

Obituaries

Stephen Lawrence Ayer



Stephen Lawrence Ayer (Poppy), 63, of Big Spring, died Sunday, July 23, 2017 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at Trinity Baptist Church with Scott Kirkland and Joey Bacon, officiating. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2017 at Crestview Memorial Park in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Stephen Lawrence Ayer (Poppy) was born on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, 1953 at 12:30 p.m., in Wichita Falls, Texas, to Imogene Eavenson Ayer and Albert Lawrence Ayer Jr. Mom said she missed her turkey dinner and had a butterball instead. Steve was raised in Wichita Falls and graduated from Rider High School as Brigade Commander in ROTC in 1972. Steve's most important event in his life was when he accepted Jesus Christ as Savior at the age of 12. He was never the same after that; he had found someone who loved him as he was, and forgave him.

Steve met Pamela Huff (Ayer) at the age of 18 and they were married June 17, 1973. Steve worked for the city of Wichita Falls as a Lake Ranger at Lake Arrowhead while going to college. Pam taught school and Steve graduated Midwestern with a BBA in May 1977. Steve worked as an accountant for Cobra Oil and Gas, Expando Oil and Gas, and was office manager for WB Hamilton Estate Operating Company.

After Mr. John Hamilton passed away, Steve went back to the city of Wichita Falls personnel department, and then to the American Red Cross. Steve went to work for the city of Wichita Falls Police Department as a crime analyst and had the best job and best friends as police officers he could hope for. Steve served on the WFISD school board, the board of directors WFPD Citizens Police Academy, was president of the Cancer Society, along with other community services.

Steve moved to Big Spring, Texas in June 2012 and worked for Howard College and then for the GEO Group as an auditor at the Big Spring Correctional Center.

Steve and Pam had three children whom he dearly loved: Julie Sue (Bacon), Gregory Stephen and

Philip Michael. Steve was preceded in death by Pam, who passed on to Heaven Feb. 3, 1989 and his mother Imogene Ayer, who passed Jan. 11, 2016 and two grandbabies he did not get to meet.

Steve met Judy Jordan in 2009 at church and they were married in November of 2010. Steve and Judy moved to Big Spring in 2012, where Judy finished her 33 years of music teaching.

Steve loved Jesus Christ, and was honored to be a deacon for more than 35 years. Steve had been a Junior Church and Bus director, had been superintendent of High School department and then College and Career. Steve's family had participated in a mission trip to Mexico to the Allende Mountain Orphanage run by the Starlings Missionary family. Steve had also been church treasurer and he and Judy had been active in the Reformers Unanimous ministry.

Steve and Judy had also fallen in love with another mission, the Navajo mission in Grants, New Mexico, at the Haystack Indian reservation. The Navajo people were the most precious people.

Steve is survived by his wife, Judy, of Big Spring; his father, Albert Lawrence Ayer; his sister Susan Ellis of Wichita Falls; his daughter Julie and husband, Joey Bacon, (Missions director of the World Baptist Missions Agency); granddaughters, Emily and Mallory Bacon, all of Arlington, Texas; his son Gregory (Navy) and wife, Irene, with grandson, Aidan, and granddaughter, Pamela, all of San Angelo, Texas; and son Philip Michael (Navy) and wife, Spenser, of Big Spring, Texas; step-son Matthew Stephen Aldaco of Paducah, Kentucky; stepdaughter, Jordan Aldaco of Dallas, Texas; and in-laws, Jack and Joyce Jordan of Wichita Falls, Texas. There are also many, many other adopted children and grandchildren, all of whom brought him much happiness and thankfulness. May God bless you each one continually.

Pallbearers will be Joe Holguin, T.J. Lipham, David Roman, Earl Permenter, Billy Atchley, and Cecil Willey. Honorary pallbearer will be Joe Adams.

Steve was a true servant of God. If Steve could tell you one thing from beyond the grave, he would tell you, "Please, consider and trust Jesus Christ as savior, all the other 'good' things you do will not allow you into heaven, only trusting Jesus Christ!" Romans 3:23, 6:23 and Romans 10, 9 and 10.

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

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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.; newcom-

ers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

Take Note

• County Clerk Donna Wrights retirement party will be held July 25 from 1-2 p.m. in the county commissioner's courtroom on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

• Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

• The Big Spring Salvation Army is holding a fan drive to collect and distribute electric fans to those in Howard County who need one but can't afford it. Those wishing to donate can take new or gently used box or pedestal fans to the Salvation Army

headquarters at 811 W. Fifth St. Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

People who need a fan should call the Salvation Army at 432-267-8239 to register and receive the distribution date.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

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

• Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

Police & Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **RICHARD HERNANDEZ ARENIBAZ**, 51, of 1615 Cardinal Street, was arrested on a charge of violation of a protective order.

• **VICTOR TY ROSENBERG**, 41, of 1513 East 17th Street, was arrested on a warrant for failure to display driver's license.

• **OLGA CHARO**, 44, of 1002 North Main Street, was arrested on a warrant for theft of service between \$100 and \$750.

• **CASSIE CHRISTINE CANTU**, 28, of 1101 East 12th Street, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespassing.

• **KEITH GLENN GRAHAM**, 49, of 1002 North Main, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **RONALD STANLEY HASELBY**, 66, of 538 Westover Road, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespassing.

• **OSCAR CANALES**, 60, of 406 Owens, was arrested on warrants for expired driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, expired registration, and three counts of failure to appear.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported on the 4200 block of West Highway 80.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 2600 block of Cindy Lane.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1800 block of Old Colorado City Highway.

• **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 1300 block of East Highway 350.

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 75 inmates at the time of this report.

• **RICHARD HERNANDEZ ARENIBAZ**, 51, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of violation of bond or protective order.

• **OSCAR CANALES**, 60, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for expired driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, expired registration, and three counts of failure to appear.

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• **OLGA CHARO**, 44, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for theft of service between \$100 and \$750.

• **KEITH GLENN GRAHAM**, 49, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended with a previous conviction or suspension.

• **RONALD STANLEY HASELBY SR.**, 66, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespassing.

• **EDWARD LEE HURRINGTON**, 63, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for possession of a controlled substance between one and four grams and failure to signal correct distance before turning.

• **VICTOR TY ROSENBERG**, 41, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for failure to display driver's license.

• **CHARLIE JAKE TURNER**, 37, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Ohio. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of FM 700. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **BRUSH FIRE** was reported in the South of Dundee Street.

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SMITH

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were out there. And they had been out there for a while, it took a long time for that balloon to get inflated," Smith said. "But when it finally, finally got inflated, and she climbed in that gondola and took off, horns honked, lights flashed – you know it was dark, and cold – lights flashed and horns honked and it was a big event."

The excitement wasn't limited to West Texas, either.

"I sent reports back, and the radio station taped those reports and sent them all over the country," Smith said. "Once the story got out, *Associated Press* got hold of it and the country got involved with it. Everybody wanted to know about this lady up in the balloon, a 56-year-old grandmother."

Although Wolf's big yellow hydrogen balloon touched down hundreds of miles away in Boley, Okla., her actual flight wound all over a good portion of the southwestern United States.

"She left here on Saturday just after midnight," Smith said. "She flew over New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas... and she landed in Boley, Okla., Monday afternoon."

Laskas will be in town researching for her new book Aug. 3 and 4, Smith said. Anyone who has pictures or memories of the flight should contact Smith at 432-263-3813.

"Call me, and I'll take their names and have Ms. Laskas get in touch with them," he said.

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DEAL

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dealt with this for so long. Once I received the e-mail from Brian Lloyd, executive director of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, I felt good. I felt like we've finally have a resolution on this. This is what I wanted, why I went to Austin. I wanted to put a face to how this was affecting West Texas lives. These rates where not just affecting houses or farms put the people out here."

Lloyd informed Raney that, "The long and short of it is that we, Sharyland, and Oncor have reached a deal that would involve Oncor taking over the Sharyland distribution system and serving all of the current Sharyland customers at Oncor Rates. That will be (if I remember correctly), about a 40 percent decrease in transmission and distribution rates."

Lloyd then went on to say that although the transition will take some time, the commission hopes to have "everyone moved over to Oncor's rates by this fall."

"In the meantime...there will be some rate relief for residential customers and some assistance provided to churches and other houses of worship."

Senator Kel Seliger and Rep. Drew Darby, who together hosted town hall forums on the issue, responded to the announcement.

"This is an important development in providing relief to the exorbitant rates Sharyland customers have experienced," said Sen. Seliger. "I am eager to see the impact this has on improving those rates."

"This is welcome news for our constituents with savings on the horizon, and I'm grateful for Oncor's progress here," said Rep. Darby. "I urge careful review by the PUC and OPUC to make sure this provides the relief needed by home and business owners this summer."

According to the release, specific details of the proposed transaction include:

- Sharyland and SDTS will transfer to Oncor their retail distribu-

tion assets and retail distribution operations located in their Stanton, Brady, and Celeste (SBC) service territories, as well as their McAllen service territory.

- Oncor will transfer to SDTS transmission lines of similar value located in West and Central Texas, which Sharyland will operate on behalf of SDTS.

- Along with the assets transferred by Oncor, Sharyland and SDTS will retain their transmission system in the Texas Panhandle and their transmission assets and substations in the Stanton and McAllen service territories.

- Once all required approvals are obtained and the transaction closes, after a brief transition period Sharyland's retail distribution customers in all of its service territories will transfer to Oncor and Oncor's tariff schedule.

- Sharyland's retail distribution customers in its SBC territories will receive a significant reduction in their regulated delivery rates. For Sharyland's retail distribution customers in its McAllen territory, this transaction will prevent the anticipated rate increases that were proposed in Sharyland's pending rate case.

- In the interim, Sharyland will reduce its base distribution rates by approximately 10 percent for its residential customers in its SBC service area. This interim rate relief for residential customers will reflect a \$3 million decrease in Sharyland's retail distribution revenue requirement on an annualized basis. Sharyland is seeking regulatory approval for the interim rate relief and hopes that it will take effect in the next 60 days and remain in effect until customers are transitioned to Oncor after the transaction closes.

- Upon closing of the transaction, the rate case for Sharyland and SDTS will be dismissed.

- Going forward, Sharyland will operate transmission assets and substations and will serve as a transmission service provider.

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COUNTY

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for Precinct 2. "This testing unit normally runs about \$65,000 and this one is a trade in that is refurbished for about \$40,000."

Sullivan was not present at the meeting, however Bailey had spoken with Sullivan on some of the details of the project. The system can hook up to the trucks that the department currently has and by having the system, Bailey stated that it would reduce the time and cost of training new firefighters.

"The fact that we don't have to meet someone else's timeline,"

Bailey said. "Chief Sullivan can take his guys (and) train them on the system without having to worry about calling someone and scheduling them to come out here, pay them to come out here."

Bailey also stated that Sullivan discussed the possibility of potentially making some revenue from the system through other fire departments in the area seeking training certification.

However the discussion was postponed until the commissioners court holds its budget meeting this week.

Other topics covered at the meeting included:

- Nine road boring permits

were approved by the court, three in Precinct 1, four in Precinct 2, and 1 one Precincts 3 and 4, all standard requests according to Klinksiek.

- Judge Kathryn Wiseman stated Tuesday will be the final day for County Clerk, Donna Wright, who announced her retirement.

- The state invited the commissioners court to a regional risk management conference either to be held in Midland or Abilene this upcoming fall.

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Trump asks about firing Sessions, calls his position 'weak'

By JONATHAN LEMIRE and JILL COLVIN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump has spoken with advisers about firing Attorney General Jeff Sessions and launched a fresh Twitter tirade Tuesday against the man who was the first U.S. senator to endorse his candidacy.

"Attorney General Jeff Sessions has taken a VERY weak position on Hillary Clinton crimes (where are E-mails & DNC server) & Intel leakers!" Trump tweeted.

Trump's intensifying criticism of Sessions has fueled speculation that Sessions may resign even if Trump opts not to fire him. The president's anger over Sessions' decision to recuse himself from the government's investigation of Russian meddling in the U.S. election had burst into public view Monday when he referred to Sessions in a tweet as "beleaguered."

Privately, Trump has speculated aloud to allies in recent days about the potential consequences of firing Sessions, according to three people who have recently spoken to the president. They spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss private conversations.

The pressure seemed to mount on Sessions by the hour on Tuesday.

Anthony Scaramucci, the president's new communications director, said in a morning interview with radio host Hugh Hewitt that Trump is "obviously frustrated" and that the two men "need to work this thing out."

Scaramucci then replied "you're probably right" when Hewitt says it's clear that Trump wants Sessions gone.

And White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders told Fox News' "Fox & Friends" that the president is "frustrated and disappointed" with Sessions for recusing himself from the Russia probe.

"That frustration certainly hasn't gone away. And I don't think it will," she said.

Trump often talks about

making staff changes without following through, so those who have spoken with the president cautioned that a change may not be imminent or happen at all.

"So why aren't the Committees and investigators, and of course our beleaguered A.G., looking into Crooked Hillary's crimes & Russia relations?" the president tweeted Monday. His tweet came just hours before his son-in-law, White House senior adviser Jared Kushner, traveled to Capitol Hill to be interviewed about his meetings with Russians.

Trump's rapid-fire tweeting resumed at day-break Tuesday, with the president wondering aloud about Sessions' "VERY weak" position on "Hillary Clinton crimes."

In another post to his Twitter account, Trump said: "Ukrainian efforts to sabotage Trump campaign — quietly working to boost Clinton. So where is the investigation A.G." He also mocked the Russia investigation in congress, suggesting that Congress might want to talk to his 11-year-old son after it finished with Kushner.

"Jared Kushner did very well yesterday in proving he did not collude with the Russians. Witch Hunt. Next up, 11 year old Barron Trump!" he tweeted.

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Myrle Evelyn Mathies, 86, of Shattuck, OK, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday. The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM, Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Kenneth Claibourn Means, Jr., 52, died Saturday, July 15, 2017. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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5 injured in ammonia leak at Dallas bakery company

DALLAS (AP) — Authorities say five people have been hurt in an ammonia leak at a Dallas bakery that supplies bread to restaurants and supermarkets.

Dallas Fire-Rescue spokesman Jason Evans says emergency personnel Monday morning responded to a report of an ammonia leak at EPI (EP'-ee) Breads.

Evans says company personnel had already shut off the ammonia source — a compressor, associated with the heating and air conditioning system — before hazardous materials experts arrived.

Evans says the building was evacuated. Medical personnel evaluated a number of individuals, who complained of nausea and feeling lightheaded. Five people were transported to Dallas hospitals. Further details on their conditions weren't immediately available.

A message left with EPI Breads wasn't immediately returned Monday.

Fire department personnel assisted in ventilating the building.

92-year-old WWII veteran attacked trying to defend US flag

KAUFMAN, Texas (AP) — A 92-year-old Marine veteran has been injured while trying to defend the U.S. flag outside his Texas home.

Howard Banks fought in World War II and was left legally blind by a flare on Iwo Jima.

After hearing noises outside his Dallas-area home earlier this month, Banks says he went outside and found someone trying to pull his flag down from its pole. The would-be thief knocked him down before running off, and neighbors rushed to help. Banks was left with bumps, bruises and a twisted knee.

Police are investigating.

Meanwhile, fellow Marine veterans from Honor Flight Austin visited Banks at his home Sunday and offered him a free trip to Washington, D.C. to express their appreciation for his service.

Some Texas schools starting classes early due to exemption

HOUSTON (AP) — Some Texas school districts are taking advantage of an exemption that allows class to resume earlier than the state-required fourth Monday of August, despite opposition from some parents and tourism officials.

The Harris County Department of Education tells The Houston Chronicle (<http://bit.ly/2tDJGwC>) the Texas Education Agency has approved 17 of 25 public districts in the region to start before Aug. 28.

Tourism officials and some parents say starting school earlier hurts states' economies and makes scheduling family vacations and summer camps difficult.

Katy Independent School District spokeswoman Maria DiPetta says the earlier start date allows schools to have roughly the same number of instructional days in the fall and spring semesters. She says it also lets students finish school before Memorial Day.

Nobody hurt as 21 coal-hauling cars derail in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Officials say 21 freight cars hauling coal from Wyoming have derailed in South Texas as temperatures reached the triple digits.

Union Pacific spokesman Jeff DeGraff (duh-GRAF) says authorities are investigating whether the searing heat played a role Sunday afternoon in the derailment in San Antonio. Temperatures reached 100 degrees (38 Celsius) that day.

DeGraff says heat can cause rails to buckle.

He says no one was hurt in the accident. The train was carrying two crew members. One locomotive also derailed.

DeGraff says no hazardous materials were aboard the 150-car train. DeGraff says some coal spilled as several cars piled into each other. Some cars also overturned. Cleanup continued Monday. DeGraff says the derailment happened on a section of track off the main line, so rail traffic wasn't impeded.



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Trucker charged in 10 deaths in immigrant-smuggling case



James Mathew Bradley Jr., left, arrives at the federal courthouse for a hearing, Monday, July 24, 2017, in San Antonio. Bradley was arrested in connection with the deaths of multiple people packed into a broiling tractor-trailer.

**By NOMAAN
MERCHANT**

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The driver of a broiling tractor-trailer found packed with immigrants outside a Walmart in San Antonio was charged Monday in the deaths of 10 of his passengers and could face the death penalty over the hellish journey.

In outlining their immigrant-smuggling case against James Matthew Bradley Jr., 60, federal prosecutors depicted the trailer as pitch-black, crammed with around 90 people or more by some estimates, and so suffocatingly hot that one passenger said they took turns breathing through a hole and pounding on the walls to get the driver's attention.

Bradley appeared in federal court on charges of illegally transporting immigrants for financial gain, resulting in death. The Clearwater, Florida, man did not enter a plea or say anything in court about what happened. He was assigned a public defender and ordered held for another hearing on Thursday.

Over the weekend, authorities discovered eight bodies inside the

crowded 18-wheeler parked in the summer heat, and two more victims died at the hospital. Officials feared the death toll could rise because nearly 20 others rescued from the rig were in dire condition, many suffering from extreme dehydration and heatstroke.

Bradley told investigators that the trailer had been sold and he was transporting it for his boss from Iowa to Brownsville, Texas. He said he didn't realize people were inside until he parked and got out to relieve himself.

After hearing banging and shaking, he opened the door and was "surprised when he was run over by 'Spanish' people and knocked to the ground," according to the complaint.

Bradley was quoted as telling investigators that he knew the trailer refrigeration system didn't work and that the four ventilation holes were probably clogged. He also said he did not call 911, even though he knew at least one passenger was dead.

The truck was registered to Pyle Transportation Inc. of Schaller, Iowa. President Brian Pyle said that he had sold the truck to a man in Mexico and that Bradley was an inde-

pendent contractor who was supposed to deliver it to a pick-up point in Brownsville.

"I'm absolutely sorry it happened. I really am. It's shocking. I'm sorry my name was on it," Pyle said, referring to the truck. He said he had idea why Bradley took the looping route he described to investigators.

Bradley told authorities that he had stopped in Laredo, Texas — which would have been out of his way if he were traveling directly to Brownsville — to get the truck washed and detailed before heading back 150 miles (240 kilometers) north to San Antonio. From there, he would have had to drive 275 miles south again to get to Brownsville.

"I just can't believe it. I'm stunned, shocked. He is too good a person to do anything like this," said Bradley's fiancée, Darnisha Rose of Louisville, Kentucky. "He helps people, he doesn't hurt people."

She said Bradley told

her he had no idea how the immigrants got into his trailer.

One of the passengers told investigators that he was in a group of 24 people who had been in a "stash house" in Laredo for 11 days before being taken to the tractor-trailer.

A passenger told investigators that he and others crossed into the U.S. by raft, paying smugglers 12,500 Mexican pesos (about \$700). They were then put aboard the truck to be taken to San Antonio, according to the criminal complaint. He said he was supposed to pay the smugglers \$5,500 once he got there.

He said that those in the truck were given no water or food and that the immigrants soon began to struggle to breathe and started passing out.

At least some of those in the truck were from Mexico and Guatemala, according to diplomats from the two countries.

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Senate GOP gets new pressure from Trump on health care

By ALAN FRAM

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A peeved President Donald Trump tweaked Republican opponents of his party's reeling health care bill Monday, saying this week's planned faceoff vote is their "last chance to do the right thing" and erase his predecessor's signature overhaul.

Trump's prodding of balking GOP senators came a day before leaders planned a pivotal vote that seemed likely to go badly for the party. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., is nursing a slim 52-48 majority and the possible absence of Arizona Sen. John McCain, who's battling cancer, which would mean two GOP defections would sink the measure.

At least a dozen Republican senators have publicly opposed or criticized the legislation, more than enough to kill it in the face of uniform Democratic opposition. That's forced McConnell to step back twice from anticipated votes and to revise his legislation in hopes of mollifying unhappy moderates and conservatives.

McConnell's legislation would uproot much of President Barack Obama's health care law, eliminating its tax penalties on people not buying policies, cutting the Medicaid health care program for the poor and providing less generous health care subsidies for consumers. He's revised it once and then said he'd push a vote on legislation simply repealing Obama's statute. But McConnell and administration officials have also considered additional changes to the repeal-and-replace bill that might lure senators, leaving it unclear exactly what the Senate would be voting on Tuesday.

Complicating McConnell's task, Ohio Gov. John Kasich said it would be a mistake for the Senate to move ahead Tuesday "and force a one-sided deal that the American people are clearly against." Kasich's stance could make it harder for wavering Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, who's criticized the measure's Medicaid cuts, to back the measure.

Kasich panned the bill for a lack of "bipartisanship, transparency or open dialogue." In a statement, the 2016 GOP presidential contender said Congress should take no action on recrafting the nation's health care system until it can "step back from political gamesmanship and come together with a workable, bipartisan plan."

Yet Portman and other undeclared Republican senators were also being pounded by the White House.

"Republicans have a last chance to do the right thing on Repeal & Replace after years of talking & campaigning on it," Trump tweeted Monday.

Trump's contentious tone toward members of his own party underscored the high stakes as he tries winning Republican votes for a goal the GOP has trumpeted since the statute's 2010 enactment. He planned to make formal remarks on the health care legislation later Monday.

Characteristic of his scattershot effort on his party's health care drive, Trump also spent the morning tweeting insults at Democrats, the news media and his own attorney general, Jeff Sessions, about their handling of investigations into his 2016 campaign's possible collusion with Russia.

In comments highlighting GOP tensions, Rep. Blake



AP photo

In this March 1, 2017 file photo, President Donald Trump, flanked by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky., left, and House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wis., speaks during a meeting with House and Senate leadership, in the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington. Repeal and replace "Obamacare." Just repeal. Or let it fail _ maybe with a little nudge. President Donald Trump has sent a flurry of mixed messages, raising questions about the White House strategy on health care.

Farenthold, R-Texas, said it is "absolutely repugnant" that Republican senators aren't following through on campaign promises to repeal Obama's law.

Without naming them, he mentioned "female senators from the Northeast" and said, "If it was a guy from South Texas, I might ask him to step outside and settle this Aaron Burr style," a reference to the firearms duel in which Burr killed Alexander Hamilton.

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, has opposed the GOP replacement plan. Other Republicans expressing reservations include Shelley Moore Capito of West Vir-

ginia and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska.

Farenthold spoke Friday on 1440 KEYS radio's "The Bob Jones Show" in Corpus Christi, Texas. A Farenthold spokeswoman said he could not immediately be reached for comment.

Should lightning strike and the Senate approve the legislation, House GOP leaders were hoping to shove it quickly through their chamber.

But in a sign of one complexity they'd face, an upstate New York Republican congressman said he'd oppose the Senate bill if it omits House-passed language grant-

ing Medicaid savings to all of his state's counties excluding the five New York City boroughs. Last week, the Senate parliamentarian said that chamber's Democrats would be able to remove it from the bill because it violates Senate rules.

Rep. Tom Reed said he would "oppose the present Senate health care bill" if it lacks that provision, which would force the state to cover \$2.3 billion in Medicaid expenses now paid by upstate counties. The language was included in the House bill to help gain support from New York GOP representatives.

Father of Hawaii boy missing for 2 decades is sentenced

By JENNIFER SINCO KELLEHER

Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — The father of a 6-year-old Hawaii boy who disappeared two decades ago was sentenced Monday to 20 years in prison for manslaughter, fulfilling a deal with prosecutors that required him to reveal the location of his son's body.

Peter Kema Sr. must serve a minimum of six years and eight months, TV station Hawaii News Now reported. Though Kema led police and prosecutors to a remote coastal area of the Big Island in April, water and time prevented authorities from finding any remains, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Rick Damerville

said.

Kema later passed a polygraph test, which said he was telling the truth about where he disposed of the remains and allowed his sentencing to move forward.

Prosecutors believe the child, known as "Peter Boy," was abused and died from septic shock after a festering arm sore went untreated.

The boy's mother, Jayline Kema, was released from jail in April after serving a year for manslaughter. At a hearing last year, she agreed to facts that prosecutors laid out in court about abuse the boy suffered, her failure to get him medical treatment and his eventual death. That was the

first official confirmation the child was dead.

The Kemas have long been suspects in their son's disappearance, but prosecutors said they didn't have enough evidence to charge them until last year, when a grand jury indicted the couple on murder counts.

After Peter vanished in 1997, he became the face of a Hawaii campaign for missing and abused children in the late 1990s and early 2000s. Posters and bumper stickers asked, "So where's Peter?"

Peter Kema told authorities that he took his son from the Big Island to Oahu and gave him to someone named "Auntie Rose Makuakane" in an informal adoption.

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enter the United States illegally often rely on smuggling networks to guide them across the border by foot or raft, put them in safe houses and then give them rides to their destination in the U.S. "Even though they have the driver in custody, I can guarantee you there's going to be many more people we're looking for to prosecute," said Thomas Homan, acting director of U.S. Immi-

gration and Customs Enforcement. The tragedy came to light after a person from the truck approached a Walmart employee and asked for water late Saturday night or early Sunday morning after a day in which the temperature had climbed over 100 degrees, police said. The employee gave the person water and then called police.

In one of the worst smuggling-by-truck tragedies on record in the U.S., 19 immigrants locked inside a stifling rig died in Victoria,

Texas, in 2003. The driver was sentenced to nearly 34 years in prison.

Activists blamed federal and Texas authorities' hard-line immigration policies for contributing to the latest deaths by forcing immigrants to take greater risks to reach the U.S. "These tragedies are compounded when it's incredibly dangerous and incredibly expensive and we push migration into the hands of illicit actors," immigration activist Bob Libal said.

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BSHS' Noah Gonzales off to Puerto Rico

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Sports Editor

Big Spring native, member of the Steer varsity baseball team, and member of the California Baseball Academy (CBA-T) that is from West Texas, as all of his other teammates are from the Dallas area.

Following his recent success he has had this summer, Gonzales is one of just three players from his travel team that was selected to play in Puerto Rico, as only the top players from California Baseball Academy's five teams across the states are chosen after a league wide vote from the coaches of CBA.

"It kind of surprised me to know that my coach thinks of me as

emy has five teams in different states across the nation; California, Nevada, Georgia, Florida, and Texas. Gonzales is the only member of CBA-T that is from West Texas, as all of his other teammates are from the Dallas area.

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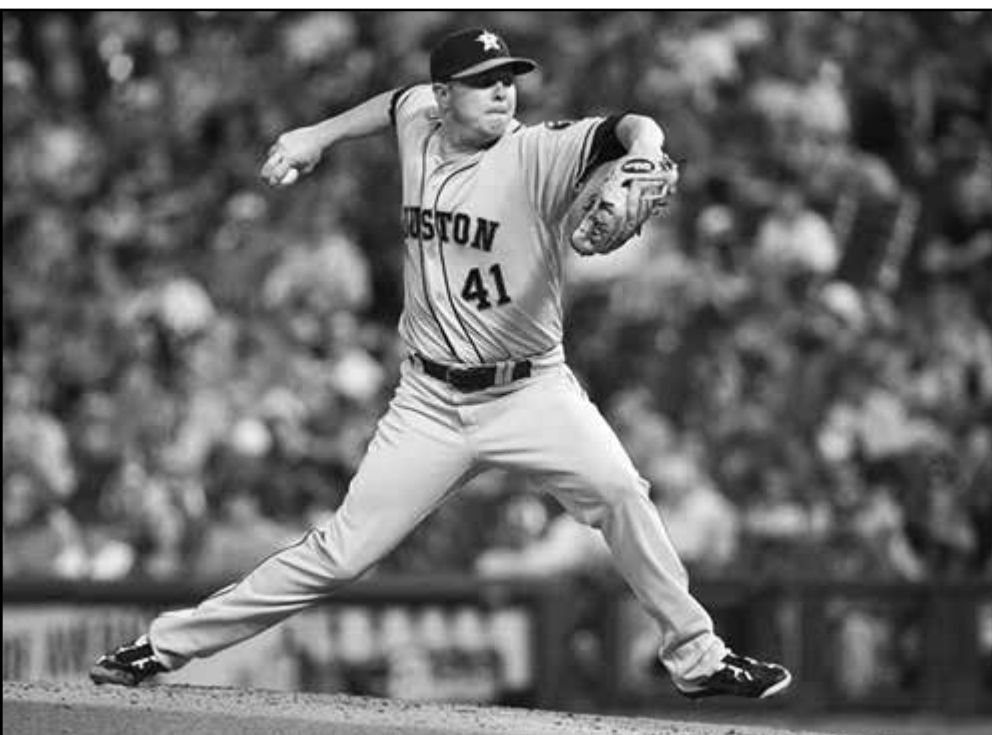
Pictured above is #13, Noah Gonzales, hitting the ball in the Arizona Showcase his travel team participated in, which was held in Mesa, Arizona earlier this summer in June.

Altuve 4 hits for 2nd day in row, Astros rout Phillies 13-4



AP photo

Houston Astros' Jose Altuve, right, slides into second base for a double as Philadelphia Phillies second baseman Cesar Hernandez, left, looks to apply the tag during the third inning of a baseball game, Monday, July 24, 2017, in Philadelphia.



AP photo

Houston Astros starting pitcher Brad Peacock throws a pitch during the third inning of a baseball game against the Philadelphia Phillies, Monday, July 24, 2017, in Philadelphia.

By **ANTHONY SANFILIPPO**

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Like any good magician, Jose Altuve isn't sharing his secrets.

Once again turning his bat into a wand of sorts, Altuve had four hits for the second consecutive game, extending his hitting streak to 16 games as the Houston Astros routed the Philadelphia Phillies 13-4.

Altuve had two singles, two doubles and three RBIs to lead a potent Astros offense that rapped out 18 hits, eight for extra bases.

The four hits for Altuve matched a career high, which he tied Sunday at Baltimore. It was the 24th time he has had four hits in a game.

The All-Star second baseman has been on another level during his streak, hitting .528 (38 for 72). He has collected at least three hits in eight of those 16 games.

In the process, he has increased his major league-leading to .365. He is hitting .507 for the month of July.

How is he doing it? He isn't saying.

"I can't tell you because the other guys are probably going to see this interview and pitch me different," he joked after the game. "I'm just trying to stay with my approach and trying to get on base for the guys hitting behind me. This is a really good team that goes out and plays 100 percent every game."

Make that every inning. Or even every at-bat. The effort shows — at 66-33, the AL West leaders have the best record in their league by far.

Alex Bregman homered and doubled twice for Houston. Brian McCann also homered.

"This is as good a team as we've seen," Phillies manager Pete Mackanin said. "They go up there to do damage. They look like they're ready to hit every pitch. They're not taking pitches to get a look at the pitcher. If you make a mistake out over the plate, they're going to hurt you."

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Pau Gasol signs 3-year deal with Spurs



AP photo

In this file photo, San Antonio Spurs center Pau Gasol, of Spain, (16) gestures during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Washington Wizards, Saturday, Nov. 26, 2016

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs have signed Pau Gasol to a three-year contract.

The Spurs announced the signing on Monday. Gasol opted out of the two-year deal he signed last summer to give the Spurs more salary cap flexibility to supplement the roster in free agency. But he always intended to re-sign with San Antonio, where he averaged 12.4 points and 7.8 rebounds in just over 25 minutes per game last season.

Gasol played 64 games, filling a starting role and coming off the bench for a team that won 61 games and lost to Golden State in the Western Conference finals.

Gasol's help allowed the Spurs to add Rudy Gay and Brandon Paul in free agency.

Cowboys dump WR Whitehead after link to shoplifting arrest

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys finally responded to a tumultuous offseason with the release of a player, dumping Lucky Whitehead on the first day of training camp after the third-year receiver and kick returner was arrested to a shoplifting arrest that his agent disputed.

Whitehead said he "didn't know about" the case in his home state of Virginia as he was escorted off the field by a member of the Cowboys' public relations staff after the first morning walkthrough practice Monday morning. He was released before the full workout in the af-

ternoon.

Prince William County Police Sgt. Jonathan Perok said 25-year-old Rodney Darnell Whitehead Jr. was arrested around 1:30 a.m. June 22 for taking about \$40 worth of food and drink from a convenience store.

Perok said he couldn't confirm that the man arrested was the Dallas receiver, but online records matched his name and birthdate. The Cowboys' media guide lists Whitehead's given first name of Rodney.

According to online records, a court date was missed July 6, leading to another charge. Another court date was

set for Aug. 10.

Whitehead's agent, Dave Rich, called it a case of mistaken identity and disputed whether an arrest was made.

Rich said his client didn't arrive in Virginia until about 10 hours after the reported arrest, suggesting that either police had the wrong date on the report or that someone used Whitehead's name and address in Manassas, Virginia, where he played high school football.

The Cowboys moved swiftly in releasing Whitehead after two defensive players were

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AP photo

Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Lucky Whitehead (13) stands with fellow receivers during practice at the NFL football team's training camp in Oxnard, Calif., Monday, July 24, 2017.

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Mercury Meaning
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Existential boredom is a kind of painless pain, not acutely felt as a sensation but as an ache of the soul. This is why, for many, empty time is unbearably uncomfortable. However, today, try not to fill it with busy work and distraction that doesn't mean anything to you. Mercury is crossing into Virgo to inspire the quest for a more fulfilling way.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). "Motivated reasoning" is when you first decide what you want and then rationalize why it's a good idea. Your mind will have no trouble coming up with supportive ideas, but are they really, morally

correct?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The idea that every moment should be pleasurable is as ridiculous as the notion that life should be pain-free. Ours is, after all, an existence of contrast. There is no pleasure without pain, no light without darkness.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Savvy hotel guests know that when travel-mates and roommates need space from each other, the hotel lobby can be a welcome respite. Find your own version of a hotel lobby today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). We get older without trying. We're drawn to people inexplicably. Our bodies crave what we need; our spirits quest without our consent. There are many things in life that come without effort. All should be celebrated.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You know who you are, but you don't know the full extent of either who you are or what you can do until the adventure is "on." So say yes, and that adventure will launch shortly.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People who are worrying about what they are going to say are usually not very good at listening to what is already being said. That's why, when you put people at ease, you make them better listeners.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's nothing false about hope. It may not change things immediately, but it will change you immediately, and that will change things eventually. Hold on to hope, white-knuckled.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's not the case every day, but today if you aim low and settle for little, you won't be disappointed, you're sure to be impressed, and you'll probably be swept off your feet and into a truly interesting and exciting situation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Emptiness is not nothingness; rather, it is space. Space is pure potential. Therefore, do not be afraid to get rid of things before you have a replacement. The void invites a more creative future than you would otherwise know.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your head and your heart do not always consult one another before making decisions. You may find them in conflict today. Sort it out. Your imagination will be a helpful mediator.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You expect yourself to keep your agreements, even when it is inconvenient to do so. You do not always hold others to their agreements, but you should. Not always, but today, your expectation will make them rise up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Turn up the intensity. Make a play for what you want. Through a combination of tenacity and keen problem-solving you will make things happen. The result won't be perfect, but it will be progress.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 25). This solar return you will accomplish one worthy purpose after another. Self-leadership will soon turn into group leadership, as others will want to

do what you've done. Interpersonal dealings get easier as you learn to communicate more gently and thoroughly. Selflessness leads to life lessons. Your love life thrives in 2018. Capricorn and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 16, 22, 28, 30 and 44.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "I'm a Pisces on the Aquarius cusp, and my husband is a Gemini. Now, I am a strong believer in astrology, and I really think that our signs have a lot to do with who we are. My husband thinks so, too. This is a new marriage -- we're only nine months in so far -- but things are starting to get a little rocky, and I don't know how to deal with his distance when he's upset. I truly love him more than I have ever loved anyone in my life. How does a Pisces handle such a strong Gemini in her life?"

Pisces and Gemini are both adaptable, and these first months are about finding positive and enjoyable patterns and rhythms you can fall into as a couple. But it is even

more important that you are clear about your personal boundaries. You are setting a tone now for the rest of your marriage. It would be very easy for a new Pisces wife to lose herself in the new role, but your husband didn't fall in love with his wife. He fell in love with a woman who had her own full life before he got there. Don't lose her. This is a time to be loving but structured and clear about your individual needs and expectations.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Matt LeBlanc plays No. 1 dad Adam Burns in the new series "Man With a Plan." Though Leos are known to have the pride of a lion, they are also famous for their ability to share the spotlight, be generous performers and take themselves with a grain of salt. LeBlanc's former "friends" Lisa Kudrow and Matthew Perry are also Leos.

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Annie's Mailbox

tiny. He can be quite charming while he's being friendly with you during his "information gathering" stage, but he has hurt many people and tarnished their reputations. He is a bully and a poor role model.

He claims to be religious and caring, but I find his behavior intrusive and offensive. He questions my husband about our family activities on a daily basis. I have told my husband and this person that this is unacceptable. I try hard to avoid him. Why are some people

such gossip-mongers? -- Fed Up by This Octopus

Dear Fed Up: You're smart to stay out of his toxic tentacles' reach. I'm surprised this man still has friends at all. If someone gossips about anyone not in the room, you know whom he'll be talking about just as soon as you're out the door. Let's hope your husband will put that together in time and cut ties with this man.

Below is a poem called "Nobody's Friend" (author unknown), which several readers have shared with me since I started writing this column and which I think is worth sharing here:

"My name is Gossip.
"I have no respect for justice.
"I maim without killing.
"I break hearts and ruin lives.
"I am cunning and malicious and gather strength with age.
"The more I am quoted the more I am believed.
"I flourish at every level of society.
"My victims are helpless.
"They cannot protect themselves against me because I have no name and no face.
"To track me down is impossible.
"The harder you try, the more elusive I become.
"I am nobody's friend.
"Once I tarnish a reputation, it is never the same.
"I topple govern-

ments and ruin marriages.
"I ruin careers and cause sleepless nights, heartache and indigestion.
"I spawn suspicion and generate grief.
"I make innocent people cry in their pillows.
"Even my name hisses.
"I am called Gossip."
Dear Annie: As someone who's been a recovered alcoholic for nearly 10 years, I agree with your advice to "Margaret," who was contemplating staying with the alcoholic who recently tried assaulting her daughter. (You told her to "run, not walk, away from this man.") If he is serious about getting help, he will make new friends

in recovery. Alcoholics Anonymous will accept him with open arms.
If, however, he is not committed to changing, it is much better to be nowhere near him because he is likely to commit even worse offenses. -- SL

Dear SL: Thanks for speaking to the situation from personal experience. I hope Margaret, as well as anyone else in her shoes, takes it to heart.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Delicate declarer play

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ 3♣ Pass Pass
Dble Pass 4♣

Opening lead — ten of diamonds.

There are plays that seem to make no sense whatever but have lots of wisdom behind them. Consider this deal from a team-of-four match where the contract at both tables was four spades.

After West's pre-emptive three-club bid over South's one-spade opening, both Norths passed — they were slightly short of a voluntary raise to three spades. But when South then doubled for takeout, indicating a strong hand, both Norths jumped to four spades to show greater strength than a three-spade bid would have

Tomorrow: Cards always tell a story.
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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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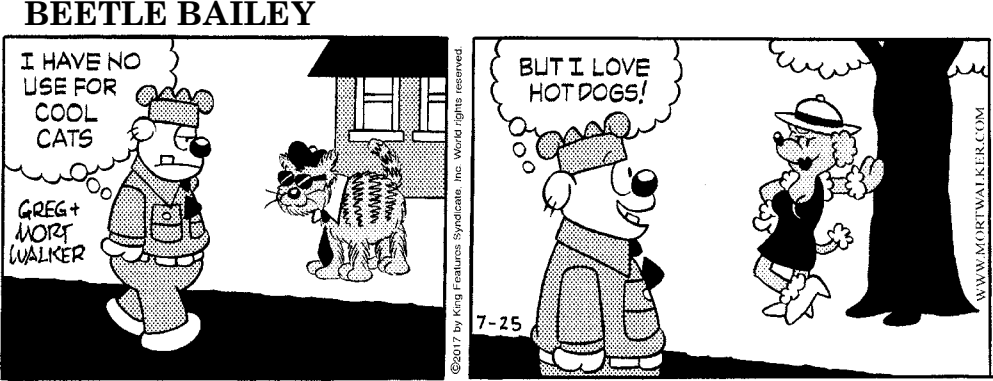
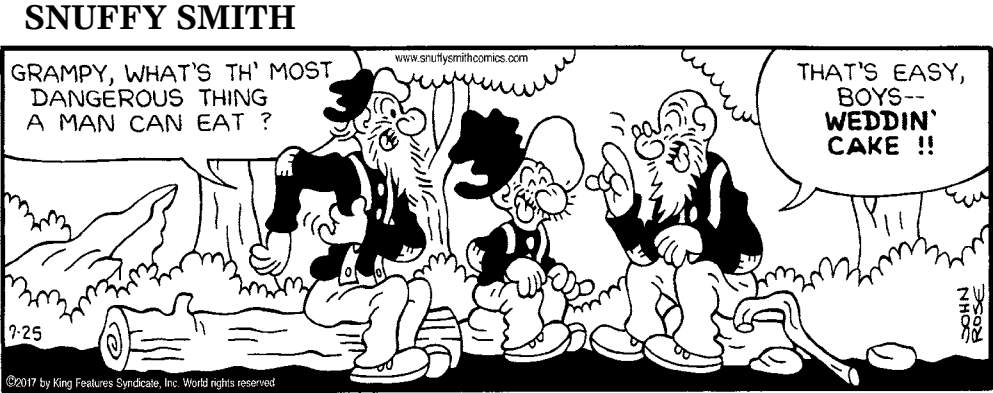
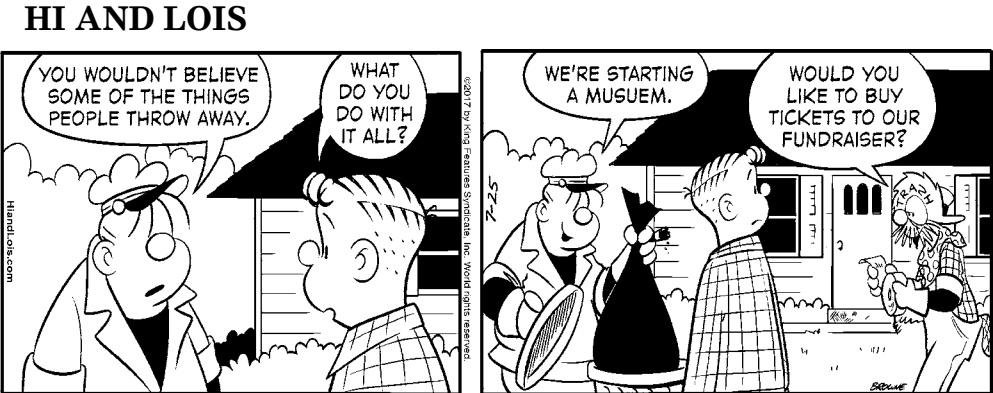
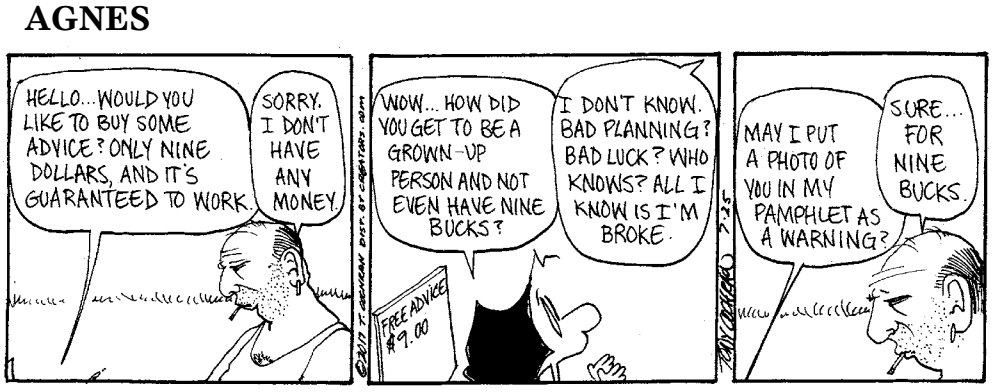
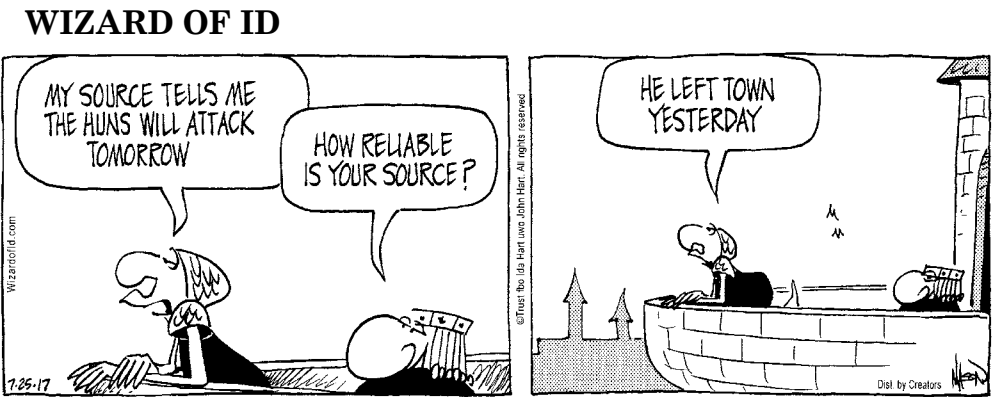
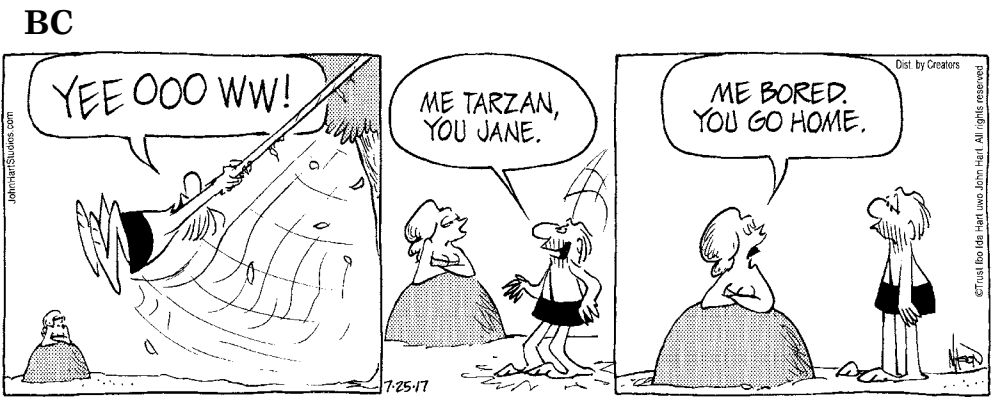
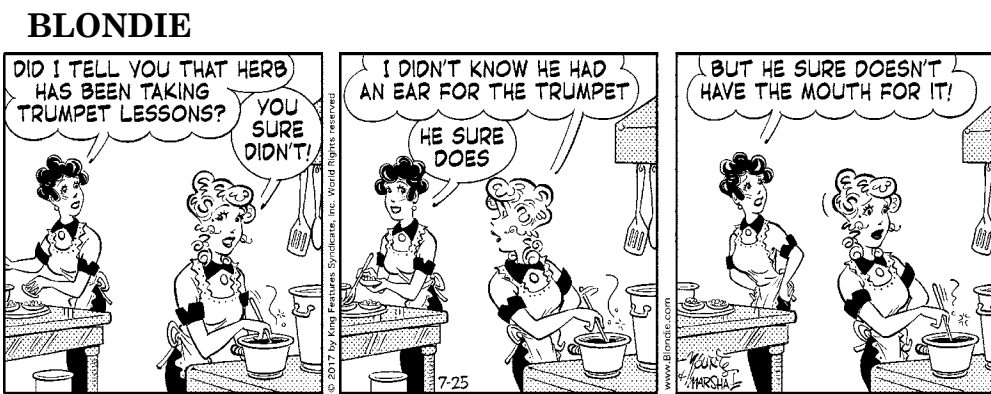
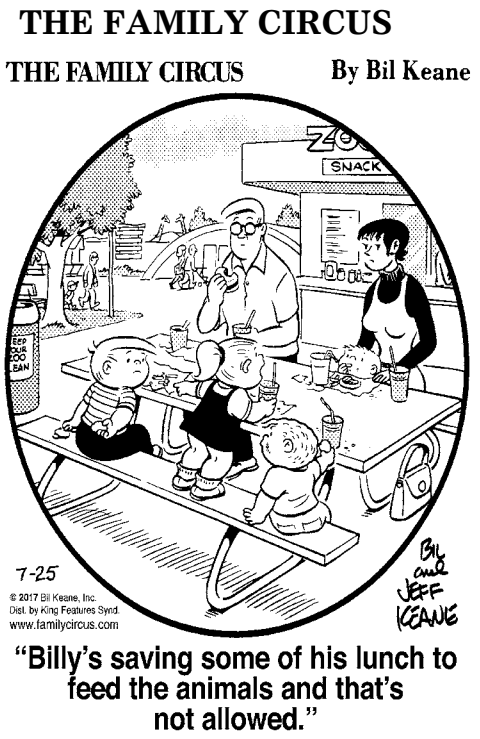
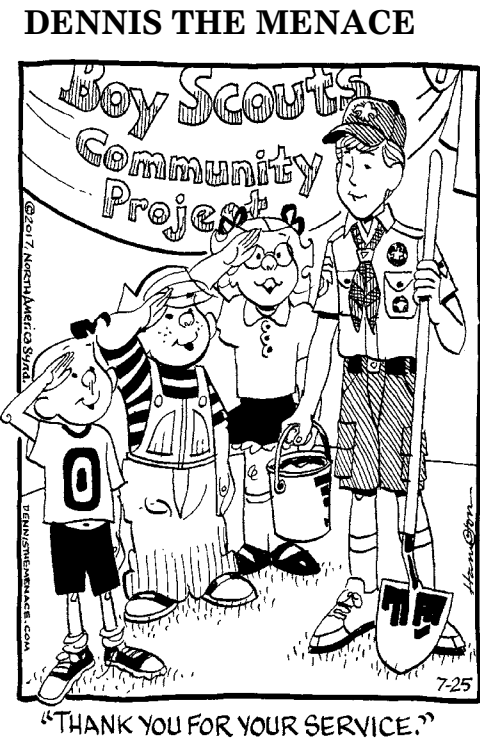
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, July 25, the 206th day of 2017. There are 159 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 25, 1967, a full-page ad in The Times (of London) called for the legalization of marijuana, saying the law against the drug was "immoral in principle and unworkable in practice"; among the signatories were all four of the Beatles, one of whom, Paul McCartney, paid for the ad.

On this date: In 1593, France's King Henry IV converted from Protestantism to Roman Catholicism.

In 1866, Ulysses S. Grant was named General of the Army of the United States, the first officer to hold the rank.

In 1917, Nikon Corp. had its beginnings with the merger of three optical manufacturers in Japan.

In 1934, Austrian Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss was assassinated by pro-Nazi Austrians in a failed coup attempt.

In 1946, the United States detonated an atomic bomb near Bikini Atoll in the Pacific in the first underwater test of the device.

In 1952, Puerto Rico became a

self-governing commonwealth of the United States.

In 1956, the Italian liner SS Andrea Doria collided with the Swedish passenger ship Stockholm off the New England coast late at night and began sinking; 51 people — 46 from the Andrea Doria, five from the Stockholm — were killed. (The Andrea Doria capsized and sank the following morning.)

In 1957, Tunisia became a republic.

In 1975, the musical "A Chorus Line" opened on Broadway at the Shubert Theatre, beginning a run of 6,137 performances.

In 1984, Soviet cosmonaut Svetlana Savitskaya (sah-VEETS'-kah-yah) became the first woman to walk in space as she carried out more than three hours of experiments outside the orbiting space station Salyut 7.

In 1992, opening ceremonies were held in Barcelona, Spain, for the Summer Olympics.

In 2000, a New York-bound Air France Concorde crashed outside Paris shortly after take-off, killing all 109 people on board and four people on the ground; it was the first-ever crash of the supersonic jet.

Ten years ago: A presidential commission urged broad changes to veterans' care that would boost benefits for family members helping the wounded, establish an easy-to-use web-

site for medical records and overhaul the way disability pay was awarded. The bullet-riddled body of one of 23 South Koreans held hostage in Afghanistan by Taliban kidnappers was found; eight other captives were released. Pratibha Patil (PRUH'-tee-bah puh-TIHL') was sworn in as India's first female president.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama embraced some degree of control on the sale of weapons but also told the National Urban League in New Orleans he would seek a national consensus on combatting violence. NBC announced it had topped the \$1 billion mark in advertising sales for the upcoming Olympic Games in London, topping the \$850 million in ad sales for the Beijing games in 2008.

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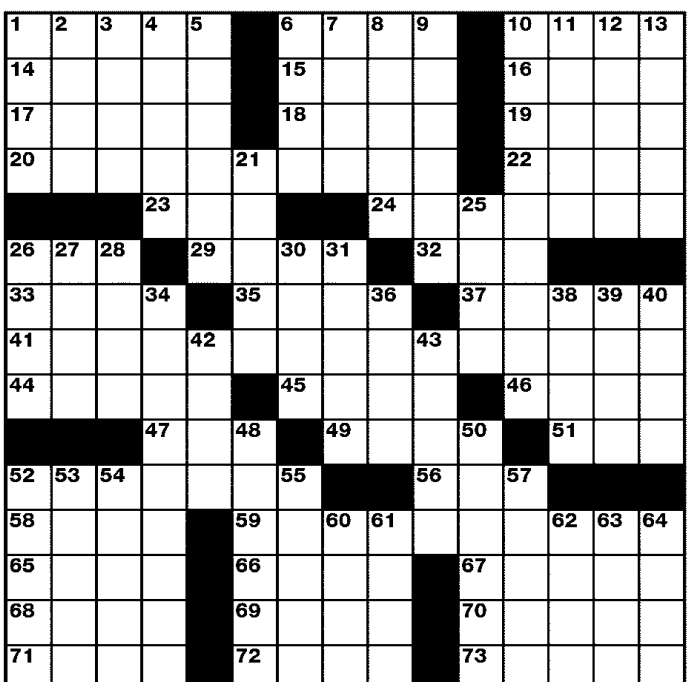
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- 1 Clumsy people
 - 6 Snow vehicle
 - 10 Pub beverages
 - 14 School kid
 - 15 Relinquish legally
 - 16 Sesame Street roommate
 - 17 Sports stadium
 - 18 Egg-shaped
 - 19 Sensible
 - 20 Performance that's repeated
 - 22 Lake near Niagara Falls
 - 23 Letters after R
 - 24 Astounded
 - 26 ___ and grill (type of restaurant)
 - 29 Leak slowly
 - 32 Superlative suffix
 - 33 "That's too bad!"
 - 35 Kite attachment
 - 37 Spooky
 - 41 "Let's start again"
 - 44 "Old McDonald" refrain
 - 45 Christmas season
 - 46 Farmer's ground
 - 47 Monotonous routine
 - 49 Otherwise
 - 51 The Alps, for instance: Abbr.
 - 52 Japanese monarch's title
 - 56 Halloween mo.
 - 58 Vietnam neighbor
 - 59 Request for additional food
 - 65 Trade show, for short
 - 66 Guy in Eden
 - 67 Strong point
 - 68 ___-do-well (rogue)
 - 69 Final or midterm
 - 70 Epic poem by Homer
 - 71 Helper: Abbr.
 - 72 ___ and aahs
 - 73 Castaways' escape vehicles
 - 11 Find out about
 - 12 Sesame Street roommate
 - 13 War horse
 - 21 Because of
 - 25 Software buyer
 - 26 ___ in the woods (innocent one)
 - 27 Jai ___
 - 28 Marathon or sprint
 - 30 Simple to do
 - 31 Stimulate, as curiosity
 - 34 Aspen or Snowmass
 - 36 Pause in the action
 - 38 Leeway
 - 39 "What's ___ for me?"
 - 40 Electrified swimmers
 - 42 Perform in many cities
 - 43 Source of ancient fables
 - 48 BLT ingredient
 - 50 Tubular custard pastry
 - 52 Justice Kagan
 - 53 ___ out (reaches a peak)
 - 54 Vatican leaders
 - 55 Cowpoke competition
 - 57 Brand of electric car
 - 60 Too hasty
 - 61 CPR experts
 - 62 "A likely story!"
 - 63 Bench or chair
 - 64 When planes should leave: Abbr.



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Courtesy photo
Pictured above is Noah Gonzales in the Arizona Showcase his travel team participated in, which was held in Mesa, Arizona earlier this summer in June.

NOAH

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one of the best players to represent the Texas team, and I know it's kind of cliché, but this opportunity really means the world to me. For a kid that lives in a small town to have this big of a chance to play at this type of level is just a dream come true," said Gonzales. "I know that not many people get this opportunity, especially from around here, so to be able to go to Puerto Rico and play the sport that I love to play while representing West Texas, sure does mean a lot to me."

Gonzales will spend one week at the Carlos Beltran Baseball Academy in Puerto Rico where he will play with and against some of the top prospects and athletes, receive great training, instruction, and evaluation from some of the top coaches and trainers in the game.

This opportunity also presents Gonzales with some one-of-a-kind exposure that can help him go on to collegiate and pro-levels, as plenty of scouts from across the country will be present.

"This is a lot like a collegiate showcase to show the coaches what we can really do," said Gonzales. "Over the summer, we had all of our senior players commit to colleges. That really shows them that we have the skill to play at that level."

Gonzales will make the trek to Puerto Rico on Wednesday, August 2, which is just in a little over a week. As of right now, his friends and family are still in the process of raising money for the trip to help cover the expenses of airfare, hotel stay etc.

Their goal to reach is \$4,000 and so far they have accumulated \$2,135. If you would like to make a donation, visit their Go Fund Me account at: www.gofundme.com/5xw5c3-noah-g-carlos-beltran-bb-academy.



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ASTROS

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The game ended after midnight, running late because of a rain delay in the fourth inning that lasted nearly two hours.

McCann hit his 13th homer and Bregman followed with his 10th to the same section in the right-field bleachers in the second off Vince Velasquez (2-6).

Houston batted around in the fourth after the rain delay, scoring five times off reliever Ricardo Pinto.

"It's something about

rain delays where we come out swinging," manager A.J. Hinch said. "Altuve got a two-out hit with two strikes and it ignited a big inning for us. It happens fast with this team. Altuve continues to be amazing, I don't know how else to describe it."

Josh Reddick, Yuli Gurriel and Carlos Beltran each picked up a pair of RBIs in the romp.

Joe Musgrove (5-8) earned the win for Houston by pitching three innings in relief of starter Brad Peacock, who was removed after the rain delay.

Phillies rookie Nick

Williams had a bases-loaded triple in the seventh, extending his hitting streak to nine games. In just 20 games, he has 22 hits, 11 for extra bases, and has 18 RBIs.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: OF George Springer left after the bottom of the third with discomfort in his left quadriceps. He appeared to twist awkwardly on a throw from center field as he doubled up Andrew Knapp at first base to end the inning.

END OF THE LINE

The Phillies' run of scoring at least five runs ended at seven.

The last time they had a streak of eight consecutive games with five or more runs was in 2005.

UP NEXT

Astros: RHP Charlie Morton (7-4, 4.18) pitches against his 2016 team for the first time. Morton had a short stint with the Phillies that lasted only four starts before missing the remainder of the season with a torn hamstring.

Phillies: RHP Nick Pivetta (3-5, 5.58) is averaging more than a strikeout per inning in 13 starts this season. But he has allowed 11 homers in his last six starts.

COWBOYS

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arrested during the offseason.

Cornerback Nolan Carroll was arrested on a drunken-driving charge in May, and linebacker Damien Wilson on aggravated assault charges in July. Star running back Ezekiel Elliott was involved in a bar fight in Dallas last week, but wasn't named in the police report.

Dallas already has two defensive players suspended to start the season in pass rushers David Irving and Randy Gregory.

Carroll and Wilson could join them, and the NFL has been investigating Elliott for about a year over a domestic incident, putting him at risk of a ban under the league's personal-conduct policy.

"After all this stuff that's happened with the Dallas Cowboys organization over the last two or three years, whether you're a fan or not, you follow it," Rich said.

"You don't cut a guy like this after hearing it unless you don't believe him. They've given guys second chance after second chance. They didn't believe my guy."

Executive vice president of personnel Stephen Jones dismissed the idea that the Cowboys were finally taking action against a player after an off-season filled with trouble. He said the decision on Whitehead was an accumulation of incidents, without providing specifics.

Whitehead was late to a Saturday walkthrough before a game at the New York Giants last December, and coach Jason Garrett told him not to join the team flight. He was also involved in a car accident that Garrett learned about through media

reports last year.

"I don't think it's anything to do with anybody else," Jones said. "We feel like we've given Lucky a lot of different chances along the way going back to last year and I think just decided it was time to go in a different direction."

Garrett said any case of mistaken identity was beside the point for the Cowboys.

"In handling the situation and evaluating with the authorities there and in talking to him, we just didn't feel like it's in the best interest of the Cowboys to have him with us," Garrett said.

Garrett rejected a comparison between the more serious charges facing Carroll and Wilson and the lesser one facing Whitehead.

"We have a number of players who through their career, they've made mistakes," Garrett said. "We've held them accountable. They've responded the right way and they've done a great job for our team both on and off the field. If a player isn't ready to respond to that, time and time again, it's time to move on."

The Cowboys drafted Ryan Switzer in the fourth round, and he stood out during offseason workouts while Whitehead nursed a hamstring injury. Whitehead's roster spot was already in jeopardy.

Whitehead emerged as an undrafted free agent at training camp two years ago, but never developed into a threat as a returner or receiver. He was most effective taking handoffs on misdirection plays.

"That stuff can't come up," 15th-year tight end Jason Witten said. "We understand what is expected of us. We are going to stay close together. That is what this team does. Keep the standard really high. It's a strong message to our entire football team. All of us, myself included."

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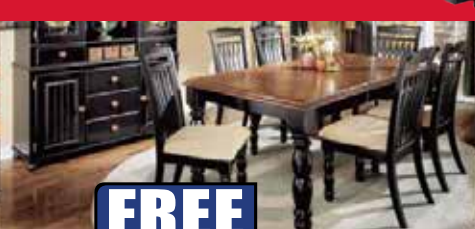
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