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McCamey man jailed on murder charge

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Police: Man claimed victim stole his mother's truck

Herald Staff Report

A man who allegedly shot and killed a Big Spring resident he said had stolen his mother's vehicle has been charged with murder.

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James Keck, 24, of McCamey, was arrested following Saturday's fatal shooting of Bobby Gene Bricker, authori-

Big Spring Police Department officers and Howard County Sheriff's Deputies were alerted after Keck placed a 911 call with county dispatchers claiming his mother's pickup had been stolen from the TA Travel Center shortly after 8 p.m. Saturday, and that he was in pursuit of

Information released by BSPD indicates Keck followed the vehicle onto Highway 176 in a high-speed chase that at times exceeded 100 mph before both vehicles came to a stop about a mile north of County Road 2599. It was at that location that Keck allegedly shot Bricker, who was

pronounced dead at the scene shortly after authorities ar-In a televised interview. Ke-

ck's mother claimed her son shot Bricker in self-defense, but police disagreed with her assertion.

"Based upon the investigation and available evidence, investigators determined the

shooting was not justified," the BSPD report stated.

Keck was booked into the Howard County Detention Center and later released on \$50,000 bond.

Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker has scheduled a news conference for this afternoon at the law enforcement cen-

Kids on stage

Children's Miracle Theater for the Arts hosts camp with thespian bent

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A new organization hopes to bring the talents of area youth to the center stage.

Children's Miracle Theater for the Arts, a non profit organization, began its second week of summer theater camp Monday with about 10 children participating in its first outing.

"We wanted to do something that benefited the community," said Sharon Rich president of Children's Miracle Theater for the Arts. "What Big Spring offers right now in the arts is limited for children and sometimes quite expensive. We want to reach children and give them a means to participate in the arts. We want to give kids an opportunity to develop their build character. talents, Theater arts also increases education as well as provide

skills." The program is new and is Christian based, Rich said, but added the group is not affiliated with any particular church.

"We've started with the camps this summer but we hope — if we can find an instructor — to offer classes beginning January," Rich said. "We would like to produce a couple of productions throughout the year beside the ones through the camp."

The camp and the possible spring classes are offered at a nominal fee with some scholarship opportunities available to make the program assessable to all children, Rich said.

"This is something our area needs, especially for the children that seem to get lost in the cracks," she said. "So many children have so much talent but don't have the means to grow that talent. They get lost along the way.

The organization hopes to become an established program in the town, Rich said.

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HERALD Photo/Lyndel Moody

Morgan Callender, left, and Sidney Roll paint some of the back scenes for the first production of the Children's Miracle Theater for the Arts, set for Friday at New Hope Christian School, 118 Cedar Road. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1 for children over 6 years old.

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Gas prices continue decline, expected to fall even further

Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 4.6 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.28 a gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas. This compares with the na-

tional average that has fallen 1.7 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.47 a gallon, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices Sunday were 14.0 cents per gallon lower than the same day one



year ago and are 18.5 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 15.4 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 8.2 cents per gallon lower than this day one year

"Motorists taking those late

summer vacations continue to see their risk paying rewards: gasoline prices continue to hold near the lowest levels of the summer," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick De-Haan.

"It's relatively rare to see prices holding lower in the mid-to-late summer, as hurricanes tend to weigh on prices and demand for gasoline is highest during the second half of the summer," DeHaan added. "However, oil prices rallied in mid-June, altering the behavior of gasoline

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Taxes on city agenda

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Big Spring's city council will take another step toward firming up a tax rate for the new fiscal year when they meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in council chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth St.

At last week's budget work session, staff proposed a new tax rate of 86.6 cents per \$100 valuation, which is almost identical to the rate the city lev-

der the current budget. Because of a big jump in property valuations, however, the new rate

ied un-

What: Big Spring City Council meeting.

Where: Council chambers, 307 E. Fourth St.

When: 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

pected to bring in \$826,000 in additional revenue in the next fiscal

With that extra money, city staff is proposing to finance several "big ticket" items, in-

cluding: Sealcoating and striping of more than six miles of city streets, estimated to cost

- \$500,000. About \$1 million in water and sewer line replacement.
- Water treatment plant filter upgrades, which will cost \$1 million.
- Purchase of an aerial fire truck, which will cost \$650,000.
- City auditorium improvements estimated at \$905,000 (money for this project will come from the motel and hotel tax fund). Almost \$1 million for new
- T-hangars at the airport (part of the money for that project will come from state grants) See CITY, Page 3

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Larry Dale Steward



STEPHENVILLE - Larry Dale Steward, 69, passed away Friday, Aug.1, 2014. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Lacy Funeral Home.

Larry was born in Des Moines, Iowa, on April 2, 1945. He married Frances (Faye) Samorez on May 14, 1974, in Des Moines, Iowa. He was an Air Force veteran and retired from the Federal Bureau of

Prisons after 22 years. Larry served as a volunteer with the American Red Cross for several years. He

Obituaries moved to Stephenville, Texas, in Aug. of 2013.

Survivors who greatly loved and will miss him include his wife, Mrs. Frances (Faye) Steward of Stephenville, Texas; mother, Ida Lockridge of Des Moines, Iowa; daughters, Denys Coates and husband Matt, of Stephenville, Texas, and Deann Newkirk and husband Greg, of League City, Texas; grandchildren, Lane Coates, Chloe Coates and Conner Coates, all of Stephenville, Texas, and Jace Newkirk and Reed Newkirk of League City, Tex-

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorials be made in his honor to The American Red Cross, P.O. Box 4002018, Des Moines, IA, 50340-

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Geraldine Stroud

Geraldine Stroud, 84, of Stanton, died Monday Aug. 11, 2014. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

George Gamage Sr.

George Gamage Sr., 68, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Aug. 7, 2014. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Bonnie Birmelin

Bonnie Birmelin, 53. of Big Spring, died Saturday, Aug. 9, 2014, in Midland. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Alfred Ray Lang

than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000.

Alfred Ray Lang, 62, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Aug. 6, 201. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police/Sheriff/Fire&EMS reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today: • JOE ANGEL LUNA, 35, of 1901 Avenue M.,

arrested on a charge of violation bond/protective

- order-two or more times within 12 months. • ANTWONE DWAYNE WHITE, 23, of 2626
- Fairchild, was arrested on five warrants from other agencies. • JAMES ALASTAIR KECK, 24, of 303 E. 1st St.,
- McCamey, Texas, was arrested on a charge of murder and on a warrant from other agency. • WILLIAM ALEX RILEY, 43, of 1403 S. Johnson
- St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- TRAVIS TROY CALLAWAY, 26, of 119 Hooser Road, was arrested on charges of aggravated assault-with a deadly weapon (two charges).
- FRANKLIN J. SUAZO, 22, of 1309 Jeffrey Road, was arrested on a charge of assault family/household member and intentionally/recklessly impeding normal breathing or circulation.
- THEFT was reported in the 300 block of Scurry Street, in the 200 block of NE 10th Street, 2100 block of Gregg St., the 300 block of South Owens Street, and the 1600 block of S. Gregg Street.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE as reported in the 3700 block of La Junta Drive.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the area of mile marker 177 and NSR west bound.
- HIT AND RUN was reported in the 600 block of
- E. FM 700. • DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported
- in the 500 block of Benton Street, the 1300 block of Jeffrey Road and the 1400 block of Lexington Avenue.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1300 block of Linberg and the 200 block of S. Moss Lake
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1700 block of Scurry Street.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in
- the 1300 block of Jeffrey Road. • BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported
- in the 1200 block of Stamford Avenue.

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

- JOHN ROBERT ARISPE, 22, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for display expired license plate, failure to maintain financial responsibility and violate promise to appear. • JOANIE LEDESMA, 31, was booked by the
- BSPD on a warrant for parole violation and on charges of criminal trespass and unlawful use of a criminal instrument. • RUDY ORTEGA JR., 34, was booked by the
- HCSO on a warrant for motion to revoke probation, possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.
- ALFREDO HINOJOS HARPER, 25, was booked by the BSPD on charges of failure to identify and theft, less than \$50-shoplifting; and on warrants for city ordinance-excessive noise; failure to appear (4 counts); display expired registration; no driver's license; and failure to maintain financial responsi-
- RICHARD STARR SHEEHAN, 43, was booked

Support Groups

- · Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weighin starts at 2:50 p.m. and meeting starts at 3 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 517-4922 or 935-6306.
- Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group,

by the HCSO on a charge of theft of property, more

- ANTWONE DWAYNE WHITE, 23, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for failure to appear (two counts); display expired registration; and driving while license invalid (two counts).
- JOE ANGEL LUNA, 35, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of violate bond/protective order, two more more times within 12 months. • JAMES ALASTAIR KECK, 24, was booked by
- the BSPD on a charge of murder and on a Taylor county warrant for theft of property by check. TRAVIS TROY CALLAWAY, 27, was booked by
- the HCSO on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and aggravated assault - date, family/house with a weapon. • FRANKLIN SUAZO, 23, was booked by the
- impeded breath, circulation. • WILLIAM A. RILEY, 43, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

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

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1700 block of S. Lancaster. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC).
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. Service refused.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was taken to SMMC.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 4100 block of Parkway. One person was taken to SMMC. • MEDICAL CALL and PUBLIC SERVICE was
- reported in the 4100 block of Parkway. No Trans-MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1400 block
- of Dixie. One person was transported to SMMC. SATURDAY
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the area of Douglas and 17th Streets. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of FM 669 and FM 846. One person was air evac to
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GAS LEAK was reported in the 800 block of W. 18th. Atmos advised.
- GAS LEAK was reported in the 4200 block of Parkway. Was out on arrival. Sunday
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of mile marker road 180 and Interstate 20. Service
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of mile marker 168 and Interstate 20. Service refused.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1100 block of West Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1800 block of S. Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King. Fire was out on arriv-

meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faithbased 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 back of the church.
- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears). Open meeting at 7 p.m.

Joe Fierro Rodriguez



Joe Fierro Rodriguez, 1941-2014. Joe Fierro Rodriguez came into

this world on Aug. 27, 1941. He went home to be with the Lord on Aug. 4, 2014. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2014, at 11

a.m. in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Denton, Texas. Joe was born in Big Spring,

Texas to Cecilia Tiero and Louis

Rodriguez. He was preceded in death by his grandmother

Eugenia Fierro and grandfather Pedro Fierro, Big Spring, Texas; brother Willie Menchaca, Albuquerque, N.M. and brother Carlos Fierro, Big Spring, Texas. Joe is survived by a son, Stoney Grimes and wife Kim Grimes, Frisco, Texas; sister Gloria Menchaca,

Albuqurque, N.M., sister Suzie Menchaca, Albuqurque, N.M., brother Henry Menchaca, Seagov-

ille, Texas, and brother Ismeal Paredez, Big Spring Texas, aunt Felix Fierro Ely, Midland, Texas, cousin Moses Fierro and cousin Adelinda Pena, niece Susan Fierro, and niece Renee Aragon. Joe served in the Army National Guard from 1964-1969. He enjoyed his long career in the beverage industry, both in Arizona and Texas. Joe retired from his position, after 16 years, as On-Premise Account

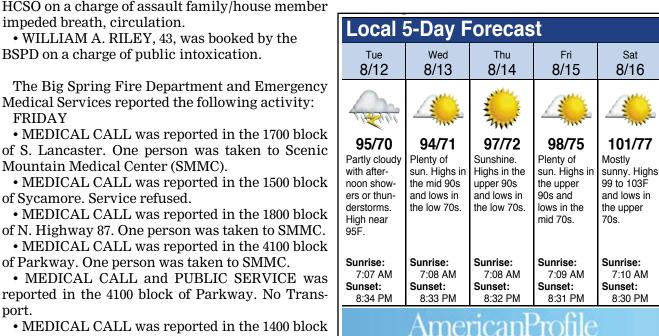
Manager with Glazer's Distributors, Dallas, Texas in 2004. So many loved his charismatic and kind heart. His winning personality even claimed him the Who's Who in Arizona 1983-1984. Joe will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

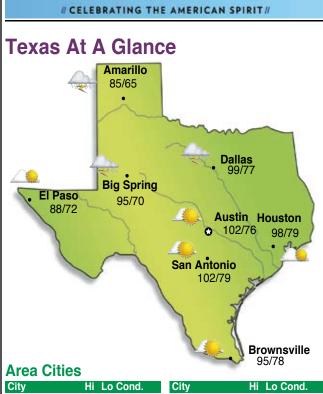
The family extends a special thanks to friend Heather Hilton, niece Jessica Greenleaf, niece Toni Aragon and niece Cecilia Aragon for being a part of his caregiving during his battle with cancer and giving him his wish to be home in his final days. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memo-

rials be sent to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Denton, TX. Arrangements are under the direction of Denton

Funeral Home. On line condolences may be left for the family at www.dentonfuneralhome.net.

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News in brief

US has begun directly providing arms to embattled Kurdish forces in Iraq

SYDNEY (AP) — The Obama administration has begun directly providing weapons to Kurdish forces who have started to make gains against Islamic militants in northern Iraq, senior U.S. officials said Monday.

Previously, the U.S. had insisted on only selling arms to the Iraqi government in Baghdad, but the Kurdish peshmerga fighters had been losing ground to Islamic State militants in recent weeks. The officials wouldn't say which U.S.

agency is providing the arms or what weapons are being sent, but one official said it isn't the Pentagon. The CIA has historically done similar quiet arming op-The move to directly aid the Kurds un-

derscores the level of U.S. concern about the Islamic State militants' gains in the north, and reflects the persistent administration view that the Iraqis must take the necessary steps to solve their own security problems.

To bolster that effort, the administration is also very close to approving plans for the Pentagon to arm the Kurds, a senior official said. In recent days, the U.S. military has been helping facilitate weapons deliveries from the Iraqis to the Kurds, providing logistic assistance and transportation to the north.

Iraq's PM steps up struggle to keep his job, deploys special forces in Baghdad

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's embattled Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki is taking his struggle to keep his job to the courts after announcing he will file a legal complaint on Monday against the country's newly elected president.

The deadlock over a new government has plunged Iraq into a political crisis at a time it is fighting a land grab by militants from the Islamic State in the country's north and west. Al-Maliki has resisted calls for his resignation and the political infighting could hamper efforts to stem advances by the Sunni militants.

Senior U.S. officials said Monday that the Obama administration, which launched airdrops and airstrikes last week to support Kurdish and Iraqi forces battling the militants, has begun directly providing weapons to the Kurdish peshmerga forces who have started to make gains against the al-Qaida breakaway group. In a televised speech after midnight

Sunday, al-Maliki declared he will file a legal complaint against the new president, Fouad Massoum, for committing "a clear constitutional violation."

The prime minister said the president, who was elected by parliament, is obstructing al-Maliki's re-election and has

carried out "a coup against the constitution and the political process."

Egyptian-brokered cease-fire in Gaza war holds as Israeli, Palestinian negotiators gather

CAIRO (AP) — An Egyptian-brokered cease-fire halting the Gaza war held into Monday morning, allowing Palestinians to leave homes and shelters as negotiators agreed to resume talks in Cairo. The truce took effect just after midnight

(2101 GMT), preceded by heavy rocket fire toward Israel. In Cairo, the Egyptian Foreign Ministry said the cease-fire would allow humanitarian aid into battered Gaza neighborhoods and the reopening of indirect talks on a more lasting and comprehensive deal. On Monday morning, high school stu-

dents in Gaza filed the streets as they

headed off to pick up their graduation cer-

tificates after the Education Ministry said they'd be ready. People waited to buy fuel for generators as power and communication workers struggled to fix cables damaged in the fighting. Long lines formed at ATMs. In Cairo, negotiators said talks would

resume at 11 a.m. (0800 GMT). The fourmember Israeli delegation arrived at Cairo International Airport earlier Monday

Stores looted, windows smashed after vigil for black man shot and killed by police

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP) — A day of anger over a fatal police shooting of an unarmed black man in suburban St. Louis turned to mayhem as people looted businesses, vandalized vehicles and confronted police who sought to block off access to several areas of the city.

The tensions erupted after a candlelight vigil Sunday night for 18-year-old Michael Brown, who police said was shot multiple times the previous afternoon after a scuffle involving the officer, Brown and another person in Ferguson, a predominantly black suburb of the city.

Afterward, a convenience store was looted. Several other stores along a main road near the shooting scene were broken into, including a check-cashing store, a boutique and a small grocery store. People also took items from a sporting goods store and a cellphone retailer, and carted rims away from a tire store.

TV footage showed streams of people walking out of a liquor store carrying bottles of alcohol, and in some cases protesters were standing atop police cars or taunting officers who stood stoic, often in riot gear. Video posted online by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch showed a convenience store on fire.

vandalize police cars and kick in windows. Television footage showed windows busted out of a TV station van.

Koch brothers reach out to Hispanics in bid to patch GOP gap

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Looking to make inroads with the rising number of Hispanic voters, conservative activists are offering English classes, health checkups and courses to help Spanish-speakers earn high school diplomas. Picking up part of the tab: Charles and David Koch. The billionaire industrialists are work-

ing to patch a gaping hole in the GOP coalition that could spell a generation of irrelevance if Republicans cannot build some credibility with Hispanic voters, who typically shun the GOP. The fast-growing group could have tremendous sway in American politics for years to come. Party elders have acknowledged their struggles to win over Hispanic voters, who as recently as 2004 were roughly split in party preference. Enter the Libre Initiative, an organiza-

tion that has collected millions from the Kochs' political network. Libre, which is pronounced LEE'-bray and means "free," pushes a message of limited government and economic freedom between lessons on how to build family-run businesses and prayer breakfasts with Hispanic pastors.

Its organizers pitch conservative ideals while offering tutorials on U.S. immigration law, support for overhauling the broken immigration system that stops short of campaigning for the Senate's bipartisan bill and collecting donations for the unaccompanied children crossing the United States-Mexico border illegally.

In effect, it is a shadow GOP — one with a gentle emphasis on social services and assimilation over a central party often seen as hostile to immigrants and minorities.

Woman punched on video by California Highway patrolman thought she would die LOS ANGELES (AP) — Marlene Pinnock

said she thought she was going to die as a California Highway Patrol officer straddled her, repeatedly punching her head on the side of a Los Angeles freeway.

Associated Press on Sunday — her first public comments since the July 1 beating was caught on video by a passing driver — Pinnock spoke haltingly or in a whisper, occasionally putting her hands to her temples and grimacing.

Her attorney Caree Harper frequently interrupted her and limited her responses to a reporter's questions.

"He grabbed me, he threw me down, he started beating me, he beat me. I felt like Other witnesses reported seeing people he was trying to kill me," Pinnock said.

Take note

- The Cross Roads Young Marines are now taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.
- A bank account has been set up to help defray funeral expenses for the family of Shelly Lopez. To make a donation to the Shelly Lopez Memorial fund contact the Big Spring Educational Employee Federal Credit Union at 263-8393 located at 1110 Benton.
- Crossroads Hospice is looking for volunteers. Come and be part of our team. Contact Eva at 432-263-5300.
- · Help Kids Succeed is asking the public to help local struggling families with back to school expenses. The average family spends between \$200 and \$600 per child. Jury Padron and her husband Peter Padron hope to "pay it forward" by helping these families with donations of clothes, shoes or school supplies. To make a donation, go to www.gofundme.com/ ams9v8 or in person by cash, check or money order. To make a supply donation or for more information call Jury at 638-0861 or Peter at 270-
- · Friends of the Library is asking the public to begin gathering During an hour-long interview with The books for donation to the annual book sale. Books should be in good Please, no condition. magazines or condensed books. Friends will let the public know when to begin bringing books.

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"We would eventually like to have our own building — a children's theater – for the community because this is ing about the theater. not just for Big Spring but for Forsan and Coahoma," Rich said. "We want this to be a quality theater. We are teaching them character and life skills at the same learn-

Theater is great at that.

The theater group will host its first production Aug. 15 at New Hope Christian School, 118 Cedar Road. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1 for children over 6 years old. All ticket sales will be used to support the program. Autumn Alton has been serving as the instructor, but will be leaving Big Spring soon to further her own

517-0723 or e-mail her at sl_ra2007@hotmail.com Contact Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234.

education, Rich said.

For more informa-

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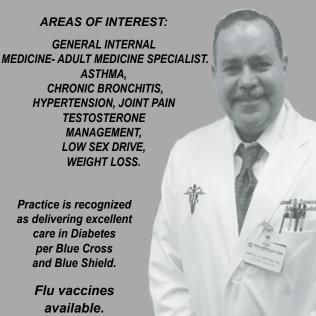
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on the Sept. 23 council meeting agenda. Council members also are expected to schedule a public hearing for the new budget on Sept. 9. We Are All Your

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O'Brien looks to bright side after dismal opener

HOUSTON (AP) — The offense went nowhere, the defense was picked apart and the mistakes and penalties mounted. Bill O'Brien's first game as Houston Texans coach could've hardly gone worse.

A day after Houston's 32-0 loss in Arizona on Saturday night, O'Brien wasn't overreacting. It's just one game, the first game, and the more O'Brien watched film, the more positive signs for a team rebuilding off a 2-14 season.

"In any game like this, when you walk off the field, you feel like there are so many things that went wrong," O'Brien said. "There were a lot of negatives out there, as far as penalties and turnovers and not being able to get off the field on third down. But just like anything else, there are also some good things."

Just not too many.

The Texans mustered only 172 yards and nine first downs and went 0 for 8 on third down. They also committed 13 penalties for 126 yards.

Starting quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick played the entire first half and looked shaky, completing only 6 of 14 passes for 55 yards with two interceptions. He finally got the offense moving late in the first half only to have a pass picked off by Marcus Benard.

"We were driving the ball

well there," O'Brien said. "It breezed for touchdowns on was a good moment of situational football, obviously, until he threw the interception. We can't do that."

Case Keenum and Tom Savage, competing for the No. 2 spot, hardly played in the second half, because the Cardinals had their way with Houston's defense, converting 11 of 17 third downs. Arizona held the ball for more than 42 minutes.

Keenum and Savage got only two series apiece in the second half — a total of 14 plays.

"Certainly, you would've liked to have had more plays, no question about it," O'Brien said.

The Cardinals, meanwhile,

their first two series. Carson Palmer went 5-for-5 on his only series and he, Drew Stanton and Logan Thomas completed 27 of 34 passes for 349 yards overall without an intercep-O'Brien and his staff watched

the game film on the plane ride home and again on Sunday afternoon. On Monday, O'Brien said he and his staff will meet with the players and go over "the good, the bad and the ugly."

"I'm sure people are disappointed in what they saw,' O'Brien said, "but we're working hard to fix it and we're going to continue to work hard to get these guys on the same page with us and go out there and win some games."

Just about all of the positive plays the Texans made came early. J.J. Watt sacked Palmer on the second play from scrimmage and top overall pick Jadeveon Clowney corralled a running back behind the line on the second series. O'Brien also liked what he saw from linebackers Brooks Reed, Mike Mohamed and Jeff Tarpinian and rookie lineman Xavier Su'a-Filo, who took snaps at left tackle and left guard.

The Texans will have joint practices with Atlanta this week before playing the Falcons on Saturday.

Rangers snap 7-game skid to Houston

Texas Rangers never lost faith in rookie Nick Martinez even as his losing streak stretched games.

Sunday on against the Houston Astros they were pleased to see his work finally pay off with his first win since May 24.

Martinez pitched five solid innings and Adrian Beltre and Shin-Soo Choo both homered to lead the Rangers to a 6-2 victory over the Astros, snapping a sevengame skid against their in-state rivals.

"He's a strong kid," Rangers manager Ron Washington said of Martinez. "He works every day and he wants to be better. You've got to understand the kid is just out of A ball trying to get big league hitters out. He'll figure it out."

Martinez (2-8), who was pitching on five extra days' rest, allowed five hits and two runs with a season-high six strikeouts.

"I'm definitely relieved," he said. "It's nice to get that win. It wasn't easy. I had to battle out there."

He spent half of last season in Class-A and pitched just two games in Double-A this season before being called up after injuries decimated the Rangers' ro-

"He's up here to win ball games," Washington said. "If we didn't have a tremendous feeling about the kid he wouldn't be up here ... we believe in him. We're going to give him all the opportunity that we can to continue to improve."

The Rangers trailed

by two early before scoring twice in both the fourth and fifth innings to take a 4-2 lead. The 393rd homer of Beltre's career came off Dallas Keuchel in the sixth inning and Choo also had a solo shot in the seventh to make it

Keuchel (10-8) allowed six hits and tied a season-high with five runs in six innings.

"I wasn't very good the last three innings, and that was the game," Keuchel said.

Jose Altuve had two hits for his 49th multihit game this season in his return after missing Saturday's game with a sore neck.

Chris Carter made it 1-0 in the first when he grounded into a force play that scored Robbie Grossman and left Altuve out at second. Carter was initially ruled out on the play, (AP) - AJ Allmendingbut manager Bo Porter challenged the call and it was overturned.

with one out in the third inning and added to his American League lead when he swiped second Castro's single sent him home to make it 2-0.

to start the fourth inning and scored on a double by Alex Rios to two-out single by Adam Rosales allowed Rios to score and tie the game.

Robinson Chirinos doubled and Daniel Robertson singled to start the fifth inning. Chirinos scored and Robertson took third on a wild pitch by Keuchel to put Texas on top 3-2.

A sacrifice fly by Andrus scored Robertson to push the lead to 4-2.

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Gearing up ...

The Big Springb High School Steers will kick off their preseason schedule on Friday when they face the Burkburnett Bulldogs in a scrimmage in Cisco. The scrimmage will begin at 5 p.m. with the freshman teams. The varsity will begin action at 7 p.m.

Allmendinger wins at Watkins Glen

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. er's journey is almost complete.

With a new contract, Altuve was plunked sponsor extensions and a solid one-car team at JTG Daugherty Racing, Allmendinger became a winner in Sprint Cup for his 46th steal. Jason for the first time on a somber Sunday, outdueling Marcos Ambrose Elvis Andrus singled in the final two laps at Watkins Glen International.

"I dreamed about this cut the lead to 2-1. A moment and I'm not going to forget it," said Allmendinger, making his 213th Cup start. "It's just a dream come true."

The day began on a solemn note when three-time Cup champion Tony Stewart pulled out of the race 12 hours after he struck and killed 20-year-old sprint car driver Kevin Ward Jr. in a race after Ward climbed from his car on a small dirt track in nearby Canandaigua.

Allmendinger offered his condolences to the Ward family after he won, saying, "We're a community here, we're thinking about you."

"It's a tough time for everybody," Allmendinger said. "This NA-SCAR community, as a whole, we're a family. When anything like that happens, it's something that you don't get time to erase and forget about. Our thoughts and prayers go to the Ward family and what happened.

"And it also goes to Tony. It's not like he's sitting there and forget-

ting about it." In a statement released during the race by a spokesman, Stewart said: "There aren't words to describe the sadness I feel about the accident that took the life of Kevin Ward Jr. It's a very emotional time for all involved, and it is the reason I've decided not to participate in today's race at Watkins Glen. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends and everyone affected by this tragedy."

Manziel, Hoyer both to work with Browns 1st team

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — The Cleveland Browns' quarterback derby is heading down the homestretch.

Coach Mike Pettine said Sunday he plans to name his starting quarterback shortly after the team's Aug. 18 preseason game.

The winner of the between competition Brian Hoyer and rookie Johnny Manziel will start Cleveland's third preseason contest — Aug. 23 at home against the Rams — and sit out its final game Aug. 28 against Chicago.

"I wouldn't say it's 1,000 percent etched in stone, but I would like it decided before the third preseason game," Pettine said. "If we have a starter that gets a lot of time in that game, then has all the practice time

after that, we feel like he'll be ready to go for the opener.'

Hoyer tops Browns' official depth chart, but he will split first-team snaps with 2012 Heisman Trophy winner Manziel at training camp this week.

Lady Steers open season on Tuesday

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers will officially begin the 2014 high school volleyball regular season in Abilene on Tuesday.

The Lady Steers will face Abilene Cooper at 5 p.m.. They will play Abilene High at 6:30

The JV and freshman will also be in action.

start practice today The Big Spring first match will be Thursday, Aug. 14, High School tennis athletes will begin in Abilene.

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Rattlers, Gladiators advance to ArenaBowl championship game do, Florida. the Orlando Predators

PHOENIX (AP) Nick Davila helped twotime defending champion Arizona advance to its third straight ArenaBowl, throwing eight touchdown passes in the Rattlers' 72-56 victory over the San Jose Saber-Cats on Sunday night in the National Conference

Championship game. Arizona will face

Cleveland in the title

game Aug. 23 in Orlan-

Davila was 20 of 34 for 276 yards and also had two 1-yard scoring runs. Rod Windsor had six catches for 107 yards and three touchdowns. Russ Michna was 21 of 37 for 269 yards and six touchdowns for San Jose.

Shane Austin led the Cleveland to the ArenaBowl by throwing seven touchdown passes in a 56-46 victory over

in the American Conference Championship game. Austin completed 22 of

32 passes for 204 yards. Domini Goodman had eight catches for 69 yards and three touchdowns.

Bernard Morris was 31 of 52 for 360 yards and four touchdowns for Orlando.

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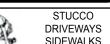
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Post-Supermoon

Maybe you didn't have a monumental party last night, but it still feels like you did. If the day

like you did. after the full moon feels like New Year's Day, the day after a supermoon feels like New Year's Day in the year 2000. There's a bit of cleanup

and a lot of



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piecing the details together in order to remember all that went down.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Like the caterpillar to

19). Like the caterpillar to a butterfly, the changes that seem miraculous are nonetheless quite common, natural and happening to millions the world over. Relax and let the transformation take hold.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A fascinating interaction will be featured. Action makes things happen that could never happen if you only used words. Make your move, and pay attention to how the others counter it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If there's one thing you do not want to be today, it's dependent. Shed your dependency, and suddenly you'll be freer and more powerful with a clear sense of purpose.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Truly, less is more. Some things only take up room, and it's time to get rid of them. You'll be

made aware of the extra baggage in your life -- the things you don't use, don't need and have no attachment to.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your empathetic gifts are strong today, and you'll be among the spiritually wounded. You won't need words to work your magic. You'll heal someone with a glance, a smile or a pat on the back.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). As you sort out a minor fiasco, consider that people are only doing what comes naturally given the circumstances. If the thunder didn't make an awful racket, it wouldn't be thunder.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're a cheerleader and a source of encouragement for those lucky enough to be in your circle these days. Witnessing the happiness of others is a great source of pleasure for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your welcoming nature and genuine interest will make the walls between people come crumbling down. This is not a small gift, though it comes to you so easily.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When new people join you, it's always an adjustment, but you're happy to make it. There are others in your group who need more time and exposure to get used to new people.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's a pressure to keep someone entertained. Just know that it's completely within your capacity -- but should you? It will only set up an expectation that you might, in time, grow tired of fulfilling.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The centrifugal force that spirals a galaxy is based on the same thing that keeps you spiraling around a certain someone: attraction. It's huge. Discount the powers of attraction at your own risk.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may feel that you're working at cross-purposes with another. This can be overcome, but not through force. Communicate until you can come to an agreement.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 11). You've been a good friend to yourself, so get yourself a nice gift to celebrate! Your tastes are evolving, and so is your environment. In six weeks' time, vou will feel like a new version of yourself -- body, mind and spirit. Romance makes September interesting and October adventuresome. Invest in education in November. Virgo and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 13, 29, 3 and 18.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Is it really possible to be in love with two people? I think I am. One is a Virgo, and one is a Sagittarius. They are so different from each other. The Virgo is into music, and we see shows together, dine, have fantastic conversation and really connect on many levels. The Sagittarius likes sports, which I don't, but he's

very playful, and the chemistry is insane. Honestly, I can't imagine choosing between the two, but at some point I have to, right? They don't know about each other, but I also don't have an exclusive relationship with either one, although I think it's what both want. Sorry if this is confusing. -- A Happy Gemini with an **Embarrassment of Riches** She Probably Doesn't Deserve

As long as you're being honest and not leading each one to believe he is the only one in your life, I don't understand why you should have to choose. It sounds like you're suffering from low self-esteem. Why shouldn't you be happy and busy with more than one special friend in your life? Enjoy your relationship abundance without fret.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Fairvtale fans rejoice: It has been announced that Chris Hemsworth will star in a follow-up to the 2012 hit film "Snow White and the Huntsman." This Leo actor, who also plays Thor and George Kirk, works well in epic fantasy worlds. He was born when Jupiter, Uranus and Neptune were all in the sign of distant places and far-off worlds: Sagittarius.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

The bidding:

East South West North
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — jack of diamonds.

This deal occurred in the 1960

world championship match between Canada and Great Britain. When Terence Reese and Boris Schapiro were North-South for Great Britain, they quickly reached three notrump as shown, and West led the jack of diamonds.

Schapiro inspected the dummy very carefully. "Hmm," he said. "This will be an interesting hand to

play. Such unusual distribution — 4-4-2-2."

The imperturbable Reese examined his hand once again. "I do seem to have only 12 cards, don't I?" Reese looked down at the floor and there he saw the missing card — the

ace of hearts!

Of course, had he seen the ace of hearts during the bidding, Reese would have responded much more vigorously to the opening two-notrump bid. Almost surely, he would have landed in six hearts, which could not have been defeated.

As it was, though, Schapiro made five notrump for 660 points, and it looked as though Canada would gain 770 points on the deal by bidding and making six hearts.

True to expectations, the Canadians did bid a slam at the other table. However, they got to six notrump instead of six hearts, and when declarer finished with the same number of tricks as Schapiro, the British team wound up with a 760-point

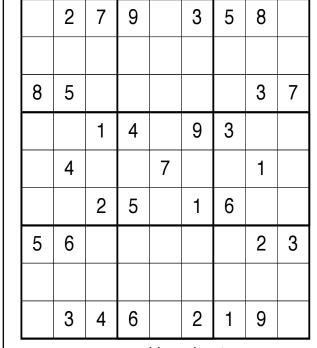
Both declarers could have made six notrump by finessing through East's Q-10 of clubs, but they each chose a different line of play and wound up with only 11 tricks.

Tomorrow: The rabbit-in-the-hat trick. ©2014 King Features Syndicate Inc.

Sudoku Answer On Page 3

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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.

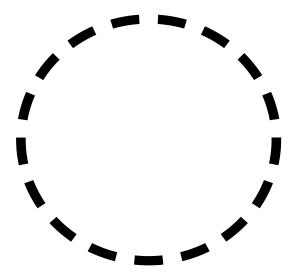


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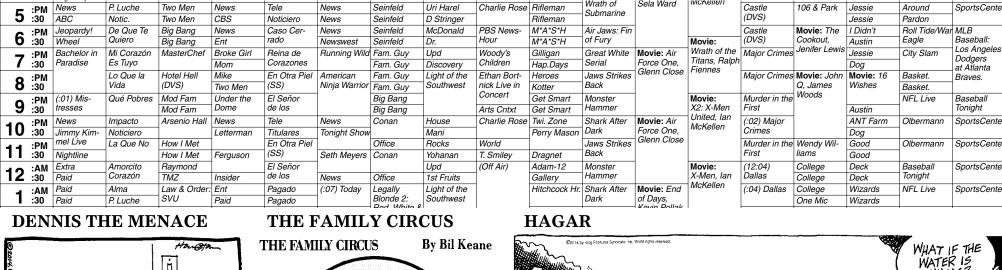
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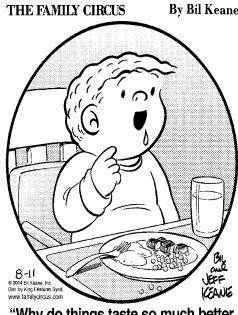


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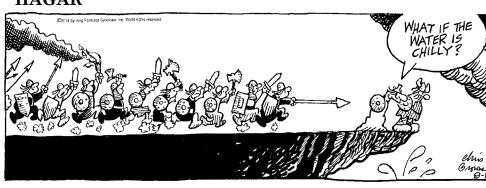
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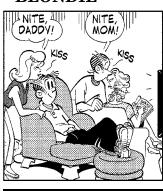
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, August 11, the 223rd day of 2014. There are 142 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On August 11, 1954, a formal peace took hold in Indochina, ending more than seven years of fighting between the

French and Communist Viet Minh. On this date: In 1786, Capt. Francis Light arrived in Penang to claim the Malaysian island for Britain. In 1860, the nation's first successful silver mill began operation near Virginia City, Nevada.

SS Arapahoe became the first ship in North America to issue an S.O.S. distress signal, off North Carolina's Cape Hatteras. In 1934, the first federal prisoners arrived at Alcatraz Island (a former military prison) in San Francisco Bay. In 1942, during World War II, Pierre Laval, prime minister of Vichy France, publicly declared that "the hour of liberation for France is the hour when Germany wins the war." In 1956, abstract painter Jackson Pollock, 44, died in an automobile accident on Long Island, New York. In 1964, the Beatles movie "A Hard Day's

Night" had its U.S. pre-

miere in New York. In 1965, rioting and looting that claimed 34 lives broke out in the predominantly black Watts section of Los Angeles. In 1975, the United States vetoed the proposed admission of North and South Vietnam to the United Nations, following the Security Council's refusal to consider South Korea's application.

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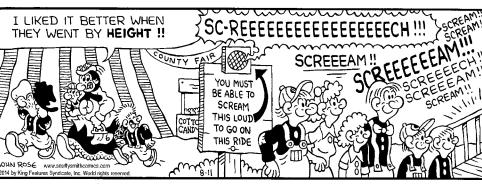




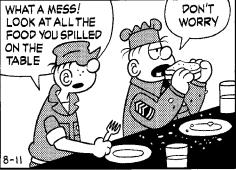




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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Thick slice **5** Competent
- 13 Rabbit relative
- 14 lcy-pellet
- precipitation 15 Atlantic or Pacific
- 17 Takes
- **18** Historical time
- periods
- 20 "Let's try it your
- way!" 23 Poem of praise
- introduced to
- 25 Slogan writer
- material
- 35 "Me, too!"
- MDs

- garbanzo
- mention it . . . "
- 43 Ghost's shout
- 45 Suffix for east
- 48 Pester
- 49 Gorilla or chim **50** Supposedly
- 52 "You don't hav
- **61** Cast member
- 63 Outer boundar

- 65 Group of cattle **66** Burrowing lawn invader
- 9 Fruit-filled pastry 67 Sailors' assents
 - **68** Complete collections
 - 69 Said "Not guilty," perhaps

DOWN

2 Place for

mascara

5 Out in front

8 Otherwise

4 Highest-quality

6 Garbage boats

7 Untruthful one

9 Best-seller list

10 Do great on a

test

case

3 Vicinity

1 Open-and-__

- advantage of
- 19 Sneaks a look
- **24** Was
- 29 Glossy gown
- 32 Word of farewell
- **36** Hospital colleagues of
- 37 Lentil or
- 38 "Now that you
- 42 Midday
- 44 Earlier in time
- or west
- 46 "My apologies
- wise bird
- to do what I sa
- **62** Scrapbook adhesive
- 64 Valuable Scrabble tile

- **BRAINSTORMING** by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com
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- 12 Capture **16** Super-secret
- government org.

- sect
- 25 In unison 26 Charity
- supporter
- 28 Prayer
- conclusion
- 31 Explosive
- 32 Start up
- **34** Contest

- 41 Milky gems 21 Sound-related
- 22 Pennsylvania carriage-driving
- 27 Brick worker
- 30 Enthusiasm
- initials
- **33** Google rival

- submission
- 37 Overcook on the grill

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39 Woodwind

- 46 Electrical flashes 47 "Cultured" dairy
- product 49 Make amends
- (for) 51 Plants pulled
- from gardens
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Stewart crash probe focuses on lighting, track

CANANDAIGUA, N.Y. (AP) The collision was as common as any in racing. Kevin Ward Jr.'s car spun twice like a top, wheels hugging the wall, before it plopped backward on the dimly lit dirt

In a sport steeped with bravado, what happened next was another familiar, but treacherous, move: Wearing a black firesuit and black helmet, the 20-year-old Ward unbuckled himself, climbed out of the winged car into the night and defiantly walked onto the track at Canandaigua Motorsports Park.

He gestured, making his disgust evident with the driver who triggered the wreck with a bump: three-time NASCAR champion Tony Stewart.

Ward, a relative unknown compared to NASCAR's noted swashbuckler, was nearly hit by another passing car as he pointed with his right arm in Stewart's direction. As he

confronted Stewart in his passing car, disaster struck.

Ward was standing to the right of Stewart's familiar No. 14 car, which seemed to fishtail from the rear and hit him. According to video and witness accounts, Ward's body was sucked underneath the car and hurtled through the air before landing on his back as fans looked on in hor-

Ward was killed. Stewart, considered one of the most proficient drivers in racing, dropped out of Sunday's NA-SCAR race at Watkins Glen, hours after Saturday's crash. And the sport was left reeling from a tragedy that could have ripple effects from the biggest stock car series down to weeknight dirt track racing.

"There aren't words to describe the sadness I feel about the accident that took the life of Kevin Ward Jr.," Stewart said in a statement.

Authorities questioned the

43-year-old Stewart once on Saturday night and went to Watkins Glen to talk to him again Sunday. They described him as "visibly shaken" after the crash and said he was cooperative.

On Sunday, Ontario County Sheriff Philip Povero said that investigators also don't have any evidence at this point in the investigation to support criminal intent. But he also said that criminal charges have not been ruled out.

The crash raised several questions: Will Ward's death cause drivers to think twice about on-track confrontations? Did Stewart try and send his own message by buzzing Ward, the young driver, only to have his risky move turn fatal? Or did Ward simply take his life into his own hands by stepping into traffic in a black firesuit on a dark track?

The only one who may have that answer is Stewart.

David S. Weinsten, a former state and federal prosecutor in Miami who is now in private practice, said it would be difficult to prove criminal

"I think even with the video, it's going to be tough to prove that this was more than just an accident and that it was even culpable negligence, which he should've known or should've believed that by getting close to this guy, that it was going to cause the accident," he said.

The sheriff renewed a plea for spectators to turn over photos and videos of the crash. Investigators were reconstructing the accident and looking into everything from the dim lighting on a portion of the track to how muddy it was, as well as if Ward's dark firesuit played a role in his death, given the conditions.

Female pitching star leads team to LLWS

BRISTOL, Conn. (AP) -Female pitcher Mo'Ne Davis led her team into the Little League World Series, throwing a three-hitter Sunday to lead Taney Youth Baseball Association Little League of Philadelphia to an 8-0 victory

over a squad from Delaware. Mo'Ne struck out six in the

six-inning game in the Mid-Atlantic Regional championship game.

The 13-year-old will become only the 17th girl to play in the Little League World Series in

68 years. It starts Thursday in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

It was her second win over Delaware-Newark National Little League in the regional. She struck out 10 in the previous victory.

Scoreboard

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San Diego	54	62	.466	11½
Arizona	51	67	.432	15½

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Midland 23 27 .460 San Antonio Corpus Christi 21 29 .420 x-clinched first half Sunday's Games Springfield 9. Midland 1

Northwest Arkansas 5, San Antonio 1 Frisco 9, Tulsa 2 Arkansas 8, Corpus Christi 3 Monday's Games

No games scheduled Tuesday's Games Midland at Tulsa, 8:05 p.m. Arkansas at San Antonio, 8:05

Frisco at Springfield, 8:10 Northwest Arkansas at Corpus Christi, 8:10 p.m.

FOOTBALL National Football League Preseason **American Conference East Division** W L .Pct PF PA

N.Y. Jets	- 1	U	1.000	13	10
Buffalo	1	1	.500	33	35
Miami	0	1	.000	10	16
New England	0	1	.000	6	23
	Sc	outh			
	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	1	0	1.000	16	10

Jacksonville		U	1.000	10	10
Tennessee	1	0	1.000	20	16
Houston	0	1	.000	0	32
Indianapolis	0	1	.000	10	13
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	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Raltimore	1	Ω	1 000	23	3

	w	L	Pct	PF	PA
	W	est			
Pittsburgh	0	1	.000	16	20
Cleveland	0	1	.000	12	13
Cincinnati	0	1	.000	39	41
Baltimore	1	0	1.000	23	3

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Denver	1	0	1.000 21	16
Kansas City	1	0	1.000 41	39
San Diego	1	0	1.000 27	7
Oakland	0	1	.000 6	10
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	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	2	0	1.000	37	29
Washington	1	0	1.000	23	6
Dallas	0	1	.000	7	27

Washington	1	0	1.000	23	6
Dallas	0	1	.000	7	27
Philadelphia	0	1	.000	28	34
	So	uth	1		
	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	1	0	1.000	16	10

New Orleans 1 0 1.000 26 24 .000 18 20 Carolina 0 Tampa Bay 0 .000 10 16

North W L Pct PF PA 1.000 34 28 Chicago 0 Detroit 1.000 13 12 Minnesota 0 1.000 10 Green Bay .000 16 20 West

W L Pct PF PA Arizona 1.000 32 0 San Fran. .000 3 .000 16 21 .000 24 26 St. Louis Saturday's Games Detroit 13, Cleveland 12

N.Y. Giants 20, Pittsburgh 16 Tennessee 20, Green Bay 16 Arizona 32 Houston 0 Thursday, Aug. 14 Jacksonville at Chicago, 8

Friday, Aug. 15 Philadelphia at New England, Tennessee at New Orleans,

San Diego at Seattle, 10 p.m. Detroit at Oakland, 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16 Green Bay at St. Louis, 4

Baltimore at Dallas, 7 p.m. Giants at Indianapolis, 7 p.m. N.Y. Jets at Cincinnati, 7 p.m. Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 7:30

Miami at Tampa, 7:30 p.m.

Arena Football League Playoff Schedule **Conference Championships** Aug. 10

American Conference Cleveland 56, Orlando 46 **National Conference** Arizona 72, San Jose 56 ArenaBowl At Orlando, Fla. Saturday, Aug. 23 Cleveland vs. Arizona. 8 p.m.

Canadian Football League **East Division** W L Pts PF PA

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Toronto	2	4	4	141 154
Hamilton	1	5	2	129 155
Montreal	1	5	2	98 177
Ottawa	1	5	2	111 189
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Calgary	5	1	10	161 94
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4 3 8 163 145 B.C. Saturday's Game Calgary 38, Ottawa 17 Tuesday, Aug. 12 Winnipeg at Toronto, 7:30

p.m. Friday, Aug. 15 Edmonton at Ottawa, 7:30

Saturday, Aug. 16 Calgary at Hamilton, 3 p.m. Montreal at Saskatchewan, 7

Sunday, Aug. 17 B.C. at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS American League BOSTON RED SOX

Optioned RHP Heath Hembree to Pawtucket (IL). Recalled LHP Edwin Escobar from Pawtucket. CLEVELAND INDIANS Placed OF David Murphy and DH/1B Nick Swisher on the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Tyler Holt and INF/OF Zach Walters

from Columbus (IL). **DETROIT TIGERS** — Placed RHPs Joakim Soria and Anibal

Sanchez on the 15-day DL; Sanchez retroactive to Saturday. LOS ANGELES ANGELS -

Optioned INF C.J. Cron and RHP Cam Bedrosian to Salt Lake (PCL). Transferred LHP Tyler Skaggs to the 60-day DL. Selected the contract of RHP Caleb Clay from Salt Lake. Recalled RHP Vinnie Pestano from Salt Lake. MINNESOTA **TWINS**

Traded RHP Kevin Correia to the L.A. Dodgers for a player to be named. OAKLAND **ATHLETICS**

Sent 1B Kyle Blanks to Sacramento (PCL) for a rehab assignment. **MARINERS** SEATTLE Optioned LHP Lucas Luetge to Tacoma (PCL). Recalled RHP

Erasmo Ramirez from Tacoma. TAMPA BAY RAYS Optioned 2B Tim Beckham to Durham (IL).

TORONTO BLUE JAYS -Sent 1B Adam Lind to Dunedin (FSL) for a rehab assignment. Agreed to terms with C George Kottaras on a minor league contract. Selected LHP Brad Mills from Buffalo (IL). Optioned 2B Ryan Goins to Buffalo.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS - Assigned 3B Andy Marte outright to Reno (PCL). Agreed to terms with RHP Gabriel Perez on a minor league contract. CHICAGO CUBS — Optioned

HP Chris Rusin to Iowa (PCL). Assigned OF Ryan Kalish outright to Iowa. Placed RHP Brian Schlitter on the 15-day DL. Reinstated RHP Neil Ramirez from the 15-day DL.

COLORADO ROCKIES Placed OF Carlos Gonzalez on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Saturday. Assigned OF Jason Pridie outright to Colorado Springs (PCL). Recalled INF Ben Paulsen from Colorado Springs. LOS ANGELES DODGERS

- Placed SS Hanley Ramirez on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Saturday. Designated LHP Colt Hynes for assignment. Recalled INF Darwin Barney

MILWAUKEE BREWERS

Sent LHP Wei-Chung Wang to

from Albuquerque (PCL).

Wisconsin (MSL) for a rehab assignment. PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES Claimed RHP Jerome Williams off waivers from Texas. Designated RHP Sean O'Sullivan

Claimed INF Tommy Field off waivers from the L.A. Angels and optioned him to Indianapolis SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS

PITTSBURGH PIRATES

Optioned OF Juan Perez to Fresno (PCL). Recalled INF Adam Duvall from Fresno. WASHINGTON REDSKINS

Placed OF Steven Souza Jr. on the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Michael A. Taylor from Syracuse **FOOTBALL**

National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS — Released CB Michael Carter. Signed CB Sam Miller. CHICAGO BEARS — Signed OL Rob Turner to a one-year

contract. Waived OL Graham MINNESOTA VIKINGS -Named Joe Marciano interim

special teams coordinator. Signed TE Kory Sperry. NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

Released RB Stephen Houston and TEs Justin Jones and Asa Watson. Signed TEs Ben Hartsock, Steve Maneri and Terrence Miller. SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

Placed LB Mike Taylor on the waived-injured list. Signed DB Thomas Wolfe. **COLLEGE**

SIU-EDWARDSVILLE

Announced the resignation of soccer coach Scott Donnelly, to become Northeast region technical advisor for the U.S. Soccer Federation.

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