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BSISD climbs out of TEA doghouse

School district gets good news from latest accountability ratings



Big Spring Independent School District

BY **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Big Spring ISD officials announced Thursday they feel confident the district will be back to accredited status by the spring after receiving the district's official rating by

the Texas Education Agency (TEA) this week.

"Our district will receive 'met standards' by TEA which should lead to us back into fully accredited status by the spring," said George Bancroft, Big Spring ISD community relations coordin-

ator. "To our understanding, we will also not be assigned another monitor from TEA." Official ratings were released to the public by TEA today



Bancroft

for school districts across the state. Ratings had not been released by press time.

Big Spring ISD opted not to release preliminary test results back in April and May, unlike many other school district in the area, citing the test scores were close and the district was appealing some of the writing scores.

In fact, Bancroft said all four of the district's elementary campuses still received an "improvement required" rating. Last year,

Moss Elementary received a "met standards" rating. The high school and junior high campuses retained their "met standards" rating this year.

"What helped the district overall was large increase in student progress across the district," Bancroft said. "I use the analogy going from a 69 to 71 is a passing score but going from a 45 to 65 is more impressive."

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Hang Gliding competition to land soon



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The 2015 Big Spring National Hang Gliding competition will be wrapping up this weekend. Saturday will be the last chance to fly in a tandem glider and watch the competition.

BSISD expects tight fiscal year

BY **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Big Spring ISD will be dealing with a leaner budget this year, joining school districts around the Permian Basin "tightening their belts" as the oil and gas production sector continues through a slow down.

According to officials, Big Spring ISD board of trustees will hold a public hearing at 5:15 p.m. Thursday to hear public comment on the proposed 2016 tax rate of \$1.4195 per \$100 valuation. That breaks down to \$1.119 per \$100 valuation for maintenance and operations (M&O) and 30 cents for debt service.

The proposed rate is 5 cents higher than last year's number at \$1.36 per \$100 valuation for M&O and debt service, but Big Spring ISD officials said the new rate will still bring in less projected tax revenue than last year. Officials blame a drop in area's mineral values along with a loss of expected state funding. According to officials, the state comptroller's office uses the previous year's values to determine funding for area school districts.

In order to help save dollars, the district has eliminated some positions through attrition, district officials said. According to the district public notice meeting, Big Spring ISD should end with a healthy fund balance of \$11,927,446 at the end of the current fiscal year.

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

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Tax holiday weekend has begun

BY **LYNDEL MOODY**
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Shoppers are heading to the stores this weekend to take advantage of the annual Texas Sales Tax Holiday weekend created to help families save some money on back-to-school items.

Officially, the weekend began this morning at 12:01

a.m. and will continue through Sunday at midnight.

According to the Texas Comptroller's office, the law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced less than \$100 from sales tax, which save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend during the weekend.

Its estimated shoppers will save about \$87 million in state and local sales tax during the holiday, according to the Texas Comptroller's office, up from last year when \$82.7 million was saved.



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Here are some of the items that qualify under the August Sales Tax Holiday (The exempt items on this list must be priced under \$100. The exemption does not extend to rental, alterations or cleaning services on these exempt items of clothing and footwear):

- Adult diapers
- Aprons (household)
- Athletic socks
- Baby bibs
- Baby clothes
- Baby diapers (cloth or disposable)
- Backpacks (for use by elementary/secondary students)
- Baseball caps and jerseys

- Belts with attached buckles
- Blouses
- Boots (general purpose, cowboy, hiking)
- Bowling shirts
- Camp clothes
- Children's novelty costumes
- Coats and wraps
- Coveralls
- Dresses
- Employee uniforms (unless rented)
- Fishing caps and vests
- Football jerseys
- Gloves (generally)
- Gold caps, dresses, jackets and windbreakers, shirts and skirts

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Obituaries

Thomas Ford Marlow



Thomas Ford Marlow Sr., 72, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2015, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends Friday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. He was born Sept. 12, 1942, at Natchez, Miss., to Thelma and James Marlow. He was a veteran of the U. S. Air Force.

He loved hunting and mountains, cooking, especially at the deer lease. He also enjoyed gambling, telescopes, storytelling and he gave everyone a nick name.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Gaskins Marlow of Big Spring; children, Thomas Ford Marlow Jr., and Kenny Marlow, both of Big Spring, Sherri Willis of Burleson, Texas, Allen Click of Austin, Diane Click Fryar and her husband Mike, Cody Carlile, and Camie Tilley and her husband Stephen, all of Big Spring; two brothers, Bobby Marlow and his wife Alice Ruth of Bossier City, La., and Jimmy Marlow and his wife Charlotte of Natchez, Miss; brother-in-law, Bobby Bradford of Baton Rouge, La.; grandchildren, Adrianna Marlow, Melissa Rodriguez and her husband Marcus, James Marlow and his wife Halie, Kody (Spiga) Willis, Bryson Willis, Lexi Willis, Arree Towery and her husband Jessie, Paige Carlile, Paisleigh Carlile, Keeley Tilley, and Kynzie (Toots) Tilley; great grandchildren, Nathan Rodriguez, Noah Rodriguez, and Corbin Robert Currie; and Molly his Schnauzer.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Martha Fair and Edna Carolyn Bradford; and one grandson, Carl Robert Currie.

Pallbearers will be Don Belew, David Tubb, Boyce Horton, Jason Key, Ron Allen, J. D. Allen and Brad Willis.

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

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Support Groups

FRIDAY

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls). Open meeting at 7 p.m. AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

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

Back-to-School List for BSISD

2015-2016 School Supplies List PK - 4th

Table with 6 columns: PRE-K & PPCD, KINDERGARTEN, 1st GRADE, 2nd GRADE, 3rd GRADE, 4th GRADE. Lists school supplies like crayons, pencils, erasers, notebooks, and folders for each grade level.

ALL STUDENTS WILL NEED BACKPACK - NO WHEELS OR ROLLERS, PLEASE

2015-2016 School Supplies List 5th-8th Grade

Table with 4 columns: 5th GRADE, 6th Grade, 7th Grade, 8th Grade. Lists school supplies like composition notebooks, pencil bags, highlighters, and folders for each grade level.

The zippered binders are utilized to carry all supplies and materials at the Junior High and Intermediate Schools. *Backpacks are allowed, but not necessary.

ALL STUDENTS WITH BACKPACKS - NO WHEELS OR ROLLERS, PLEASE

Information and graphics provided by BSISD

Police, Sheriff, Fire/EMS reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- WILLIAM ANTHONY MORRIS, 32, of 601 Caylor Dr. was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance, more than 4 grams but less than 200 grams; three counts of burglary of a vehicle; unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon; and possession of a dangerous drug. BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 2800 block of Parkway Drive. BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1100 block of N. Aylesford St. CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1600 block of E. FM 700. THEFT was reported in the 2500 block of S. Gregg St and the 1200

block of E. 16th St. DISTURBANCE was reported at the intersection of 16th St. and Alysford St.

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 66 inmates at the time of this report. JESSE SOSA GALAN, 36, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for motion to revoke probation - theft of property more than \$20k but less than \$100k. DAVID HOUSTON SUMMERS, 38, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for harassment and a bench warrant.

The Big Spring Fire

Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- TRAUMA CALL was reported in the 800 block of Andre St. One person transported to SMMC.

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UPCOMING EVENTS Aug. 29: United Way Kickoff: Big Spring Country Club. Contact: 432-267-5201

Sept. 5: 44th Annual West Texas Rod Run. Dora Roberts CC www.facebook.com/BigSpring-Cruisers

Sept. 12: Comanche Warrior Triathlon: Dora Roberts Community Center www.permianbasinevents.com

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Howard County Republican Club will hold its monthly meeting at 11:30 a.m. Monday in the Howard College Student Union Building's Cactus Room. Crystal Rodriguez, a member of the Republican Party of Texas Hispanic Engagement Staff, will be featured speaker. Lunch is available for \$6.50. Please RSVP to Ron at 432-528-4869.

Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The

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

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

On or before Friday, Aug. 14, parents or guardians of Big Spring ISD students in grades 1-4 need to stop by the elementary campus they believe their students will be attending this year and bring proof of residency. This information is needed before the school's administration can place students on classroom rosters. Any recent monthly bill or bank statement with a street address will suffice to validate the residence of the student and parent or guardian.

HOLIDAY

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A list of apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax free can be found on the Comptroller's website at TexasTaxHoliday.org.

Texas neighboring states Oklahoma, New Mexico and Louisiana will be holding their own sales tax holidays also this weekend.

Meet the Teacher night for all elementary campuses will be on Thursday, Aug. 20, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

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

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

A hungry child cannot learn. Food2Kids-Big Spring was created to provide nutrition for hundreds of children who do not get a substantial meal on the weekends. F2K began last November and this volunteer program now serves more than 300 children weekly. Once the need has been identified, F2K fills a sack of food to send home

each Friday during the school year. You can help. Volunteers are needed and donations can be sent to Food2Kids - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721. For more information call, Muffet Bomar 432-935-3998 or Peggy Hopper 214-773-6775. Find us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids

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

The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

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

Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

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

The Howard College Music program is offering a season ticket allowing a person to gain entrance to all of its performances for the season including guest solo recitals, chamber concerts and all student recitals as well. The ticket is \$50 for the general public and \$40 for Howard College faculty. The 2015-2016 season is expected to feature from 15 to 20 concerts from up and coming professional musicians including concerts for trombone, brass quintet, flute, clarinet, two trumpets, cello, piano, tuba, solo and group voice recitals, saxophone quartet, a trio featuring cello, trumpet and piano. To reserve a ticket, call 432-264-5145, e-mailing Kiley at dkiley@howardcollege.edu or e-mailing Wills at ewills@howardcollege.edu.

RATINGS

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Student process is one of four performance indexes TEA uses to determine ratings that also includes student achievement, closing the gap or how economically disadvantage students perform and post secondary readiness.

This is the first time in five years Big Spring ISD has not been a low academically performing school district based on standardized testing scores. The district first slipped into the statues in 2011, however, no school district in Texas received accountability ratings in 2013.

The news means school district should mitigated the issue of losing its accredited statues. In February 2015, the district was placed on accredited probationary status by TEA based on its accountability ratings for 2011, 2013 and 2014.

Contact Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by citdesk@big-springherald.com.

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- Gym suits and uniforms
- Hats
- Hooded shirts and sweatshirts
- Hosiery
- Hunting vests
- Jackets
- Jeans
- Jogging apparel
- Knitted caps or hats
- Leg warmers
- Leotards and tights
- Neckwear and ties
- Nightgowns and night-shirts
- Painter pants
- Pants
- Pajamas
- Panty hose
- Raincoats and ponchos
- Rain hats
- Religious clothing
- Robes
- Safety shoes
- Scarves
- Scout uniforms
- Shawls and wraps
- Shirts
- Shoes (generally)
- Shorts
- Skirts
- Sleepwear

- Slippers
- Slips
- Soccer socks
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Christie: Not just a memory

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa — Chris Christie bills himself as the candidate willing to speak the truth even if his audience doesn't want to hear it. Opening his talk at Beck's Sports Grill, he wastes no time inviting a negative reaction.

“The last time I was here was to go to the UNI-Dome,” he recalls, referring to the University of Northern Iowa's nearby football venue. “Mary Pat and I are alums of the University of Delaware.” At this point, those present drown him out with groans in bitter memory of the Blue Hens' elimination of the Panthers in the Football Championship Sub-division's 2007 playoffs.

His slogan is “Telling It Like It Is,” and the rest of his presentation is also risky with the crowd of 150, which has plenty of white hair.

Christie promotes his plan for entitlement reform — which includes raising the Social Security retirement age, means-testing pensions, reducing cost-of-living adjustments and raising Medicare premiums for well-to-do seniors.

People warn that entitlement reform “is the third rail of American politics: You touch it and you die,” he notes. “Well, here's what we're doing: We're hugging it.”

It's the sort of appeal that reminds people why Christie got

a lot of entreaties to enter the presidential race four years ago: his reputation for unvarnished candor and a willingness to take on hard issues and powerful interests.

Another part of his pitch is devoted to assailing Barack Obama, particularly for the nuclear deal with Iran, which the candidate calls “the worst thing that has happened in foreign policy in recent memory” — suggesting Christie has forgotten the Iraq war. “He lied to us,” he charges.

Today, Christie intends to leave GOP voters with no doubt that he holds “this president,” as he invariably refers to Obama, in the contempt he deserves.

Christie's ideas on how to deal with the Iranians amount to spurning any agreement until the other side capitulates — an approach that was tried by Obama's immediate predecessor, without success. Aside from dramatizing his ostensible toughness, they serve to exhibit a fluency in national security and foreign affairs that many governors lack.

His problem this year is not a lack of assets. He is nimble on his feet, knows the issues adequately and has a flair for distilling complex matters into simple choices. He has a sense of humor that he deploys without strain. He's even lost 100 pounds thanks to lap-band surgery.

His chief problem is that he's been usurped by other contenders in the GOP race. The brash truth-teller role has been filled by Donald Trump. The scourge-of-public-employee-unions man-

tle has fallen on Scott Walker. The establishment favorite who can appeal beyond the base? Jeb Bush.

Christie also carries a whiff of scandal: the 2013 closing of lanes on a major bridge to punish the mayor of Fort Lee for not endorsing him.

Two of the governor's allies have been indicted, and another, who said Christie knew about the retaliation while it was going on, pleaded guilty. Christie denies it, and prosecutors have not implicated him.

But that episode and his aggressive personality have taken a toll even with hardened New Jerseyans, only 30 percent of whom have a favorable opinion of him. Here, one woman prefaces a question by identifying herself as a public school teacher — then says, “Please don't hit me.”

After listening to her question about how his “pro-life” principles square with his policies on education, he bristles: “You definitely do not need to lecture me about what pro-life means.” But that's about the only reminder that when provoked, Christie can be rude and overbearing. (He once insisted, “I am not a bully.”)

Today, he does nothing to put off these polite Midwesterners, who swarm him afterward seeking handshakes and photos. Christie can leave knowing he's given them sound reasons to consider his candidacy. And he didn't hit anyone.

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DAILY PRAYER

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

Amen

Ethical hunters shocked by Cecil story

BOZEMAN, Mont. — That picture of Cecil the lion's corpse and the American dentist posing triumphantly over it was ghastly. Cecil had apparently been lured out of a safe haven in Zimbabwe and illegally shot.

It happens that the Cecil story appalled many of the hunting and fishing writers gathered here by the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership. The partnership represents sportsmen dedicated to maintaining wildlife habitats.

Its members often see themselves squeezed between other environmental groups hostile to hunting and the “slob hunters” they believe sully the sport. And they feel underappreciated as protectors of the wild environment. Hikers and campers pay far less for conservation than they do.

“Cecil was an absolute disaster on multiple fronts,” Don Thomas, a well-known outdoor writer and co-editor of Traditional Bowhunter Magazine, told me. From what is known, Thomas places most guilt on the dentist's hunting guides. It is their responsibility to know the laws.

“The hunter's errors seem to be more a matter of sleaze factor than of illegality,” Thomas

added, though he is not cleared of the latter.

But Thomas also has a problem with the Disney-fication of Cecil — “taking a wild lion, giving it a name and turning it into a faux pet as a tourist attraction.” The biggest threat to African lions, he explained, is not hunters but the loss of wild habitat through human overpopulation, development and climate change.

What is ethical hunting? It's not killing an animal who has no legitimate means of escape. It's not taking an animal who has been around people a lot and has lost its instinctual fear of humans. Collared and long studied by biologists, Cecil would seem to fit into that second category.

Ethical hunters have long condemned “trophy mania,” that is, measuring the experience merely by the size of the antlers harvested.

The general public, meanwhile, does not grasp how much conservation is paid for by hunters and anglers.

Hunting and fishing license and permit fees largely go toward habitat restoration.

The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937 taxes the sale of hunting gear. The proceeds, more than \$12 billion so far, go to state wildlife agencies for conservation. A similar tax on fishing equipment followed the 1937 law. Buy a fishing rod and you pay the excise tax. Buy a sleeping bag and you don't.

In 1900, fewer than 500,000 white-tailed deer remained in North America. Extensive deforestation, poaching and over-harvesting had decimated the population of deer, as well as of turkeys and ducks. Now there are 30 million white-tailed deer.

Better habitat care and hunting practices deserve the credit, Brian Murphy, a wildlife biologist who heads the Quality Deer Management Association, told me.

The complaints nowadays are of too many deer — and with reason. “Too many deer imperil the health of the forest, removing forage that other species rely on,” he said.

Many hunters and anglers feel right at home in the locavore movement, which promotes food grown locally. They say their relationship with the hunted dinner is far more intimate than with a plastic-wrapped chopped meat shipped from wherever.

When his family says grace over a meal, it thanks the animal itself, Murphy said. “I've never felt that way over a Big Mac.”

Furthermore, the game animal on the dinner table had probably enjoyed a far fuller life in the wilds than the penned cow turned into hamburger. These hunters have a point.

The Cecil story should have little to do with them.

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The Lord says, "I will rescue those who
love me. I will protect those who trust in my
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*Rejoice, you people of Jerusalem!
Rejoice in the Lord your God! For the
rains he sends are an expression of his
grace. Once more the autumn rains will
come, as well as the rains of spring.*
(Joel 2:23)

*God's love supply is never empty.
"For his unfailing love toward those
who fear him is as great as the height
of the heavens above the earth."*
(Psalm 103:11)

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Did you ever wonder? Blessing of the younger sons

We will continue with the blessings of the rest of Jacob's sons. Note the way the prophecies play out over time. "Dan will avenge his people and keep the tribes united as one nation, Israel. Dan will be a serpent on the highway that bites a horse's heels so its rider falls backward."

Samson and other judges, or leaders, of Israel came from the tribe of Dan. "For your salvation do I long, O Hashem!" This is a plea for strength to lead. The rider falling back alludes to Samson's crushing blow to the Philistines after they had captured and blinded him.

"Gad will recruit a regiment and it will retreat on its heel." Gad means 'troop.' This was one of the tribes that settled on the east side of the Jordan, on the land they took from Sihon and Og, two Canaanite kings.



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When they asked for this land to be their inheritance, they swore to Moses that they would repair the cities for their wives and children and build pens for their livestock. Then the men would arm themselves and lead the other tribes to conquer the Promised Land on the other side of the Jordan.

They made themselves the vanguard of the Hebrew fighting forces and did not return home for six or seven years...until after the conquest. As Jacob had prophesied, none of their men were slain in battle and they returned "on their heel" to their homes across the Jordan.

"From Asher—his bread will have richness, and he will provide kingly delicacies." The land allotted to Asher was good for growing olive trees. They provided olive oil for other tribes. Moses restates Asher's blessing in Deuteronomy 33:24: "The most blessed of children is Asher; he shall be pleasing to his brothers and he shall dip his feet in oil." Just recently oil (petroleum) has been discovered under Asher's land!

"Naphtali is a hind let loose who

delivers beautiful sayings." Naphtali was renowned as a fast runner. It was he who ran back to Egypt to fetch Abraham's deed to the cave of Machpelah. When Deborah judged Israel, the warriors of Naphtali were nimble as hinds on the mountains, and played a leading role in battles.

"A charming son is Joseph, beautiful to the eye. They were embittered and became antagonists toward him." This was when his brothers were jealous and sold him; also when Potiphar's wife falsely accused him. Jacob continued, "His bow was strong (power or strength) and his arms were gilded (Joseph's wealth and prominence in Pharaoh's court)." He continued, "God will bless you with blessings from above (rain) and blessings of the deep, crouching below (wells of underground water)."

The land of Joseph's sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, was blessed with rain and with water for irrigation during times of scarce rainfall. "The womb will be blessed." The tribe of Ephraim became very large and was the dominant tribe when Israel and

Judah divided.

"Benjamin is a predatory wolf; in the morning he will devour prey and in the evening he will distribute the spoils." The Benjaminites were mighty, fearless warriors. They were ambidextrous and were excellent marksmen with a slingshot, using either hand. This probably also prophesies of Mordechai and Esther, who defeated Haman and were awarded his estate.

Jacob probably had been sitting on his bed as he spoke. Gen 49:33 says, "When Jacob finished instructing his sons, he drew his feet onto the bed; he expired and was gathered to his people." He had no sorrow in leaving this life.

Eunice Filler, author of "Rachael: Porch Swings and Spearmint Tea," is a former school teacher with ties to the Big Spring community. She has returned to enjoy her retirement as a Big Spring resident. Questions? Fill-ereunice@yahoo.com.

Church News

First Presbyterian Church — Big Spring

The regular Wednesday church activities are the following: 5:17 p.m., the Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger; 6 p.m., Chancel Choir rehearsal. We are pleased to welcome our organist and music director Mike Mitchell back from his sabbatical.

Lucy Odom announced that the annual School Supply Drive of the Service Committee will be extended to Sunday. Suggestions for supplies include: paper, pens, pencils, crayons, spiral notebooks and rulers.

This month John Ferguson will lead the adult Covenant Class in the final unit of this quarter's study, titled "Advocates of Justice for All." The lessons cover five prophets: Isaiah, who prophesies God's coming as the redeemer bringing righteousness and justice; Jeremiah, who describes the choice to good or bad, resulting in God's blessing or punishment; Ezekiel, who calls for confession and repentance to build a healthy faith community; Zechariah, who gives clear instructions for showing kindness, mercy and justice for others; and Malachi, who informs the people that God requires justice and faithfulness, bestowing blessings in proportion to their willingness to give.

The adult Discovery Class continues the DVD study of "Parables Remix" through Aug. 16. These short film retellings of Jesus' parables have been inspiring and have elicited much lively discussion...possibly even some new thoughts.

Charlie Boling, Kelly Schaedel, and Christine and Don Boling have returned from the annual Synod Youth Workshop in Tulsa, Okla., where Charlie served on the leadership team. They all report that it was an inspiring experience.

All women in the church are invited to a Bridal Shower for Courtney Schaedel on Saturday, Aug. 15, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday the Youth Group will have a hamburger dinner and movie in the

Fellowship Hall, beginning at 6 p.m.

Cecilia Hallford is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Lector for August is Danny Kennemur. Ushers for the month are Ellen Austin, Weldon Jones (new granddad to Conner Randolph Griffin, son of Caitlin and Chris Griffin), and Christine and Don Boling.

The lectionary for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (or 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time) is 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51. Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir will present "Out of the Depths" (based on Psalm 130) by Paul Manz as the offertory.

Please note that our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast starts at 11.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Craig Holstedt. We would be pleased for you to Like us on Facebook.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to invite you to join us at 10:30 a.m. Sunday as we continue in our current series entitled "Soul Winner: Each One Reach One."

We are decorating for our Back-to-School service. We are asking that if you or anyone you know has a letterman jacket that we can borrow for decorating we would greatly appreciate it. We will be receiving the jackets now, Sunday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the Sr. Pastor's assistant and H.R. Director/New Member office. The last day to bring your jacket is noon Aug 16. We also ask that when those are dropped off

please bring a picture ID so that we can make a copy. We will have your jacket available for pick up after the "Back-To-School" Service the next day, Monday, 24.

- Monday, at 6:00 p.m. Our Women's Ministry will be hosting a "Mom's & Kids Swim" at 2910 W 8th St, Big Spring, (next to the Meet-&-Greet).

- Wednesday at 7 p.m. Join us for mid-week Bible study. CCC offers classes for all ages. Also our, Chosen Generation, youth ministry meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday at in the Youth Sanctuary located in the down stairs portion of the east wing.

- Thursday, Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. Our 50 & Over Ministry will be gathering at 2405 East 25th St. (Faye and Steve Flowers home). Bring a dish to share.

- Saturday, Aug. 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will be gathering at the Coahoma Community Center, 306 North Ave, Coahoma for our "Back-To-School" picnic. Be sure to bring the family and friends for a time of fellowship, fun and food. There will be plenty of games and activities.
- Sunday, Aug. 23 at 10:30 a.m. You are invited to join us for our "Back-to-School" service, as we celebrate the start of another blessed school year.

Lastly, we serve a free fellowship breakfast each Sunday morning at 10 a.m. in the Misfits Lounge. Please join us every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for worship. CCC offers nursery and children church for both mid-week and Sunday services.

We are located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours contact our Administrative Office at 432-264-0015. You can also find us at facebook.com/CCCBigSpring; or visit us a www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel at St. Mary's Episcopal Church located at 10th and Goliad Streets. Bible study is held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Parish Hall. Evening prayer begins at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday in the chapel. For more information visit www.stmarysbsb.org.

Forsan Baptist Church

This Sunday our message is titled, "The Right Track," and comes from Psalm 118:25-32.

This week we will continue our study series on Sunday evenings called, "Heaven: Now and Then." This study will focus on what Heaven may be like as we enter it now, and what it will be like when Jesus returns. This Sunday evening our topic of discussion will be, "What Happens when Jesus Returns?"

Men's breakfast and movie night is this Saturday. Men's breakfast will be at Four Sands Café at 9 a.m., and movie night will begin in the west parking lot as it begins to get dark. The movie for this month is "Despicable Me."

All Wednesday youth activities will resume on Aug. 26 with a "Back-to-School Bash." Doors will open at 4 p.m. that day and CHAOS, GA's, RA's, and Mission friends will meet at 5:30 p.m. for a meal and activities. We will be introducing new classes at 4 p.m. on Wednesdays for those who wish to come to the church early. Normal youth and children's activities will begin with a meal at 5:30 p.m.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday School begins at 9:50 p.m., with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

First Baptist Church

You're invited to join us Sunday at 10:50 a.m. as we gather to praise and worship Our Living Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Pastor Mark Lindsey brings the message titled "All Your Heart" as part of the new sermon series "The Art of Loving." The series will focus on each person asking themselves: 'What is the priority of your life?,' and 'Around what foundational principle does your life revolve?'. Sunday's sermon is drawn from Mark 12:30, and is titled "All Your Heart." Gifted singer Joe Whitten will bless us with a special music offering. If you are unable to attend, you may watch the service through the live stream on our website at: fbcbigspring.org.

At 9:30 a.m., Sunday School classes meet throughout the building, with children gathering in the "Good News Garage" on the first floor, and youth and adult groups meeting on the second floor. Greeters are available to help you find your class.

Our Missional Community Groups meet in area homes at 5:30

Sunday evening. You do not have to attend First Baptist Church to participate in a group. Call the church at 267-8223 or go to the website for host home locations.



Don't tell me "no"

Most people don't like to be told that they are wrong. This is evident early in life. I remember when my children were toddlers and at one time or another uttered the phrase, "Don't tell me no!" I think some part in us never outgrows this. When we are corrected, we may feel defensive toward the one who is doing the correcting or warning. I bring this up because in our previous two articles we have looked at how we are to have the word of Christ dwell



GREG SURLES

in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom (Colossians 3:16). In this article, I will address the term admonish. Dictionary.com defines it as: 1. to caution, advise, or counsel against something 2. to reprove or scold, especially in a mild and good-willed manner 3. to urge to a duty; remind. Just as having God's word in us should lead us to teach others (see last week's article), so should it also lead us to help out another individual when we see them struggling with a behavior that goes against God's word. This point, however, is where we might run into some problems. Why? Because as I began this article, we don't like to be told that we are wrong. Nevertheless, the Apostle

Paul says this is what we are to do to have God's word dwelling in us richly. In Acts 20:31, Paul is speaking to the elders of the church in Ephesus and tells them, Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. Paul was not just a nagging preacher, rather he was concerned for those Christians – note how he said he did it with tears. Also, when we admonish someone, it is not simply an "I gotcha" moment. In Colossians 1:28, Paul states the purpose he and his fellow workers shared the gospel with others: Him we proclaim, warning (that's our word "admonish") everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. We should have the proper attitude while we are admonishing, warning, and exhorting someone. Again, the

purpose is not to "rub their nose" in their sin. Paul wrote to the congregation in Corinth (who had several problems that needed to be dealt with) and told them in 1 Corinthians 4:14, I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. Admonition is a necessary process, but it should always be carried out in love with care and concern for the recipient and never driven by jealousy, spite, or vengeance! I hope you are putting forth the effort to have God's word richly dwelling in you so that you can teach others and admonish them when necessary. And may we have a humble spirit that is willing to receive instruction and admonition when necessary.

Greg Surles is the preacher of Birdwell Lane church of Christ.

CHURCH NEWS

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On Thursday, Aug. 16, our Mission Center will be open from 9 a.m. to 11. In addition to food and clothing items, we will give out school supplies this month. The Mission Center is located one block behind HEB at 2017 Lancaster. Our Mother's Day Out program is now enrolling for the Fall session. Contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 about openings for your little ones. An Open House/Meet the Teacher event is planned for Aug. 18 from 6 to 7 p.m. Please join us in praising God for the blessed experience had by all spon-

sors and participants in the recent Youth Mission trip and the children's RA/GA camps. Wednesday evening begins with a meal served from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center followed by activities for all age groups. Go to fbcbigspring.org for details. Join us August 12 for Baked Potato Bar. FBC is located at 705 W FM 700.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Come praise the LORD with us Sunday at 2 p.m., as we meet together to worship our merciful and loving Heavenly Father. Pastor Jim Walterhouse, and wife Debbie, invite you to

join this vibrant congregation as they praise the mighty name of Jesus. Pastor Walterhouse brings the message drawn from the book of Ecclesiastes, which directs us to the truth of God's faithfulness as we travel through this earthly life's ups and downs. Sunday worship service is held inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. Thanks to everyone who participated in our 'Friendly Friday's at Froyo's' these past 2 months. We praise God for the blessed times had by all. Currently, BHDC is not meeting on Wednesday evenings, but will resume that schedule soon. For more information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church contact Pastor Jim at: jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

Birdwell Lane church of Christ is located at the southwest corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane. Vacation Bible School will be held Monday through Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. This year's theme is How We Go the Bible. Classes are open for children kindergarten age through sixth grade. An adult class will be held in the auditorium. Regular service times are Sundays 9 a.m. for Bible study and 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. for worship services. On Wednesday, Bible study and devotional is at 7 p.m.

To bee, or not to bee: This is no bumbling insect audit

APPLETON, Maine (AP) – Mad as a hornet, a bumblebee buzzes her wings in vain against the walls of the vial holding her captive. She alights briefly on the paper tab indicating her number, and then resumes scuttling around her plastic prison. Her warden is Shaina Helsel, one soldier in a citizen army that is taking a census of Maine's bumblebees in an effort to secure the future of the state's blueberries, cranberries and tomatoes amid concern about the population of pollinators. "Time, location, elevation play a factor in what species are where," says Helsel, a biology student at University of Maine at Augusta. "It's an interesting thing, going out and finding a bunch of different bumblebees. I've so far collected 105."

The project is among a growing number of "citizen science" efforts around the country that are designed to motivate the public to gather data about pollinators. The Great Pollinator Project of New York City tallied nearly 1,500 observations of the city's more than 200 bee species from 2007 to 2010. Across the continent, scientists and students at Washington State University also have tried to galvanize the public to collect data about bees, and more efforts are a buzz elsewhere. The national conversation about bee die-offs has largely centered on honeybees, which are different from the furry, chunky bumblebees. The Bee Informed Partnership said this year that about 5,000 beekeepers reported losing more than 40 percent of their honeybee colonies during a yearlong period that ended in April. The numbers are troubling because of the billions of dollars in value honeybees provide to agriculture every year as pollinators. Scientists have cited factors that could be accelerating honeybee deaths, including parasites, pesticides, and poor nutrition from a lack of diversity in pollen and nectar sources. In Maine, the focus is specifically on bumblebees, and state officials say species that are in decline have suffered from habitat loss, pesticides, and diseases and parasites introduced through commercially raised bumblebees. Maine has 17 known native bumblebee species, and four of them became rarely observed starting in the 1990s, biologists say. Data are poor on the status of the other 13, and officials say a multi-year statewide survey will better assess the population, range and abundance of the bees, which are key pollinators of wildflowers and some of the state's most important crops. Engaging the public to collect data about the bees is a step toward conserving them, says Swartz.

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Reflections: Our moral drift and the way back

It has been several weeks, and I cannot get Sandra Bland out of my mind.

The video of her arrest after changing lanes without giving a signal is haunting. Sandra was understandably upset. How many times have we all changed lanes without giving a signal? She was simply moving over to let the policeman by.

It seemed like such a trivial stop.

She showed her irritation. The officer was insulted and grew angry, demanding she put out her cigarette. She refused. He threatened to "light her up" with his Taser, forced her from her car, manhandled her off to the side of the road, wrestled her to the ground, handcuffed her and carted her off to



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jail.

Three days later, unable to post bond, Sandra Bland took her own life.

The video is disturbing because of the injustice of it all. It is even more disturbing because it represents our cultural drift from the values that make life work.

Our politicians hurl insults at one another, calling names, seldom restrained by the truth. People scream at one another in movies and dramas, releasing unrestrained anger. We laugh at the snide remarks of comedians.

The principles of courtesy, respect, patience, honesty and forgiveness seem to be slipping away.

Have we slipped our Christian moorings? Are we adrift in a sea of uncertainty that has no true North, no compass? Is the contemporary GPS leading us off a cliff?

We turned to science and technol-

ogy believing they would pave the way to a brighter future. And, while science and technology have given us a healthier and higher standard of living with conveniences our forefathers never dreamed, they cannot provide the values necessary for living with each other.

The stones that pave the path for our future are the same stones that paved the pathway for our forefathers. They are found in the Commandments: "Do not murder. Do not commit adultery. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Do not defraud. Honor your father and mother." (Mark 10:19)

They are found in the words of Jesus: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." "Love your neighbor as yourself." "Be merciful as your father is merciful." "Give and it shall be given to you, good measure, pressed down and running over."

They are found in the Lord's Prayer.

The stones for our pathway forward are found in the fruits of the Spirit that overcome the flesh: "Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, ... But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." (Galatians 5:19-23).

Faith that fosters forgiveness and respect is essential to our survival.

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.

Pets pick up on cues to comfort the dying, the grieving

LOS ANGELES (AP) — For those who are dying, it's clear why all dogs go to heaven.

They provide comfort not just in death, but in other difficult times, whether it's depression, job loss or a move across country. Dogs know when people are dying or grieving through body language cues, smells only they can detect and other ways not yet known, experts say.

As a hospice veterinarian, Jessica Vogelsang knows how much "being there" can mean to struggling people or pets. She's director of Paws Into Grace in Southern California, a group of vets who provide end-of-life care and euthanasia for pets at home.

The San Diego vet finished her first book, "All Dogs Go to Kevin: Everything Three Dogs Taught Me (That I Didn't Learn in Veterinary School)," just before learning her mom, Patricia Marzec, had an inoperable brain tumor. The title of the memoir published last month refers to what Vogelsang's toddler heard when he was told all dogs go to heaven.

Her parents moved in so Marzec could enjoy her last months with family, and Vogelsang's golden retriever, Brody, picked up on the changes. He always jumped on her parents but stopped when they arrived in April.

"He knew Mom was sick. He was with her 24-7," Vogelsang said. "He was trying not to be too obvious, but Dad was on one side and he was on the other."

Brody would lay by Marzec's feet or rest his

head on her lap when he sensed she was sad. He wedged in next to her when hospice workers came by, ignoring her shaking hand as she patted his head, Vogelsang said.

"He is still my dog, but he knew when they came they needed him more than I did," she said.

Dogs know to comfort people by sniffing out some cancers, such as on the breath of a lung cancer patient, said Dr. Bonnie Beaver, professor at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine and executive director of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists.

But most often, it's about body language.

"They recognize fragile, slumped over, not mov-

ing as well," Beaver said. "That's how they read each other. ... They are great at it, and we are not."

Some rest homes and hospices that have live-in dogs to comfort patients even use a dog's behavior, such as who the animal chooses to sleep with, as a sign to tell relatives to come say their good-byes.

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Warming climate leaves Alaskans with fewer walrus to hunt

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) – Anna Oxereok grew up eating walrus in the western Alaska village of Wales. Today it's such a rare treat she can't bring herself to part with the plastic gallon bag of meat in her freezer.

"I have to save it for something special," she says. Her brother caught two animals this spring and shared the meat and fat, but it didn't go very far in the village of 150. She's thankful for what she got, though. It's become increasingly difficult to land a walrus.

Other remote communities at the edge of the Bering Sea also are seeing a steep decline in walrus harvested the past several years. Walrus, described by some as having a taste between veal and beef, is highly prized by Alaska Natives as a subsistence food to store for winter, with the adult male animals averaging 2,700 pounds. The sale of carved ivory from the tusks, legal only for Alaska Natives, also brings in supplemental income to communities with high unemployment rates.

Hunters and scientists say walrus migration patterns are veering from historical hunting grounds as temperatures warm and the ocean ice used by the animals to dive and rest recedes farther north. Village elders also tell biologists the wind is blowing in new directions. In 2013, a late-season icepack clustered around St. Lawrence Island, blocking hunters from the sea.

"I think one of the biggest issues is that things have gotten so variable. It's hard to really predict what's going to happen," said Jim MacCracken, Alaska walrus program supervisor for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Iver Campbell and other Yup'ik Eskimo hunters from two St. Lawrence Island communities harvested more than 1,100 walrus in 2003. But a decade later, hunters managed to take only 555, a fraction of the ideal

of one walrus per resident, per year. Things still aren't looking any better for the 1,430 residents of the villages of Gambell and Savoonga. The recent spring take was 233 walrus, according to preliminary Fish and Wildlife figures.

The shore ice once served to block the wind for hunters but that's no longer the case, said Campbell, who's lived all 64 years in Gambell, population 713.

"The ice goes out real fast, melts real fast," he said. "We don't have anything to counter the wind and the rough water."

Science backs that observation. According to the Office of Naval Research, the past eight years have had the eight lowest amounts of summer sea ice on record.

Far from the state's limited road system, costly store-bought food is not an affordable solution. At village stores, pantry staples quickly add up, nearly \$7 for a dozen eggs, \$15 for a gallon of milk and \$6.25 for a loaf of basic white bread. People rely on the region's resources for up to 80 percent of their diets.

Their hunting practices are closely monitored by federal authorities to ensure the animals that are killed are not going to waste. Generally, such hunts don't cause a public outcry in Alaska.

In these communities, a subsistence lifestyle is a necessity. In fact, the low harvest this year recently prompted a donation of 10,000 pounds of frozen halibut to four affected villages.

"A decline in the subsistence harvest really creates an economic disaster that threatens the health and welfare of the people in the communities," said Vera Metcalf, director of the Eskimo Walrus Commission. "So we are concerned about the impacts of climate change and the ability for our hunters to harvest marine mammals."

Jordan tries to stem IS-style extremism in schools, mosques

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) – In pro-Western Jordan, a leader in the fight against Islamic State militants, school books warn students they risk "God's torture" if they don't embrace Islam. They portray "holy war" as a religious obligation if Islamic lands are attacked and suggest it is justified to kill captured enemies.

Christians, the country's largest minority, are largely absent from the texts.

The government says it's tackling the contradiction between official anti-extremist policy and what is taught in schools and mosques by rewriting school books and retraining thousands of teachers and preachers.

Critics say the reforms are superficial, fail to challenge hard-line traditions, and that the first revised textbooks for elementary-school children still present Islam as the only true religion.

"Islamic State ideology is there, in our textbooks," said Zogan Obiedat, a former Education Ministry official who published a recent analysis of the texts. If Jordan were to be overrun by the militants, a large majority "will join IS because they learned in school that this is Islam," he said.

Government officials insist they are serious about reform.

The rewritten books will teach "how to be a moderate Muslim, how to respect others, how to live in an environment that has many nationalities and different ethnic groups," said Education Minister Mohammed Thnaibat.

Thnaibat refused to

discuss hard-line passages in the unrevised books, but said there are limits to reform. Jordan is an Islamic country, he said, and "you cannot go against the culture of the society."

Success or failure of the effort matters in a region engaged in what Jordan's King Abdullah II has framed as an existential battle with IS militants who control large areas in Syria and Iraq. Abdullah has emerged as one of the most outspoken Arab leaders urging Muslims to reclaim their religion from extremists.

Reform efforts target both schools and mosques.

All school books are to be rewritten over the next two years, said Thnaibat. Lesson plans will shift from rote learning to critical thinking, and tens of thousands of teachers will be retrained. Revised books for grades 1-3 are already in use, and 11,000 teachers were given monthlong courses to deliver the new curriculum.

Among preachers, the government hopes to promote a "moderate Islamic ideology that is in line with our national principles," said the religious affairs minister, Haeli Abdul Hafeez Daoud.

As part of the campaign, the ministry suspended several dozen imams because of the content of their sermons.

The country has only 4,500 preachers for its 6,300 mosques, including many who are not properly trained, creating a vacuum that has enabled extremist lay preachers to step in, Daoud said. Yet a program to retrain thou-

sands has enrolled only about 100 preachers in a three-semester course for which 340 were approached.

The spread of extremist ideas has been a growing concern in Jordan since the 2011 Arab Spring uprisings and subsequent conflicts involving militants, including in Syria and Iraq.

Experts say about 10,000 Jordanians, including hundreds fighting in Syria and Iraq, adhere to Jihadi Salafism, the ideology that underpins the al-Qaida terror network and Islamic State group, its increasingly more influential rival.

Daoud said that at one point, such ideas had a "huge and dangerous" impact in Jordan, but that appeal of IS has waned since the extremists immolated a captured Jordanian fighter pilot earlier this year.

Contact the Herald at 263-7331

2015 Property Tax Rates in City of Big Spring

This notice concerns the 2015 property tax rates for City of Big Spring. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$4,591,746
Last year's debt taxes	\$1,554,940
Last year's total taxes	\$6,146,686
Last year's tax base	\$717,534,320
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.856640/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$6,119,987
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$873,299,104
=This year's effective tax rate	\$0.700789/\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures)	\$6,688,532
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$873,299,104
=This year's effective operating rate	\$0.765892/\$100
x 1.08=this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.827163/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0.177489/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$1.004652/\$100
-Sales tax adjustment rate	\$0.232927/\$100
=Rollback tax rate	\$0.771725/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If City of Big Spring adopts a 2015 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.700789 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2014 taxes by \$25,763.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
M&O (General Fund - Unrestricted)	4,570,000

Schedule B - 2015 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
General Obligation Bonds - 2007 Series	660,000	449,456	750	1,110,206
Certificates of Obligation - 2007 Series	20,000	13,319	750	34,069
Certificates of Obligation - 2010 Series	175,000	130,163	750	305,913
Total required for 2015 debt service			\$1,450,188	
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A			\$0	
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$0	
- Excess collections last year			\$-34,948	
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2015			\$1,485,136	
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95.00% of its taxes in 2015			\$78,165	
= Total debt levy			\$1,563,301	

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$2,051,587 in additional sales and use tax revenues.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 315 S Main (County Annex Bldg) Big Spring Tx.
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Mercury in Virgo

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sometimes, but don't let it stop you from making more plans. As Mercury slips into Virgo, the highly detailed sign of follow-through, Destiny gets more pressure to act normal, fly straight and show some good manners to humankind. Plan. Plan away!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You don't need to be confident to be effective. Some days you're unsure of yourself, and it's actually appropriate for the situation. A lack of confidence can help you learn all you can from the situation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Though a cynical view may be more intelligent and snark can be hilarious, kindness cannot be overrated. It's connected to compassion, patience and, ultimately, love.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Some believe weakness should be rejected, stomped out, eliminated. Others think

weakness can be turned into strength. You believe weakness must be turned into strength. It's the only way to greatness.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There was a time when you didn't feel you had a right to express yourself. Now you see that speaking your mind and asking for what you need are ultimately better for everyone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Like oxygen fuels a fire, what you lack fuels your ambition. Therefore, when you're sad or angry about what you lack, it's your choice. You could also apply another emotional tone to the situation -- for instance, determination.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Most of the time you don't find yourself in a horrible situation you must endure. That's why boredom is a bigger threat than any other these days and one you'll stave off with the help of an Aquarius.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you look at something long enough, you start to unsee it. It's the primary reason people don't constantly celebrate the beauty of their

hometown and family members take one another for granted.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The bigger obstacles need to be handled with a lever. Look around. What can you use to dislodge this? "Give me a lever long enough and a fulcrum on which to place it, and I shall move the world." -- Archimedes

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The day favors good habits. There's one that's quickly becoming part of your regular routine. Soon this will be deeply ingrained in your manner, and people will see it as "so you."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll soon make the effort to see someone, and that intention, plus the scheduling, travel, parking, etc., will be, in and of itself, a gift. And yet, you still need to bring a gift. You'll find the perfect one today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Usually, you're the one who has to come up with a plan. Today, someone you trust will present you with ideas you would be wise to accept. Excellent!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You like to be liked, but

you don't need it. That's why, when you catch yourself subconsciously working for the approval of an authority figure, it bothers you on a deep level. Remember that, ultimately, you are the boss of you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 7). Go for the long shot! Your bravery will be rewarded in many ways, starting with the companionship of a much-admired friend. September brings a landmark acquisition. You'll sparkle and inspire others to be resourceful and creative in October, a financial high. You'll ink a new deal in January. Sagittarius and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 24, 41, 10 and 19.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** After you converse to sort out your differences, you'll like each other even more than you did before. **TAURUS:** You want to raise the mood of the room, and you will -- consciously, and with great effort, but you will. **GEMINI:** Your love can be trusted. **CANCER:** Your heart is elastic. There is plenty of room for someone new. **LEO:** Maybe love really

is a battlefield, but you have no desire to fight. Maybe it's time to seek a more agreeable partner. **VIRGO:** It's a busy weekend, but in that rare moment when you find yourself alone, you'll be excellent company to yourself. **LIBRA:** What you consider to be courage is more of a lifestyle for someone else. **SCORPIO:** Someone craves your touch. Do you know who it is? It's not the person you're thinking of. **SAGITTARIUS:** When you're having more fun, relationships naturally improve. **CAPRICORN:** You'll contribute to the peace and order of the universe by delivering on all promises on time. **AQUARIUS:** The weekend will be rich in simple pleasures and heartwarming gestures. **PISCES:** Stick by those who praise what is good and seek out what is beautiful.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: The Gemini moon and the Leo sun spark lively conversation and irresistible attraction between these two signs. Gemini brings the wit; Leo brings imagination and a flair for drama. Their love affair is fascinating to the casual observer, and these two will be a fast favorite among other couples, as they are an endlessly entertaining duo. Hopefully they won't forget to share the spotlight.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: About three years ago, I did something very stupid. I looked at a solar eclipse. I thought it would last only a minute and, not wanting to miss it, I ran outside and squinted at it through my sunglasses. I fully acknowledge that I can only blame myself for that. The next days and weeks were some of the scariest of my life. My vision became blurry and I had a hard time focusing. I feared that I might not recover my sight and that my center of vision might always be skewed because I had looked directly at the sun.

Thankfully, my vision gradually recovered. But one thing about this episode has left me deeply troubled. When I thought I would be permanently blinded, I needed love and support. However, my mother quickly became convinced that I was faking it. She insisted that none of it was real, it was all in my head and I was just imagining everything. It was frustrating and confusing. Why would she deny that I was having a medical problem? Why would she take

a position that could only hurt our relationship?

Last week, during an eye exam, the doctor noticed a spot and diagnosed me with a textbook case of solar maculopathy. I passed this confirmation along to my mother, but even now, she won't acknowledge how wrong, and in some ways cruel, her denial and indifference were.

In my right eye, I have a dark spot that follows wherever I look. I've grown used to it, but it is a constant reminder of this troubling episode. Am I wrong to continue feeling hurt? Or does this reveal something about our relationship and her moral character? -- S.

Dear S.: Denial is a very powerful emotion. It allows someone like your mother to refuse to believe that you have a serious problem [1]and what it could mean to your future. She needed comfort, too, and this is where she found it.

Is Mom's behavior toward you otherwise close and loving? If so, we would put this in the past. Continuing to dwell on the

hurt will only make you bitter and will alienate the two of you, which we assume is not what you want.

Dear Annie: I'd like to comment further on the letter from "Shepherdsville, Ky.," regarding poor grammar.

My pet peeves are those who say "pitcher" for "picture." In Wisconsin, numerous individuals say "youse guys" instead of "you guys" and "liberry" for "library." And last, but not least, it irks me when my husband and I are at a restaurant and the server asks, "What can I get for you guys?" I am not a guy.

I am far from perfect, and maybe a little picky, but I find these things very annoying. And I, too, feel better now after venting. -- Miss Picky in Wisconsin

Dear Wisconsin: You're welcome. We all deal with small, trivial irritations on a daily basis. Some people are more bothered by them than others, so we're happy to help when you need to let off a little steam.

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[1]The maculopathy is a degeneration rather than an illness.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Test Your Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Seven Spades, and North leads the jack of clubs. You win with the king and cash the ace of trumps, North playing the jack and South the deuce. You lead the queen of hearts to the king and return a trump from dummy, South following with the three. Do you play the king or finesse?

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2. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Spades, and North leads the ten of diamonds. How would you play the hand?

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| ♥ K J | ♥ 10 7 |
| ♦ Q | ♦ A K 5 4 |
| ♣ 9 5 4 3 | ♣ K 6 2 |

1. This is not an uncommon situation, and if you don't know the theoretically correct play, it's high time to get acquainted with it. After your left-hand opponent plays the jack

under your ace (either because it is a singleton or because he chose to play it from the Q-J doubleton), you will do better in the long run to finesse the ten on the second round rather than go up with the king. The odds are about 12-to-7 in favor of the finesse, and you should not buck those odds unless there is good reason to do so. The theory that applies to this largely mathematical problem is commonly called "restricted choice."

2. You win the diamond lead with your queen and draw trumps, ending in dummy. Cash the A-K of diamonds, discarding your K-J of hearts on them. The contract is now certain because, at worst, you will lose three club tricks. You treat your K-J of hearts exactly the same way as you would if they were the 3-2.

It would be wrong to discard two clubs on the A-K of diamonds. You might wind up losing two heart tricks and two club tricks if, for example, North started with something like:

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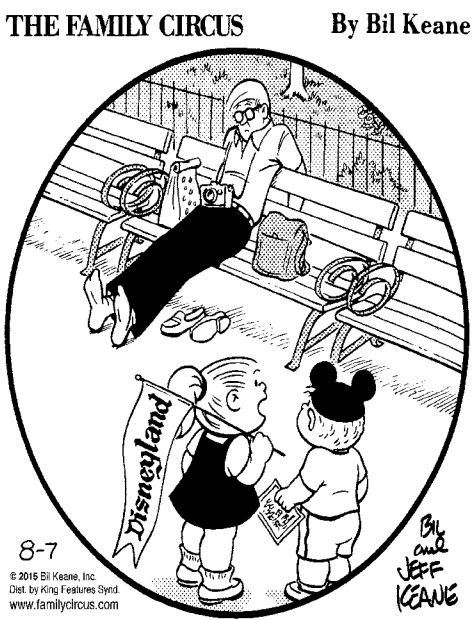
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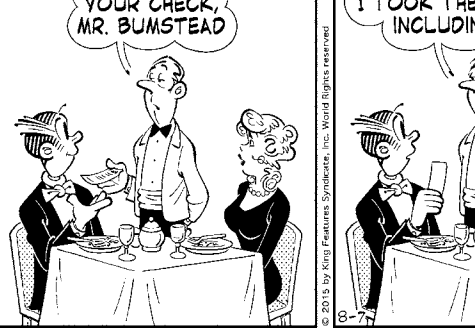


"Daddy likes to go on the benches best."

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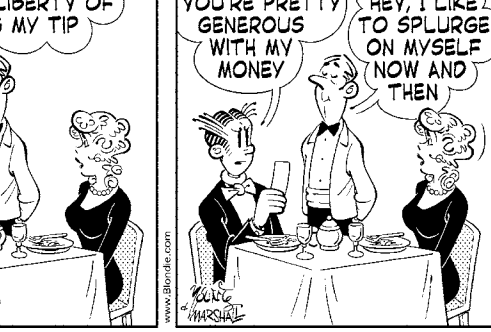
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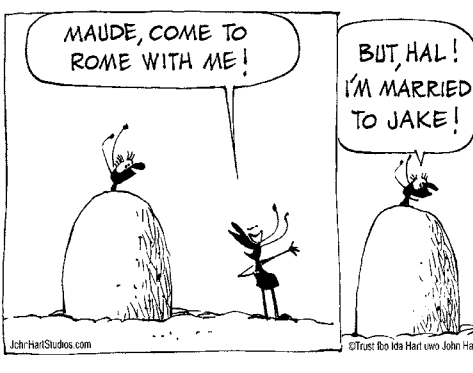
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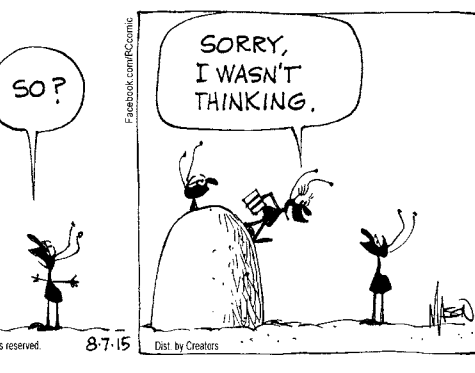
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, August 7, the 219th day of 2015. There are 146 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 7, 1782, Gen. George Washington created the Order of the Purple Heart, a decoration to recognize merit in enlisted men and noncommissioned officers.

On this date:

In 1789, the U.S. War Department was established by Congress.

In 1814, Pope Pius VII issued a bull restoring the Society of Jesus, or Jesuits, four decades after the order had been suppressed by Pope Clement XIV.

In 1882, the famous feud between the Hatfields of West Virginia and the McCoys of Kentucky erupted into full-scale violence.

In 1927, the already opened Peace Bridge connecting Buffalo, New York, and Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada, was officially dedicated.

In 1942, U.S. and other allied forces landed at Guadalcanal, marking the start of the first major allied offensive in the Pacific during World War II. (Japanese forces abandoned

the island the following

February.)

In 1959, the United States launched the Explorer 6 satellite, which sent back images of Earth.

In 1964, Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin resolution, giving President Lyndon B. Johnson broad powers in dealing with reported North Vietnamese attacks on U.S. forces.

In 1974, French stuntman Philippe Petit (fee-LEEP' peh-TEET') repeatedly walked a tightrope strung between the twin towers of New York's World Trade Center.

In 1989, a plane carrying U.S. Rep. Mickey Leland, D-Texas, and 14 others disappeared over Ethiopia. (The wreckage of the plane was found six days later; there were no survivors.)

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush ordered U.S. troops and warplanes to Saudi Arabia to guard the oil-rich desert kingdom against a possible invasion by Iraq.

In 1998, terrorist bombs at U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania killed 224 people, including 12 Americans.

In 2000, Vice President and Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore selected Connecticut Sen. Joseph Lieberman as his running mate; Lieberman became the first Jewish candidate on a

major party's presidential tick-

et.

Ten years ago: ABC News anchorman Peter Jennings died in New York at age 67. Seven people in a Russian mini-submarine trapped for nearly three days under the Pacific Ocean were rescued after a British remote-controlled vehicle cut away undersea cables that snarled their vessel.

Thought for Today:

"There are a lot of people who think our job is to reassure the public every night that their home, their community and their nation is safe. I don't subscribe to that at all. I subscribe to leaving people with essentially sorry it's a cliché a rough draft of history. Some days it's reassuring, some days it's absolutely destructive."

Peter Jennings (1938-2005).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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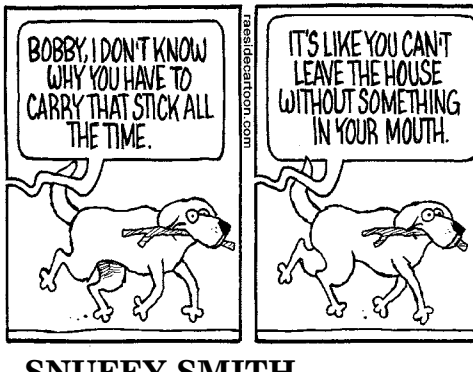
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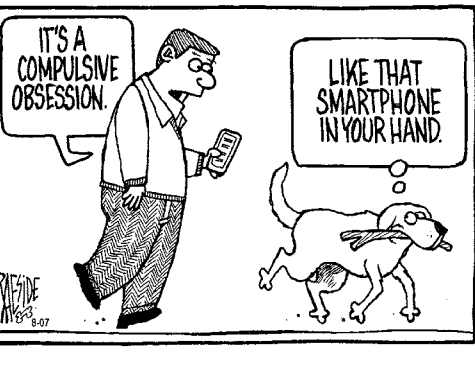
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 - 18 Gospel complement
 - 19 Smart set
 - 20 Drill command
 - 23 Block
 - 24 Michener novel
 - 25 Chinese highlands dweller
 - 27 Marsh menace
 - 30 Facebook posting
 - 33 Tiger Eyes author
 - 37 Melodramatic moan
 - 39 Name meaning "born again"
 - 40 Genealogy, for example
 - 41 Unfeeling
 - 42 Escape route
 - 43 Word before health or hygiene
 - 44 "Are you serious?!"
 - 45 Hands, so to speak
 - 46 Smoothie flavor
 - 48 Fruit
 - 50 Turbulent scenes
 - 52 Winter pendant
 - 57 Mineral-water source
 - 59 Chose up sides

- 5 Gala
- 6 Botanical anchor
- 7 Align, with "up"
- 8 Saddle part
- 9 Sing the blues
- 10 Power suffix
- 11 Communicate with thumbs
- 12 Idina, in Frozen
- 13 Paper order
- 21 Recipe direction
- 22 Fresh
- 26 "Is it too risky?"
- 28 Attestation
- 29 Traditional spy wear
- 31 Enties
- 32 Lossy liquidity
- 33 Sort of phone book, for short
- 34 Heavenly harp
- 35 It might get you out of bed
- 36 Canine neighbor
- 38 Aircraft starter
- 41 Word from the Hindi for "master"
- 45 Flaky mineral
- 47 City near Pompeii
- 49 Most inclusive
- 51 Go on the fritz
- 53 "Here we are!"
- 54 Knock off
- 55 Glove material
- 56 Filing stuff
- 57 Type of herring
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- 60 Onetime Project Runway judge
- 61 Site of Vulcan's forge
- 63 Last moment to prepare

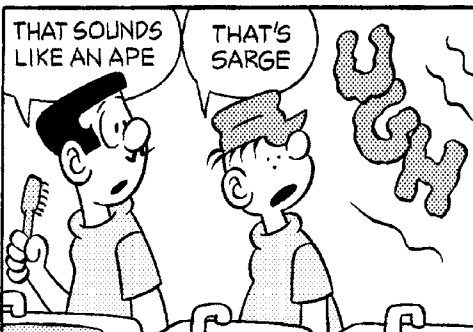
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NHL watching investigation involving Patrick Kane

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — The NHL says it is “following developments” of a police investigation involving Chicago Blackhawks star Patrick Kane.

The Blackhawks said they are in the process of gathering information and declined further comment. The Buffalo News first reported the investigation Thursday.

Neighbors of Kane, who lives in Hamburg, New York, in the off-season, told the Chicago Tribune that police arrived at his lakefront property Sunday night and that several plainclothes officers entered his house using flashlights. At least one wore gloves and was seen taking pictures out front.

Hamburg Police Chief Gregory Wickett would not describe the nature of the investigation or confirm one exists.

“If and when an arrest is made, we will provide the information,” he said.

Kane’s agent, Pat Brisson, issued a statement that first referred to the Blackhawks release, noting the team is gathering information and reviewing reports.

Brisson then added: “It would not be appropriate to provide further comment at this time.”

The investigation comes after Chicago’s third Stanley Cup in six seasons. Kane has been lauded in recent years for his growth after several off-the-ice incidents earlier in his career.

Kane was scheduled to bring the Stanley Cup to Buffalo this weekend, but it’s unclear whether that will happen.

Kane was playing at an MVP-caliber level last season before breaking his collarbone in February. But he returned in time for the playoffs, helping the Blackhawks win their third Cup in six seasons and his third since joining the team in 2007 after being selected by Chicago as the No. 1 overall in the NHL draft.

Kane, who turns 27 in November, helped Chicago return to the playoffs during the 2008-09 season after a five-year drought. They lost in the conference finals to Detroit, but bounced back the next season to beat Philadelphia in six games in the Stanley Cup finals. The Blackhawks won it all again in 2013, with Kane earning the Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP.

A member of the 2010 and ‘14 U.S. Olympic hockey teams, Kane has raised eyebrows

with some of his off-ice behavior. He was arrested after an altercation with a cab driver in Buffalo in the summer of 2009. A few years later, photos posted on the Internet showed him partying in Madison, Wisconsin.

In an interview with The Associated Press before last year’s Sochi Games, Kane said there were things he now knew that he didn’t a few years earlier.

“How to work harder in the summer or take better care of yourself as far as eating and different things like that,” Kane said. “Picking the right times to have fun with the guys and to make sure that when you’re doing it, you’re doing it right, and you’re careful about the way you’re going about it.”

Buffalo attorney Paul Cambria, who has represented Kane in the past, declined comment when reached by the AP.

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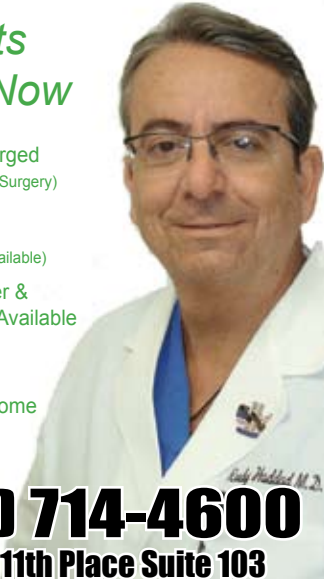
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