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## Shaw to take on JP-2 duties now

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Connie Shaw will be starting her new job a little sooner than expected.

Shaw, who won the Republican nomination for Precinct 2 justice of the peace and is unopposed in the November general election, has been appointed by Howard County commissioners to succeed acting JP Linda Halfmann, who resigned last week.

Shaw, a longtime clerk in various county JP offices, was the top vote-getter among



Shaw

five candidates in the March Republican primary, then defeated Phillip Reid by 19 votes in a May runoff to earn the GOP nomination.

Halfmann was named acting justice of the peace for Precinct 2 after long-time JP Quail Dobbs resigned due to ill health at the first of the year.

She finished third in the March primary, missing out on a runoff by only one vote.

Shaw will serve the remainder of Halfmann's unexpired term before being sworn in full-time on Jan. 1, 2015.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@big-springherald.com



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

A large crowd attended the Heritage Museum's "Evening of Art and Wine," event Saturday which celebrated the 60th anniversary of the Big Spring Art Association and also kicked off the museum's endowment campaign. A number of art works by local artists were displayed and for sale during the event. Wine, provided by Llano Estacado Winery, and cheese were offered during the evening.

## PD, SO offices will be closed Tuesday morning

Herald Staff Report

Mandatory training will cause the records divisions of both the Big Spring Police Department and Howard County Sheriff's Office to be closed from 8 a.m. until noon on Tuesday.

According to a press release, the lobby of the law enforcement center will be closed during the training. Anyone

needing assistance will need to go to the communications center lobby at the detention center, located at 3611 W. Highway 80 and contact dispatch.

Copies of any police or sheriff's reports or any transactions with Animal Control will not be available.

All emergency services will operate as usual along with the Animal Control Division. Any animal control issues may still be reported by calling 432-264-2372 and will then be answered and dispatched through the Communications Division.

"We apologize for any inconvenience caused during this time," the press release stated.

## Educate yourself with suicide prevention info

Special to the Herald

About one-third of people who commit suicide do not tell anyone they intend on taking their own lives, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. That's why it's important for people to know the warning signs of suicide, said West Texas Centers CEO Shelley Smith.



Smith

"I have counseled so many family members who have lost loved ones to suicide, and it is heartbreaking," Smith said. "Time and time again each and every one of them says, 'If I had only known what they were thinking, I could have helped.'"

That's why it's important the public arm themselves with as much knowledge about possible signs of suicide, Smith said.

"One of our jobs at West Texas Centers is to educate the public about the warning signs of suicide so they

can help their families," she said. "I think it's important everyone become educated. You can help a loved one, a peer or a co-worker. We must educate as many people as possible."

Several factors lead to an increased risk of suicide, including mental disorders such as depression, schizophrenia, conduct disorders and anxiety disorders.

Environmental factors, such as a highly stressful event including losing a

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## Texas' fast-paced growth hasn't reduced inequality

EMILY SCHMALL

The Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — The oil and gas boom and millions of new consumers have propelled revenue growth in Texas to nearly twice the national average. Yet, a new report from Standard & Poor's shows income inequality is putting a brake on the pace of expansion.

"Even for Texas, the growth rate is almost unsustainable,"

Pia Orrenius, a vice president and senior economist at the Dallas Federal Reserve, told The Associated Press. "This incredible growth has brought lots of people to the state, and the demand for services is growing so fast. At some point, the state is going to have to deal with the income inequality issue."

Even while wages and employment in Texas grow faster than the national average, with six-figure wages from

the oil and gas sector lifting up the general economy, the state has a much higher percentage of low-paid, low-skilled immigrants and higher share of workers earning the minimum wage than the average state, Orrenius says. The budget in Texas, the second-largest state by gross domestic product, is already stretched by rapidly increasing health care and education costs, the Dallas Fed says in a third-quarter 2014 report.

According to 2012 U.S. Census data, the lowest 20 percent earn an average \$11,296 per year in Texas, while the top 5 percent earn \$317,661. Texas ranked eighth in the country in wealth gap in a February report by the Economic Analysis and Research Network of state and regional organizations, where it showed that in 2011, the top 1 percent in Texas earned 26.3 times more

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## Obituaries

### Robert R. 'Bob' Hunt



Robert R. "Bob" Hunt, 81, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2014, at the Ackerly Church of Christ with Gaylon Lamb officiating. Interment will follow at the Ackerly Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15, 2014, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Oct. 4, 1932, in Lamesa, Texas, and married Janie Dale Oct. 18, 1952, in Tucumcari, N.M.

Bob was raised in Lamesa, moving to Lovington, N.M., and graduating from high school there. He received basketball scholarships to both Durango Junior College and New Mexico A&M. Bob moved to the Ackerly community in 1953 where he was a lifelong farmer. He served on the Ackerly Co-Op Gin Board for many years. Bob enjoyed taking the kids to the lake and fishing.

He was an active member of the Ackerly Church of Christ where he served as an elder for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Janie Hunt of Big Spring; three daughters, Carla Peugh of Stanton, Jill Tubb and husband Richie of Big Spring and Kaye Glaeser and husband Gene of Marble Falls; one son, Robert Coleman Hunt of Ackerly; one sister, Tommie Mayes of The Woodlands; 11 grandchildren, Tandi Stockton and husband Richard of Big Spring, Cody Peugh and wife Shanna of Stanton, Brady Peugh and wife Ginger of Midland, Angela Crowley and husband Webster of Charlottesville, Va., Brian Tubb and wife Brenda and Hali Petrowski and husband Justin, all of Big Spring, Amber Maenius and husband Brandon of Flower Mound, Jordan Glaeser of Dallas, Hanna Bullard and husband Cody of Post, and Meghan Hunt and Bo Hunt, both of Midland; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Coleman and Beulah Gautney Hunt; three sisters, Robbie Jean Sheridan, Donna Boldin and Mary Bagley; and a son-in-law, Johnny Peugh.

The family suggests memorials to the New Mexico Children's Home, 1356 N.M. 236, Portales, N.M. 888130 or to the Texas Kidney Foundation, 1525 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas 75325.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at: www.npwelch.com

*Paid obituary*

### Christene James

Christene James, 79, of Big Spring died Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014, at Parkview Nursing and Rehab. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Sue Balzer

Sue Balzer, 79, of Big Spring died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014, at Covenant Specialty Hospital in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Support Groups

### MONDAY

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the 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.

### TUESDAY

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

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

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

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

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

### 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.

## Police blotter

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

- ADRES NIETO, 44, of 212 E. Circle, was arrested Sunday on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.
- GLORIA DOMINGO MARTINEZ, 49, of 1501 Chickasaw, was arrested Sunday on a charge of theft less than \$1,500 2 or more convictions.
- JACQUELINE DELEON STARR, 34, of 8521 N. Service Rd., was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated with BAC greater than or equal to 0.15.
- DISTURBANCE was reported at the 200 block of Circle.
- THEFT was reported at the 2000 block of S. Gregg.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 1400 block of Harding.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the 1900 block of E. 25th St.

## Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriffs Office reported the following activity:

Note: Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 80 at the time of this report.

- BYRON ANTHONY MILLER was booked by HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping and fail to appear.
- JOSEPH MARTINEZ was booked by BSPD on a warrant for motion to revoke probation for resist arrest search or transport and capias warrant for hindering officers discharging official duties.
- A.L. THOMPSON III was booked on capias warrants for fail to maintain financial responsibility, expired motor vehicle inspection, display expired license plate, theft of service greater than or equal to \$500 but less than \$1,500 and expired motor vehicle inspection.
- KRYSTAL ANNETTE BUCHANAN was booked by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- BREANNA KAY MOORE was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500.
- GEORDAN FULLER was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500.
- EDWARD HILTON MCCLUSKEY was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ADRIAN HIGERSBERGER was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of controlled substance less than 1 gram in a drug free zone, resist arrest, search or transport and warrants for display expired registration and failure to appear.
- JOHNNY ISAIAS GONZALES JR. was booked by BSPD on charges of resist arrest search or transport and public intoxication.
- JEREMY BLAKE SMITH was booked by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated 3rd or more offense and driving while license invalid with previous conviction without final resolution.
- JULIAN RENTERIA PADILLA was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated with BAC greater than or equal to 0.15.
- MAGAN BOYD was booked by BSPD on charges of resist arrest search or transport and possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.
- ADRIAN AGUILAR was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500.
- LUCAS ANTHONY LOPEZ was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana less than ounces and resist arrest, search or transport.
- JACKIE MURPHREE JR. was booked by BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief greater than \$50 but less than \$500.
- ANDRES NIETO was booked by BSPD on a warrant for no fishing license and a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.
- GLORIA ROBLEGO MARTINEZ was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property less than \$1,500 2 or more previous convictions.
- JACKIE TRUETT HOLMES III was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of controlled substance less than 1 gram, unlawful carrying a weapon and public intoxication.
- REBECCA JO BOLTON was booked by HCSO on a warrant for possession of controlled substance

## Fire/EMS

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

- Friday
- MEDICAL call reported at the 1900 block of Birdwell. One patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
  - MEDICAL call reported at Stallings. One patient transported to SMMC.
- Saturday
- MEDICAL call reported at the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One patient transported to SMMC.
  - MEDICAL call reported at the 3200 block of Parkway. One patient transported to SMMC.
  - MEDICAL call reported at the 3200 block of Parkway. One patient transported to SMMC.
  - MEDICAL call reported at the 1400 block of Oriole. One patient transported to SMMC.
- Sunday
- MEDICAL call reported at the 1700 block of Purdue. One patient transported to SMMC.
  - MEDICAL call reported at the 2100 block of Alabama. One patient transported to SMMC.
  - MEDICAL call reported at the 1700 block of Yale. Service refused.

## Today's Weather

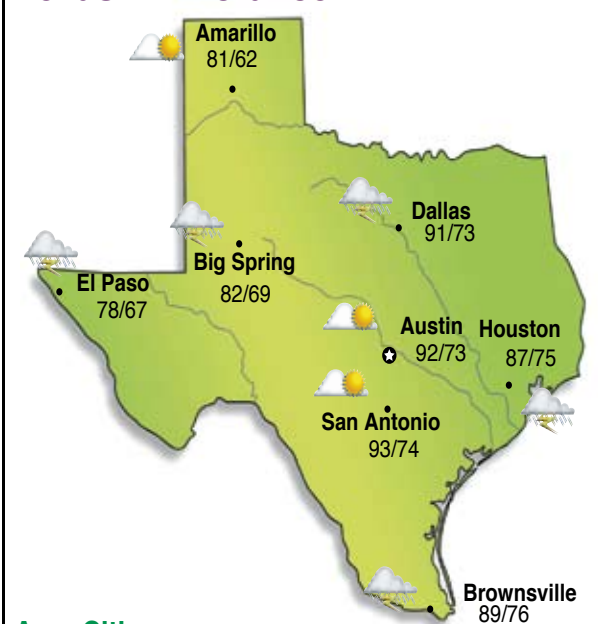
### Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 9/16	Wed 9/17	Thu 9/18	Fri 9/19	Sat 9/20
<b>82/69</b> Cloudy early with thunderstorms developing later in the day. High 82F.	<b>82/69</b> Scattered thunderstorms possible.	<b>86/69</b> A few thunderstorms possible.	<b>86/70</b> A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>86/68</b> Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 60s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:30 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:50 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:30 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:49 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:31 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:47 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:32 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:46 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:32 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:45 PM

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## Texas At A Glance



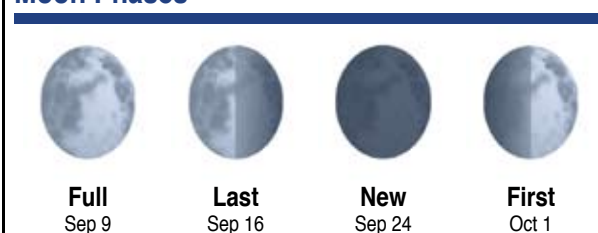
### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	86	70	t-storm	Kingsville	88	75	t-storm
Amarillo	81	62	pt sunny	Livingston	91	73	t-storm
Austin	92	73	pt sunny	Longview	91	72	pt sunny
Beaumont	90	72	t-storm	Lubbock	77	64	t-storm
Brownsville	89	76	t-storm	Lufkin	91	73	t-storm
Brownwood	89	71	t-storm	Midland	83	68	t-storm
Corpus Christi	88	78	t-storm	Raymondville	91	76	t-storm
Corsicana	91	73	cloudy	Rosenberg	86	73	t-storm
Dallas	91	73	t-storm	San Antonio	93	74	pt sunny
Del Rio	90	74	pt sunny	San Marcos	93	73	t-storm
El Paso	78	67	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	89	72	t-storm
Fort Stockton	84	69	cloudy	Sweetwater	80	69	t-storm
Gainesville	87	71	t-storm	Tyler	91	72	pt sunny
Greenville	89	72	t-storm	Weatherford	89	72	cloudy
Houston	87	75	t-storm	Wichita Falls	86	70	t-storm

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	85	64	pt sunny	Minneapolis	69	50	sunny
Boston	70	51	rain	New York	74	55	rain
Chicago	66	46	sunny	Phoenix	100	78	sunny
Dallas	91	73	t-storm	San Francisco	68	58	pt sunny
Denver	85	58	sunny	Seattle	86	59	sunny
Houston	87	75	t-storm	St. Louis	69	52	mst sunny
Los Angeles	94	75	sunny	Washington, DC	78	57	pt sunny
Miami	86	76	t-storm				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Tue 9/16	Wed 9/17	Thu 9/18	Fri 9/19	Sat 9/20
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
Moderate	High	High	High	High

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

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less than 1 gram.

- JOE ANGEL LUNA was booked by HCSO on warrants for assault family/household member impeding breath/circulation, bail off bond/violating bond/protective order 2+ times within 12 months, bail off bond for unlawful carrying a weapon and violating bond/protective order.

## Submissions for Life are due Wednesday at noon.

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# Texas Briefs

## Coast Guard rescues man missing after boat sank

PORT ARANSAS, Texas (AP) — The U.S. Coast Guard has rescued a 37-year-old man a day after his boat sank off Port Aransas while he and three others were fishing.

The Coast Guard says the boat sank Saturday before the men could call for help. The men, all wearing life jackets, then drifted overnight. Three of the men were rescued early Sunday afternoon when they were spotted by the crew of an oil supply vessel.

The Coast Guard then began searching for the man who remained missing.

Lt. Eric Vryheid says the man was rescued Sunday evening after a tanker crew heard his cries for help and alerted the Coast Guard, which had a helicopter in the air searching.

Vryheid says the unidentified man was alert and conscious in the water.

## 3 dead in Corpus Christi trailer park shooting

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Police say a man has been arrested after three people were killed and a child injured in a shooting at a trailer park in Corpus Christi, Texas.

The Corpus Christi Caller-Times reports that when police arrived at the trailer park on Sunday evening, they found two women and one man dead outside of different residences.

The child, whose age was not given, was taken to an area hospital with gunshot wounds.

Police have not identified the victims or the suspect, a 63-year-old man. Neighbors and witnesses helped police locate the suspect.

Police say the exteriors of several homes were processed as crime scenes.

## 10 injured after rear-end bus collision in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — Authorities say 10 people have been hospitalized after two Dallas city buses collided.

A Dallas Area Rapid Transit spokesman says the rear-end collision happened Sunday in the southern part of the city. The 10 people injured included both drivers and some children. The spokesman

says they were taken to area hospitals with non-life-threatening injuries.

Their conditions are unclear.

One bus had stopped to board passengers when it was struck from behind. It's unclear what caused the wreck.

Transit officials say they will investigate the incident, including drug testing the drivers and checking for mechanical problems. The drivers are on paid leave pending the investigation's outcome.

## Adoptability unclear for rescued Texas animals

SANTA FE, Texas (AP) — A Houston animal society says more than 100 animals rescued from a Santa Fe home are receiving veterinary care but may not be adopted.

The Galveston Daily News reports the two men who live at the home are cooperating with authorities. Sheriff's deputies seized the animals Friday after a neighbor complained about the condition of the six-acre property.

The animals included six giant tortoises, more than 70 Irish wolfhounds, macaws and snakes. Authorities say some animals were without food or water. They found an unspecified number of dead animals.

The Houston Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals says the animals are part of the ongoing investigation and will not be adopted until permanent custody is determined.

Santa Fe is about 30 miles southeast of Houston.

## Iconic League City oak tree battles fungus

LEAGUE CITY, Texas (AP) — League City arborists say a deadly fungus is killing a massive oak tree that the city paid nearly \$200,000 to relocate two years ago.

The Galveston Daily News reports the 100-year-old Ghirardi Compton Oak Tree is battling hypoxylon canker.

About 30 to 35 percent of the 400-ton tree's trunk and limbs are covered in the fungus. It's also infected with wood-boring insects.

Arborists have trimmed away infected limbs. A local landscaper says the tree has shown signs of new growth and that areas that fought off the fungus are healing.

The city paid to move the iconic tree about 1,500 feet to make way for street expansion in 2012. The oak is named for one of League City's early farm families.

## Houston doctor charged with poisoning her lover

HOUSTON (AP) — Trial is getting underway for a 43-year-old breast cancer doctor based at Houston's famed Texas Medical Center who's accused of poisoning a fellow physician boyfriend with coffee laced with ethylene glycol.

The chemical is common additive in automotive antifreeze but also is used in labs at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center where Ana Maria Gonzalez-Angulo and another cancer researcher and doctor, George Blumenschein, both worked.

Court documents identify the couple as in "a casual sexual relationship" when Blumenschein became ill and survived kidney failure after she made and served him two cups of coffee at her home early last year. Gonzalez-Angulo was arrested five months later and charged with aggravated assault. Her attorney says she's innocent.

Opening arguments before a Houston jury are scheduled for Monday.

## Oklahoma drivers get toll bills from Texas

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Some Oklahoma drivers are getting toll bills for driving on Texas turnpikes without paying tolls — in some case years ago.

Jerry Gowman of Oklahoma City told The Oklahoman that he received a \$56 bill from the North Texas Tollway Authority for charges dating to early 2012. Chelsea Vaughn of Durant said she and her husband got a bill for \$265 for charges dating back about a year and a half.

The Texas agency switched to electronic fee collection in 2010 — leaving out-of-state drivers with no way to pay the tolls — but the driver's license plates were recorded by cameras at the toll booths. The turnpike authority has now acquired Oklahoma Tax Commission records that provides the drivers' home addresses — and the authority is billing them.

# SUICIDE

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loved one, getting fired from a job or the stress of serious conflict, such as the break-up of a relationship or bullying.

Warning signs need to be taken care of immediately, Smith said.

According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, most of the time people who kill themselves show one or more of these warning signs before they take action. They need to be taken care of immediately, Smith said.

Warning signs include, but are not limited to:

- Talking about wanting to kill themselves, or saying they wish they were dead
- Looking for a way to kill themselves, such as hoarding medicine or buying a gun
- Talking about a specific suicide plan
- Feeling hopeless or having no reason to live
- Feeling trapped, desperate, or needing to escape from an intolerable situation
- Having the feeling of being a burden to others
- Feeling humiliated
- Having intense anxiety and/or panic attacks
- Losing interest in things, or losing the

ability to experience pleasure

- Insomnia
- Becoming socially isolated and withdrawn from friends, family, and others

- Acting irritable or agitated

- Showing rage, or talking about seeking revenge for being victimized or rejected, whether or not the situations the person describes seem real.

If someone says they want to commit suicide or they are better off dead, take them seriously, Smith said. Suggestions from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention include:

- Begin by telling the

suicidal person you are concerned about them.

- Tell them specifically what they have said or done that makes you feel concerned about suicide.

- Don't be afraid to ask whether the person is considering suicide, and whether they have a particular plan or method in mind. These questions will not push them toward suicide if they were not considering it.

- Ask if they are seeing a clinician or are taking medication so the treating person can be contacted.

- Do not try to argue someone out of suicide. Instead, let them know

that you care, that they are not alone and that they can get help. Avoid pleading and preaching to them with statements such as, "You have so much to live for," or "Your suicide will hurt your family."

"I advise anyone who is facing someone who is an immediate harm to themselves or someone else to call 911 or take them to the nearest emergency room or call our Mental Health hotline," Smith said. "Use your judgment."

If someone you know shows the warning signs of suicide, you should take action, Smith said.

West Texas Centers operates a 24-hour Men-

tal Health Crisis Hotline to assist individuals and families in need. Anyone facing a crisis or having a question about suicide or mental health may call the number, Smith said. The number is 1-800-375-4357.

Mental Health First Aid Classes also are offered several times a year to people who are interested in the risk factors and warning signs of suicide. Anyone interested in attending the classes should contact Amy Johnson, Mental Health Training Coordinator, at 432-263-9758.

## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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# TEXAS

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than the bottom 99 percent.

The Standard & Poor's report being released Monday suggests that the gains flowing to the top 1 percent around the U.S. come at a broader cost to society. Not only does rising inequality appear to stunt overall economic growth, but S&P links it to a slowdown in average yearly gains in state tax revenues.

Most economic activity comes from consumer spending, but consumers have become increasingly reluctant to spend as median incomes have barely increased over three decades and remain lower than they were in 2007 when the Great Reces-

sion began. Median household incomes, adjusted for inflation, were \$54,045 in July, about 4.6 percent lower than in late 2007.

By contrast, the top 1 percent of earners have prospered for more than 30 years. Adjusted for inflation, their average incomes have nearly tripled to \$1.26 million since 1979, according to the IRS.

But S&P notes that the affluent tend to save a greater share of their income and spend it on untaxed services, meaning that states are unlikely to see much of an increase in sales tax collections based on the gains among this group.

With no state or corporate income tax, Texas relies on sales and franchise tax, equal to 1 percent of a company's profit margins, and a specific tax for oil and

gas based on market value.

Booming oil and natural gas production from shale plays across the state are contributing nearly a third of all jobs in Texas and an outside share of the state's income, according to Waco, Texas-based economist Ray Perryman.

"Oil and gas is a dominant cause of Texas revenue growth," he said in an email.

The state's third-largest source of revenue is production and severance tax, which falls solely on the oil and gas sector. In three years, its share has nearly doubled from 4.9 percent of state revenues in 2010 to 9.4 percent in 2013.

Texas' rapid growth

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7	6	9	1	8	2	5	3	4
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North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ K Q J  
♦ A 10 8 4 3  
♣ A 10 9 6 3

**WEST**  
♠ Q 10 4  
♥ 8 7  
♦ Q 9 5  
♣ K Q J 4 2

**EAST**  
♠ 7 6 3  
♥ 9 6 5 3 2  
♦ J 7 6 2  
♣ 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K J 9 8 5 2  
♥ A 10 4  
♦ K  
♣ 8 7

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♦ Pass  
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♣ Pass  
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♦ Pass  
4 NT Pass 5 ♥ Pass  
6 ♠

Opening lead — king of clubs.

An intriguing feature of team bridge is that one deal can produce two entirely different results and yet yield virtually no swing.

Consider this case from a match between Mexico and Canada in 1993. When Peter Herold and Jim Dickie of Canada sat North-South, they reached six spades as shown.

West led the club king to dummy's ace. Dickie crossed to the diamond king and cashed the A-K of spades before returning to dummy with a heart to discard his club loser

on the diamond ace. He then led a club, which East ruffed, but declarer overruffed and conceded a spade to make the slam to score 1,430 points.

At the other table, with Mexico sitting North-South, things took a completely different turn when the bidding went:

South West North East  
1 ♠ 2 ♣ Pass Pass  
Dble Pass Pass Pass  
After Canada's Mike Streiber overcalled with two clubs, North, Gonzalo Herrera, playing negative doubles, passed to await developments. Miriam Rosenberg elected to reopen with a double rather than rebid her seven-card spade suit, and everyone passed.


Herrera cashed the K-Q of hearts and the diamond ace, felling his partner's king. South ruffed the diamond continuation and cashed the A-K of spades, North discarding the heart jack and a diamond.

Herrera ruffed the third round of spades and led another diamond for South to ruff. Rosenberg played the heart ace, and North discarded his last diamond when declarer ruffed with the queen. Herrera took the jack of clubs with the ace and led the ten to hold declarer to just two tricks — down six, 1,400 points!

The final tally after all this excitement? By losing 1,400 points at one table and gaining 1,430 at the other, the Canadians gained all of 1 IMP on the deal!

Tomorrow: The step-by-step approach.  
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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

## Moon of Meetings

Meetings. Many of us don't like them because of the time that gets wasted on formality, irrelevant data, politics and the like. However, today's meetings will prove surprisingly tolerable, helpful even. The Gemini moon and the Virgo sun work together to help us communicate briefly and efficiently about the most relevant matters.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You've already done quite a bit of preliminary

work that you can build on, so today's project will be a pleasure as long as you do it by yourself. Otherwise, you'll have to backtrack to catch the others up.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You can't build trust sporadically. Trust is built with consistency. Even then, trust is fragile. It can be lost with one bad move. You dearly want someone to trust you, and with repetition you'll accomplish this.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You'll have to deal with fragmented schedules and competing demands. Luckily, you're an expert at prioritizing, and you'll do so quickly and diplomatically today.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Trends are exciting to ride, yet one never can tell how long the ride will last. You'd rather provide something substantial for your loved ones, customers and clients, something that will stand the test of time.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). One thing you don't want to create is a dissonance between what you say and what you do. Circumstances may make the situation complicated, but you'll do your best to come through and be true to your word.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Life is comedy as you accomplish serious business with a light heart. Uncanny coincidences and strange twists will play out. Cue up the laugh track inside your head and enjoy the show.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're usually the one offering a helping hand, but it's lucky to reverse the trend now. You'll get practice being a gracious receiver. And because giving to others is a basic human need, your giver will be spiritually fortified, too.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you're trying to impress, you'll be too uptight to see who obviously already loves you. Don't sell it when it's already sold. Relax. You're great. Accept the attention that naturally comes to you.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A carefree mood prevails, and you'll feel like indulging your whims. It just so happens that those fanciful inklings will lead you right to love and money.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be in a daring mood this afternoon, so take a risk. You're favored to win. But even if you don't, you

might lose a little money, time and energy, but you'll gain something more valuable: experience.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It will be extremely tempting to over-commit yourself. Before you take on any new responsibility, ask your heart of hearts: Is this a cage or a ladder to success? Also, whose best interests will be served?

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll employ your empathetic gifts to understand and tolerate those difficult and seemingly neglected people. Why is it your job? Because you're good at it. Know that your love makes a difference.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Sept. 15). You often have an intuition about things and then set it to the side to follow a logical path for the answer, only to find out that the logic failed and the intuition was correct. This is your year to knock that off, follow the intuition, and save time, energy and money. Windfalls come in October, December and July. Cancer and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 24, 13, 25 and 1.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I understand that life gets harder when you're full of envy and feel the need to compare yourself to those around you. However, I hate those self-help suggestions that you should only measure yourself against yourself. It seems like even that is a form of envy. Envy of your former self, your younger, more innocent and purer self. Measuring at all seems hostile. What if you always do your best? Then aren't the measurements irrelevant because you're doing your best? Question: How much better can you do than your best? Answer:

No better. Then why measure? What do you think?" -- A Pisces Philosopher

You make an excellent point, dear Pisces, and thank you for sharing. When we were little and my mother was sewing, my sister and I used to pick up the yardsticks and pretend they were dueling swords. That's how many people use measurements, to jab and slay one another. You make an astute observation about our former selves -- why should the comparison be any different? As a spiritual Pisces, you may feel more inclined to feel your way through, numbers be damned, and maybe you've inspired others to be kinder to themselves, as well.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** From "Bratz" villain to "Baby Daddy," Chelsea Kane Staub has a flourishing career with even brighter prospects ahead. The young Virgo actress was born under a Scorpio moon, creating the magic combination of hard work and that mysterious "it" factor that makes some performers so compelling. Her Venus in Leo, the sign of the entertainer, suggests a deeply ingrained love of performing.

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## Sudoku Answer On Page 3

## sudoku

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.

	5			1			9	
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## The "I'll Just Have One More" Martini

3 oz. gin or vodka  
1/2 oz. dry vermouth  
3 olives  
1 automobile  
1 long day  
1 diminishing attention span  
1 too many

Combine ingredients. Drink. Repeat.  
Mix with sharp turn, telephone pole.

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	KMID (3) Midland	UNI (4) Spanish	KPEJ (5) Odessa	KOSA (7) Odessa	KTLE (8) Telemundo	KWES (9) Midland	WTBS (11) Atlanta	KMLM (12) Odessa	KPBT (13) Odessa	KWWT (14) Odessa	DISC (20) Discovery	AMC (21) Classics	SPIKE (22) Spike TV	TNT (23) Atlanta	BET (26) Black Ent.	DISN (27) Disney	ESPN2 (28) Sports	ESPN (29) Sports
5 :PM	News ABC	P. Luche	Two Men	News	Tele	News	Seinfeld	Uri Harel	Charlie Rose	CHiPs	Fast N' Loud		(:01) Cops	Castle (DVS)	The Real Dog		SportsCenter	Monday Night Countdown
6 :PM	Jeopardy!	La Gata	Big Bang	CBS 7 News at 6	Caso Cerado	News	Big Bang Mom	McDonald Dr.	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	Fast N' Loud	Movie: The Mummy Returns, John Hannah	(:13) Cops	Castle (DVS)	Movie: I'm in Love With a Church Girl, Stephen Baldwin		Women's Basketball	
7 :PM	Dancing With the Stars	Mi Corazón Es Tuyo	MasterChef (DVS)	Big Bang Mom	Reina de Corazones	American Ninja Warrior	Fam. Guy	Upd	The Roosevelts: An Intimate History	Griffith	Fast N' Loud		(:6:49) Jail	Castle (DVS)				(:15) NFL Football: Philadelphia Eagles at Indianapolis Colts.
8 :PM	(:01) Castle	La Malquerida	Mod Fam	Under the Dome	El Señor de los		Big Bang	Big Bang	The Roosevelts: An Intimate History	Newhart	(:02) Highway to Sell	Movie: Déjà Vu, Jim Caviezel	(:24) Cops	Dallas	Movie: Black Coffee, Christian Keyes		Baseball Tonight	
9 :PM	News	Impacto	Cleveland	News	Tele	News	Conan	House		Cheers	(:03) Fast N' Loud		(:18) Jail	Castle	I Didn't	Football Final		(:20) SportsCenter
10 :PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	El Grito de México	How I Met	Ferguson	De Sides	Seth Meyers	Conan	Office	Rocks	T. Smiley	(:04) Highway to Sell		Jail	(:02) Law & Order	Wendy Williams	Good	Baseball Tonight	
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### DENNIS THE MENACE

9-15

“He’s been very well-behaved today, but it’s probably just a fluke.”

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

9-15

“Yeah, nobody ever tells me anything either.”

### HAGAR

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### BLONDIE

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### BC

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### WIZARD OF ID

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### AGNES

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### HI AND LOIS

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### THE OTHER COAST

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### SNUFFY SMITH

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### BEEBLE BAILEY

9-15

### WIZARD OF ID

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## This Date In History

Today is Monday, September 15, the 258th day of 2014. There are 107 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On September 15, 1789, the U.S. Department of Foreign Affairs was renamed the Department of State.

Author James Fenimore Cooper was born in Burlington, New Jersey.

On this date:

In 1776, British forces occupied New York City during the American Revolution.

In 1857, William

Howard Taft, who served as President of the United States and as U.S. chief justice, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In 1887, the city of Philadelphia launched a three-day celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Constitution of the United States.

In 1935, the Nuremberg Laws deprived German Jews of their citizenship.

In 1949, "The Lone Ranger" premiered on ABC-TV with Clayton Moore as the masked hero and Jay Silverheels as Tonto.

In 1950, during the Korean conflict, United Nations forces landed at Incheon in the south

and began their drive toward Seoul (sohl). In 1954, as raucous fans looked on, Marilyn Monroe filmed the famous billowing-skirt scene for "The Seven Year Itch" over a Lexington Ave. subway grate in Manhattan (however, little, if any, of the footage ended up in the movie; the scene was later reshot on a Hollywood set).

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Answer to previous puzzle

ECLIPSE	OLDBLUE
ROUGHEN	BUOYANT
OSMOSED	IMPASTO
STEP MRT	PINSON
SNOB UNBID	
GLANCING	BLOW
ABBOTS	REW YODA
SEA	ST DENIS
KAEL	REM THEORY
SUZUKI	METHOD
CANTINE	DAMS
ICHING	TAT MALI
NAILSET	SAFARIS
GILBLANE	EXAMINE
ENTENTE	LINEAGE

## Newsday Crossword

STUB HUB by Gail Grabowski  
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# American League

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East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Baltimore	89	.60	.597	—
Toronto 77	71	.520	11½	
New York	76	.72	.514	12½
Tampa Bay	72	.78	.480	17½
Boston 66	84	.440	.23½	
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Detroit 83	66	.557	—	
Kansas City	81	.67	.547	1½
Cleveland	76	.72	.514	6½
Chicago	68	.81	.456	15
Minnesota	63	.86	.423	20
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	93	.56	.624	—
Oakland	83	.66	.557	10
Seattle 80	68	.541	.12½	
Houston	66	.83	.443	27
Texas 57	92	.383	.36	

**Sunday's Games**  
Tampa Bay 6, Toronto 5, 10 innings  
Detroit 6, Cleveland 4  
Boston 8, Kansas City 4  
Minnesota 6, Chicago White Sox 4  
Texas 10, Atlanta 3  
Houston 6, L.A. Angels 1  
Oakland 4, Seattle 0  
Baltimore 3, N.Y. Yankees 2

**Monday's Games**  
Toronto at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.  
Cleveland at Houston, 8:10 p.m.  
Detroit at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.  
Seattle at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

**Tuesday's Games**  
Boston (Ranaudo 3-2) at Pittsburgh (Morton 5-12), 7:05 p.m.  
Toronto (Hutchison 10-11) at Baltimore (U.Jimenez 4-9), 7:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 3-4) at Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 10-12), 7:10 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox (Bassitt 0-1) at Kansas City (D.Duffy 8-11), 8:10 p.m.

Cleveland (Kluber 15-9) at Houston (Trapeano 1-0), 8:10 p.m.  
Detroit (Porcello 15-11) at Minnesota (Nolasco 5-11), 8:10 p.m.  
Seattle (Elias 10-12) at L.A. Angels (Cor.Rasmus 3-1), 10:05 p.m.  
Texas (Tepesch 4-10) at Oakland (Kazmir 14-8), 10:05 p.m.

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East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Washington	85	.63	.574	—
Atlanta	75	.74	.503	10½
Miami 72	76	.486	.13	
New York	72	.78	.480	14
Philadelphia	69	.80	.463	16½
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
St. Louis	83	.67	.553	—
Pittsburgh	79	.70	.530	3½
Milwaukee	78	.72	.520	5
Cincinnati	71	.79	.473	12
Chicago	65	.84	.436	17½
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	85	.64	.570	—
San Francisco	82	.67	.550	3
San Diego	68	.80	.459	16½
Arizona	61	.88	.409	24
Colorado	59	.90	.396	26

**Sunday's Games**  
Washington 3, N.Y. Mets 0  
Pittsburgh 7, Chicago Cubs 3  
Miami 5, Philadelphia 4  
Milwaukee 9, Cincinnati 2  
St. Louis 4, Colorado 1  
Texas 10, Atlanta 3  
L.A. Dodgers 4, San Francisco 2  
Arizona 8, San Diego 6  
**Monday's Games**  
Miami at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.  
Washington at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.  
Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.  
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.  
San Francisco at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.  
Philadelphia at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.

**Tuesday's Games**  
Boston (Ranaudo 3-2) at Pittsburgh (Morton 5-12), 7:05 p.m.  
Miami (Eovaldi 6-11) at N.Y. Mets (B.Colon 13-12), 7:10 p.m.  
Washington (Roark 13-10) at Atlanta (Harang 11-10), 7:10 p.m.  
Cincinnati (Cueto 18-8) at Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 8-5), 8:05 p.m.  
Milwaukee (W.Peralta 16-10) at St. Louis (Lynn 15-9), 8:15 p.m.  
L.A. Dodgers (Haren 13-10) at Colorado (Matzek 5-10), 8:40 p.m.  
San Francisco (Peavy 5-4) at Arizona (Collmenter 10-7), 9:40 p.m.  
Philadelphia (A.Burnett 8-16) at San Diego (Kennedy 10-13), 10:10 p.m.  
**Wednesday's Games**  
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.  
San Francisco at Arizona, 3:40 p.m.  
Boston at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.  
Miami at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.  
Washington at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.  
Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.  
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.

## AL: Braves swept by Rangers after losing finale, 10-3

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Manager Fredi Gonzalez and the Atlanta Braves have every reason to start worrying about their playoff chances.

With two weeks left in the regular season, they are slumping at the wrong time.

Colby Lewis pitched

seven innings for his 10th victory, Luis Sardinas doubled his career total with four RBIs and the last-place Texas Rangers finished off a three-game sweep with a 10-3 win Sunday.

"It happens. In April or May, you're not too worried about it," Gonzalez said.

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