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West Texas Spoilers to hold pizza fundraiser



Courtesy photo

The West Texas Spoilers girls softball team poses for a photo op. Shown (in no particular order) are team members Courtney and Van Lee, Maleah Lee, Ny'Allie Silva, Kandice Lopez, Adriel Flippo, Mayah Flippo, Remi Billingsley, Maddie Williams, Jaci Perkins, Lyzette Peregrino, Aliiahna Peregrino, Payslie Pool, Tatum Damgaard. The Spoilers are partnering with the Pizza Inn here in Big Spring on Monday, Aug. 20, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Pizza Inn will donate 15 percent of all sales to the team.

By AMBER MANSFIELD
 Staff Writer

Buy me some peanuts and crackerjack... while you're at it, why not some pizza too? Come down to Pizza Inn Monday, Aug. 20, from 5 to 9 p.m. to help support the local youth softball team West Texas Spoilers. "We're going to partner with the Pizza Inn here in Big Spring on Monday the 20th. They will donate 15 percent of all sales to our organization," said Courtney Kinkadee-Lee, President, Manager, and Head Coach for the Spoilers. "We just need people to go into Pizza Inn and eat dinner there. The more sales they do, the more money our organization will receive."

The West Texas Spoilers girls softball are a

brand new travel 8U girls softball team out of Big Spring. Most of them currently play in the local recreational leagues, and have made major improvements, from having never played before to where they are doing well in their respective leagues. The girls are now ready to move on to the next level of play and play in USSSA sanctioned tournaments.

Kinkadee-Lee also went on to say that The Spoilers are not associated with any local leagues or softball organizations, but are their own separate entity. They are a premier travel softball organization that offers unique opportunities that the girls could not have otherwise.

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Howard County Fair coming up next month



HERALD file photo

A young driver enjoys a carnival attraction at 2016's Howard County Fair. Entry will be free to this year's fair, scheduled Sept. 21 through 23; and the fair will once again feature carnival rides, which will be provided by Pride of Texas Shows.

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

Are you ready for the fair? The Howard County Fair is just over a month away, and plans are underway to make this year's festivities outstanding, said Howard County Fair Board member Derek Wash.

"The Howard County Fair this year will be Sept. 21 through the 23," Wash said. "We're changing it up a little this year, so everybody knows. Thursday nights have kind of gone over very poorly, so this year we're running Friday night. Gates will open at 5 o'clock. The vendors, the inside booths will close at 10, but the music and our other events that

night: Karaoke, an opening band and a headliner band will all go on until about midnight."

Wash said, thanks to a local business, no admission will be charged to the fairgrounds this year. Expedition Royalty Co., a company that purchases mineral rights in Howard, Glasscock and Martin counties, has made a donation to cover entry fees for all fair attendees, Wash said.

"These folks just want everybody to know they're here. They've helped us with some community events and helped us with funding," he said. "We were able to put a deal together. Normally,

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Triathlon needs you



HERALD file photo

In this photo from a previous year's Comanche Warrior Triathlon year, children compete in the bicycle portion of the race as a volunteer directs the way. This year, the 11th annual Triathlon is looking for volunteers from the community to help out during the event. To volunteer, call the Chamber of Commerce at 432-263-7641 to sign up by Friday, Aug. 17, at 4 p.m.

By AMBER MANSFIELD
 Staff Writer

Big Spring is known to host many events that bring in people from all around the state and even out of state, such as the hang glider competition, rodeos, and more.

One of the ways Big Spring is able to host these

events and are successful at it is because of how the community comes together and works as one, said Debbye ValVerde, Director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is once again calling on the people of the community to come and volunteer for the 11th Annual Comanche Warrior Triathlon.

"The Triathlon is Aug. 25, at the Dora Roberts Community Center in

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Runnels Academy 'Meet the Teacher' slated Aug. 27

By TYLER SCHELLIE
 Staff Writer

Runnels Academy will hold its "Meet the Teacher" and orientation on Monday, Aug. 27.

This is a great opportunity to bring your kids down, meet their teachers for the upcoming school year, and get acquainted with the building. With Runnels' school year starting only two days later on the 29th of August, this is an important step and gives the students and teachers time to learn a little about each other, while going over some of the school's procedures.

"We'll go over all of our school



Bryans

policies, what to expect throughout the year, and much more," Head of the School Jenny Bryans said. "We're excited to be here in Big Spring. We're excited to be offering this type of education in families in our community, and we're absolutely thrilled that these families chose to be apart of our organization."

The school will be open for the public to see in the near future to look at all the amazing renovations that have taken place for the new year.

"This school, this academy, we are one of the pioneers for classical Christian education. Not just my staff and myself, but the families who have chosen this route for their children," Bryans said. "We're excited to take on the task, get it done, and get it done"

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Obituaries

Federico "Fred" Diaz

Federico "Fred" Diaz, 87, of Las Vegas, Nevada, passed away on Aug. 7, 2018, in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was a resident of Victorville, California, for 27 years before moving to Las Vegas. Fred was born in Sattler, Texas. He joined the United States Air Force in 1951, where he served 20+ years and was a Veteran of the Korean and Vietnam War. He was awarded numerous medals and ribbons during his time of service. He also retired from Riverside Cement Plant in Oro Grande, after 17 years on the job. He married Olivia Velarde on Jan. 2, 1954, in Midland, Texas. They were married for 53 years until Olivia passed away in 2006.

James (Jimmy) Patrick Thompson

James (Jimmy) Patrick Thompson, 46, of Houston, passed away Aug. 7, 2018.

Jimmy was born in Big Spring, Texas on Aug. 22, 1971, to William J Thompson and Raellen Thompson.

Jimmy is preceded in death by his father, Wil-

Fred is preceded in death by his parents, ER and Francisca Diaz; sister, Minnie Hernandez; wife, Olivia Diaz, and daughter, Erma Marie Diaz.

Fred is survived by his brothers, Leandro and Alfredo Diaz of Dallas, Texas; sisters Mary Vera and Clara Hiliario of Big Spring, Texas, and Judy Cabanban of Watsonville, California; children, David Diaz of Apple Valley, Cynthia Diaz-Navarrete of Las Vegas, Nevada, Robert Diaz of Victorville, and Joanna (Michael) Gutierrez of Las Vegas, Nevada; 17 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Visitation and Rosary will be from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 16, 2018, at Victor Valley Mortuary. Mass will be held at noon on Friday, Aug. 17, 2018, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Victor Valley Memorial Park. We love you Wuelo.

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liam (Bill) Thompson and his mother, Raellen Thompson.

He is survived by his brother, Billy Thompson; his wife, Kerri; sister, Katy Graham and her wife Brooke; sister, Molly James and her husband Nigel; sister, Kristy Thompson, ten nieces and nephews; and eight great-nieces and -nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made for James Thompson to Society of St. Vincent de Paul online <http://www.svdphouston.org/donate>

Police, Sheriff reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 5200 block of Dawson Rd.

- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 78 inmates at the time of this report.

- **TROY DANIEL AUSTIN**, 31,

was arrested by BSPD on charges of prohibited weapon knuckles, and possession of controlled substance less than one gram.

- **MICHAEL ANGELO GARZA**, 30, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **EARL PERRY HANKE**, 60, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana in between 4 ounces and 5 pounds.

- **JOSE ANTONIO HERNANDEZ**, 31, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

- **ANTHONY PAUL MUNOZ**,

60, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of public intoxication.

- **HUGO QUINONES**, 37, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of tamper wit government record.

- **DEVYNN RAY-DOUGLAS SMITH**, 19, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of operate unregistered/improperly, and violate promise to appear.

- **DUSTY RAY WALTERS**, 17, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of burglary of vehicle, theft of firearm, and tamper/fabricate physical evidence w intent.

Take Note

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more.

To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

- 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. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

- 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.

- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are in need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

- Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, handles legal issues affecting Veterans, Retirees, and their family members. They will have clinics that provides volunteer attorneys that will provide free legal advice (up to 25 minutes depending on the issue). A pro bono attorney may be assigned to handle some cases that include: bankruptcy, consumer issues/contract, child supper and custody, divorce, employment, foreclosure, housing, landlord/tenant, probate and guardianship, real estate, social security/SSI, Veterans benefits/issues, wills and estate planning. The Clinic dates are on Aug. 23 and Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Northside Community Center on 110 N.E 8th St. Applicants must be financially eligible to obtain services. Please bring a copy of your DD215 and/or Veterans ID card. Appointments are required. For more information or to make an appointment, please contact Pete Fierro at 432-332-1207, ext. 4511.

- The Howard County Democrats meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 5:30 p.m. in the Howard College Library.

- The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

- 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.

- 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.

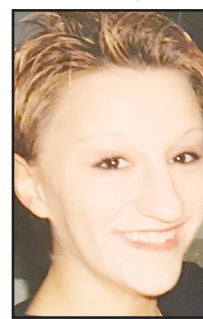
If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

- 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.mDances 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 Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

Holley Denise Jennings



Holley Denise Jennings, 33, of Lubbock died on Aug. 11, 2018. Visitation will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 16, 2018, at Krestridge Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at Living Water Fellowship Church, 315 Taylor Street, Whiteface, Texas, on Friday, Aug. 18, 2018, at 10 a.m. Burial will follow in the Whiteface Cemetery.

Holley was born March 21, 1985, in Lubbock, Texas, to parents Bo Jennings and Diane Park.

She was preceded in death by her father, Bo Jennings; brother, Justin Jennings; stepfather, Fred Park; an uncle; and grandparents, William Albert Jennings, Iva Lee Schirmer, and Ray Davidson.

Holley is survived by her mother, Diane Park; stepmother, Donna Jennings; step-grandmother, Joyce Davidson; siblings, RaeLynn, Teresa and Jessica; children, Macy, Amaya, Jacob, Hunter and Jordan; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Arrangements are under the direction and personal care of the professionals at Krestridge Funeral Home. (806) 897-1111.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Oriole. No one was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2100 block of Scurry. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of Harding. No one was person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

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

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

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

- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. t 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

- GriefShare is a Biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Meetings are weekly May 24 through Aug. 24, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more info.

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SPOILERS

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"Travel softball is quite expensive. We play all over; including West Texas, South Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana, and Oklahoma. So were trying to raise enough money to play in about 20 to 25 tournaments this season. Then in July of 2019, we will be headed to the USSSA World Series in Orlando, Fla.," said Kinkade-Lee. "So we also need to raise enough money to make that happen for our girls. The more money we can raise, the more assistance we can offer to our families and the more opportunities we can provide for our girls."

To keep down the parents' and coaches' out-of-pocket costs associ-

ated with running a travel softball team, the team must hold multiple fundraisers a year to collect enough funds to provide the girls with the opportunity to participate in travel softball. The more funds they are able to raise, the more they can do for the girls and investing in their futures as both softball players and as members of our greater society.

"There is also a Go Fund Me page for donations. The Go Fund Me page is also to raise funds for our organization. We are a non-profit organization with official 501(c)3 status with the IRS, meaning all donations are tax deductible," said Kinkade-Lee. "Therefore, all funds go directly to the team. We use them to provide equipment, uniforms, tournament fees, and travel expenses to help out the families of our players."

Any money we raise will go towards the costs of training equipment, uniforms, help with the tournament fees, umpire fees, plate fees, some travel/accommodation costs for the players and their immediate families, and other costs associated with youth travel softball.

"The Spoilers are seeking to collect funds throughout the year," said Kinkade-Lee. "Aug. 16 we're partnering with Grub Burger at 4400 N. Midland Dr. in Midland. They will donate 15 percent of all sales for the entire day to our organization. Aug. 18 and 19 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. we'll be having a garage sale at 3315 Maxwell Dr., Midland. We'll have a wide variety of items including children's toys, bikes, lawn tools, tools, clothes, a set of china, and much more. Feb. 23 and 24, 2019, we will be hosting a fun-

draiser tournament for adult co-ed teams. Details are to be determined. We can only do what we can raise the funds to do. Our success depends on the support and contributions of our community."

"Also, next year, we plan to expand our organization to include teams for age groups 8U, 10U, and 12U, and may be expanding to include baseball," said Kinkade-Lee.

For more questions or information contact: Coach Courtney (432-466-1178), Coach Van (432-466-4325), visit the Facebook page @WestTexasSpoilers, or visit the website (www.WestTexasSpoilers.org).

Contact Staff Writer Amber Mansfield at 432-263-7331 ext. 234, or by email at life@bigspringherald.com.

FAIR

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admission to the fair is five or six dollars. It's free. You walk in for free this year, all hours. You can go to the carnival...you pay for your own carnival rides, but you're able to come into the vendors without paying. You buy the merchandise you want to buy, you buy the food you want to buy, but you don't pay for general admission like you did in the past. The coolest thing is, these concerts are going to be bigger events than we've had at the fair in the past dozen years, and they're all going to be free, too. Expedition Royalty's covering the entry fee for everybody."

Wash said he's not ready to reveal who the music performers will be this year, because he doesn't have them all committed to the gig on paper.

"I don't want to announce the name just yet," he said. "But we're going to have a good one. I want to get it on paper and let the ink dry before I say something and have to eat my words."

Wash said this year's fair will feature a carnival, which will stay open until midnight as well.

"The carnival will stay open as

well," Wash said. "There's been some questions in the past about the carnival. We had one back out on us last year, so we went without one. Well, this year it's the Pride of Texas. Really clean, really nice. You see them over in Midland Park Mall, so people can kind of associate that with what we're going to have out there."

Hours for the fair will be 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Additional events and concerts will continue until midnight Friday and Saturday nights.

"The big hit the past few years has been our karaoke competition," he said. "All these people at all these local bars compete for the right to then go out there and compete for \$1,000 in prize money. Some of it's just really funny, and some of it's really good."

Another item of interest is the Noah's Way exotic petting zoo, which will be available during the fair.

"I can tell you they always have a bunch of little deer, they always have a bunch of little pygmy goats," Wash said. "They'll have something larger like a camel or a watusi, you know, with those big horns. A llama or two will be in there."

Other animals listed on the

Noah's Way website (www.noahswayexotics.com) include wallabies, miniature donkeys, antelope, kangaroo, alpacas, and zebra. Wash warns that not all the animals listed are available at every event.

The schedule of events for the fair includes:

- Friday
 - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: School tours (Call 432-935-1604 to schedule)
 - 5 p.m.: Fair opens
 - 6:30 p.m.: Fair Queen Contest
 - TBA: Karaoke Contest
 - 8 p.m. to midnight: Live entertainment
 - 10 p.m.: Indoor vendors close
 - Midnight: Outdoor vendors and carnival midway close
- Saturday
 - 10 a.m.: Fair barn opens
 - 10:30 a.m.: Kountry Kids contest
 - 10:30 a.m.: 4-H Food Challenge
 - TBA: Cheer Explosion
 - TBA: Dance Performance
 - 8 p.m. to midnight: Live entertainment
 - 8 p.m.: Indoor vendors close
 - Midnight: Outdoor vendors and carnival midway close
- Sunday
 - Noon: Fair Barn opens
 - 1 p.m.: Pet contest
 - 5 p.m.: Fair closes

ValVerde went on to add that all volunteers must be there before 7 a.m. because they close the gates at 7 a.m.

"All volunteers will get a free volunteer T-shirt, and get to join in on the Burger Bash with all the participants," said ValVerde. "I'll need to know if you are volunteering by Friday, Aug. 17, at 4 p.m., by the very latest, so I can get T-shirt sizes."

All volunteers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or have other adult supervision during the Triathlon.

"This is a fun event where we have people who compete not only all around the state but out of it as well," said ValVerde. "We encourage you to come volunteer and show support and pride in our community."

For more information, questions, or to volunteer, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 432-263-7641.

Contact Staff Writer Amber Mansfield at 432-263-7331 ext. 234, or by email at life@bigspringherald.com.

TRIATHLON

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Comanche Trail Park," said ValVerde. "I need people who will cheer for our Triathletes and direct them as they compete."

The Triathlon consist of a 500-meter open-water swim in Comanche Trail Lake, followed up by a 30K out-and-back bike ride on city and county roads, and is concluded with a 5K run on closed trails and roads in the Comanche Trail Park.

"I'll need volunteers for the run, which will be mainly cheering them on and directing them through the loops on closed trails, hills and roads in Comanche Trail Park," said ValVerde. "During the bike 30K, there will be volunteers throughout and back on the city and county roads to one of the highest elevations in Howard County, and we will need people on the bike turnaround where the volunteers hands the bikers water."

'Queen of Soul' Aretha Franklin dies at 76

By MESFIN FEKADU and HILLEL ITALIE

AP Entertainment Writers

NEW YORK (AP) — Aretha Franklin, the undisputed "Queen of Soul" who sang with matchless style on such classics as "Think," "I Say a Little Prayer" and her signature song, "Respect," and stood as a cultural icon around the globe, has died at age 76 from pancreatic cancer.

Publicist Gwendolyn Quinn tells The Associated Press through a family statement that Franklin died Thursday at 9:50 a.m. at her home in Detroit. The statement said "Franklin's official cause of death was due to advanced pancreatic cancer of the neuroendocrine type, which was confirmed by Franklin's oncologist, Dr. Philip Phillips of Karmanos Cancer Institute" in Detroit.

added: "In one of the darkest moments of our lives, we are not able to find the appropriate words to express the pain in our heart. We have lost the matriarch and rock of our family. The love she had for her children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins knew no bounds."

The statement continued:

"We have been deeply touched by the incredible outpouring of love and support we have received from close friends, supporters and fans all around the world. Thank you for your compassion and prayers. We have felt your love for Aretha and it brings us comfort to know that her legacy will live on. As we grieve, we ask that you respect our privacy during this difficult time."

Funeral arrangements will be announced in the coming days.

Franklin, who had battled undisclosed health issues in recent years, had in 2017 announced her retirement from touring.

A professional singer and accomplished pianist by her late teens,

a superstar by her mid-20s, Franklin had long ago settled any arguments over who was the greatest popular vocalist of her time. Her gifts, natural and acquired, were a multi-octave mezzo-soprano, gospel passion and training worthy of a preacher's daughter, taste sophisticated and eccentric, and the courage to channel private pain into liberating song.

She recorded hundreds of tracks and had dozens of hits over the span of a half century, including 20 that reached No. 1 on the R&B charts.

RUNNELS

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well!"

Sept. 14, Runnels will be hosting their Back-to-School Bash at Comanche Trail Park as a bonding event for the families of Runnels Academy as well. For more information on the events you can contact the Runnels Academy at 432-816-6307.

Contact Staff Writer Tyler Schellie at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

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Coffee and volunteering

By AMBER MANSFIELD

Staff Writer

Friday is approaching, which means it is almost time for Kindred Coffee Hour.

If you haven't yet attended this free public event put on by Kindred at Home and Scenic Mountain Medical Center, here is a little information about it.

Kindred Coffee Hour is a weekly event that takes place every Friday, and is always free to the public. Previously held at Cornerhouse Coffee, the coffee hour now takes place at the Yellow Rose Cafe inside Scenic Mountain Medical Center, located at 1601 W. 11th Place here in Big Spring.

The Kindred staff provides blood pressure checks as well as oxygen and heart rate checks; and, of course, coffee! Most of Kindred's coffee hours feature a guest speaker to help educate the community about their health, whether it be medically related or not. According to Kindred Community Sales Specialist Christian Fair, the goal for this program is to develop relationships in the community while also educating people on their health.

"Whether we are able to steer people in the right direction when it comes to their health, or even if they are already doing great, we just love being able to offer this service to the community, and we are so happy about its continued growth," said Fair.

Every week there is something different in store for the guest of Kindred Coffee Hour. This Friday, guests of the coffee hour can learn how to give back to the community and volunteering your time for a greater good. Then come down to this week's coffee hour and find our how to get involved with the SMMC Auxiliary.

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"This group of volunteers provides a welcoming smile as soon as you walk in the door," said Duforat. "They truly are the heart of this hospital."

If you would like to know more about the topics each week, the guest speakers or what all this coffee hour can offer you, contact Christian Fair at 432-816-3573.

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'Manafort and his lies' at heart of case, prosecution argues

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Paul Manafort lied to keep himself flush with cash and later to maintain his luxurious lifestyle when his income dropped off, prosecutors told jurors Wednesday in closing arguments at the former Trump campaign chairman's financial fraud trial. Jurors will begin deliberations Thursday.

In his defense, Manafort's attorneys told jurors to question the entirety of the prosecution's case as they sought to tarnish the credibility of Manafort's longtime protegee — and government witness — Rick Gates.

The conflicting strategies played out over several hours of argument that capped nearly three weeks of testimony in the first courtroom test for special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation. The verdict, now in the hands

of 12 jurors, will provide a measure of the special counsel's ability to make charges stick.

And while the case doesn't involve allegations of Russian election interference or possible coordination by the Trump campaign, it has been closely watched by President Donald Trump as he seeks to publicly undermine Mueller's probe through a barrage of attacks on Twitter and through his lawyers.

In the closing arguments, prosecutor Greg Andres said the government's case boils down to "Mr. Manafort and his lies."

"When you follow the trail of Mr. Manafort's money, it is littered with lies," Andres said as he made his final argument that the jury should find Manafort guilty of 18 felony counts.

Attorneys for Manafort, who is accused of tax evasion and bank fraud, spoke next, arguing against his guilt by saying he left the particulars of his finances to other people, including his former deputy Rick Gates.

After the closing arguments were finished, U.S. District Judge T. S. Ellis III told jurors they will begin deliberating Thursday morning.

Neither Manafort nor Gates has been charged in connection with his Trump campaign work. But Mueller's legal team says it discovered Manafort hiding millions of dollars in income as a result of the ongoing investigation.

Defense attorney Richard Westling told jurors that the fact that Manafort employed a team of accountants, bookkeepers and tax preparers shows he wasn't trying to hide anything. The lawyer appeared to be trying to blunt the effect of testimony from some of the people who handled Manafort's finances, including his bookkeeper, who said he concealed offshore bank accounts and lied to them.

Westling said the evidence against Manafort has been cherry-picked by Mueller's team and doesn't show jurors the full picture.

"None of the banks involved reported Manafort's activities as suspicious," he said.

Westling questioned whether prosecutors had shown criminal intent by the former Trump campaign chairman, and pointed to documents and emails that the defense lawyer said may well show numerical errors or sloppy bookkeeping but no overt fraud.

During the prosecution's arguments, jurors took notes as Manafort primarily directed his gaze at a computer screen where documents were shown. The screen showed emails written by Manafort that contained some of the most damning evidence that he was aware of the fraud and not simply a victim of underlings who managed his financial affairs.

Andres highlighted one email in which he said Manafort sent an inflated statement of his income to bank officers reviewing a loan application. He highlighted another in which Manafort acknowledged his control of one of more than 30 holding companies in Cyprus that prosecutors say he used to funnel more than \$60 million he earned advising politicians in Ukraine.

Prosecutors say Manafort falsely declared some of that money to be loans rather than income to keep from paying taxes on it.

"Ladies and gentlemen, a loan is not income, and income is not a loan. You do not need to be a tax expert to understand this," Andres said.

The government says Manafort hid at least \$16 million in income from the IRS between 2010 and 2014. Then, after his money in Ukraine dried up, they allege, he defrauded banks by lying about his income on loan applications and concealing other financial information, such as mortgages.

Manafort chose not to testify or call any witnesses in his defense. His lawyers have tried to blame their client's financial mistakes on Gates, calling him a liar and philanderer.

Gates, who struck a plea deal with prosecutors, told jurors he helped conceal millions of dollars in foreign income and submitted fake mortgage and tax documents. He was also forced to admit embezzling hundreds of thousands of dollars from Manafort and conducting an extramarital affair.

Andres said the government isn't asking jurors to like Gates or take everything he said at "face value." He said the testimony of other witnesses and the hundreds of documents are enough to convict Manafort on tax evasion and bank fraud charges.

"Does the fact that Mr. Gates had an affair 10 years ago make Mr. Manafort any less guilty?" Andres asked, noting that Manafort didn't choose a "Boy Scout" to aid a criminal scheme.



Members of the defense team for Paul Manafort, from left, Kevin Downing, Richard Westling, and Thomas Zehnle, walk to federal court for closing arguments in the trial of the former Trump campaign chairman, in Alexandria, Va., Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2018.

AP photo

Belton Resident Claims \$16 Million Lotto Texas® Jackpot

(AUSTIN) — A Belton resident claimed a \$16 million jackpot prize for the Lotto Texas® drawing held on Aug. 11. The cash value option was selected at the time of purchase and the claimant will receive \$10,749,212.16. The claimant elected to remain anonymous.

For selling the jackpot-winning ticket, Longhorn Drive In Grocery, located at 2218 Holland Road in Belton, is eligible to receive a \$160,000 retailer bonus. The Quick Pick ticket matched all six of the numbers drawn (3-9-13-25-30-51).

The winning Lotto Texas jackpot started as a \$5 million prize on May 19 and rolled 24 times before being hit. In addition to the jackpot-winning prize, 51,360 Lotto Texas tickets, including those with the Extra! add-on feature, won lower-tier prizes ranging from \$12,666 to \$2 for the same drawing.

The jackpot for the next Lotto Texas drawing on Wednesday, Aug. 15 will reset to \$5 million.

Lotto Texas is played by picking

six numbers from one to 54 and offers multi-million dollar jackpots. Drawings are every Wednesday and Saturday at 10:12 p.m. CT. For \$1 more per play, a player can select the Extra! add-on feature and win up to \$10,000 more on non-jackpot prizes.

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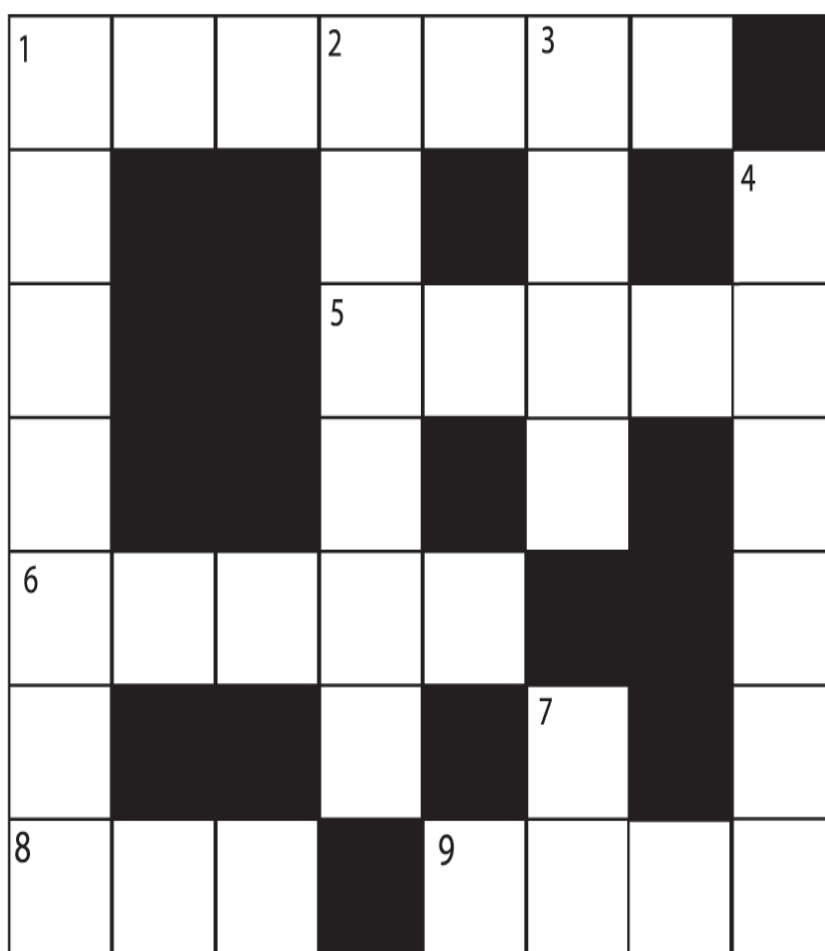
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Bulldogettes fall to 4A Lubbock Estacado

Special to the Herald

The Lady Matadors left Howard County with a victory against the Bulldogettes in a hard fought game of volleyball action Tuesday night at the Coahoma ISD competition gym. Lubbock Estacado won the game in three out of four sets - 25-20, 19-25, 13-25, 20-25.

The 'Dogettes came out strong in the first set jumping to an early lead before the Lady Matadors began building a 4-point advantage. By mid-set, MaKynlee Overton, who led the Bulldogettes in kills with 8 for the night, changed the momentum of the game after she slapped a powerful spike for the score.

Julia Mashburn and Cassie Grant kept the drive going for the Bulldogettes by pulling off strong defensive saves in the next rally that ended in another Bulldogette score. Coahoma wrapped up the set with a 25-20 win.

Fresh off the victory, the 'Dogettes remained focused in the second set building an early 5-1 lead, but then the Lady Matador team began to methodically rack up points. However, Coahoma wasn't finished. Falling to a 4-point deficit by mid-set, the Bulldogette varsity squad surged to an 18-16

lead before Estacado made one final push to end the second set 19-25. Estacado went on capture the next two sets.

Adding to an outstanding effort by Overton on kills for the game, Kirah Kimball notched 6 while Sydney Rinard powered 5. Mashburn, who had 1 ace for the match, led with 13 assists. Ashley Romero recorded 2 aces for the night.

Earlier in the evening, both Bulldogette JV teams lost against Estacado: JV White, 14-25 and 16-25; JV Red, 13-25 and 23-25.

Up next: Coahoma will travel to Midland Saturday for a game against Midland Classical. The JV game begins at 12 p.m. with the varsity expected to start at 1 p.m.

Coahoma vs Lubbock Estacado - varsity
Individual Stats:

Kills: Julia Mashburn, 1; Ashley Romero, 4; MaKynlee Overton, 8; Sydney Rinard, 5; Kirah Kimball, 6; Caitlyn Corley, 1; Cassie Grant, 1.

Assists: Mashburn, 13; Overton, 3; Corley, 1; Jovi Gonzales, 4

Blocks: Overton, 1

Aces: Mashburn, 1; Romero, 2; Grant, 1



Courtesy Photo/Lyndel Moody

Coahoma's MaKynlee Overton, No. 6, pushes the ball over the net during the Bulldogettes versus the Lubbock Estacado Lady Matadors volleyball game held Tuesday, August 14, 2018, in Coahoma.

Astros hit 5 homers to end skid 12-1 over Rockies



AP photo

Houston Astros' Yuli Gurriel watches his two-run home run against the Colorado Rockies during the second inning of a baseball game Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2018, in Houston.

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Throughout their five-game losing streak, the Houston Astros failed time and again to get a big hit when they needed it.

They didn't have that problem Wednesday night. Evan Gattis and Tyler White hit two homers each, Yuli Gurriel added a two-run shot and the Astros broke out of their offensive slump in a huge way with a 12-1 win over the Colorado Rockies to end their skid.

"We needed to have a little fun," manager A.J. Hinch said. "Obviously, nights like this produce that and the hits produce it. Hitters love nothing more than hits and runs."

Gerrit Cole struck out 12 and the defending World Series champions stopped a nine-game home losing streak with their first win in Houston since July 14, their last game before beginning a 10-game road trip. Houston's five home runs were a season high,

and the run total was more than the Astros managed in their last four games combined.

The win, combined with Oakland's loss to Seattle, helped the Astros extend their lead in the AL West to two games, with a series against the Athletics coming up next to start a nine-game trip.

"It's nice to finish a homestand that was disappointing on a high note," Hinch said. "Happy flight (Thursday) for a really important and really long road trip."

Carlos Correa, who entered the game 1 for 15 since coming off the disabled list on Friday, added a three-run double for the Astros, who have been struggling to find their offense with AL MVP Jose Altuve on the DL for the first time in his career.

"For me at least it was a relief, coming in from the DL ... to come out with a double and three RBIs and give us the lead early, I think it was huge," Correa said.

The Rockies had trouble stringing hits together against Cole (11-5), who yielded five hits and one

run in six innings to end a three-game losing streak and get his first win since July 14.

After Bregman just three hits in a 5-1 loss on Tuesday, the Astros got going immediately in this one. Alex Bregman hit a leadoff double before Tyler Anderson (6-5) walked the next two batters to load the bases. Correa followed with his double to make it 3-0.

Bregman drove in a run with a sacrifice fly in the second before Gurriel's homer extended the lead to 6-0.

The first homer by Gattis came with two outs in the third to make it 7-0.

Cole had allowed just one single with two outs in the fourth when three straight singles, capped by one from Trevor Story, cut the lead to 7-1.

White's two-run shot pushed Houston's advantage to 9-1 and chased Anderson with one out in the fifth.

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Tempers flare as 49ers, Texans practice together



AP photo

Houston Texans and San Francisco 49ers NFL football player pile up during an altercation between Texans wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins and 49ers defensive back Jimmie Ward during a joint NFL football practice in Houston, Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2018.

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — There was plenty of intensity on Wednesday when the Houston Texans and San Francisco 49ers met in the first of two joint practices before this weekend's preseason game.

A little too much in fact, with Houston receiver DeAndre Hopkins and 49ers safety Jimmie Ward being kicked out of practice after getting into a scuffle on the first play of receiver drills.

Ward got under the helmet of Hopkins and knocked it off as he was covering him before Hopkins made the catch on a pass thrown by Deshaun Watson.

The two then began pushing each other and some punches were thrown, though none of them landed, and the pair was soon on the ground surrounded by teammates, including Richard Sherman, appearing to try and break things up. Order was quickly restored and both players left the practice field.

The incident came after both coaches told their players that such behav-

ior in these practices would have consequences.

"We made it very clear that if anyone throws punches or you do anything that would get you ejected in the game, you'll be done with practice," San Francisco defensive coordinator Robert Saleh said.

Houston coach Bill O'Brien wasn't as keen on talking about the fracas as Saleh, but did have a terse response to what he thought about it.

"It's ridiculous," he said. "Just have to move on."

O'Brien wasn't the only one that didn't have much to say about it.

"Just competition," Watson said. "That's all I'm really going to speak on that."

Saleh was disappointed that it happened for a variety of reasons.

"It's a missed opportunity on a bunch of levels," he said. "One, you don't get to face a guy like Hopkins. But it's a trickle-down effect because now other people have to pick up Jimmie's reps and I'm sure on their side receivers had to pick up for Hopkins."

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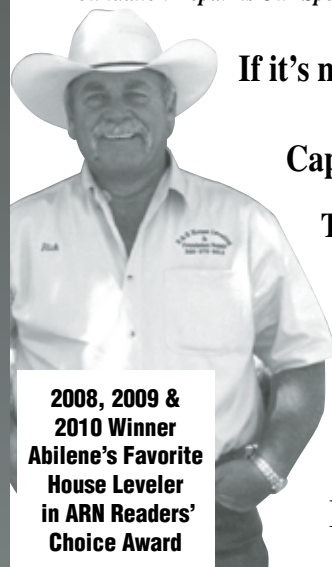
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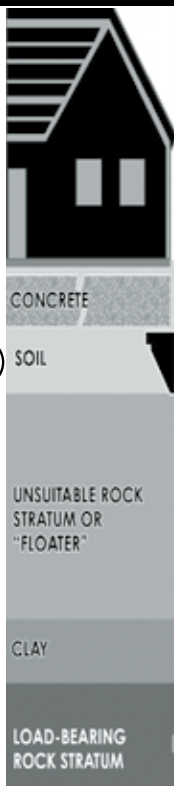
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This project consists of the construction of two 0.5 MG welded steel ground storage tanks including demolition of two existing 0.42 MG bolted steel ground storage tanks. Project will also include rehabilitation of an existing 0.42 MG bolted steel ground storage tank.

The sealed proposals must be delivered to the attention of **Mr. John Grant, General Manager, CRMWD** and will be received and accepted at the District's office located at 400 East 24th Street, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79720 until the deadline for submission which is 3 p.m., September 6th, 2018.

The proposals once received will be publicly opened and shall be read aloud at the time and place indicated for acceptance of the proposals. Only the name of each proposer and the monetary amount of their proposal and any alternates shall be read aloud. All proposals received after the deadline for submission of sealed proposals shall be returned to the proposer unopened.

Contract Documents, the Geotechnical Report, and any other documents relevant to the scope of work may be examined at the offices of the Engineer, Freese and Nichols, INC. or at the offices of the District. The address for the Engineer is:

Freese and Nichols, Inc.
4055 International Plaza,
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76109
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Beginning on August 9, 2018 all potential proposers may obtain a copy of the Contract

documents from <http://construction.freese.com>. Contract documents for submitting a proposal for this project may also be obtained at the following website: <http://www.bidsync.com>. Any changes to the Contract documents shall be issued by formal addenda and the addenda shall be published at <http://construction.freese.com> prior to the deadline for submission of the proposals.

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A pre-proposal conference will be held on 9 a.m., August 23, 2018 at 400 East 24th Street Big Spring, Texas 79720. The pre-proposal conference is non-mandatory. A project site visit will take place immediately after the pre-proposal conference.

Each proposer must provide, with its proposal, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions set forth in the Instructions to Proposers. The Security amount shall be five (5) percent of the total amount of the proposal.

No Proposer shall withdraw a proposal within ninety (90) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Within forty-five (45) days after the opening of the proposals, the District shall evaluate and rank each proposal submitted in relation to the selection criteria set forth below and shall determine which proposal offers the best value to the District. Price alone shall not be determinative. The Proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria and weighting:

Criteria	Weight
Proposal Price	60%
Contractor's Qualifications	25%
Safety Record Questionnaire	5%
Construction Time	10%
Total	100%

Once the District has selected the proposal that presents the best value to the District, the District will attempt to negotiate a contract with the proposer of that selected proposal. The District or its engineer may discuss with the selected proposer options for a scope or time modification and any price change(s) associated with the modification. If the District is unable to negotiate a contract with the first successful proposer, then the District shall withdraw from negotiations in writing and shall seek to go to the next proposal and offer that is in the best value of the District.

The successful contractor selected for this project shall be required to pay no less than the Prevailing Wage Rates set forth in the Contract documents as required by the laws of the State of Texas, to include, but not limited to Chapter 2258 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, or the laws of the United States as may be applicable.

Performance and payment bonds will be required from the successful proposer as required by Chapter 2253 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE.

All portions of the project are scheduled to be substantially complete by 7/26/2019. The estimated budget for this project is \$2,200,000. The District, as Owner, reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all proposals for any reason.

Colorado River Municipal Water District
John Grant
General Manager
#9830 August 9, 16 & 23

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Trouble and the Scorpio Moon

Trouble is a normal part of daily life. Without it, our stories would be very boring indeed. Many expedient, capable people will move quickly through trouble and onto fixing the problem -- not the correct order! Stop and give yourself care and comfort first. Skipping steps under the Scorpio moon is not advised. Shortcuts will actually take longer.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll encourage a loved one to give you frequent feedback. You don't want to be in competition with your love, and you'll shy away from situations in which there will be a clear winner and loser.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your conversational choices will make a difference. This is a matter of destiny. Choose topics that are likely to lead to enjoyment, optimism and happiness. This is no time to stir up controversy.

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have more in common with an interesting stranger than you do with many of the people in your own family. So go on and strike up a conversation. See what there is to know about others.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're in the running for an important role. Your previous success qualifies you for the job, but it will be your charm and your excellent listening skills that get you the position.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You love to give: You're a giver! And you expect nothing in return -- well, almost nothing. You do like knowing that your contribution made a difference. So a smile and a report back later will be awfully nice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your cosmic gift will be strength, stamina and energy to burn. That's a mighty gift, though it comes with a responsibility. Where should you apply it? Bonus: Exciting people will be drawn in by your vitality.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There will be some frustration in the way events unfold, but don't be discouraged. It's bound to happen with smart, quick people like you who might prefer to have life go at their pace. Life has its own pace, though.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Listen to your critics with an open mind. Maybe they don't know the proper, kinder or ideal way to phrase things, but there will be something valuable in their words nonetheless -- something that can give you an advantage.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You didn't make the impression you wanted to make on someone. Good news: Now you will get another chance at it. Present your best self and you'll become your best self.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's said that there's a price for every gift and all advice. Indeed, this is often true. But the cosmic forces can be kind in this regard, as they will be today, naming a price in the realm of what you're more than prepared to pay.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Maybe you want people to like you, but you care more that they respect you. It's not because this is what you need; rather, it's for the good of all.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The social secret is very simple, and it's a one-size-fits-all maxim. All people care about is how you make them feel. That's all. If they feel powerful, happy and significant around you, they will come back for more.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 16). The solar return shows you surrounded by people who love and support you, as well as those who challenge and defy you. You would be hard-pressed to say which is better, as the first category will give you comfort and the second category will make you great, which in turn gives you a way to help many. Virgo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 20, 24, 48 and 12.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "My husband and I don't seem to be communicating very well lately. We're both Pisces, and we used to be able to practically read each other's mind. It's not like that anymore. I feel like he's on another planet, speaking a different language. He is clueless about what I do with my day, even though I tell him. He seems constantly confused by my schedule with our children, even though it's the same schedule every week. His dumb questions let me know that he doesn't really ever listen to me. How can I get back on the same page with him?"

If you're annoyed with him for not remembering that the kids have soccer practice on Wednesday, no matter how nicely you try to tell him where you're going he's going to get the vibe that you're mad at him. That will shut off his ears to you. Anything you say afterward, he won't hear. Pisces are emotional communicators, so it will be important for you to recognize the feeling and tone that comes across in your communication and try to adjust it in a genuinely pleasant direction. Also note that the first and last few minutes of the day are times when you both will be particularly receptive to hearing one another.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Madonna may very well be the quintessential Leo. Having arrived in New York City with zero connections and \$35 in her pocket, she rose to superstardom on blonde ambition and a talent for capturing people's attention both on stage and off. Madonna was born when the sun, Venus and Uranus were all in the sign of entertainment.

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SUDOKU

			8		1	5		3
			3	9	2			
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	8		6		3	1	7	4
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			4		7	8		2
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	5		1					
	2	8		3		6	4	1

Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

9	2	8	7	3	5	6	4	1
6	5	3	1	4	9	7	2	8
7	1	4	2	8	6	9	3	5
5	3	6	4	1	7	8	9	2
1	4	7	9	2	6	8	5	3
2	8	9	6	5	3	1	7	4
3	7	1	5	6	4	2	8	9
8	6	5	3	9	2	4	1	7
4	9	2	8	7	1	5	6	3

ANSWER:

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A comprehensive diagnosis

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
South 1♠
West Pass
North 2♠
East Pass

Opening lead — three of diamonds.

The best way of approaching the play of most suit contracts is to start by counting losers. Applying this rule to the present case, you note that South has a loser in each suit. Since losing four tricks at four spades means down one, you naturally look for a way to avoid losing one of those tricks.

The most obvious way of attempting to pick up a trick immediately is to put up dummy's jack of diamonds on the opening lead, hoping West has led away from the queen. Unfortu-

nately, East produces the queen, which you win with the ace.

The next step is to try to develop an extra heart trick where only one presently exists. If you succeed, you might eventually be able to get rid of one of your minor-suit losers on dummy's ace of hearts. However, the extra heart trick can be gained only by leading a heart from dummy toward your queen, and this requires first getting there to make the play.

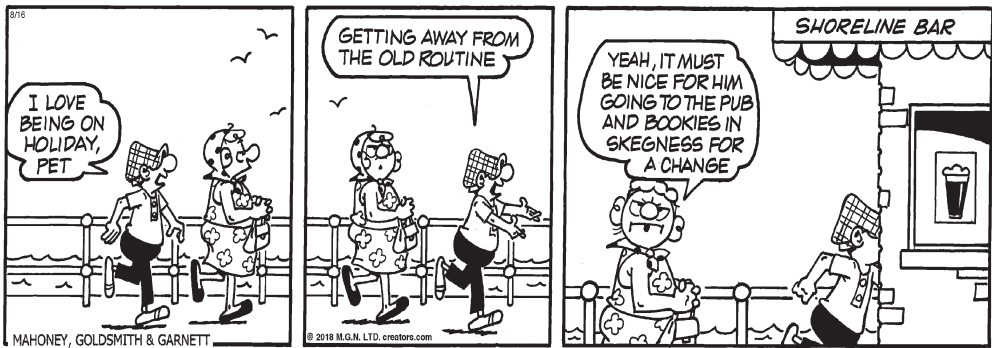
Accordingly, you lead the five of spades to the nine at trick two. East takes the ace and returns a diamond. You win with the king and lead the six of spades to the ten, noting with satisfaction that both opponents follow suit.

Now comes the low heart from dummy. East takes the king, cashes a diamond and switches to a club. You win with the ace, cash the queen of hearts, lead your carefully preserved deuce of trumps to the three and then discard your club loser on the ace of hearts to bring in the contract.

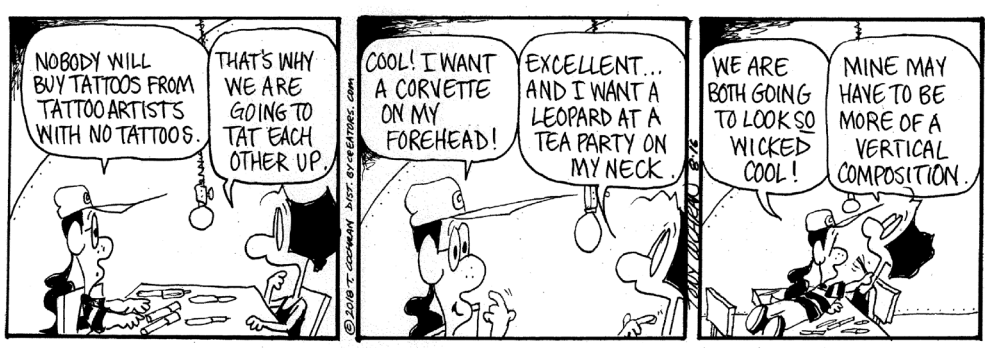
The entire procedure requires careful planning and a moderate amount of luck. Making four spades is far from certain at the start, since the outcome depends on how the adverse cards are divided, but by playing in the recommended fashion, you at least give yourself some chance for the contract.

Table with 17 columns representing different TV channels and their programming schedules for the day.

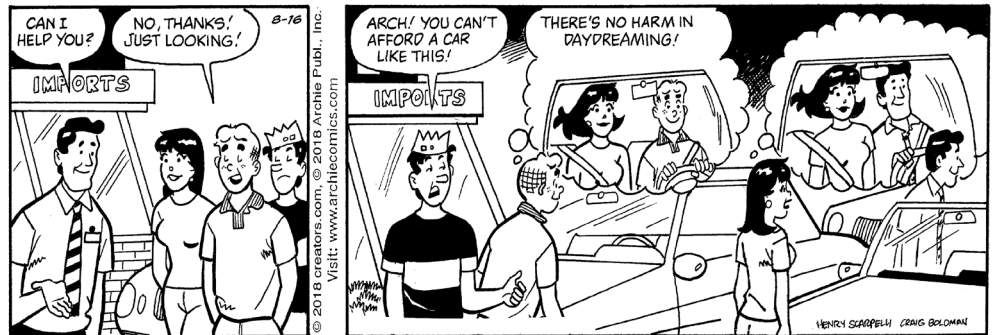
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Aug. 16, the 228th day of 2018. There are 137 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On August 16, 1987, 156 people were killed when Northwest Airlines Flight 255 crashed while trying to take off from Detroit; the sole survivor was 4-year-old Cecelia Cichan (SHEE'-an).

On this date: In 1812, Detroit fell to British and Indian forces in the War of 1812.

In 1858, a telegraphed message from Britain's Queen Victoria to President James Buchanan was transmitted over the recently laid trans-Atlantic cable.

In 1861, President Abraham Lincoln issued Proclamation 86, which prohibited the states of the Union from engaging in commercial trade with states that were in rebellion — i.e., the Confederacy.

In 1920, Ray Chapman of the Cleveland Indians was struck in the head by a pitch thrown by Carl Mays of the New York Yankees; Chapman died the following morning.

In 1948, baseball legend Babe Ruth died in New York at age 53.

In 1954, Sports Illustrated was first published by Time Inc.

In 1956, Adlai E. Stevenson was nominated for president at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

In 1962, The Beatles fired their original drummer, Pete Best, replacing him with Ringo Starr.

In 1977, Elvis Presley died at his Graceland estate in Memphis, Tennessee, at age 42.

In 1987, two people worldwide began a two-day celebration of the "harmonic convergence," which heralded what believers called the start of a new, purer age of humankind.

In 1991, Pope John Paul II began the first-ever papal visit to Hungary.

In 2003, Idi Amin, the former dictator of Uganda, died in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia; he was believed to have been about 80.

Ten years ago: At the Beijing Olympics, Michael Phelps touched the wall a hundredth of a second

ahead of Serbia's Milorad Cavic (MEE'-loh-rahhd KAH'-vihch) to win the 100-meter butterfly, giving Phelps his seventh gold medal of the Games, tying Mark Spitz's performance in the 1972 Munich Games. Usain (yoo-SAYN') Bolt of Jamaica ran the 100-meter dash in a stunning world-record time of 9.69 seconds. Talk show host Ellen DeGeneres and actress Portia de Rossi were married at their Beverly Hills home.

Five years ago: In a spacewalk lasting seven hours and 29 minutes, Russian cosmonauts rigged cable outside the International Space Station for a new lab that was due to arrive in a few months.

One year ago: The University of Florida denied a request by white supremacist Richard Spencer to rent space on the campus for a September event. (The university later allowed Spencer to appear in October, saying it was legally obligated to allow the expression of many viewpoints.) President Donald Trump disbanded two White House business councils, amid criticism from CEOs for his remarks on the violence in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Ann Blyth is 90. Actor Gary Clarke is 85. Actress Julie Newmar is 85. Actress-singer Ketty Lester is 84. Actor John Standing is 84. College Football Hall of Famer and NFL player Bill Glass is 83. Actress Anita Gillette is 82. Actress Carole Shelley is 79. Country singer Billy Joe Shaver is 79. Movie director Bruce Beresford is 78. Actor Bob Balaban is 73. Ballerina Suzanne Farrell is 73. Actress Lesley Ann Warren is 72. Rock singer-musician Joey Spampinato is 70. Actor Marshall Manesh is 68. Actor Reginald VelJohnson is 66. TV personality Kathie Lee Gifford is 65. Rhythm-and-blues

singer J.T. Taylor is 65. Movie director James Cameron is 64. Actor Jeff Perry is 63. Rock musician Tim Farriss (INXS) is 61. Actress Laura Innes is 61. Singer Madonna is 60. Actress Angela Bassett is 60. Actor Timothy Hutton is 58. Actor Steve Carell (kuh-REHL) is 56. Former tennis player Jimmy Arias is 54. Actor-singer Donovan

Leitch is 51. Actor Andy Milder is 50. Actor Seth Peterson is 48. Country singer Emily Robison (The Dixie Chicks) is 46. Actor George Stults is 43. Singer Vanessa Carlton is 38. Actor Cam Gigandet is 36. Actress Agnes Bruckner is 33. Singer-musician Taylor Goldsmith (Dawes) is 33. Actress Cristin Milioti is 33. Actor Shawn Pyfrom is

32. Country singer Ashton Shepherd is 32. Actor Okieriete Onaodowan is 31. Country singer Dan Smyers (Dan & Shay) is 31. Actor Kevin G. Schmidt is 30. Actress Rumer Willis is 30. Actor Parker Young is 30. Rapper Young Thug is 27. Actor Cameron Monaghan is 25. Singer-pianist Greyson Chance is 21.

Thought for Today:

"The most persistent threat to freedom, to the rights of Americans, is fear."

George Meany (born this date in 1894, died in 1980).

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Magic incantation starter
5 First to portray Obi-Wan
9 Greyhound's destination
14 Jeté, in ballet
15 Flood VIP
16 Steaming
17 Sanctuary for spies
19 Strong cravings
20 Best or top
21 "___ complicated"
22 Sports surprise
23 Home heating source
25 Milliners
27 On the Road narrator
32 Buffalo's home
33 Tulsa sch.
34 ___-tyme (quaint)
38 Surmounting
39 All gone from the plate
41 Not a fake
42 Odor detector
43 Compass reading
44 Uncool ones
46 Beast trained for riding
48 Easily broken
52 UK neighbor
53 Within the rules
54 Heckle
56 D sharp alias
61 Bedazzle
62 Reminder from Mom
64 Reach the peak of flavor
65 Rubáiyát poet
66 Devilish
67 Put forth, as effort

DOWN

- 1 "One more thing..."
2 Steady fellow
3 Ride in Twain novels
4 Acted like
5 "Let's take that as ___"
6 Name on the cover of Little Women
7 Part of 43 Across
8 County beside Manchester
9 Make thinner

- 10 Blow up
11 No longer trendy
12 Bewhiskered swimmer
13 Auditions, for instance
18 Sam Snead contemporary
24 Metaphor like "bag of tricks"
26 Into separate parts
27 Stretch of time
28 Range for some flutes
29 Myanmar neighbor
30 Water conveyor
31 Fussed over, with "on"
34 Disc-shaped sweet
35 Sly look

- 36 Pats gently
37 As an alternative
40 Cooper of CNN
45 George Ferris invention
46 Not talking
47 North African
48 Emergency signal
49 Altered song recording
50 Visibly awed
51 Astronomer, frequently
55 What "Ich bin ein" means
57 Cable bill add-ons
58 Flowing rock
59 Auction advisory
60 Prefix for commuting
63 Salaried player

Crossword grid with numbered squares and some filled-in cells.

Answer to previous puzzle: AGES, LOGIC, PAWS, NAME, ERROR, OHIO, MSMAGAZINE, TALL, OXYMORON, VIBBLE, LION, AINT, IRKED, DRSCROLLS, DAISY, OUTFED, AAH, INNS, POLES, HYPO, ODD, ORDER, SOLAR, MRS, FIELDS, AMAZE, ELSE, BYE, WENDYS, CROSSBAR, OREO, MRMON, POLY, LIAR, ARBODE, URSA, FETA, NINES, NEON

Wednesday's Sports in Brief

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — Maryland interim coach Matt Canada has taken steps to ensure the Terrapins are poised to deal with the heat of summer during his practices following the death of offensive lineman Jordan McNair.

In the first workout since Maryland publicly accepted responsibility for mistakes that contributed to McNair's death, two tents were in place at the practice field to provide shade. Underneath the awnings were several fans, along with liquids and ice.

Practice sessions have been shortened to less than two hours, with time for breaks.

Overcome by heat and exhaustion, the 6-foot-4, 325-pound McNair collapsed during a preseason conditioning drill on May 29. He died on June 13. According to the family attorney, the preliminary death certificate listed the cause of death as heatstroke.

BASEBALL

ATLANTA (AP) — Ronald Acuna's chance to extend his three-game streak of leadoff homers was put on hold when the Marlins' Jose Urena hit him with his first pitch, triggering a melee that led to the benches and bullpens for Atlanta and Miami emptying twice.

No punches were thrown, but Urena and Braves manager Brian Snitker were ejected. Snitker had angry words for the pitcher as he led the first exodus from Atlanta's dugout toward the mound.

Urena's 97 mph fastball hit Acuna's left elbow, leaving the 20-year-old rookie star in obvious pain. The Braves said X-rays were negative and results of further tests would be announced Thursday. Atlanta won the game 5-2 to complete a four-game sweep.

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Aaron Cox, a former Los Angeles Angels pitching prospect and the brother-in-law of star outfielder Mike Trout, has died. He was 24.

The Angels disclosed no further details in a statement issued on behalf of Trout and his wife, Jessica Cox.

Cox was a 19th-round draft pick by the Angels in 2015. He attended Millville High School in New Jersey and Gannon University.

Cox spent parts of three seasons in the Angels' system, including 11 games this season with Class A Inland Empire. He retired from baseball earlier this summer.

Trout had been away from the Angels this week due to a personal family mat-

ter. The two-time AL MVP is on the disabled list with an injured right wrist.

PRO FOOTBALL

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Jalen Ramsey is making headlines from his couch.

Three days after being suspended for screaming obscenities at reporters, the Jacksonville Jaguars All-Pro cornerback is criticizing several NFL quarterbacks — and praising a few.

In an interview with GQ magazine, Ramsey called Buffalo Bills rookie Josh

to elude him throughout his career.

Djokovic overcame an upset stomach and a sluggish first set, beating Adrian Mannarino 4-6, 6-2, 6-1 before heavy rain halted afternoon matches at the Western & Southern Open.

The 10th-seeded Djokovic is trying to become the first player to win all nine ATP Masters 1000 trophies. He has reached the finals at Cincinnati five times and dropped all five matches — three to Roger Federer, two to Andy Murray.

There was one notable upset in the men's bracket: Robin Haase beat third-seeded Alexander Zverev 5-7, 6-4, 7-5.

Defending champion Grigor Dimitrov beat Mischa Zverev 7-6 (5), 7-5.

In the women's bracket, top-ranked Simona Halep led 4-6, 6-3, 4-3 when more rain forced her match against qualifier Ajla Tomljanovic to be suspended overnight.

No. 2 Caroline Wozniacki retired because of an injured left knee after losing the first set 6-4 to Kiki Bertens.

Sloane Stephens — the defending U.S. Open champion — overcame a thumb injury during a 6-3, 6-2 victory over qualifier Tatjana Maria.

HOCKEY

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The Anaheim Ducks re-signed right wing Ondrej Kase to a three-year, \$7.8 million contract.

Kase scored 20 goals last season, establishing himself as a promising talent when given his first extensive NHL playing time. The 22-year-old Czech forward added 18 assists and had five game-winning goals along with a plus-18 rating.

SOCCER

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Columbus Crew owner Anthony Precourt got a major boost in his effort to move the Major League Soccer club to Texas when the Austin City Council voted to move ahead with a plan for a new, privately funded stadium on city land. Austin is the largest metropolitan area in the country without a major league sports franchise.

TALLINN, Estonia (AP) — Atletico Madrid finally got the better of Real Madrid on the European stage, scoring twice in extra time to win 4-2 in the UEFA Super Cup final in its rival's first game without Cristiano Ronaldo.



Allen "trash" and said Atlanta Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan was "overrated" and a product of Kyle Shanahan's offensive system.

Baltimore's Joe Flacco, Indianapolis' Andrew Luck and Eli Manning of the New York Giants also got less-than-stellar reviews. Ramsey called Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger "decent at best."

The interview is part of an interesting week for Ramsey, who was suspended for the week after he screamed at media members who were videotaping a post-practice altercation between defensive ends Dante Fowler and Yannick Ngakoue.

MONTREAL (AP) — Johnny Manziel was placed in the Canadian Football League's concussion protocol.

The Montreal Alouettes quarterback was hit at the goal line last weekend, leading to a fumble that a teammate recovered for a touchdown in a 24-17 loss at Ottawa. Manziel completed the game, but missed practices Tuesday and Wednesday as the team prepares to play at Edmonton on Saturday night.

TENNIS

MASON, Ohio (AP) — Novak Djokovic inched closer to one of the few titles

ASTROS

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Anderson allowed a career-high nine runs on seven hits, all for extra bases, in 4 1/3 innings. He remained winless since July 4.

"When he missed in the strike zone, he missed down the middle. That's a bad combination," Rockies manager Bud Black said. "You're throwing balls and your strikes are sort of middle. That's a tough night for Tyler."

Gattis sent one just over the short wall in right field with two outs in the fifth off Harrison Musgrave to put the Astros up 10-1.

White added a second two-run homer when he connected off Musgrave with one out in the seventh.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: Hinch said OF George Springer (sprained left thumb) will come off the disabled list Friday when he's eligible, barring any setbacks between now and then. ... Altuve, who has been out since July 25, took batting practice on the field for the first time since he's been out. Hinch said that was an encouraging step, but he still isn't sure when Altuve will return. ... C Brian McCann, out since June 30 with a knee injury that required surgery, will begin an extended rehabilitation assignment with Triple-A Fresno on Thursday.

Ks ALL DAY

Cole's 12-strikeout performance was the franchise-record 25th game this season in which a Houston

pitcher struck out at least 10 batters. The previous record was 24 set in 1968, and the 25 double-digit strikeouts games tie several teams for the second-most in AL history. The 1973 Angels hold the record with 32. Cole has 219 strikeouts this season, tied with Boston ace Chris Sale for most in the AL — and the most by an Astros pitcher since Nolan Ryan fanned 228 in 1988.

UP NEXT

Rockies: RHP Jon Gray (9-7, 4.81 ERA) will start against Atlanta RHP Julio Teheran (8-7, 4.33 ERA) in the opener of a four-game series Thursday night. Gray is 3-0 with a 1.04 ERA in his career against Atlanta.

Astros: Off on Thursday before Charlie Morton (12-3, 2.88) starts the opener of a three-game series at Oakland. Morton took his first defeat since July 1 in his last start when he allowed seven hits and three runs in six innings of a 3-2 loss to Seattle.

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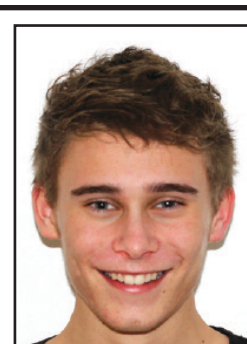
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Giorgio from Italy,
16 yrs.

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