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Emerson escorted out of council meeting

Action follows testy exchange with mayor over request to address body

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer
 A local man active in a campaign to lower local and county taxes was escorted from Tuesday's Big Spring City Council meeting after he was not allowed to publicly address his concerns.

Scott Emerson, who has vigorously campaigned against recent increases in both property valuations and tax-



es resulting from those increases, was escorted out of council chambers after a sharp verbal exchange with Mayor Larry McLellan.

At issue was Emerson's insistence to address the council on the new proposed tax rate for the city budget. However,

McLellan rebuffed Emerson's efforts, noting there are two public hearings on the new tax rate scheduled for the coming weeks.

"This agenda item was simply to place the (proposed) tax rate on future council agendas," McLellan said. "Our citizens will have plenty of opportunities to speak out on the subject before we adopt a new rate."



Nevertheless, Emerson requested the opportunity to address the council, a request McLellan quickly shot down.

After a brief, testy exchange between the two men, McLellan warned Emerson he would be escorted out of the building if he didn't de-

sist in his efforts to speak out. Emerson stood his ground on the issue and the mayor, declaring that "this matter is closed," had police escort Emerson from the building.

The drama didn't stop there. After a second person, later identified as T.J. Stewart, stood up and asked to address council on the issue, McLel-

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Big Spring City Council members Steve Waggoner, left, and Raul Benavides listen to comments during Tuesday night's council meeting.

BSISD: Trustees set hearing on tax rate

BY **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer
 Big Spring ISD trustees will hold a public hearing Thursday for the proposed 2015-2016 tax rate and budget before heading into their monthly meeting.

The proposed tax rate for 2016 is \$1.4195 per \$100 valuation. That breaks down to \$1.119 per \$100 valuation for maintenance and operations (M&O) and 30 cents for debt service. That is higher than year's number at \$1.36 per \$100 valuation for M&O and debt service but Big Spring ISD officials said the new rate will still bring in less projected tax revenue than last year.

Officials cite a drop in the area's mineral values along with a loss in state funding for the cause of the lack of projected tax revenue. One of the reasons for the loss of state funding, according to district officials, is the state comptroller's office uses the previous year's values to determine funding for area school districts. Those values

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No fees — for awhile, at least

Water customers can pay online for free, council decides

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer
 In an attempt to boost internet payment of municipal water bills, Big Spring city officials are placing a temporary hold on online fees for such transactions.

During their Tuesday meeting, City Council members unanimously voted to halt online fees for bill payments for local utility customers for six months. That moratorium does not extend to persons paying fees or fines through

the municipal court. Currently, the city charges an online fee that varies according to usage, and officials initially proposed Tuesday to replace that with a flat fee of \$1.50 per payment.

In response to questioning from District 5 Councilman Raul Benavides on the need for the online fee, City Human Resources Director John Medina said it was in place to help make the system more cost-efficient.

Medina said comparatively few customers — about 300 — currently pay

their water bills online and estimated that number would have to rise to about 1,000 before the payment system would be sufficiently "cost neutral" for the city to permanently halt the online fee.

Benavides then suggested the six-month moratorium, an idea the rest of the council quickly agreed to.

Medina said the fee moratorium will not take effect until it passes a second reading before the council on Aug. 25.

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Enough with the noise

Police to cite store over balky alarm system

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer
 A buggy alarm system is about to land Family Dollar officials in legal hot water. Big Spring Police Chief Chad Williams said the department will begin issuing citations against the store because of its alarm system, which has been the source of several complaints.

The alarm at the store, located on FM 700, has been a nightly nuisance for Big Spring residents living in the general vicinity for the past several days.

"Every night, it goes off ... and it doesn't stop until 7:30 a.m.," said Tina Nelson, who lives on Monticello Street. "We've called corporate, we've called the police,

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Obituaries

Patsy Sherrick



Patsy Myrle Sherrick, age 73 of Colorado Springs, Colo. passed away Sunday, Aug. 2, 2015, in her home of natural causes.

She was born to the late Melvin Earl Coe and Frances Louise Dittmore July 9, 1942.

Patsy leaves behind three children, Teresa Geneva Finazzo of Round Rock, Texas; Kermit Allen Swaner (and wife Wendy) of Rockwall, Texas; and Melissa Kay Cherek (and husband Brian), of Colorado Springs, Colo. Patsy has left behind seven grandchildren, Desiree, Kameran, Bobbi, Joshua, Zechariah, Kay-

lee, and Cassidy. She also had three great grandchildren, Brooke, Charlotte, and Zoey.

Patsy also has a surviving brother, Melvin Coe (and wife Kim) of Sweetwater, Texas; and a sister, Kathy Holland (with husband Tom) of Bastrop, Texas.

Patsy practiced her faith and belief in the Lord daily and called upon Him to provide peace and guidance. As God has received another angel, we call upon Him to comfort those who will miss her and all of those she touched.

Donations may be made in Patsy's honor to her favorite charity: The Marion House Soup Kitchen / Catholic Charities of Colorado, 228 North Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80903.

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Joel "J.J." Morales Jr.



Joel "J.J." Morales Jr., 40, of Lamesa, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, Aug. 7, 2015 in Lamesa. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, 2015 at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Leandro Gonzales Jr., officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Dec. 21, 1974 in Lamesa, Texas to Henrietta (Flores) and Joel Morales Sr. he grew up at Lenorah and Tarzan area. He graduated from Grady High School and lived his adult life both in Lamesa and Big Spring. He worked at Alberto's in Big Spring as a cook and

at the Preston Smith Unit of TDCJ in Lamesa.

He is survived by one son, Jay Michael Morales of Big Spring; two daughters, Ella Marie Morales and Macie Morales, both of Big Spring; his mother, Henrietta (Olga) Salinas and husband Ruben of Lamesa and his father Joel Morales Sr. and wife Liz, also of Lamesa; one sister, Naomi "Mimi" Scurlark and husband Steve of Big Spring, two brothers, Gilbert Morales and wife Julie of Midland and Adam Morales of Austin; one step-brother, Isaac Hernandez of Austin; three nephews, Aaron Scurlark of Big Spring, Gilbert Morales Jr. and Gabriel Morales both of Midland and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

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

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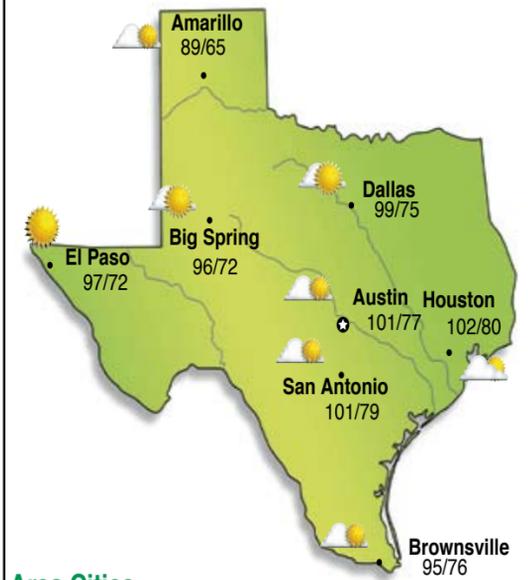
Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 8/12	Thu 8/13	Fri 8/14	Sat 8/15	Sun 8/16
96/72	100/74	99/73	94/72	94/72
Sunny, along with a few afternoon clouds. High 96F.	Sunshine. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the mid 70s.	A few clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	Afternoon showers and thunderstorms.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 7:08 AM	Sunrise: 7:08 AM	Sunrise: 7:09 AM	Sunrise: 7:10 AM	Sunrise: 7:10 AM
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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	96	73	sunny	Kingsville	100	76	pt sunny
Amarillo	89	65	pt sunny	Livingston	99	75	pt sunny
Austin	101	77	pt sunny	Longview	96	69	mst sunny
Beaumont	94	74	t-storm	Lubbock	93	69	mst sunny
Brownsville	95	76	pt sunny	Lufkin	97	71	pt sunny
Brownwood	97	72	mst sunny	Midland	99	75	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	98	79	t-storm	Raymondville	99	76	pt sunny
Corsicana	99	74	mst sunny	Rosenberg	102	77	cloudy
Dallas	99	75	mst sunny	San Antonio	101	79	pt sunny
Del Rio	102	77	pt sunny	San Marcos	102	78	pt sunny
El Paso	97	72	sunny	Sulphur Springs	95	70	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	97	73	mst sunny	Sweetwater	96	72	mst sunny
Gainesville	94	70	mst sunny	Tyler	97	73	pt sunny
Greenville	95	69	sunny	Weatherford	97	72	mst sunny
Houston	102	80	cloudy	Wichita Falls	92	68	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	89	65	sunny	Minneapolis	87	69	sunny
Boston	83	63	pt sunny	New York	86	65	mst sunny
Chicago	79	63	pt sunny	Phoenix	104	79	t-storm
Dallas	99	75	mst sunny	San Francisco	68	57	pt sunny
Denver	88	62	pt sunny	Seattle	85	64	pt sunny
Houston	102	80	cloudy	St. Louis	86	66	mst sunny
Los Angeles	81	63	sunny	Washington, DC	86	67	mst sunny
Miami	91	78	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Wed 8/12	Thu 8/13	Fri 8/14	Sat 8/15	Sun 8/16
11	11	11	11	11
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, 0 with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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Correction

In this year's Big Spring/Howard County Community Guide, the address for Holy Trinity Catholic Parish was incorrect. It should be listed as 1009 Hearn St. The web address is www.bigspringcatholic.org; e-mail htcch@suddenlinkmail.com

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Police, Sheriff, Fire/EMS reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **BOBBY R.V. CHURCHWELL JR.**, 57, of 1106 E. 11th Place was arrested on a warrant for sex offenders duty to register life/annually.
- **CHRISTOPHER RYAN COLE-GROVE**, 23, of 1108 Lamar St. was arrested on a warrant for another agency.
- **BRANDY GUZMAN**, 37, of 1002 E. 16th St. was arrested on three warrants from other agencies.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 600 block of Highland Dr.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 200 block of Radio Tower Rd., the 3600 block of W. Highway 80 and the 2400 block of Brent Dr.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of S. Gregg St. and the 2500 block of Cheyenne Dr.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 3000 block of S. Moss Lake Rd.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 100 block of E. 17th St.

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the follow-

ing activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 83 inmates at the time of this report.

- **BOBBY R.V. CHURCHWELL JR.**, 57, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for sex offenders duty to register life/annually.
- **CHRISTOPHER RYAN COLE-GROVE**, 23, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for injury to child/elderly/disabled with intent.
- **DERRICK TODD DRAKE**, 29, was booked by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest/detention and warrants for driving without lights and violate promise to appear.
- **JOSE LUIS ESTRADA**, 33, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping and fail to appear.
- **GARY DON GOODMAN**, 20, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for motion to revoke probation - burglary of a building and motion to revoke probation - possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.
- **BRANDY MORENO**, 37, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for failure to control speed.

• **DAVID ALAN TINDOL**, 34, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for motion to revoke probation - unlawful carrying of a weapon.

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of 3rd St. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at 3rd St. and Lancaster. No transport.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Monticello. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of Anderson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of Ann St. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on Hwy 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **VEHICLE FIRE** was reported in the 3000 block of Interstate 20. Fire was extinguished.

Support Groups

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. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- **Spring Tabernacle Ministries** has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.
- **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.

• **Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous** meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls). Open meeting at 7 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

- **Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous** meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls). Open meeting at 7 p.m.
- **AA open discussion meeting** from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study

meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

- **VA Alcoholics Anonymous** support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- **Reformers Unanimous International** is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• **Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous** meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls). Open meeting at 7 p.m.

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

• **VA Alcoholics Anonymous** support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

• **Alcoholics Anonymous**, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

Take note

• Traffic will be deterred by two intersections for the next few days while city of Big Spring workers paint crosswalks. According to a press release from the city, the intersections of Sixth St. from Austin to Owens and Owens from Sixth St. to 10th will be closed for the paint job. The work begins today and is expected to run through Friday.

• American Leagion Post 506 will hold a fish fry from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the lodge, located at 3203 W. Highway 80. Serving is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; delivery available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$12 per plate. For more information, call 263-2084.

• Midway Baptist Church will be holding a revival Aug. 23 – 26. Former church pastor Chad Haney will lead the revival.

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-7960.

• On or before Friday, parents or guardians of Big Spring ISD students in grades 1-4 need to stop by the elementary campus they believe their students will be attending this year and bring proof of residency. This information is needed before the school's administration can place students on classroom rosters. Any recent monthly bill or bank statement with a street address will suffice to validate the residence of the student and parent or guardian. Meet the Teacher night for all elementary cam-

pus will be on Thursday, Aug. 20, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

• Big Spring ISD students entering kindergarten and 7th grade must provide a current shot record to the school district prior to Aug. 18. Shot records can be delivered to the Big Spring ISD Records and Registration office at 1109 South Benton. Without current shot records, the school district will not be able to enroll a kindergarten student or provide a schedule of classes to a 7th grade student. Questions about immunizations and shot records should be directed to Leah Gordon, Big Spring ISD Nurse, at 432-264-3622.

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

• A hungry child cannot learn. Food2Kids-Big Spring was created to provide nutrition for hundreds of children who do not get a substantial meal on the weekends. F2K began last November and this volunteer program now serves more than 300 children weekly. Once the need has been identified, F2K fills a sack of food to send home each Friday during the school year. You can help. Volunteers are needed and donations can be sent to Food2Kids - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721. For more information call, Muffet Bomar 432-935-3998 or Peggy Hopper 214-773-6775.. Find us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids

• An account has been set up at Western Bank (account number 1017623) for Blantyn Gusman and Zachary Duncan, who were seriously injured in an accident.

• 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 Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9-11 a.m. and get two for one, plus a rehab meeting.

NOISE

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we've tried just about everything we could think of."

One area resident, who declined to be identified, said he has gone so far as to call 9-1-1 in an effort to prompt action against the store.

Williams said BSPD has warned store of-

ficials to fix the balky alarm. Now, the department is taking action.

"We've given them plenty of time to address the problem," Williams said. "Now, we will start issuing citations for noise violations ... and we will continue to enforce those ordinances."

Attempts to contact Family Dollar officials for comment were unsuccessful.

FEES

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In other business, the council approved:

• A plan halting medical plan coverage for retirees and their dependents after retirees reach age 65 and are eligible for Medicare.

• The annexation of about two acres of property in the 3100 block of S. Highway 87.

• Renewal of a group benefits service agree-

ment with the Texas Municipal League Inter-governmental Employee Benefits Pool.

• Acceptance of \$12,000 from Keep Big Spring Beautiful for maintenance of the Main Street median.

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have dropped significantly.

In order to help save dollars, the district has eliminated some positions through attrition, district officials said, along with making a tighter, leaner budget. According to the district public notice meeting, Big Spring ISD should end with a healthy fund

balance of \$11,927,446 at the end of the current fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held at the 5:15 p.m. Big Spring High School board room, 707 E. 11th Place.

Also on the agenda, trustees will:

• Hear the official STAAR (State of Texas Academic Readiness) results. This state mandated test which is used to help determine a student's comprehension

of grade level content is used heavily in determining a campus and district's academic performance as a whole by the Texas Education Agency. This year, Big Spring ISD received a "met standards" rating by the TEA. The finding is significant because it was the first time in five years, the district was not found to be a low academically performing school district.

• Consider a lease

agreement with Food-2Kids to use the old Lakeview campus gym as a staging area. Food-2Kids is a non profit organization which provides take home sack lunches to food insecure public school district for weekend meals.

• Consider approval of the student code of conduct for the upcoming school year.

• Approval of bids for technology equipment and supplies.

COUNCIL

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lan's anger showed through again.

"Do you not understand we will have public hearings ... and you will be welcome to speak at that time?" he asked Williams, who promptly left council chambers.

Councilman Raul Benavides defended the mayor's actions, saying in effect there was a proper time and place to seek public input on the matter, and Tuesday's meeting wasn't that time.

"We want your voice to be heard," Benavides told the council audience, "but there seems to be a misunderstanding about when those voices can be heard. We operate under rules of order so that we don't end up like those people on TV throwing shoes at each other."

There will be two public hearings on the proposed tax rate of 77 cents per \$100 valuation — during council meetings scheduled for Aug. 25 and Sept. 8.

Those two hearings in the immediate future made any comments

Tuesday night extraneous, McLellan said.

"It doesn't accomplish anything now," he said. "The next two meetings will be open to the public and their input might influence someone to do something different ... but this was not a meeting where we were going to debate about what we were going to vote about, so any comments tonight would not have had any significance.

"The wheels turn pretty slowly in this process," he added. "This is the third time we've talked about this budget already, and there's

plenty more discussion to come. (Tuesday) was not the time for discussion," he added. "We value your input (and) we try to do the best we can for the citizens, but we can't do that unless we hear from you."

The proposed tax rate is slightly more than 8 cents lower than the expiring levy. However, because of a sharp increase in local property valuations, it is estimated to bring in about \$160,000 more in tax revenue than the current rate, City Finance Director Donald Moore said.

Most of that increased revenue is being earmarked for city reserve funds, which have been used to make up for recent budgetary shortfalls, he noted.

"We have had more expenditures than revenue the past few years," Moore said. "Our (reserves) have been going down, and they will continue to go down in this new budget. All this will do is decrease the speed in which our reserves go down."

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I know baseball season is in full swing (pun intended), but our family has a fantasy football league and we just completed our draft for the upcoming NFL season. The jokes are already floating around Facebook about husbands telling their wives they'll see them in a few months.

Those of us who go back a few years as football fans were saddened this week by the death of a TV broadcast legend just days short of his 85th birthday, Frank Gifford. He may not have been the most famous play-by-play announcer in history, but he will always be remembered as one of the pioneers of a creation that changed the landscape of professional sports forever, Monday Night Football.

While the younger generation may only know him as Kathy Lee Gifford's husband, many of us knew him as a player for the New York Giants and a golden boy who helped usher the NFL into its golden age. Gifford was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1977, 13 years after his 12-season career with the New York Giants concluded. A first-round draft pick in 1952 after an All-America stint at USC, Gifford's best season was 1956, when he led the league with 1,422 yards from scrimmage on his way to MVP honors and helped the Giants win the NFL championship.

Gifford's fame transcended the gridiron, and he became a matinee idol in New York on par with contemporaries like iconic Yankees slugger Mickey Mantle.

But his greatest fame may well have been established by more than a quarter of a century's longevity and unparalleled popularity in the Monday Night Football broadcast booth. While he worked with others, including Dan Dierdorf, Al Michaels, Joe Namath and O.J. Simpson, Gifford was most known for the eight years he served as a calming influence between the folksy "Dandy" Don Meredith and acerbic Howard Cosell.

In its early years the show was a cultural touchstone, with cities throwing parades for the visit-

ing announcers and celebrities such as John Lennon and Ronald Reagan making appearances.

The historic and humorous moments we fans enjoyed in the early years of this innovative concept of having an NFL game anytime other than Sunday afternoon will live in the hearts of football fans from now on.

In the first official Monday Night Football game, the New York Jets, led by Joe Namath, took on the Browns at Cleveland Stadium. The Browns would win 31-21. The Jets may have lost, but it was really a victory for everyone because Mondays in fall and winter would be a bit more bearable for decades to come.

On Nov. 20, 1978, rookie Earl Campbell made his Monday Night Football debut and rushed for 199 yards and sealed a victory for the Houston Oilers with an amazing 81-yard TD towards the end of the game.

During the Patriots-Dolphins game on Dec. 8, 1980, Howard Cosell tells viewers that he must inform them of "an unspeakable tragedy" and then proceeds to break the news that Beatles star, John Lennon, has been killed. Cosell says. "Dead on arrival. Hard to go back to the game after that newsflash."

Cosell, widely known for his blustery, cocksure personality and amazing vocabulary was always a quote waiting to happen and landed in hot water when he called Alvin Garrett, a Redskins receiver who had just made a great play in the game with the Dallas Cowboys, a "little monkey" during a Monday night game in September, 1983.

Cosell always maintained that it was a term of endearment, although many Americans seemed to believe otherwise. However considering his good relationships with many African-Americans, including Muhammad Ali, I tend to believe that this slip was not a racist remark, but rather, that he indeed did use the term "little monkeys" in his everyday life referring to kids playing or running fast. And, in fact, he's actually on record calling Mike Adamle (a white running back) the same term over a decade earlier. Many people speculate that this controversy is what ultimately leads to Cosell's retirement from MNF the following season.

Speaking of our beloved Cow-

boys, on January 3, 1983 Tony Dorsett embarrassed the Vikings defense by breaking the line for the longest run from scrimmage in NFL history, 99 yards.

In front of thousands at Candlestick Park, Jerry Rice passed Jim Brown's record of 126 career touchdowns during a Monday night game, October 5, 1994. It only took Rice nine seasons to take over the top spot and by the time he was done in 2004, he finished with 208 touchdowns.

In the days before he became known for negative things like constant speculation over his comeback attempts, Brett Favre was looked at as NFL and Packer royalty.

The best performance of his career came December 22, 2003, only a day after his father died of a stroke, when he threw for four touchdowns, 399 yards, and had a QB rating of 154.9 in the Packers 41-7 victory over the Raiders. Even Raider Nation gave Favre a round of applause as he left the field that Monday night.

On November 25, 2006, a year after Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans, the Saints returned to the Superdome and offered some comfort to a region that had seen so much destruction.

In front of a sell-out crowd of over 70,000, the Saints routed the Falcons in a 23-3 victory.

While there are far too many MNF moments to recount here, perhaps the most memorable of all time was the sack that ended Redskins quarterback Joe Theismann's career November 18, 1985. Lawrence Taylor came after him like he stole something and snapped Joe's leg like a twig. This play is so gruesome it was voted "Most Shocking NFL Moment" in an ESPN poll and is a scene impossible to forget. I wish I had never seen it, but I did. If you are faint of heart, don't look it up on YouTube.

On Sept. 10, the Bengals will face the Ravens to kick off the 42nd season of Monday Night Football. Stay tuned for more memories.

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

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DAILY PRAYER

May we remain diligent about reading Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen

Real journalism, fair and balanced

"Conservatives Furious at Fox, Say Trump Wasn't Treated Fairly,"

read the Newsmax headline Friday. Talk-radio show host Mark Levin told Breitbart News it was "outrageous" that moderator Megyn Kelly questioned Donald Trump about his coarse language — "fat pigs, dogs, slob" — referring to women. Levin complained it was "a National Enquirer debate, not a Republican debate," with too much "opposition research." Political analyst Dick Morris detected a "disturbing" trend at Fox. The conservative blog Media Equalizer offered that many conservatives "thought they might have been watching MSNBC by mistake."

So this is what happens when Trump meets up with the "news" part of Fox News. Conservatives frequently complain about liberal media bias. Then they complain when conservative media practice journalism.

The Trump-Kelly feud is like crack for cable TV news. CNN's Jake Tapper started Monday's "The Lead" by noting that conservatives wanted the media to cover such stories as Democratic politicians turning on President Barack Obama's Iran deal, a trip made by Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps chief Qassem Soleimani to Russia in defiance

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DEBRA SAUNDERS

of a U.N. Security Council ban or "black lives matter" activists shouting down Democratic presidential hopeful Bernie Sanders. But after The Donald told CNN on Friday that he could see the blood coming out of Kelly's eyes — and "wherever" — Tapper suggested he had no choice but to lead Monday's show with Trump's tirade.

To keep the vapid story alive Monday, Trump the Bombast trash-tweeted Kelly.

He sent out a link to a 2010 Howard Stern interview in which Kelly talked about her sex life: "Oh really, check out innocent @megynkelly discussion on @HowardStern show 5 years ago — I am the innocent (pure) one!" Translation: She had it coming.

Mayhap Trump wants fans to forget the opening question of the prime-time debate. Fox moderator Bret Baier asked the 10 GOP hopefuls to raise a hand if they were unwilling to pledge to support the eventual

Republican nominee and not run a third-party campaign. Trump alone raised his hand. Many in the audience booed Trump. (In a 2011 GOP primary debate, Baier asked hopefuls to raise a hand if they would accept a budget deal with \$1 in tax increases for each \$10 in spending cuts. Not one Republican raised a hand — a stark signal that compromise would not be on the GOP menu.)

All three Fox News anchors asked questions that begged to be asked. Fox News moderator Chris Wallace asked Trump about his four corporate bankruptcies. "Four times, I've taken advantage of the laws," Trump answered. "And frankly, so has everybody else in my position."

All three moderators asked probing questions that explored each candidate's weaknesses. That was a service to Republicans who want a nominee who can win in November. Fox News would have been remiss to not include a question about Trump's big mouth. I can only hope that the know-nothings who trash Fox News Channel without watching its news programs tuned in. And I can only hope that CNN asks equally pointed questions at the Democrats' first primary debate, which will be on Oct. 13.

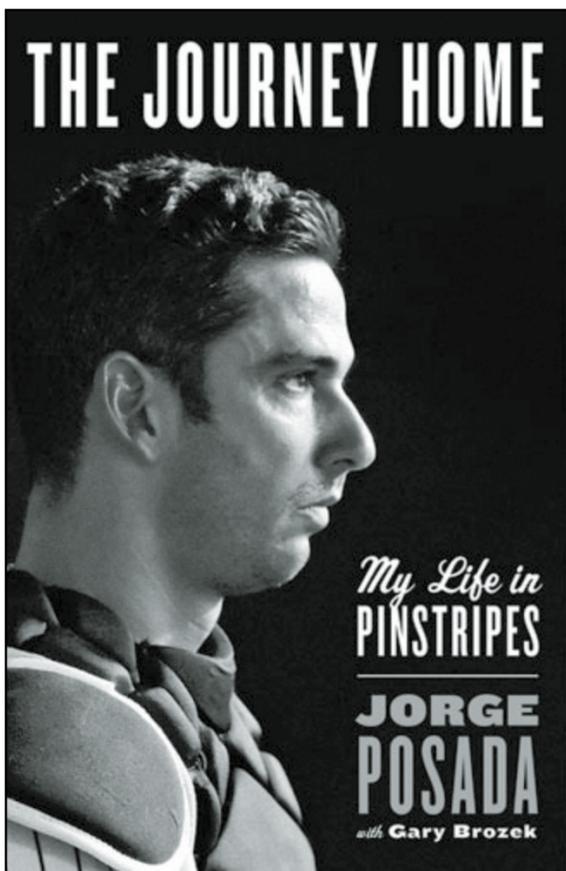
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Check this out: What's at the library

Jorge Posada was the legendary catcher for 17 seasons for the New York Yankees baseball team. A fixture behind the plate, he worked tirelessly to become the star catcher and his accomplishments, work ethic and leadership established him as one of the greatest Yankee players to ever wear the pinstriped uniform.

In his book, "The Journey Home: My Life in Pinstripes" (796.357 POS J), Jorge details his road to home plate, sharing a memorable generational account of his journey from the ballfields of Puerto Rico to Yankee Stadium. Offering a view behind the mask at home plate, he talks about key moments great plays and big-league personalities.

Jorge also looks back across the years, going inside friendships forged on the field and explains how as part of the Core Four, alongside Derek Jeter, Mariano Rivera and Andy Pettite, he helped establish the Yankees as a dynasty and win five World Series. He delves deeply into his life, examining his past in Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Cuba to illuminate three generations of cherished father-son relationships that have



made him the man he is today. This is more than just a book about baseball, it is a book about relationships, the challenging life he grew up with and his life with the Yankees.

I have exactly what you need, you parrot owner, you. First of all, read "My Parrot, My Friend" (636.686 DOA B) by Bonnie Munro Doane and Thomas Qualkinbush.

This is an owner's guide to parrot behavior, how parrots grow

and develop, and how to work with your parrot. There is also a section on miscellaneous issues.

After you have bonded and become friends and development a close rapport with him/her, then it is time for "Parrot Tricks: Teaching Parrots with Positive Reinforcement" (636.686ROB T) by Tani Robar and Diane Grindol.

In this book, Robar and Grindol emphasize that patience is the key and you have to make it fun for the bird. It reads very easy and is well written.

If you already have a parrot or obtained one that have some bad habits, then look at this book: "Breaking Bad Habits in Parrots" (636.686 GLE G) by Greg Glendell.

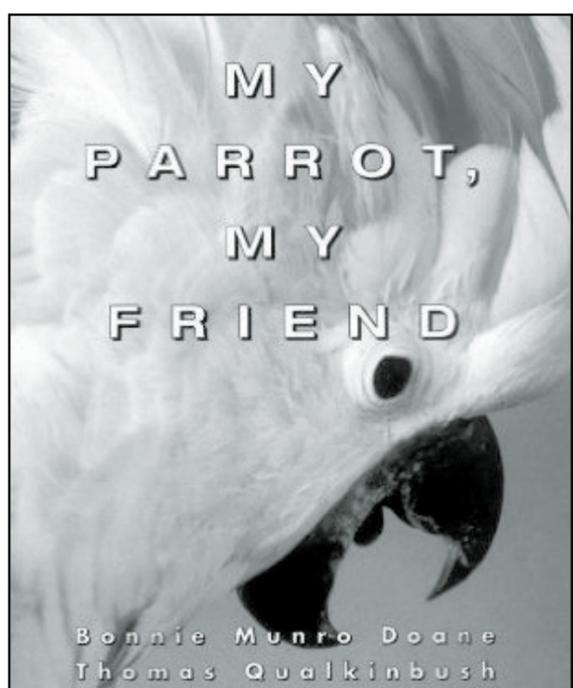
There are step-by-step instructions to change and prevent problematic behavior like excessive screaming, destructiveness, self-plucking, aggression and nervousness.

Here are some titles comic in nature that you may find amusing: "After a While You Just Get Used to It" (306.870 LNA G) by Gwendolyn Knapp — this is a story of a Florida "cracker" family: Her mother, who collects slightly damaged CD jewel cases on the off chance

they may come in handy; her aunt Susie, who boasts more prison stays that remaining teeth; and her great-aunt Libby and Libby's "older-than-death" dog, Britches; Knapp's childhood is unique, to say the least.

Ali Wentworth's "Happy Ali After: And Other Fairly True Tales" (791.450 WEN A) is written when she was moved by a particularly inspirational tweet one day, she resolves to live her live that way. It isn't long until she expands her self-improvement to parenting, relationship, fitness and dieting advice. Check it out, you might find some nugget of wisdom.

I found this particularly interesting: Rock and a Heart Place: A Rock'n'Roller-Coaster Ride from Rebellion to Sweet Salvation" (782.42 MAN K) by Ken Mansfield and Marshall Terrill. In the foreword, the question is asked "Where do Rock and Rollers go when they have tried everything the world has to offer and yet have continued to come up empty?" As Ken Mansfield writes in the Overture (aka 'foreword'), he had been writing this book in his heart for many years and knew it would not be easy because he would have ask some very famous people about very private matters — people who already feel over-exposed and intruded upon to the point of crawling inside their amps and pulling the plug.



You will hear from people from very different music groups and genres; some names you will recognize and some you will not. Most of them I didn't recognize, but some I did and their stories will amaze you, touch you and make you realize that God touches everyone.

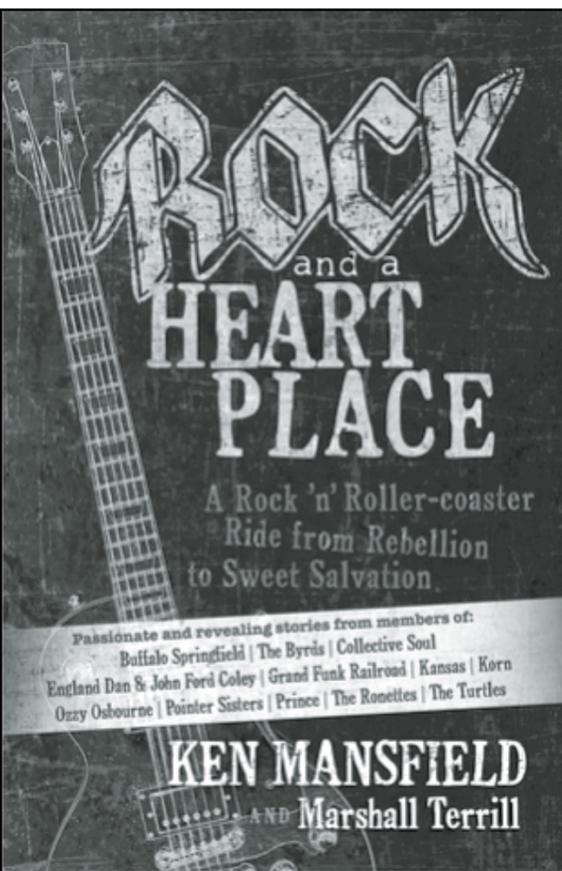
You will hear from Mark Volman, co-founder of The Turtles and later a core member of The Mothers of Invention; Ruth Pointer of the Pointer Sisters; Chris Hillman, who helped define country rock by his work with The Byrds, The Flying Burrito Brothers, Manassas and the Desert Rose Band; Rudy Sarzo who was a member of the Ozzy Osborne, Quiet Riot, Whitesnake, and Blue Oyster Cult; John Ford Coley of England Dan and John Ford Coley; Richie Furay of Buf-

falo Springfield; and Mark Farner of Grand Funk Railroad, who surpassed the Beatles in record sales in 1970. Truly an inspiring book to read.

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Texas police chief hopes firing of officer who killed football player will help 'healing'

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — An unarmed college football player tried to smash through a locked glass door in a North Texas car dealership showroom to escape an officer in training but then began advancing toward the officer before he was fatally shot, according to the Arlington police chief.

Called to the scene of a suspected burglary last week, Arlington officer Brad Miller pursued 19-year-old Christian Taylor into the showroom without telling his supervising officer, Police Chief Will Johnson said as he described their encounter for the first time Tuesday. Before police announced Tuesday that Miller had been fired, they had declined to describe the 49-year-old officer's interactions with Taylor in detail.

Inside the showroom, Miller ordered Taylor to get to the ground, Johnson said. Instead, Taylor cursed at the officer and advanced toward him. When Taylor was about 10 feet away, the officer fired, according to Johnson.

Taylor continued moving, so Miller's training officer, Cpl. Dale Wiggins, shot Taylor with a Taser.

Miller then fired three more times. At least two bullets struck Taylor, killing him, according to the chief, who said the interaction early Friday morning lasted only seconds. Taylor and Miller never made physical contact, he said.

Clinton giving up private server as new questions arise over highly classified information

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton's presidential campaign casts her decision to turn over her personal email server to the Justice Department as cooperating with investigators. Her Republican critics suggest that the move and new revelations about classified information points to her malfeasance as secretary of state.

Two emails that traversed Clinton's personal system were subsequently given one of the government's highest classification ratings, a Republican lawmaker said.

Federal investigators have begun looking into the security of Clintons' email setup amid concerns from the inspector general for the intelligence community that classified information may have passed through the system. There is no evidence she used encryption to prevent prying eyes from accessing the emails or her personal server.

"It's about time," House Speaker John Boehner said in a statement after the front-runner for the Democratic nomination announced that she was directing that the server be relinquished. "Secretary Clinton's previous statements that she possessed no classified information were patently untrue. Her mishandling of classified information must be fully investigated."

Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus said: "All this means is that Hillary Clinton, in the face of FBI scrutiny, has decided she has run out of options. She knows she did something wrong and has run out of ways to cover it up."

AP Exclusive: US won't invite Cuban dissidents to historic flag-raising at embassy in Havana

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration doesn't plan to invite Cuban dissidents to Secretary of State John Kerry's historic flag-raising at the U.S. Embassy in Havana on Friday, vividly illustrating how U.S. policy is shifting focus from the island's opposition to its single-party government. Instead, Kerry intends to meet more quietly with prominent activists later in the day, officials said.

The Cuban opposition has occupied the center of U.S. policy toward the island since the nations cut diplomatic relations in 1961. The Cuban government labels its domestic opponents as traitorous U.S. mercenaries. As the two countries have moved to restore relations, Cuba has almost entirely stopped meeting with American politicians who visit dissidents during trips to Havana.

That presented a quandary for U.S. officials organizing the ceremony to mark the reopening of the embassy on Havana's historic waterfront. Inviting dissidents would risk a boycott by Cuban officials including those who negotiated with

the U.S. after Presidents Barack Obama and Raul Castro declared detente on Dec. 17. Excluding dissidents would certainly provoke fierce criticism from opponents of Obama's new policy, including Cuban-American Republican presidential candidate Marco Rubio.

Officials familiar with the plans for Kerry's visit, the first by a sitting U.S. secretary of state to Cuba since World War II, told The Associated Press that a compromise was in the works. The dissidents won't be invited to the embassy event but a small group will meet with Kerry at the U.S. chief of mission's home in the afternoon, where a lower-key, flag-raising ceremony is scheduled.

Their presence at the embassy would have risked setting back the new spirit of cooperation the U.S. hopes to engender, according to the officials, who weren't authorized to speak publicly about internal planning and demanded anonymity. But not meeting them at all, they said, would send an equally bad signal.

After 2 nights of tension, a peaceful protest with no arrests in Ferguson

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP) — Police outnumbered protesters along West Florissant Avenue in Ferguson on Tuesday night, perhaps signaling the demonstrations around the anniversary of Michael Brown's death are starting to fade.

The crowd of around 100 demonstrators was mostly calm and peaceful. Occasionally a few people would march or start a chant, but they spent most of several hours milling around and chatting with one another.

Larry Miller, 58, organizer of the protest group Ferguson Freedom Fighters, said it was clear the latest round of demonstrations were dying down. He wasn't convinced much was accomplished.

"We already know what needs to be happening is not happening," Miller said. "We're still bothered over the killing of Mike Brown because we still need police reform, criminal justice system reform."

Shelling, government airstrikes around Syria's capital ahead of Iran foreign minister's visit

BEIRUT (AP) — Heavy rebel shelling and government airstrikes hit around Syria's capital Wednesday, killing at least 16 people and wounding scores more just hours before the arrival of Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammed Javad Zarif, activists and state media said.

Zarif is scheduled to arrive Wednesday afternoon in Damascus, likely to discuss a four-point peace plan proposal Iran wants to offer to the United Nations to end Syria's grinding civil war. But discussions alone of that plan, which reportedly includes a cease-fire and a "national unity government," likely won't pause a conflict that's killed more than 250,000 people since March 2011.

The rebel shelling began around morning rush hour in Damascus, with more than 50 shells striking the capital, including in the upper-class neighborhoods of Abu Rummaneh, Baramkeh and Qasaa,

the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

The Observatory said the shelling killed one woman and wounded at least 20 people. Syrian state television quoted the Interior Ministry as saying that the shelling killed four people and wounded 58. It blamed "terrorists" for the shelling, as state media always refers those fighting against embattled Syrian President Bashar Assad's rule.

Crops, livestock in jeopardy as Navajo Nation says it feels brunt of Colorado mine spill

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Russell Begaye stared into a hole in the side of a Colorado mountain, watching as yellow water contaminated with heavy metals poured out and raced down a slope toward a creek that feeds rivers critical to survival on the nation's largest Native American reservation and in other parts of the Southwest.

At the Gold King Mine, Begaye, president of the Navajo Nation, couldn't help but see the concerned faces of his people — the farmers who no longer had water for corn crops and the ranchers who had to scramble to get their cattle, sheep and goats away from the polluted San Juan River.

"We were told that the water was clearing up and getting back to normal," he said. "This is what EPA was telling us. We wanted to go up there as close as we could to the source. We wanted our people to see the water is still yellow."

Begaye and a small contingent of Navajo officials worked their way unannounced past barriers and up the mountain over the weekend to get a closer look at the mine blowout that federal officials said sent more than 3 million gallons of water laden with lead, arsenic and other metals down the Animas River and into the San Juan River.

China's currency falls for second day after devaluation jolts global markets

BEIJING (AP) — China's currency fell further Wednesday following a surprise change in its exchange rate mechanism that rattled global markets and threatens to fan trade tensions with the United States and Europe.

The central bank said the yuan's 1.9 percent devaluation Tuesday against the U.S. dollar, which was its biggest one-day fall in a decade, was due to changes aimed at making the tightly controlled currency more market-oriented. That raised the prospect of still more declines, which would help struggling Chinese exporters at the expense of foreign competitors.

On Wednesday, the yuan dropped another 1.6 percent. In theory, it could drop 2 percent every day given it can trade 2 percent around a rate that is set based on the previous day's closing value.

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2 DPS troopers wounded, suspect dead in Odessa shootout

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — Body armor may have saved a state trooper from a life-threatening wound in a shootout at a West Texas convenience store that left a male suspect dead.

A Texas Department of Public Safety statement says two troopers suffered non-life-threatening injuries in the 2 p.m. Tuesday shooting at a Phillips 66 gas station and convenience store in northern Odessa. The troopers were helping Texas Rangers and deputies from nearby Ward County track and arrest an aggravated assault suspect when they found him at the store.

The DPS says a trooper was shot in the leg and chest in an exchange of gunfire but was protected by a protective armor. Another trooper was struck in the arm. Both were taken to Odessa Medical Center for treatment.

Texas inmate wants to die, but lawyers try to halt execution

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Texas inmate Daniel Lee Lopez wants to be put to death Wednesday evening for striking and killing a police lieutenant with an SUV during a chase more than six years ago.

Despite his wishes and court rulings that he was competent to make that decision, attorneys for Lopez are taking their fight to halt the punishment to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Lopez's "obvious and severe mental illness" was responsible for his desire to use the legal system for suicide, illustrating his "well-documented history of irrational behavior and suicidal tendencies," attorney David Dow told the high court. Dow also argued the March 2009 crime was not a capital murder because Lopez didn't intend to kill Corpus Christi Lt. Stuart Alexander.

Alexander, 47, was standing in a grassy area on the side of a highway where he had put spike strips when he was struck by the sport utility vehicle Lopez was fleeing in.

"I've accepted my fate," Lopez, 27, said last week from death row. "I'm just ready to move on."

Lopez, who also wrote letters to a federal judge and pleaded for his execution to move forward, said a Supreme Court reprieve would be "disappointing."

Nueces County District Attorney Mark Skurka said Lopez showed "no regard for human life" when he fought with an officer during a traffic stop, then sped away, evading pursuing officers and striking Alexander, who had been on the police force for 20 years. Even when he finally was cornered by police cars, Lopez tried ramming his SUV to escape and didn't stop until he was shot.

Shoplifting suspect shot in back room of Waco supermarket

WACO, Texas (AP) — A man suspected of trying to steal \$80 worth of beef brisket from a Waco supermarket is hospitalized in critical condition after a police officer shot him.

The incident happened about 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at an H-E-B supermarket in northern Waco. Police

Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton says the man had been detained in a small security room at the store when he drew a knife on a store security specialist.

Swanton says the 48-year-old white man struggled with officers at one point. After one officer's stun gun failed to subdue the man, another officer fired two shots, wounding the suspect.

Swanton said the man, whose identity hasn't been released, is at Baylor Scott & White Hillcrest Medical Center in Waco. The officers involved were placed on administrative leave pending investigation.

Some small airplanes flipped, damaged in Texas storm

KOUNTZE, Texas (AP) — Authorities say eight small airplanes were flipped or otherwise severely damaged as storms blew through Southeast Texas.

Officials at Hawthorne Field in Kountze (koontz), 80 miles northeast of Houston, say the bad weather hit late Tuesday afternoon.

Hardin County Sheriff Ed Cain says nobody was hurt.

Airport operator Dale Williford says early estimates indicate five planes were destroyed, while three were damaged. Some of the tethered private planes were blown into a wooded area. The main hangar at Hawthorne Field has roof damage.

The National Weather Service says the winds were likely caused by a microburst, when rainfall rapidly cools the air and conditions quickly change. Forecaster Donald Jones says such events can generate winds topping 60 mph.

Storms father north, in Tyler, damaged trees and downed some power lines.

No injuries reported in East Texas industrial fire

JACKSONVILLE, Texas (AP) — Investigators say nobody has been hurt in an overnight fire and explosions at a paint-related industrial plant in East Texas.

Authorities are trying to determine what sparked the fire early Wednesday at Century Industrial Coatings Inc. near Jacksonville. Officials say the fire was brought under control by about dawn.

Jacksonville Fire Department Chief Keith Fortner says several explosions happened as the fire produced flames visible throughout the city.

Hazardous materials crews were helping with cleanup at the company, which manufactures paint and coatings. Law officers were rerouting traffic in the area.

Jacksonville is a city of about 15,000, located 100 miles southeast of Dallas.

Reward offered for suspect in car fire outside Texas Capitol

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — State investigators say the "person of interest" sought for questioning in a car fire outside the Texas Capitol is now considered a suspect in the fire, which they say was deliberately set.

The Friday fire involved a car parked inside a secure lot on the Capitol's south side.

The Texas Department of Public Safety, which is

in charge of Capitol security, said it is offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the unidentified man's arrest.

Hunt to acquire Oncor in bid to solve nearly \$46B bankruptcy

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Hunt Consolidated has reached an agreement to buy the Texas electric utility Oncor in a bid to resolve the \$46 billion bankruptcy and breakup of power giant Energy Future Holdings.

Dallas real estate and energy mogul Ray L. Hunt and his partners announced Monday they would buy Energy Future's power transmission arm and restructure the broader company into a real estate investment trust to save on taxes.

Moody's analysts say the deal could lead to customer rate increases because of "dismantling of ring-fence provisions and higher leverage" across the corporation.

A bankruptcy court could review the deal in October. It also requires approval from the Public Utility Commission of Texas and a ruling from the IRS that splitting Energy Future does not trigger a \$7 billion tax charge.

Ex-Houston officer charged over 2013 armored car robbery

HOUSTON (AP) — A now-former Houston officer has been accused of helping pull off a 2013 armored car robbery by monitoring police radios and later lying about it.

Joel Quezada (kay-ZAH'-duh) of Houston was being held Tuesday pending an initial appearance in federal court.

The 33-year-old Quezada faces a charge of extortion under color of official right. He's also charged with making false statements and concealing material facts from federal agents.

A three-count indictment unsealed Monday says Quezada, while a patrol officer, accepted money to monitor police radios during the Dec. 6, 2013, hold-up. Further details on the Loomis armored car robbery weren't immediately released.

Quezada joined the force in August 2008 and resigned last Feb. 25 before a disciplinary hearing.

Authorities didn't immediately provide information on an attorney to speak for him.

Texas inmate set to die for killing his mother gets reprieve

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A 54-year-old East Texas man set to die this week for his mother's slaying more than 11 years ago has won a reprieve from Texas' highest criminal court.

Tracy Beatty had been scheduled for lethal injection Thursday evening for the death of 62-year-old Carolyn Click in November 2003. Beatty recently had been paroled.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, in a brief order Tuesday, stopped the execution pending further orders from the court. It gave no timetable.

Click's body was found buried near her trailer home outside Tyler in Smith County. By then, Beatty already was in jail on auto theft and weapons charges.

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Rangers bullpen falters in 3-2 loss to Twins

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Texas Rangers had the formula in place Tuesday night that they hope will take them into the postseason: Early runs, strong starting pitching and the preferred bullpen options available.

Unfortunately for the Rangers, the Minnesota Twins messed up the equation.

Eduardo Escobar's two-out double in the ninth inning drove in the winning run, capping a late rally by Minnesota for a much-needed 3-2 victory.

"We had the guys in place we wanted," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "Again, it's not always perfect. Doesn't always work out the way you want it to work out."

Spencer Patton (1-1) quickly got the first two outs in the ninth. But he walked Kurt Suzuki before reaching the bottom of the order with Escobar, who grounded a full-count fastball down the right-field line. Suzuki scored easily and the Twins were able to smile and dance.

Joe Mauer and Miguel Sano tied the game with RBI doubles in the eighth off Jake Diekman, acquired last month by the Rangers in the same trade with Philadelphia



Texas Rangers pitcher Yovani Gallardo throws against the Minnesota Twins during the first inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2015, in Minneapolis.

AP photo

that fetched ace Cole Hamels. Diekman ominously walked Escobar to start the eighth inning, setting the stage for Mauer and Sano to come through.

"My fastball was really flat," said Diekman, who before Tuesday had not allowed a run in six innings pitched with

Texas. "You can't really fall behind hitters that much."

Glen Perkins (1-3) pitched a scoreless ninth to pick up the win, just the Twins' seventh in 23 games since the All-Star break.

Elvis Andrus hit a two-run homer in the second inning, and Yovani Gal-

lardo and the first two Rangers relievers nearly made that stand up.

Gallardo gave up only two singles and three walks in 5 2-3 shutout innings, but he threw 100 pitches. Gallardo, though an important cog in a Rangers' rotation stung by season-long injuries to Yu Darvish and

Derek Holland, has completed six innings only once in his last seven turns.

The Twins just returned from a brutal 1-6 trip, pushing them into sixth place in the chase for two American League wild cards and prompting a players-only meeting in the clubhouse before batting practice.

That talk worked Tuesday night.

"You weather the starter out and get them out of there early and get to that bullpen," Twins outfielder Torii Hunter said.

The Rangers, meanwhile, have nudged closer in the wild-card race and even back into legitimate AL West contention, entering just 4 1-2 games behind front-running Houston. But this was the type of loss they can ill afford at this point in the season.

"There's a lot of grit in that clubhouse out there and how they play," Banister said. "They bounce back very well."

ROTATION QUESTIONS

The Rangers scratched Hamels from his scheduled start Thursday because of a sore left groin, and either Chi Chi Gonzalez or Anthony Ranaudo will be brought up from Triple-A to take his turn in the rotation.

COOLING OFF ON THE ROAD

The Rangers have a league-best 32 wins on the road, but they are 1-4 in their last five away from home, including Tuesday's loss to Minnesota.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: Darvish, five months removed from Tommy John surgery, will be examined this week by a team physician and could begin a light throwing program, GM Jon Daniels said. ... Holland, who has been hit hard over three starts on a rehab assignment for the shoulder injury he sustained in his first inning of the season, will need at least another turn or two, Daniels said.

UP NEXT

RHP Nick Martinez (7-6, 3.91 ERA) starts Wednesday for the Rangers opposite Twins RHP Mike Pelfrey (5-7, 4.06).

Lady Steers stumble out the gate

Big Spring volleyball teams lost their season opener against Abilene High in straight sets on the road. After a disappointing 11-25, 12-25, 8-25 loss to Abilene Cooper 19-25, 13-25, 21-25.

"We had a time tough getting going," coach Lynn Osbourne said. "We had lots of missed serves, struggled with passing and that kept us from being competitive."

Despite the lack of clean play, the team maintained excellent energy and fight as each game wore on. Consistency will be a big aspect of the Lady Steers' practices in the coming

days.

Emilie Smith had a combined 22 assists in the two games, along with 15 digs and four kills. Addie Jimenez led the team in digs with 17, 13 of which came in the game against Cooper.

They will return to Abilene on Aug. 14 for the Bev Ball Classic Tournament.

Junior Varsity

Big Spring lost their first game to Abilene Cooper 24-26, 15-25 despite the outstanding performances by Logan Terrazas, Caitlin Aaron and Jori Hanlan. The losing streak continued with a 22-25, 12-25 loss to

Abilene High.

Freshman

The freshman squad lost their first game against the sophomores of Cooper 23-25, 10-25. They followed that up with a 11-25, 12-25 loss to Abilene High Black.

Despite the losses, Abby Luna had great hitting and excellent defense in the net. Gabby Lopez led the offense in serves with 3 consecutive aces that brought the 1st set in the 1st game within two points at the end of the set.

JV and Freshman will compete in the Sweetwater Tournament on Aug. 15.

Kazmir loses to Bumgarner in matchup of top lefties

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Scott Kazmir returned to the Bay Area where he had been so good for the Oakland Athletics, then he ran right into the ace and World Series MVP on the other side of the water in Madison Bumgarner.

Kazmir surrendered two solo home runs to Brandon Belt and found himself on the other side of Bumgarner's 12-strikeout, five-hit gem as the Houston Astros lost 3-1 to the San Francisco Giants on Tuesday night.

Kazmir, who had allowed only one earned run for a 0.44 ERA in three starts since joining his hometown Astros in a July 23 trade from the A's, committed two throwing errors while losing his second straight start.

"I took my time on

the first one and should have held on to the second one," he said. "It was frustrating."

Bumgarner (13-6) outpitched Kazmir (6-7) in an anticipated interleague matchup of top lefties. Bumgarner earned his eighth career complete game and second this season. He didn't walk a batter in the 105-pitch performance.

Belt's homers, in the fourth and sixth innings, gave him 17 this season to match his career high also done in 2013. It was his third career multihomer game and second this year for the defending champion Giants, who bounced back at home after being swept by the Cubs in four games over the weekend at Wrigley Field.

"Those pitches I'd like

to have back. You get behind in the count to a guy like that and it's tough to pitch that way," Kazmir said.

Kazmir again lasted 5 2-3 innings, giving up two earned runs and seven hits, struck out three and walked two.

Bumgarner posted his 23rd career double-digit strikeout game. He surrendered a triple to Evan Gattis in the seventh on a ball center fielder Gregor Blanco had in his glove but dropped after crashing into the wall. Chris Carter drove home Gattis with a single two batters later to put the Astros on the board.

"We ran into one of the better pitchers in the bigs. He really had good stuff and we couldn't

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New York	68	44	.550	San Francisco	57	56	.504	St. Louis	72	40	.643
Toronto	62	52	.544	Los Angeles	56	56	.500	Pittsburgh	65	45	.591
Baltimore	57	55	.509	Chicago	54	59	.478	Chicago	63	48	.568
Tampa Bay	57	56	.504	Cleveland	52	59	.468	Cincinnati	49	62	.441
Boston	50	63	.442	Philadelphia	45	69	.395	Milwaukee	48	66	.423
Monday's Games				Monday's Games				Monday's Games			
Kansas City 4, Detroit 0	Kansas City 6, Detroit 1	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2	Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 0	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	San Francisco 3, Houston 1	Tampa Bay 2, Atlanta 0	Tampa Bay 2, Atlanta 0	Miami 5, Boston 4, 10 innings	Miami 5, Boston 4, 10 innings	Cleveland 5, N.Y. Yankees 4, 16 innings	Cleveland 5, N.Y. Yankees 4, 16 innings
Tuesday's Games				Tuesday's Games				Tuesday's Games			
Tampa Bay 2, Atlanta 0	Tampa Bay 2, Atlanta 0	Miami 5, Boston 4, 10 innings	Miami 5, Boston 4, 10 innings	Cleveland 5, N.Y. Yankees 4, 16 innings	Cleveland 5, N.Y. Yankees 4, 16 innings	Kansas City 6, Detroit 1	Kansas City 6, Detroit 1	Houston (Feldman 4-5) at San Francisco (Heston 11-6), 3:45 p.m.	Houston (Feldman 4-5) at San Francisco (Heston 11-6), 3:45 p.m.	Boston (E.Rodriguez 6-4) at Miami (Conley 1-0), 4:10 p.m.	Boston (E.Rodriguez 6-4) at Miami (Conley 1-0), 4:10 p.m.
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Thursday's Games				Thursday's Games				Thursday's Games			
San Diego 2, Cincinnati 1	San Diego 2, Cincinnati 1	Washington 8, L.A. Dodgers 3	Washington 8, L.A. Dodgers 3	Tampa Bay 2, Atlanta 0	Tampa Bay 2, Atlanta 0	Miami 5, Boston 4, 10 innings	Miami 5, Boston 4, 10 innings	Cleveland 5, N.Y. Yankees 4, 16 innings	Cleveland 5, N.Y. Yankees 4, 16 innings	Kansas City 6, Detroit 1	Kansas City 6, Detroit 1
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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of MARGARET LOUISE CAPE, DECEASED were issued on August 6, 2015, in Cause No. P-14444 pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to SUSAN CAPE WOOLDRIDGE.

The residence of SUSAN CAPE WOOLDRIDGE is 7709 Garden Oaks, Amarillo, Texas 79119.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 6th day of August, 2015.

SUSAN CAPE WOOLDRIDGE

#8824 August 12, 2015

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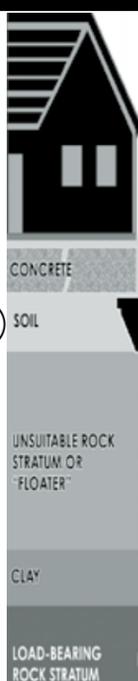
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Recent dramatic events might be fresh on your mind, but if they involve anything negative, especially someone treating you wrong, ditch the topic for something more cheerful.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Everyone has to agree before the project can really take off. Who hasn't given their consent yet? You thought you could go on without this, and you could, but awkwardly and

without momentum. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). The time you spend trying out different ways of doing things may seem to be a waste, but really it's not. You can only find a good system through trial. There will be a few errors before you find success.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're busy, but try to calm down, because the ones who threaten to use up your precious minutes actually have something important to say, and once you slow your roll, you'll hear it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll experience a taste of a culture that is decidedly not for you. However, you can still appreciate how the others relate in spite of this. You can see why they need it. Your relationships are stronger through understanding.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Create a mental bubble around yourself to block out anyone who is trying to rush you, push you or change your natural rhythm in any way. Slow and delib-

erate action will take you far.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Instead of adapting to the environment, consider that the environment might be richer and better if you were to create your own niche inside of it. The environment actually needs you to be yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A switcheroo is featured. The path you thought would be such an exciting ride now feels like quicksand; whereas, the thing you were resistant to now seems buoyant, exciting and so right.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The question they always ask right before the exciting part of the plot is: What could go wrong? This question tips the audience that the ride is about to get bumpy. Also it's why you're white-knuckled for part of today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It doesn't take a very clever person to recognize a very clever person. However, when clever people do connect -- and

you will today -- it is most satisfying to be validated at the deeper levels.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Question each option, but not endlessly. The best questions to ask are: Is it morally sound? Intriguing? So me? Am I likely to enjoy it enough to stick with it?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The first thought bubble of the morning will keep haunting you all day long unless you take care of it. Depending on what this thought is, it could be a rather pleasant haunting.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 12). It's one of your more prolific years, and you will fill the world with your works. Your talent for attracting excellence will have you standing in the winner's circle. October travel will thrill you. November changes up your personal life, and your efforts to make your heart happy again will yield fulfilling results. Capricorn and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 30, 14, 36 and 44.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I am a Scorpio, and I care very deeply for my friend. She is a Leo. My question is: Can we make it together? She seems stronger, smarter and more confrontational than I am, and sometimes I feel intimidated by her, but I understand that you can't change other people, only yourself."

Don't let your Leo intimidate you, Scorpio. Leo is not stronger and smarter than you. She acts larger than life because her emotions are larger than life, and this is what attracts you and others to her. I'll let you in on a little secret about the Leo psyche, Scorpio: Leos need to be appreciated and loved like you Scorpions need emotional rapport and connection. View her most confident, or even confrontational, behavior with this in mind: Behind your lioness' roar exists a private but tender vulnerability. Oh, to be so dependent on another's love and approval, on another's need for her! She may never

admit this, though, and don't undermine her by using this information against her. Instead, stay aware that this need may motivate her at times. And when it does, let it stir your compassion and thereby your empathic connection to her.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I was divorced in 1972 and was given custody of our 2-year-old son. As much as I didn't want the divorce, my husband was an alcoholic who refused help. I finally realized it was the only way to protect my son. My ex did not use his visitation rights and never paid child support.

I remarried when my son was 4. My new husband wanted to adopt him, but my ex at first refused to relinquish his rights. When my son was 6, my ex called early in the morning (drunk) and said adoption was OK. When our son turned 10, my ex called wanting to see him. I refused, saying it would be too disruptive to his life.

When my son was 18, I asked whether he wanted to know anything about his biological father, but he declined. I asked him again at 21, saying that people can change and that he should be prepared for the day when his bio dad shows up on his doorstep. He didn't care.

Our son is now 45, and my ex recently called wanting to have our son's contact information. Instead, I gave our son his biological father's contact information. He had no interest and tossed it

away. He considers my husband to be his father.

To appease my ex (and hopefully stop him from trying to track our son down), I told him I would send him general information about our son's life, along with a few pictures. But now I'm having second thoughts, because I know neither my husband nor our son would approve. I have done nothing so far and am stressed about the situation. I would appreciate your opinion. -- Second Thoughts

Dear Second: If your ex wanted to track down your son, he could probably do so without any appeasement from you, but we understand why you are willing to indulge him with photos and information. Nonetheless, you should not have made such a promise without consulting your son. It is his decision, so talk to him. Explain that you don't expect him to want a relationship with his biological father, nor does he owe him any information. But it would be a kindness to give the man some peace of mind after all these years. Whatever decision your son makes, please abide by it.

Dear Annie: I'm in a similar situation to "Not Jealous, Just

Hurt," whose husband's ex-wife turned up at all the family funerals.

I've been married for 25 years and my husband's mother and daughter think it's perfectly OK for his ex-wife to be included in family gatherings. His mother visits with his ex-wife now and then, and the woman is also welcome in her home. None of them, including my husband, seems to care how I feel about the situation. I don't feel welcome. I'm ready to call it quits. -- Hurt as Well

Dear Hurt: Your husband has a daughter with his ex-wife. That means his daughter will want her mother at

all family gatherings. It means your mother-in-law will invite the ex because her granddaughter wants her there. It means your husband will tolerate this for his daughter's sake. You don't have to like this situation, but after 25 years, we are surprised you haven't found a way to deal with it. Unless your husband is actively interested in his ex, this situation should not be so threatening. Please talk to an unbiased third party and figure out what

you can live with.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@creators.com, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. You can also find Annie on Facebook at Facebook.com/AskAnnie. Visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com. COPYRIGHT 2015

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♥ 7 6 3
♦ K 7 3
♣ 8 4

SOUTH
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1♦ 1♥ 1♠ Pass
2♦ Pass 3♣ Pass
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Opening lead — king of hearts.

There is nothing wrong with misleading your partner on defense if it serves a worthwhile purpose. When your only chance of stopping a contract is to lie to partner in order to steer him to the winning play, you must do so even though partner is deceived.

Take this deal where East has a

crucial role to play. West leads the king of hearts, and — given the bidding and what he sees in dummy — East should conclude that with routine defense, declarer will lose two heart tricks and nothing else. East can see that his king of diamonds is subject to capture if South is permitted to lead trumps twice from dummy.

To stop this from happening, East plays the seven of hearts on the king and the three of hearts on the ace, ostensibly indicating a doubleton. This intentional misrepresentation of his heart holding is designed to persuade West that East started with only two hearts.

West then obediently plays a third round of hearts, forcing dummy to ruff. East follows suit, of course to his partner's surprise — but the king of diamonds is now sure to score the setting trick, since declarer can no longer take two diamond finesses.

Note that if East plays his hearts normally — that is, up the line — West might discontinue hearts and switch to another suit. If he does, South will have no trouble taking the rest of the tricks to make the contract.

Tomorrow: Playing according to the odds.
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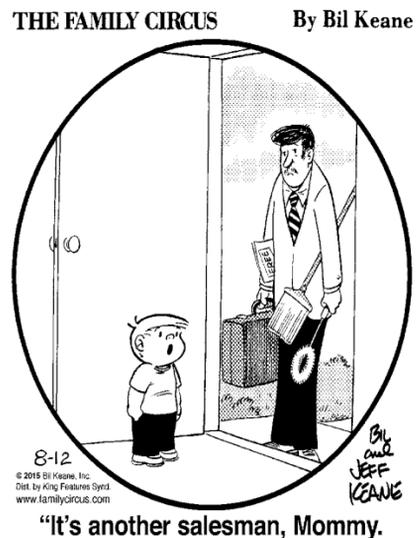
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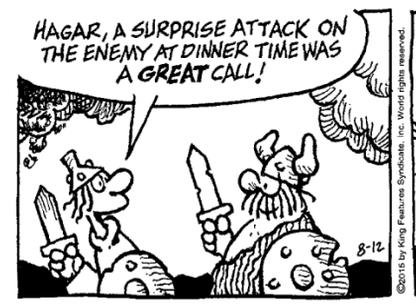
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WIZARD OF ID



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AGNES



I HAVE GATHERED A COLLECTION OF TOOLS THAT WOULD RIVAL A MASTER MECHANIC.

HI AND LOIS



THAT BEE IS TRYING TO STING ME! NO, IT ISN'T.

THE OTHER COAST



DEAR UNCLE MICK, WHEN IT RAINS HERE, FOLKS COMPLAIN I SMELL OF WET DOG.

SNUFFY SMITH



ZEBULON PRITCHART, NO MORE FLIRTIN' WIF PURTY GIRLS-- EVER !!

BEE TLE BAILEY



NOW YOU'RE SUNBATHING INSTEAD OF RAKING!

NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Pygmalion playwright
5 Shopping centers
10 Calligrapher's supplies
14 "Silence!"
15 Once more
16 Actress Russo
17 ___-Seltzer (antacid brand)
18 Sam of Jurassic Park
19 Wilson of Marley & Me
20 Under-the-bed clump
22 Loose, as gemstones
23 Prefix for while
24 Water trickle
25 Glad-bag rival
28 Dermatologist's specialty
32 Grandson of Eve
33 Grand Prix autos
35 Instagram posts, informally
36 Erie or Huron
37 Brat's demand
38 Canvas shelter
39 Casino cube
40 Sleek and stylish
41 Approximately
42 With great skill
44 Melodrama maiden
46 Experts in IRS forms
47 Too expensive
48 Yawn sound
50 When Aspen is most crowded
55 Marsh bird
56 Credit-card billing period

STACKE D DOWN

7 Reclined
8 Easter flower
9 "Weekend Update" show, for short
10 Wryly funny
11 Recycling bin stack
12 Leg hinge
13 Mailed off
21 Dude
22 Large coffee brewers
24 Kitchen stack
25 Mrs. F. Scott Fitzgerald
26 Grant- (sort of subsidy)
27 Casino stack
28 Alarming
29 Daily Planet reporter
30 Wash cycle

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, August 12, the 224th day of 2015. There are 141 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On August 12, 1985, the world's worst single-aircraft disaster occurred as a crippled Japan Airlines Boeing 747 on a domestic flight crashed into a mountain, killing 520 people. (Four people survived.)
On this date:
In 1867, President Andrew Johnson sparked a move to impeach him as he defied Congress by suspending Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton.
In 1898, fighting in the Spanish-American War came to an end.
In 1902, International Harvester Co. was formed by a merger of McCormick Harvesting Machine Co., Deering Harvester Co. and several other manufacturers.
In 1915, the novel "Of Human Bondage," by William Somerset Maugham, was first published in the United States, a day before it was released in England.
In 1939, the MGM movie

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACT I	BAMBI	PEPS
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Thought for Today:

"The secret to life is meaningless unless you discover it yourself."

From "Of Human Bondage" by W. Somerset Maugham (1874-1965).

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Big Spring Youth Soccer Association will hold sign-ups on Saturdays, Aug. 1, 8 and 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Spring Town Plaza. Also Aug. 10 - 14 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Ages 3 - 15. Cost is \$70 a child. For more information contact Bryan Kligora at 816-2582.

What: 1st Forsan Football Booster Club Golf Tournament
Where: Big Spring Country Club
When: August 15 Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with an 8:30 shotgun start
Who: Anyone looking to support the Forsan football team
How much: Black Sponsor-\$100 Tee box with you or your company's name and listed on the Sponsorship board at the tournament. Silver Sponsor-\$250 Your name will also be mentioned in media advertising at the tournament and your company name will be mentioned in the awards ceremony
Why: The team makes a 756 mile round trip to play Anderson which requires a charter bus
Format: four-man scramble with prizes for the top three. \$300 per team (\$75 per player)
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really rally against him," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said. "He's one of the best and you try to scratch and claw a little bit. We had a chance to score early but when he needed, he pitched tough."
During one stretch Bumgarner struck out seven consecutive batters, and he won for the fifth time in six starts. The seven straight strikeouts matched the San Francisco-era record also done by Jonathan Sanchez on Aug. 3, 2010, at Colorado, and Hall of Famer Juan Marichal on Sept. 6, 1964, at Philadelphia.
"Strikeouts are strikeouts. Outs are outs. At no point did I realize he had any kind of streak," Houston's Hank Conger said.

SPECIAL VISIT
Hinch had the rare day off Monday in his adopted hometown of Stanford after playing in Oakland. He visited his alma mater and watched the Cardinal's opening football practice on campus.
"I love the Bay Area," he said. "I consider this place like a second home."

TRAINER'S ROOM
Astros: RF George Springer will have his fractured right wrist re-evaluated by a doctor once the team returns home to determine when he can begin strengthening and other rehab work. He was hit with a fastball by Edinson Volquez on July 1 at Minute Maid Park. "We're all anxiously waiting," Hinch said.

"I'm hopeful the next appointment will tell us we can progress in baseball activities."

Giants: CF Angel Pagan went on the 15-day DL with patella tendinitis in his right knee. ... RHP Tim Lincecum (bruised right forearm) threw a 40-pitch bullpen session he considered on par with a regular "in-between-start bullpen." He remains optimistic he will pitch again this year. ... RHP Tim Hudson threw a bullpen to test his strained throwing shoulder, and the Giants will discuss their next move with him as he was eligible to be activated Tuesday. ... Backup C Andrew Susac was relegated to a DH role in his rehab assignment for Class-A San Jose following a root canal Monday.

UP NEXT
Astros: RHP Scott Feldman tries again for his first career victory versus the Giants after starting 0-4 in five appearances and three starts, including 0-3 at AT&T Park.

Giants: Rookie RHP Chris Heston, knocked out of his last two starts without reaching five innings, looks for another fine start against the Astros after he tossed his first career complete game at Houston on May 12.

With Geno Smith out, Jets try to move on from ugly punch

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. (AP) — It took just one destructive punch to rattle an entire franchise.

Geno Smith's jaw is broken, Ikemefuna Enemkpali is out of a job and the New York Jets are trying to quickly move forward from one of the most stunning — and embarrassing — moments in team history.

Coach Todd Bowles delivered the jolting news Tuesday before practice that Smith would be sidelined at least 6-10 weeks with a broken jaw after being punched by Enemkpali in the locker room before the team's morning walkthrough.

"It was something very childish," Bowles said, "and he got cold-cooked, sucker-punched — whatever you want to call it — in the jaw."

Smith, entering his third season, will require surgery to repair the injuries and will be sidelined for the rest of the summer and likely for the first few games of the season. The regular-season opener at home against Cleveland on Sept. 13 is five weeks away.

Enemkpali, an outside linebacker in his second season, was immediately released by the Jets. "The team knows this

is something we don't tolerate, something we can't stand," Bowles said. "You don't walk up to another man and punch him in the face."

Neither Bowles nor a small handful of players made available to the media would go into detail about what happened, or if they knew what sparked it.

"I think at the end of the day, details aren't really necessary," guard Willie Colon said. "I think today, as an organization, as a team, we may have taken a step back."

But now, the Jets are trying to move forward without Smith, who was having a good camp, and turn to veteran Ryan Fitzpatrick as they prepare for their preseason opener at Detroit on Thursday.

Here are some things to know about what's next for the Jets:

FITZ MAGIC
The acquisition of Fitzpatrick from Houston in March by general manager Mike Maccagnan looks even more shrewd now, and not only because he's an experienced backup with 89 NFL starts under his belt.

Fitzpatrick has played

in offensive coordinator Chan Gailey's system, putting up solid numbers under him in Buffalo from 2010-12. The Jets will need to find another veteran backup as insurance for Fitzpatrick with rookies Bryce Petty and Jake Heaps the only remaining quarterbacks on the roster. But, because of his familiarity with the offense, Fitzpatrick is the perfect option considering the circumstances.

"Yes, there's no question about it," Gailey said when asked if he could rely on Fitzpatrick. "That's from prior knowledge as well as present day. There's no question."

ESTABLISHING CHEMISTRY

Smith took just about every snap with the first-team offense throughout training camp, so Fitzpatrick needs to get work in with the players he'll now be throwing and handing off to.

That means extra work in particular with receivers Brandon Marshall and Eric Decker, who were developing a solid rapport this summer with Smith.

"There's going to be some stuff we have to get down — body lan-

guage, all that, expectations — and that's going to take a little bit of time," Fitzpatrick said. "But I feel like we have good communicators, the receiving corps are very good communicators. I think that's one of my strengths as well, so we'll get on the same page."

UP FOR GRABS
Bowles wouldn't commit to Fitzpatrick as the starter for the rest of the season or to Smith reclaiming his job when he's healthy, but indicated that a player could lose his starting spot due to injury.

"If the other guy is playing well and the boat is going right and there are no waves and everything is going and we're 4, 5, 6, 7-and-0," Bowles said, "yeah, you're not coming back to start."

PUTTING HIS FOOT DOWN

Bowles was stern yet even-keeled while twice addressing the Smith-Enemkpali altercation, although questions arose about whether the first-year coach needed to assert himself more.

He answered all that by immediately cutting Enemkpali after gathering the facts.

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