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## Eagles give back



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From left: Ronda Roberts, Tonja McDonald, Glenda Gillihan, Peggy Dratt, and Kathy Williams pack backpacks with school supplies at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #3188, 703 W. Third St. in Big Spring. The women bought and packed 13 backpacks, which will be donated to Child Protective Services and distributed at a later date.

## Commissioners approve psych evals, mental health deputy contracts

By **ROBERT BARLOW**  
 Staff Writer

The Howard County Sheriff's Office had their upcoming year's psychological evaluation contract, among other contracts, approved by the commissioners court during Monday's meeting.

Sheriff Stan Parker was present at the meeting along with two representatives from the West Texas Centers for MHMR to discuss the changes to the upcoming psychological evaluation contracts.

"We have to have psychological evaluations done on everyone we hire now," said Parker. "We've been doing that for a while now anyways, so we don't have a psychologist now and she (Shelly Smith) has the only psychologist in the county."

Shelly Smith, C.E.O. for the West Texas Centers for MHMR, elaborated to the commissioners court on why these evaluations are so important as well as why the cost has raised nearly \$500 per person.

"The Sheriff approached us and it is required that this is

done by a licensed psychologist or a licensed or certified psychiatrist," said Smith. "This will be at the request of the Sheriff's Department after they have done a thorough review of the applicant. Then they will refer that person to us and we will set up an appointment with Dr.

David Mitchell, he's a forensic psychologist, does a lot of work for us and he is used to doing these types of evaluations."

The new contract would raise the cost for evaluations to \$875 per person, adding that this test is required for all new jail, dispatch, and peace officers hires.

Although the test is significantly more expensive Smith and Parker stated they, believe it's a more effective thorough evaluation.

"It's a very important piece of when you have an officer goes 'rogue' on you," Smith said.

"That's why the testing is done and he (Dr. David Mitchell) also provides the sheriff with a report of areas of where he may have concerns."

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Parker

## Gas prices in Texas fall slightly

Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 1.4 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.15/g yesterday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas. This compares with the national average that has not moved in the last week to

\$2.34/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 19.5 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 10.1 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 9.8

cents per gallon during the last month and stands 22.4 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

According to GasBuddy historical data, gasoline prices on August 14 in Texas have ranged widely over the last five years:

\$1.95/g in 2016, \$2.37/g in

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## House sorting begins in Coahoma ISD

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

In J.K. Rowling's Wizarding World of Harry Potter, students at the magical school Hogwarts are divided into four "houses" based on their personalities.

The Coahoma Independent School District doesn't teach magical spells, potion brewing, or Defense Against the Dark Arts, but they're going to give the houses idea a try.

"We're doing four houses or teams. That's district-wide; every employee and every student is divided into one of the teams," said Coahoma Superintendent Dr. Amy Jacobs. "What will happen is, throughout the year, we will feed into this point system. It'll be attendance, grades...individual classrooms can do things to earn points. As long as it's fair for all four

teams to be able to earn the same number of points, they can integrate it however they want on the campuses."

The system is designed to build character, Jacobs said.

"We feel like the work ethic and the team work approach is beneficial to them in their classroom. It's beneficial in their school work, but it will be beneficial beyond too," she said. "It's part of developing the whole child."

Jacobs said that students will be able to earn points for their team through individual achievement and through competitions at the classroom, campus, or district level.

"So they'll do some campus-wide things, and then within that smaller version of that, our campuses will have the same number on

## Potter-esque point system to be implemented 2017-2018 school year

each team," she said. "So they can have a campus team competition if they want, but it will all feed in to a district competition. We'll keep the points public."

Time students actually spend in the classroom will be a component of the points earned by each team, Jacobs said.

"The number of 'early outs,'" she emphasized. "We try to encourage our students that our school day is from start to finish, and if they continually leave early, then they're continually missing out. Things like that. Those will be counted. Attendance will be counted."

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Courtesy photo

Pictured above is the Coahoma ISD crest representing all the houses that Coahoma teachers and students will be placed in this school year.



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## Obituaries

### Gage Kenneth Richard Mills

Gage Kenneth Richard Mills, 19, of Omaha Nebraska formerly of Big Spring, died Aug. 9, 2017, services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

### Don Crittenden

Don Crittenden, 88, of Big Spring, died Monday, Aug. 14, 2017 at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Deciderio "Conejo" Hernandez Jr.

Deciderio "Conejo" Hernandez Jr., 74, died Sunday, Aug. 13, 2017, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2017 at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

### Louis Evans

Louis Evans, 64, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Aug. 13, 2017 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Support Groups

### TUESDAY

• 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.

• The Texas Retired Teachers Association will be meeting August 21 in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. Seth Taylor will be speaking to share about benefits available. Come make your voice count.

• 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 Bohannan at 432-213-1046.

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.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate

ple 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.

• Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

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

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

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

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

• Staked Plains Ma-

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

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

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

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

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

• 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.

## Police & Sheriff's report

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **AUDREY RAQUEL GUTIERREZ**, 26, 2508 Hunter Drive, was arrested on warrants for failure to appear and speeding.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1400 block of East 6<sup>th</sup> Street and the 700 block of East 15<sup>th</sup> Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported near the intersection of Highway 87 and FM 700.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1200 block of East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and the 1400 block of East 15<sup>th</sup> Street.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1700 block of South Gregg Street.

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.
- **DANIEL ALVIZO**, 29, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction or suspension.
  - **LADONNA FAITH ARNOLD**, 37, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for failure to display expired motor vehicle registration.
  - **ALFONSO BACA III**, 35, was booked by the DPS on charges of abandoning or endangering a child, driving while license invalid from previous conviction or suspension, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, and on a warrant for driving while license invalid.
  - **DAMIAN WESLEY BAILEY**, 26, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury to a family member.
  - **BRANDON SEVERIANO BAIZA JR.**, 29, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for criminal mischief between \$100 and \$750 and for terroristic threat causing fear of bodily injury.
  - **PETER MANUEL CANDELARIA**, 29, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction or suspension.

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- **RAMIRO ISAIH GARCIA**, 21, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction or suspension.
- **AARON GARZA**, 38, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction or suspension.
- **KYLE LOGAN GERSTENBERGER**, 25, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.
- **JACQUES LAMAR GREEN**, 29, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for theft of service between \$750 and \$2500 and driving while license invalid.
- **ZACHARY SCOTT LYON**, 41, was booked by the HCSO on a bailman-off-bond warrant for accident involving damage to vehicle and a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **ANGELICA RAQUEL MOJICA**, 18, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for minor consuming alcohol, improper securing of child in safety seat system, and failure to appear.
- **JOEL DEREK ROJO**, 35, was booked by the HCSO after his convictions on the following charges: sexual performance by a child less than fourteen, indecency with a child by exposure, attempted indecency with a child by exposure, and indecency with a child by sexual contact.
- **JOE TORRES JR.**, 36, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MARGIE LEANNA VIGIL**, 28, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for two counts of no driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and possession or delivery of drug paraphernalia.
- **AUDREY RAQUEL GUTIERREZ**, 26, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for violating promise to appear and speeding over the limit.
- **AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ**, 70, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for criminal trespassing.

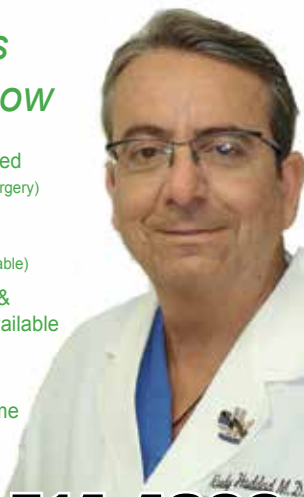
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# CISD

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Everything will feed into this point system."

The house with the most points will be honored at the end of the year, Jacobs said.

"There will be little perks throughout the year."

And just as in the Harry Potter books and movies, each house will have an odd-sounding name a set of house colors, and a coat-of-arms-style crest.

"It's divided by (Classi-

cal) elements: earth, wind, fire, and water," Jacobs said. "They have names...we're expanding on it, but they're 'Paratus,' 'Sperabo,' 'Fortis,' and 'Sursum.'"

The house names are Latin, and translate to different positive qualities. Paratus, which translates to "ready or prepared," is associated with the element of Earth at Coahoma, has the house colors green and red. Sperabo translates to "confident," is associated with water, and has the colors navy blue and red. Fortis translates as "strong or brave" and is associated with

fire, and the colors black and red; while Sursum, which translates as "aim high" (or simply "upwards"), is associated with air, and the colors gray and red.

In addition, the motto of the houses are "Semper Paratus," "Semper Sperabo," "Semper Fortis," and "Semper Sursum." "Semper" means "Always," so the mottoes are "Always prepared," "Always confident," "Always brave," and "Always aim high."

While students in Rowling's "Potterverse" are sorted into their houses based on personality by a magical mind-read-

ing Sorting Hat, Coahoma relies on no such sorcery.

"It's totally random," said Jacobs. "It's random, but it's evenly distributed. So every kindergarten classroom, if there's 20 students in it, then there will be five on the green team, five on the navy time, and so forth."

Random means random, said Jacobs, so students can't request to be on the same team as their friends.

"The point is teaching them to work with others outside their normal circle of friends," she said. "That will

carry all the way through their career."

And the (random) sorting is already underway," she added.

"I think it's going to be fun," she said. "Our staff finds out on Monday (yesterday) what team they're on, and then our students will go from there."

For more information about the new system, contact the Coahoma ISD at 432-394-5000.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at [life@bigspring-herald.com](mailto:life@bigspring-herald.com).

# COUNTY

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The contract was approved by the court along with the Mental Health Deputy contract, which is a program that enables the county to give support and assistance to people with mental health problems being released from jail that may need help.

In other news covered at the meeting Jodi Duck, Howard County Election Administrator, was present to discuss and appoint election judges as well as designate where elections will take place.

"Today I am requesting the approval of the four items that you were given earlier," Duck said. "That includes the contract with Coahoma in the bond election, the election judges, the early voting locations and hours, and the election date and locations."

The election locations and dates were all approved by the commissioners court.

County Road and Bridge Administrator, Brian Klinksiek, presented 12 road boring permits to the court with approximately 40 percent of those under the new fees approved at a previous meeting.

Klinksiek also brought a request to name a new road that will be constructed on private land extending out from a previous road. The request was approved by the court to name the road Vista Ridge.

Other topics covered at the meeting included:

- The commissioners court approved a joint check agreement for the purchase of a new chiller unit for the courthouse.

- The court also gave approval for the county to seek out bids for fuel for the upcoming year.

- Chief Tommy Sullivan from the Volunteer Fire Department presented a 911 emergency budget to the court, stating it was a "carbon-copy" of last years agreement.

- Invoices, payroll report, and monthly reports were all approved by the commissioners court.

# GAS

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2015, \$3.27/g in 2014, \$3.39/g in 2013 and \$3.50/g in 2012.

Areas near Texas and their current gas price climate:

- Midland Odessa- \$2.18/g, flat from last week's \$2.18/g.
- San Antonio- \$2.08/g, down 2.7 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.11/g.
- Austin- \$2.12/g, down 1.1 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.13/g.

"For the fourth straight week gasoline prices have risen, pushing the national average this week to its highest level of the summer so far," said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy. "There are some signs, however, that we may be nearing a short-term peak as the climb in gasoline prices has begun to slow. The number of states seeing gas prices decline versus a week ago rose to its highest level in three weeks, a sign that

gas prices have in these areas have caught up to the rise in oil prices. While that sign alone doesn't guarantee lower prices, it suggests that fewer price increases are in store as stations await oil's next move. Last week saw oil prices fluctuate little until Friday, when prices fell and closed the week under \$49 per barrel, with many 'wait and see' factors weighing on the market, such as the Venezuela situation, hurricane season and declining U.S. oil inventories."

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## Deadly rally accelerates removal of Confederate statues

By JESSE J. HOLLAND

Associated Press

In Gainesville, Florida, workers hired by the Daughters of the Confederacy chipped away at a Confederate soldier's statue, loaded it quietly on a truck and drove away with little fanfare.

In Baltimore, Mayor Catherine Pugh said she's ready to tear down all of her city's Confederate statues, and the city council voted to have them destroyed. San Antonio lawmakers are looking ahead to removing a statue that many people wrongly assumed represented a famed Texas leader who died at the Alamo.

Some people refused to wait. Protesters in Durham, North Carolina, toppled a nearly century-old statue of a Confederate soldier Monday at a rally against racism. Activists took a ladder up to the statue and used a rope to pull down the Confederate Soldiers Monument that was dedicated in 1924. A diverse crowd of dozens cheered as the statue of a soldier holding a rifle fell to the ground in front of an old courthouse building that now houses local government offices.

The deadly white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, is fueling another re-evaluation of Confed-

erate statues in cities across the nation, accelerating their removal in much the same way that a 2015 mass shooting by a white supremacist renewed pressure to take down the Confederate flag from public property.

"We should not glorify a part of our history in front of our buildings that really is a testament to America's original sin," Gainesville Mayor Lauren Poe said Monday after the statue known as "Old Joe" was returned to the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which erected it in 1904.

A county spokesman said he did not know if the statue was removed because of the events that killed one person and injured dozens more Saturday in Charlottesville. But many officials who were horrified by the confrontation soon began publicizing plans to take down statues.

The Southern Poverty Law Center last year counted more than 1,500 things around the country named after Confederate figures or dedicated to the Confederacy, including holidays, statues, flags and the names of cities, counties, schools and parks. Nearly half are monuments, which are in 24 states. Most of the dedications are in the South, but 24 are in the North and 21 in states

that did not exist at the time of the Civil War.

In Jacksonville, Florida, City Council President Anna Brosche ordered an immediate inventory of all of the Confederate statues in her city in preparation for their removal.

"These monuments, memorials and markers represent a time in our history that caused pain to so many," she said Monday.

Lexington, Kentucky, Mayor Jim Gray moved up his announcement by a day in reaction to the weekend bloodshed. Memorials to John C. Breckinridge and John Hunt Morgan are perched outside a former courthouse that was the site of slave auctions before the Civil War.

San Antonio Councilman Robert Trevino is promoting a measure that would remove the Confederate statue at the center of Travis Park, where for years people have mistakenly identified the figure as being that of Col. William Travis, a Texas hero who died at the Alamo.

"This is not an important art piece, but a monument to power. It was put in to remind people of that power. It is an unfortunate message of hate, and we think it's important to relocate it," Trevino said Monday. "We do think that history is important so we're

looking for an appropriate location for it."

St. Louis dismantled its Confederate Monument in Forest Park in June, giving it to the Missouri Civil War Museum after years of debate.

In Baltimore, Pugh announced Monday that she would move forward with the removal of Baltimore's statues of Roger B. Taney, a Marylander who wrote the 1856 Dred Scott supreme court ruling that denied citizenship to African-Americans, and a statue of two Virginians, Confederate generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson.

Pugh said she was making plans to send the statues to cemeteries with Confederate dead outside the city.

But hours later, the city council voted unanimously to have the statues destroyed instead of moved. It was unclear whether anything would happen to the statues immediately.

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Fred (Freddy) Mears, 70, of Tacoma, Wash., formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, July 8, 2017 at his home. Memorial service will be at 5:30 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Deciderio "Conejo" Hernandez, Jr., 74, died Sunday. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, August 17, 2017 at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Kiera Eggleston, 16, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been established at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to assist with funeral expenses.

Daniel "Peabody" Barrera, 71, died July 27, 2017. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Louis Evans, 64, of Big Spring, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Don Crittenden, 88, of Big Spring, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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## Texas police officer charged with helping drug traffickers

MCCALLEN, Texas (AP) — Authorities say a South Texas police officer has been arrested and charged with helping a drug trafficking organization.

A federal criminal complaint says Sgt. Giovanni Hernandez of the Progreso Police Department met with a confidential informant from last March through last month to discuss an illegal business venture.

Hernandez told the informant he was a friend of former Gulf Cartel leader Juan Manuel "El Toro" Loza Salinas and needed money to campaign for Hidalgo County constable.

The document says the meetings culminated in Hernandez agreeing to provide police protection for a vehicle he believed carried drugs. In return, he would be paid \$5,000.

Hernandez was arrested Saturday and charged with possession with intent to distribute more than 5 kilograms of cocaine.

He'll remain behind bars until a Friday hearing.

## Man arrested in death of 94-year-old mom in Corpus Christi

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Corpus Christi police say a man has been arrested after his 94-year-old mother was found dead in a wheelchair, apparently shot to death.

Police say the woman was discovered after officers were dispatched to the house Sunday in reference to a shooting. Upon arriving, police detained her 75-year-old son, Leslie Charles Nelson. When officers learned that he'd taken some pills before they arrived, he was taken to a hospital.

Police say once Nelson was cleared from the hospital, he was arrested on a murder charge and taken to jail. He remained in jail Monday on \$1 million bond. He does not yet have an attorney.

## Drunken driver in fatal crash was on bond for previous DUI

HOUSTON (AP) — Harris County prosecutors say a Houston man charged with intoxication manslaughter for a wrong-way traffic wreck over the weekend already was out on bond for another drunken driving offense.

Prosecutors say police in the Houston enclave of Bellaire reported 21-year-old Daniel Armando Mena smelled of alcohol and drunkenly denied he was driving on the wrong side of Interstate 610 when his car collided with an SUV early Saturday. The unidentified woman driving the other vehicle was killed.

Court records show Mena last October was charged with misdemeanor drunken driving and was released on \$500 bond. The Houston Chronicle reports he enrolled last month in a program for people facing drunken driving charges.

## \$1M Iowa Lottery prize claimed by Texas resident

CLIVE, Iowa (AP) — A Texas man who graduated from high school in Denison has won a \$1 million prize from the Iowa Lottery.

Lottery officials say Wayne and Vicki Dixon had journeyed from Allen, Texas, for his 55-year high school class reunion. They arrived early and decided to stay Wednesday night in Avoca. As he filled up their vehicle at the Wins America Travel Centre, his wife went inside to buy a Powerball ticket.

Lottery officials say she checked it Saturday and found that it matched the first five numbers but missed the Powerball number. The consolation prize they claimed Monday? \$1 million before taxes.

## Texas man dies on first dive of day in Florida Keys

KEY LARGO, Fla. (AP) — A 58-year-old Texas man died in Florida while scuba diving in the Atlantic Ocean.

Monroe County Sheriff's spokeswoman Becky Herrin says Oswald Regueira of Amarillo, Texas, was on his first dive of the day Sunday when he surfaced in distress.

The boat's captain told authorities all the other divers from the commercial dive boat Tropical Legend were recalled to the vessel and Regueira was pulled on board. Herrin says CPR was performed as the boat traveled to shore, where the man was taken to a hospital, where he was declared dead.

# Texas lawmakers want A&M to block white nationalist rally

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M University has criticized the views of a white nationalist who is planning a "white lives matter" rally on campus next month, but lawmakers in the state Legislature are calling on the school to go farther and block the event entirely.

A&M spokeswoman Amy Smith told The Battalion student newspaper that Preston Wiginton's rhetoric is "counter to the core values of Texas A&M."

Smith said in an earlier statement to The Dallas Morning News that the university didn't invite any white nationalists, but that it can't stop them from coming.

She said anyone can reserve space on the public university's campus.

Smith declined comment to The Associated Press.

On the House floor on Monday, Dallas Democratic Rep. Helen Giddings said that A&M administrators should "unequivocally denounce and fight against" racist groups and that Texas should reject hate in all forms with one voice. Nearly every House member stood alongside her.

Rep. Paul Workman, an Austin Republican, said a petition being circulated for A&M graduates in the House is attempting to "keep this from going on our campus." The Leg-

islature are in a special session called by Gov. Greg Abbott that ends Wednesday but have not taken any formal legislative action on the issue.

Wiginton said he's invited prominent white nationalist Richard Spencer to address the rally, set for Sept. 11, but it's not clear if Spencer will attend.

Wiginton, a former A&M student, said he was inspired by the recent "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville, Virginia. The rally turned chaotic Saturday when a vehicle plowed into a group of counterprotesters, killing at least one and injuring 19.

If Spencer were to at-

tend the rally, it would be his second appearance on the A&M campus within a year.

Wiginton also invited him in December, when Spencer was met by hundreds of protesters, many of whom gathered at Kyle Field to hear music and speeches highlighting diversity and unity to counter Spencer's appearance.

A&M has since changed its policy to require that any group wishing to hold an event in a building must have a campus sponsor. No sponsor has been identified for the Sept. 11 rally, so any gathering would have to be held outdoors.

## Police: 17 immigrants locked inside rig at Texas truck stop

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — Police in Texas acting on a tip found 17 immigrants locked inside a tractor-trailer parked at a gas station about 20 miles (30 kilometers) from the border with Mexico, less than a month after 10 people died in the back of a hot truck in San Antonio.

Edinburg Assistant Police Chief Oscar Trevino tells KG-BT-TV that the immigrants from Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala and Romania may have been locked inside the 18-wheeler in Edinburg for at least eight hours before being freed by officers late Sunday morning.

None of the people inside the tractor-trailer required medical attention. A man and woman who Trevino said are Cuban nationals were in charge of the rig and have been detained.

The discovery comes three weeks after 10 people died in a sweltering rig parked at a Walmart in San Antonio. Immigration officials say survivors estimated 100 people had been packed into the back of the 18-wheeler at one point.

Officials said 39 people were inside when rescuers arrived, and the rest either escaped or hitched rides to their next destination.

Nearly 20 of those rescued from the rig were hospitalized in dire condition, many suffering from extreme dehydration and heatstroke. The driver of that rig remains in federal custody, charged with illegally transporting immigrants for financial gain, resulting in death.

On Sunday, Edinburg police went to the gas station, a popular stopover for commercial truck drivers traveling through the region, after receiving an anonymous call from someone saying a relative was trapped inside the tractor-trailer.

Officers began knocking on the sides of trailers parked at the station and eventually received return knocks from the

one holding the immigrants, police said.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement is investigating.

The San Antonio incident demonstrated how smugglers regularly use big rigs in an elaborate network of foot guides, safe house operators and drivers. The immigrants discovered in San Antonio had been divided into groups and marked with color-coded tape.

Six black SUVs were waiting at one transit point to take some to their destinations.

Authorities have not said if similar arrangements had been made for the immigrants found in Edinburg, about 230 miles (370 kilometers) south of San Antonio.

Manuel Paddilla, U.S. Customs and Border Protection's sector chief for the Rio Grande Valley at Texas' southernmost point, declined to say if Sunday's incident was related to the San Antonio case, citing the ongoing investigation.



AP photo

In this Sunday Aug. 13, 2017, photo, Border Patrol officers escort a group of immigrants to a van after a group was found in the tractor-trailer in Edinburg, Texas. Police in Texas acting on a tip found the immigrants locked inside the tractor-trailer parked at a gas station about 20 miles (30 kilometers) from the border with Mexico, less than a month after 10 people died in the back of a hot truck with little ventilation in San Antonio.



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# 'Out for blood': Man arrested in plan to bomb Oklahoma bank

By **TIM TALLEY**

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A 23-year-old man who was "out for blood" when attempted to detonate what he believed was an explosives-laden van outside an Oklahoma bank in a plot similar to the deadly 1995 bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building is expected to be formally charged Monday, authorities said.

During a meeting with undercover FBI agents in June, Jerry Drake Varnell of Sayre, Oklahoma, said he held "III% ideology" and wanted "to start the next revolution," a reference to the "Three Percenters" patriot movement — begun in 2008, galvanized by President Barack Obama's election — and that has rallied against gun control efforts and pledges resistance to the federal government over the infringement of constitutional rights.

Federal officials arrested Varnell early Saturday in connection with a plot to detonate a vehicle bomb in an alley adjacent to BancFirst in downtown Oklahoma City. Varnell was scheduled to appear in federal court later Monday on a charge of attempting to use explosives to destroy a building in interstate commerce. Court records do not indicate whether Varnell is represented by an attorney.

A federal complaint filed on Sunday says a confidential informant told the FBI in December that Varnell

wanted to blow up a building and "that Varnell was upset with the government and was seeking retaliation."

Officials said Varnell initially wanted to blow up the Federal Reserve Building in Washington, D.C., with a device similar to one used in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing that destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, killing 168 people and injuring hundreds more.

In a series of text messages with the FBI's informant, Varnell "claimed to have a bunker for when the world (or United States) collapsed" and indicated he was trying to build a team, the complaint states.

"I'm out for blood," the complaint quotes Varnell's texts. "When militias start getting formed I'm going after government officials when I have a team."

But an undercover FBI agent posed as someone who could help Varnell build a bomb and the device used was actually inert, authorities said. Varnell's actions were monitored closely for months as the plot developed.

"There was never a concern that our community's safety or security was at risk during this investigation," said Kathryn Peterson, special agent in charge of the FBI in Oklahoma.

The undercover agent met face-to-face with him on June 1 to discuss obtaining materials for an ammonium nitrate and fuel oil bomb similar to the one used in the Oklaho-

ma City bombing, the complaint states.

Varnell indicated at the meeting that he had previously made homemade explosives and that he "was of the same mind with people who wanted to use explosives and make a statement," the complaint says.

"Something needs to be done," Varnell said, but killing a lot of people was not a good idea, according to the complaint. During text conversations in July, Varnell stated he wanted to conduct the attack after closing hours to prevent casualties but conceded that some bank workers or custodians who were inside the building could be killed or injured in the blast, it says.

The complaint says Varnell helped assemble the device and load it into what he believed was a stolen van. Shortly after midnight on Saturday, Varnell drove the van by himself from a storage unit in El Reno, about 30 miles (48 kilometers) from the bank in Oklahoma City, and dialed a number on a cell telephone that he believed would trigger the explosion. The FBI and members of a Joint Terrorism Task Force arrested Varnell shortly before 1 a.m.

The complaint also states that Varnell prepared a statement to be posted on Facebook after the explosion which reads in part that the attack was "retaliation against the freedoms that



AP photo

This photo provided by the Oklahoma Department of Corrections shows Jerry Drake Varnell, of Sayre, Okla., who was arrested Saturday, Aug. 12, 2017, in connection with a plot to detonate a vehicle bomb in an alley adjacent to BancFirst in downtown Oklahoma City. Authorities said Varnell is expected to be formally charged Monday, Aug. 14.

have been taken away from the American people" and "an act done to show the government what the people think of its actions."

Both of Oklahoma's Republican U.S. senators said the alleged plot could have rivaled the devastation caused by the Oklahoma City bombing 22 years ago.

"It is chilling to think that a sympathizer of Timothy McVeigh would want to act

on hate, as a tribute to the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, the deadliest terrorist attack on American soil before September 11," said Sen. James Lankford.

Sen. Jim Inhofe said law enforcement authorities "successfully prevented a hateful act of domestic terrorism."

If convicted, Varnell faces between five and 20 years in prison.

## Social media harnessed to expose white nationalists at rally



AP photo

In this Saturday, Aug. 12, 2017, file photo, white nationalist demonstrators walk into the entrance of Lee Park surrounded by counter demonstrators in Charlottesville, Va. People are using social media to identify and shame white nationalists who attended this past weekend's gathering in Charlottesville. At least one person has reportedly been fired as a result, showing that the power of angry online mobs can go both ways.

By **BARBARA ORTUTAY**

AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — One of the social media posts resembled a wanted poster or a missing-persons flyer: Photographs of men were arranged in rows, seeking their names and employers.

But the Facebook post wasn't circulated by law enforcement in the search for a

suspect or by relatives looking for a missing loved one. It was the work of ordinary people trying to harness the power of social media to identify and shame the white nationalists who attended last weekend's violent rally in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Meanwhile, a Twitter account dedicated to calling out racism, YesYoureRacist, identified people who at-

tended the rally using photos culled from the news and social media and listed their places of employment and other information. A website created Sunday dedicated itself to collecting the names, social media profiles, colleges and employers of people photographed at the rally.

At least one person has lost his job as a result, showing that angry online groups can

be used to renounce racism as well as promote it.

"The goal with online shaming is very short term and driven by people's desire to feel as if they are fighting back and having an impact," said Brian Reich, who's written several books on digital communications, behavior and political influence. "They are afraid, appalled and they want to stop it."

But is it helpful? Reich said those behind these efforts "are arguably fanning the flames," giving attention to a group — white supremacists — that feeds on attention.

### THE END OF ANONYMITY?

Nicholas Brody, professor of communications at the University of Puget Sound, said the events show that in the age of social media, "nothing is really anonymous anymore."

People attending a white supremacist rally decades ago may have had the comfort of knowing that their schools, employers and disapproving family members probably wouldn't find out about their activity.

These days, not only can information be quickly and widely shared, but a lot of data is available about people on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. Image searches and fa-

cial-recognition technology, meanwhile, can make it relatively easy to identify people online.

But the method isn't foolproof. In 2013, users of Twitter and the website Reddit wrongly accused a man of being a suspect in the Boston Marathon bombing. Reddit later apologized.

### COLLEGE STUDENT IS EXPOSED

Peter Cvjetanovic, a 20-year-old college student, was photographed shouting with a group of torch-wielding protesters Friday during a march through the University of Virginia campus. Cvjetanovic said in a television interview that he didn't expect the photo to spread as widely as it did.

But spread it did. And thousands of people signed an online petition to have him kicked out of school. Cvjetanovic told a local TV station that he is "not the angry racist they see in that photo," but a white nationalist who cares for all people.

The University of Nevada in Reno confirmed Monday that Cvjetanovic is a student there.

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### Gallo HR, some small ball for Rangers in 6-2 win over Tigers



By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**  
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Joey Gallo hit another impressive home run. The Texas Rangers played some small ball, too.

Rougned Odor had three hits and scored three times in a 6-2 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Monday night, including the go-ahead run after he reached on a bunt single and came home when Delino DeShields executed a safety squeeze bunt that he did on his own.

"I only do that when I know there's guys on third base that can run, who expect me to do it, and Rougie, he's an instinctive guy," DeShields said. "I was confident if I just got it down, he'd get there. ... It wasn't the greatest of bunts, but it worked out."

DeShields actually hesitated coming out of the box, thinking the bunt would go foul, and still almost beat catcher James McCann's throw to first. Odor, who had gotten to third with a stolen base after McCann threw behind him trying to pick him off second, raced home to break a 2-all tie in the second and put Texas ahead to stay.

"I think Mac didn't think he was coming," bench coach Gene Lamont said afterward. "It wasn't a real good bunt, but we didn't execute well on that play. They put pressure on you because they have speed."

Gallo's 33rd homer overall and eighth in August, a shot to center in the third that made it 4-2, was estimated by MLB stats at coming off the bat at 112 mph and going 428 feet.

An inning later, Odor had a leadoff double, went to third on a sac bunt and scored on Drew Robinson's single. Odor

singled again in the sixth, got to third on a stolen base and throwing error by McCann, and scored for the third time on a single by Robinson Chirinos.

Martin Perez (7-10) had a second straight solid start for Texas. The lefty made it through six innings without giving up any more runs after Justin Upton's 23rd homer, a two-run shot in the first.

Perez had lost four straight starts before going eight innings at the Mets last Wednesday, limiting New York to one run and three hits.

Tigers starter Michael Fulmer (10-10) walked the first two Texas batters he faced. Nomar Mazara then drove in a run with the first of his three singles, and Adrian Beltre had a game-tying sac fly.

"I was just out of synch. I think I got better as the game went on, but I felt every pitch was either a ball or right down the middle," Fulmer said. "They had some hard hits and some soft hits. They bunted, took extra bases."

#### HIGHLIGHT CATCH

Robinson had a spectacular catch to end the top of the first. The center fielder ran a long way before diving, then had his left arm fully extended with his glove only inches off the ground when he caught the ball hit by John Hicks.

#### OUTTA HERE

Tigers 2B Ian Kinsler was ejected from the game during the middle of an at-bat in the fifth after having words with home plate umpire Angel Hernandez about balls and strikes. Manager Brad Ausmus also got tossed when he came out to discuss rulings.

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AP photo  
Texas Rangers' Joey Gallo sprints to first after hitting a solo home run off Detroit Tigers' Michael Fulmer in the third inning of a baseball game, Monday, Aug. 14, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.

### Mark down the dates: NBA unveils full 2017-18 schedule



AP photo

In this July 12, 2017, file photo, Oklahoma City Thunder forward Paul George answers a question at his first news conference since Oklahoma City's blockbuster trade with the Indiana Pacers, in Oklahoma City.

By **BRIAN MAHONEY**

AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — DeMarcus Cousins will make an early season trip back to Sacramento, while Gordon Hayward will wait almost all season to see Utah again.

Chris Paul's return to his old Clippers home is part of a Martin Luther King Jr. day tripleheader that includes another NBA Finals rematch, while Paul George and Jimmy Butler also learned the dates of their return games Monday when the NBA released its full 2017-18 schedule — which for the first time in history features no teams playing four games in five nights.

The league had unveiled its opening-week national TV games and its five-game Christmas schedule last week. Opening night is Oct. 17, the earliest the regular season has started in 37 years.

Cousins will then return to California's capital city to play for the first time since the Kings traded him to New Orleans last February when the Pelicans visit on Oct. 26 as part of a TNT doubleheader.

From there, it's another five months

until Hayward plays in Salt Lake City for the first time since joining the Boston Celtics as a free agent in July. The Celtics visit the Jazz on March 28 for an ESPN game.

Other nights of note:

— George travels back to Indiana on Dec. 13 for the first time since the Pacers surprisingly dealt him to Oklahoma City.

— Butler, another All-Star who went East to West in the summer, takes the Timberwolves into Chicago on Feb. 9.

— The NBA's top two picks go head-to-head for the first time Nov. 15 when Markelle Fultz and Philadelphia visit Lonzo Ball and the Lakers.

— The All-Star Game is Feb. 18 in Los Angeles.

The Christmas schedule, as usual, is headlined by NBA Finals foes Golden State and Cleveland meeting for the first time since the Warriors' five-game victory in June. They will meet again on Jan. 15 on the Cavaliers' home floor.

Later that night, Paul's Houston Rockets play the Clippers at Staples Center for the first time since acquiring the point guard to play alongside James Harden in their backcourt.

### Greinke strikes out 9 in Arizona's 2-0 win over Houston



AP photo

Arizona Diamondbacks' A.J. Greinke (11) is forced out by Houston Astros' Jose Altuve as he turns a double play on Jake Lamb during the first inning of a baseball game, Monday, Aug. 14, 2017, in Phoenix.

By **JOHN MARSHALL**

AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX — The Arizona Diamondbacks hustled for extra bases, made some nifty defensive plays and got a dominating performance from their starting pitcher.

At a time when the team has been "wandering," it was good to get back to what made them so successful early in the season.

Zack Greinke struck out nine in six-plus innings to bounce back from his first home loss of the season and the scrappy-again Diamondbacks beat the Houston Astros 2-0 on Monday night.

"We've had some wandering moments and I think today we captured what we are all about in a nine-inning ballgame," Diamondbacks manager Torey Lovullo said. "It's nice to see these guys locked in their focus. They did what they were supposed to when they were supposed to like they've been doing all year long."

Coming off disappointing back-to-back series against two of the NL's

best teams, the Diamondbacks had five doubles, including three set up by aggressive baserunning.

Ketel Marte had one to drive in a run off Collin McHugh (0-2) in the second inning and J.D. Martinez had another off the right-hander in the sixth.

The bullpen did its job, with Jorge De La Rosa and Archie Bradley bridging the game to closer Fernando Rodney, who worked around an infield single in the ninth for his 27th save.

Greinke (14-5) was the catalyst.

The All-Star right-hander took his first home loss last week and followed with a dominating performance against the majors' top-hitting team.

Greinke struck out AL batting leader Jose Altuve three times and held the Astros to five hits in 6 2/3 innings to help the Diamondbacks win for the third time in nine games.

"He got chases when he needed chases," said Houston manager A.J. Hinch, whose AL West-leading team

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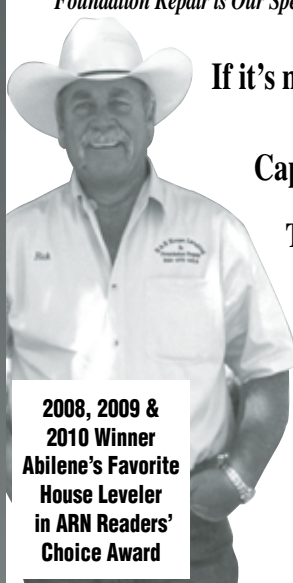


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Venus and Pluto Tug of War

Venus and Pluto struggle through a game of tug of war to remind us that most of the time we achieve by trying. Trying is the bulk of the work. That's why (SET ITAL) not(END ITAL) trying is such an attractive quality: It only happens in the stages of mastery, when so much skill, knowledge and confidence have been acquired that trying is no longer necessary.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You know what you're best at, right? If you're still stuck on that, here's a hint: It's either the opposite of what you're worst at, or it's the same thing, just a different facet of it.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** It's said that happiness is a way of traveling. You certainly carry it with you today, a hum of vitality that lends a quickness to your stride, a playfulness to your approach.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Beware:

There are some things (and people) that are very difficult to experience in moderation. You have but the smallest amount and they leave a hunger inside you for more, more, more.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** It's so much easier for a relationship to develop if there's an outside structure, such as church, school or work, that keeps people in contact. Alas, if you like a person enough you'll invent reasons to get together.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Just when you think there's nothing new under the sun, the cosmic DJ comes along to mix up what's already there in such a wondrous way as to make everything seem fresh.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Think of everything you want in life as a moving target. The way to reach the goal is not by aiming at it, but by aiming beyond it. And don't be surprised if you need greater effort, sharper skill and more resources than first calculated.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** People laugh at clowns and people laugh at geniuses. It is sometimes hard to tell the difference between the two, if there is any. Some foolishness is pure folly. Then again,

folly is often what leads to the breakthrough.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You'll want to make a powerful impression. Go slower. Move less. Be still. People who are still are thought of as poised. Composure shows restraint and confidence.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Don't worry so much about what you're going to say. Your silence, when it is full of supportive, heroic and/or loving intent, is more desirable than beautiful music.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You like giving gifts. It energizes you. So it's wonderful that today you'll be so filled with the intent of service that your work won't feel like a job; rather, it will feel like a gift you're giving.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You've helped others and now they want to repay you. Maybe you'd prefer they didn't. Maybe you don't need repayment. Accept it graciously anyway, as all will feel better when this giving cycle is complete.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Before you rush to sign up and learn, consider going at it without training for a while. In fact, maybe you should wait as long

as you can to learn the rules. If you don't know what can or can't be done, you'll be creatively free.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 15).** The forces of felicity fall in love with your attitude and gumption. You'll transfer the knowledge you've gained from things that didn't quite hit for you in the past into new ventures with a higher probability of success. See, nothing you've done has been a loss. Developments with family will inspire a move or travel in 2018. Cancer and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 1, 7, 12 and 3.

**ECLIPSE FORECAST BY SIGN:** Wisdom for your sign brought to you by the Great American Eclipse 2017, occurring Aug. 21.

**CANCER:** We don't recognize the hot brightness without the cool dark contrast. It's true of environments, ideas and people, too. As the shadow of your ruling planet falls upon the earth's surface you could experience a certain kind of power that comes with being the coolest person in the room.

**LEO:** For you the eclipse represents what's in between -- the space between drum beats, the moment between leaping and landing, the psychic space be-

tween the sleep and the dream. We often try to skip transitions. There's a reason. They're often the most dangerous part of the journey. Embrace them instead. The passage is the way.

**VIRGO:** It's like when you revisit an old suitcase and realize there are still a few items from your last trip in it that you haven't seen in months and haven't missed in the least. Sometimes things have to go away a while for you to realize that they really should be going away forever. The eclipse is a sign that your load is about to get lighter in some painless and easy way.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** As evidenced by the "Star Trek" character Jaylah, Jennifer Lawrence has achieved such career ubiquity that she now stars in movies she's not even in. Lawrence was born when Venus, the love and beauty planet, was in Leo, the sign of show business. Her moon is in quick-witted Gemini. "J-Law" is likely to rule this Halloween box office season in the horror film "Mother!"

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Annie's Mailbox

The Beauty of Gray

**Dear Annie:** I have a gray problem -- and not with my hair.

I am surrounded by black-and-white-minded friends and family. They have inflexible opinions on every subject. And

they all call my grayness fence-sitting. I'm sure I'm not the only one with this dilemma.

What's a person to do when he or she can see both sides of debates on most topics? I tend to get so frustrated. Someone will state his firm opin-

ion on an issue, and when I say something more moderate, he'll get defensive and tell me it's all or nothing -- in essence, that everything is either black or white.

Am I cursed by too much gray matter? -- Frustrated in Gray

**Dear Frustrated in Gray:** Your open mind is a blessing, not a curse. And the attitude of your friends and family toward your "fence-sitting" says much more about them than it does about you. If they were really so sure of themselves, why would they have to convince someone else?

Keep doing what you're doing. Question everything and consider all sides of an issue. It requires more mental energy, but it will keep you actively engaged with the world around you and will lend greater empathy and understanding. As Voltaire once said, "doubt is not a pleasant condition, but certainty is absurd."

**Dear Annie:** When I read your column, I note that you offer Al-Anon and Nar-Anon as support groups for families and loved ones of

those with addiction problems or related behavioral problems. I'd like to offer another 12-step support group as an additional resource. It is Families Anonymous, with meetings all over the world.

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**Dear Judy:** Thank you for sharing this valuable resource. Support groups offer

a space of love and solidarity. I encourage any readers who are struggling because of a loved one's behavior to visit <http://www.familiesanonymous.org> for more information today.

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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Steppingstone to success

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

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

**WEST**  
♠ J 10 8  
♥ A K J 9 5 4  
♦ A 6  
♣ 10 5

**EAST**  
♠ 5  
♥ 8 3  
♦ 9 8 7 5 2  
♣ 9 7 6 3 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A Q 4 3 2  
♥ Q 6  
♦ J 10 4  
♣ K J 8

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♣ Pass 1♠ 2♥  
2♠ Pass 4♠

Opening lead — king of hearts.

The most innocent-looking cards sometimes prove to be worth their weight in gold. For example, if you study the East hand — and we hope you won't have occasion to study many like it — you wouldn't think that this motley collection could contribute anything of significant value to the defense against four spades. But it did, as we shall presently see.

At first blush, when you look at all four hands, it might seem that four spades is laydown. But declarer failed to make the contract, and, what's more, there was nothing he could do

about it. When you run into the kind of defense he encountered, you just have to tip your hat and let it go at that.

West led the heart king, East signaling with the eight to begin a high-low, and continued with the ace, East playing the three. West now studied the situation at length and concluded that in view of South's opening bid, plus what he could see in his own hand and dummy, there was no chance East could come up with a defensive trick of his own.

However, West also realized that if his partner held just the lowly five of spades, the contract could be beaten. Accordingly, he led a low heart (instead of the jack) at trick three! East ruffed with his one and only trump, the five, forcing declarer to overruff with the queen. As a result, South had to go down one, since he could not be denied that trump trick to West in addition to the ace of diamonds.

Good defense by West, you might say, because if he had led the heart jack at trick three, East might not have bothered to ruff his partner's high heart. At the same time, though, it cannot be denied that East's five of trumps struck the really decisive blow. It just goes to show that even the sorriest of hands may occasionally perform a function that almost defies credulity.

**Tomorrow:** A challenging problem.

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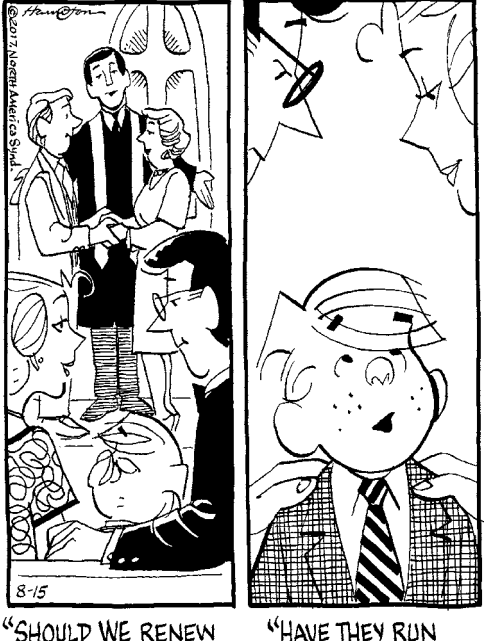
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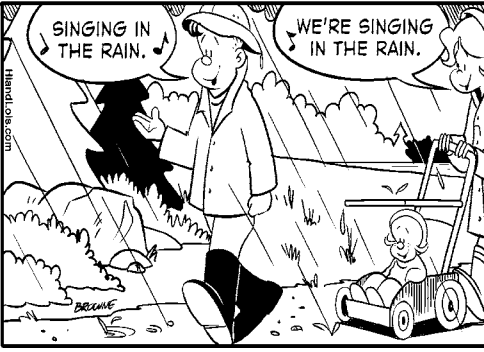
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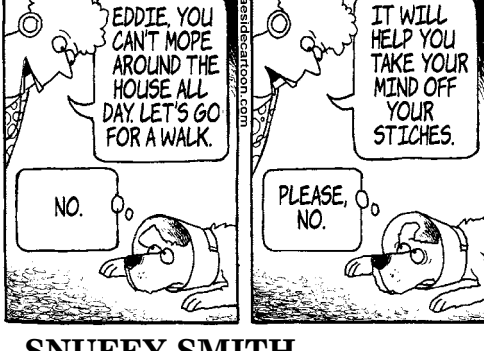
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THE OTHER COAST



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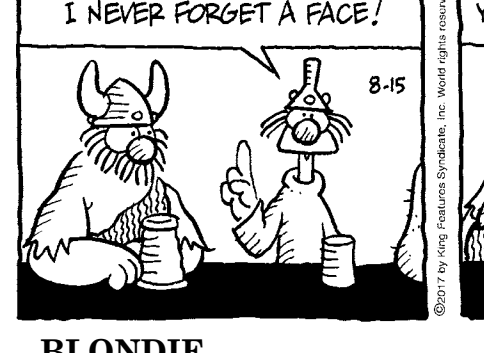
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"No, I don't think 'Here goes nothin' is a good motto."

By Bill Keane

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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 15, the 227th day of 2017. There are 138 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On August 15, 1947, India became independent after some 200 years of British rule.

On this date:

- In 1057, Macbeth, King of Scots, was killed in battle by Duncan, the eldest son of King Malcolm, whom Macbeth had slain.
- In 1483, the Sistine Chapel was consecrated by Pope Sixtus IV.
- In 1812, the Battle of Fort Dearborn took place as Potawatomi warriors attacked a U.S. military garrison of about 100 people. (Most of the garrison was killed, while those who remained were taken prisoner.)
- In 1914, the Panama Canal officially opened as the SS Ancon crossed the just-completed waterway between the Pacific and Atlantic oceans.
- In 1935, humorist Will Rogers and aviator Wiley Post were killed when their airplane crashed near Point Barrow in the Alaska Territory.
- In 1939, the MGM musical "The Wizard of Oz" opened at the Grauman's Chinese Theater in Hollywood.
- In 1945, in a pre-recorded radio address, Japan's Emperor Hirohito announced that his country had accepted terms of surrender for ending World War II.
- In 1965, the Beatles played to a crowd of more than 55,000 at New York's Shea Stadium.
- In 1967, a 50-foot-tall sculpture by Pablo Picasso was dedicated in Daley Plaza in Chicago by Mayor Richard J. Daley.
- In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair opened in upstate New York.
- In 1974, a gunman attempted to shoot South Korean President Park Chung-hee during a speech; although Park was unhurt, his wife, Yuk Young-soo, was struck and killed, along with a teenage girl. (The gunman was later executed.)
- In 1989, F.W. de Klerk was sworn in as acting president of South Africa, one day after P.W. Botha resigned as the result of a power struggle within the National Party.
- Ten years ago: Former NBA referee Tim Donaghy (DAH-nuh-hee) pleaded guilty to felony charges for taking cash payoffs from gamblers and betting on games he'd officiated in a scandal that rocked the league. (Donaghy, sentenced to 15 months in federal prison, was released in November 2009.)
- Five years ago: Felix Hernandez pitched the Seattle Mariners' first perfect game and the 23rd in baseball history, overpowering the Tampa Bay Rays 1-0; it was the third perfect game and sixth no-hitter of the season.
- One year ago: Republican Donald Trump called for "extreme" ideological vetting of immigrants seeking admission to the United States, vowing during a speech in Youngstown, Ohio, to significantly overhaul the country's screening process and block those who sympathized with extremist groups or didn't embrace American values. President Barack Obama, in Chilmart, Massachusetts, urged Democrats to campaign aggressively for the next 80 days to elect Hillary Clinton, saying "if we do not do our jobs, then it's still possible for her to lose."

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Lower leg
  - 6 Apex
  - 10 Not as much
  - 14 California/Nevada lake
  - 15 Large family
  - 16 Tops with frosting
  - 17 Fill with joy
  - 18 Look after
  - 19 In those days
  - 20 Sherwood Forest outlaw
  - 22 Sporty car roofs
  - 23 Portion of corn
  - 24 White gem
  - 26 Weak, as an excuse
  - 30 Fast-food tray liner
  - 34 Rushed toward
  - 35 That guy's
  - 36 Coffee, slangily
  - 37 \_\_\_ Spumante wine
  - 38 Tilt
  - 40 Small bills
  - 41 Pre-owned
  - 42 "My country, \_\_\_ of thee"
  - 43 Garment behind a necktie
  - 44 College roomie
  - 46 Existing from birth
  - 47 Subtle glow
  - 48 Athlete that's paid
  - 49 Trophy or medal
  - 52 20 Across' clergyman pal
  - 58 Prefix for final
  - 59 Face on old watches
  - 60 Mid-afternoon hour
  - 61 Region
- DOWN
- 1 Suffix for prank or gang
  - 2 Angel's topper
  - 3 Moby-Dick seeker
  - 4 "Count me out!"
  - 5 Most astute
  - 6 Cast member
  - 7 Nile queen's nickname
  - 8 Pear-shaped instrument
  - 9 Conclude
  - 10 20 Across' gigantic pal
  - 11 Rebounding sound
  - 12 Flow slowly
  - 13 Nine-digit IDs
  - 21 Farm bale
  - 22 Tic-\_\_\_-toe
  - 25 Long-ago time
  - 26 Illegal deceit
  - 27 Rodeo rope
  - 28 Prefix for national
  - 29 20 Across' girlfriend
  - 30 Stage of a plan
  - 31 Short-lived craze
  - 32 Ward off
  - 33 Eat a sample of
  - 38 Top-billed performer
  - 39 Started the grill, say
  - 43 Laughed derisively
  - 45 Wet dirt
  - 46 Nest egg initials
  - 48 Stacks
  - 49 "Quickly" in a memo
  - 50 "Wish you \_\_\_ here"
  - 51 Prayer's last word
  - 53 Sudden attack
  - 54 Start to melt
  - 55 Strongly encourage
  - 56 Modern phone
  - 57 Spine of a ship
  - 59 Morning farmland moisture

SHERWOODERS by Billie Truitt  
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Answer to previous puzzle

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AP photo

Texas Rangers starting pitcher Martin Perez throws to the Detroit Tigers in the fifth inning of a baseball game, Monday, Aug. 14, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.



AP photo

Texas Rangers' Robinson Chirinos lays down a sacrifice bunt that moved Rougned Odor from second to third in the fourth inning of a baseball game against the Detroit Tigers on Monday, Aug. 14, 2017, in Arlington, Texas. The bunt came off a pitch from Tigers starter Michael Fulmer.

## RANGERS

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### FIRST-TIMER

Texas reliever Ricardo Rodriguez made his major league debut with two strikeouts in a perfect seventh after replacing Perez. Rodriguez, who turns 25 on Aug. 31, has been in the Rangers organization since the 2011 season, and had never pitched above Double-A.

### TRAINER'S ROOM

Tigers: 1B Miguel Cabrera missed his second straight game because of back stiffness.

Rangers: Jake Diekmann, who hasn't played yet this season after three operations to remove and rebuild his colon, threw 27 pitches during live BP. Manager Jeff Banister said the lefty reliever has

been progressing nicely and called it a "very encouraging day."

### UP NEXT

Tigers: Justin Verlander (8-7) will try to win his fourth straight start. The right-hander threw eight scoreless innings last Wednesday against Pittsburgh, and has allowed only two runs over 21 innings his last three starts.

Rangers: A.J. Griffin makes his third start since coming off the DL. He has allowed five earned runs over 11 innings in his last two games.

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## ASTROS

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has lost six of seven. "He pitched a really good game. He doesn't concede anything, especially when he has his command."

Greinke had been dominant at Chase Field prior to his last start, going 10-0 for the best home start in franchise history. The Dodgers ended his undefeated home streak with a 3-2 win last Thursday, knocking him for three runs in 6 2/3 innings.

Greinke had his slider working well against the Astros, keeping the majors' leader in hits and homers off-balance all night. Altuve, hitting .362 coming in, had his first three-strikeout game in three years and fourth overall in seven big-league seasons.

Greinke was lifted after giving up a two-out single to Derek Fisher in the seventh inning, a move precipitated by Lovullo's decision to leave him in the loss against the Dodgers last week.

"I have four useable pitches, so I can kind of play with the hitters," Greinke said. "Maybe it helps that I have four useable pitches this season instead of just two."

McHugh was solid in his fifth major league start, allowing two runs on six hits with six strikeouts in 5 2/3 innings. He just couldn't match Greinke at his best.

"He is a really good pitcher. I faced him twice and it was not close,"

McHugh said. "He held us at bay, but that doesn't change your game plan, it doesn't change the way you attack hitters."

### DEFENSIVE GEMS

The Astros had three defensive gems against the Diamondbacks.

Right fielder Josh Reddick laid out to rob Martinez of a hit in the second inning, then made a nifty catch against the wall on a drive by A.J. Pollock in the seventh.

Astros third baseman Alex Bregman also barehanded grab on a squibber by Greinke to throw him out by a step in the second inning.

### TRAINER'S TABLE

Astros: All-Star shortstop Carlos Correa took about 20 swings off a tee, fielded ground balls and ran the bases before Monday's game, the latest step in his return from left thumb surgery.

Diamondbacks: LHP Robbie Ray is expected to make a rehab start for Class A Visalia on Thursday, his first time facing live hitters since being struck on the head by a line drive against St. Louis late last month.

### UP NEXT

Astros RHP Brad Peacock, who has bounced between the rotation and bullpen, is 7-1 with a 3.46 ERA in 13 starts heading into Tuesday's series finale against Arizona.

Diamondbacks: LHP Anthony Banda will be making his third career start after losing to the Dodgers in his last outing. He allowed three runs in four innings of the 8-6 loss.

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