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Second time's the charm



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Evelyn Parker, 99, was born the same year a total solar eclipse was visible completely across the United States. During the same year, the World War I German flying ace Manfred von Richthofen, known as the Red Baron, was shot down. Woodrow Wilson was president. Parker, shown here with her daughter Susan Durham, was excited to watch the recent darkening of the sun through special eclipse viewing glasses. While Howard County didn't enjoy the complete impact of the total eclipse, about 68 percent of the sun was blocked from our vantage point.

99-year-old Evelyn Carter views solar eclipse

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer
 Evelyn Carter of Big Spring waited a long time to witness Monday's solar eclipse. The last time a total solar eclipse was visible from the east coast of the United States clear to the west coast was in 1918...two months after Evelyn was born. Missed it by THAT much.
 "I'm very excited about it," Carter said. "It just doesn't happen very often, that's for sure."
 Carter's daughter, Susan Durham, said her mom was born Aug. 9, 1918.
 "So she just had her 99th birthday party," Durham said. "The first solar eclipse that completely



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Pictured above are different views in Howard County of Monday's solar eclipse.
 crossed the US was in 1918, and that was June 8, 1918. Now that she's 99, she can actually watch the eclipse. She's so excited about it, since her favorite subject as a teacher to teach the children was about the solar system."
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Trump vows continued fight in Afghanistan; reversing stance

By **JOSH LEDERMAN and ROBERT BURNS**
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reversing his past calls for a speedy exit, President Donald Trump recommit- ted the United States to the 16-year-old war in Afghanistan, declaring U.S. troops must "fight to win." He pointedly declined to disclose how many more troops will be dispatched to wage America's longest war.



Trump

linking its assistance to results and to co- operation from the beleaguered Afghan government, Pakistan and others. He insisted it would be a "regional" strategy that addressed the roles played by other South Asian nations — especially Pakistan's harboring of elements of the Taliban.
 "America will work with the Afghan government as long as we see determination and progress," Trump said. "However, our commitment is not unlimited, and our support is not a blank check."
 Still, Trump offered few details about how progress would be measured. Nor did he explain how his approach would differ substantively from what two presidents before him tried

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Accident sends one person to hospital

Herald Staff Report

A major accident on Sunday sent one person to an Odessa hospital by Air Evac.
 The condition of a male driver of a motorcycle is unknown at this time, according to Big Spring Police Chief Chad Williams.
 A little after 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Big Spring police officers responded to a major accident in the 1600 block of E. Third Street involving a motorcycle and pickup truck pulling a goose-neck trailer.
 According to Williams, the investigation revealed the driver of the motorcycle attempted to pass the pickup on the left but struck the vehicle. Due to his injuries, the driver of the motorcycle was Air Evac to a hospital in Odessa, Williams confirmed.

Howard County residents view a rare celestial event

HERALD photos/Amanda Elston

At left, Monty Kiker (left) attempts to make a solar eclipse viewer to view the event from Big Spring State Park Monday afternoon while Brenda, (middle) and Hunter Kiker watch on. The family, including Holley Kiker (not pictured) donned welding hoods to watch the eclipse as well. At far right, Donnie (left) and Clayton Barber spend the late morning at Comanche Trail Park waiting to catch a glimpse of the partial solar eclipse over Big Spring on Monday. The last time a total eclipse was visible from coast to coast was on June 8, 1918.



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Obituaries

Severa "Sevi" Rocha



Severa "Sevi" Rocha, 26, of Big Spring, died Friday, Aug. 18, 2017 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil service will be at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2017 at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Severa was born June 5, 1991 to Inez Rocha Smithwick and Juan Smithwick, Sr. in Big Spring, Texas. She was a life-

time resident of Big Spring. She graduated from Big Spring High School in 2010 and attended Howard College. She was a provider for Encompass.

She is survived by her parents Inez and Juan Smithwick, Sr. of Big Spring; one brother: Demetrio Jose Rocha; five sisters: Monica Andrea Rocha, Adrianna Smithwick, Maria Smithwick and Stephanie Smithwick and a number of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

In addition to her grandparents, she was preceded in death by one brother: Juan "J.J." Smithwick, Jr.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Melanie Seely

Melanie Seely, 41, of Big Spring, died Saturday, August 19, 2017 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. 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.

Police & Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **JUAN OCTAVIO SANCHEZ**, 39, of San Antonio, was arrested on a warrant for driving while license invalid.

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

• **RACHEL N. LAUGHERY**, 36, of 1809 Mittel Avenue., was arrested on a warrant for failure to identify by giving false/fictitious information.

• **ZACHARY DONNELL ALEXANDER**, 22, of 108 Moore Road, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 3200 block of Ford-

ham Avenue, the intersection of East Marcy Drive and South Highway 87, and the intersection of FM 700 and Interstate 20.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 2400 block of Alabama Street and the 1200 block of East 11th Place.

• **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 200 block of East 6th Street.

• **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1500 block of West 5th Street.

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

Note - Officials with the How-

ard County Jail reported having 64 inmates at the time of this report.

• **ZACHARY DONNELL ALEXANDER**, 22, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for failure to identify giving by false/fictitious information.

• **RACHEL NICOLE LAUGHERY**, 36, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for failure to identify by giving false/fictitious information.

• **JUAN SANCHEZ**, 39, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for driving while license invalid.

• **ROBERT CLARK YOUNG**, 28, was booked by the HCSO on a bailman-off-bond warrant for possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams.

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 Bohannan 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.

• 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.

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

• 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 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.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346.

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Several families gathered at Big Spring State Park late Monday morning and early afternoon to catch a glimpse of the solar eclipse. At left, the Kiker family camped out at a table to make a solar eclipse viewer and look at the eclipse through welding hoods. From right, Hunter, Monty, Brenda, and Holley. At right, a group gathered under a pavilion to wait out the eclipse. From right, Mike and Susan Riordan, Kelly Long, Ray Lee, Aaron Hargrade, and in front, Nate Long.

ECLIPSE

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Carter said she's always loved learning about new discoveries about our sun and its satellites.

"I enjoy keeping up with it, and I'm excited about this happening today," she said.

Carter was born in Nebraska, and spent most of her life in Mer Rouge, La. She moved to Big Spring three years ago, Durham said.

"No one was left (related to Carter in Louisiana), so she ended up coming with us to Big Spring," Durham said. "We're from Louisiana as well, but my husband took a job at the hospital here, so we moved down here."

Carter has lived through a lot during her 99 years, Durham said.

"In World War II, my dad was in Leyte in the Philippines; and he also was in Okinawa. So he had the war experience, unfortunately," said Durham. "So my mom's been through a lot, but she's had some peaceful years since 1946. My father passed away in 1993, so she's been widowed, but she's loving Big Spring and Marcy Place, They've made it very comfortable for her here."

Donald Trump is Carter's 18th president. Dur-

"She's (Evelyn Carter) been very active. She reads numerous books a month, so that's why her mind is so sharp. And her advice to everyone to reach 99 is to eat lots of sweets. Do not cut out the sugar. She did not drink very much, maybe an Old Fashioned every now and then, but that was it. But she certainly ate bacon, sugar, everything." said her daughter Susan Durham.

ham related voting in presidential elections to the eclipse.

"She wouldn't miss (the eclipse) for the world," she said. "Also, she was, I believe, the oldest person in Howard County who voted in the last presidential election. I guess we better not say who she voted for, but she would not miss that either."

Although she might have slowed down a touch physically, Carter is still mentally strong, Durham said.

"She was a teacher for many years, and then she was actually a land broker...she was a realtor and a land broker," she said. "She's been very active. She reads numerous books a month, so that's why her mind is so sharp. And her advice to everyone to reach 99 is to eat lots of sweets. Do not cut out the sugar. She did not drink very much, maybe an Old Fashioned

every now and then, but that was it. But she certainly ate bacon, sugar, everything."

Carter got a good long look at Monday's eclipse, using glasses with darkened lenses specially made for eclipse viewing.

"I can see it real good!" she said during the event.

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FIGHT

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unsuccessfully over the past 16 years.

Although Trump insisted he would "not talk about numbers of troops" or telegraph military moves in advance, he hinted that he'd embraced the Pentagon's proposal to boost troop numbers by nearly 4,000, augmenting the roughly 8,400 Americans there now.

Vice President Mike Pence, speaking on NBC's "Today" show Tuesday, said the exact number of troops was "yet to be seen." He said Trump has "decided to deploy a sufficient number of troops at the brigade level in Af-

ghanistan to assist the Afghans."

A brigade is 3,000 to 4,000 troops, and Pence's comment suggests Trump accepted the Pentagon's June recommendation for an additional 3,900 troops.

"We're there to help the Afghans win," Pence said. "And the president made a commitment that we're going to be there until we win."

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis told reporters traveling with him in Iraq on Tuesday that he has yet to settle on the exact number of additional troops. He has directed the Joint Chiefs chairman, Gen. Joseph Dunford, to give him a detailed plan for executing military elements of the revised strategy.

Mattis said he also will "reorganize" the U.S. troops already in Afghanistan.

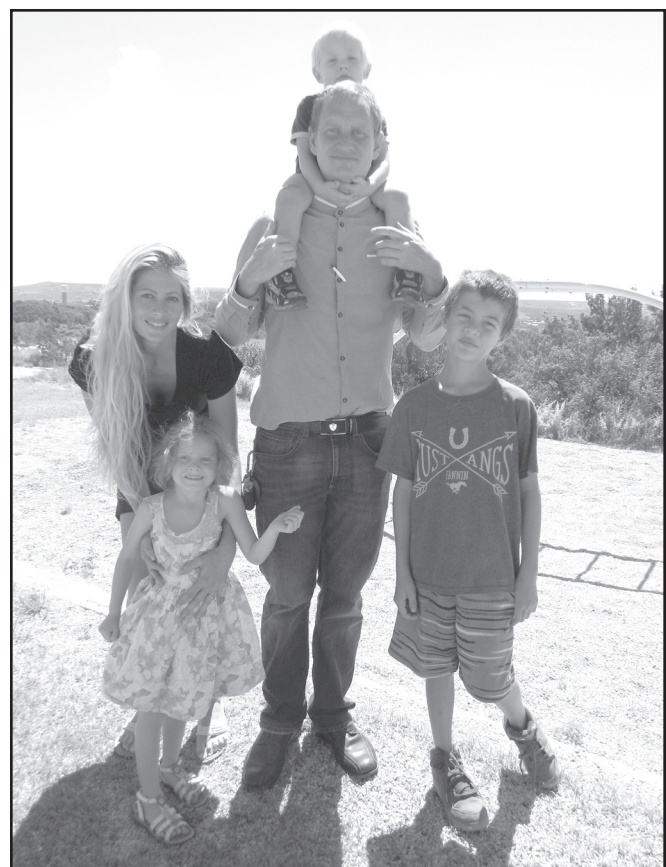
Before becoming a candidate, Trump had ardently argued for a quick withdrawal from Afghanistan, calling the war a massive waste of U.S. "blood and treasure" and declaring on Twitter, "Let's get out!" Seven months into his presidency, he said Monday night that though his "original instinct was to pull out," he'd since determined that approach could create a vacuum that terrorists including al-Qaida and the Islamic State would "instantly fill."

"We will ask our NATO allies and global partners to support our new strategy, with additional troop and funding

increases in line with our own. We are confident they will," Trump said.

Earlier this year, Trump announced he was entrusting Mattis and the military with the decision about how many troops would be needed. In talking points sent Monday to congressional Republicans and supportive groups, the White House affirmed that the troop numbers were up to Mattis and added that the administration wasn't seeking more money from Congress for the strategy in the current fiscal year, which concludes at the end of next month.

U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley said Tuesday that Trump's speech demonstrates his understanding of the weight



HERALD photo/Amanda Elston

The Miller family enjoyed playing at Big Spring State Park as the solar eclipse made its way across the sky Monday afternoon.

of his office. She told CNN's "New Day" that Trump "listened to his generals."

While Trump stressed his strategy was about more than just the military, he was vague on other "instruments of American power" he said would be deployed in full force to lead Afghanistan toward peace, such as economic development or new engagement with Pakistan and India. Absent military specifics, it was difficult to assess how his plan might dissolve the stalemate between the Taliban and the Afghan government.

On one point — the definition of victory —

Trump was unequivocal. He said American troops would "fight to win" by attacking enemies, "crushing" al-Qaida, preventing terror attacks against Americans and "obliterating" the Islamic State group, whose affiliate has gained a foothold in Afghanistan as the U.S. squeezes the extremists in Syria and Iraq.

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Some combat veterans finding new lives as Texas teachers

By **SHELBY WEBB**

Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON (AP) — Peace has eluded retired Air Force Maj. Jeff Shelton for the better part of two decades.

The Houston Chronicle reports every time he parachuted into enemy territory, every time he held a dying friend in the back of a helicopter, every time he watched a child collapse from grave injuries, peace for Shelton seemed to slip farther and farther away.

He found his inner anguish only intensified when he retired from the military in December 2016 and finally had time to process all the wickedness he had seen in the world. It was almost too much for the 42-year-old to process, until he walked into his Junior ROTC classroom inside Lamar Consolidated High School later that month. "I didn't take the time to deal with my past. I had a lot of friends commit suicide or die — some of them died with me in the back of a helicopter. I just never dealt with it," Shelton said. "So here, I found a lot of peace in helping (the students) transition into adulthood."

Shelton is among more than 3,000 veterans in Texas and more than 20,000 nationwide who traded bulletproof vests for textbooks to become teachers supported by the Troops to Teachers program.

The U.S. Department of Defense program helps recent veterans navigate teacher certification processes, military benefits and the other logistical headaches of switching careers, said Christene Nemetsky, project coordinator with the state's Education Service Center Region 13.

Nemetsky went through the program herself in the early 2000s before the Army major was recalled to active duty in 2004. She returned to serve as a school administrator in 2005.

"They're not afraid of

the hard work, they're not afraid of dealing with whatever the kids throw at them," Nemetsky said of veterans in classrooms. "As an administrator, I saw a lot of teachers leave after a year — it's hard work 187 days a year. But (veterans) will do what it takes to do to give that child what they need."

Few teachers have military experiences matching Shelton's.

He spent four years with the Marine Corps before attending the U.S. Air Force Pararescue Indoctrination course in 1999, among the military's most rigorous and elite training programs. Shelton was embedded with prestigious units such as Navy SEAL teams, meaning he saw a lot of combat.

He deployed with the first special operations forces sent to Afghanistan after Sept. 11, 2001, partnering with allied Afghani tribal leaders to fight the Taliban before becoming a combat rescue officer. He spent as many as 72 hours awake on some missions, jumping out of helicopters to save soldiers trapped in enemy territory, taking airfields and tracking the movements of enemy combatants.

In 2008 alone, he flew more than 55 combat missions and saved the lives of more than 40 soldiers and Afghani citizens.

But the lives Shelton remembers most are the ones he could not save.

Jason Cunningham, a friend Shelton made during years of pararescue training, ran into a fire and was shot in the stomach in 2002. Shelton said his fellow soldiers pleaded with superiors to let them fly to him, but commanding officers worried a rescue helicopter would be shot down.

It took eight agonizing hours for Cunningham to die from blood loss, according to the Military Times.



AP photo

Seen in an Aug. 3, 2017 photo, Jeff Shelton, who spent over 20 years serving in the armed forces, retiring as a Major from the U.S. Air Force, is preparing to start his second year teaching at Lamar Consolidated High School in Rosenberg, Thursday, July 3, 2017. Shelton is among more than 3,000 veterans in Texas who traded bulletproof vests for textbooks to become teachers supported by the Troops to Teachers program.

But Shelton's biggest battle came when he left the military in 2016.

"I started realizing that (the military) was the world I lived in, but it wasn't the world for most people in our country," said Shelton, who on occasion rubbed his broad, heavily tattooed arms. "That was the hardest part to deal with — how do I come to terms with the fact I lived this other life and try to assimilate into this society where it seems like there's a lot of controversy and heartache over things that aren't important?"

Many of Shelton's JROTC students know little about the wars in which he fought or the events that precipitated them, including the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington. Though the lack of recent memory shocked him at first,

Shelton said he enjoys telling his classes first-person accounts of history-deciding battles.

Students can't get enough. On a recent Thursday, a few weeks before most Lamar Consolidated Independent School District students return to class, his JROTC classroom was filled with smiling cadets organizing textbooks and cleaning shelves to prepare for the school year.

Aadi Shukla, 16, and a rising junior said he was eager to see Shelton again.

"He might seem intimidating on the outside, but he's a nice guy for sure, really caring," Shukla said. "He's sort of like a father figure. One day there was some bad stuff going on at home, and he pulled me aside and asked what was wrong. He wouldn't let me leave until we talked about

it."

Forging such relationships is the main reason Shelton wanted to go into teaching, and he said he's excited to see familiar faces when school begins in a few weeks. That's a big change from last year, when he was still reeling from the transition to civilian life.

Shelton said the past year has seen him get closer to finding inner peace, aided by weekly yoga practice and daily meditation.

Still, he struggles to see the world from his students' perspectives.

"The hard thing has been relating to innocence, because that's what it is to me," Shelton said. "It's nice to see because I think what happens to people, especially in my line of work, is you lose innocence quickly."

Sempra Energy bids \$9.45B for Oncor, topping Buffett offer



AP photo

In a Monday, May 8, 2017, file photo, Berkshire Hathaway Chairman and CEO Warren Buffett speaks during an interview at the Fox Business Network in Omaha, Neb.

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Sempra Energy is buying Texas power transmitter Oncor for \$9.45 billion in cash, wrestling it away from Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway.

Sempra said Monday that it will also pick up \$9.35 billion of the company's debt. To gain possession of

opposed Berkshire's takeover bid, saying it wasn't enough. But Berkshire Hathaway stood firm on its offer, saying last week that it would not be increasing the bid.

Sempra expects to close the sale in the first half of next year. The deal

Oncor, Sempra will acquire the reorganized Energy Future Holdings Corp.

Energy Future entered bankruptcy in 2014, saddled with more than \$40 billion in debt due to cratering energy prices.

Berkshire Hathaway said last month that it would buy Oncor for \$9 billion, and last week it stuck to that bid. Hedge fund Elliott Management, which owns a significant portion of Oncor's debt,

still needs the approval of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, U.S. Bankruptcy Court of Delaware, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the U.S. Department of Justice.

Once the transaction is complete, Oncor CEO Bob Shapard will become executive chairman of Oncor's board.

Allen Nye, currently Oncor's general counsel, will succeed Shapard as Oncor CEO. Both will serve on Oncor's board.

This is the fourth time that that an acquisition attempt has been made for Oncor. There was Berkshire Hathaway's offer last month. Previously, in April Texas regulators rejected a proposed \$18 billion sale of Oncor to NextEra

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The Tinoco family from Cyprus, Calif., gather to watch the partial eclipse at the Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles on Monday, Aug. 21, 2017.

AP photo

Americans are dazzled as eclipse turns day into night

By **MARCIA DIUNN**

AP Aerospace Writer

Millions of Americans gazed in wonder through telescopes, cameras and disposable protective glasses Monday as the moon blotted out the sun in the first full-blown solar eclipse to sweep the U.S. from coast to coast in nearly a century.

"It was a very primal experience, it really was," Julie Vigeland, of Portland, Oregon, said after she was moved to tears by the sight of the sun reduced to a silvery ring of light in Salem. "I've seen other really magnificent things, but there is nothing, nothing like this. Absolutely nothing."

The temperature dropped, birds quieted down, crickets chirped and the stars came out in the middle of the day as the line of darkness raced 2,600 miles (4,200 kilometers) across the continent in about 90 minutes, bringing forth oohs, aahs, shouts and screams.

In Boise, Idaho, where the sun was more than 99 percent blocked, people clapped and whooped, and the street lights came on briefly, while in Nashville, Tennessee, people craned their necks at the sky and knocked back longneck beers at Nudie's Honky Tonk bar.

Passengers aboard a cruise ship in the Caribbean watched it unfold as Bonnie Tyler sang her 1983 hit "Total Eclipse of the Heart."

At the Nashville Zoo, the giraffes started running around crazily in circles when darkness fell, and the flamingos huddled together, though zookeepers aid it wasn't clear whether it was the eclipse or the noisy, cheering crowd that spooked them.

Several minor-league baseball teams — one of them, South Carolina's Columbia Fireflies, outfitted for the day in glow-in-the-dark jerseys — briefly suspended play.

At the White House, despite all the warnings from experts about the risk of eye damage, President Donald Trump took off his eclipse glasses and looked directly at the sun.

It was the most-observed and most-photographed eclipse in history, with many Americans staking out prime viewing spots and settling onto blankets and lawn chairs to watch, especially along the path of totality — the line of deep shadow created when the sun is completely obscured except for the ring of light known as the corona.

The shadow — a corridor just 60

to 70 miles (96 to 113 kilometers) wide — came ashore in Oregon and then traveled diagonally across the Midwest to South Carolina, with darkness from the totality lasting only about two to three wondrous minutes in any one spot.

The rest of North America was treated to a partial eclipse, as were Central America and the top of South America.

With 200 million people within a day's drive from the path of totality, towns and parks saw big crowds. Skies were clear along most of the route, to the relief of those who feared cloud cover would spoil this once-in-a-lifetime moment.

NASA reported 4.4 million people were watching its TV coverage midway through the eclipse, the biggest livestream event in the space agency's history.

"It can be religious. It makes you feel insignificant, like you're just a speck in the whole scheme of things," said veteran eclipse-watcher Mike O'Leary of San Diego, who set up his camera along with among hundreds of other amateur astronomers gathered in Casper, Wyoming.

John Hays drove up from Bishop, California, for the total eclipse in Salem, Oregon, and said the experience will stay with him forever.

"That silvery ring is so hypnotic and mesmerizing, it does remind you of wizardry or like magic," he said.

More than one parent was amazed to see teenagers actually look up from their cellphones.

Matt Nagy, of Laramie, Wyoming, said that the eclipse made him "whoop and holler" and that even his two teenage daughters were impressed: "It takes a lot to get a teenager excited about something."

Astronomers were giddy with excitement. A solar eclipse is considered one of the grandest of cosmic spectacles.

NASA solar physicist Alex Young said the last time earthlings had a connection like this to the heavens was during man's first flight to the moon, on Apollo 8 in 1968. The first, famous Earthrise photo came from that mission and, like this eclipse, showed us "we are part of something bigger."

NASA's acting administrator, Robert Lightfoot, watched with delight from a plane flying over the Oregon coast and joked about the NASA official next to him: "I'm about to fight this man for a window seat."

Hoping to learn more about the sun's composition and activity, NASA and other scientists watched and analyzed from telescopes on the ground and in orbit, the International Space Station, airplanes and scores of high-altitude balloons beaming back live video.

Citizen scientists monitored animal and plant behavior as day turned into twilight. About 7,000 people streamed into the Nashville Zoo just to watch the animals' reaction and noticed how they got noisier at it got darker.

The Earth, moon and sun line up perfectly every one to three years, briefly turning day into night for a sliver of the planet. But these sights normally are in no man's land, like the vast Pacific or Earth's poles. This is the first eclipse of the social media era to pass through such a heavily populated area.

The moon hasn't thrown this much shade at the U.S. since 1918, during the nation's last coast-to-coast total eclipse. The last total solar eclipse on the U.S. was in 1979, but only five states in the Northwest experienced total darkness.

The next total solar eclipse in the U.S. will be in 2024. The next coast-to-coast one will not be until 2045.

The path of totality passed through 14 states, entering near Lincoln City, Oregon, at 1:16 p.m. EDT, moving over Casper, Wyoming; Carbondale, Illinois; and Nashville, Tennessee, and then exiting near Charleston, South Carolina, at 2:47 p.m. EDT.

Shawnee National Forest in southern Illinois saw the longest stretch of darkness: 2 minutes and 44 seconds.

Kim Kniseley drove overnight from Roanoke, Virginia, arriving in Madisonville, Tennessee, before dawn to get a parking spot at Kefauver Park.

He said he could have stayed home in Roanoke and seen a partial eclipse of 90 percent, but that would have been like "going to a rock concert and you're standing in the parking lot."

Teen pleads guilty to lesser charge in Slender Man attack

By **IVAN MORENO**

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE

(AP) — One of two Wisconsin girls charged with repeatedly stabbing a classmate to impress the fictitious horror character Slender Man pleaded guilty Monday, but she still faces a trial in the case next month focused on her mental health.

Anissa Weier, 15, pleaded guilty to attempted second-degree homicide as a party to a crime, with use of a deadly weapon. She initially faced a charge of attempted first-degree intentional homicide in the 2014 attack on Payton Leutner in park in Waukesha, a city west of Milwaukee.

Weier spoke at length during the hearing, telling Waukesha County Circuit Judge Michael O. Bohren that she understood her plea and its ramifications. She also explained her motivation for participating in her classmate's stabbing.

"I believed that if I didn't go through with it, Slender Man would come and attack and kill myself, my friends and my family. Those I cared about the most," she said.

The plea means her trial next month will look only at whether she is legally responsible for the crime or not guilty because of mental illness. She could face 10 years in prison if she's found guilty. If not, she'll spend three years in a mental hospital.

Prosecutors allege she and her co-defendant, Morgan Geyser, stabbed Leutner 19 times in a wooded area following a sleepover, then left her. The girls planned to walk hundreds of miles north to meet Slender Man in a forest. Both suspects were 12 at the time of the attack.

Leutner was able to crawl out of the woods in the park to a path where she was found by a bicyclist.

Bohren questioned Weier about the attack. He asked her to describe what happened to ensure she understood her guilty plea.

Weier told the judge she didn't want to harm Leutner. She said she told Geyser she couldn't stab her.

"I told her that I couldn't do it," Weier said, adding that her co-defendant "asked me whether or not she should do it" when they were in the woods.

"And I just wanted it to be over with so I said, 'Go do what you have to do,' and Peyton was then hurt," Weier said.

"How was she hurt?" the judge asked.

"Morgan (Geyser) jumped on top of her and stabbed her repeatedly," Weier said.

Hours after Weier's plea, Geyser also was in court Monday for a status hearing that focused on scheduling issues before her Oct. 16 trial.

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Beltre homers, Hamels pitches Rangers to 5-3 win over Angels

By STEVE DILBECK

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — It's beyond crowded in the American League wild-card race, with eight teams bunched up like flowers in an overflowing vase.

The Los Angeles Angels were the most recent club to make some noise, winning nine of 11 to slip into the second spot.

But the Texas Rangers still believe they can make a run, and Monday night they took a step in that direction with

a 5-3 victory over the Angels behind Adrian Beltre's three-run homer and seven strong innings from Cole Hamels.

"We have to beat every team," Hamels said. "If we want to stay in this wild-card race, we have a lot of different teams we have to beat. It doesn't matter what teams we're facing, we just have to win series."

Hamels (9-1) did his part, allowing two runs on three hits, two walks and a hit batter while striking out three. Alex Claudio got four outs

to earn his seventh save, despite giving up an RBI single to Mike Trout in the ninth.

The loss dropped the Angels a half-game back of Minnesota for the second AL wild card. The Rangers closed within two games of the playoff berth. Eight teams are within four games of each other.

"We're chasing these guys," Beltre said. "It's nice to get the first one out of the way and try to win the series."

The game was tied 1-all going into the third when the

Rangers took the lead on Shin-Soo Choo's double off Tyler Skaggs (1-4) just beyond the glove of left fielder Cameron Maybin and off the wall, driving in the go-ahead run.

After Skaggs hit Elvis Andrus with a pitch, Beltre hit his 14th home run this season and the 459th of his career, tying Miguel Cabrera for 37th all-time.

"Just a poor performance today," Skaggs said. "This loss is on me. I really wanted to go out there and make a good start for my team, and right

from the first batter, it wasn't meant to be."

Skaggs was making his fourth start since missing more than three months due to an oblique strain. He was charged with five runs — four earned — in 5 1/3 innings. The left-hander gave up four hits, walked one and hit two batters with pitches.

"He's not that far off," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "But Tyler can get better. Right now he's still kind

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Cowboys entertain fans



AP photo

Dallas Cowboys tight end Jason Witten (82) runs with the ball during an NFL training camp football practice at the team's headquarters in Frisco, Texas, Monday, Aug. 21, 2017.

Cowboys entertain fans with 1st camp practice at home base

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Jason Witten has practiced in front of thousands of Dallas Cowboys fans during training camp plenty of times in his 15 seasons.

Just never a few paces and a left turn from the locker in his home away from home — team headquarters, with the 12,000-seat stadium that serves as an indoor practice field for America's Team at its posh year-old facility.

The same could be said for the 16 members of the team's ring of honor who attended a ceremony a few hours before the Cowboys opened practice to the public at their home base for what is believed to be the first time Monday.

Dallas has held camp practices at its stadium

about 35 miles to the southwest, and the Alamodome in San Antonio. The Cowboys have trained in California off and on (mostly on) since soon after their inception in 1960, including about four weeks in Oxnard this year.

While the crowd of 6,052 wasn't quite as big as expected for this kind of first for a storied franchise, it was notable nonetheless.

"It really was a function that we dreamed out when we were putting The Star together," owner and general manager Jerry Jones told The Associated Press, using the team's name for its sprawling complex in Frisco, 30 miles north of Dallas.

"That this would be an excellent experience that so many fans in the Dallas area haven't gotten to be part of, the training camp.

We didn't have the facilities for it."

That was the case in the early days of the Cowboys, when they trained at a no-frills facility in Dallas until the mid-1980s. And it was still the case at the Valley Ranch complex in Irving, which was also home to Texas Stadium. Jones built \$1.2 billion AT&T Stadium in Arlington, where they team moved in 2009.

The Cowboys moved into their new practice place after training camp last year, and knew it was just a matter of time before they'd be holding full-scale camp workouts in front of the home folks.

"I think it's the neat thing about this, it sounds like that's what it'll be like as it moves forward," said Witten, who rivaled quarterback Dak Prescott for the loudest ovation when

he emerged from the walkway leading to the field Monday. "And it's great for the fans to get a glimpse of that."

On that question of the future, Jones reiterated his commitment to California, and there's little question he enjoys the visibility just a few dozen miles north of Hollywood. The Cowboys are committed to Oxnard next year, followed by a two-year option.

The local option is a good one for Carrie Himel, a 38-year-old realtor from Frisco who made plans to attend the practice soon after she heard about it.

"Because it's the first training camp right here in our city and it's freaking awesome that it's right here in our backyard," she said. "You don't have to

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Rookie RB Foreman shines early for Houston Texans

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP)

— D'Onta Foreman's performance through Houston's first two preseason games has many raving about the rookie.

Texans coach Bill O'Brien is not among them.

"That's the second preseason game ... he's got a lot of talent, but I think he's got a long way to go," O'Brien said.

While O'Brien was careful not to heap too much praise upon the running back so early, it's hard to deny that he's been one of the most impressive performers for the Texans so far.

The third-round pick from Texas ran for 76 yards in the first preseason game before grabbing two receptions for 66 yards and rushing for a 4-yard touchdown on Saturday against the Patriots.

A highlight against New England came when he caught a short pass from fellow rookie Deshaun Watson and broke several tackles before rumbling for a 63-yard gain that set up a touchdown by Watson.

With that 63-yard reception

and a 41-yard run in the first preseason game, Foreman has the longest run and the longest reception by a Texan in the preseason.

Despite his early success, Foreman knows that he needs to do much more if he hopes to contribute this season. He was asked what area he needs to improve on most.

"I would say everything," he said. "I can never be complacent. I can always get better in every aspect of the game. I did some things well, but I feel like I can pick you better (and) I feel like I can protect the ball better. Sometimes I was kind of loose with that ... I feel like there's always things I can fix."

Foreman joined the Texans after rushing for 2,028 yards with 15 touchdowns as a junior for the Longhorns last season to win the Doak Walker Award given to the country's best running back.

He joined a backfield which features Lamar Miller, who ran for 1,073 yards last season. While Miller is entrenched as

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Chiefs' QBs have dazzled in training camp, preseason games

By DAVE SKRETTA

AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — It was fitting that Chiefs quarterback Tyler Bray, on his first play after checking into a preseason game against Cincinnati, threw an 18-yard touchdown pass to Seantavious Jones.

Pretty much summed up the Chiefs' quarterback situation.

Alex Smith has hardly missed through his first two exhibition games, leading the Chiefs downfield with relative ease. Patrick Mahomes II has moved past Bray to No. 2 on the depth chart, the first-round draft pick dazzling coaches and fans alike.

And even Bray, who for five years has held onto a roster spot despite never ap-

pearing in a real game, has flashed moments of promise.

Like his touchdown pass against the Bengals on Saturday night, when he zipped a throw to Jones in perfect stride.

"All three guys played well. You could go into a game with those guys and feel comfortable," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said. "We never close our eyes to anything — our eyes are always open — but these guys showed they can play and move the ball."

Smith was 4 of 6 for 48 yards while leading the Chiefs to a touchdown in his only series in their preseason opener against San Francisco. He was even

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AP photo

Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Alex Smith (11) directs his players during the first half of an NFL preseason football game against the Cincinnati Bengals, Saturday, Aug. 19, 2017, in Cincinnati.

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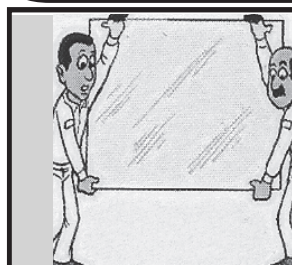
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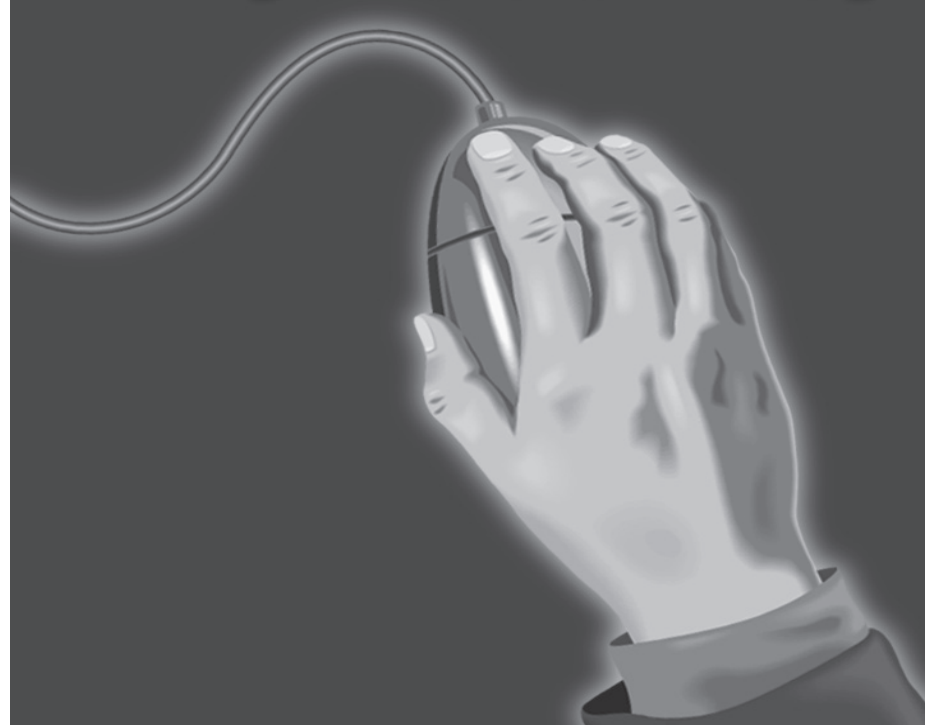
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What to Expect From Mars and Saturn

This arrangement of Mars and Saturn speaks to how closely linked our experience is to our expectations; if they're unreasonably high we can only be disappointed. For a more beautiful experience, don't expect beauty. Instead, assume the day will be rather ordinary without your keen observation, brilliant interpretation and creative drive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). People who make you feel small while making themselves feel big are, of course, toxic for you to be around. If you can't stay away altogether, at least minimize your exposure. Firm boundaries will be key.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Not every day, but certainly today, it will be far more

important to take care of the practical matters than to concern yourself with the deeper or more mystical layers of existence. You can ponder and intuit after the storm has passed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Good work is good work, no matter how humble or herculean the task. There's a victory rush that comes from doing a job to the best of your ability and knowing it's not been done better.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Between too much and too little is the wonderfully cozy waystation you'll hang out in today. It's made even more enjoyable by friends who are similarly satisfied.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If it's fun but doesn't make sense, consider it anyway. Even computers have evolved to incorporate illogical turns to serve the very human need for surprises and fun. A touch of irrationality will bring magic to your world.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Remember when you felt helpless? If you could

have only known that help was on its way, how much easier the moment would have passed. Remember the lesson. Trust that there are forces on your side.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be energized by a steady and deliberate learning process. There is nothing more exciting to do with this day than to move from ignorance to knowledge on a subject that interests you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're in a mood to bounce around ideas -- your favorite way to learn. While bandying about intellectual and philosophical concepts, keep in mind that not everyone likes to debate. Choose your company carefully.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are who you are because of what you've experienced. It's why you keep putting yourself in the mix, taking risks and making efforts: You're brave. Courage is a lifestyle.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you have to turn it into

a competition, make yourself the opponent. The only nobility worth striving for is the kind where you top your finest effort thus far.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). With so many people looking for somewhere to pass the blame, it's important to note that blame never solves anything. It gets better once someone starts taking responsibility for it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Perhaps it seems counterintuitive that you would be in a position to teach what you don't know, yet it happens all of the time. The added pressure of having to present information will make you learn super-quickly.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 22). Many small matters will be cleared up right at the top of this solar return, and you'll soon realize that you wield a transformational power. You will heal the ailing parts of your life with your heart, not your head. Your compassion and warmth will melt away the obstacles blocking your progress and hap-

piness. Cancer and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 44, 48, 20 and 18.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "What can I learn from my neurotic dog? I'm a Pisces."

Observant pet owners know that dogs and cats -- who, by the way, live lives of relative leisure, with few responsibilities and fewer worries -- occasionally will seem to be having active, even stressful, dreams. They'll twitch and breathe heavily, as though they are chasing another animal, or being chased by one. Many a bemused pet owner has thought, "What on earth is this dream about?"

Consider that you may also have a habit of creating a drama in your mind that doesn't necessarily reflect the easy circumstances in which you actually live. Most people would argue that their circumstances are far from easy. And yet clean water comes from the tap; there is food in the refrigerator; and this is the age of the climate-con-

trolled home. When you find yourself thinking small, feeling sorry for yourself and being generally petty, don't worry. This is a human condition. We get used to things and we get spoiled. Deliberately put yourself where you can see far worse circumstances to shake yourself from the dream. Perspective is the saving grace.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: This day in 1893 brought the wisecracking wit of Dorothy Parker into the world. The Algonquin Round Table founder went on to write screenplays in Hollywood. This Jazz Age Leo writer was born when the sun and Mercury were in entertaining Leo, and lucky Jupiter was in verbose Gemini. She famously advised, "Take care of the luxuries, and the necessities will take care of themselves."

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Annie's Mailbox

computer at the center where we meet.

This week, we had an extra person when I came, so we made two teams instead of playing individually. One of the competitive women said I should play with another woman who doesn't score high. She wanted to play with another of the top players so they could score really high. I felt that I was not wanted, and so did the other ladies. Now I do not want to go to this group anymore. The other woman gets upset if she does not

win. Should I continue to go and hope I can do better or leave the group? -- Undecided

Dear Undecided: You don't need to improve your score; they need to improve their attitudes. Try talking to your competitive friend about your feelings. If she and the other poor sport in the group can't be kind, relax and enjoy themselves while playing board games with girlfriends, it's their loss. Start your own group with like-minded women who are looking to have fun, not just to win.

Dear Annie: I am writing in response to "Trying to Stay

Afloat," the parents who are falling behind on everyday chores in their efforts to be great parents and excel at their jobs.

I absolutely agree with your advice to use Mint. Automatic bill pay can be such a timesaver and can take the worry out of this chore. I liked the Blue Apron or Green Chef idea, as well. That's a great way to cook healthful meals.

I would like to add one observation. As parents, one of our biggest jobs is teaching. And we teach by example. We are teaching our children how to be adults and what they will need

to do to survive in our society. No matter the age of a child, we can incorporate our chores into their daily lives.

When they are young, you can make it into a game. When cleaning, give them a dust cloth. Tell them they are chasing down the dust monsters with their magic cloth. Get them toy vacuum cleaners and brooms. If doing the laundry, teach them colors as you sort the laundry. As the children get older, the lessons can become more technical. But always spend good quality time making what you might otherwise see as a chore into a lesson on

being an adult. I think we do a disservice to our children by letting them believe life is all fun and games.

Thanks, Annie, as always, for your good advice. -- Betty

Dear Betty: You've found teachable moments in everyday chores. I absolutely love your suggestions. Thank you.

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Cutthroat Board Gaming

Dear Annie: I would like some help with this problem. I recently joined a board game group. A friend had told me to come and play. Two women in the group are very competitive; one is my friend. I haven't played these games since the 1970s. So much has changed. They even play these games online to practice now. One warms up for our weekly games by playing a game at the

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
To win or not to win?

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ Q J 10 4
♥ 7 5 4
♦ A J 6
♣ 10 8 3

WEST
♠ 6 5 3
♥ Q 10 8 6 2
♦ 5
♣ Q J 7 4

EAST
♠ A 9 8 2
♥ J 9 3
♦ K 7 4 2
♣ 9 5

SOUTH
♠ K 7
♥ A K
♦ Q 10 9 8 3
♣ A K 6 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1♦ Pass 1♣ Pass
2NT Pass 3NT Pass
Opening lead — six of hearts.

Whether or not to win a trick is often a matter of judgment. There is no magic rule that provides a simple answer. You have to deal with each case, as it arises, on its merits.

Suppose you're East in today's deal and partner leads a heart against three notrump. Declarer takes your jack with the king and plays the king of spades. West following with the three. Do you win the trick or not?

Many contracts stand or fall on questions of this type, so it pays to be very careful in such a situation. To begin with, West's play of the three shows he started with an odd number of spades — he would begin to play high-low with an even number — so you know that West has three spades and South two.

You may therefore feel tempted to duck the king, planning to take the ace on the next round. But if you succumb to this temptation, you will have a lot of explaining to do later on after declarer next shifts his attention from spades to diamonds, forcing out your king. South would then finish with nine tricks — one spade, two hearts, four diamonds and two clubs.

Ducking the king of spades is a futile play, since you know declarer can compel you to take the ace if he wants to, or can abandon the spade suit if it's to his advantage to do so. You shouldn't give declarer this sort of option — it can do you no good and may do you some harm.

You should therefore take the ace of spades at once and return a heart, hoping partner started with five hearts, in which case you have an excellent chance to defeat the contract. As it happens, if you defend this way, South must go down one.

Tomorrow: Hoist by his own petard.
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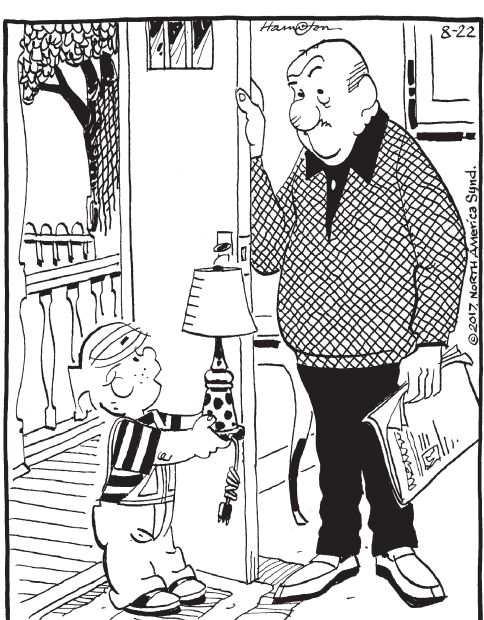
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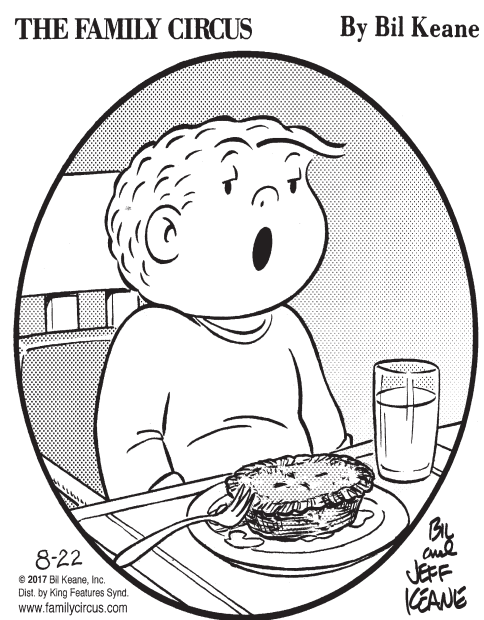
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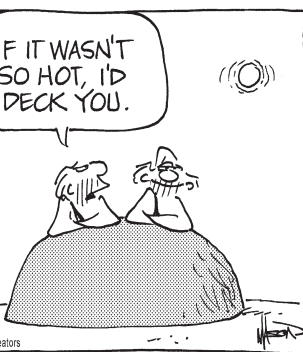
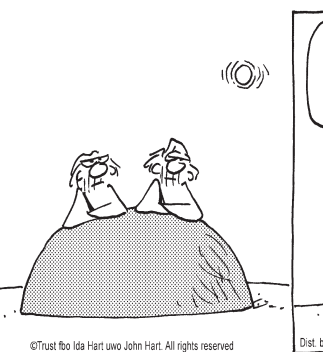
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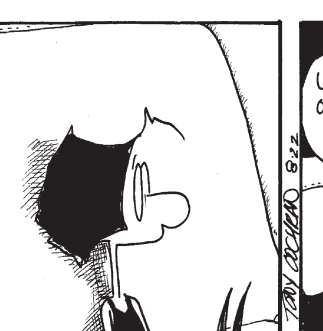
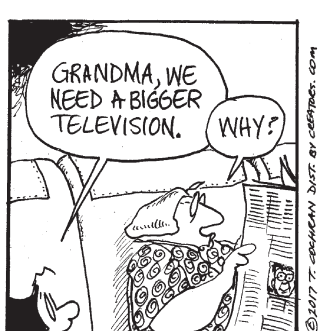
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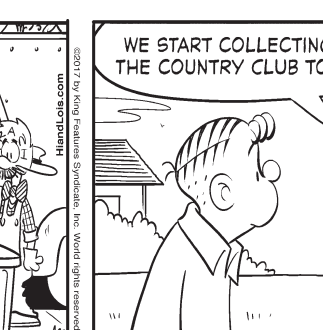
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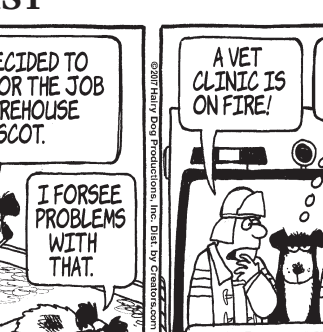
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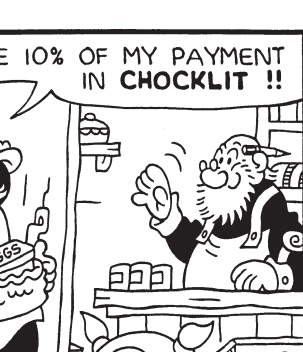
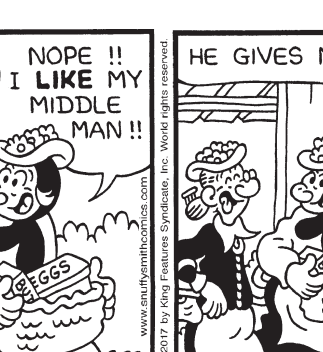
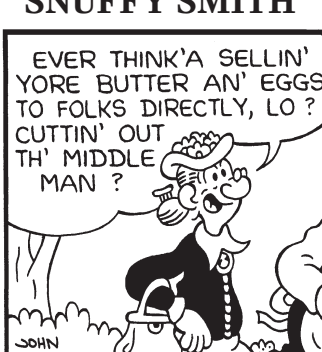
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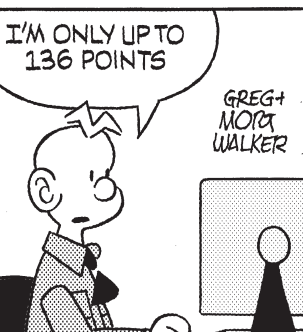
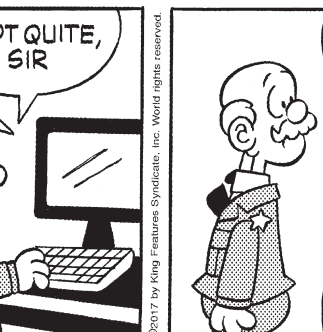
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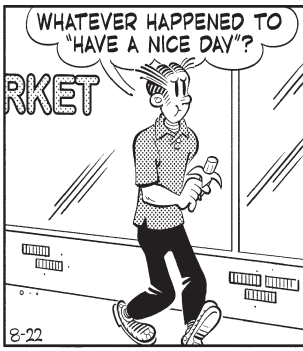
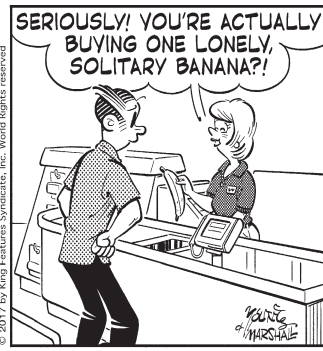
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 22, the 234th day of 2017. There are 131 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On August 22, 1851, the schooner America outraced more than a dozen British vessels off the English coast to win a trophy that came to be known as the America's Cup.

On this date: In 1485, England's King Richard III was killed in the Battle of Bosworth Field, effectively ending the War of the Roses.

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

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

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

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

In 1932, the British

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

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

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

In 1972, President Richard Nixon was nominated for a second term of office by the Republican National Convention in Miami Beach. John Wojtowicz (WAHT'-uh-witz) and Salvatore Naturile took seven employees hostage at a Chase Manhattan Bank branch in Brooklyn, New York, during a botched robbery; the siege, which ended with Wojtowicz's arrest and Naturile's killing by the FBI, inspired the 1975 movie "Dog Day Afternoon."

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

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

Pictures.

In 1992, on the second day of the Ruby Ridge siege in Idaho, an FBI sharpshooter killed Vicki Weaver, the wife of white separatist Randy Weaver (the sharpshooter later said he was targeting the couple's friend Kevin Harris, and didn't see Vicki Weaver).

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush, addressing a Veterans of Foreign Wars conference in Kansas City, Missouri, offered a fresh endorsement of Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki (NOO'-ree ahl-MAHL'-ih-kee), calling him "a good guy, good man with a difficult job." A Black Hawk helicopter crashed in Iraq, killing all 14 U.S. soldiers. The Texas Rangers became the first team in 110 years to score 30 runs in a game, setting an American League record.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Move ___ and forth
 - 5 Low male voice
 - 9 ___-Bits (letter-shaped cereal)
 - 14 Subtle glow
 - 15 Low female voice
 - 16 Baby's ailment
 - 17 From ___ (completely)
 - 18 Fishing-line holder
 - 19 Insurance broker
 - 20 Indulge in youthful recklessness
 - 23 Clumsy one
 - 24 Near-failing grade
 - 25 Burst, as a balloon
 - 28 Well-behaved
 - 31 Mental pictures
 - 36 Milky gem
 - 38 Cleveland's state
 - 40 Small bay
 - 41 Guarantee a win
 - 44 Song syllables
 - 45 Entry on a list
 - 46 Travel by boat
 - 47 Planet with rings
 - 49 Blizzard, essentially
 - 51 Golf peg
 - 52 Little kid
 - 54 "By how about something I haven't heard?"
 - 56 Frog's sound
 - 66 ___-view mirror
 - 67 Fizzy drink
 - 68 Lower leg joint
- DOWN
- 1 Sounds from sheep
 - 2 Convertible or coupe
 - 3 Cornfield bird
 - 4 Toy musical instrument
 - 5 Without shoes or socks
 - 6 Pub drinks
 - 7 Slow-cooked meal
 - 8 Sturdy
 - 9 Of college life
 - 10 Company's symbol
 - 11 "Not guilty," for one
 - 12 Clue
 - 13 Play divisions
 - 21 Remind too much
 - 22 Luau neckwear
 - 25 Blog comments
 - 26 Dramatic musical work
 - 27 Play with, as a kitten might
 - 29 Casual greeting
 - 30 Weight-loss plans
 - 32 Picnic invaders
 - 33 Brag selfishly
 - 34 Spooky
 - 35 Fashion sense
 - 37 Remarkable thing
 - 39 Place to bake a cake
 - 42 Has a serving (of)
 - 43 "That no longer bothers me"
 - 48 "Believe it or ___!"
 - 50 Nintendo game system
 - 53 Contract's conditions
 - 55 Selling point
 - 56 Read a barcode
 - 57 "Just answer yes ___!"
 - 58 Stopped sleeping
 - 59 Corridor
 - 60 "Look before you ___"
 - 61 Long story
 - 62 ___ Scotia, Canada
 - 63 Genesis garden
 - 64 Military conflicts

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RANGERS

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of getting into his season and trying to re-establish everything he needs to do. He'll be an important part of our stretch run."

BELTRE ROLLS

There is no team in baseball Beltre enjoys hitting against more than the Angels. All his team highs have come against them, including 43 home runs.

For this, he offers no theories: "I have no explanation. I've been lucky," Beltre said.

Rangers manager Jeff Banister had a slightly different perspective: "He lives out here and likes to play in front of his family. But he's a great player. There's no other reason than that."

CLAUDIO DELIVERS

The Texas bullpen has been a constant challenge this season but Banister has become fully confident in Claudio. After Jose Leclerc loaded the bases on three walks with two outs in the eighth, Claudio came on and got Jefry Marte to bounce out.

"It's good to have a guy like Claudio who can go out and get more than

three outs for you," Banister said. "He keeps the ball on the ground as well as anybody and has ice water in his veins."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: After RHP Matt Bush and 3B Joey Gallo collided hard going for a popup Sunday, both were hurting. Bush was placed on the 10-day disabled list with a sprained right knee and both players had concussion-like symptoms. Gallo did not start and could be placed on the seven-day concussion DL. Taking Bush's place on the roster was Triple-A outfielder Ryan Rua.

Angels: Placed right-hander JC Ramirez on the 10-day DL with an elbow strain. The 29-year-old Ramirez had been a career reliever until moving into the rotation this season. He has thrown 147 1/3 innings. ... Sidelined since going on the DL with a shoulder strain April 10, RHP Andrew Bailey returned to pitch in one game. He was returned to the DL with another shoulder strain. ... RHP Garrett Richards, on the DL since injuring his biceps in his first outing, reported no problems the day after pitching a simulated game and is next scheduled to throw a three-inning simulated game on Friday.



AP photo
Texas Rangers starting pitcher Cole Hamels throws against the Los Angeles Angels during the first inning of a baseball game in Anaheim, Calif., Monday, Aug. 21, 2017.

UP NEXT

Rangers: RHP Tyson Ross (3-2, 7.02 ERA) will attempt to get his season turned around against the Angels. In two games since returning from the DL with a blister issue, he has al-

lowed six runs in 10 innings.

Angels: RHP Ricky Nolasco (6-12, 5.16) tries to shake some poor history against the Rangers. He is 1-3 with an 8.68 ERA in four career starts vs. Texas.

TEXANS

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the starter, Foreman could be a nice change of pace back to take some of the load off Miller after he was sixth in the NFL with a career-high 268 carries last year.

Miller likes what he's seen from Foreman so far.

"He's been doing a great job getting adjusted to the NFL (and) ... learning his assignments and just going out there and playing fast," Miller said. "I think he's

been doing a great job in practice and ... he just has to keep getting better."

Foreman has already learned a lot not only from Miller, but also from fourth-year pro Alfred Blue and said the bond among the running backs has been growing since he arrived.

"Funny guys. Lot of funny guys. But it's great," Foreman said. "I learn from those guys every day and they teach me a lot. Great chemistry. I talk to those guys about everything. We're always laughing and joking.

They're great guys."

Foreman is sure to get a lot of work in Houston's last two preseason games, and while O'Brien isn't overly complimentary of the rookie, he certainly sees the potential in the 21-year-old.

"If he continues to work hard and learn and pay attention in the meetings and do all the things that we're asking him to do ... I think that he'll be a good player. But I think this is just one step along the way and hopefully it continues."

COWBOYS

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go to California. It's right here. So why not?"

Emmitt Smith, the NFL's all-time rushing leader, was among the ring of honor recipients who were recognized at the opening of a display of the 21-member group in a plaza near the indoor stadium. He said the upcoming practice would be just like ones the 48-year-old remembered from San Antonio and Oxnard.

"The only difference is now they host it in their own facility, which is great," said Smith, who was joined by his fellow three-time Super Bowl-winning "Triplets," quarterback Troy Aikman and receiver Michael Irvin. "I think it's pretty unique. It's pretty special. They have the best facility in all of sports, so why not just do it here."

Like Himel, 50-year-old Mark Gatica of Fort Worth has never been to Cowboys camp anywhere else. And he's a lifelong fan who could have gone in Wichita Falls, about two hours northwest

of the Dallas area.

"Probably because it was outdoors," Gatica said with a smile on a mild-for-Texas day of 93 degrees. "Indoors, the nice A/C and everything. It's really nice."

The practice was routine, with the typical cheers for catches by Dez Bryant and chants supporting new star running back Ezekiel Elliott, facing a six-game suspension to start his second season. Fans bought concessions and milled about on the concourse during the workout.

Admission was free, but tickets were required. After the lower-than-expected turnout, the Cowboys announced that tickets won't be required for the remaining practices: three this week and two next week before the team officially breaks camp.

"It was super fun," Himel said. "It's so awesome being this close to players. It feels like they're right there."

CHIEFS

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crisper against the Bengals, going 8 of 9 for 83 yards while leading Kansas City to a field goal on its first offensive possession and capping the second with a short touchdown strike to backup tight end Demetrius Harris.

"We treat it for what it is," Smith said, before admitting: "No one skipped a beat, right? Everyone was kind of feeding off each other, going out there making plays, even to the end."

Reid was planning to let Smith play the entire first half, but he called an audible after two well-executed scoring drives and let Mahomes play spanning halftime. The former Texas Tech star gave Chiefs fans reason to feel good about the future. After a few shaky moments in his debut, when he was the third-string quarterback, Mahomes looked right at home leading Reid's complex offense. He was 10 of 14 for 88 yards with a pair of touchdown passes, and he showed off his moxie and running ability by adding 29 yards on the ground.

"Our quarterback play is as good as it gets," tight end

Travis Kelce said. "We have a veteran in Alex, and we like the play of Patrick, too. It doesn't matter who is in the game."

There is no debating that Smith is the starting quarterback, as much as some fans would like to see Mahomes get his shot right away. He's been through the ringer and knows what it takes to lead a team into the playoffs, just as he did taking Kansas City to an AFC West title last season.

But the Chiefs traded up to take Mahomes with the 10th overall pick for a reason.

Smith's contract becomes expensive to carry and cheap to let go after this year, and even he has alluded to the fact that he might not be in Kansas City next season. Two preseason performances by Mahomes have only confirmed that the rookie with the big arm is the Chiefs' quarterback of the future.

"He made a couple plays where he threw from his back foot and still put the ball where it was supposed to go. Those are the types of plays you can't teach," Kelce said.

"He does a lot of things very well. He's on-point, and the reason our offense is clicking as well as it is."

Smith could have taken umbrage with the decision to draft Mahomes, just like the rookie's dazzling play could create some awkward tension in the quarterback room. But the fact that Smith has been every bit as solid alleviates any of that concern, and the reality is that Smith would rather help tutor a protege than carry any animosity about Mahomes eventually taking his job.

In that respect, the Chiefs have one of the most enviable quarterback situations in the league.

"They love challenging each other. They throw the ball against the goal posts and compete there," Reid said.

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