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Emergency crews responded to a two-vehicle wreck this morning on Gregg Street. No injuries were reported. Details about the wreck were not available at press time.

City budget hearing Thursday; to pass along 6-cent water hike

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

City residents will get a chance to sound off on the proposed budget and tax rate for FY 2015 when the Big Spring City Council meets at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in council chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth.

City leaders have proposed a budget featuring a tax rate of 86.5043 cents per \$100 property valuation, which is the same rate as the expiring budget. Because of a huge jump in property valuations, however, the rate is projected to bring in \$826,000 more in revenue than it did last year.

City Finance Director Donald Moore estimated that owners of an average-priced

home in Big Spring will pay \$38 more in city taxes this coming fiscal year.

Under the proposed budget, City Manager Todd Darden said the city will be able to tackle several big-ticket projects, including:

- 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 ho-

tel tax fund).

- Almost \$1 million for new T-hangers at the airport (part of the money for that project will come from state grants) and \$200,000 to acquire land and/or easements for airport access to the U.S. 87 reliever route.
- More than \$400,000 in water treatment and wastewater treatment upgrades.
- More than \$3 million to cover costs related to the last cell at the city landfill and \$700,000 to begin permitting and geological work at the new landfill site (Howard County is contributing funds to these projects).

In an effort to fend off employee defection to the

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Short board meeting for BSISD

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Trustees with the Big Spring Independent School District will meet Thursday in what should be a fairly quick session to take care of some in-house items before heading into board training.

One of the items expected to be discussed is the district's improvement plan.

Officials held at least two public forums on the plan to improve academics with the district last year. A version of the plan can be found on the BSISD website.

Trustees will meet at 5:15 p.m. in the high school board room, 707 11th Place. Board training is expected to commence at 6:30 p.m.

Also on the agenda, trustees will consider:

- Financial matters.
- Approval of changes to the catastrophic sick leave bank handbook.
- Approval of expedited teacher data portal of Texas Assessment System waiver.
- Personnel issues.

- Enrollment update.

Contact *Lyndel Moody* at citydesk@bigspringherald.com or 263-7331, ext. 234.

Dine Out Days under way to help United Way effort

Special to the Herald

Good food and a great cause. What better way to show your support?

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County has kicked off the 2015 campaign and is diving right in to the

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9/11 ceremony set Thursday to honor fallen

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

A ceremony to honor and remember those who lost their lives during the terroristic attacks on the United States Sept. 11, 2001, and for those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country in the fight against terror, will be held this week.

A 9/11 Memorial at the Spring Town Plaza will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday inside the mall by the yellow ribbon display near Sears. Last year, the annual event drew more than 400 people to the service, which is presented by the Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 47 and the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department.



Khris Poole of Odessa, a U.S. Marine who served several tours in the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts, will be the guest speaker. Mike Meinen, a U.S. veteran who served in Iraq, will serve as the master of ceremonies. Also participating are the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department honor guard and Rick Cunningham, Dean Thomas, Ed Meiser, Albert Cavazos, April Rankin, Steve Purdy and Bill Adams. The Tributary Singers will provide music. Mike Tarpley, U.S. Army veteran, will end the event by playing TAPS.

The event honors all Americans who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001, at the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon and United Airlines Flight 93 and community members who gave their lives in the resulting war on terror for their country. They are Steven Evard, civilian contractor who also served as a Big Spring Police Department (1971-2007); PFC Clayton Hensen, U.S. Army (1983-2004); PFC Kristian Menchaca,

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Be cautious of bats, police say; single rabid mammal found

Herald Staff Report

Big Spring Animal Control captured a rabid bat last week and is urging the public to be cautious around the mammals.

"The bat was sent for testing and tests confirmed it was infected with rabies," said Big Spring Police Department Public Relations Director Sgt. Tony Everett. "Other bats have been captured and sent for testing and the bats

were confirmed negative for rabies."

Everett stressed that bats play an important role by eliminating insects. Although myths exist that suggest bats are aggressive toward humans, it's only a myth, the officer said.

"If you observe a bat flying around during the evening hours, this is probably a sign that the bat is hunting for insects and is a healthy bat. Sick bats are most commonly found during the daytime hours in open areas and may not be able to fly," he said.

Everett said that anyone who encounters a bat close enough to be touched should stay away. Instead, he added they should contact the Animal Control Division or the police department immediately.

"At this time, only one bat has been found to be carrying the disease and this appears to be an isolated

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Obituaries

Arlene Hartin



Arlene Hartin, 77, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial following at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Officiating will be Randy Cotton, Joey Bacon and Derek Looney.

Arlene was born April 24, 1937, in Big Spring to Rudie and Emmett Hartin. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She was a lifetime member of Trinity Baptist Church and loved singing in the choir. She loved Southern gospel music. She worked for Cosden and later for Fina for 47

years. She is survived by two brothers, Viron Hartin and Del Hartin, both of Big Spring; one sister, Wanda Porter Archer of Big Spring; one niece, Linda McKinney of Pineville, La.; and two nephews, Mark Northcutt of The Colony and Marty Northcutt of Irving.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Weldon Hartin and Elton Hartin; and one sister, Violet Northcutt.

Those serving as pallbearers will be Scott Burt, Jerrod Beall, Dwight Perkins, Dickie Murphy, Ricky Adams and Gene Piercefield. Those chosen as honorary pallbearers are John Kennedy, Harold Raney, David Roman and Phillip Elliott.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Please pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Rae Nell Best

Rae Nell Best, 85, of Coahoma, died Monday Sept. 8, 2014, at her daughter's home in Grape Creek, Texas. The family will receive friends Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 12, 2014, at Coahoma Cemetery followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring.

Rae Nell was born April 8, 1929, in Otis Chalk, Texas to Doris and Alvin "A.C." Hale. She married Valcus "Bill" Best in 1949. She was an active member and elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma. Rae Nell worked for the Coahoma Independent School District for more than 20 years. Rae Nell was active throughout the community as

a member of several organizations, including Presbyterian Women's Work, Busy Bee Club, Breakfast Club, YMCA Friends and Big Spring Symphony.

She is survived by three sons, Alvin Best and wife Linda, Jo Best and wife Diana and John Best and wife Holly, all of Coahoma; one daughter, Valrae Sides and husband Ralph of Sterling City; nine grandsons; one granddaughter; 14 great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents, A.C. and Doris Hale; her husband, Valcus E. "Bill" Best; one sister, Jo Dell Callahan; brother in law, Jerry Callahan; one grandson; and her granddaughter-in-law.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Please pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Tommie Freeman

Tommie Freeman, 59, of Big Spring died Tuesday Sept. 9, 2014, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel.

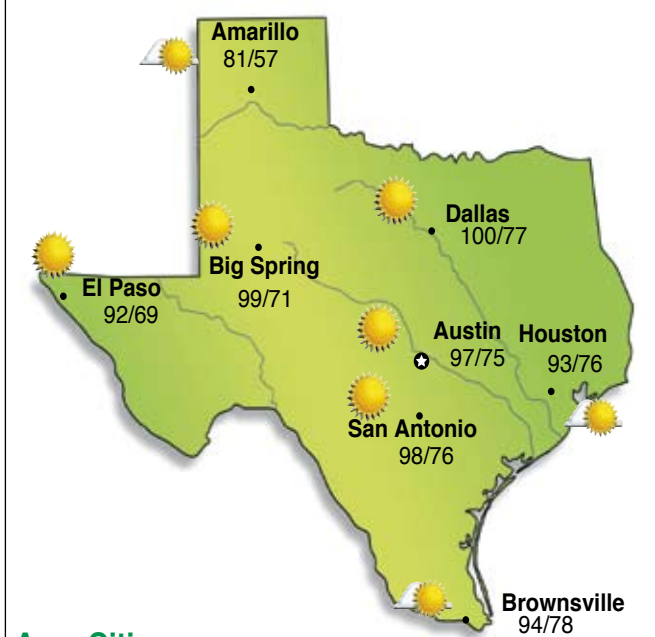
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

| Thu 9/11 | Fri 9/12 | Sat 9/13 | Sun 9/14 | Mon 9/15 |
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| | | | | |
| 99/71 | 83/70 | 80/54 | 69/60 | 78/64 |
| Sunny. High 99F. Winds SW at 10 to 20 mph. | Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 70s. | A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s. | Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 60s. | Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 60s. |
| Sunrise: 7:26 AM Sunset: 7:58 PM | Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 7:57 PM | Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 7:55 PM | Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 7:54 PM | Sunrise: 7:29 AM Sunset: 7:53 PM |



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|----------------|-----|----|-----------|-----------------|-----|----|-----------|
| Abiene | 101 | 71 | windy | Kingsville | 96 | 76 | mst sunny |
| Amarillo | 81 | 57 | mst sunny | Livingston | 93 | 75 | mst sunny |
| Austin | 97 | 75 | sunny | Longview | 96 | 75 | sunny |
| Beaumont | 91 | 74 | pt sunny | Lubbock | 92 | 64 | mst sunny |
| Brownsville | 94 | 78 | mst sunny | Lufkin | 96 | 76 | sunny |
| Brownwood | 102 | 74 | sunny | Midland | 99 | 71 | sunny |
| Corpus Christi | 91 | 80 | pt sunny | Raymondville | 96 | 78 | mst sunny |
| Corsicana | 99 | 76 | sunny | Rosenberg | 93 | 76 | mst sunny |
| Dallas | 100 | 77 | sunny | San Antonio | 98 | 76 | sunny |
| Del Rio | 101 | 79 | sunny | San Marcos | 99 | 75 | sunny |
| El Paso | 92 | 69 | sunny | Sulphur Springs | 97 | 76 | sunny |
| Fort Stockton | 96 | 74 | mst sunny | Sweetwater | 100 | 71 | sunny |
| Gainesville | 99 | 70 | pt sunny | Tyler | 97 | 76 | sunny |
| Greenville | 97 | 75 | sunny | Weatherford | 99 | 74 | sunny |
| Houston | 93 | 76 | mst sunny | Wichita Falls | 104 | 68 | pt sunny |

National Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|-------------|-----|----|-----------|----------------|----|----|----------|
| Atlanta | 87 | 70 | pt sunny | Minneapolis | 55 | 42 | cloudy |
| Boston | 71 | 62 | pt sunny | New York | 78 | 69 | pt sunny |
| Chicago | 79 | 53 | t-storm | Phoenix | 91 | 72 | sunny |
| Dallas | 100 | 77 | sunny | San Francisco | 71 | 58 | pt sunny |
| Denver | 72 | 49 | t-storm | Seattle | 71 | 54 | pt sunny |
| Houston | 93 | 76 | mst sunny | St. Louis | 90 | 58 | t-storm |
| Los Angeles | 86 | 67 | pt sunny | Washington, DC | 84 | 71 | pt sunny |
| Miami | 86 | 78 | t-storm | | | | |

Moon Phases



Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today:

- RHETT D. DEMON, 43, of 1006 E. 12th St., was arrested on a warrant for prohibited weapons-knuckles.
- LUCIE BELLE VOGEL, 49, of 800 Pine St., was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.
- AMY MELISSA VIGUS, 42, of 211 Grant Avenue, was arrested on a warrant for possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.
- WILLIAM THOMAS SMITH, 42, of 510 Scott Drive, was arrested on charges of expired motor vehicle inspection certificate and theft, more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000 from buildings.
- ANISSA RENE HERNANDEZ, 20, of 1905 Wasson Road 28, was arrested on a warrant for false alarm or report.
- CONNIS KNORRING, 18, of 214 Indian Creek Road, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief, more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- JAMES LEE MILLER, 19, of 1204 S. Benton, was arrested Tuesday on charges of evading arrest/detention and resist arrest, search or transport.
- GARY DON GOODMAN, 19, OF 1604 Benton, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of burglary of a building.
- DENNIS MICHAEL RICHARDSON II, 30, of 1604 S. Benton, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of burglary of a building.
- BENJAMIN NEAL-LEE HARBERT, 27, of 1610 E. 15th St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.
- PABLO RICARDO PEREZ-PRIETO, 35, unknown address, Chihuahua, Mexico, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.
- JIMMY H. OLIVARES, 50, of 1302 Madison, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the 1200 block of Benton.
- THEFT was reported at the 300 block of S. Owens, the 400 block of S. Birdwell, the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- MAJOR ACCIDENT reported at the intersection of S. Service

- MINOR ACCIDENT reported at the 1500 block of S. Lancaster.
- FORGERY was reported at the 400 block of S. Runnels.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported at the 1000 block of Main.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 2700 block of North Birdwell.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 2500 block of S. Gregg.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1900 block of Donley St. and the 600 block of Linda Lane.
- THEFT was reported in the 1600 block of S. Gregg St. and in the 1500 block of 4th St. and the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- HARASSMENT reported at the 1900 block of Wasson and the 600 block of Caylor.
- SUICIDAL SUBJECT reported at the 1300 block of Madison.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 800 block of Runnels St.
- DISTURBANCE was reported in the 700 block of Borden Road.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today:

Note: Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 85 at the time of this report.

- RHETT DAYLON DEDMON, 43, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for motion to revoke probation — prohibited weapon, switchblade/knuckles.
- LUCIE BELLE VOGEL, 49, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.
- AMY MELISSA VIGUS, 42, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for motion to revoke probation, possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.
- ANISSA RENE HERNANDEZ, 20, was booked by the HCSO on warrant for motion to revoke probation, false alarm or report.
- WILLIAM THOMAS SMITH, 42, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate and on a charge of theft of property, more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000.
- JAMES LEE MILLER, 19, was booked by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest, detention and resisting arrest, search or transport.

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- CONNIS RAY KNORRING, 18 was booked by the HCSO on a charge of criminal mischief, more than \$50 but less than \$500
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- DENNIS MICHAEL RICHARDSON was booked by BSPD on a charge of burglary of a building.
- BENJAMIN NEAL-LEE HERBERT was booked by BSPD on charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.
- JIMMY OLIVARES was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- PABLO RICARDO PEREZ-PRIETO was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- DELLA AUGUSTA APPLEWHITE was booked by HCSO on a charge of assault of date/family/household member with a weapon.
- MELISSA VALLES WILTSIE was booked by HCSO on a warrant forgery of a financial instrument.

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

- Monday
 - MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC).
 - STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 900 block of E. Second St. Fire was extinguished.
- Tuesday:
 - A FIRE ALARM was reported in the area of Muir and Hearn streets. Alarm was a false call.
 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT reported at the intersection of Interstate Highway 20 and Highway 87. No transport
 - MEDICAL call reported at the 700 block of E. 17th St. One patient transported to SMMC.
 - MEDICAL call reported at the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One patient transported to SMMC.
 - MEDICAL/TRAUMA call reported at the 1700 block of Lancaster. No transport.
 - GRASS FIRE reported at mile marker 176 on Interstate Highway 20. Extinguished.

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Take Note

Howard County 4-H will have a kick off event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 at the G.C. Broughton Ag Complex on the Howard College campus.

There will be food, fun and games. Come see what we are all about. Any questions, call 432-264-2236.

Red Mesa Grill is the site for this week's United Way Dine Out Days event. Each restaurant which participates in Dine Out Days makes a contribution to the United Way.

Signal Mountain Quilters and Crafters Guild will give away an all inclusive cancer quilt on Oct. 28 at 1 p.m. The quilt measures 9

feet, 7 inches long and 9 feet, 5 inches wide. The event will be hosted by the Heritage Museum and tickets are \$1. All proceeds from tickets sold will go to "Gift of Hope." The quilt will be on display at the Big Spring Senior Center from Aug. 26-29 and at the museum Oct. 1-28.

Cancer squares are being accepted to make into comfort/lap quilts, quilts you make, crochet and knitted afghans. The blankets and quilts will be placed under the Guild Christmas Tree at the Heritage Museum during the Tree of Lights. The quilts and afghans will be donated to the chemotherapy patients at the Allison Cancer Center. For more information, call

Jeanne at 556-6403.

The Howard County Republican Club will meet at noon Monday in the Cactus Room of Howard College's student union building. For more information, contact Bo Fryar at 270-8513.

Are you just surviving? We can help you go from surviving to living. Spring of Siloam Christian Women's Job Corps at 1208 Frasier in Big Spring wants to help you go from surviving to living. We offer free job skills classes, free Bible study classes, free life skills classes. Our next session is Sept. 15 through Dec. 12. We are accepting applications now. For more informa-

tion, call 432-517-4627.

Spring Town Plaza will be the home of a pink recycling bin starting Thursday. American Recyclers take pride in assisting the community by donating to non-profit charities. The charity for Big Spring is Susan G. Komen — hence the pink bins.

The Howard County Fair Quilt is on display at Prosperity Bank. Tickets are available for \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Tickets can be purchased at Compass Bank, Prosperity Bank and Wells Fargo Bank. The Howard County Fair will be taking entries on Wednesday, Sept. 24, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Howard County Fair

Barn. Entries include agriculture products, art and photography, baked goods, canned goods and creative arts.

The Howard County Association board invites all elementary school children, pre-kindergarten through fifth grade to attend the Howard County Fair without charge Thursday, Sept. 25 and Friday, Sept. 26, between the hours of 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. These hours are available only for this age-level student and are not during the regular hours of the fair. To schedule a time for your class to visit, contact Gale Pittman or Sandy Stewart at 432-267-5201, 432-935-1604 or uway@bigspringtx.com.

Friends of the Library of Howard County requests donations of books in good condition for the book sale to be held Oct. 17-19. If you have books you wish to donate to this worthwhile cause, take them to the Howard County Library, Monday through Friday during regular library hours. Please, no National Geographic magazines, other magazines, or condensed books.

The Cross Roads Young Marines are 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.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

"A Journey to a New Normal," a grief support network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.

RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new 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, across from the movie box office, next to Sears). Open meeting at 7 p.m.

The Young and the

Breastless of Big Spring meets every first Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at Brooklyn's Deli in the Spring Town Plaza. This is a support group for breast cancer survivors.

FRIDAY

7 p.m. — The Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears).

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

Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

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U.S. Army (1983-2006); PFC Chad Metcalf, U.S. Marine Corp. (1982-2003); SPC Robert J. Volker, U.S. Army (1985-2007); Staff Sgt. Clinton Newman, U.S. Army, (1979-2006); Cpt. Ellery Ray Wallace, U.S. Army (1977-2010); SPC Branden Long, U.S. Army (1987-2007); and Sgt. Conrad Alvarez, U.S. Army (1986-2008).

For more information, contact Mke Tarpley at 432-556-2227.

Contact Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234.

DINE OUT

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annual Dine Out Days.

This year there will be more than 10 local restaurants featured during the 12-week campaign. Several of the usual contributors are back again and a few new restaurants have chosen to take part.

"Our annual Dine Out Days is a fun way to get the entire community involved in the campaign. Not only does it promote the local businesses and helps keep money in our community, but it gives community members an opportunity to

show their support for our local chapter of the United Way and local restaurants," Amanda Duforat, United Way board member, said.

Each Sunday, the featured restaurant will be announced and a banner will be placed outside the participating location. At the end of the week, the restaurant makes a contribution to the United Way campaign.

"We have been hosting Dine Out Days for the past few years now and the success of it seems to keep growing. This allows all members of the community to contribute to the support provided to our 17 agencies. The important thing to re-

member about the United Way campaign is that every donation counts; whether it's \$1 or \$1,000, it all goes toward making a difference in someone's life," Duforat said.

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County supports 17 local agencies. Each agency contributes to the community in their own way, but several of them also work together when it comes to providing all the services that local families need.

"If we stop and think about it, almost everyone in this community has been affected in some way or had some sort of contact with each of these

agencies and the support that they provide," Duforat said.

To find out more about the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, contact Executive Director Sandy Stewart at 432-267-5201.

Dine out Day Schedule
Sept. 7-13 Red Mesa
Sept. 14-20 Hotel Settles
Sept. 21-27 KC Steakhouse
Sept. 28- Oct. 4 Cowboys
Oct. 5-11 Papa Chons
Oct. 12 - 18 Tacos Locos
Oct. 19-25
Oct. 26- Nov. 1
Nov. 2-8 Country Club
Nov. 9-15 Yellow Rose Café
Nov. 16-21

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oilfield and other private businesses, Darden and staff are proposing a 2 percent across-the-board pay increase for all employees, as well as "equity adjustments" that would increase certain employees' pay from between 1 percent and 5 percent.

Following the public hearings, the council will consider adoption of the budget and tax rate for the coming fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1.

In other business Thursday, council will consider:

- A 6 percent increase in water rates for residential and commercial customers. This is a "pass-on" increase

caused by a similar hike in the city's water bill from Colorado River Municipal Water District.

- Approval of an airport maintenance grant program from the Texas Department of Transportation.

- Approval of a non-emergency ambulance permit for Allegiance Ambulance.

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SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE

THE CITY OF COAHOMA WILL HOLD A MEETING AT CITY HALL ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M. at 122 N. 1st, Coahoma, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2014 tax year. The proposed tax rate is 0.420000 per \$100 of value (same tax rate as 2013). The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in City of Coahoma by 27.29%.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments
Special Election November 4, 2014

Proposition Number 1 (SJR 1)

SJR 1 would authorize the transfer of certain money from the general revenue fund to the state highway fund and the economic stabilization fund. Money transferred to the state highway fund may be used solely for the construction, maintenance and acquisition of rights-of-way for public roadways.

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Security vs. personal rights

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Tomorrow is the anniversary of one of America's darkest days and, even though it has been 13 years, pain and anger still lingers when we remember what happened to almost 3,000 people, a number which (apart from the 18 hijackers) were innocent and undeserving victims of a horrendous, senseless terrorist attack. It signaled a new day for us in so many ways. It guaranteed there would never be another “Ozzy and Harriet” or “Leave it to Beaver” America. Innocence and naiveté about our personal security evaporated from the hearts of Americans in a matter of hours.

Like all of you, I remember vividly where I was, who I was with, and what I was doing when I heard that planes had crashed into the Pentagon and the World Trade Towers. And, like most of you, I was scared and shaken because there was no way to even remotely understand the impact the events of that fateful day would render to us living in the greatest nation on earth. We just knew it was the worst thing we had ever encountered here on our home soil and it was frightening.

Yet, as our illustrious history had proven many times before, we Americans know how to “come back from a setback” so everyone was optimistic even in their moments of fear and insecurity. But the events of September 11, 2001 would prove to be the greatest challenge of all for us because it was a direct and deliberate attack on our homeland and that was something new. Everything was about to change. The ways our very lifestyle was drastically altered on that day are innumerable. Very little of life as we know it in America would ever be the same as it was pre-9/11.

Airline travel used to be pleasant enough, even fun sometimes. Now travelers have to build in time for security lines and be prepared for a pat-down. It's almost enough to make people swear off flying. Indeed, some have. If you do fly, or basically travel at all, there is now a policy of “Hands off that unattended package, bag, suitcase, container, etc.” Time was when abandoned packages might have invited a care-free

inspection of the item to identify its owner. Not anymore. The assumption now is that the package means trouble and danger, so in the ominous-sounding language first used by the New York MTA, “If you see something, say something.”

Even though we all hope and pray there will never be another day to even resemble that infamous day, since 9/11 families and companies have realized the critical need for planning in case of an emergency. Many people have heeded the advice of emergency preparedness professionals and developed a family disaster response plan. The idea is now very popular that such plans would come in handy for any catastrophe, manmade or otherwise.

Perhaps the thing that irritates, or even angers, most Americans the most is the way our personal lives have been invaded by government agencies and watchdogs. Start with the controversial USA Patriot Act of 2001, which made it significantly easier for law enforcement agencies to search, among other things, medical, telephone and financial records. Even library records are fair game in pursuit of a terrorist threat, so our “right to privacy” extends beyond our front doors less than it used to.

The revelations that the Obama administration secretly collected phone records and accessed the internet activity of millions of Americans have raised new questions about the public's willingness to sacrifice civil liberties in the interests of national security. Since 9/11, Americans generally have valued protection from terrorism over civil liberties, yet they also have expressed concerns over government overreach and intrusions on their privacy.

Since shortly after 9/11, Pew Research has asked whether people's greater concern is that anti-terror policies will go too far in restricting civil liberties, or that they won't go far enough in adequately protecting the country. The balance of opinion has consistently favored protection. In 2010, 47 percent said they were more concerned that government policies “have not gone far enough to adequately protect the country,” while 32 percent said they were more concerned that “they have gone too far in restricting the average person's civil liberties.”

Albeit, the public has never liked the idea of the government

monitoring their personal phone calls or emails. In the 9/11 anniversary survey in 2011, just 29 percent favored “the U.S. government monitoring personal telephone calls and emails” in order to curb terrorism. It drew less support than the other anti-terror tactics asked about in the survey. In that poll conducted in 2011, shortly before the 10th anniversary of 9/11, 40 percent said that “in order to curb terrorism in this country it will be necessary for the average person to give up some civil liberties,” while 54 percent said it would not. A decade earlier, in the aftermath of 9/11 and before the passage of the Patriot Act, opinion was nearly the reverse (55 percent necessary, 35 percent not necessary). According to a Fox News poll in 2013, when asked “Would you be willing to give up some of your personal freedom in order to reduce the threat of terrorism?” for the first time since before 9/11, more said they would not (45 percent) as compared with those who said they would (43 percent).

The debate will linger for a long time, I'm sure. But we must never lose sight of the things we have learned and the things we must do to protect our country from future attacks. We must pray for America, her leaders, and her citizens. We were all affected financially, emotionally, and psychologically, but anger and fear aren't the only lingering repercussions of the September 11 attacks. According to figures from three New York City 9/11 health programs, at least 10,000 police officers, firefighters and civilians directly exposed to the World Trade Center attacks have been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder. More than ten years later these people are still having trouble sleeping and concentrating, among other symptoms.

America has a lot of room for improvement, but as we reflect upon the events of a horrible 13 year old nightmare, let's pray not only for protection, but for healing and restoration for the thousands who suffered in a way that we average Americans did not.

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

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Help us, oh Lord, to make the most of each day.

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Obama: Deja vu on didn't do

President Barack Obama has moved from being disingenuous on immigration to downright undecipherable. Earlier this year, the administration promised a groundbreaking executive action on immigration before summer's end. Over the weekend, aides announced that the big new change essentially won't happen until after the midterm elections.

What's up? Obama told “Meet the Press” host Chuck Todd on Sunday: “What I'm saying is that I'm going to act because it's the right thing for the country, but it's going to be more sustainable and more effective if the public understands what the facts are on immigration, what we've done on unaccompanied children and why it's necessary.”

What Obama couldn't quite say is that if he further undermines immigration law, the Democrats will lose the Senate. And he couldn't exactly blame Republicans for his decision to not act as promised. Ergo, gobbledygook.

Obamaland was easier to translate when the administration was crowing about how it was going to go beyond do-nothing Republicans on immigration and pass reforms this summer. Leaks suggested that millions of

people might win legal status. Aide Dan Pfeiffer boasted to The Christian Science Monitor that the president would act so boldly that Republicans might try to impeach him.

Of course, it turned out to be a big tease, just like candidate Obama's pledge to pass a big immigration bill during his first year in office. The Democrats controlled Congress and the Oval Office then, and he didn't even try. Presidential inaction kept the issue alive so that Democratic operatives can gin up Latino outrage and turn out the base in an off-election year.

The spin in Washington was that Republicans would lose out by not being part of an immigration shakeup.

This summer, the politics changed as the consequences of nonenforcement came home to roost.

A surge of unaccompanied minors — mostly from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador — hit the border. Many of these children were fleeing for their lives. Many also came from families who saw opportunity.

Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals offered legal status to some immigrants who came here illegally as children. A law signed by President George W. Bush also mandated that children from those nations — Central America's Northern Triangle — be given shelter. If you make something legal, you see more of it.

Hillary Clinton quickly saw the unintended consequences of a law enacted out of the best of intentions. In June, she told CNN, “We have to send a clear message: Just because your child gets across the border, that doesn't mean the child gets to stay. So we don't want to send a message that is contrary to our laws or will encourage more children to make that dangerous journey.”

Because she's a Democrat, Clinton can say such things without fear of being branded a racist. And that gives others permission to think likewise.

Is Obamaland slower to see consequences than Clinton? Or, as I suspect, is Team Obama simply better at teasing the issue? Spokesman Josh Earnest told reporters Monday that Obama is postponing Deferred Action 2.0 because he needs more time to communicate his plans to voters.

To which a frustrated Major Garrett of NBC News responded, “If he wanted to explain it, he could explain it.”

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News in brief

Obama to outline mission to combat Islamic militants, including possible airstrikes in Syria

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an address to the nation, President Barack Obama will outline an expanded military and political effort to combat militants in Syria and Iraq, and urge Congress to quickly give him authority to arm moderate Syrian opposition forces fighting President Bashar Assad.

But administration officials said Obama will press forward with other elements of his plan without formal authorization from lawmakers. That could include wide-ranging airstrikes in Iraq and possibly in Syria. Other elements of Obama's plan, which he was to lay out in a prime-time TV speech Wednesday, included increased support for Iraqi security forces, as well as military and diplomatic commitments from partners in Europe, the Middle East and elsewhere.

After an hourlong discussion with congressional leaders Tuesday, the White House said Obama told lawmakers that he "has the authority he needs to take action" against the Islamic State militants. The White House added that the president still would welcome action from Congress that would "aid the overall effort and demonstrate to the world that the United States is united in defeating the threat."

For Obama, a sustained U.S. intervention in the Middle East is at odds with the vision he had for the region when he ran for president on a pledge to end the war in Iraq, where the role of American fighting forces drew to a close nearly three years ago. The timing of his announcement Wednesday night was all the more striking, scheduled just hours before anniversary commemorations of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Among the president's most urgent priorities will be seeking authorization from Congress to arm more moderate elements of the Syrian opposition fighting Assad. The president asked lawmakers earlier this year for a \$500 million train-and-equip program, but the plan stalled on Capitol Hill.

With expanded mission against Islamic State, U.S. role in Mideast wars will span a generation

Thirteen years after the Sept. 11 terror attacks, this was supposed to be a season of relief, with Iraq managing on its own and most U.S. troops finally ending their combat duty in Afghanistan. Instead, Americans are bracing for another upsurge of military engagement in a region where one war blurs into another. Across the world, a generation has now grown up amid this continuous conflict, and there's no end in sight.

"The Cold War took 45 years," said Elliott Abrams, a longtime diplomat who was top Middle East adviser to President George W. Bush. "It's certainly plausible that this could be the same. ... It's harder to see how this ends."

For now, President Barack Obama seems to have bipartisan support as he prepares to outline his plans Wednesday for expanded operations against militants of the so-called Islamic State who have overrun large swaths of Iraq. His administration has cautioned that the effort could take several years.

Short-term, Obama has public opinion with him; a new Washington Post-ABC News poll found 71 percent of Americans supporting airstrikes against the Islamic State fighters, compared to 45 percent in June. Longer-term, a Pew Research Center-USA Today poll last month suggested that most Americans view the world as becoming more dangerous and expect militant forms of Islam to grow in influence rather than subside.

Police: Father of 5 children expected to be charged in connection with their deaths

CAMDEN, Ala. (AP) — Authorities expect to charge a South Carolina man in connection with the deaths of his five children after he led them to a secluded dirt road in Alabama where their bodies lay wrapped in individual garbage bags.

Timothy Ray Jones Jr. has been charged with child neglect and police expect to lodge additional charges against him, the Lexington County, South

Carolina, Sheriff's Department said in a news release.

Jones, 32, is awaiting extradition to South Carolina from Mississippi, where he has been jailed since his arrest Saturday on a drunken-driving charge, Smith County Sheriff Charlie Crumpton said in a statement.

Wilcox County, Alabama, District Attorney Michael Jackson told The Associated Press that Jones is suspected of killing the children in South Carolina before bringing their bodies to Alabama.

Police have not released details on how the children died. Lexington County Coroner Earl Wells was arranging for the children's bodies to be taken back to South Carolina for autopsies.

New currency for a new country? Scotland faces range of options, risks if it breaks from UK

LONDON (AP) — In for a penny, in for a pound. There'll be no going back if Scotland votes for independence from the United Kingdom on Sept. 18.

Opinion polls showing that may happen have prompted investors to sell off the British pound. If a knockout blow is dealt to Scotland's 307-year union with England, that selling could accelerate as the U.K. plunges into a constitutional crisis.

The fate of the pound, which is also known as sterling and is one of the most tangible links of the union, will be front and center in any separation proceedings, as it has been during the campaign.

At meeting Ferguson officials hoped would heal, speakers express outrage, doubt over reforms

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP) — Elected leaders in the St. Louis suburb where an unarmed black 18-year-old was fatally shot by a white police officer hoped to use their first public meeting since Michael Brown's death as a chance to promote community healing.

Instead, they were greeted Tuesday night with anger, outrage and warnings of voter retribution at the ballot box. Proposals to overhaul the municipal courts and create a citizen police review board were greeted warily, if not with outright skepticism.

"You've lost your authority to govern this community," said St. Louis activist John Chasoff. "You're going to have to step aside peacefully if this community is going to heal."

The shooting last month exposed an undercurrent of racial unrest in Ferguson and other nearby suburbs in mostly black communities of north St. Louis County, and prompted days of sometimes-violent protests.

Ferguson officials have pledged to boost minority hiring in a 53-person police force with just three black officers, and to meet informally in city neighborhoods to promote a public dialogue.

Gaza war is over, but a wave of violence still rocks parts of Jerusalem

JERUSALEM (AP) — While the world's attention was focused on the airstrikes and rockets over Gaza and Israel this summer, a wave of violence hit the streets of Jerusalem — and is still roiling parts of this divided city at the core of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The kidnapping and killing of three Israeli teens by Palestinians in the West Bank, and the apparent revenge killing of a Palestinian youth by Israelis in Jerusalem, sparked a chain of events that led to the 50-day war between Israel and Hamas militants in Gaza.

The same events also stoked violence in the streets of Jerusalem, and the Gaza war fed the turmoil.

Israel's Shin Bet security service said there were seven times more violent Palestinian attacks on Israeli security forces and civilians in Jerusalem in July and August than in the previous two months, documenting about 150 cases, and the Israeli rights group Ir Amim reported a spike in Israeli attacks on Palestinians, with about two dozen such cases.

Compared to the Israel-Gaza fighting, there were few conflict-related deaths and injuries in Jerusalem.

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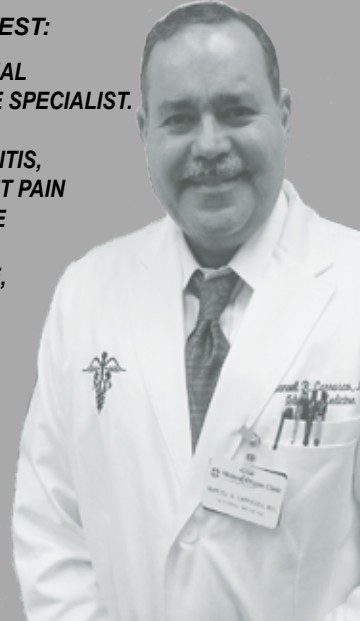
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Here are some books from previous columns that I want to remind you about. Pope Francis has been on a tour of Asia, and his biography, "Francis: Man of Prayer" (B FRA P), written by Mario Escobar is very interesting. Pope Francis faces a church in crisis, as one can see by the evening news. He is currently reforming the Vatican Bank, seeking to end the pedophile scandals that have plagued the Church and seems to be a harbinger of the Catholic spring. Pope Francis is an austere and simple



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man, known for having a simpler and less formal approach to the papacy, most notably by choosing to reside in the Domus Sanctae Marthae guesthouse rather than the papal apartments of the Apostolic Palace formerly used by his predecessors. In addition, he is known for favoring simpler vestments void of ornamentation, by starting to refuse the traditional papal mozzetta cape upon his election, choosing silver instead of gold for his piscatory ring, and keeping the same pectoral cross he had when he was cardinal. He appears to be a beacon of hope for the poor and persecuted sectors of the church.

If you have read Don Piper's book, "90 Minutes in Heaven," here is the other side of the story, that of his wife,

Eva. "A Walk Through the Dark" (B PIPE) is her story.

One day she was an elementary school teacher, the mother of three children and the wife of a strong, protective husband

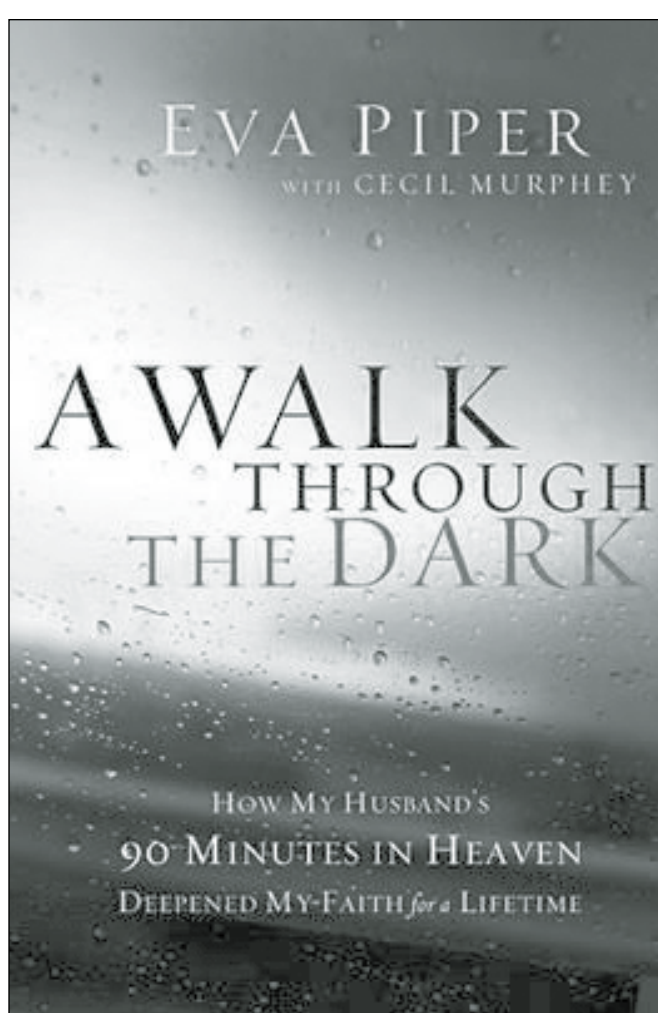
and the next day, she is the wife of a man who can only moan in agony and turn his head away from her. Even though her journey somewhat parallels her husband's, her journey differs greatly.

It is a journey of hospitals, endless insurance forms, tiring commutes from home to work to hospital — time after time after time — endless hours of worry and waiting in the dark — and she hated the dark. Packed with hard-won wisdom of being a caregiver, this book provides you with wisdom of accepting the care of others and accepting the light to walk through the dark waiting room.

Russia has a long history of dynastic rule and the book "Czars: Russia's Rulers for Over One Thousand Years" (B CZAR), by James P. Duffy and Vincent L. Ricci, is a very readable book and offers many insights on the uses (and abuses) of absolute power and how it can corrupt a people and a nation.

During Russia's history, for a long time there had been one constant, the unwavering rule of the czars. Duffy and Ricci trace the long and twisted path of czarist rule in Russia, beginning with the Kievan state in 945 under Varangian Oleg and ending with the murder of Czar Nicholas II and his family in 1918.

This is a neat cookbook with some very tasty sounding recipes:



"America's Favorite Brand Name Light Cooking" (641.533 PUB I) from Publications International. Most of the recipes do not call for exotic ingredients that our local stores do not carry, and if they do, I think you would find it easy enough to find a substitute.

Cheese Tortellini with Tuna, Lasagna Roll-Ups, Quick Refrigerator Sweet Pickles, Brownies, Lemon Raspberry Tiramisu — don't all of those sound like they are low calorie? I get hungry as I look at the recipes and gaze at the photos. I hope it time for lunch.

Joe Nick Patoski has written the history of

"The Dallas Cowboys: The Outrageous History of the Biggest, Loudest, Most Hated, Best Loved Football Team in America" (796.332 PAT J). When Clint Murchison Jr. brought professional football to Dallas, he brought more than a franchise, he brought a religion. Dallas pastors knew that if kickoff was at noon, they had better wrap up services early.

The 'Boys would win Super Bowls and the hearts of millions and enrage the fans of traditional East Coast football powers of New York, Washington and Philadelphia. Joe Nick tells all the stories — drugs, scandals and plenty of tabloid fodder

— it is all here: A vivid portrait of a boisterous, ego-driven owner, (and players) and an irreplaceable team. I just wish they would start winning again.

I am a big fan of Jane Austen. I have read all of her novels again and again with "Pride and Prejudice" being my favorite. "Longbourn" (F BAK J) by Jo Baker takes a look at P&P from a different angle, that of the servants.

Sarah, the housemaid, often thought that if Elizabeth Bennet had the washing of her own petticoats, she'd most likely be a sight more careful with them.

In this irresistibly imagined downstairs answer to "Pride and Prejudice," the servants take center stage. Sarah, the orphaned housemaid, spends her days scrubbing the laundry, polishing the floors and emptying the chamber pots for the Bennet household. But there is just as much romance, heartbreak and intrigue downstairs at Longbourn as there is upstairs.

When a mysterious new footman arrives, the orderly realm of the servants' hall threatens to be completely, perhaps irrevocably, upended. Jo Baker dares to take us beyond the drawing rooms into the often overlooked domain of the stern housekeeper and the starry-eyed kitchen maid, into the gritty daily particulars faced by the lower classes in Regency England during the Napoleonic Wars — and, in doing so, creates a vivid, fascinating, fully realized world that is wholly her own.

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Rockhounds grab 1-0 lead with Game 1 victory

Kent Matthes crushed a three run homer in game one to lead the Midland Rockhounds to a 5-1 win over Tulsa in Game 1 of the Texas League Championship Series. Game 2 will be Thursday in Tulsa.



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Rich Crim

Nate Long pitched eighth brilliant innings, and a former Tulsa Driller had the game-winning swing as the RockHounds captured the opening game of the 2014 Texas League Championship Series.

Kent Matthes launched a three-run home run in the top of the seventh ... breaking a 1-1 tie and backing an outstanding performance from Long, who allowed one run on three hits and one walk, while striking out three. Ironically, Nate's one miscue

was a third-inning wild pitch, without which Tulsa probably would not have scored its lone run.

While the 'Hounds played errorless defense, the Drillers committed three errors, two of them in the second when the 'Hounds took a 1-0 lead.

Dusty Coleman led off the inning by dropping down a gorgeous bunt for a single and went to second when Tulsa starter Eddie Butler's pick-off attempt went wide. Matt Chapman

then hit a chopper to short, with Coleman breaking for third. Story misplayed the ball, putting runners at the corners.

Beau Taylor, who was reassigned to the 'Hounds from Stockton after Blake Forsythe's injury, followed by lifting a sacrifice fly to center that brought home the game's first run.

Tulsa tied the game in the third and the 1-1 deadlock held until the seventh inning.

Kenny Wilson, who went 1-for-4 in the

game, helped the Rockhounds regain the lead in the seventh. He drew a leadoff walk and went to second on a wild pitch. Max Muncy followed with a single to right that put runners at the corners.

From there Matthes drove home the game-winner. He, slapped a Ryan Arrowood pitch to left field for a three-run home run that sealed the victory against his former team.

Matthes spent all of 2012 and half of '13 with Tulsa,

Lady Steers grab 3-2 win over Lake View

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers picked up outstanding performances from Addie Jimenez and the Leksey Yarbar on Tuesday afternoon and rode it to a thrilling 3-2 come-from-behind win over the San Angelo Lake View Maidens in non-district volleyball action.

With the victory, the Lady Steers reached double figures in wins, improving to 10-14 this season.

Lake View had the most to cheer about early in the contest. The Maidens got off to a quick start and cruised to a 25-20 victory in Game 1 of the best-of-five series.

Big Spring answered back from there. The Lady Steers knotted the game at 1-1 by pounding out a 25-19 run in Game 2.

Big Spring continued to force the issue in the ensuing game. The Lady Steers, behind the sets of Emilie Smith and Julianna Rodriguez, out-scored Lake View by a 25-19 margin in the third game and took a 2-1 advantage.

Lake View staged a rally of their own from there. The Maidens netted a 25-19 win in the fourth game and forced a decisive final frame.

Big Spring garnered the win with a 15-9 decision in Game 5.

Smith and Rodriguez helped anchor a solid outing by the BSHS netters. Smith registered 19 assists and 14 kills in the win. She also served up a pair of aces and six digs on defense. Rodriguez posted 13 assists and 12 kills, while also notching a team-high eight aces and 16 digs.

Jimenez and Yarbar provided plenty of power for the Lady Steers at the net. Jimenez reeled off a season-high 11 kills in the game. She also added six assists and 14 digs to go along



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Leksey Yarbar goes up for a block during a recent Big Spring volleyball game. Yarbar posted 10 kills in the Lady Steers' 3-2 victory over San Angelo Lake View. The Lady Steers will make their next home appearance on Sept. 16 against San Angelo Central.

with a pair of aces. Yarbar finished with 10 kills, five blocks.

Katie Wash and Bianca Correa helped lead the BSHS defensive effort. Wash racked up nine digs and 11 assists, while Correa added six digs

and an assist.

The Lady Steers, who will play in Seminole on Saturday, will host San Angelo Central on Sept. 16 in the Steer Gym.

Rangers, Lewis fall to Angels

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Rangers starter Colby Lewis wasn't surprised to see interim manager Tim Lincecum walking toward the mound with Kole Calhoun about to bat in the eighth inning.

Calhoun led off the game for the Los Angeles Angels with a homer, and Lewis retired him on a hard liner and a deep fly ball.

"I hated to have to take him out there," Bogar said. "But we got to that point where Calhoun's been taking some pretty good swings off him."

Even though reliever Michael Kirkman struck out Calhoun, the Angels went on to a seven-run outburst in a 9-3 victory Tuesday night. They have won six in a row.

The eighth started with Colton Cowgill reaching against Lewis (9-13) on an infield hit, when the No. 9 batter took a full swing for a slow chopper. Third baseman Adrian Beltre cleanly fielded the ball, but didn't even make a throw to first base.

"An inch either way, it's either a swing-and-miss, or it's hit hard enough to where (Beltre) gets him out," Lewis said.

By the time Cowgill came up again later in the inning, and hit a three-run triple, the Angels led 9-1.

Six batters in a row reached against two more relievers, with Robby Ross greeted by Erick Aybar's two-run double. Ross then issued a bases-loaded walk before Cowgill's hit down the right-field line.

The Angels, with the best record in the majors at 89-55, matched their longest winning streak of the season. The AL West leaders have won 12 of 14 overall.

Goodell says NFL didn't see Rice video before this week

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — As questions arose about how the NFL investigated domestic violence allegations against Ray Rice, Commissioner Roger Goodell said Tuesday the league was not given, video showing the ex-Ravens running back punching his then-fiancee on an elevator.

Goodell told CBS that "no one in the NFL, to my knowledge" had seen a new video of what happened on the

elevator until it was posted online.

"We assumed that there was a video. We asked for video. But we were never granted that opportunity," Goodell said.

Two videos, one released by TMZ Sports and another shown later to The Associated Press by a law enforcement official, show Rice punching Janay Palmer — who is now his wife — at an Atlantic City casino in February. They are graphic, and show more detail

than an initial video released by TMZ in July that showed him dragging her from an elevator.

After the latest TMZ video made its way around the Internet, the Ravens cut Rice and the league barred him indefinitely. But the video renewed criticism about the NFL's decision to initially suspend Rice for just two games, and raised questions about how strenuously the case was investigated.

Lady Hawks to host softball camp on Sat.

Area softball players will be in for a fall treat this Saturday when Howard College holds a softball camp. The camp will be held from 9 a.m. until noon.

The camp is open to players ranging in age from 5-12. Registration will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Foundation Field on the Howard College campus. Play-

ers can also register via the Internet at www.hchawk.com or Facebook.com/HCHawkAthletics.

The cost for the camp is \$40 per player.

During the camp, players will learn the fundamentals of hitting, fielding and base running.

For more information contact Kelly Raines at kraines@howardcollege.edu or 432-816-3471.

Chubby Abrego Memorial set for Sept. 13

The Chubby Abrego Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Sept. 13 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. The tournament will begin at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start.

The tournament, which benefits area high school seniors, is played as a 4-person scramble.

The entry fee for the event is \$70 per person, and includes the price of the meal. A package of four mulligans can be purchased for \$20.

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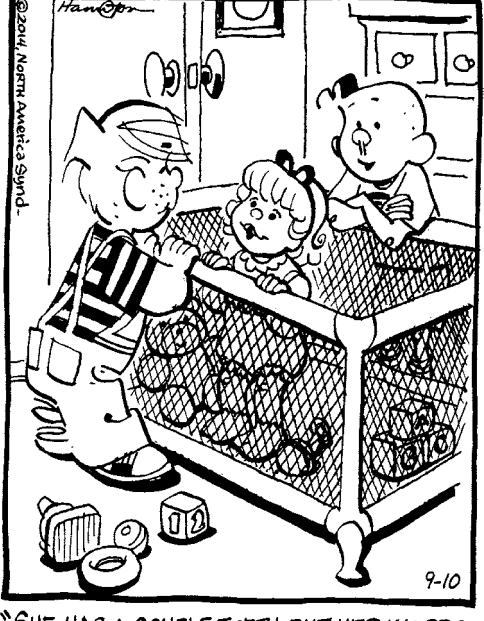
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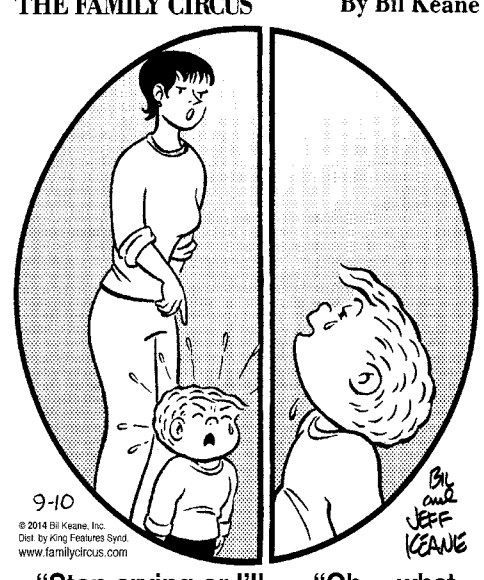
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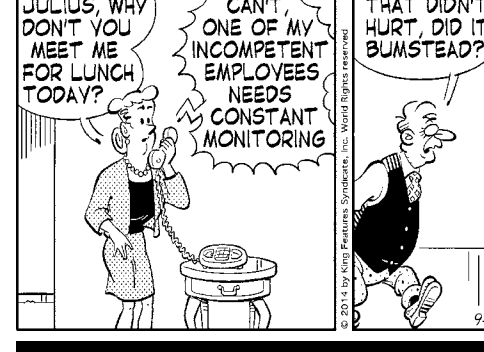


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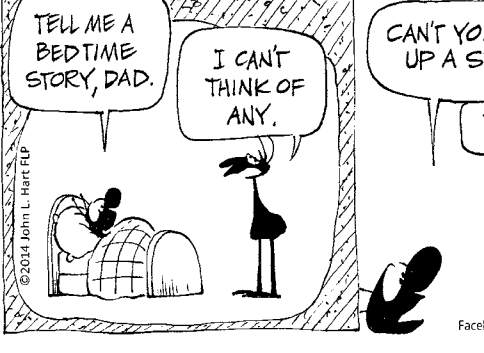
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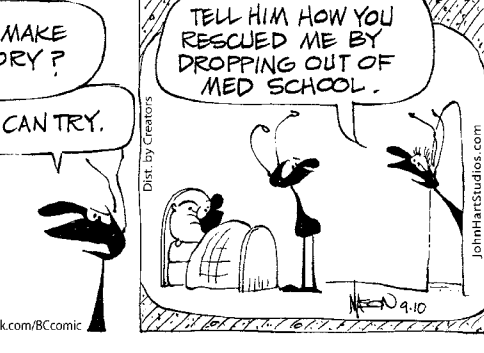
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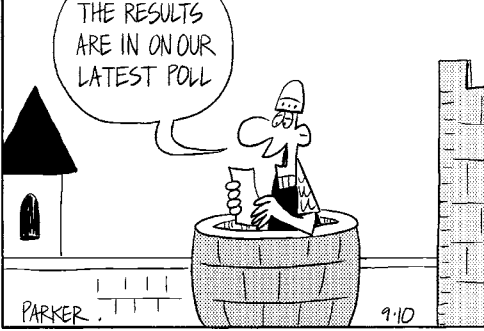


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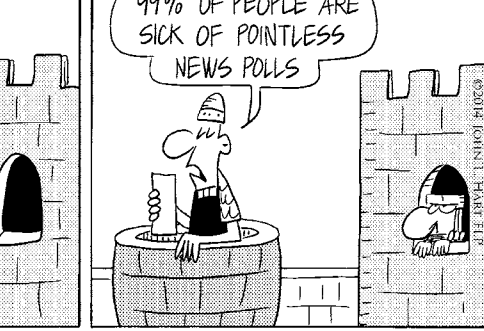
Today is Wednesday, September 10, the 253rd day of 2014. There are 112 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On September 10, 1939, Canada declared war on Germany. On this date: In 1608, John Smith was elected president of the Jamestown colony council in Virginia. In 1813, an American naval force commanded by Oliver H. Perry defeated the British in the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812. (Afterward, Perry sent out the message, "We

have met the enemy and they are ours.") In 1914, movie director Robert Wise ("West Side Story"; "The Sound of Music") was born in Winchester, Indiana. In 1919, New York City welcomed home Gen. John J. Pershing and 25,000 soldiers who'd served in the U.S. First Division during World War I. In 1935, Sen. Huey P. Long died in Baton Rouge two days after being shot in the Louisiana state Capitol, allegedly by Dr. Carl Weiss. In 1945, Vidkun Quisling was sentenced to death in Norway for collaborating with the Nazis (he was executed

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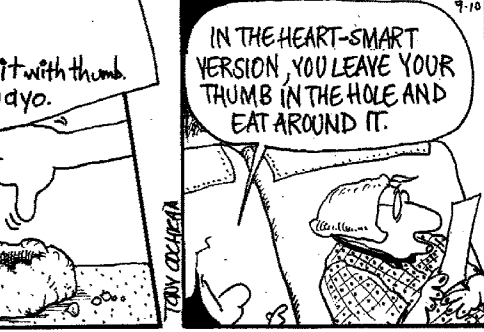
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- 1 Church platform
- 6 "Auld ___ Syne"
- 10 Post-workout feeling
- 14 Brusque
- 15 Antioxidant berry
- 16 Herring relative
- 17 Steer clear of
- 18 Jazz saxophonist Stan
- 19 Diminish
- 20 Patriotic cry
- 23 French article
- 24 ___ trial basis (provisionally)
- 25 Cruet contents
- 26 Of the stars
- 29 Expand, as hot dogs
- 33 Elk's horn
- 36 Prefix meaning "recent"
- 38 ___ Paulo, Brazil
- 39 Maintains careful control
- 43 Nest-egg letters
- 44 Butter serving
- 45 Once per annum
- 46 Gridiron pro
- 49 Inventor's protection
- 51 Gunk
- 53 Cul-de-___
- 54 Swimsuit part
- 57 Gene Kelly classic film
- 63 Afghanistan neighbor
- 64 Kitchen gadget brand
- 65 Chinese menu assurance
- 66 List heading
- 67 Tree in a Christmas song
- 68 Toothpaste dispensers
- 69 Glitch
- 70 Polite address
- 71 Tour of duty
- DOWN**
- 1 Whatsoever
- 2 Flood stopper
- 3 Moves briskly
- 4 "Dream on!"
- 5 Valentine's Day purchase
- 6 Adidas competitor
- 7 Breezed through
- 8 US alliance
- 9 Doo-hickey
- 10 To boot
- 11 Spiced tea
- 12 Get the ___ of (learn)
- 13 Genesis locale
- 21 Lure into trouble
- 22 Criticize
- 26 Matterhorn, for one
- 27 Singer Baker
- 28 Trip segment
- 30 Tech-support customer
- 31 Correspondence
- 32 Yankee Doodle's ride
- 33 Similar
- 34 Soft ball brand
- 35 Blue shade on new \$100 bills
- 37 "Is that so?"
- 40 Spigot
- 41 Dime's value
- 42 Double-croser
- 47 December beverage
- 48 King: Fr.
- 50 Event with lightning, briefly
- 52 Latish lunch hr.
- 54 Deer in a Disney film
- 55 Gotten up
- 56 Uneasy feeling
- 57 Warms the bench
- 58 Steam-emitting appliance
- 59 Nothing, in Mexico
- 60 Crate & Barrel rival
- 61 March Madness org.
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Pegulas' \$1.4 billion bid to buy Bills pays off

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — The NFL-record bid Buffalo Sabres owners Terry and Kim Pegula have made to buy the Bills is already paying off. Their offer of \$1.4 billion has quickly resulted in an outpouring of support generated in their adopted home.

The Bills aren't going anywhere thanks to the deep-pocketed Pegulas who reached a "definitive agreement" on Tuesday with late owner Ralph Wilson's estate to buy the team.

The sale is subject to approval by a three-quarters majority of the NFL's other 31 owners, which is expected to come at league meetings on Oct. 8.

The news generated expressions of relief, joy

and thanks from Bills fans everywhere.

"It's Christmas morning," said season-ticket holder and noted Bills tailgater Scott Hunsinger. "It really takes a burden off of die-hard fans that we know now that we're not going to lose our team."

One fan was so emotional that he began crying while discussing on WGR Radio what the purchase by the Pegulas meant to him.

Hall of Fame running back Thurman Thomas could relate. He barely got through a round of golf at Bethpage when he was approached by a Bills supporter seeking a favor.

"He said, 'I'm a Bills fan, and whenever you talk to the Pegulas or

see them, just tell them thank you,'" Thomas said. "It was almost as if he wanted to cry. I can understand his emotions. It's Buffalo. You can see how passionate Bills fans are, and how happy they are that the Bills will remain in Buffalo for a long time."

The Pegulas have helped assure that by taking a highly aggressive approach in submitting an eye-popping bid that was confirmed to The Associated Press by a person with direct knowledge of the sale process. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because the sale was conducted privately.

The price eclipses the previous NFL-high of \$1.1 billion set in 2009

when Stephen Ross completed his purchase of the Miami Dolphins in a deal that also included the team's stadium.

The person said the Pegulas went well above the Bills' estimated value of \$935 million to show Wilson's estate how serious they were in their desire to buy the team. They also wanted to submit a bid the Pegulas believed would be significantly higher than other prospective ownership groups were willing — or capable — of matching.

That included a Toronto-based group led by rocker Jon Bon Jovi, which had raised concerns regarding the possibility relocation of the Bills north of the border. New York real estate

mogul Donald Trump also submitted a formal bid on Monday.

The value of the Toronto group's and Trump's bids weren't revealed.

The Pegulas, who have a net worth of more than \$3.5 billion, made their fortune in the natural gas industry. They had the backing of local business leaders and public officials, and were regarded as the front runner to buy the Bills once they first expressed interest in late May.

The Pegulas were motivated to keep the Bills in Buffalo and preserve Wilson's legacy.

"It is gratifying to reassure these great fans that the two franchises, so important to our region are here to stay," Terry Pegula said in

a statement released by the Sabres. "Ralph Wilson left an indelible mark on our community and we will strive every day to honor his legacy."

Wilson, who died in March, was the team's founder and sole owner. He often spoke out and voted against franchise relocation.

"Ralph would have been pleased with the sale of the team to the Terry Pegula family, who have been so committed to Buffalo and the western New York region," Wilson's widow and Bills controlling owner Mary Wilson said. "He loved his team and he cherished the fans, and his legacy will remain for all time."

Mayweather says NFL should have kept Rice penalty

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Floyd Mayweather Jr. says he believes the NFL should have stuck with its original discipline of Ray Rice, saying the league was overly influenced by new video showing Rice knocking out his then-fiancee in an Atlantic City casino elevator.

The boxing superstar — who has had his own domestic abuse issues — said Tuesday he didn't feel the original two-game suspension should be changed because of video.

"I think there's a lot worse things that go on in other people's households, also," Mayweather said. "It's just not caught on video, if that's safe to say."

Mayweather, who spent two months in a Las Vegas jail in 2012, still maintains his innocence even after pleading to reduced domestic abuse charges stemming from an attack on his former girlfriend while their children watched. Had Mayweather not taken the plea bargain, he would have gone to trial on felony charges that could have gotten him up to 34 years in

prison.

Mayweather was also named in a civil lawsuit last week by his former fiancée, who said the fighter assaulted her and kept her from leaving his Las Vegas mansion. Shantel Jackson also said the boxer publicly humiliated her by posting a sonogram showing her pregnant with twins online, and then claiming she aborted them.

Mayweather said he has been falsely accused many times.

"Like I've said in the past, no bumps, no bruises, no nothing," Mayweather said. "With O.J. and Nicole, you seen pictures. With Chris Brown and Rihanna, you seen pictures. With (Chad) Ochocinco and Evelyn, you seen pictures. You guys have yet to see any pictures of a battered woman, a woman who says she was kicked and beaten (by Mayweather). So I just live my life and try to stay positive, and try to become a better person each and every day."

Mayweather made his remarks before a small group of reporters at the MGM Grand hotel, where he made a formal

fight week arrival for his rematch Saturday with Argentina's Marcos Maidana. Mayweather won a majority decision over Maidana in May but was roughed up at times in perhaps the toughest of his recent string of fights.

The unbeaten 37-year-old also said he plans to fight just twice more after Maidana, finishing his career next September. He didn't specifically dismiss Manny Pacquiao as an opponent for one of those bouts — as he has repeatedly done in the past — though he said reports there had been talks on a possible fight were completely false.

Texas coach says QB David Ash may be out indefinitely

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas coach Charlie Strong said Monday quarterback David Ash is out indefinitely and that the Longhorns will push ahead with Tyrone Swoopes as the starting quarterback.

Ash missed Texas' 41-7 loss to BYU on Saturday because of

concussion symptoms. Swoopes was 20 of 31 passing for 176 yards with one touchdown and one interception in his first career start.

Ash has only appeared in four games since the start of the 2013 season. He was cleared to return this season and played most of Texas' sea-

son-opening win over North Texas. Ash later reported headaches and dizziness after the game and hasn't returned. He was on the sideline for the BYU game last week.

Texas (1-1) plays No. 12 UCLA (2-0) this Saturday at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

Walsh status' unknown for OSU

(AP) — Last year's game against UTSA seemed to establish Oklahoma State quarterback J.W. Walsh as an up-and-coming star.

And one year later, he may not even play.

After sustaining an injury that left him on crutches and his right foot in a boot during last Saturday's 40-23 victory over Missouri State, Oklahoma State (1-1) might have to turn to junior backup

Daxx Garman when they host UTSA (1-1).

Garman excelled in his first game action since his junior year of high school in 2009, coming in for Walsh late in the first quarter.

ShIPLEY questionable after injury

(AP) — Texas wide receiver Jaxon Shipley has a head injury that could keep him out of Saturday's game against No. 12 UCLA, Longhorns officials said Tuesday.

Shipley was injured in Texas' 41-7 loss to BYU and a statement by Longhorns trainer Anthony

Pass said he's questionable to play this week. Details on the injury or when Shipley was hurt were not released.

Texas is already without quarterback David Ash, who missed most of last season with concussion problems and reported new symptoms.

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