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Wildfire burns about 300 acres in Howard County

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

About 300 acres burned in a wildfire Saturday in south Howard County.

Howard County volunteer firefighters were called to a wildfire south of town around 6 p.m., according to Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan.

"There was a gentleman that was clearing off his property with a skid steer and he hit a guide wire on an electrical pole and when he hit that guide-wire it snapped the top of the pole and shorted out that primary wire - that 12,500 volt wire,"

Sullivan said. The fire occurred on Ratliff Road and headed toward Highway 87. By the time firefighters arrived on the scene, around 20 acres were already ablaze. Sullivan said the winds and dry conditions helped to spread the fire quickly.

Five structures were at risk but firefighters were able to create a fire guard around them using dozers and maintainers, Sullivan said. Big Spring fire units were also called in to assist.

The fire eventually neared Highway 87 near the Hughes Road exit. As a safety precaution, Sullivan closed the

east service road of the highway.

Firefighters stayed on the scene until about 2 a.m. Sunday. Sullivan said crews continued to monitor the area for flare-ups throughout the weekend.

Because of the very dry conditions created from high temperatures and little rain during the last few months, Sullivan said he will be recommending Howard County commissioners to enact a burn ban soon.

Contact Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 235 or by e-mailing citydesk@big-springherald.com.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Howard County firefighters responded to a wildfire south of Big Spring Saturday evening. The fire burned about 300 acres.

Celebrating summer at FBC



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Above, children enjoy playing in a bouncy castle/water slide at the Forsan Baptist Church's block party held Saturday night. The event drew a large crowd who enjoyed a spread of barbecue and fixings along with dessert. Live music entertained the crowd. Later in the evening the church hosted an outdoor showing of "Pollyanna" on a large movie screen. During the year, the church holds outdoor movie screenings each month if weather allows. At left, Kelli Ballard sings while her son C.J., right, and husband Cortney (not pictured) play accompaniment during the Forsan Baptist Church's block party held Saturday night. The Ballards are members of the Circuit Riders Cowboy Church Band and were part of a group of several musicians who provided spiritual music for the crowd. The church is located at 201 Main St. in Forsan.



Gas prices rise this week in Texas

Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 1.2 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.10/g yesterday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas. This compares with the national average that has increased 3.5 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.31/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 13.9 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 6.4 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 8.3 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 18.2 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

According to GasBuddy historical data, gasoline prices on July 31 in Texas have ranged widely over the last five years:

\$1.96/g in 2016, \$2.46/g in 2015, \$3.36/g in 2014, \$3.50/g in 2013 and \$3.34/g in 2012.

Areas near Texas and their current gas price climate:

- Midland Odessa- \$2.16/g, up 2.0 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.14/g.
- San Antonio- \$2.00/g, flat from last week's \$2.00/g.
- Austin- \$2.05/g, flat from last week's \$2.05/g.

"The upward climb at pumps across the country has largely continued as crude oil prices rallied and stand within striking distance of \$50 per barrel," said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy.com. "The rise in oil has come due to unrest and concern over the political outlook in Venezuela, a major supplier of crude oil to the U.S., due as well to Saudi Arabia's export cut to six million barrels per day. Add on top of it U.S. oil inventories that have declined over 50 million barrels from

Trump insists there's no chaos at White House

By **CATHERINE LUCEY**
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hoping to turn the page on a tumultuous opening chapter to his presidency, President Donald Trump

insisted on Monday there is "no chaos" in his White House as he swore in retired Marine Gen. John Kelly as chief of staff.

In an Oval Office ceremony, Trump predicted Kelly, who previously served as Homeland Se-

curity chief, would do a "spectacular job." And the president chose to highlight an improving stock market and strong jobs outlook rather than talk about how things need to change under Kelly.

Trump on Friday ousted

Reince Priebus as chief of staff and turned to Kelly, whom he hopes will bring military discipline to an administration weighed down by a stalled legislative

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Obituaries

Janel Robertson



Janel Robertson, 80, of Big Spring died Saturday, July 29, 2017, in a Stanton hospital.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2017, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Elwin Collom officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Jan. 13, 1937, in Big Spring; and married Sam Robertson March 21, 1953, in Big Spring.

He preceded her in death Dec. 21, 1996.

Janel was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church and was a homemaker.

Survivors include two daughters, Brenda Hyatt

and husband Mark of Big Spring, and Mica Jepson and husband Rob of Florida; one son, Sam Robertson Jr. of New Jersey; one sister, Mona Drake; two grandchildren, Marcus Hyatt and wife Jackie, and Adam Hyatt and wife Samantha; and three great-grandchildren, Hallie Hyatt, Brooklyn Hyatt, and Colton Hyatt.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Mary Kennon and Lara Clark; and a grandson, Timothy Drinkard.

The family request that memorial contributions be made to Hillcrest Child Development Center, 2000 West FM 700, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Richard Bernard "Rick" Torina Jr.



Richard Bernard "Rick" Torina Jr., 58, of Big Spring died Thursday, July 27, 2017.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Monday at Myers and Smith Chapel, followed by his Vigil service at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug 1, 2017, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Richard was born July 7, 1959, in Memphis, Tenn., to Lynne Catherine Snyder Torina and Richard Bernard Torina Sr.

He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, serving for eight years. He worked for computer companies after his discharge. Richard moved from Oregon to Big Spring five years ago. He had lived in California for 10 years prior. He loved nature, photography, painting, art, literature, and poetry. He was a Catholic.

Richard is survived by his mother, Lynne Herring of Big Spring; his father, Richard Bernard Torina Sr. of Bowman, Ga.; one sister, Angela Parks and husband Bob of Big Spring, and two nephews, Wesley Parks of Austin, and Taylor Parks of Houston.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Stephanie Stricker.

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

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **JESSE REY NUNEZ JR.**, 21, of 105 East 24th Street, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and littering.

• **FERNANDO LEE GONZALES**, 19, of 2509 Dow Drive, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **DANA MCCLAYNE HOLLGORSSEN**, 19, of 1216 Wilson Road, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication by minor.

• **SUSAN ETTA HUMPHREY**, 30, of Colorado City, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **RAUL ORTIZ JR.**, 40, of 119 Collins Road, was arrested on charges of assault by family violence, threat, or offensive touch, and interfering with emergency request for assistance.

• **KODY MARK BARBER**, 18, of 5200 West Fm 818, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespassing.

• **MANUEL SALAZAR CUELLAR**, 45, of 1104 East 6th Street, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 100 block of Collins Road and the 3600 block of Calvin Street.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1200 block of Pickens Street.

• **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore Street.

Take Note

• School at Maranatha Baptist Academy, 903 Johnson St., begins Aug. 1 for the fall term. Maranatha uses Accelerated Christian Education curriculum, an individualized curriculum used internationally (see www.aceministries.com for more information). School and office hours are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. week days. Tuition is reasonable. For more information visit the office or contact Dr. Lillian Bohanan at 432-213-1046.

• Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

• The Big Spring Salvation Army is holding a fan drive to collect and distribute electric fans to those in Howard County who need one but can't afford it. Those wishing to donate can take new or gently used box or pedestal fans to the Salvation Army headquarters at 811 W. Fifth St. Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

People who need a fan should call the Salvation Army at 432-267-8239 to register and receive the distribution date.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

• Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

• 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 has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third

Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

• Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club meets twice a month at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

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

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

• 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.

• Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary Group is looking to expand. Positions are available for the Auxiliary group and the Teen Volunteer program. Must be 15 years of age to take part in the teen volunteer program. If you would like to volunteer please contact Heath White at 268-4850.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

Anaelle Jade Mata Ariel Rose Mata

Anaelle Jade Mata and Ariel Rose Mata, infant daughters of Korina and Rafael Mata, died Tuesday, July 25, 2017, in an Odessa hospital.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2017, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. In addition to their parents, survivors include two sisters, Aaliyha Irene Mata and Serena Nevaeh Mata of Lubbock; their maternal grandfather, Tom Rodriguez of Big Spring; maternal grandmother, Virginia Rangel of Big Spring; paternal grandfather, Dan Herrera of Houston; and their maternal great-grandparents, Matilde and Frances Rodriguez of Big Spring.

They were preceded in death by their paternal grandmother, Irene Mata.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Marion Carter

Marion Carter, 82, of Big Spring, died Friday, July 28, 2017, at his home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Darla Jeanne Cooley Ferguson

Darla Jeanne Cooley Ferguson, 70, of Big Spring died Saturday, July 29, 2017, at her home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Merle "Ray" Haney

Merle "Ray" Haney, 92, of Big Spring died Sunday, July 30, 2017, at her home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Support Groups

MONDAY

• 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.

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

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

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

WEDNESDAY

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

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

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TRUMP

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agenda, infighting among West Wing aides and a stack of investigations.

While Trump is looking for a reset, he pushed back against criticism of his administration on Twitter Monday. He said: "Highest Stock Market EVER, best economic numbers in years, unemployment lowest in 17 years, wages raising, border secure, S.C.: No WH chaos!"

Kelly's success in a chaotic White House will depend on how much authority he is granted and whether Trump's dueling aides will put aside their rivalries to work together. Also unclear is whether a new chief of staff will have any influence over the president's social media histrionics.

Former Trump campaign manager Cory Lewandowski, who was ousted from the campaign in June 2016, said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that he expected Kelly would

"restore order to the staff" but also stressed that Trump was unlikely to change his style.

"I say you have to let Trump be Trump. That is what has made him successful over the last 30 years. That is what the American people voted for," Lewandowski said. "And anybody who thinks they're going to change Donald Trump doesn't know Donald Trump."

Kelly's start follows a wild week, marked by a profane tirade from the new communications director, Trump's continued attacks on his attorney general and the failed effort by Senate Republicans to overhaul the nation's health care law.

In addition to strain in the West Wing and with Congress, Kelly starts his new job as tensions escalate with North Korea. The United States flew two supersonic bombers over the Korean Peninsula on Sunday in a show of force against North Korea, following the country's latest intercontinental ballistic missile test. The U.S. also said it conducted a successful

test of a missile defense system located in Alaska.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., said on CBS' "Face the Nation" that she hopes Kelly can "be effective," and "begin some very serious negotiation with the North and stop this program."

Another diplomatic fissure opened Sunday when Russian President Vladimir Putin said the U.S. would have to cut its embassy and consulate staff in Russia by several hundred under new sanctions from Moscow. In a television interview, Putin indicated the cutback was retaliation for new sanctions in a bill passed by Congress and sent to Trump.

Trump plans to sign the measure into law, the White House has said. After Putin's remarks, the State Department deemed the cutbacks "a regrettable and uncalled for act" and said officials would assess the impact and how to respond to it.

While Trump is trying to refresh his team, he signaled that he does not want to give

up the fight on health care. On Twitter Sunday, he said: "Don't give up Republican Senators, the World is watching: Repeal & Replace."

The protracted health care fight has slowed Trump's other policy goals, including a tax overhaul and infrastructure investment. But Trump aides made clear that the president still wanted to see action on health care. White House budget director Mick Mulvaney said on CNN's "State of the Union," that senators "need to stay, they need to work, they need to pass something."

Asked if nothing should be voted on in Congress until the Senate votes again on health care, Mulvaney said: "well, think — yes. And I think what you're seeing there is the president simply reflecting the mood of the people."

On Saturday, Trump threatened to end required payments to insurance companies unless lawmakers repeal and replace the Obama-era health care law. He tweeted that if "a new HealthCare

Bill is not approved quickly, BAILOUTS for Insurance Companies and BAILOUTS for Members of Congress will end very soon!"

The payments reduce deductibles and co-payments for consumers with modest incomes. Trump has guaranteed the payments through July, but has not made a commitment going forward.

White House counselor Kellyanne Conway said on "Fox News Sunday" that Trump would make a decision on the payments this week.

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, who opposed the efforts to move a health bill forward this week, said on CNN that cutting the payments would "be detrimental to some of the most vulnerable citizens" and that the threat has "contributed to the instability in the insurance market."

The House has begun a five-week recess, while the Senate is scheduled to work two more weeks before a summer break.

Kenya election official tortured, killed days before vote



AP photo

Women pray out loud at an evangelical pre-election prayer rally for peace, in Nairobi, Kenya Sunday, July 30, 2017. Kenyans are due to go to the polls on Aug. 8. to vote in presidential elections after a tightly-fought race between incumbent President Uhuru Kenyatta and main opposition leader Raila Odinga.

By TOM ODILA

Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — An official crucial to running Kenya's presidential election next week has been found tortured and killed, the electoral commission chairman said Monday, as concerns grew that the East African nation's vote again would face dangerous unrest.

Wafula Chebukati helped identify the body of Christopher Msando at the city morgue and said he had injuries to the neck and head. Msando had been reported missing a few days ago.

"This is a brutal murder of our employee and we are demanding to know who killed him and why," Chebukati said. "We are demanding government provide security to all IEBC (electoral commission) staff."

Police did not immediately comment.

Msando had been in charge of managing information technology systems at the electoral commission. Kenya will be using biometric technology to identify voters and

electronic transmission of results, which reduces the chances of fraud.

Msando had publicly sought to reassure voters that the election results would not be tampered with. Chebukati said they have postponed a test run of the technology scheduled for Monday because Msando was crucial in the process.

The opposition has charged that President Uhuru Kenyatta wants to rig the elections, an accusation the presidency has denied.

Msando was found dead a day after police killed an intruder at Deputy President William Ruto's home after an 18-hour siege. Police said the intruder had attacked a guard at the gate with a machete and taken his gun, which he used to kill another police guard. Analysts have warned that further violence could accompany the hotly contested Aug. 8 vote in which Kenyatta is running again.

Kenyan elections have turned violent in the past, notably after the 2007 presidential vote that in-

ternational observers said was flawed. More than 1,000 people died.

The stakes are high for the candidates this time, said Murithi Mutiga, a senior analyst with the International Crisis Group.

"Kenyatta, a scion of one of the most prominent political families in the country, does not want to make history as the first Kenyan president not to achieve re-election. His rival, Raila Odinga, son of Kenya's first vice president, is probably making his last serious attempt at capturing the presidency," Mutiga said. "None of them can afford to lose."

In addition, the electoral commission is relatively new and has faced multiple challenges in preparing for the vote, Mutiga said. Another concern is the threat from the al-Shabab extremist group based in neighboring Somalia. The group recently threatened to disrupt Kenya's election and has carried out more than 100 attacks inside the country since 2011 in retribution for Kenya sending troops to Somalia to fight it.

VP Pence in Estonia: Attack on 1 NATO ally is attack on all

By JARI

TANNER

Associated Press

TALLINN, Estonia (AP) — U.S. Vice President Mike Pence on Monday strongly pledged America's commitment to protecting NATO allies against attacks, including the Baltic states, which have anxiously watched a growing Russian military presence in the region.

"Under President Donald Trump, the United States stands firmly behind our Article 5 pledge of mutual defense — an attack on one of us is an attack on us all," Pence told reporters after meeting with the presidents of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in the Estonian capital of Tallinn.

Mutual defense is a vital issue for the three small former Soviet states that border Russia, which were all occupied for nearly five decades by Soviet troops before regaining their independence in 1991

after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

The United States never recognized the claim by Soviet leader Josef Stalin on the three countries — which have a combined population of 6 million — allowing Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania to maintain independent diplomatic missions and have their national flags stored at the State Department throughout the occupation.

Saying that Trump "knows security is the foundation of our prosperity," Pence said America and the Baltic countries would seek new ways to increase prosperity by increasing two-way trade that currently amounts to \$3.5 billion and by increasing their mutual investments.

Earlier, he met Estonian President Kersti Kaljulaid, Latvian President Raimonds Vejonis and Lithuanian President Dalia Grybauskaitė at

the baroque 18th-century Kadriorg Palace, which was built by the Russian Emperor Peter the Great.

Energy is one way that Washington is seeking to tighten its commercial ties with the Baltic countries. It closed a deal in June to sell liquefied natural gas (LNG) directly from the United States to the region.

A Lithuanian state-owned gas trading company will receive the first delivery of U.S. imported LNG in August — something that Pence said will "benefit not only our prosperity, but regional security. And I am confident that this deal will only be the first of many."

GAS

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March and you have a recipe for a continued rally in gasoline prices in much of the country. Watch for some volatility in oil and gasoline prices in the weeks ahead, especially with

what's going on in Venezuela. August will likely feature the summer's highest gasoline prices."

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Officers forced to jump off freeway to avoid drunk driver

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston woman remains jailed after she allegedly caused two police officers to jump off a freeway during a drunk driving incident.

During her initial court appearance Saturday, Bianca Bennett was ordered held on \$50,000 bond after being charged with intoxication assault.

Houston police say the officers were investigating a separate freeway accident at 3 a.m. Friday when Bennett's vehicle hit one officer in the leg. Both officers then jumped about 15 to 20 feet to the ground below to get out of the vehicle's path.

One officer was treated and released from a hospital. The other officer remains hospitalized but police Chief Art Acevedo says he is expected to make a full recovery.

Court records did not list an attorney for the 25-year-old Bennett.

Body found of woman reported missing at Houston-area forest

HOUSTON (AP) — Authorities say they have found the body of a woman who had been reported missing at Sam Houston National Forest in southeast Texas.

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office said the body of 55-year-old Theresa Kirkpatrick was discovered Saturday morning.

Authorities say the investigation is ongoing and a cause of death has not yet been determined.

The sheriff's office says Kirkpatrick had suffered from diabetes.

Kirkpatrick was reported missing by her husband on Friday.

The couple had gone into the forest to look for a motor bike that had broken down Thursday night.

Authorities say Kirkpatrick's husband lost sight of her and spent several hours looking for her before reporting her missing.

The forest is located about 50 miles north of Houston.

Man accused of illegally storing nearly 10,000 tires at home

LIBERTY, Texas (AP) — A Southeast Texas man is being accused by authorities of illegally storing nearly 10,000 tires at his home.

The Beaumont Enterprise reported Liberty County authorities had received complaints from neighbors of 52-year-old Robert Piver that thousands of unsightly tires were stacked at his house.

Officials say the home was in an otherwise well-kept neighborhood.

Piver had been issued a notice June 1 that he was violating a fire protection order and was given 30 days to remove the tires.

Authorities say an extension to comply with the order was ignored and Piver was arrested Friday. He is charged with illegally dumping over 1,000 pounds, a state jail felony.

He is also charged with violating a fire marshal's order, a Class B misdemeanor.

Jail records didn't list an attorney for Piver.

MS-13 member wanted for 2 Texas murders arrested in Virginia

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston police say an MS-13 gang member known by the name "Terror" and charged with two murders in the Houston area has been arrested in Virginia.

Police say 20-year-old Douglas Alexander Herrera-Hernandez was taken into custody Saturday in Arlington, Virginia, just outside Washington.

Authorities have said he's from El Salvador and in the U.S. illegally. The Texas Department of Public Safety last week placed him on the agency's list of most wanted fugitives.

Herrera-Hernandez is charged with capital murder for the June slaying of a 16-year-old at a Fort Bend County park. Police believe the victim witnessed several MS-13-related murders.

He's also charged with murder for the killing earlier this month outside a Houston apartment complex of a 26-year-old man believed to be another MS-13 member.

12 Texas inmates are serving banned juvenile life sentence



In this Wednesday, June 21, 2017 photo, inmate Jason Robinson, 39, listens to a question during an interview in the Texas state prison in Gatesville, Texas. Robinson was convicted of murder at 16 and sentenced to automatic life with the possibility of parole.

By **CLAUDIA LAUER and JAIME DUNAWAY**

Associated Press

GATESVILLE, Texas (AP) — A dozen Texas inmates are serving a sentence the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled unconstitutional because they were younger than 18 when they committed their crimes.

In early 2016, the court told states to retroactively apply its 2012 ruling that banned mandatory life without parole for juveniles convicted of homicide. While many states have acted to resent offenders to parole-eligible terms, Texas has left it to inmates to apply individually. If they succeed before the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, their sentences will be set aside and new punishment hearings ordered, said Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Jason Clark. Attorney Mandy Miller is working on resentencing requests for three of the 12, including a now-27-year-old man convicted at 15 of capital murder in the beating and burning death of a 19-year-old man he and a handful of other teens robbed. The other nine have not yet requested resentencing. State lawmakers in 2009 passed legislation banning life without parole for offenders 16 and younger and then, four years later, prohibited the sentence for 17-year-olds as well. The law now mandates a sentence of life with the opportunity for parole after 40 years for juveniles who commit certain crimes — but some advocates say even that is too long. The Texas Criminal Justice Coalition is championing legislation to give juvenile offenders an earlier shot at parole. The "Second Look" bill would make those inmates eligible for release after serving 20 years, and require the Board of Pardons and Paroles to consider the "growth and maturity of a

youthful offender." The bill died in committee this year, but the group will try again next session.

The coalition said 2,100 inmates who committed crimes as teens would have qualified for parole sooner — more than 1,600 in the next two years.

Larry Robinson's son is one.

Earlier this year, Robinson broke down in tears as he told a legislative committee all the things that weren't considered when his son Jason was sentenced to automatic life with the possibility of parole: nightmares about Larry's deployment during Operation Desert Storm, physical abuse from a relative, drug addiction, suicidal thoughts, and trips to three psychologists.

"The sentencing ... was the worst day. It's like the life just came out of me," Robinson said recently. "I just kept blaming myself, saying that it was my fault."

Jason Robinson was 16 when he and two other teens robbed the 19th Hole Pawn Shop in Killeen in 1994. They restrained clerk Troy Langseth and duct-taped his mouth before one teen stabbed him multiple times, including a blow that pierced his heart. The trio made off with 17 guns and the store's security videotape.

The younger Robinson, who turns 40 in January, talked about poor decisions that led him to that moment in an interview at the Alfred D. Hughes Unit in Gatesville. He remembered snorting lithium and said he went along the day of the robbery because his friends had marijuana.

Langseth was 24, lanky and tall, with curly brown hair and a beloved white Camaro. He was taking computer science college classes and wasn't supposed to work that morning.

"It doesn't seem real that you can make a decision that takes five minutes to make, and it can affect everyone's lives ... even 23

years later," Jason Robinson said. "I know sorry is not good enough. I wish things were different."

He also understands that he wants the very thing he stole from Langseth — a chance at having a life. He's never had a driver's license, never been on a real date, never walked across a stage to graduate, although he's earned his GED and two college degrees while in prison.

"I live with knowing what happened and the consequences of our actions," he said, but "I feel like I'm running out of time."

Mark Langseth was 21 when his brother was killed and believes Robinson should serve out his term. "When you are 16, or even 15, every person ... that walks the face of the planet understands that there are consequences," Langseth said. "Jason's actually lucky in a way that he at least gets to keep on living. My brother doesn't get that opportunity."

Some pushing for changes in Texas' juvenile sentencing laws say a life sentence even with the possibility of parole means inmates like Robinson may never be released. Attorney Elizabeth Henneke said data from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice show that less than 5 percent of juveniles sentenced to life before 2013 have been paroled.

Henneke, who represents Robinson, recently formed the Lone Star Justice Alliance, a nonprofit that will contest trying juveniles in adult court and sentencing them to long prison terms, and wants to address underlying issues that lead to juvenile crime.

Murff Bledsoe tried Robinson's case. Now an adjunct faculty member at The University of Texas at Austin School of Law, he sees validity in arguments that juveniles lack the same maturity and brain development as adults, potentially leading to reckless acts.

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Travel ban keeps orphan kids from US foster families

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER

Associated Press
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Tianna Rooney has already bought the poster board for the sign she'll wave when the 16-year-old refugee boy her family is taking in arrives in the United States. Rooney knows the exact words of welcome she'll write on it, in the teenager's native language from the African country of Eritrea.

But Rooney's family is leaving the sign blank, for now. She and her husband, Todd, fear actually writing the words "Welcome Home" could break her heart.

The foster son they're waiting for is part of a small, three-decade-old U.S. program for so-called unaccompanied refugee minors that has been halted by a series of new refugee bans and travel limits imposed by the Trump administration in the name of fighting terrorism.

By blocking the program, the U.S. travel bans have stranded more than 100 refugee children who were already matched to waiting American foster families. Without parents or other adult relatives, those kids are living on their own in countries of temporary refuge, in limbo while their U.S. foster parents hope for a court ruling that will allow the children to finish their journeys.

Since the June day a refugee agency matched the Rooneys with their foster son, which turned out to be the same day of the first Supreme Court ruling barring him, "we have experienced this very unexpected ride of grief in our family," says Rooney, a 39-year-old family therapist and mother of two from Brighton, a suburb of Detroit.

Meanwhile, the boy who fled his home country at 13 to avoid widespread forced military conscription of children continues to fend for himself on the streets in his temporary refuge in another African capital, with no phone or internet for the Rooneys to reach him to explain the delay.

"There's part of me that really hopes he knows a family wants him," Tianna Rooney says.

Since the 1980s, the program for orphaned refugee children has brought in more than 6,000 refugee children, including 203 last year.

"These are kids on their own, and struggling to survive," said Elizabeth Foydel, policy counsel with the International Refugee Assistance Project, a Washington, D.C., legal-aid group for refugees.

"How long do you feel comfortable with your child not having a caregiver?" Foydel says she asks other Americans. "Trying to manage for

themselves?"

The program for orphaned refugee children from around the world is different from one started by the Obama administration in 2014 for Central American children fleeing a surge in violence there.

In the program for unaccompanied refugee children, kids eking out a living by themselves in a refugee camp or elsewhere must first come to the attention of a U.N. agency, which may choose to refer them for the U.S. foster program, especially if the children are deemed to be particularly vulnerable wherever they are now. The children must then pass U.S. security screenings and other requirements, and win a match with an American foster family or group home.

But a series of Trump administration orders, and court rulings interpreting them, are now barring refugees with no close family in the United States. That requirement shuts out the refugee children in the foster program, who have no relatives they can turn to anywhere.

The child refugees newly blocked from waiting American foster families include five Ethiopian sisters, ages 9 to 16. The girls lost both parents in 2009, and have faced abuse alone in the war zone of neighboring South Sudan and in Sudanese cities, said Jessica Jones, policy counsel for the Baltimore-based Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service. Along with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Lutherans are one of two U.S. groups running the program on behalf of the U.S. State Department.

Other waiting children include a 17-year-old couple originally from the Asian country of Myanmar and the baby they had together in a refugee camp, after fleeing attacks on their Rohingya religious minority in Myanmar.

In her home in another Detroit suburb, Sharon Martin, 64, has bought a crib for the young refugee family from Myanmar. But the children's books she bought, Martin said, are really for her. "If they come, I can finally read to a child again," Martin says.

Refugee workers say the family faces forced return to Myanmar if their U.S. arrangements fall through.

In San Francisco, meanwhile, web designer Julie Rajagopal and husband Mike Gougherty, a senior planner for a regional ferry system, are two of the lucky ones.

The 16-year-old boy they are fostering also fled a lifetime of forced military service in Eritrea, at 13. When he landed in March, a slight youth coming off



AP Photo/Jeff Chiu

In this July 14, 2017 photo, Julie Rajagopal, facing, hugs her 16-year-old foster child from Eritrea after posing for photos at Dolores Park in San Francisco. When he landed in March, he was among the last refugee foster children to make it into the U.S. Trump administration travel bans declared to block terrorists also are halting a small, three-decade-old program bringing orphan refugee children to waiting foster families in the United States.

the plane in an ill-made tracksuit, he was among the last refugee foster children to make it into the U.S.

Rajagopal, 35, often had stayed up through the night calling government workers and charity officials in the faraway African hub of Cairo to speed her new foster son's paperwork.

On a clear day this summer, the teen strolled with the couple at a park overlooking San Francisco. In the city's hip Mission District, he blended seamlessly in a red sweater and shoes he carefully matched himself, and jeans he insisted on lovingly ironing with each wear.

Meanwhile, in Brighton, the Rooneys and their 10- and 12-year-old sons stack new socks and T-shirts in the bedroom they've set aside for the boy they nicknamed "Five," meaning the eagerly awaited fifth member of their family.

Tianna Rooney recently got out the poster board, thinking to work on the welcome sign. After a concerned look from her husband, she put it away.

"We want to think positive thoughts" that their foster son will come safely, Todd Rooney said. "But without endangering ourselves. Without setting ourselves up for a heartache."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Big Spring Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:15 P.M., August 10, 2017, in the Big Spring High School Board Room, 707 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.1195 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$ 0.2800 / \$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	3.23% (decrease)
Debt Service	19.36% (decrease)
Total Expenditures	5.00% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value * of all property	\$ 2,181,177,336	\$ 2,259,908,426
Total appraised value * of new property **	\$ 23,726,286	\$ 16,148,368
Total taxable value *** of all property	\$ 1,695,830,143	\$ 1,785,162,100
Total taxable value *** of new property **	\$ 22,526,762	\$ 15,220,471

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness * \$ 53,050,000.

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund *	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.11950	\$ 0.28000 *	\$ 1.39950	\$ 6,279	\$ 2,558
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.10093	\$ 0.23114 *	\$ 1.33207	\$ 5,763	\$ 3,052
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.11950	\$ 0.28000 *	\$ 1.39950	\$ 6,633	\$ 3,052

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 84,841	\$ 87,865
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 42,873	\$ 45,292
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.3995	\$ 1.3995
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 600.01	\$ 633.86
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 33.85

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.3995. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.3995.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 8,192,671
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 3,055,495



HOF Series: Jones' next stop in journey with Cowboys: Canton



Dallas Cowboys team owner Jerry Jones smiles as he walks onto the field during warm-ups before the game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Dec. 18, 2016, in Arlington.

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

FRISCO, Texas — Jerry Jones never seems sure where to start in tracing the roots that led to him becoming one of the most powerful men in the NFL.

His influence in the league is as good a reason as any why the Dallas Cowboys owner and general manager will soon be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Maybe it's the 9-year-old Jones dressed in a bow tie by his moth-

er so he could greet customers at the family grocery store in Arkansas. Or perhaps it's the young Razorback who figured out he could buy game tickets from students for \$1 and sell them for \$20, which included leaving the locker room to make arrangements for fans.

The most direct link is emerging as the surprise buyer of the proud but fading Dallas franchise for \$140 million in 1989. That came a little more than 20 years after a failed bid for the San Di-

ego Chargers, which he tried as a precocious 20-something with almost nothing but borrowed cash.

"These years have been so filled up with special times, even the rough ones, I thought that was my reward," said Jones, who has been on the stage as a presenter three times: for receiver Michael Irvin, running back Emmitt Smith, and offensive lineman Larry Allen.

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Lady Steer Volleyball Watermelon Preview

Special to the Herald

Come out and support the Lady Steers as they host the Lady Steer Volleyball Watermelon Preview.



When: August 8, Preview starts at 5:30.

Where: Big Spring High School Gymnasium

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When: August 5 - 6

Where: Comanche Trail Golf Course

Entry Fee: \$50.00 green fee (cart not included)

Divisions: Men's, Women's, Senior Men's

Who can play: Any Howard County resident, and anyone that is a current member of the Big Spring Country Club or annual member

of the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Format: 36 holes, individual play.

Tee Times: Assigned tee times can be made Saturday at the player's convenience. Sunday's tee times will be assigned according to flights.

For more information, please contact Linda Summersell at 432-264-2366.

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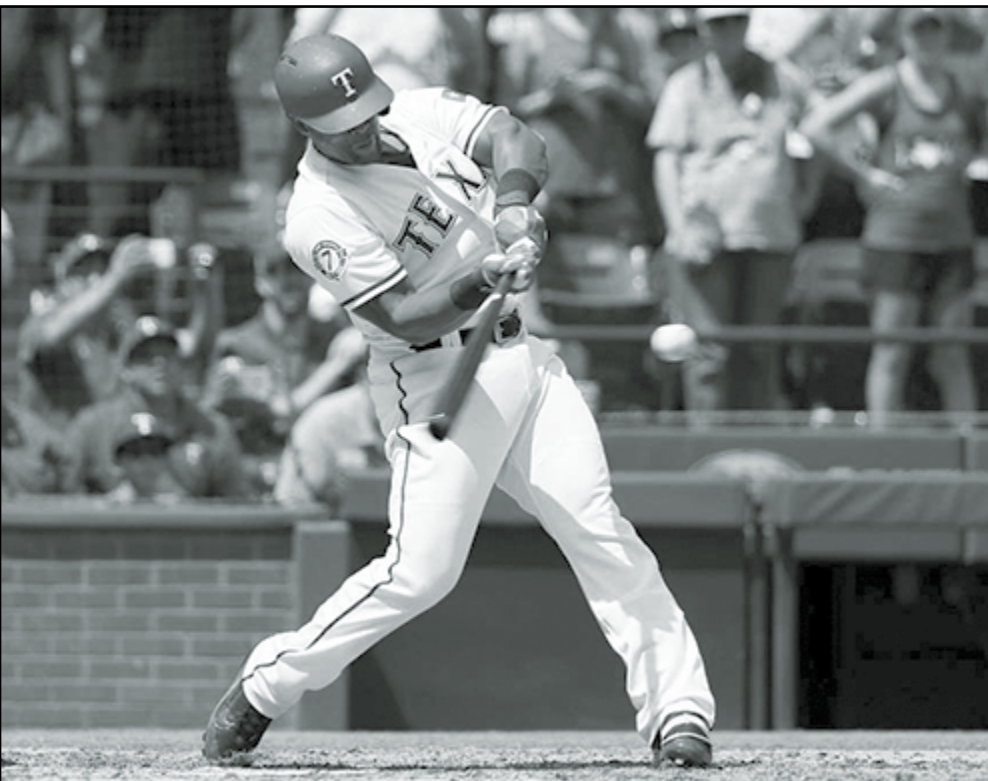
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Clubhouse.

The season starts on August 21 thru October 30. A parent meeting will be held at the clubhouse on Monday, August 7 at 6 P.M.

For more information, please call Luis Porras at 432-517-0688.

Beltre gets 3,000th hit in Rangers' 10-6 loss to Orioles



AP photo

Texas Rangers' Adrian Beltre hits a double off a pitch from Baltimore Orioles' Wade Miley in the fourth inning of a baseball game, Sunday, July 30, 2017, in Arlington, Texas. The hit was the 3,000th of Beltre's career.

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Adrian Beltre doubled for his 3,000th career hit Sunday, reaching the milestone in the Texas Rangers' 10-6 loss to the Baltimore Orioles.

The Rangers already were down 4-0 when the 38-year-old third baseman, who went 1 for 5 in his 2,771st game, had a hard hit down the line past third base in the fourth inning.

Beltre became the first player from the Dominican Republic, and 31st overall, to join the 3,000-hit club in the major leagues.

Jonathan Schoop and Welington Castillo homered in a five-run fifth for a 9-2 Orioles lead. Castillo also had the last of three consecutive RBI singles off lefty Martin Perez (5-9) in the fourth.

Wade Miley (5-9) went five innings and one of the four hits he allowed being to Beltre, who grounded a 3-0 pitch that went past the bag and then ricocheted off the side wall into left field.

The Orioles lefty also got one of his five strikeouts when Beltre went down swinging in the second

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Verlander's pitching, Upton's slam lead Tigers past Astros



AP photo

Detroit Tigers starting pitcher Justin Verlander throws during the first inning of a baseball game against the Houston Astros, Sunday, July 30, 2017, in Detroit.

By DAVE HOGG

Associated Press

DETROIT — Justin Verlander is probably still going to be a Detroit Tiger on Monday evening.

The Comerica Park crowd gave him a farewell just in case.

In his last start before Monday's trade deadline, Verlander (6-7) pitched six shutout innings in a 13-1 win over the Houston Astros. He gave up five singles and three walks while striking out six.

The subject of trade

rumors since last winter, Verlander received a long standing ovation from the crowd of 31,970 when he walked off the mound after the sixth inning. He tipped his hat before entering the dugout.

"I didn't tip my hat when the fans did that on Monday, and I felt bad about it, because you never know what is going to happen," he said. "I wanted to get another chance to do it, just in case this is it. The fans here have always had my back and I wanted to show them I

appreciated it."

It wasn't the last time the fans had a reason to cheer. The Tigers only led 3-0 when Verlander left, but scored 10 runs in the last three innings.

"It was great to see our bats come alive like that," Tigers manager Brad Ausmus said. "We needed that."

Justin Upton matched a career best with six RBIs for the Tigers, who handed the Astros their first back-to-back losses since June 12-13.

"They might be the

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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the **San Andres and Clearfork Formation, Guitar 7 Lease, Well Number 2**. The proposed disposal well is located **4.0 miles Northwest** of Big Spring, Texas in the **Spraberry (Trend Area) Field**, in Howard County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from **3,600 to 5,800 feet**.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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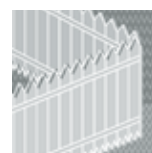
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SM ENERGY COMPANY, [RRC Operator No. 788997] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 24, Bk. 35, T&P RR CO / POWELL, M Survey, A-797, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 13.3 miles W direction from BIG SPRING, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons in-

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#9476 July 31, 2017

Tomorrow's Horoscope

than with close loved ones. It's because with strangers, one is less influenced by expectation, history and what there is to personally gain from the deal. Pure and actionable info is available now from sources unknown and unknowable.
ARIES (March 21-April 19). Moods are like weather. They are not contained inside our body; rather, they radiate out and affect anyone nearby. The angry find irritation in every object.

The amorous find love in every eye.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Though there are instances when a little competition makes things interesting, in your current cosmic position it is not advised. In fact, competition may very well be the killer of romance and friendship.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What you feel with your heart and soul may be impractical, illogical and whimsical beyond your comfort level. Regardless, your heart and soul have the wheel. They'll steer you there whether or not it makes any sense.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). You have a strong point of view but will not be inclined to argue it. After all, it's not that important to you that others think you're right or do it your way. What's important to you is finding a way to work together.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Embrace the entirety of who you are -- your strengths and vulnerabilities, the parts that align with the popular morals and rules, the parts that don't, the refined and the rough. There is an awesome power in deep self-acceptance.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Mastery tempered with humility -- this is the balance

to strike. When you are knowledgeable and skilled yet wisely humble, you'll be able to rein in, harness and direct the power within you toward a challenging aim.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Every dalliance demands a tribute. The costs are usually not upfront and clearly marked on the menu. You learn them by weighing carefully each interaction. Let one question guide you: What's in it for them?
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A sincere desire to learn -- this is all that the teacher will ask of you. So don't worry about whether you are prepared or have the prerequisites to absorb the lesson. For the willing student, education is inevitable.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be the first to suggest a smart, loving compromise to the problem that plagues your relationship. But it doesn't end there. This is just the start of the conversation. This is something you can handle together.
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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Special things are only truly special if they happen very infrequently. The rare thing is precious (SET ITAL) because (END ITAL) it's rare. Be choosy about when and to whom you offer the special thing you give, or it will become ordinary and expected.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 31). Ro-

mance will be the star pursuit at the top of this solar return. Also (perhaps inspired by love), you'll succeed in creating new habits and lifestyle transformations over the next three months. Early 2018 presents fresh financial options. You won't be sorry if you choose the stable, steady climb instead of the flashy, trendy path. Pisces and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 14, 28 and 13.

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Venus Opening Gambit

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♥ Q 8 5 3
♦ J 6
♣ A Q 9 6
WEST
♠ 9 8
♥ A 10 9 2
♦ A Q 8 4
♣ 10 4 2
EAST
♠ 10 2
♥ 7 4
♦ 9 7 5 3 2
♣ K 8 5 3
SOUTH
♠ A Q J 7 5 3
♥ K J 6
♦ K 10
♣ J 7

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1♣ Pass 1♠
Dble Redble 2♦ 4♠
Opening lead — nine of spades.

It isn't easy to see how four spades can be made on this deal. With the A-Q of diamonds and king of clubs offside and the hearts not dividing evenly, it seems South must sooner or later lose a heart, two diamonds and a club. But when the deal arose in the 1992 Spingold Teams, Peter Boyd found the way to make 10 tricks.
Boyd reached four spades on the bidding shown. North's redouble of West's takeout double promised precisely three-card spade support.
Boyd won the opening spade lead

in his hand and cashed a second trump. He was sure West had at least four hearts for his double, leaving East with no more than two hearts.
Quite reasonably, Boyd decided he should first try to find East with the doubleton nine or ten of hearts. In that case, after the nine or ten fell on the second round of the suit, a third-round finesse of dummy's eight would permit a club or diamond discard on the queen.
Accordingly, Boyd played the king of hearts at trick three. When West won and shifted to a club, declarer put up dummy's ace and cashed the heart jack, hoping to fetch the nine or ten from East. East did not oblige, but Boyd had another string to his bow.
At trick six, he led a heart to West's nine and dummy's queen, then played the heart eight from dummy and on it discarded the jack of clubs! West won with the ten and was endplayed. If he returned a diamond, declarer would score the king, so West exited with a low club. Boyd played dummy's nine, ruffed East's king, crossed to dummy's six of spades and discarded a diamond on the club queen to bring home his game.
At the other table, West led a club against the same contract, leaving declarer no chance, but that should in no way detract from Boyd's superlative effort at his table.

Tomorrow: Upping the percentages.
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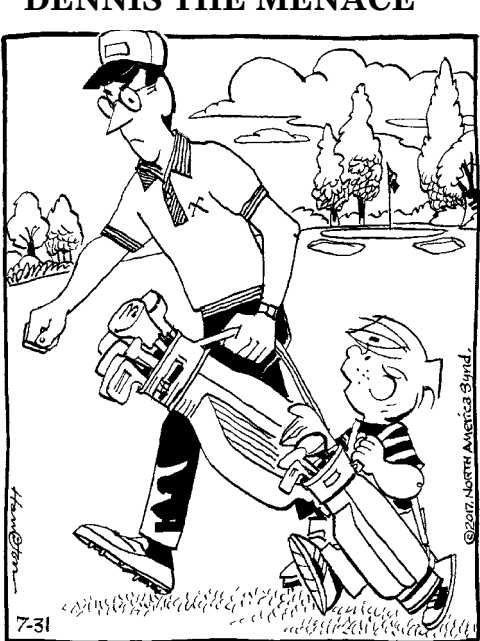
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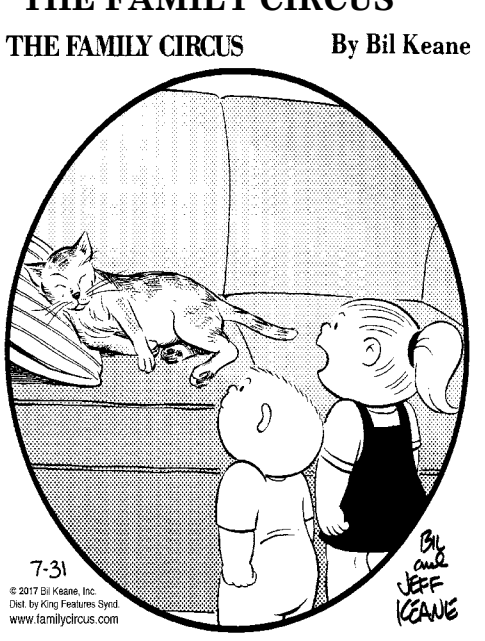
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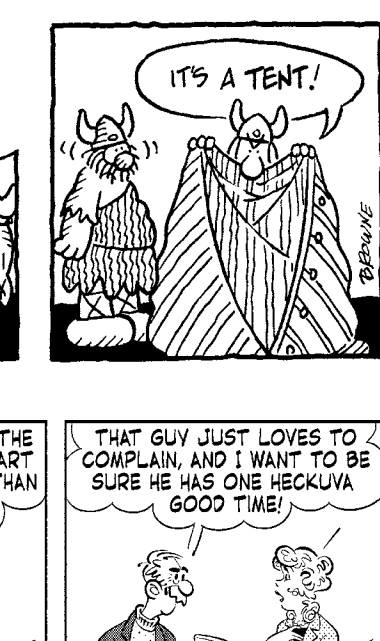
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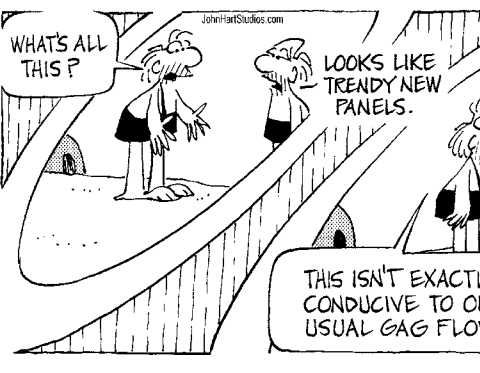
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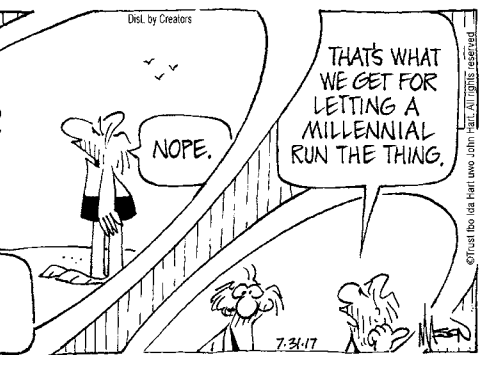
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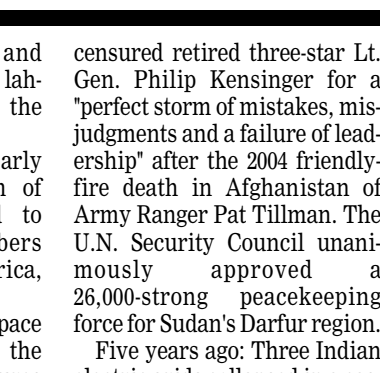
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ACROSS
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14 One frosting a cake
15 TV host
16 DeGeneres
17 "Tall" story
18 "Guilty" or "not guilty"
19 Prince William's mom
20 Take a crack ___ (try)
21 Wave rider's platform
22 Apple cofounder
23 ___ Jobs
24 Turned bad, as milk
25 Optimistic aspect
28 Extend a subscription
29 Big families
30 Weight-loss plan
32 "It's my turn"
35 "___ time, no see"
36 Rounds of applause
37 Winter precipitation
38 Total up
39 Annoys
40 Within the law
41 Pickling liquid
44 Cooks, as a turkey
45 Well-versed in a language
47 Standing tall
49 Shoestrings

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1 "Read my ___!"
2 Legal rights org.
3 ___-do-well (rascal)
4 Choosing for the military
5 Decorated anew
6 Pen name
7 Loud noise
8 Flex
9 Buy a pig ___
10 Sculptor's marble work
11 Tot's floating aid
12 Highly animated
13 Doled (out)
21 Cots and cribs
22 "___ of a gun!"
24 Full collections
25 West Coast school: Abbr.
26 Walk heavily
27 Container for seashells
28 Crimson and scarlet
30 Have the nerve (to)
31 Ballpoint liquid
33 "Billy" farm animal
34 Hooting birds
36 Clue
37 Car passenger's restraint
40 ___ Ness monster
42 Peanut-butter candy brand
43 Shoo-___ (sure winners)
44 Ebb, as the tide
45 Natural talent
46 Cowboy's rope
47 Hair-raising
48 Fits of anger
50 Unadorned
51 Soprano's solo
52 Property claim
53 Not so much
55 Fuel efficiency stat.

This Date In History

Today in History
By The Associated Press
Today in History
Today is Monday, July 31, the 212th day of 2017. There are 153 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On July 31, 1777, during the Revolutionary War, the Marquis de Lafayette, a 19-year-old French nobleman, was made a major-general in the American Continental Army.
On this date:
In 1556, St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, died in Rome.
In 1875, the 17th president of the United States, Andrew Johnson, died in Carter County, Tennessee, at age 66.
In 1919, Germany's Weimar (VY'-mahr) Constitution was adopted by the republic's National Assembly.
In 1930, the radio character "The Shadow" made his debut as narrator of the "Detective Story Hour" on CBS Radio.
In 1942, Oxfam International had its beginnings as the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief was founded in England.
In 1954, Pakistan's K2 was conquered as two members of an Italian expedition, Achille Compagnoni (ah-KEE'-lay

kohm-pahn-YOH'-nee) and Lino Lacedelli (LEE'-noh lah-chee-DEHL'-ee), reached the summit.
In 1957, the Distant Early Warning Line, a system of radar stations designed to detect Soviet bombers approaching North America, went into operation.
In 1964, the American space probe Ranger 7 reached the moon, transmitting pictures back to Earth before impacting the lunar surface.
In 1972, Democratic vice-presidential candidate Thomas Eagleton withdrew from the ticket with George McGovern following disclosures that Eagleton had once undergone psychiatric treatment.
In 1989, a pro-Iranian group in Lebanon released a grisly videotape showing the body of American hostage William R. Higgins, a Marine lieutenant-colonel, dangling from a rope.
In 1991, President George H.W. Bush and Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev signed the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty in Moscow.
In 1992, the former Soviet republic of Georgia was admitted to the United Nations as its 179th member. Thai Airways Flight 311, an Airbus A310, crashed while approaching Tribhuvan International Airport in Nepal; all 113 people aboard died.
Ten years ago: The Army

censured retired three-star Lt. Gen. Philip Kensinger for a "perfect storm of mistakes, misjudgments and a failure of leadership" after the 2004 friendly-fire death in Afghanistan of Army Ranger Pat Tillman. The U.N. Security Council unanimously approved a 26,000-strong peacekeeping force for Sudan's Darfur region.
Five years ago: Three Indian electric grids collapsed in a cascade, cutting power to 620 million people in the world's biggest blackout. Wrapping up an overseas trip, Republican presidential contender Mitt Romney said in Warsaw that Poland's economy was a model of small government and free enterprise that other nations should emulate. Author, playwright, politician and commentator Gore Vidal, 86, died in Los Angeles.

Answer to previous puzzle

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JONES

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"Even when we've had some serious disappointments there was always, when you looked at a full year, I've never really coveted or really thought about what I'm doing is about ultimately being recognized."

And yet there the 74-year-old Jones will be in Canton, Ohio, on Saturday night, about 20 years after rankling the NFL over revenue issues so much that the league sued him. He sued back.

It's just shy of 25 years since Jones startled the league with the firing of coach Jimmy Johnson after consecutive Super Bowl wins.

Yes, this was the same guy who dumped Tom Landry, the only coach the Cowboys had known in 29 years, when Jones bought the team and hired Johnson, who had no pro experience.

Jones turned on his former Arkansas teammate with the cryptic line for others to hear in early 1994 that the owner could find 500 coaches to lead those talent-laden Cowboys. The bitterness has slowly faded.

"I don't think there's a roller coaster big enough to say how that relationship has evolved," Johnson told The Associated Press. "But I think Jerry and I have always liked one another. We've always had great respect for one another. There's never been any question about our passion or our drive, both of us."

"The main thing is, I'm really happy for Jerry. It's an honor that he really de-

serves."

Jones' wife, Gene Jones, will present her husband, a nod to Jones' feeling that the Hall of Fame recognition is as much about the family as it is the mark he left in turning the Cowboys into the most valuable brand in sports; Forbes magazine's most recent estimate was \$4.2 billion.

A big chunk of that worth comes from Jones' crown jewel, the \$1.2 billion showplace that ushered in the era of 10-figure sports stadiums in the United States a decade ago.

Just don't ask son Stephen Jones, the executive vice president of personnel, to pick that or any other facet of Jones' legacy as the reason he's joining a list of contributors that includes the late owner Jones probably looked up to the most: Oakland's Al Davis.

"Only thing I can say is full body of work," Stephen Jones said. "To me, it's five star at all levels. It's at the club level. It's at the NFL level. To me, he checks all the boxes in a double-plus way."

Jerry Jones said he thought his dream of owning an NFL team died with his pursuit of the Chargers. He had made his fortune in the oil business when H.R. "Bum" Bright decided to sell the Cowboys.



In this Feb. 1, 1993, file photo, Dallas Cowboys coach Jimmy Johnson, left, and team owner Jerry Jones smile at a team party in Santa Monica, Calif., after winning Super Bowl 27 against the Buffalo Bills. Jones fired Johnson in 1994 after the team had won two consecutive Super Bowls.

AP photo

And there were plenty of people closes to Jones who questioned why he would take over a franchise that he said was losing \$100,000 a day.

Within a decade, he had won three Super Bowls, pushed back with owners enough to help get a landmark TV deal that led to huge jumps in rights fees, and won the right to forge his own sponsorship deals.

All the while, his power grew in the small circle of NFL owners, culminating in his vital role a year a half ago in brokering a deal to let the

St. Louis Rams move back to Los Angeles — and get another team there with them. The Chargers moved from San Diego a year later.

"It's coincidental, possibly, that the timing of this Hall of Fame thing is coming along here about the same time that we're where we are with the league," Jones said. "I feel very strongly, what I do with the league is for the Cowboys and I feel strongly that this is going to be better for every team in the league."

Critics point to Jones' failures as a GM, with the Cow-

boys now at 22 years and counting since their last Super Bowl title. Dallas has won just two playoff games since then.

But there's no dispute about his ability as a businessman translating to influence on the league, or his global star power.

"I really think it's validated his journey, in terms of what he's all about," Stephen Jones said. "He's really stepped out there and had a vision for the NFL that not everybody shared."

TEXAS

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inning.

Rougned Odor homered twice and drove in five runs for Texas. His two-run single in the fourth scored Beltre, who reached on a wild pitch after striking out in the eighth before Odor's second homer. Nomar Mazara also went deep.

Orioles closer Zach Britton came on with two on in the ninth, striking out Mazara and getting Beltre on a grounder to end the game. Britton has converted an AL-record 57 consecutive save opportunities, eight this season.

When Beltre got his 3,000th hit, a banner was unfurled high above straightaway center field congratulating him. His teammates, who had crowded on the rail of the first-base dugout to be as close as possible to the historic moment, flooded onto the field to celebrate with him.

Beltre's two daughters and 10-year-old son Adrian Jr. left their front-row seats near the dugout they had shared with other family members and ran to right-center field. The kids helped unveil a logo commemorating the accomplishment on the wall in front of the Rangers bullpen, then went and hugged their father on the infield dirt.

Now in his 20th big league season, he is only the third player who is primarily a third baseman in the 3,000-hit club, joining Hall of Famers George Brett and Wade Boggs.

The only other current active player in the 3,000-hit club is Miami Marlins outfielder Ichiro Suzuki, who is tied with Hall of Fame player Craig Biggio for 22nd all-time at 3,060 hits.

Beltre is now tied for 30th place on the hits list with Roberto Clemente. Al Kaline (3,007) and Boggs (3,010) are next up on the list.

It was Beltre's 605th career double, matching Paul Molitor for 14th all-time. That also matched Mel Ott for 20th with 5,041 total bases; and Beltre's 454 homers are 38th on that list.

Along with his 3,000 hits, Beltre is a five-time Gold Glover. He had a career-best and franchise-record 62-game streak without an error at third base before a throwing error Saturday night's game.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: RHP A.J. Griffin (oblique strain) threw 40 pitches in two innings in his rehab start on Saturday night at Triple-A Round Rock. He could re-join the Rangers this week.

UP NEXT

Orioles: The Orioles play their next seven games at home. They play Kansas City on Monday.

Rangers: Two years to the day after being acquired by Texas in a trade, lefty Cole Hamels (5-1, 3.97) pitches in the series opener against Seattle and Felix Hernandez.

ASTROS

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best team in the American League, but for the last two days, we were the best team on the field," he said.

Upton had four hits, including a seventh-inning grand slam, and scored twice.

Lance McCullers Jr. (7-3), whose dad pitched for the Tigers in 1990, allowed five runs on eight hits in five-plus innings.

"I'm not where I need to be," he said. "I've gone out there the last couple times and put the team in a bad hole."

Houston first baseman Tyler White pitched the eighth, allowing a two-run homer to James McCann in his second career pitching performance.

"Our bullpen is not in a good spot right now," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said. "We're beat up and we're having to wear it a bit."

Verlander stranded eight batters in the first four innings, but needed 90 pitches to do it. McCullers was almost as good, only allowing one of eight runners to score and leaving the bases loaded in the fourth.

Verlander was perfect in the fifth and sixth innings, needing just 20 pitches.

"When he senses the moment, he can still dial up the velocity," Hinch said. "He still competes as

well as anyone in the league, and he won some big battles with our best hitters."

Despite all the noise, Ausmus expects he'll still have Verlander on his roster on Tuesday.

"It's complex to make a trade with someone who has a no-trade clause, and we're only 24 hours from the deadline at this point," he said, adding: "Salary is always an issue."

The Tigers broke through in the second on an RBI single by Jose Iglesias. Miguel Cabrera made it 2-0 with an RBI double in the fifth, and he later scored on McCann's single.

Mikie Mahtook added an RBI double in the sixth, and Upton followed with a two-run double to put the Tigers up 6-0.

The Tigers added five runs off Tony Sipp in the seventh, including Upton's sixth career grand slam.

Alex Bregman ended the shut-out with a solo homer in the ninth. Houston's streak of 60 games with a double came to an end.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: Placed RHP Will Harris back on the disabled list with continued inflammation in his pitching shoulder. Harris is activated on Friday, but had soreness after playing catch, and when the pain didn't go away on Saturday, the decision was made to put him back on the DL. LHP

Reymin Guduan was recalled from Triple-A Fresno.

Tigers: 2B Ian Kinsler got a regularly scheduled day off Sunday. C James McCann caught the day game after a night game.

TIES TO COOPERSTOWN

Both teams were represented in Sunday's Hall of Fame class. Jeff Bagwell played his entire 15-year career with Houston, finishing with 2,314 hits and 449 homers, while Ivan Rodriguez was a four-time All-Star in Detroit, helping the team win the 2006 American League pennant.

CABRERA CLIMBS THE LADDER

With his two hits, Cabrera moved from 81st on the career hits list into a tie for 79th. He now has 2,605, one more than Hall of Fame shortstop Rabbit Maravilla and the same number as newly inducted Hall of Famer Tim Lincecum. Cabrera needs 39 more hits to catch 78th-place Lave Cross, a 19th-century third baseman.

UP NEXT

Astros: Houston returns home for a four-game series against the Tampa Bay Rays. Charlie Morton (8-4, 3.83) is scheduled to face Alex Cobb in Monday's opener.

Tigers: Detroit leaves on a three-city, nine-game road trip that begins Monday at Yankee Stadium. Michael Fulmer (10-8, 3.35) will face New York's Luis Severino.

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