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Howard College trustees to slightly increase taxes

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

Howard College trustees proposed to increase the tax rate on Monday evening by a fraction of a cent for the upcoming year, which is estimated to bring \$226,133 more in tax revenue.

During their meeting, trustees went back and forth in a lengthy discussion over increasing the rate. Ultimately, they agreed to 31 cents per \$100 valuation — or to be precise, .314285 per \$100 valuation — as the proposed

tax rate, up just slightly from the current rate of .313798 per \$100 valuation.

"I think in summarizing the board's discussion, they were investing in the future of Howard College by increasing the levy by 3 percent, so that they can make incremental movements in the future of the college as opposed to having in one



Sparks

year increase taxes significantly," said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks. "They were trying to incrementally prepare as we see costs go up."

Overall the district projects to collect \$7.8 million in tax revenue this coming year. If trustees kept the current rate or the effective rate, which is the rate that would bring in the same amount of revenue from the last year, tax payers may have seen a slight drop in their taxes depending how their property was valued

this year.

Overall, the college district's certified values came in around \$2.9 billion this year, mostly from increases of mineral values, Sparks said. Taxes are expected to increase by \$10 on the average house valued at \$74,676.

Trustees will hold two public hearings in which tax payers can directly address them over the tax rate. Those meetings are scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Aug. 17, and 12:30 p.m. on Aug. 21. Both hearings will be held in the Tumbleweed

Room located in the college's Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Also during the meeting, college officials presented the proposed budgets for Howard College and SouthWest Col-ligate Instituted for the Deaf (SWCID)'s for FY 2017-2018. Those budgets will include a \$1.3 million deficit which will be used to pay for several one-time expenses. Those project will be paid from the college's projected \$1.4 surplus from

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Coahoma students visit D.C.

By AMANDA ELSTON
 Managing Editor

While some students were sleeping their summer away, a handful of Coahoma Junior High students were halfway across the nation learning about their country's history. This past June, former eighth grade United States history teacher Justin Lindsey took a group of more than 60 students and parent chaperones to Washington D.C. to visit and learn about the United States and the important landmarks in our nation's capitol.

"I planned the trip because I had taught eighth grade United States history and wanted to provide a more hands-on, in-depth experience for my students," said Lindsey. "My aunt taught eighth grade history years ago and had done this trip with Coahoma students then. I wanted to recapture that experience for my students."

The second annual trip to the nation's capitol began on June 8 when the eighth graders, ranging in age from 13-15, and their parents, began the long trek. During their five-day stint in D.C., the group was able to visit places like the Capitol, Mount Vernon, the White House, the Lincoln, Jefferson,

Froyo's gives back to the kids



HERALD photo/Robert Barlow
 The Boys and Girls Club were able to have a couple of "Burrito Mondays" courtesy of the staff at Froyo's, who helped make around 120 burritos to serve at lunch for the organization. This was the second time Froyo's has done this for the club. Pictured from left to right: Dorothy Nichols, Chelsy Segundo, Bianca Correa, and Laynah Archulata.

By ROBERT BARLOW
 Staff Writer

The kids at the Boys and Girls Club were able to feast on some burritos the last two Mondays courtesy of a local business. Froyo's brought the organization more than 100 burritos that were made by just a handful people.

After Ellen Austin, volunteer at the Boys and Girls Club, went around seeking support from local businesses to help fund a special day for the kids at the Boys and Girls Club, she was disheartened by the lack of support from some of the major food chains in the area.

"I've been volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club, in the kitchen and so on, and I've seen that there is a need there," said Austin. "My church donated \$5,000 dollars recently, and I've been going around to different local businesses to see if they would like to donate, but of course a lot of them said 'call corporate.'"

However, one local business owner stepped up to the plate and decided to help give the club a little support with a lot of burritos.

"I was able to reach the lady at the Froyo's, and she now has a taco bar. Even though she's a fairly new business, she decided to help out the Boys and Girls Club anyway," Austin said. "So last Monday we were able to have a burrito day. She donated 120 burritos."

Dorothy Nichols, owner of Froyo's, and three of her employees from the store spent all morning Monday making the 120 burritos for the Boys and Girls Club, giving the kids something to look forward to.

"The kids made 'thank you' cards to send back to Froyo's," Austin said.

Austin said that the large number of children attending the club sometimes makes for some chaotic situations, meaning the club and its staff and volunteers need all the help they can get.

"There are over 100 kids there most days, and they're fed between 12 and 12:30 p.m.," said Austin. "If we have any leftovers, we try to give them seconds, because for some of these children, that may be the only meal they get today."

Austin said that several of the children there are on scholarships, where the monthly fee for the club is covered by a donation from a business or person. She also mentioned that the state has recently started helping out with food. However, it still leaves a big portion to deal with.

"The Boys and Girls Club is a non-profit organization, and the parents do pay money for the kids to go there, but it's not very much," Austin said. "So there is a lot of need there, and the state will reimburse the club for some of the food, but not all of it."

Because the Boys and Girls Club is non-profit, they rely heavily on

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Pence carves his own political ID, on behalf of Trump

By KEN THOMAS and STEVE PEOPLES
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Shuttling across the country aboard Air Force Two, Vice President Mike Pence has been a loyal messenger for President Donald Trump. At the same time, he has

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Obituaries

Patrick "Pappy" O'Neill



Patrick "Pappy" O'Neill was born Aug. 24, 1960, in Amarillo, Texas. He died Friday, Aug. 4, 2017, with the love of his life by his side.

Pappy recently retired and loved riding motorcycles, spending time at his lake house, and fishing. His favorite thing was taking his beloved wife, friends, children, and grandchildren out on the lake in his boat. He was the best boat captain.

Patrick is survived by his wife Linda O'Neill, his daughters, Megan, and husband, Johnathan Offringa, Jessi Kiser, Sarah and husband, Frank Fleming, and son Joshua Kiser and his two nephews, J.D. and Jake O'Neill. He is also survived by his brother-in-law Mark Broughton and wife, Car-

ol, brother-in-law Robert Turner and wife Wanda, and stepdad Joe Paiz.

Pappy is also survived by his dearly loved grandchildren, Karlie, Haylee, Summer, Lizzie, Charles, Dylan, Averi, Jonas, Riley, Buttercup, Frankie, and Catherine, and lots of extended family. Everyone loved him very much.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Elbert O'Neill and Mary Stewart, and his brother David O'Neill.

The memorial service was Monday, Aug. 7, 2017, at 10 a.m. at the Malakoff church of Christ. There was a graveside prayer at Mankin Cemetery immediately following the service. The family asks that any memorials in Patrick's name be sent to Samaritan's Purse (www.samaritanpurse.org) or the Travis Manion Foundation (www.travismanion.org).

Paid obituary

Police & Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **MIGUEL H. HINOJOS**, 54, of 100 Northwest 3rd Street, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

- **FELIX G. OLIVAS**, 49, of 1009 North Bell Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **JACKIE DOYLE RICHEY JR.**, 54, of 700 East 15th Street, was arrested on two warrants from other agencies.

- **ST. JOHN GARCIA JR.**, 24, of 311 Northeast 11th Street, was arrested on seven warrants from other agencies.

- **NICHOLAUS MOLINA**, 31, of 8709 Gillem Road, was arrested on a warrant for assault to family/household member by intentionally or recklessly impeding normal breathing or circulation.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80, the 3200 block of North Highway 87, and the Snyder Field Road.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 400 block of South

Gregg Street.

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

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

- **WILLIAM BEAN**, 37, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **ST. JOHN GARCIA JR.**, 24, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for three counts of no drivers license, two counts of failure to maintain financial responsibility, expired registration, and violating promise to appear.

- **MIGUEL HERNANDEZ HINOJOS**, 54, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for evading arrest or detention with previous conviction.

- **LINDSEY ERIN LUCAS**, 33, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

- **NICHOLAUS MOLINA**, 31, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for assault towards family member.

- **REGINALD WAYNE MOORE**, 26, was booked by the DPS on charges of evading arrest or detention with vehicle, possession of marijuana, and on a bond forfeiture warrant for driving while intoxicated.

- **FELIX GONZALES OLIVAS**, 49, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **DAISHAWN LAWANE RAPHAE**, 25, was booked by the DPS on a warrant for assault that causes bodily injury towards a family member.

- **JACKIE DOYLE RICHEY JR.**, 54, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for failure to secure cargo and expired registration.

- **BRANDON DEE RUSHIN**, 47, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for no commercial driver's license, two counts of violating promise to appear, and driving while license invalid.

- **CODY RAY THOMPSON**, 31, was booked by the BSPD on a motion to revoke warrant for prohibited weapon (knuckles).

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 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.

- 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 of-

fice, 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 ½ 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 Rela-

Coralyn Davis Smith

Coralyn Davis Smith, 85, of Missouri, formerly of Big Spring died, Monday, August 7, 2017. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Thomas C. Dunnam

Thomas C. Dunnam, 74, of Big Spring, died Monday, August 07, 2017. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

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.

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.

tions 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 fundraisers 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.

- Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you would like to donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Maria at 816-6474.

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

- The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791.

Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

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PENCE

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been carving out his own political identity as the steady understudy to a mercurial president.

The Republican vice president has raised more than \$1 million in recent months for his political committee, headlined GOP events in such key states as Iowa and Ohio, and hosted Republican VIPs for dinner at his formal residence in Washington.

Pence is also preparing to take his fourth overseas trip in the last six months, a schedule that has removed him from the Trump White House's daily palace intrigue and the special counsel's investigation into the Trump administration's ties with Russia.

The vice president's push-and-pull with Trump was reflected in his office's vigorous response to a New York Times report that suggested he might be taking steps to position himself for a 2020 presidential campaign. Pence said in a lengthy statement Sunday that the report was "categorically false."

The vice president's spokesman made multiple appear-

ances on cable networks Monday to push back against the story.

"The political activities of the vice president are 150 percent in support of the president's agenda. Anyone who asserts otherwise is uninformed," said Phil Musser, a longtime Pence adviser.

Few Republican operatives believe that Pence would challenge Trump in the 2020 Republican primary election. But at the same time, Republicans privately concede that Trump could be the first president since Richard Nixon to leave office mid-term or not to seek re-election — either for political or personal reasons.

Pence would be ill-advised not to prepare for an early Trump exit, as unlikely as it may be, they say.

"I think that Pence is trying to help prepare for the ticket to be re-elected in four years," said former GOP congressman Vin Weber, who keeps in regular touch with administration officials. "But it's ridiculous to say that it never crosses your mind that the president might not be on the ballot for whatever reason, be it health or political."

As Trump's approval ratings sag, Pence is bound by a delicate political real-

ity: His fate is likely tied to Trump's. A successful Trump presidency could help position the 58-year-old Pence to run for president in 2024. A failed Trump presidency, by contrast, could forever stain Pence's political future.

Beyond his frequent travel, the vice president has sought to separate himself from special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into ties between the Trump campaign and Russian officials.

When questions arose about Trump's eldest son, Donald Trump Jr., and other Trump officials meeting with a Russian attorney in June 2016, Pence's office issued a terse statement noting that it took place before he joined the Trump ticket.

His spokesman later added that Pence did not meet with any Russians during the campaign.

Pence has also traveled to nine countries as vice president so far and plans to make a four-nation trip to South America next week, creating space between his office and the churn of stories about shake-ups or the president's daily tweets.

But he has loyally backed

Trump's policies and agenda. Pence, who served in Congress for a dozen years, rarely begins a speech without passing along the president's greetings and has acted as Trump's chief lobbyist on Capitol Hill, convening weekly dinners with Republican lawmakers and business leaders at his residence at the Naval Observatory. Even in private meetings, Pence doesn't deviate from his effusive Trump praise.

"He's an experienced legislator who can help bridge gaps between members of our conference or between the Congress and the president," said Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark., who attended a dinner in late June.

The meetings help strengthen the vice president's political network in the long term. But they also help the Trump administration's connection to an anxious Republican establishment in the short term.

"We're in the midst of a very unconventional presidency that makes a lot of Republicans in the establishment uneasy," veteran GOP operative Ryan Williams said. "I think

some ambitious Republicans have the thought in the back of their minds that if something were to happen, they may run. But they would never launch a primary challenge against Trump."

Pence stoked discussions about his political future when he formed his Great America Committee in May, allowing him to raise money to support Republican candidates and fund political travel.

Through the end of June, Pence raised \$540,000 for the committee among donors that include Indianapolis businessman Allan Hubbard, a former economic adviser to President George W. Bush, Houston attorney Mark Lanier, Indianapolis attorney Bob Grand and Republican lobbyist Marc Lampkin, a former adviser to ex-House Speaker John Boehner.

More recently, the committee raised \$1 million at a Washington fundraiser that included an introduction from the president's daughter and senior adviser, Ivanka Trump, and featured Republican congressional leaders and dozens of lawmakers.

FROYOS

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donations and volunteers to keep the place running, and many parents rely on the club for somewhere safe and trustworthy they can leave their children.

Austin hopes that other local businesses will step forward in the future to help provide more opportunities like this one for the kids at the Boys and Girls Club to enjoy.

Contact Staff Writer Robert Barlow at 432-263-7331 ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

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the current financial year budget.

Projects across the district include upgrades for the distance learning program, operating system software, enhancements to security systems, and the purchase of vehicles and computers. The college will need to replace its outdated phone system on the Big Spring campus, Sparks said, a cost estimated at \$500,000. Also, the college is planning to use the surplus money to reinstate the construction/trades program at SWCID and start up the same program at the San Angelo campus.

The San Angelo campus has already received significant outside funding for the construction/trades program from interested area parties. The college is also seeking grant money to help finance the construction of a metal building needed to house the program.

The college also expects to begin repairs on extensive damaged cause by a hail storm in April 2016. Money to finance those repairs will come from insurance payments, Sparks said.

Excluding those one-time expenses, Sparks said the budget was actually balanced and

prepared off the effective tax rate. Wage increases are included in this balanced budget.

During the meeting, Sparks said the district has revised its pay structure to include a point system which takes into account the number of years employed, education level, complexities of duties, supervision of responsibilities — direct and indirect, and the degree of danger attached to a job in figuring wages. Also included in the budget are reinstatement of some positions lost due to budgetary constraints in the past years.

The college will increase the starting salary for all exempt employees — employees who do not qualify for overtime pay — to \$33,000 annually in preparations to expected changes to the Fair Labor Standard Act overtime rule. Faculty will receive a \$500 bump in starting base pay while non-exempt employees will see a \$230 increase in starting base pay.

In other business,

• Sparks informed trustees the college will be installing gun safes in all the dormitories as part of its compliance with a law that went in effect for community colleges Aug. 1 that allows concealed firearms to be carried on campuses. Universities were required to be in compliance with the law since Aug. 2016.

• Trustees approved a \$100 increase in the building fee at the San Angelo campus. Sparks said the revenue will be used to pay the note off for the construction of two buildings.

• Trustees approved the purchase of a fire pump equipment.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or email citydesk@bigspringherald.com.



Courtesy photo

Coahoma 8th graders, their parents, and former Coahoma history teacher Justin Lindsey pose outside of the White House during their annual trip to the nation's capitol. The students toured Washington D.C. June 8-12. Lindsey, who sponsored the trip, would like to thank Porter's Keystone Pipeline, Judy West, Kelly Wright, and several anonymous sponsors for sponsoring or contributing to the trip.

COAHOMA

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Vietnam, and Korean Memorials, and Ford's Theatre.

"Four of our students, Boy Scouts, laid our wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier at Arlington National Cemetery," said Lindsey. "The boys' names are Ethan and Nicholas Bidison, Alex Grant, and Richard Thurman."

According to Lindsey, last year's trip was such a memorable experience for his former students that he spent the year planning and organizing the trip along with Brightspark Travel to get the events lined up.

"The students both years have had an overwhelming positive response,"

said Lindsey, "They wished we could go again. They really engaged with the historical and contemporary aspects of the city while finding value in the broad educational aspects of the standards I taught them throughout the year."

"Students from 2016's trip reached out to me when we were getting ready for this trip and revisited many great memories for that trip," continued Lindsey. "I personally think that the value of such an experience is one that will last forever."

With the success of the past two years, Lindsey said that 2018's trip to the capitol is already in the works.

"It is a valuable trip with various learning opportunities for the students," he said.

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Nina York Barnes, 76, died Friday. The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Spring Creek Fellowship.

Thomas C. Dunnam, 74, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Texas police detective dies, 2 others hurt in highway wreck

ABILENE (AP) — A Texas police detective has died and two colleagues injured when their car was struck by a pickup while traveling to a conference on preventing crimes against children in Dallas.

Thirty-three-year-old Elise Ybarra and two other detectives had just begun their drive from Abilene, Texas, on Interstate 20 on Sunday evening when they slowed for traffic that had backed up because of an auto accident.

The pickup then struck their unmarked police vehicle. Ybarra, who was driving, died at the scene.

Detectives Chris Milliorn and Robert Collins were taken to a hospital for treatment.

It's not clear whether charges are pending against the pickup driver.

Ybarra, the married mother of a 10-month-old girl, joined the Abilene police force in 2014 after working as a police officer in Sedalia, Missouri.

Funeral Wednesday in Houston for ex-Texas Gov. Mark White



White

HOUSTON (AP) — A funeral will be held Wednesday in Houston for former Texas Gov. Mark White, who died over the weekend at age 77.

The office of current Gov. Greg Abbott announced White will then lie in state Thursday afternoon at the Texas Capitol in Austin.

White, a Democrat who served as Texas governor from 1983 until 1987, fought kidney cancer for years. His family said White died Saturday in Houston.

White's funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Second Baptist Church. On Thursday, White's body will be transported from Houston to Austin where the former governor will lie in state, in the Capitol Rotunda, from noon until 3 p.m.

Burial will follow at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin, with a private ceremony for White's family.

Texas rains bring power outages, street flooding, rescues

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A record-setting amount of rain has fallen in parts of Texas, knocking out power to thousands, flooding streets and forcing high-water rescues.

National Weather Service meteorologist Aaron Treadway said Monday the storm system began forming in West Texas over the weekend and over the course of 24 hours brought up to 7 inches of rain to some parts of Hill Country.

He says up to 3 inches has fallen Monday along a broad stretch of the state that includes San Antonio and Austin. Part of San Antonio set a single-day record for Aug. 7 with nearly 4 inches.

San Antonio firefighters were called to assist motorists stranded by high water, and at least one neighborhood in the city was evacuated.

Heavy rains were anticipated later Monday for Houston and East Texas.

Driver treated after truck crashes into Texas hospital ER

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Police say a driver with possible health trouble crashed his pickup truck into a Central Texas hospital's emergency room at the same time officers were trying to find him.

College Station police say the staff at College Station Medical Center treated the driver following the accident around 8:30 a.m. Monday. A police statement says nobody in the hospital ER was hurt.

College Station police dispatchers, about 10 minutes before the wreck, received a call from the On-Star vehicle emergency notification system that the driver of a Chevy truck needed medical help.

Officers were attempting to locate the pickup when hospital personnel reported a truck drove through the front doors of the emergency room.

Police declined to release the name of the College Station man or provide details on his health.

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Chicago files federal lawsuit over sanctuary cities threat



AP photo

City of Chicago's Corporation Counsel, Ed Siskel, listens to a question during a news conference at the Dirksen Federal Courthouse, Monday, Aug. 7, 2017, in Chicago. Chicago has filed a federal lawsuit challenging a Trump administration immigration stance. The 46-page lawsuit filed Monday says that "neither federal law nor the United States Constitution permits the Attorney General to force Chicago to abandon ... critical local policy" on immigrants.

CHICAGO (AP) — Mayor Rahm Emanuel has taken his fight against President Donald Trump's immigration policies to court, with Chicago becoming one of the first cities Monday to sue the government over what many U.S. cities argue are illegal bids to withhold public safety grants from so-called sanctuary cities.

The 46-page lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court in Chicago, a day after Emanuel announced the litigation and said the city won't "be blackmailed" into changing its values as a welcoming city. He argued it's unconstitutional for a city "to be coerced on a policy."

A first order of business now that the suit has been filed will be to ask a judge to put a freeze on the policy at least until the civil case plays out, said Edward Siskel, the head of City Hall's legal department. That request for a preliminary injunction could be made within days.

Chicago officials say there are new qualifications for a grant that requires cities to share information with U.S. immigration authorities, which they allege are unconstitutional. Chicago has received the grant funds since 2005, including \$2.3 million last year. They were used for buying police vehicles, radios and SWAT equipment.

"These new conditions — which would give federal officials the power to enter city facilities and interrogate arrestees at will and would force the City to detain individuals longer than justified by probable cause, solely to permit federal officials to investigate their immigration status — are unauthorized and unconstitutional," the complaint read. "These new conditions also fly in the face of longstanding

City policy that promotes cooperation between local law enforcement and immigrant communities, ensures access to essential city services for all residents, and makes all Chicagoans safer."

Those grant amounts of money are relatively small, but Chicago leaders say they fear more impactful restrictions could be coming and so they hope to establish in court that such government measures are illegal.

It is the latest round in a battle between several major U.S. cities that opt to limit cooperation with federal government efforts to enforce immigration law and the Trump administration, with federal officials threatening for months to withhold funding for sanctuary cities, saying they don't comply with federal laws.

Last month, Attorney General Jeff Sessions said local governments would lose the money if they do not give advance notice when immigrants in the country illegally are about to be released from custody. He also wants immigration agents to have access to local jails.

He has argued that the policy makes everyone safer.

Chicago has been a sanctuary city since the 1980s, beefing up its policies in the past decade, particularly since Trump took office.

The city prohibits police from providing federal Immigration and Customs officials access to

people in police custody, unless they are wanted on a criminal warrant or have serious criminal convictions. Local police are also barred from allowing ICE agents to use their facilities for interviews or investigations and from responding to ICE inquiries or talking to ICE officials about a person's custody status or release date.

Authorities contend the policy helps encourage residents of the immigrant community to inform police when they are victims of crimes.

The lawsuit, which names Sessions, seeks to remove the immigration-related conditions for the grant applications.

When asked for comment about the lawsuit Monday, the Department of Justice spokesman directed The Associated Press to Sessions' previous comments, including those saying sanctuary cities threaten safety.

"It's especially tragic that the mayor is less concerned with

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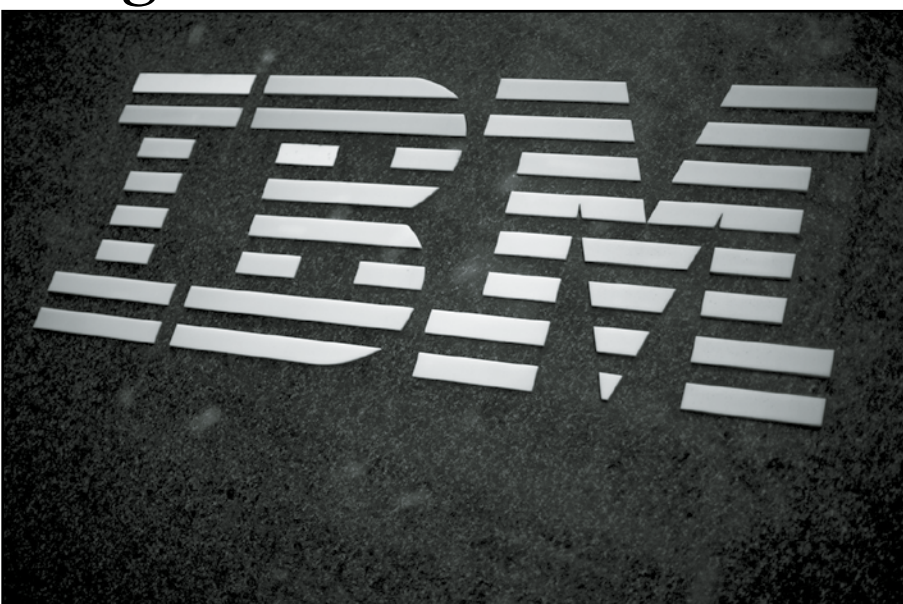
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Judge: IBM owes Indiana \$78M for failed welfare automation



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In this April 26, 2017, file photo, the IBM logo is displayed on the IBM building in Midtown Manhattan, in New York. In a judge's ruling dated Friday, Aug. 4, 2017, IBM Corp. owes the state of Indiana \$78 million in damages stemming from the company's failed effort to automate much of Indiana's welfare services. Indiana and IBM sued each other in 2010 after then-Gov. Mitch Daniels canceled the company's \$1.3 billion contract.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — IBM owes Indiana \$78 million in damages stemming from the company's failed effort to automate much of the state's welfare services, a judge has ruled in a long-running dispute.

Marion Superior Court Judge Heather Welch issued the ruling dated Friday, nearly six months after she heard arguments from attorneys

for the state and IBM Corp. The Indiana Supreme Court ruled last year that IBM had breached its contract and it directed the trial court to calculate the damages.

New York-based IBM said Monday it will appeal the decision.

Indiana and IBM sued each other in 2010 after then-Gov. Mitch Daniels, a Republican, cancelled the \$1.3 billion con-

tract that his administration reached with the company to privatize and automate the processing of Indiana's welfare applications.

Under the deal, an IBM-led team of vendors worked to process applications for food stamps, Medicaid and other benefits. Residents could apply for the benefits through call centers, the internet and fax machines. The contract was pulled in late 2009, less than three years into the 10-year deal, following complaints about long wait times, lost documents and improper rejections.

The state sought more than \$172 million from IBM, but the judge ruled IBM responsible for \$128 million in damages. That amount was offset by about \$50 million in state fees that the company was owed.

IBM said in an email statement that it believes the judge's ruling "is contradicted by the facts and the law."

"IBM worked diligently and invested significant resources in its partnership with (the

state) to help turn around a welfare system described at the time by Indiana's governor as one of the worst in the nation," the company said.

A different judge ruled in IBM's favor in 2012 and awarded the company \$12 million, mostly for equipment the state kept. An appeals court reversed that decision, finding that IBM had committed a material breach of its contract by failing to deliver improvements to Indiana's welfare system.

Peter Rusthoven, one of the state's private attorneys, said Monday that Welch's ruling would be carefully reviewed before deciding on any additional appeals.

"Overall, we are extremely gratified by the result and thinks it really vindicates the position the state took throughout this really long battle," Rusthoven said.

The state argued that IBM owed Indiana for the cost of fixing the company's problematic automation efforts to make the system workable, paying overtime for state staffers to review and correct those problems, and hiring new staff to help oversee that process, among other expenses.

IBM's attorneys argued that the company had delivered "substantial benefits" to the

state that undermined Indiana's damages claims.

Welch heard arguments from both sides on Feb. 10. She was scheduled to rule by early May in the complicated case, but lawyers twice agreed to allow the court more time.

Indiana initially sued IBM for the \$437 million it had paid the company by the time the contract was pulled — a figure that was reduced before trial to about \$170 million. IBM countersued for about \$100 million that it said it was owed.

Welch wrote in her ruling that the bulk of what IBM owes the state stemmed from renegotiated deals with subcontractors to fixed payment amounts rather than the incentive-based payments they received from IBM. Welch said those new deals addressed "shortcomings" that led to the problems under IBM.

"The State operating in the same role would be perpetuating an ineffective structure," Welch wrote.

Rusthoven said IBM's failures hurt needy Indiana families.

"This has been a long, tough battle with a big corporation that refused all along to take responsibility for its poor performance," he said.

Son of Mexico drug cartel figure indicted on US drug charges

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The son of a leader of Mexico's Sinaloa cartel has been indicted on drug smuggling charges in the United States and pleaded not guilty on Monday, less than two weeks after surrendering to U.S. border inspectors.

Damaso Lopez Serrano was ordered held without bail after a brief appearance in federal court in San Diego. He is the son of Damaso Lopez Nunez, who has launched a struggle for control of the cartel following the arrest of its leader, Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman.

Guzman was extradited to the United States earlier this year to face drug charges.

The elder Lopez was arrested by authorities in Mexico City in May. Known by the nickname "El Licenciado," a title for college graduates, he was long considered Guzman's right-hand man and helped him escape from Mexican prison in 2001.

The elder Lopez is believed to have been locked in a dispute with Guzman's sons for control of the cartel's territories. The head of Mexico's federal detectives' agency, Omar Garcia Harfuch, said in May that Lopez was "one of the main instigators of violence" in the Mexican states of Sinaloa and the southern part of Baja California.

Lopez's son, known as "Mini Lic," turned himself in to U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers on July 27 in Calexico, California, across the border from Mexicali, Mexico, said Adam Braverman, an assistant U.S. attorney.

The indictment, which was filed in August 2016 and ordered unsealed Monday, charges Lopez Serrano with conspiracy to import and distribute methamphetamine, cocaine and heroin.

Braverman told U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw that the investigation lasted five years and involved intercepts of more than 250 communication devices. In 2015, there were tens of thousands of communication intercepts and "a number of (drug) seizures" in Mexico and the United States.

Lopez Serrano appeared in an orange uniform for jail inmates and said little in court.

His attorney, Michael Littman, entered the not-guilty plea on his client's behalf. Littman declined to comment as he left the courtroom.

Director of bombed mosque says it lacks security cameras



AP photo

Abdul Mohamed photographs the damage outside of the Dar Al Farooq Islamic Center in Bloomington, Minn., on Sunday, Aug. 6, 2017. An explosion damaged a room and shattered windows as worshippers prepared for morning prayers early Saturday.

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (AP) — A Minnesota mosque that was bombed over the weekend doesn't have outside security cameras that could have captured what happened, its executive director said Monday.

Mohamed Omar, of the Dar Al-Farooq Islamic Center in Bloomington, told The Associated Press that his community, which is made up mostly of Somali immigrants, can't afford security cameras. He also said the mosque didn't receive any threats beforehand or claims of responsibility afterward.

Officials say witnesses saw someone throw something from a truck or van before the blast and saw a vehicle speed away afterward.

Nobody was hurt in the explosion, which happened just before

morning prayers on Saturday, but the blast damaged the imam's office across the hall from the worship space. Ceiling tiles still littered the office floor Monday along with tiny glass shards. The explosion left a small hole in the ceiling and damaged the imam's desk. The shattered window had been boarded up. On the window ledge outside were flowers left by well-wishers.

The FBI has not announced arrests or said whether it has identified any suspects. An FBI spokesman did not reply to a call Monday seeking an update on the investigation. The FBI's Minneapolis office tweeted a picture Sunday of its command center, showing over a dozen people, most with their faces blacked out, and said it was "All hands on deck!"

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that staggering figure than he is spending time and taxpayer money protecting criminal aliens and putting Chicago's law enforcement at greater risk," said department spokesman Ian D. Prior in an email.

Emanuel and other city leaders have rejected that the city's policies protect immigrants with criminal records who are living in the U.S. without legal permission. Leaders of several sanctuary cities and counties, including in Chicago, have also dismissed such statements linking immigrants and crime as discriminatory and misleading.

"The rhetoric and the threats from this administration embodied in these new conditions imposed on unrelated public safety grant funds are breeding a culture and a climate of fear within the communities in our city," said Siskel, the law office director, said at the courthouse after the lawsuit was filed.

In March, the Justice Department sent letters to officials in California and major cities including New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and New Orleans, all places the Justice Department's inspector general has identified as limiting the information local law enforcement can provide to federal immigration authorities about those in their custody.

The department warned that the administration will punish communities that refuse to cooperate with efforts to find and deport immigrants in the country illegally. But some of the localities remained defiant, despite risking the loss of funds that police agencies use to pay for everything from body cameras to bulletproof vests.

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Wilfork officially retires from NFL

By The Associated Press

Former New England and Houston defensive tackle Vince Wilfork announced his retirement from the NFL in a barbecue commercial Monday, a fitting farewell for a big guy who loved to eat.

Wilfork tweeted a video showing him un-taping his ankles, hanging up his cleats and grabbing grilling tongs. The video then shows the 35-year-old defender dancing, cooking ribs and smoking a cigar while wearing his trademark overalls.

"No more cleats," he says. "I'm moving on to smoke meats, fellas. Peace out. I'm outta here. Later."

The video ends by noting that "Vince's Farewell Tailgate" will take place Sept. 7 in New England. The defending Super Bowl champions open the season that Thursday night against Kansas City.

Wilfork's next stop could be the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. He certainly has enough numbers and rings to merit first-ballot consideration.

"Congrats on a #HOF career bro... Now you can sit back and barbecue all you want," retired NFL receiver and fellow Miami Hurricanes star Reggie Wayne tweeted.

Wilfork played 13 NFL seasons, including the last two in Houston. He said earlier this summer he was contemplating retirement after the Texans declined to offer him a new contract.

"The Texans recognized Wilfork's retirement on Twitter, saying 'Thanks for the memories @wilfork75. We'll always have this.'" The caption came with a photo of Wilfork wearing overalls and talking to Houston coach Bill O'Brien.

Wilfork was drafted by New England in 2004 out of Miami and



AP photo

In this Dec. 21, 2014, file photo, New England Patriots defensive tackle Vince Wilfork (75) tackles New York Jets' Geno Smith (7) during the first half of an NFL football game in East Rutherford, N.J. Former New England and Houston player Wilfork announced his NFL retirement Monday, Aug. 7, 2017, in a barbecue commercial, a fitting farewell for a big guy who loved to eat.

anchored the Pats' defensive line for 11 seasons. He was named to five Pro Bowls and helped the Patriots win two Super Bowls.

Wilfork's final game came in New England, a playoff loss in January. He received a cheer from opposing fans when he was shown on the scoreboard in the final seconds and responded with a wave. He struggled to get off the field as one Patriots player after another came to wish him well. Most believed it was his finale, although Wilfork stopped short of calling it a career.

He made the playoffs in all but one of 11 seasons.

Wilfork finishes his career with 559 tackles, 26 passes defended, 16 sacks, four forced fumbles and three interceptions.

With new contract, Stephen Curry vows to do more off court



AP photo

Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry speaks to reporters at his basketball camp in Walnut Creek, Calif., Monday, Aug. 7, 2017.

By JANIEMcCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — A rich new contract in hand, Stephen Curry is more determined than ever to give back both his time and financial resources wherever he is needed in the Bay Area.

The Golden State Warriors superstar has yet to even make a major purchase for himself since finalizing the \$201 million, five-year contract in July. While on vacation last month in the Turks and Caicos the day his new deal became official he did have a little fun flying his drone over the hotel to get some special photos.

"I don't want to get too deep into it but for the last couple years trying to figure out how I can make the most impact off the court on a consistent and impactful basis," the 29-year-old Curry said Monday, going on two months after winning another NBA title. "Going forward and obviously keying in on the Bay Area specifically to hopefully leave a lasting impact for

all the good that has happened in my life and my family here since I've been here the last eight years. Obviously over the next five to really impact the community for the better and use my platform, not only just dollars but my platform and connections and ideas to make that happen. The contract puts more of a responsibility to make that happen and I'm obviously aware of that. And I have a great team around me that's going to help me do that."

This week, the two-time NBA MVP is hosting his fourth annual SC30 Select Camp with about two dozen high school players before a showcase event Tuesday night at Kezar Pavilion in San Francisco. He dazzled the prospects with his shooting routine, provided coaching and even took part in some 3-on-3 right along with the campers.

Curry said not much surprises him anymore when it comes to NBA

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Hands-on approach: Purple pen helps WNBA's Plum blossom

By DOUG FEINBERG

AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — With Kelsey Plum struggling at the start of her career, San Antonio Stars assistant coach Latrell Trammell took a hands-on approach to try to break the rookie out a slump.

Last month, right before the Stars played at Indiana, Trammell took out a purple pen and drew a plus sign and the word "positive" on Plum's hand. She went out and scored 12 points that game — her high for the season to that point — and San Antonio won its first road game.

Trammell has done it every game since, too and just like that, the 5-foot-8 guard who set the NCAA career scoring record at Washington has blossomed.

"I started with purple because it's

her college team color," Trammell said in a phone interview Monday night. "Ever since we started to do it, she's been doing very well. She glances down at it and smiles and is playing more relaxed. It's as simple as one word on the back of her hand."

Plum has played extremely well lately helping the Stars to a three-game winning streak, their longest since 2015. She had a career-best 12 assists on Friday night and then followed it up with a season-high 23 points on Saturday.

"It's still not daisies and roses, but continues to get better," Plum said. "I think I wasn't having fun and things in life that come at you, hit you hard."

Plum had a tough start to her career injuring her ankle in the

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AP photo

In this July 12, 2017 photo, Stars' Kelsey Plum, left, goes toward the basket against Indiana's Briann January during a WNBA game.

Baseball capsules

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Mike Trout got his 1,000th career hit and also homered on his 26th birthday, but Manny Machado hit a tiebreaking grand slam in the seventh inning of the Baltimore Orioles' 6-2 victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Monday night.

Trout doubled down the left-field line in the fourth inning to become the 11th player with 1,000 hits in an Angels uniform. The two-time AL MVP also tied it in the sixth by hitting on his birthday for the fourth time in his six-year career, sending his 23rd of the season high off the left-field pole.

Machado connected moments later against J.C. Ramirez (10-10) for his fifth career grand slam.

Dylan Bundy (11-8) recorded a career-high 10 strikeouts while pitching five-hit ball for the Orioles.

Baltimore won the opener of a three-game series between two teams on the fringe of the AL wild-card race. The Orioles have won eight of 10, while Los Angeles has followed up a 6-1 stretch with three straight losses.

NATIONALS 3, MARLINS 2

Seven sharp pitched Washington in his first start since he was sidelined by neck spasms.

Bryce Harper homered for Washington, and pinch hitter Adam Lind singled in the tie-breaking run in the eighth inning. The Nationals expanded their lead in the NL East over second-place Miami to 14 games.

Brandon Kintzler (4-2) worked the eighth and Sean Doolittle got three outs to earn his sixth save.

Giancarlo Stanton hit his major league-leading 37th homer for the Marlins, matching his previous career high. Jarlin Garcia (0-2) got the loss.

Scherzer struck out nine and gave up two runs. The right-hander was coming off an abbreviated start against the Marlins six days earlier, when he was pulled after one inning with neck spasms.

CUBS 5, GIANTS 3

Javier Baez hit an inside-the-park homer to back Jake Arrieta's 11th win in the champion Cubs' first visit to AT&T Park since eliminating San Francisco in Game 4 of the NL Division Series last October.

Baez's 16th homer took a tricky bounce off the low wall in right-center and deflected past oncoming right fielder Carlos Moncrief nearly 100 feet back in the direction of the corner in right.

The NL Central leaders moved 1 1/2 games ahead of second-place Milwaukee, which lost 5-4 at Minnesota.

San Francisco rookie Ryder Jones hit his first career home run with a two-run shot in the

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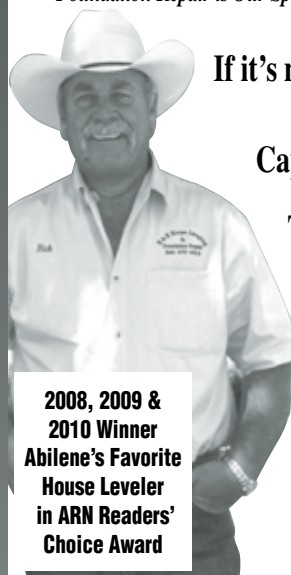
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). If "someday" hasn't come over the span of a year, it may not come ever. As you get rid of the things you're holding onto for "someday" you're also making room for fresh energy and interests.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Learning

is faster than relearning. Children learn fast because they've a clean slate that doesn't need to be erased and overwritten. You'll pick up new subjects quickly but be slow to change the way you already do something.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). People have different tastes. What you make, do or present is not going to be everyone's cup of tea. Success occurs when you focus on offering what you believe in and are proud of, not what you think they'll want.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Doing it right once is a good start. Twice creates early momentum. Three times is the beginning of a pattern. For an action to be called successful, though, it must be able to be repeated time and again with predictable results.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You delight in entertaining others, if not in the formal sense then in the impulse you have to keep people guessing. It's a relationship skill (maybe even a public service) that keeps

Tomorrow's Horoscope

you creative and engaged.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've a rather unreasonable agenda for yourself today, and that's no cause for worry or doubt. Unreasonable things get accomplished all of the time. Just be compassionate toward yourself as you push on.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Decisions are hard enough without the extra pressure of needing to be right all of the time. Before you enter a situation, remember that it's OK to be wrong sometimes. You make better choices from a lighter mindset.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The very young soak up the positive, the pretty and the well-intentioned as if these things were gospel. Even their grievances are taken and absorbed from other sources. Maturity is a firsthand understanding of your likes and dislikes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The way you think is beautiful. It's often accurate, organized and kind, but not always. Anyway, beauty has

as much to do with quirks as it does consistencies.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Just about anyone can hear you when you talk. It's the one who hears you when you don't talk who deserves a special place in the pantheon of your personal life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Hearts are heavy around you, but they'll become lighter once they vent a little. If you have to hear out a few complaints, consider it a help to society.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Perhaps it doesn't look like much, but this is actually a pretty interesting crossroads you've come to. No pressure or anything, but one decision could change everything!

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 8). You've earned the promotion; enjoy the rise. Your need for greater independence will be fulfilled without struggle as past education gets a perfect application and old debts are repaid. The sweetness of loved ones makes October one of your favorite times. There's

a move in February -- a vitality infusion. Sagittarius and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 45, 21, 1 and 18.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I have always been a dancer, and I have taught dance and choreographed many productions. I would like to start a musical-theater school to share my love of musical theater with children. I don't know where to begin, though. My husband, a Virgo, thinks this idea sounds very expensive and risky, and he is not sure that I should devote my time to it. What do you think? I'm a Gemini with a Leo moon."

Gemini's strength is in communicating ideas and starting a dialogue between people. You can use this talent of yours to get more information and seek mentors. You might begin at the library, in bookstores or online, where you'll find many resources about starting a business. Tell your idea to people at your local chamber of commerce as well as in your neighborhood, church, school and activity

centers to learn how you might meet the needs of your community. Your conservative Virgo husband has a good point about the risks involved in starting a business, but you needn't dive in on a large scale right away. You can start small -- perhaps with an after-school class -- and build toward your dream.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Cinematic treasure Dustin Hoffman has played a cross-dresser, a card counter with autism, a small red panda and more than 70 other diverse characters, all with poignancy and vulnerability that keeps audiences coming back. Hoffman was born when the sun was in Leo and has other strong astral influence in hardworking Virgo. Hoffman stars with Adam Sandler in the upcoming comedy "The Meyerowitz Stories (New and Selected)."

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An Out-of-Hand Loan

Dear Annie: I have been married for 23 years to my husband. I was a stay-at-home mom for 12 of those years and took care of our three sons (one who had special needs). Things have always been rocky in our marriage.

When my youngest was in kindergarten, I returned to work, and I have worked ever since. My husband took out a second mortgage for

\$70,000 when we first moved in to our home 11 years ago. I signed the paperwork and thought it was all just part of our mortgage. Well, he handled all the bills -- and now I come to find out he has paid only the minimum all this time. The loan is now due in full. The company keeps trying to get him to refinance it, and we have even had a friend try to help him get it rolling, but he just ignores the problem.

We have been to counseling, and he says he will do some-

thing or hand over the bill-paying responsibilities to me -- but then he comes up with an excuse for why I cannot do it. I am embarrassed and tired of collections calls. I have asked him to see a doctor to find out whether anything else is wrong with him, and he calls me a controlling you-know-what and gives me the silent treatment. I have offered to use my salary to pay the loan while we go back to living on his, but he refuses. He says the loan company can collect the money when we sell the house. Unfortunately, the interest on the loan is growing, and there won't be anything left from the sale of the house for us if he keeps this up. -- Worried

Dear Worried: Your husband can call you controlling all he wants, but the truth of the matter is that he has lost total control over your finances. As a couple, you should not be needlessly paying interest on a loan that you are capable of paying back. Be firm with him, and assure him that you are just trying to protect your finances in both the short term and the long term. Also, there seems to be more to the story here than he's letting on, so stay in therapy and try to get down to the root of it.

Dear Annie: I just read the letter from "Peacemaker in Pittsburgh," who refuses to discuss politics or religion with friends. Annie, why do mature

adults have such difficulty talking to other adults about subjects that might be contrary to their opinions? I absolutely love to discuss politics. I absolutely love to discuss religion. I absolutely love to hear others' opinions that are not mine. Friends and family should be able to have conversations about any subject without confrontations. Adults can have different opinions and still be friendly. I relish anyone's differing with me; let's talk about it. It's possible my opinion could be changed. Just because I have a differing opinion doesn't mean I'm wrong, stupid or stubborn; it just means I have a different opinion. Come on, people, grow up! -- Chuck

Dear Chuck: Though you enjoy a good back-and-forth, others might see this as combative and take offense, and you can't shout them into not being offended. Instead, channel your passion for lively discussion in a constructive way. Start or join a political discussion and civil debate group in your town. The website Meetup is a great resource for this.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The worst-case scenario

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 7
♥ 7 6 2
♦ A 10 9 5 3
♣ K 9 4

WEST
♠ Q 8 6 2
♥ A 10 8 5 4
♦ 8 2
♣ J 6

EAST
♠ 10 9 5 3
♥ Q 3
♦ K 6
♣ 10 8 7 5 3

SOUTH
♠ K J 4
♥ K J 9
♦ Q J 7 4
♣ A Q 2

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead five of hearts.

When you're declarer and the outcome seems promising but not certain, you should try to picture the ways the opposing cards might be divided that would jeopardize the contract. Once you determine the dangers that may exist, it is much easier to combat them.

Take this case where West leads a heart against three notrump and East plays the queen. Before deciding whether to take the queen with the king, you should review the entire situation.

Tomorrow: Good teamwork on defense.

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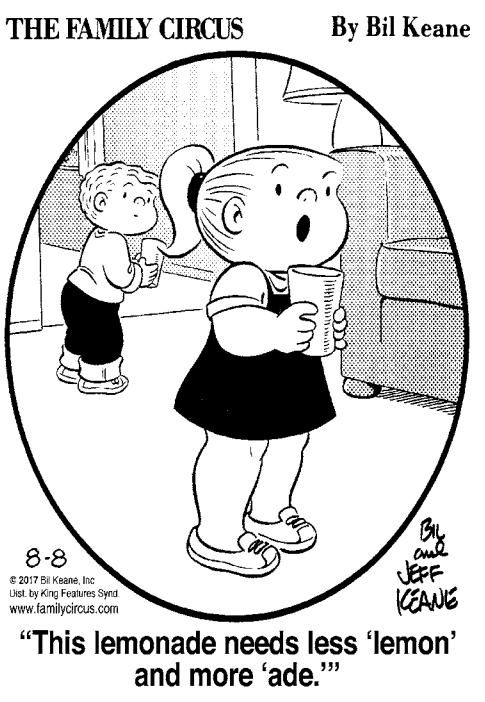
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6:30	Wheel	Guadalupe	Big Bang	ET	radio	News	House	Hour	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	McDorman	Baltimore	Little League	Texas	Mod Fam	Leah Remini	Deadliest
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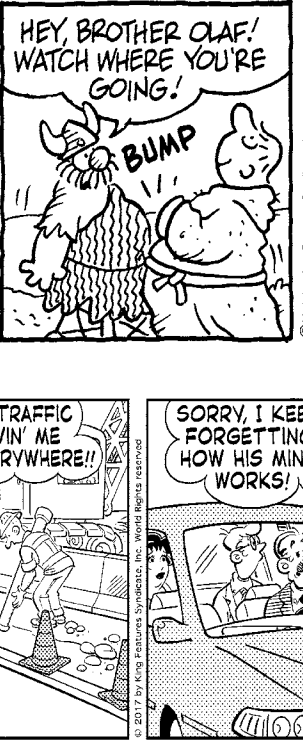
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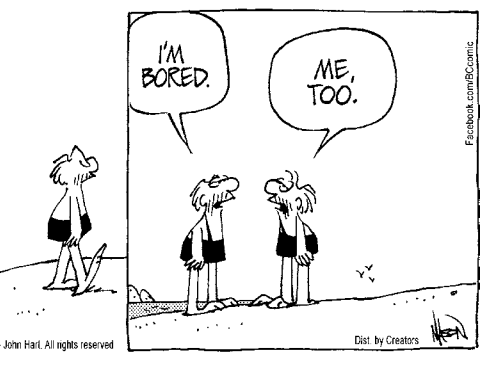
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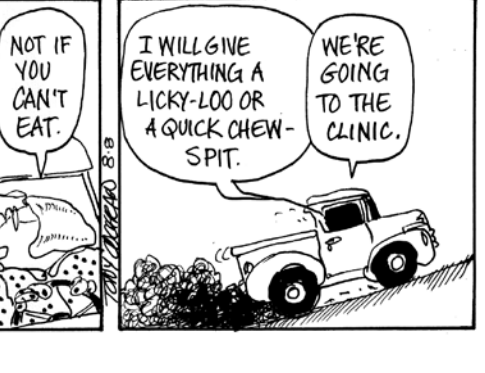
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 8, the 220th day of 2017. There are 145 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On August 8, 1974, President Richard Nixon, facing damaging new revelations in the Watergate scandal, announced he would resign the following day.

On this date:

- In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte set sail for St. Helena to spend the remainder of his days in exile.
- In 1911, President William Howard Taft signed a measure raising the number of U.S. representatives from 391 to 433, effective with the next Congress, with a proviso to add two more when New Mexico and Arizona became states.
- In 1937, during the Second Sino-Japanese War, Japan completed its occupation of Beijing.
- In 1942, during World War II, six Nazi saboteurs who were captured after landing in the U.S. were executed in Washington, D.C.; two others who cooperated with authorities were spared.
- In 1945, President Harry S. Truman signed the U.S. instrument of ratification for the

United Nations Charter. The Soviet Union declared war against Japan during World War II.

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

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

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

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

In 1992, AIDS activist Alison Gertz died in Westhampton Beach, Long Island, New York, at age 26.

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

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

Ten years ago: Space shuttle Endeavour roared into orbit with teacher-astronaut Barbara Morgan on board. Screenwriter-director Mel Shavelson died in Studio City, California, at age 90.

Five years ago: Egyptian

President Mohammed Morsi fired his intelligence chief for failing to act on an Israeli warning of an imminent attack days before militants stormed a border post in the Sinai Peninsula and killed 16 soldiers. Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh Jennings of the United States became the first three-time gold medalists in Olympic beach volleyball history, beating Jennifer Kessy and April Ross 21-16, 21-16 in the all-American final.

One year ago: A fire and power outage at a Delta Air Lines data center in Atlanta resulted in the cancellation of 2,300 flights over a four-day period. Japan's 82-year-old emperor, Akihito, expressed concern about fulfilling his duties in a public address that was remarkable for its rarity and its suggestion that he would like to abdicate.

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Arm of the sea
 - 6 Close with a bang
 - 10 In the ___ (long ago)
 - 14 Horse's cry
 - 15 Des Moines' state
 - 16 Way off
 - 17 Party munchies
 - 19 ___ Star State (Texas)
 - 20 Bullfight cheer
 - 21 Baby's shaking toy
 - 22 Speck of dust
 - 23 Beer barrel
 - 24 Mexican naps
 - 26 Secluded valley
 - 29 Mag execs: Abbr.
 - 32 Knock loudly
 - 33 Tear to pieces
 - 35 Not wed
 - 40 Cold ___ (freezing)
 - 41 Corp. head
 - 42 Explosive liquid, for short
 - 43 Made retroactive, as a contract
 - 45 Poky little creature with a shell
 - 46 Once around the track
 - 47 Gun, as an engine
 - 49 Merriment
 - 50 King Arthur's realm
 - 54 Letter before tee
 - 56 Told an untruth
 - 57 African desert
 - 60 Place for peas
- DOWN
- 1 Data, for short
 - 2 Astronaut
 - 3 End of the ___ (last stop)
 - 4 Omelet ingredient
 - 5 In that place
 - 6 Strain, as flour
 - 7 Stolen goods
 - 8 Mil. truants
 - 9 Portuguese wine
 - 10 California desert resort
 - 11 In progress, to Sherlock
 - 12 Christmas Eve visitor
 - 13 Family diagrams
 - 18 Intense anger
 - 23 Get to work earnestly
 - 25 Becomes worthy of
 - 26 Snatch suddenly
 - 27 Mona ___
 - 28 Heroic saga
 - 30 ___ tape (strong adhesive roll)
 - 31 Scornful look
 - 34 Propel a bicycle
 - 36 Pie à la ___
 - 37 Slanted typeface: Abbr.
 - 38 Cleveland's lake
 - 39 Parcel (out)
 - 44 Any of 12 Biblical disciples
 - 48 Part of speech like "go"
 - 50 Hold tightly
 - 51 Supermarket walkway
 - 52 "Ditto"
 - 53 Lake near Reno
 - 55 Swedish cars
 - 58 Throw hard
 - 59 College city in 15 Across
 - 60 Bread with a pocket
 - 61 Aroma
 - 62 Fender mishap
 - 65 Male sheep

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MLB

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sixth off Arrieta (11-8).

Wade Davis got three outs for his 24th save in 24 tries.

San Francisco left-hander Matt Moore (3-12) was charged with five runs and eight hits in six innings.

CARDINALS 11, ROYALS 3

Matt Carpenter hit a three-run homer in St. Louis' six-run fourth inning, and the Cardinals earned their third consecutive victory.

Paul DeJong and Kolten Wong also connected for the Cardinals, who returned to .500 at 56-56. Carlos Martinez (8-9) pitched eight innings of two-run ball for just his second win in his last nine starts.

Royals right-hander Ian Kennedy (4-8) was charged with seven runs, six earned, and six hits in six innings. He is winless in 14 consecutive starts at Kauffman Stadium since beating Minnesota on Aug. 20, 2016.

Mike Moustakas, Eric Hosmer and Brandon Moss homered for Kansas City, which has dropped six of eight.

TWINS 5, BREWERS 4

Eddie Rosario doubled home the tying run in the seventh inning and scored the winning run for Minnesota on a balk.

After Eduardo Escobar drew a lead-off walk, Rosario hit a smash to right field that fooled Domingo Santana, who took two steps in before watching the ball sail over his head. Escobar scored to tie the game at 4.

Rosario was still at third with two out when the Brewers employed a dramatic shift on left-handed hitting Jason Castro. With no fielder near third base to hold him on, Rosario danced halfway down the baseline, causing Oliver Drake (3-4) to step off the rubber.

When Drake stepped back on the rubber, Rosario made another break for home. This time Drake flinched and plate umpire Bill Welke called a balk, sending Rosario home.

Buddy Boshers (1-0) retired one batter in the seventh to earn the victory.

Matt Belisle worked the ninth for his second save.

PIRATES 3, TIGERS 0

Trevor Williams pitched seven crisp innings, leading Pittsburgh to the win.

Williams (5-4) struck out five and walked two, giving up only a leadoff single to James McCann in the third. Williams threw a career-high 107 pitches and never allowed a runner to third base.

Juan Nicasio got three outs for his second save, completing Pittsburgh's one-hitter. The Pirates have won three straight and four of five.

Francisco Cervelli put the Pirates in front with an RBI double off Jordan Zimmermann (7-9) in the second. John Jaso provided some late insurance with a pinch-hit two-run homer in the seventh.

Zimmermann struck out three and walked two in seven innings. The Tigers have dropped three straight following a four-game winning streak.

REDS 11, PADRES 3

Joey Votto homered for the third straight game and pulled into a tie with Ted Kluszewski on the Reds' career list.

The Reds homered four times in all, with Patrick Kivlehan hitting his first career grand slam. Adam Duvall and Zack Cozart also connected.

Votto's 251st career homer off Jhoulys Chacin (11-8) moved him into a tie for fifth place with Big Klu, the first baseman who cut the sleeves off his uniform to free his big upper arms. Votto's 136th homer at Great American bumped him ahead of Jay Bruce for the ballpark record.

Jose Pirela drove in all of San Diego's runs with his first career multihomer game. The first was a two-run shot off Tim Adleman, who went only 4 2/3 innings. Adleman hasn't won since June 27, going 0-5 in seven starts with a 6.88 ERA. Blake Wood (1-4) replaced Adleman in the fifth and pitched out of a two-on threat.



AP photo

Cincinnati Reds first baseman Joey Votto follows through on an RBI single off San Diego Padres starting pitcher Jhoulys Chacin during a baseball game, Monday, Aug. 7, 2017, in Cincinnati.

CURRY

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drama such as Cavaliers star Kyrie Irving's request to be traded and no longer play alongside LeBron James. They won a championship together in 2016 before the Warriors won the June rematch.

"I don't know the ins and outs of what conversations are going on. It's obviously surprising, but at the end of day nothing's really surprising when it comes to story lines and things like that from year to year," Curry said. "It's just kind of the nature of the beast. I'm sure if something does happen I'll be able to talk about it more but right now he's still on Cleveland's team."

While Curry received his hefty new deal, Warriors general manager

Bob Myers kept nearly the entire team intact for another championship chase. From Finals MVP Kevin Durant accepting a new team-friendly deal to key reserves Andre Iguodala and Shaun Livingston and centers Zaza Pachulia, JaVale McGee and David West, the star-studded roster looks awfully familiar.

"It's huge because we have great potential and opportunity to do some amazing things and win more championships," Curry said. "When you have that chemistry, you don't want it to end."

It's another whirlwind summer for Curry, who made an impressive appearance in last week's Web.com Ellie Mae Classic before missing the cut in the golf tournament, which is one step below the PGA Tour.

Two championships

in three years is pretty special, and he never forgets that.

"I think about it every day and it kind of helps me put things in perspective, how blessed I am to be able to do what I'm able to do on and off the floor, the opportunities I have to even run a camp like this. Because I used to go to the camps of guys who played before me and learn from them and just be kind of awe-struck and eyes wide open trying to learn as much as I could," he said. "Fast forward to these last few years and now I'm on the other side of that equation giving back to the next generation of players. All of that is very surreal but it's humbling just to be in that position. It actually helps me stay motivated to keep working because I don't want the ride to end."

PLUM

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practice before the regular season started. It was slow to heal and the team wasn't winning. This wasn't how she envisioned her pro career going.

"I love playing and love performing and I think I struggled with not playing to what I was capable of," Plum said Monday night. "It's been tough, too. I heard a lot of the noise about why isn't Plum playing the way we think she can play. People need to understand when I blew out my ankle, I tore everything in it that you couldn't have surgery for. I'm still not a full

go. I'm still working back. It's not an excuse, but you have to adapt to something that happened. It took a while."

She wasn't having fun and that's when Trammell decided to try something she had done with other players.

"I went out and bought multiple colors in a packet," Trammell said, laughing. "I personally thought let's start with purple, that's where she had her great success. Let her carry that over and remember how good she is."

So now every game before Plum comes on the court for pregame shooting, Trammell is there waiting for her, pen in hand.

"It's just something

for me to remember to have fun and be positive no matter what happens," Plum said.

While the Stars (6-21) will be hard-pressed to make the playoffs this season, they are headed in the right direction.

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