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Man sought by BSPD in Tuesday shooting

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Police Department is asking for the help of the public in locating a suspect in a shooting which occurred Tuesday morning. An arrest warrant has been obtained for Quincy Lamar Henry, 28, for the offense of aggravated assault with a



Henry

deadly weapon, a second-degree felony. On Aug. 1 at about 6:18 a.m., police officers were dispatched to the 1400 block of East 11th Place in reference to a shooting.

Upon arrival, the victim, 37-year-old Lonnie Gray, was found inside his residence; he had been shot in the thigh and the hand. Gray was transported by Big Spring Emergency Medical Services to Scenic Mountain Medical Center for treatment. During their investigation, police learned that two other individuals had left Gray's

residence prior to the officers' arrival. After obtaining a warrant, BSPD detectives searched the home, where they discovered undisclosed evidence. The evidence led detectives to believe that Gray and Henry were at Gray's home when an argument ensued, leading to the shooting of Gray by Henry. Gray is currently in sta-

ble condition at SMMC. Big Spring police are continuing to follow up leads, and the investigation is ongoing. If you have any information regarding this incident, or the location of Quincy Lamar Henry, contact CrimeStoppers at 432-263-TIPS (8477). You can also leave an anonymous tip by using the "P3 Tips" mobile application.

End of Summer Health Splash to be held this month

Special to the Herald

Big Spring Center for Skilled Care will be hosting the 3rd annual End of Summer Health Splash on Aug. 10 from 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. The first 200 children through the door will also receive a free backpack. Children must be present to choose their backpack. "We (Big Spring Center for Skilled Care) are excited about hosting the event this year. It is a great way for us to give back to the community and let people know about the services we offer and show off our new facility," Christy Brownfield, marketing manager, said. The health expo will be featuring 30 information booths aimed at promoting a healthy school year. There will be activities for the families and most of the booths will be handing out school related supplies. Marcy Place will be providing free hot dogs. "The focus of this event is to help families in the community get back to school ready and ease some of the burden of back to school shopping, while educating them on the different services offered in the community," Brownfield said. "There will be healthcare services, civic clubs, private owned businesses and more featured at the event. This event really does pull the community resources together in one location." The backpacks for the event were donated through several organizations, local businesses, and individuals in the Big Spring and Howard County community. Special thanks is extended to Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary group, Kindred at Home, Parkview Nursing and Rehab, Choice Media, Wesley Beauchamp State Farm, several local individuals, Chicano Golf Association, and C. Larson Real Estate. For more information, call Christy Brownfield at 432-606-5012.

Rojo trial to begin second day of testimony



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Former Big Spring police officer Joel Rojo (center) exits the 118th District Court Tuesday evening after the first day of trial, accompanied by his defense lawyer Lance Wyatt (left) out of Tarrant County, and family members. The trial was expected to begin again this morning around 9 a.m.

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

The trial of a former Big Spring police officer charged with multiple sex crimes was expected to resume this morning in the 118th District. On Tuesday, the trial began around 9 a.m. when Joel Rojo, a former Big Spring detective, pleaded not guilty to four indictments — indecency with a child by sexual conduct, sexual performance by a child, indecency with a child

by exposure, and attempted indecency with a child by exposure. It was a long and sometimes emotional day in the courtroom, as jury members heard testimony from eight witnesses for the prosecution, including two of the three alleged minor victims. As the prosecutor presented his case Tuesday, District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson attempted to paint Rojo as someone who used his power and authority as a police officer to take advantage

of troubled children to place them into compromising and revealing positions. Specifically, during their testimony Tuesday, the two minor victims alleged that Rojo asked them to expose their private parts so he could take pictures of them. According to the victims, Rojo used an investigation as a pretext for the request. Rojo is also accused of allegedly transporting the girls on separate occasions to an isolated

area, where he told them he needed to take photos of their private parts for his investigation, they said individually during their testimony. The first day of the trial ended during the testimony of Texas Ranger Jeffery Strain, who conducted the investigation after the first allegations of Rojo's misconduct arose in August 2015. Strain was expected to retake the stand when the trial resumed this morning at 9 a.m.



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US plans trade probe over China's demands for tech transfers

By **GILLIAN WONG**
 Associated Press
 BEIJING (AP) — The Trump administration is weighing plans to punish China for forcing U.S. and foreign companies to share their technology in return for access to the vast Chinese market, a personal familiar with U.S. discussions said Wednesday. The administration is considering invoking the rarely used Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974, which empowers Washington to investigate Chinese trade practices and impose sanctions, including tariffs, within months, said the person who spoke on condition of anonymity because the plans have not been made public. The investigation would focus on China's alleged "forced technology transfer policies and practices," the person said, adding that the Trump administration could move to launch such a probe this week. U.S. and other Western governments and business groups accuse Beijing of unfairly nurturing

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Obituaries

Darla Jeanne Cooley Ferguson

Darla Jeanne Cooley Ferguson passed away on July 29, 2017, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 4, 2017, at First United Methodist Church in Big Spring with the Rev. Darrell Patterson and the Rev. Gary Karschner officiating. The family will receive friends on Thursday, Aug. 3, 2017, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home, located at 906 Gregg St., Big Spring, Texas. She will be laid to rest at Trinity Memorial cemetery.

Darla was born on March 25, 1947, to Charles and Lou Cooley in Borger, Texas. Darla graduated from Borger High School in 1965. She married her best friend's brother, Thomas Ferguson, on Dec. 10, 1966. She was a lifelong member of the Methodist church, and a proud member of the Red Hat Society.

Darla loved her family and loved to travel with them. The family took regular vacations together and spent every other Christmas in Angel Fire, N.M. She took great pride in her grandchildren, and enjoyed showing off the crafts and projects they would create together.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Tom

Merle Haney

Merle Haney, 91, of Big Spring died Sunday, July 30, 2017, at her residence.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, 2017, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2017, at the funeral home.

Merle was born in San Angelo, Texas, Oct. 15, 1925, to Floyd Curtis and Mittie Capicola (Kennedy) Ray. She married Stanley Myrle Haney in Feb. 1941. He preceded her in death May 26, 1995.

Merle was one of the Greatest Generation, and was the consummate homemaker. She was an excellent mother, seamstress and cook. She loved to garden, and canned her own produce. She also loved to oil paint, and was a member at the Full

Virginia Louise Howle

Virginia Louise Howle, 92, of Mineola, Texas, passed away on Monday, July 31, 2017, in Mineola, Texas.

She was born on Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1925, in Pine Forest, Texas, to the late Farrar Ingram Hunter "Boss" Bryant and Gladys Irene Minter.

Virginia was a member of Texas State Teachers Association and Texas Library Association, Delta Kappa Gamma, Texas Retired Teachers Association, and American Ex-Prisoners of War Service Organization, and a member of the Lake Fork Baptist Church.

Virginia is preceded in death by her husband Russell Howle; daughter, Kathy Terrazas; and two infant daughters.

Ferguson; three children, Tanya Rodriguez and husband Jesse of Miles, Texas, son Craig Ferguson and wife Stephanie of Coahoma, Texas, and son Brett Ferguson and wife Kerry of Kerrville, Texas; 12 grandchildren, Jay, Ryan, Jarred, and Brandon Rodriguez, Kenneth Ferguson and wife Lindsey, Allison, Ashley, Aaron, Shayla and Taylor Ferguson, Kelsie Johnson, and Jaydin Gutierrez; two great-grandchildren, Lane and Aubrey Johnson; two sisters, Janie Covington and husband Tom of Irving, Texas, and Lou Anne Cooper of Huffman, Texas; her brother, John Charles Cooley and wife Glenda of Bedford, Texas; also, loving in-laws, Jerry and Carolyn Pittelko of Rochester, Minn., Steve and Delois Wollenberg of Urbana, Mo., and Steve and Pam Ferguson of Borger, Texas; along with many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Doris Lou Ferguson; her parents, Charles and Lou Cooley; her mother- and father-in-law, Willie and Doris Ferguson; and her brother-in-law, Ronnie Cooper.

The family suggests memorials go to the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society.

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

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Gospel Fellowship.

She is survived by her son, Stanley Haney and wife Eileen of Luther, Texas; her daughter, Gena Franke and husband Don of Coahoma; seven grandchildren, Kristie Davis and husband Scott, Dana Reid and husband Brian, Jana Haney and Lee Mendelzon, Brandon Haney and wife Toni, Ron Clanton and wife Sandy, Kim Ransleben and husband Wayne, and Paula Chavez and husband Pete; 11 great-grandchildren, Quade and Kylie Davis, Grayson Reid, Allen Haney, Trey Clanton, Brandon Leaphant, Cassie, Aisley, and Brennan Ransleben, Kaegan Hunt, Kenzie Tannehill, and Dusty Chavez; and a sister-in-law, Jean Haney from Florida.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Evelyn Love Dennis.

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She is survived by son, Kim Howle and wife Melissa of Amarillo, Texas; son-in-law, Simon Terrazas and wife Mary of Big Spring, Texas; sister, Ann Bain Rose and husband Robert of Pine Forest, Texas; six grandchildren, Mary Kathryn Duston and husband Kyle of Dallas, Texas, Trey Terrazas and wife Brenda of Big Spring, Texas, Jordan Howle of Houston, Texas, Halee Howle of Amarillo, Texas, Nick Blumer and wife Chrissy of Houston, Texas, and Andrew Blumer of Amarillo, Texas; eight great-grandchildren, Logan, Ryen, Sawyer, Hayden, Ella Kathryn, Beckett, Cason, and Lynley.

Visitation will be on Thursday, Aug. 3, 2017, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Beaty Funeral Home in Mineola. Funeral service will be on Friday, Aug. 4, 2017 at 10 a.m. at Lake Fork Baptist Church, officiated by Bro. Perry Crisp. Interment will follow at Rockhill Cemetery.

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Take Note

• Schedule pick-up at Big Spring High School has been set for Wednesday, Aug. 16, and Thursday, Aug. 17. Seniors will pick up their schedules for the 2017-2018 school year on Aug. 16. Seniors will also have their senior pictures taken at this time. Pictures will be taken in the High School library from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and seniors must have their picture taken before the schedule will be released.

Seniors must be in compliance with BSHS dress code to have their picture made. This includes no facial hair, no unnatural hair color, and no mohawks. Juniors and Sophomores will pick up schedules in the hallway by the attendance office; juniors on Aug. 16 from 2 to 4 p.m., and sophomores Aug. 17 from 10 a.m. to noon. Freshman orientation will be Aug. 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium, and schedules will be released to freshmen during orientation. For more information contact Big Spring High School at 432-264-3641.

• 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.ace-ministries.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 Bohannon 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.

Police & Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **ALLAN LEE SMITH**, 47, of 510 East 17th Street, was arrested on a charge of unlawful carrying of a weapon.

• **MICHAEL SHAY VANDERBILT**, 41, of 703 East 16th Street, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

• **TIMOTHY EDWARD ARREDONDO**, 24, of 1605 East 6th Street, was arrested on warrants for no drivers license and failure to appear.

• **DANIEL DAVID DEY**, 60, of San Angelo, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **FRANCISCO OLIVAREZ JR.**, 55, of 906 South San Antonio, was arrested on warrants for possession of marijuana less than two ounces and bail jumping/failure to appear.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1600 block of South Gregg Street, and the 500 block of South Birdwell Lane.

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 67 inmates at the time of this report.

• **TIMOTHY EDWARD ARREDONDO**, 24, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for no driver's license and failure to appear.

• **DAVID DANIEL DEY**, 60, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **FRANCISCO OLIVAREZ JR.**, 55, was booked by the HCSO on a bailman off bond warrant for possession of marijuana and on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.

• **ALLAN LEE SMITH**, 47, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of unlawful carrying of a weapon.

• **DONALD RAY VANDERBILT**, 41, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for assault.

Support Groups

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.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

• 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

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

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Chinese competitors — in fields ranging from medical equipment to renewable energy to electric cars — by requiring foreign firms to hand over proprietary technologies in exchange for being allowed to operate in China.

China's Ministry of Commerce did not immediately respond to a faxed request for comment.

These deliberations come as the administration signals a harsher stance on trade than it took in the first six months

of Trump's presidency.

Trump temporarily set aside complaints about market access and currency when he met with Chinese President Xi Jinping in April in hopes Beijing would help pressure North Korea to end its nuclear weapons development.

But tensions bubbled up last month at a U.S.-Chinese dialogue where U.S. Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin blamed China's \$347 billion trade surplus with the United States last year on "government intervention in its economy."

The Wall Street Journal

and New York Times also reported that U.S. trade officials are discussing ways to counter piracy of copyrights and patents and other intellectual property in China.

U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, in a commentary in Tuesday's Wall Street Journal, outlined a slew of grievances against both China and the European Union that he said contributed to the global U.S. trade deficit in goods of \$725.5 billion in 2016.

"Both China and Europe also bankroll their exports through grants, low-cost loans, energy subsidies, special value-added tax refunds

and below-market real estate sales, among other means," Ross wrote.

The Wall Street Journal and New York Times stories also said U.S. officials were looking into using Section 301 of the 1974 Trade Act.

Another possibility would be to invoke the "International Emergency Economic Powers Act," a law also enacted during the 1970s that gives the president wide powers to take action after declaring a national emergency, the Wall Street Journal report said.

The administration also was considering how to resist technology-sharing de-

mands from Beijing as part of its ambitious Made in China 2025 program, a blueprint for making China a leader in advanced technologies such as autonomous driving, artificial intelligence, robotics and other industries.

Foreign companies have long complained over rampant piracy and technology theft by Chinese companies. Though he has at times sought a more conciliatory approach, Trump also has lambasted China over such problems and over the massive U.S. trade deficit.

Lawsuit: Investigator claims Fox News made up quotes

By **DAVID BAUDER** and **JILL COLVIN**

Associated Press
 Writers

NEW YORK (AP) — A new lawsuit lays out an explosive tale of Trump allies, the White House and Fox News Channel conspiring to push a false story about Democratic leaks and an unsolved killing in order to distract attention from the Russia investigation that has been swirling around the president

The lawsuit was filed Tuesday against Fox by an investigator who had been looking into the killing of Seth Rich, a former Democratic National Committee staff member who died in 2016 in what police say was a botched robbery. The investigator alleges that Fox quoted him as saying things he never said and was willing to show President Donald Trump its story before it was posted online.

It's the second time in two days that Trump has been accused of being actively involved in pushing a public narrative to lower the heat of the Russia story. The Washington Post reported that the president had written a misleading statement for his son to give to The New York Times about Donald Trump Jr.'s meeting last summer with a Russian who promised dirt on Democrat Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign.

Rich's death has become fodder for conspiracy theorists, deeply angering the 27-year-old's family. In May, the story was thrust into the headlines again when Fox posted a story on its website in which investigator Rod Wheeler said there had been contact between Rich and WikiLeaks, the organization that posted a trove of DNC emails last year. The story was heavily promoted by Fox News host Sean Hannity, who has informally advised the president.

In the lawsuit, Wheeler now says that he never made that statement. He also contends he was told his false comments were put in the story because Trump wanted it that way.

Rich's family released a statement Tuesday night supporting the lawsuit. "While we can't

speak to the evidence that you now have, we are hopeful that this brings an end to what has been the most emotionally difficult time in our lives and an end to conspiracy theories surrounding our beloved Seth," the family wrote.

Fox says it's "completely erroneous" to suggest it pushed the story to distract from the Russia investigation. Wheeler has made contradictory statements regarding the case and is simultaneously filing a racial discrimination lawsuit against the network, represented by a lawyer who has other lawsuits against Fox.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Trump had no knowledge of the false story before it was posted and that it was "completely untrue" that the White House had any role in shaping it.

Wheeler, a Fox contributor on law enforcement issues, said he was brought into the Rich case by donor and Trump supporter Ed Butowsky. He says Butowsky, who has also made occasional guest appearances on Fox News, was intent on establishing a link between Rich and WikiLeaks.

Two days before the Fox article was published, Wheeler said he got a text message from Butowsky: "Not to add any more pressure but the president just read the article. He wants the article out immediately. It's now all up to you. But don't feel the pressure."

Butowsky said in a phone interview Tuesday he has never met Trump and his text message to Wheeler about the president reading the article was "tongue-in-cheek."

Fox removed the story from its website a week after it was published, saying "it was not initially subjected to the high degree of editorial scrutiny we require for all of our reporting." Hannity ultimately backed away, saying he was acting out of respect for Rich's family.

Wheeler also said that he and Butowsky had met with outgoing White House press secretary Sean Spicer and showed Spicer notes on Wheeler's investiga-



AP photo

News headlines scroll above the Fox News studios in the News Corporation headquarters building in New York, Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2017. Fox contributor Rod Wheeler, who worked on the Seth Rich case, claims Fox News fabricated quotes implicating the murdered Democratic National Committee staffer in the Wikileaks scandal and that President Donald Trump pressured Fox to publish the story. He sued Fox for defamation on Tuesday.

tion. Spicer asked to be kept informed, the lawsuit said.

Spicer plays down the importance of that meeting.

"Ed is a longtime supporter of the president's agenda who often appears in the media," Spicer said Tuesday. "He asked for a 10-minute meeting, with no specified topic, to catch up and said he would be bringing along a contributor to Fox News. As Ed himself has noted, he has never met the president and the White House had nothing to do with his story."

On the day the Fox story was posted, Spicer was asked about the report that Rich had emailed WikiLeaks. He said, "I'm not aware of that" and did not mention that he had met with Butowsky and Wheeler a month earlier.

One of Trump's attorneys, Jay Sekulow, also devoted attention to the Rich story during several Hannity appearances in May, before his hiring by Trump was announced.

"There's a lot more to this, I would suspect," Sekulow said on the May 18 show, which Hannity devoted almost entirely to a discussion about Rich. "You can't ignore the fact that it was a DNC staffer. You can't ignore the fact that there was nothing taken from the individual's

body."

He said that while he hadn't seen "the files" on Rich, the incident "undercuts" the argument that Russians interfered in the election.

At the time, Trump was facing news stories about the investigations into Russian meddling in the 2016 campaign and possible ties between his campaign aides and Moscow. He continues to blast the inquiries as a "witch hunt" aimed at discrediting his election win and tries to focus attention on Clinton, who has largely faded from the headlines.

Jay Wallace, Fox News president, says, "The accusation that FoxNews.com published Malia Zimmerman's story to help detract from coverage of the Russia collusion issue is completely erroneous." Malia Zimmerman was a Fox producer on the story.

"The retraction of this story is still being investigated internally and we have no evidence that Rod Wheeler was misquoted by Zimmerman," Wallace said.

In May, Wheeler told Fox's local affiliate in Washington that he "absolutely" had sources at the FBI saying that there was information that could link Rich to WikiLeaks. But the station noted that Wheeler subsequently said contradictory things to other news organizations, and the station could not contact him again.

Fox News Channel's

prime-time opinion hosts, particularly Hannity, make no secret of their admiration for Trump. But any charges that the network worked with Trump on a false story could harm the reputations of the network's journalists.

Trump has fostered an unusually close relationship with Fox and many of its personalities, particularly Hannity. Hannity gave Trump a frequent platform for non-challenging interviews during the campaign, as well as advice on air and behind the scenes. The "Fox and Friends" morning show also is a Trump favorite.

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For those of you that enjoy western books, I have a few books to share with you. In "The Kansas City Cowboys" by Johnny D. Boggs (LP W BOG J), seventeen-year-old Silver King dreams of becoming a working cowboy. His mother, however, has pushed him to be a baseball player because King has the arm to be a star pitcher. When the National League forms a team in Kansas City, both mother and son get their wishes. King is signed to pitch for the fledgling team—the Kansas City Cowboys. His team-



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mates will include a Rhode Island shortstop who pretends to be the son of a well-known Kansas lawman; a black cowboy working at a meat-packing plant who is passed off as a Cherokee Indian to get around professional baseball's agreement not to play blacks against whites; and two catchers who take King under their wing: an overweight, hard-drinking baseball veteran and a journeyman minor-leaguer who prefers pushing cattle and chasing after gold. The summer will teach Silver King what it takes to be a baseball Cowboy and a working cowboy. The Kansas City Cowboys and their rowdy fans will show the world just how Western things can get on a baseball diamond.

"War in Lincoln County" by Dane Coolidge (LP W COO D)

tells the story of Curly Wells who rides into Ganado Crossing on his Appaloosa, Paint, looking for his stolen horse, a tiger-striped dun named Tige. He finds him in a herd there, and is allowed to ride out with him. He notices an unwelcome interest in Paint by Tuffy Malone, the leader of the toughs there. As he leaves, a gray horse follows, and he encounters Melissa McCoy, who accuses him of stealing her horse. Curly escorts Melissa back to her corral, where he meets her friend Colonel Moore, a former Texas Ranger and now a big rancher. Curly learns that Tuffy Malone has been annoying Melissa, and that she has lost other horses to the rustling that is rampant in the area. Curly is invited to spend the night on their ranch, but he is fearful that

Paint will be stolen. Colonel Moore assures Curly that nowhere could his horse be safer, but in the morning, Paint is gone and evidence points to Tuffy Malone as the thief. Curly is drawn into a conflict with the rustlers that will inevitably build into open warfare.

In "The Shadowed Trail" by Arthur Henry Gooden (LP W GOO A), Kirk Severn of the K7 Ranch shields Dick Chase, an archaeologist, and his wife, Esther, from the inexplicable pursuit of the ruffian crew who work for Warde Taylor, boss of the Bar T spread. When Hilda, Taylor's daughter, learns that her father is behind the efforts to kill them and Kirk too, she is both unhappy and mystified, for she loves Kirk and trusts him. What is the secret that has led Esther Chase into

such great danger? How is it that Esther and Hilda look so much alike? Where does the lynching of the bandit Pecos Jack, twenty years before, fit into the puzzle? Hilda and Kirk have many a close call before the riddles are unraveled and the guns silent.

That's all the time I have for now so I leave you with a quote from Orison Swett Marden: "Success is not measured by what you accomplish, but by the opposition you have encountered, and the courage with which you have maintained the struggle against overwhelming odds."

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Climate change before your eyes: Seas rise and trees die



AP photo

This July 16, 2017, photo shows a "ghost forest" near the Savannah River in Port Wentworth, Ga. Rising sea levels are killing trees along vast swaths of the North American coast by inundating them in salt water. The dead trees in what used to be thriving freshwater coastal environments are called "ghost forests" by researchers.

By WAYNE PARRY

Associated Press
PORT REPUBLIC, N.J. (AP) — They're called "ghost forests" — dead trees along vast swaths of coastline invaded by rising seas, something scientists call one of the most visible markers of climate change.

The process has happened naturally for thousands of years, but it has accelerated in recent decades as polar ice melts and raises sea levels, scientists say, pushing salt water farther inland and killing trees in what used to be thriving freshwater plains.

Efforts are underway worldwide to determine exactly how quickly the creation of ghost forests

is increasing. But scientists agree the startling sight of dead trees in once-healthy areas is an easy-to-grasp example of the consequences of climate change.

"I think ghost forests are the most obvious indicator of climate change anywhere on the Eastern coast of the U.S.," said Matthew Kirwan, a professor at Virginia Institute of Marine Science who is studying ghost forests in his state and Maryland. "It was dry, usable land 50 years ago; now it's marshes with dead stumps and dead trees."

It is happening around the world, but researchers say new ghost forests are particularly apparent in North America,

with hundreds of thousands of acres of salt-killed trees stretching from Canada down the East Coast, around Florida and over to Texas.

The intruding salt water changes coastal ecosystems, creating marshes where forests used to be. This has numerous effects on the environment, though many scientists caution against viewing them in terms of "good" or "bad." What benefits one species or ecosystem might harm another one, they say. For instance, migratory birds that rely on coastal forests have less habitat. And the death of the trees makes soil microbes release nitrogen, which adds to nitrogen already occur-

ring from other sources, including agricultural runoff, to contribute to algae blooms and reduced oxygen that can sicken or kill fish.

But the conversion of forest into marshland produces "extremely productive" wetlands that feed and shelter fish and shellfish.

The Atlantic croaker fish, for instance, was rare 15 years ago in southern New Jersey waters but now is abundant, said Ken Able, a Rutgers University professor. "There is a lot of change going on," said Greg Noe, a research ecologist with the U.S. Geological Survey. "It's dramatic and it's changing faster than it has before in human history."

Wife, mother of man who died in Dallas jail lobby sue county

DALLAS (AP) — The wife and mother of a Texas man who died after a struggle with deputies in the Dallas County jail lobby filed a lawsuit alleging excessive force by four deputies and lack of training by the Dallas County Sheriff's Office.

A Dallas County grand jury declined to indict deputies involved in the August 2015 death of Joseph Hutcheson when it convened last year. The lawsuit filed Monday by Nicole Hutcheson, the man's wife, and Ruth Boatner, his mother, alleges the deputies used excessive force in subduing the 48-year-old Arlington, Texas, man, who had entered the lobby seeking help. The lawsuit, which names the deputies — Fernando Reyes, Trenton Smith, Betty Stevens and Elvin Hayes — as well as Dallas County, also alleges the Sheriff's Office failed to train the deputies and security officers correctly in use of force. The lawsuit cites an autopsy report in which a medical examiner noted a 6-inch (15-centimeter) bruise on the back of Hutcheson's neck. "Joseph Hutcheson came to the Dallas County Jail scared and begging for help," family attorney Scott Palmer said in a statement. "Instead, Dallas County officers needlessly assaulted him, ignored his pleas and left him to die on the floor of the jail." The deputies had said Hutcheson entered the jail lobby claiming that his wife was chasing him and was going to kill him. They said he was forced to the ground and handcuffed after pacing in the lobby because he posed a threat to himself and others. Palmer wrote in the lawsuit that surveillance video shows Hutcheson did not act aggressively or have any weapons.

The medical examiner's office ruled the death a homicide. A report from the office said he died from the combined toxic effects of cocaine and methamphetamine, compounded by heart problems due to high blood pressure and the stress to his body associated with a struggle with sheriff's deputies and being restrained by handcuffs. Melinda Urbina, a spokeswoman for the Sheriff's Office, said sheriff's officials had not seen the lawsuit as of late Monday, but the office does not typically comment on pending litigation.

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Ageless Witten's Hall visit begs question: Will he make it?



By SCHUYLER DIXON
AP Pro Football Writer

OXNARD, Calif. — Jason Witten isn't thinking about life after football as he goes through another training camp with the Cowboys, and one of his fellow tight ends hasn't stopped to ponder a Dallas locker room without the 35-year-old on the verge of becoming the franchise leader in games.

None of this keeps Geoff Swaim from smiling in the middle of an answer when he realizes what he is saying about the first time he had a chance to be around one of just four players to reach 15 seasons with the storied Dallas franchise.

"I had been watching Witt since ... since I was in like junior high," said the 23-year-old Swaim, pausing with that sheepish grin, as if he knew he might be in trouble for finishing the thought.

"Watching a guy like that play for such a long time at a high level, it is a little overwhelming when you first get in the room and you're talking football and you're being coached up next to a guy that's been doing it the right way."

Well, at least Witten can consider himself part of the younger crowd Saturday, when he watches his 74-year-old boss — Cowboys owner Jerry Jones — get inducted into the Pro

Football Hall of Fame. After all, Witten will have a pretty strong case for that honor five years after he retires.

"I try not to let that creep in," Witten said. "But I think I'd be lying to say that's not one of the things that you hope as a player. That's the highest honor, individually. Obviously we don't play it for that. But individually, that's what you hope you can be a part of."

Witten will open the season needing two games to become the franchise leader with 225, topping passer Ed "Too Tall" Jones from the 1970s and '80s.

His already the club leader in consecutive games, starts, consecutive starts and catches — surpassing the likes of Bob Lilly, Lee Roy Jordan and Michael Irvin. Lilly and Irvin are Hall of Famers.

With 11,888 yards receiving, Witten needs just 17 to top Irvin's franchise record and is one of just two tight ends with at least 1,000 catches and 10,000 yards (he has 1,089 catches). Tony Gonzalez, eligible for enshrinement in 2019, is the other.

"I don't think there is any doubt in my mind that he's a Hall of Fame tight end," coach Jason Garrett said.

"And he's one of the best

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In this July 25, 2017, file photo, Dallas Cowboys tight end Jason Witten takes the field during NFL football training camp, in Oxnard, Calif. Jason Witten is in his 15th training camp, and about to head to Canton to watch his boss for all those years, Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, get inducted into the Hall of Fame. It begs the obvious question: Will his turn come?

Longoria hits for cycle as Rays top Astros 6-4



AP photo

Tampa Bay Rays' Evan Longoria, right, slides into second for a double as Houston Astros second baseman Jose Altuve (27) waits for the throw during the ninth inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2017, in Houston. The double completed the cycle for Longoria.

By KRISTIERIEKEN
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — As Evan Longoria stood at third base after a triple in the third inning following his first-inning homer, Houston's Alex Bregman suggested that he might be on his way to hitting for the cycle after getting the two toughest hits early in the game.

Tampa Bay's third baseman shrugged him off with "there's a long way to go" and went about his business.

It turns out Bregman was right, as Longoria became the second Tampa Bay player to hit for the cycle on a night he drove in three runs to lead the Rays over the Astros 6-4 on Tuesday.

"I guess he predicted it," Longoria said with a grin.

He was a double shy

when he came to the plate with two outs in the ninth and laced a laser to left field. Longoria dashed to second base and slid in to avoid the tag of Jose Altuve.

He was initially ruled out, but the call was overturned after a crew chief review. Most of the Rays stood up behind the railing of the dugout and cheered as the call was reversed, and Longoria flashed a big smile knowing that he joined Melvin (then known as B.J.) Upton as the only Rays to achieve the feat.

"When I hit it I just put my head down and was running as hard as I could," Longoria said. "I actually thought the ball went to the wall. But I felt like I was safe initially and I was just hoping that the review showed that."

Manager Kevin Cash

joked that Longoria looked less like a 31-year-old who has dealt with plantar fasciitis this season and more like Tampa's speedy 24-year-old outfielder Mallex Smith, who leads the team with 16 stolen bases, as he rounded first base.

"That's a pretty special day in his career," Cash said. "That's pretty awesome to be a part of that and watch that. It was impressive how he hit first base. Looked like Mallex running around."

Logan Morrison hit a solo homer and finished with two RBIs as the Rays bounced back after losing Monday's opener 14-7.

Lucas Duda singled with one out in the first before Longoria launched his towering

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Cano helps push Mariners past Rangers, 8-7



AP photo

Seattle Mariners' Robinson Cano scores on a single by Danny Valencia well ahead of the attempted tag by Texas Rangers' Brett Nicholson during the third inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.

By SEAN SHAPIRO
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — The Seattle Mariners' lengthy road stretch is off to a nice start.

Robinson Cano doubled twice and drove in three runs as the Mariners beat the Texas Rangers 8-7 on Tuesday night. Seattle is now 2-0 on a nine-game trip that begins a stretch of 21 of 28 on the road.

Cano's two-run double in the sixth was the 499th of his career, moving him into a time with Rusty Staub for 63rd in MLB history.

Jarrod Dyson had his 200th career steal in the win and threw out Delino DeShields at third to end the eighth inning in a one-run game.

"He made a great throw, and the pick and

tag that (Kyle) Seager put on DeShields was just awesome," Mariners manager Scott Servais said. "A big point in the game and you have to make a big play. We did tonight."

DeShields tried to advance from first on a single by Nomar Mazara, but was beaten by a precise throw from Dyson.

"We can't get thrown out in that situation," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "Not with our best hitter coming up."

Nelson Cruz homered and Leonys Martin had two hits and two RBIs for Seattle.

Joey Gallo had two homers and four RBIs, and Rougned Odor also went deep for the Rangers, who lost their

fourth straight.

Casey Lawrence (1-3) picked up his first MLB win after entering the game in the fourth inning. Edwin Diaz earned his 21st save after working a 1-2-3 ninth.

Nick Martinez (3-4) gave up seven runs and eight hits in 5 1/3 innings. He was recalled from Triple-A to fill the void after Yu Darvish was traded to the Dodgers.

"I kind of lost my timing a little bit," Martinez said. "It would come back and I would lose it again."

Cruz led off the second inning with his 22nd home run to give Seattle an early lead. Martin doubled the lead to 2-0 on an RBI single later in

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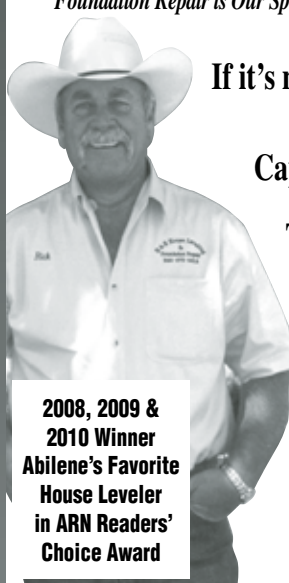
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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0305845 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jul 17, 2017 Status/Permit No. 823145

NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug 21, 2017

Address: Railroad Commission of Texas ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit P. O. Box 12967 Austin, Texas 78711-2967 Fax: (512) 463-6780 Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

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. 23, Bk. 32 T1N, T&P RR CO Survey, A-139, SPRABERRY

(TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 6.3 miles NE 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 include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD:SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name:WILEY BOB
Lease/Unit Well No.:2352WA
Lease/Unit Acres: 480.0
Nearest
Lease Line (ft) : 100.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 319.0

Lease 320.0 F N 563.0 F E Survey 320.0 F N 563.0 FE Wellbore Profile (s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines:600.0 F S (OFFLEASE) L
330.0 F E (OFFLEASE) L
Terminus Location BH
County: HOWARD
Section: 26Block: 32 T1NAbstract: 1018 Survey: T&P RR CO/BUCHANON, T
Lease Lines:100.0 F S L
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Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) :Special Rules330/0, 80.0 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Lisa Hunt, at (432)8484833.

#9457 July 19, 26 & August 2, 9, 2017

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08Rule 37 Case No. 0305961 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jul 25, 2017 Status/Permit No. 823142

NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug 29, 2017

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FIELD:SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name: WILEY BOB A 2351WA 960.0

Nearest Lease Line (ft):100.0

Nearest Well on Lease (ft) 680.0

Lease Lines:320.0 F N , 593.0 F E
Survey Lines: 320.0 F N , 593.0 F E

Wellbore Profile(s):Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines:600.0 F S (OFFLEASE) L
990.0 F E (OFFLEASE) L
Terminus Location BH
County: HOWARD
Section: 26Block: 32 T1NAbstract: 1293 Survey: T&P RR CO/LUTTERLOH, T C
Lease Lines:5456.0 F S L
990.0 F E L
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By Steve Becker

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

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West North East South
Pass Pass 3♦ 4♥
Opening lead — ten of diamonds.
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Declarer covered the ten with dummy's jack, ruffed East's king and drew four rounds of trumps, discard-

ing a club and two diamonds from dummy. The queen of spades was then led, and West took the ace and returned a spade.
South quite properly finessed the nine, realizing that even if this lost to the jack, the contract was safe, since he could later return to dummy with a spade to discard a club on the fourth spade. This plan would have worked perfectly except for one thing: When the nine was played from dummy, East followed smoothly with the six!
This naturally convinced declarer that West had the jack of spades, giving him a chance to make two over-tricks. So South next led the queen of diamonds from dummy, forcing East to cover with the ace and establishing dummy's nine. After ruffing, South then led his last spade to dummy's ten, planning to discard one club on the king of spades and another on the nine of diamonds.
One can only imagine declarer's chagrin when East produced the jack of spades and returned the ten of clubs. South now had to lose two clubs plus the two spades already lost, so he finished down one.
After recovering his composure, South did the only thing one can do in these circumstances: He congratulated East wholeheartedly for his fine deceptive play, while secretly wishing he'd had the opportunity to do the very same thing himself.

Tomorrow: Distributional hand evaluation.
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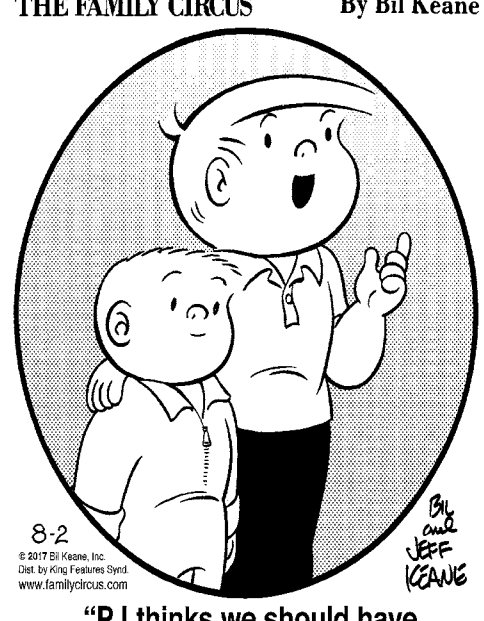
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

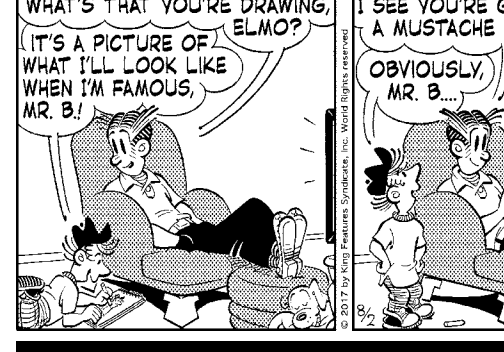


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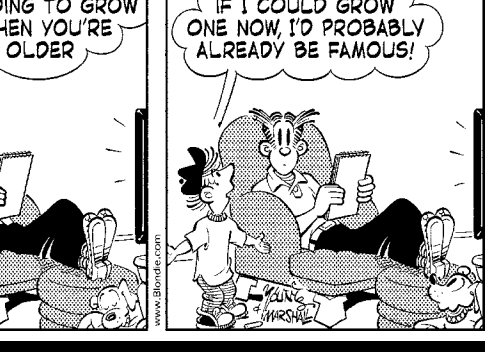
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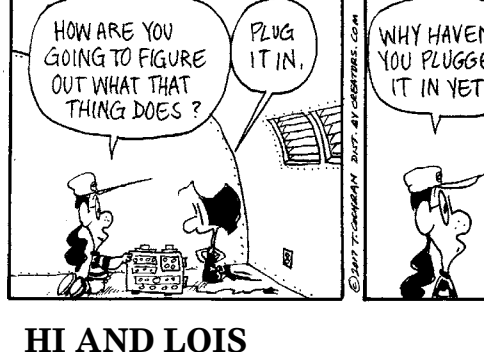
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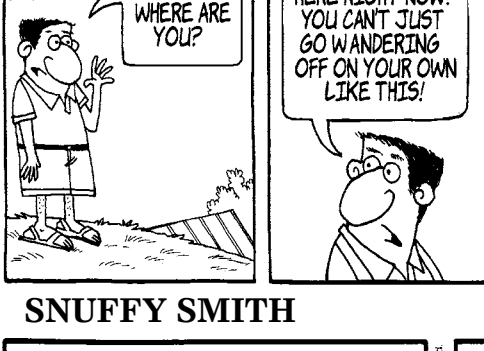
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 2, the 214th day of 2017. There are 151 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On August 2, 1776, members of the Second Continental Congress began attaching their signatures to the Declaration of Independence.

On this date:

In 216 B.C., during the Second Punic War, Carthaginian forces led by Hannibal defeated the Roman army in the Battle of Cannae.

In 1876, frontiersman "Wild Bill" Hickok was shot and killed while playing poker at a saloon in Deadwood, Dakota Territory, by Jack McCall, who was later hanged.

In 1892, movie producer Jack L. Warner was born in London, Ontario, Canada.

In 1923, the 29th president of the United States, Warren G. Harding, died in San Francisco; Vice President Calvin Coolidge became president.

In 1927, President Calvin Coolidge issued a written statement to reporters: "I do not choose to run for President in nineteen twenty-eight."

In 1939, Albert Einstein signed a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt urging

creation of an atomic weapons research program. President Roosevelt signed the Hatch Act, which prohibited civil service employees from taking an active part in political campaigns.

In 1943, during World War II, U.S. Navy boat PT-109, commanded by Lt. (jg) John F. Kennedy, sank after being rammed in the middle of the night by the Japanese destroyer Amagiri off the Solomon Islands. Two crew members were killed.

In 1967, the crime drama "In the Heat of the Night," starring Sidney Poitier and Rod Steiger, premiered in New York.

In 1974, former White House counsel John W. Dean III was sentenced to one to four years in prison for obstruction of justice in the Watergate cover-up. (Dean ended up serving four months.)

In 1985, 137 people were killed when Delta Air Lines Flight 191, a Lockheed L-1011 Tristar, crashed while attempting to land at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

In 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait, seizing control of the oil-rich emirate. (The Iraqis were later driven out in Operation Desert Storm.)

In 1997, "Naked Lunch" author William S. Burroughs, the godfather of the "Beat generation," died in Lawrence, Kansas, at age 83.

Ten years ago: Mattel apologized to customers as it recalled nearly a million Chinese-made toys from its Fisher-Price division that were found to have excessive amounts of lead in their paint. A Marine Corps squad leader was convicted at Camp Pendleton, California, of murdering an unarmed Iraqi man during a frustrated search for an insurgent. (Sgt. Lawrence G. Hutchins III was sentenced to 11 years in prison; he served more than half of his sentence before his conviction was overturned. Although convicted in a 2015 retrial, Hutchins received no additional prison time.) Two small Russian submarines completed a voyage below the North Pole where they planted the country's flag on the Arctic Ocean floor.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Is unwell
 - 5 Health insurance giant
 - 10 Spheroid hairo
 - 14 Creative spark
 - 15 Fully understandable
 - 16 Faucet annoyance
 - 17 Dilemma
 - 20 Walked onstage
 - 21 Didn't give enough to
 - 22 Calendar square
 - 23 Poetic tribute
 - 24 Encountered
 - 25 Low number
 - 26 Burrowing rodent
 - 29 "___ seeing things?"
 - 32 Top-billed performer
 - 35 Coin of India
 - 36 Soft metal
 - 37 Poser
 - 41 Gallery display
 - 42 Zodiac ram
 - 43 Takes advantage of
 - 44 Life story, for short
 - 45 ___-serif typeface
 - 46 Air-rifle ammo
 - 48 Network for Ken Burns series
 - 50 Anger
 - 51 Standard golf score
 - 54 Was in last place
 - 58 River with notable falls
 - 60 Reward for toil
 - 62 Suffix for kitchen
 - 63 Sleep sound
- DOWN**
- 1 Helped out
 - 2 Singer Menzel
 - 3 Nickname for a southpaw
 - 4 Out of danger
 - 5 Give in to a demand
 - 6 Give the slip to
 - 7 ___ Aviv
 - 8 D.C. ballplayers
 - 9 St. Louis landmark
 - 10 Be wild about
 - 11 Italian omelets
 - 12 Sushi stuffing
 - 13 Pundit's essay
 - 18 Mineral in spinach
 - 19 Household skills class, for short
 - 25 Charity's URL ender, often
 - 26 Trumpet mufflers
 - 27 ___ out (withdraws)
 - 28 Zodiac feline
 - 30 Computer clickers
 - 31 Signs, as a contract
 - 32 Wild guess
 - 33 Singer ___ Amos
 - 34 Spark plugs, wipers, etc.
 - 35 Totally destroy
 - 38 Pain in the neck
 - 39 Hunters' grp.
 - 40 Toys ___ (retail chain)
 - 46 Wedding cake figures
 - 47 Smile broadly
 - 49 ___ one's time (waits)
 - 50 Not moving
 - 51 Sudden strong fear
 - 52 Boxing match venue
 - 53 Synthetic shirt fiber
 - 54 Those folks
 - 55 Be worthy of
 - 56 Toward dawn
 - 57 007's first film foe
 - 59 Thor and Zeus
 - 61 Neither here ___ there

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AP photo

Houston Astros starting pitcher Mike Fiers walks to the dugout after completing the top of the third inning of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays, Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2017, in Houston.

ASTROS

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homer, which banged on train tracks atop left field, off Mike Fiers (7-6) to make it 2-0. Morrison's 27th homer came next to make it 3-0.

Rays starter Chris Archer (8-6) allowed six hits, four runs and struck out five in 6-plus innings to get his first win since July 4 and improve to 5-2 in eight career starts against the Astros.

"He had a pretty big cushion at the beginning, which makes it tough," Houston manager A.J. Hinch said. "We battled. We had some pretty good at-bats, hit some balls hard. Chased him at the end but he's good."

Alex Colome pitched a perfect ninth for his 31st save.

Duda doubled with one out in the third before scoring on Longoria's first triple of the season to push the lead to 4-0. Longoria then scored on a two-out single by Adeney Hechavarria.

Archer had allowed just one hit when Carlos Beltran sent a 96 mph fastball into the seats in right field with one out in the fifth to cut the lead to 5-1. He retired Evan Gattis before Bregman's solo shot to left field got Houston within 5-2.

An RBI single by Beltran with no outs in the sixth ended Archer's night. Steve Cishek was greeted by a double from Gattis before Beltran scored on a groundout by Bregman to cut the lead to 6-4.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rays: OF Steven Souza Jr. was scratched from the lineup about an hour before the game of a bruised left foot. Souza was injured on Monday night when he fouled a ball off his foot. ... CF Kevin Kiermaier, who has been on the disabled

list since June 9 after fracturing his right hip, has had a setback in his rehabilitation. The outfielder has been shut down from baseball activities for the rest of the week after experiencing pain while bending down to field grounders. Cash doesn't think this is a serious problem but it will likely keep him out past Aug. 8, when he's eligible to come off the 60-day disabled list.

Astros: SS Carlos Correa resumed activity on Tuesday for the first time since tearing a ligament in his left thumb on July 17. The All-Star is expected to be out at least one more month with the injury which required surgery, but did some sprints and conditioning on Tuesday. ... Houston placed relievers Michael Feliz (right shoulder discomfort) and Tony Sipp (right calf soreness) on the 10-day DL on Tuesday. ... INF Colin Moran had surgery on Monday to repair facial fractures he suffered after fouling a ball off his face on July 22.

THEY SAID IT

Archer on Altuve, who had a rare 0 for 4 night on Tuesday: "He's tough and probably a huge component to us winning was getting him out three or four times."

UP NEXT

Rays: Austin Pruitt (5-2, 6.63 ERA) will start for Tampa on Wednesday. He allowed five hits and four runs in five innings with a career-high seven strikeouts in a 6-1 loss to the Yankees in his last start.

Astros: Dallas Keuchel (9-0, 1.94) is scheduled to start for Houston on Wednesday. The left-hander allowed six hits and three runs in three innings in a 6-5 win over the Tigers in his return after missing almost two months on the disabled list with a pinched nerve in his neck.



AP photo

Texas Rangers' Rougned Odor hits a two-run home run as Seattle Mariners' Mike Zunino watches during the fourth inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.

RANGERS

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the inning.

Seattle scored three times in the third inning as Cano, Danny Valencia, and Martin all drove in runs to make it 5-0.

Dyson set the stage for Cano's RBI double when he stole his 200th career base. Dyson now has a successful steal rate of 85.1 percent, second in MLB history behind Carlos Beltran (86.4 percent) for players with a minimum of 225 attempts.

"I'm going for 300 now," Dyson said. "It's a good milestone for me, especially being a backup guy basically my whole career. Getting a chance to play every day is special to me."

Odor and Gallo countered in the bottom of the fourth inning. Odor hit a two-run homer, his seventh in his last nine games, and Gallo hit a solo shot 456 feet over the batter's eye in center field.

That ended the night for Erasmo Ramirez, who

made his first start since returning to Seattle in a July 28 trade. He allowed five hits and struck out five in 3 1/3 innings.

Two innings later Gallo hit a three-run homer to trim Seattle's lead to 8-6, responding to an RBI single by Dyson and two-run double by Cano in the top of the inning. Mike Napoli had an RBI single that pulled the Rangers to 8-7 in the seventh.

TRAINERS ROOM

Mariners: Mariners GM Jerry Dipoto said OF Mitch Haniger could return to the lineup by mid-August. Haniger was hit in the face with a fastball on Sunday against the Mets and is dealing with a mild concussion and a nasal fracture.

Rangers: RHP Tyson Ross allowed seven hits and four in 4 2/3 innings in a rehab start for Double-A Frisco on Monday. Cashner has been on the DL since July 24 with a right index finger blister.

UP NEXT

Rangers: RHP Andrew Cashner (6-8) will make his 18th start and has won back-to-back starts for the second time this season.

WITTEN

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tight ends to ever play this game, and certainly the best of his generation in my view and such a complete player."

Witten didn't have any reason to think his career track would be different from quarterback Tony Romo after they joined the Cowboys together in 2003 and became best friends and a prolific pass-catch combination (649, almost twice that of the next receiver on Romo's list).

But Romo injured his back in the preseason last year, and Dak Prescott took his job for good on his way to NFC Offensive Rookie of the Year honors while leading Dallas to the top seed in the NFC at 13-3.

Witten embraced the change before his sixth loss in eight playoff games — to Green Bay at home in the divisional round, a defeat that caused him to pause briefly early in the offseason to make sure he wanted to keep playing.

He didn't pause long, and he chuckles at the idea of "last man standing." Romo and offensive lineman Doug Free retired in the offseason, as did DeMarcus Ware in Denver three years after the Cowboys cut their franchise sacks leader in a salary cap move.

"I think this year I was probably forced to reflect for the first time, three good friends in DeMarcus and Doug and of course Tony retiring," said Witten, who in March signed a four-year extension that goes through 2021

but in reality is more of a year-to-year contract.

"And as I was reflecting, I was overwhelmed with joy knowing that this game provided relationships like that. In saying that, I'm also excited about the new bonds I've been able to form and grow with that."

Swaim, who has a good chance to be Witten's backup this year and possibly even his replacement when that time comes, is on that list.

"I'm definitely in the room with a Hall of Famer," said Swaim, a seventh-round pick two years ago. "I don't know of many people that would argue that. It's pretty easy that he's a first-ballot Hall of Famer. That's not really a question."

The topic is bound to come up this weekend.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Perks of Uranus Retrograde

While many planets behave less predictably as they retrograde, ever-surprising Uranus has a tendency to stabilize in backward mode. To take advantage of the cosmic flow during these first retrograde days, seek a more comprehensive understanding of your situation. Help people test their assumptions; yours will get tested, too.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You don't necessarily want to be the leader. You don't desire more power and influence than you already have. And yet, you will still model the attitudes and behaviors you want to see in others. This is the heart of leadership.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Agree to deal with people as they are. More importantly, deal with yourself as you are. Personality traits are easier to enhance, shape or high-

light than they are to shed. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Greed is boring. Those who are interested only in the sale miss the fun of the game. So while a driven person is more attractive to you than an idle one, a person who is only driven by his own self-interest is the least attractive of all.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Making a good impression and helping others feel good about themselves (and you) is serious business. There is nothing casual, hasty or accidental in your approach to this today. It matters to you -- a lot.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you like something, you immerse yourself in it. Because you take on your subjects of interest with gusto, you'll be able to present a case for them that's lively, challenging and convincing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). One of the many positive things about social media is that it nudges us to celebrate the minutiae of daily life. The voice inside that asks, "Is this worth sharing?" has us more aware of the merits in a coffee cup or a sandwich.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Opportunities are gifts. To seize the opportunity and run

with it is a living, breathing thank-you note. Such interplay will unfold beautifully today and you'll show impressive grace in the exchange.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Of course you prefer pleasant emotions. Who doesn't? You also have the courage and patience to accept whatever feelings come up. Laughter and joy are as essential to being human as are frustration and tears.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Grand gestures are punctuation marks in the sentence of a love story. They are not the story itself. The small, specific gestures that only the two of you understand bring greater proof of love than the big events.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It is difficult to track your progress when your pursuits are varied and many. Focus in on one goal. What is the measurement that will prove you've made it? Keeping record of this will help you stick to the plan and carry on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can't help but be influenced by the people you spend the most time with. You're either already like them or you'll become like them. Even a very slight change in your social lineup

will make a big difference.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Life is a balance. Part of that balance is being unbalanced from time to time. Today you'll see quick progress precisely because you focus all of your energy in one direction.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 2). This solar return you will endeavor to create special experiences for people and be mightily effective. The next 10 weeks show you getting healthier. September's hard work will have delayed but ample pay. In 2018 you'll hit it off with new friends like a candle and a match, softly, warmly illuminating each other's lives. Capricorn and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 12, 18, 33, 31 and 27.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "I'm a Pisces with Leo rising and don't play well with others. Things start out smoothly, but then my siblings, mother, girlfriend, boss, roommate -- whoever -- starts to annoy me. I lose my temper and ruin everything. Any advice? My Mars is in Sagittarius and my Mercury is in Pisces."

I commend you on reaching out for help with your anger problem. Though I can't see the exact degrees of your

chart, I'll make an educated guess that your Arabic astrological part of "action and reasoning" is in Taurus. This can point to a stubborn and judgmental way of thinking. Nobody likes to be told what to do and how to do it. There's more than one way to skin an orange, and almost all of them require patience. Before you blow your top next time, step back, go for a walk and repeat a compassionate mantra to calm and cleanse the emotional charges from your mind. Try this one on for size: "Nobody knows anything... including me."

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Sam Worthington is booked up through the year 2024 with "Avatar" movies. This former brick-layer was a star in Australia for years before his role of Jake Sully shot him to international stardom. The accomplished Leo has Mercury, Venus and Saturn in the sign of the entertainer as well. A smoldering Scorpio moon lends the magnetic intensity that creates a compelling big-screen presence.

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Case dropped against Texas jailers over inmate in dirty cell

HOUSTON (AP) — Charges have been dropped against two former Texas jail sergeants in connection with a mentally ill prisoner who was ignored for weeks in his filthy cell.

Ricky Pickens-Wilson and John Figaroa were indicted in 2015 on allegations that they manipulated cell check records related to the Harris County jail inmate. The two subsequently were fired.

Harris County prosecutors asked that the case be dropped after a two-year statute of limitations expired. A judge agreed to the request Monday.

The inmate, Terry Goodwin, had been arrested on a marijuana charge while on probation.

Figaroa's lawyer, Tommy Lafon, tells the Houston Chronicle he believes the two jailers were scapegoats. They initially were charged with a felony, but that was reduced to a misdemeanor because of problems with language in the indictment.

a man suffering a "mental crisis" struck about 10 vehicles with his pickup truck, injuring 12 people and only coming to a stop after striking a home.

Police Sgt. Douglas Greene told the San Antonio Express-News that the man somehow hurt himself before driving erratically along a half-mile stretch of road Tuesday in the southwestern part of the city.

The 12 people who were taken to hospitals included seven children.

The unidentified man was being held under an emergency detention at San Antonio Military Medical Center.

Greene says witnesses told officers that it appeared the man was purposefully striking the vehicles on Loop 13 near Kelly Field.

The suspect was pinned inside his pickup after striking the home but was combative with emergency personnel.

Ex-Texas Border Patrol agent gets 11 years in child sex case

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — An ex-Border Patrol agent in South Texas who was caught in a law enforcement sting must serve 11 years in prison for trying to arrange sexual encounters with two girls.

Federal prosecutors say 50-year-old Salvador Contreras was sentenced Tuesday in Laredo. The former senior Border Patrol agent in Del Rio pleaded guilty in March to attempting to entice a minor to engage in sexual activity.

Investigators have said Contreras was communicating online with someone he thought was a woman with two daughters, ages 8 and 14, and he sought to have sex with the girls. The woman was an undercover officer. Contreras was arrested in December when he traveled about 140 miles (225 kilometers) to Cotulla to meet the juvenile sisters. He resigned following his arrest.

Jury finds unhappy couple defamed Texas wedding photographer

DALLAS (AP) — A Texas jury has awarded a wedding photographer more than \$1 million after determining a newly married couple unhappy with her work launched a social media campaign to post falsehoods about her.

The Dallas County jury found Friday that the campaign against Andrea Polito amounted to defamation. The campaign included the couple taking their complaint to Dallas news stations.

The jury unanimously found the couple acted of out malice in targeting Polito in 2015.

Polito said in her lawsuit that the couple repeatedly asked that their wedding photos be forwarded to them but the contract stipulated that they first submit an order form for their wedding album. The cover photo for the album can cost in excess of \$125.

Police: Body of Texas woman found in hole on Maryland beach

OCEAN CITY, Md. (AP) — Police say the body of a 30-year-old woman has been found on a Maryland beach.

Local news outlets report that Ocean City police were notified about the body Monday morning after beachgoers discovered it in a hole in the sand. City communications manager Jessica Waters says the remains have been identified as belonging to Plano, Texas resident Ashley O'Connor.

Waters says O'Connor got separated from her family around 2 a.m. and that her death appears to be accidental, although they have not yet ruled out anything. City officials say the body was removed from the sand around 4:15 p.m. and that state police crime scene technicians assisted Ocean City police's Forensics Services Unit. Maryland's Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will determine a cause and manner of death.

Police: Texas driver who hurt 12 suffering 'mental crisis'

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