME: Bristol now goes gridiron. Crews almost immediately started the expected 19-day process to convert the iconic NASCAR track into a frenzied football field in time for No. 9 Tennessee to face Virginia Tech. The infield will become the playing surface in a construction project that involves more than 10,000 tons of stones for the base. The Vols and Hokies play Sept. 10 and Western Carolina and East Tennessee play a week later.

TEXAS

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Just trying to do my best."

Steven Souza Jr. put the Rays up 8-4 on a two-run homer in the eighth.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: RHP Tanner Scheppers (left knee) threw an inning Saturday night for Double-A Frisco.

Rays: CF Kevin Kiermaier (left hip tightness) didn't start for the second straight game but entered as a defensive replacement in

the eighth. ... RHP Alex Cobb (Tommy John surgery), nearing the end of a rehab assignment, starts for Triple-A Durham on Monday night.

ROLE OF GOMEZ Banister said Carlos Gomez, signed to a minor league contract Saturday, will primar-

ily start in left field. "This guy can take over a game," Banister said. The move allows Jurickson Profar to move into a utility role. It has not been determined if Gomez will join the team during a series at Cincinnati that starts Tuesday night.

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Howard County heads back to school



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Teachers at Big Spring High School greet incoming students for their first day back.

Back to school, back to school! Students from preschool to high school said good-bye to summer and headed back to the books this morning to start the 2016-2017 school year. Good luck to all Howard County students this academic year!



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

A parent drops his child off at Marcy Elementary School this morning to start the 2016-2017 school year.



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Crossing guard Pat Clayton helps Moss Elementary School students across the street and safely into school this morning.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Students at Big Spring Intermediate School find their classes on their first day of school.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Teachers and administrators visit with Goliad Elementary School students as they are dropped off on their first day.



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

High fives all around for incoming Moss Elementary School students. Moss Elementary computer manager JoAnn Garcia greeted students as they came in this morning.



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Big Spring Junior High School students walk together after being dropped off this morning for their first day back.

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