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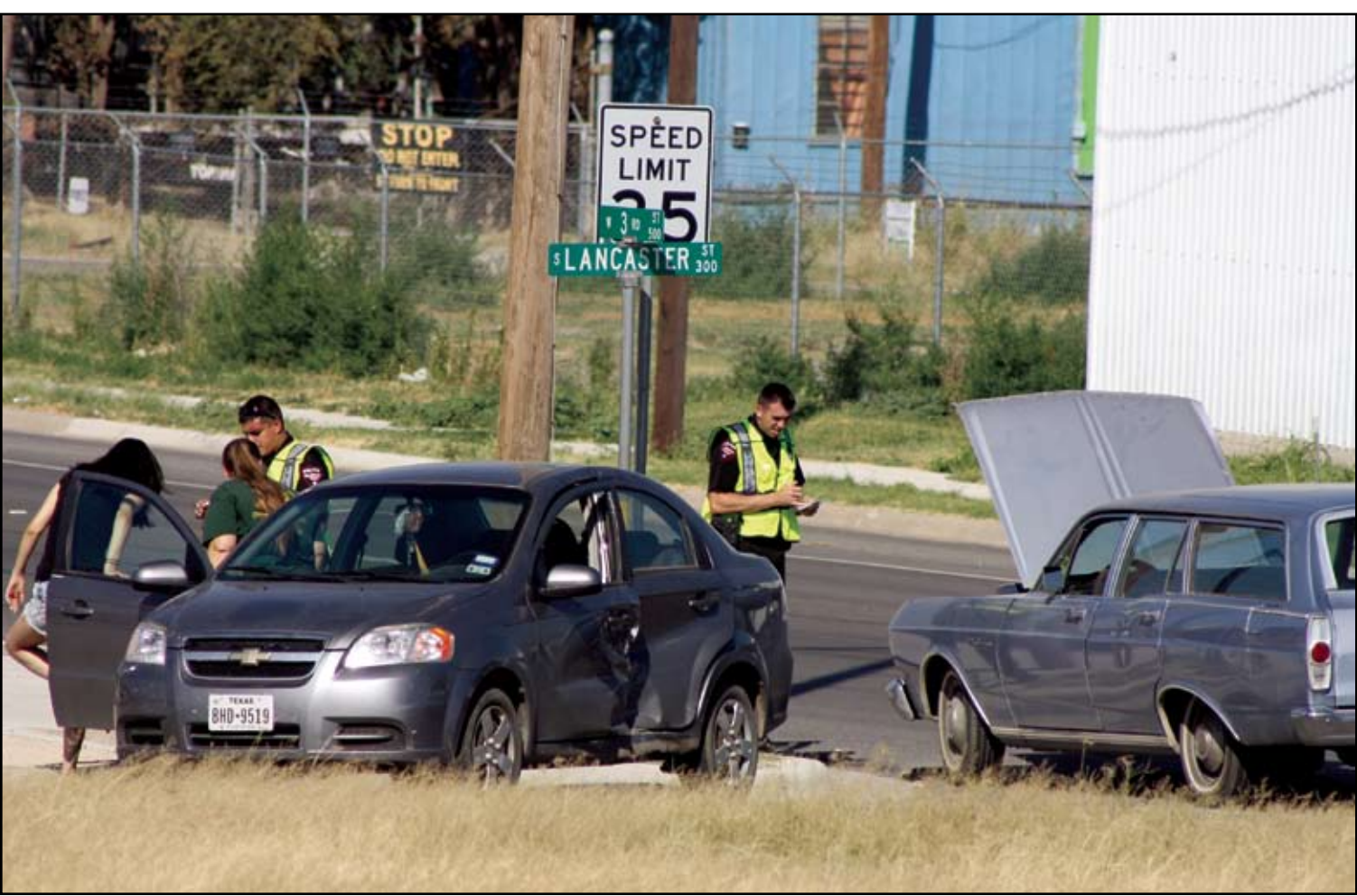


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Police and emergency medical personnel responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Third and Lancaster streets Monday morning. No injury information was available at press time today.

Council to hear new tax proposal

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

The City of Big Spring's proposed tax rate is coming in slightly higher than anticipated.

When the City Council meets at 5:30 p.m. today, city staff will present a proposed tax for the coming fiscal year of 77 cents per \$100 valuation.

The proposed figure is more than 8 cents lower than the current tax rate, but because of increases in property valuations, will bring in approximately \$60,000 more in tax revenue in the coming year, officials said.

What: Big Spring City Council.

Where: Council chambers, 307 E. Fourth.

When: 5:30 p.m. today.

City Finance Director Donald Moore had originally estimated a tax rate of 75.8 cents, but that was before final valuation figures were received from the county tax assessor's office.

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Glider meet a success, organizers say

By **JULIE BASS**
Staff Writer

A few glitches aside, the 2015 USH-PA Hang Gliding National meet was a success, organizers said.

The competition, which took place last week at the Big Spring Airport, got off to a rocky start because of the weather, but by the third day of the event, most of the tasks were back on track.

Hang gliding is not as easy as grabbing a glider and running off the top

of a mountain. It takes time to learn to control the glider, learn how to maintain the glider and equipment as well as learning how to read the weather.

"Gust fronts are the winds in front of a storm. The gusts are usually strong and can be very dangerous to the pilots" said Belinda Boulter, spokeswoman for the hang gliding competition. "We try to set the task to keep the pilots out of bad weather and winds."

Sunday, Aug. 2, the task had to be canceled a couple of hours after it be-

gan due to the weather. Monday and Tuesday brought on delays as pilots waited for the ground to dry and make sure that the weather was not moving into the path of the day's task.

The remainder of the week saw higher temperatures and fairer weather conditions for hang gliding. The pilots were able to compete without weather complications.

The hang gliding nationals also provided the opportunity for area resi-

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Brother questions why man was killed by police

By **JAMIE STENGLE**
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — The brother of a college football player killed by police at a Texas car dealership has questioned whether deadly force was necessary and is puzzled by security footage showing the unarmed 19-year-old breaking into a car and crashing his vehicle into the glass showroom wall.

The confrontation with officers that resulted in Christian Taylor's death early Friday wasn't captured on video because the showroom in Arlington has no interior surveillance cameras and the city's police officers don't wear body cameras.

Joshua Taylor, 23, told The Associated Press on Monday that he's not angry with police but thinks "things could have been handled differently."

Although there's video from the Classic Buick dealership lot, there is no footage from inside the showroom, making it difficult to form a clear picture of what happened,

"It's pretty much their story against somebody who's not here anymore. It's kind of hard to, I guess, justify or clarify, but at the end of the day I know my brother. I know he wouldn't attack any officer or anybody in authority at all, or attack anybody for that matter."

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In interviews with the AP, Taylor's parents declined to talk about the fatal confrontation. His mother, Tina Taylor, said police have not told them what prompted the shooting of their son, who graduated from high school in Arling-

ton last year and was playing football at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

Sgt. Christopher Cook said investigators cannot yet offer details on the confrontation because they have not completed all of their interviews.

Arlington police have said officers responding to a burglary call early Friday found Christian Taylor roaming inside the dealership showroom. Police say the officers told Taylor to surrender and lie down on the ground, but he refused and tried to run away. The officers pursued him.

Police have said the incident ended with officer Brad Miller shooting his service weapon four times, hitting Taylor at least twice. Miller, who joined the force last year and was still completing his field training, has been placed on administrative leave.

The officer with Miller — his field training officer, a nearly two-decade veteran — used his Taser, but not a gun.

There is no video of the shooting. David Lancaster, general manager at Classic Buick GMC, said the showroom has an alarm system but no video surveillance. Arlington police do not wear body cameras.

In a recording of radio traffic of the incident, someone can be heard saying, "We've got shots fired," about two minutes after officers say they've spotted a man inside the building.

Police say they are investigating Taylor's death as a possible criminal case and

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Obituaries

Joel 'J.J.' Morales Jr.



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

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

Big Spring. He worked at Alberto's in Big Spring as a cook and at the Preston Smith Unit of TDCJ in Lamesa.

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

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

Seferino 'Jack' Villarreal



Seferino "Jack" Villarreal, 84, of Coahoma, died Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2015, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Pastor Joe Hernandez officiating. Burial will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

He was born March 26, 1931 in Grulla, Texas to Pilar (Olivarez) and Santiago Villarreal. He came to Howard County in 1972. He married Delfina Gonzales on May 9, 1951 and she preceded him in death on Oct. 1, 1967. He then married Martha Garcia on

Feb. 25, 1987. He retired from farming in 2006. His hobbies included tinkering with wood, watching sports, playing the Lotto and most of all spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Villarreal of Coahoma; two sons, Ben Villarreal and wife Marilyn of Minnesota and Manuel Villarreal and wife Marisela of McAllen; five daughters, Maria Villarreal of Coahoma, Rosie Garcia and husband Raul of Big Spring, Yolanda Berain of Pharr, Suzanne Gonzales and Marisela Hernandez and husband Jose, all of Big Spring; 16 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and first wife, he was preceded in death by one son, Ralph Gonzales; and one sister, Incarnacion Navarro.

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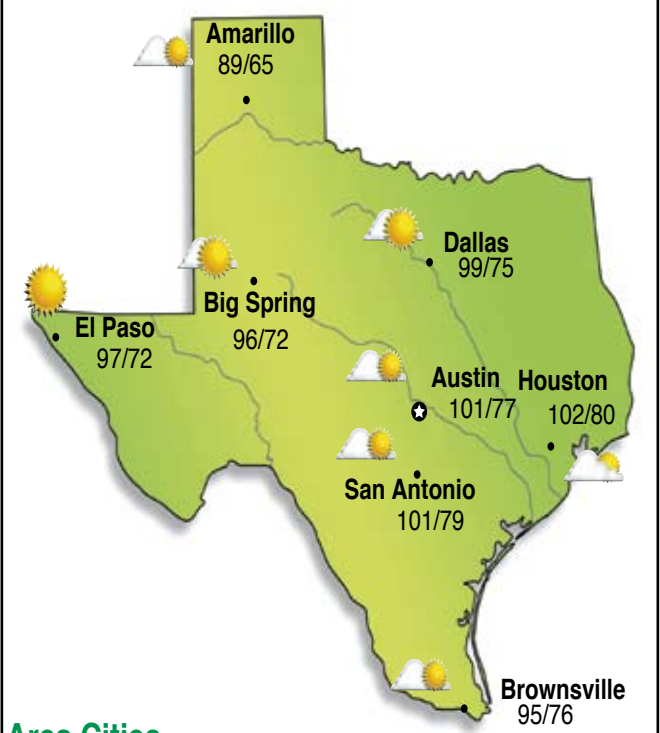
Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 8/12	Thu 8/13	Fri 8/14	Sat 8/15	Sun 8/16
96/72	100/74	99/73	94/72	94/72
Sunny, along with a few afternoon clouds. High 96F.	Sunshine. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the mid 70s.	A few clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	Afternoon showers and thunderstorms.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 7:08 AM Sunset: 8:33 PM	Sunrise: 7:08 AM Sunset: 8:32 PM	Sunrise: 7:09 AM Sunset: 8:31 PM	Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 8:30 PM	Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 8:29 PM

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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

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

National Cities

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

Moon Phases



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Police, Sheriff, Fire/EMS reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **TIMOTHY JOE FLORES**, 40, of 1614 Canary was arrested on charges of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and driving while license suspended/invalid with previous conviction.
- **DAVID GRIJALBA MORLES**, 38, of 1503 Cherokee St., was arrested on a charge of unlawful possession of a fire arm by a felon.
- **GENE HERNANDEZ**, 35, of 812 Lorilla was arrested on a warrant for driving while license invalid.
- **DAPHNE MICHELE CRANE**, 50, of 2102 S. Main was arrested on charges of criminal trespass-property/building/aircraft/vehicle and theft, less than \$50 — shoplifting.
- **BRANDON CADE MINDLING**, 24, of 4201 Hamilton was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **CHRISTOPHER JERROD TUNER**, 22, of 406 Martin Luther King Boulevard was arrested on warrant for possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces; and unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- **SPENCER RANSOM**, 19, of 300 S. Stonewall was arrested on a warrant for another agency.
- **DAVID LYNN DOW**, 32, of 1302 Tucson St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ROCKY ZARRAGA**, 34, of 1614 Bluebird St. was arrested on a warrant for another agency.
- **DONTAE RENELL CARR**, 33, of 3006 Cherokee was arrested on a warrant for possession of marijuana, more than 4 ounces but less than or equal to 5 pounds.
- **DEANGELO DEPAUL GRAY**, 31, of 2002 S. Johnson St. was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of Third St. and Lancaster.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 600 block of Steakley St.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2700 block of Wasson Road and in the 2500 block of Gunter Circle.
- **THEFT OF A FIREARM** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 6900 block of W County Road 34, in the 200 block of W. Marcy and in the 2500 block of S. Gregg.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was

reported in the 2000 block of S. Gregg.

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this report.
- **JUAN MANUEL BARRERA**, 41, was booked by the RSO on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury—family member.
- **DONTAE RENELL CARR**, 33, booked by the HCSO on a warrant for possession of marijuana, more than 4 ounces but less than or equal to 5 pounds.
- **RAMON CISNEROS JR.** 44, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for issuance of a bad check.
- **DAVID LYNN DOW**, 32, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MICHAEL JAMES FLORES**, 38, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **TIMOTHY JOE FLORES**, 40, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of unlawfully possession of a firearm by a felon and driving while license invalid with previous conviction.
- **DAPHNE MICHAELE FRANCO**, 50, was booked by the BSPD on charges of criminal trespass and theft, less than \$50.
- **GUILLERMO GOMEZ**, 36, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of begin sentence 5 years.
- **DEANGELO DEPAUL GRAY**, 31, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.
- **GENE HERANDNEZ**, 35, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for driving while license invalid.
- **MARCEL ANTHONY JORDAN**, 32, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for no driver's license, when unlicensed; violate promise to appear and failure to appear.
- **BRANDON CADE MINDLING**, 24, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.
- **DAVID GRIJALBA MORLES**, 38, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.
- **SPENCER MARLON RANSOM**, 19, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.
- **GEORGE ANTHONY ROBIN-**

SON, 48, was booked by the HCSO on warrant for issuance of a bad check/

- **CHRISTOPHER JERROD TUNER**, 22, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

- **ROCKY ZARRAGA**, 34, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of violate restriction.

The Big Spring Fire/EMS Department reported the following activity:

- FRIDAY**
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Graffa. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC).
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Sunset. No transport.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh Drive. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of Birdwell. No transport.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the Airport. No transport.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the on Highway 350. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Third. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Goliad. Service refused.
- SATURDAY**
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of 7th St. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **VEHICLE FIRE** was reported in the 2000 block of Highway 87. Fire was extinguished.
- SUNDAY**
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Pennsylvania. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of Willa. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Take note

- Midway Baptist Church will be holding a revival Aug. 23 - 26. Former church pastor Chad Haney will lead the revival.
- Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.
- Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-7960.
- On or before Friday, parents or guardians of Big Spring ISD students in grades 1-4 need to stop by the elementary campus they believe their students will be attending this year and bring proof of residency. This information is needed before the school's administration can place students on classroom rosters. Any recent monthly bill or bank statement with a street address will suffice to validate the residence of the student

- and parent or guardian. Meet the Teacher night for all elementary 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 Tues-

- day 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.
- 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.

POLICE

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will determine whether department rules were broken. The shooting comes amid increased scrutiny nationwide of police use of force, particularly in cases involving black suspects.

Taylor was black; Miller is white.

About 35 demonstrators gathered outside Arlington police headquarters Monday evening to protest the shooting. There were no arrests during the demonstration.

Joshua Taylor said he saw his brother sleep-

ing Thursday night, just hours before the incident, and that he hadn't indicated he planned to go out.

Family and friends said Taylor was a good student who had become quite spiritual.

"He was a very outspoken person, very smart, he effortlessly

made straight A's," said Jordan Smith, 19, who lives across the street from the Taylor family and played football with him in high school.

Smith said Taylor was "charismatic," "even-headed" and had been passionately recruiting his friends to attend church.

His father agreed.

"His relationship with God had escalated to the point where he'd talk about it so much, you'd think he was a preacher," Adrian Taylor said.

Martin Adegbesan, 20, said he couldn't make sense of what he saw his friend doing on the dealership video.

"Christian in his right state of mind would never do the things he did in that video," Adegbesan said.

GLIDER

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students to experience tandem hang gliding. The rider is strapped tightly into a sling that hovers over the instructor. The instructor explains the mechanisms and allows the rider to learn

how the glider works. A lightweight plane connects to the glider with a wire to pull it into the air. After the glider reaches the appropriate altitude, the plane releases and returns to the runway.

The top 10 finishers for the 2015 Hang Gliding Nationals were: Zac Majers, USA

James Stinnett, USA David Gibson, USA Bruce Barmakian, USA

Robin Hamilton, USA Olav Opsanger, Norway Derreck Turner, USA Davis Straub, USA Larry Bunner, USA Danny Jones, USA "Zac Majors is a local Big Spring favorite

because he has taken many people for tandem flights. He is from Reno, but currently living in the California Bay Area" said Boulter. "This the fourth time in a row that he has won at the Big Spring Championship."

James Stinnett is from Georgia and has competed at Big Spring many times and has represented the USA several times at world championships said Boulter.

Dave Gibson is from Utah an usually flies in the mountains. He won the Canadian Nationals earlier this summer at Lumby, British Columbia.

For more information about the national meet, visit Airtribune.com /2015-big-spring-nationals.

Contact Staff Writer Julie Bass at 263-7331 ext 232 or email life@bigspringherald.com

CITY

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Some of the expenditures fueled by the proposed rate are:

- A 3 percent pay raise for city employees.
- About \$500,000 for street sealcoating projects.
- \$1 million in water line upgrades.
- \$500,000 in sewer line upgrades.
- Almost \$300,000 to replace water lines on 17th Street and the airport sewer line.

• Capital outlays which include five new patrol vehicles for the police department, street sweeper, roll off truck and trash truck for the sanitation department and a dump truck for the cemetery.

The proposed rate and budget will be the subject of public hearings later this month and early in September before they are formally adopted.

In other business tonight, council will consider:

- Establishing a fee of \$1.50 for customers us-

ing the internet to pay water bills or municipal court fines and fees.

- Annexation of roughly two acres of land in the 3100 block of S. Highway 87.
- A plan to provide health insurance to retirees who had at least 20 years of service to the city.
- A memorandum of understanding with Keep Big Spring Beautiful for the Main Street median project.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235.

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Jose B. Fierro, 99, died Saturday. Funeral Mass was at 11:00 AM this morning at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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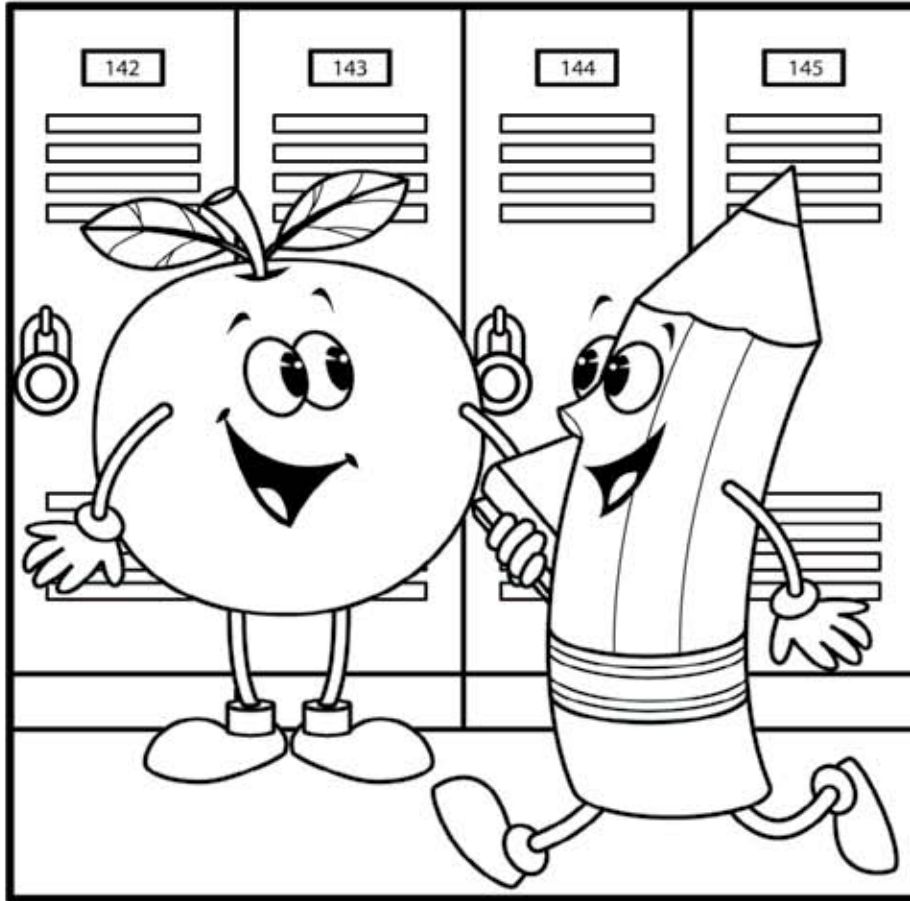
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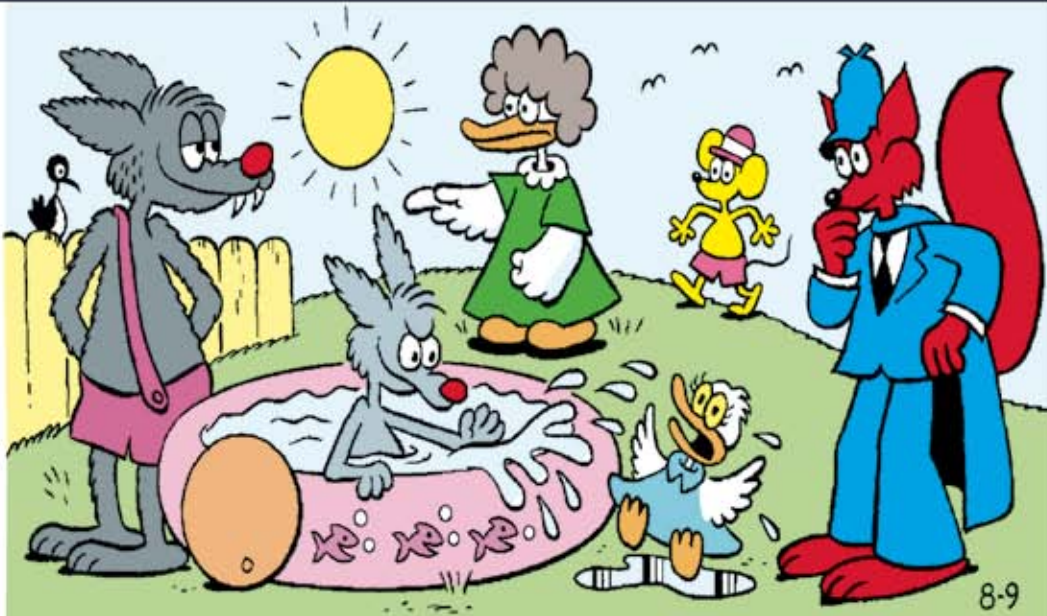
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Bird Poop: A stranger in our midst

As her son backed out of the driveway, he saw something hurtling downward, then striking the gate. Wanting to know what it was, he stopped the car. Upon entering the backyard, he saw a bird unlike anything he had



BEBE McCASLAND

ever seen before in the neighborhood. Trying to fly, it couldn't. Apparently, he thought, the bird had scraped its wing on the gate during its rapid descent.

Slightly off the ground, with its wings flopping and feet dangling, the brownish, streaked bird had barely gained no more than a foot in elevation before having to land.

Each effort to leave resulted in failure. Alerting his mother to come out in the yard, he asked her if it could be a roadrunner. With the bird's long bill, she understood her son's first impression.

While they stood still and watched, the bird started to relax. With its long neck drawn toward its body, it walked a short distance, then stopped.

Constantly attuned to their presence, the bird reacted if either one of them so much as took a step.

Quickly, with its bill and neck stretched skyward, while at the same time looking forward, it recognized a danger in their movement possibly coming its way. Accustomed to marsh and wet land environments, its elongated body would have appeared to be part of the scenery. However, its ability to hide in plain sight was useless on a grassy lawn.

Realizing this unusual bird needed help, they were able to capture it and put it in a box. Using the internet, the woman was convinced from the information she gathered that this was a bird of the marshes.

Upon opening her box on our front porch came my exclamation, "It's a bittern! A member of the heron family." Puzzled by its late July presence on E. 11th Place not far from the fire station, I mentioned the closest water source and wet land would be the Beals Creek environment. One Mile Lake, the city park lake, and county ponds also came to mind.

Was fall migration going to be early this year? Had the bird been forced by wildfires in the west to head southward down the central flyway? My questioning thoughts would have to wait.

After defending itself by striking at my hand with its sharp beak, the bird was carefully raised out of the box. "You were right about

its being a bird of the marshes."

"Look at its feet," I added. Its thin, long toes could easily stand and walk atop the muddy surfaces of a wetland.

The delivery of this American bittern would only be the fourth time in more than 40 years that the secretive, reclusive species had come our way.

Later, as we extended its wings, we noticed from above that its flight feathers were outstandingly dark. The examination of both wings informed us that the left definitely had an injury in the shoulder area. An x-ray the next day would verify the extent of damage.

After placing it in a large carrier, we could readily see that most of its weight centered downward and over its yellowish-green legs and feet. It appeared to be overly plump. Its brown, buff, and black plumage would enable the bittern to blend in with the protective growth on the edges of marshes, swamps, and ponds.

Accenting its head were a yellowish bill and thin blacking striping on each side of its face and upper neck. Making it seem invisible were brown and buff streaks running down its chest and belly.

It would blend into nature when the bittern stood fully erect. Only its yellow eyes looking forward could give away its presence



among reeds, tangled weeds, and cattails with their light colors enhanced by shadows.

With a log for a perch, the bittern began to explore its confined area. Raising each foot slowly, methodically, it crept toward the food we had provided. Crouched so low its belly almost touched the artificial turf lining the floor, the bird inched forward with its neck and head pulled back. One step after another, it seemed to tiptoe as it crossed the full length of its confinement.

For such a silent hunter, the American

bittern can become quite vocal during its breeding season. After gulping air, it utters loud, guttural sounds that have been compared to everything from thunder to the hoarse, expelled warnings of a bull snake.

To discover it had died during the night was a shock the next morning. The blow to its shoulder had possibly caused unseen, internal damage. When I called the woman who had brought us the bittern, she was saddened by the outcome, but elated when she learned that it could be used for education.

Due to the unique characteristics of this species, I had called Scott Cutler, the Curator of the Centennial Museum at the University of Texas El Paso. For several years, we have been sending him unusual specimens to augment their displays. He looked forward to receiving the American bittern, and added, "Most people, even avid birders, have never seen one."

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Odds and ends

East Texas man guilty of assault gets life — in matrimony

TYLER, Texas (AP) — An East Texas man who pleaded guilty to assaulting his girlfriend's ex-boyfriend has been sentenced to life — in matrimony.

Josten Bundy, 21, pleaded guilty on July 2 to assault with bodily injury for a February fistfight with the ex-boyfriend of Elizabeth Jaynes, 19, KLTV reported. Bundy told the Tyler television station that the ex was "saying disrespectful things" about Jaynes and admitted he eventually punched the ex in the jaw.

At the sentencing hearing, Smith County Court-at-Law Judge Randall Rogers asked Bundy whether Jaynes was "worth it" and whether the couple were married, according to transcripts obtained by KLTV.

Then, the judge said, "You know, as a part of my probation, you're going to have to marry her ... within 30 days." Otherwise, he would send Bundy to jail for 15 days.

"He offered me 15 days in jail, and that would have been fine. And I asked if I could call my job (to inform his employer of his pending absence). The judge told me, 'Nope. That's not how this works,'" Bundy said.

Jaynes, who was in the courtroom, said she

was embarrassed by the judge's proposal. "My face was so red, people behind me were laughing," she said.

Fearful of losing his job, Bundy applied for the marriage license and scheduled a date with a justice of the peace.

Police: Man in clown costume swings ax at woman

HICKORY, N.C. (AP) — Police say a man wearing a clown costume swung an ax at a woman, but she wasn't hit.

Authorities say the man came to the woman's house about 4:30 a.m. Friday wearing a clown mask and a multicolored wig.

Authorities told the Hickory Daily News that the man didn't hurt the woman, and she was able to remove his mask and recognized him as an acquaintance before he left.

Authorities say the woman decided to go to a judge and request an arrest warrant after talking to officers.

Alabama family reunites with dog missing for 9 years

GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) — An Alabama family drove to Colorado to be reunited with their dog Boozer on Saturday after a 9-year separation.

Boozer, now 10, had gone missing while the

family was moving from Tennessee to Alabama.

KUSA-TV reports that a man who had owned Boozer, a boxer, recently moved to Denver and gave the dog to Foothills Animal Shelter in Golden on Aug. 2. The man said he was unable to take care of Boozer.

The shelter scanned Boozer's microchip and discovered that he was registered to Lloyd Goldston of Alabama.

Goldston says he kept an album of Boozer and the dog was always in their hearts.

Goldston and his two children drove 18 hours to the animal shelter, where he got teary-eyed when he got to spend time with Boozer again.

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Cowboys' Sean Lee finally full go, but playing it low key

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Sean Lee waited 15 months to be cleared for every segment of practice after the oft-injured Dallas linebacker tore a ligament in his left knee in the first offseason workout of 2014.

When the moment finally came a little more than a week into training camp, Lee played it low-key.

The sixth-year player is a little weary of injury talk after missing 23 of the past 24 games for the Cowboys — playoffs included — with knee, neck and hamstring injuries. And that's not counting the 10 games he sat in 2012 with a badly damaged toe.

"They have been progressing me a certain way," Lee said after his first 11-on-11 work Sunday. "I felt great the whole time. I haven't played football in a long

time. This was a nice first step."

Lee tore his right anterior cruciate ligament at Penn State and was available to Dallas late in the second round of the 2010 draft in part because of his history with injuries. He was told at the time of the first surgery that his left knee was basically a tear waiting to happen, which it did last year when he engaged rookie lineman Zack Martin in a non-contact drill.

A year later, Lee was moving around normally during the offseason, but not getting any closer to the action than walkthroughs and some individual work. The gradual plan continued in California with Lee working into some seven-on-seven drills.

While he acknowledges that age and the accumulation of injuries

makes it a little easier for him to accept the methodical approach to rehab, he still found himself trying to talk his way into some goal-line work the day before trainers and coaches finally approved it.

"You'd rather have the guy who wants to get in there and you have to pull him back than the other guy, who you're trying to push out there," coach Jason Garrett said.

"Sean has certainly been the former of those, and he still is that way. There's a level of trust and communication with him, and I think he understands the plan really well."

Although unlikely to play in the preseason opener at San Diego on Thursday night, the 29-year-old Lee should be on track to play in the exhibition season. The

regular-season opener is Sept. 13 at home against the New York Giants. It would be Lee's first game since Dec. 9, 2013, at Chicago.

"When he is out there on the field, things change," executive vice president of personnel Stephen Jones said. "I think we are doing it the right way. We are doing things in a way that he gets better every week."

When healthy, Lee is one of the most dangerous linebackers in the league with 11 interceptions in 46 games. Problem is, the pace doesn't mean much for a player who has missed three-fourths of the games going back 2½ years.

"You can't buy into the frustration of injuries. If you do, you come back worse," said Lee, who had a career-high 131 tackles in 2011, the closest thing he had to a full

season when he started 15 games. "The less you focus on the frustration, the more you can focus on the unbelievable opportunity you have in front of you like I do."

The Cowboys traded for Rolando McClain in an emergency move before training camp last year, trying to replace Lee. McClain restarted a dormant career with a solid season and resigned.

But the plan to have McClain stay at middle linebacker with Lee on the weak side, his natural spot, could change for two reasons. McClain still hasn't practiced at camp and doesn't have a timetable for a return from offseason knee surgery. And he has to sit the first four games for violating the NFL's substance-abuse policy.

"Sean's one of those players we can play him

at any linebacker spot in any defensive scheme and he'd play great," Garrett said. "You could say the same thing about Rolando and some of the other guys we have. But with a guy like Sean in our scheme you like to give him a chance to move and run and make a lot of hits on the ball."

NOTES: QB Tony Romo skipped Monday's practice, the third time for him to sit out at training camp after finally getting a regular offseason with his surgically repaired back. ... CB Brandon Carr had surgery on a broken right hand Monday in the Dallas area and was expected to rejoin the team Tuesday. ... Garrett said RB Darren McFadden could make his camp debut for the Cowboys at Saturday's practice.

Cueto beats Tigers 4-0 in his Royals' home debut

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Detroit Tigers manager Brad Ausmus questioned whether Johnny Cueto's funky delivery is legal.

Cueto threw a four-hitter in his Kansas City home debut as the Royals beat the Tigers 4-0 on Monday night.

Cueto (1-1) did not allow a runner past second base, struck out eight and walked none. It was his sixth career shutout and second this season.

Ausmus complained to home plate umpire Joe West that Cueto's delivery was illegal; that he was stopping in his windup.

"Really, the way the rule reads, you're not supposed to even alter your motion," Ausmus said. "That's the way the rule reads. They don't enforce it. Well, he said if he stops it's an illegal pitch."

The Tigers trailed 3-0 after one inning, making it easier for Cueto to get into a rhythm.

"You want to think, 'All right, we've got all game to chip away, so go, go, go,'" Tigers left fielder Tyler Collins said. "It just never happened. Cueto did his job. Today's over and we're going to start preparing for tomorrow."

J.D. Martinez doubled



New Royals starter Johnny Cueto pumps his first after striking

in the second for the Tigers' only extra-base hit.

"Cueto didn't miss in the heart of the plate too much tonight," Tigers third baseman Nick Castellanos said. "He did a good job of working in and out, up and down, changing speeds, and holding and shaking and quick pitching."

Cueto, who was ac-

quired from Cincinnati on July 26 for three pitching prospects, received a loud cheer as he went out for his warmup pitches and the standing ovations grew after every scoreless inning as he walked to the dugout.

Cueto struck out Anthony Gose on three pitches to begin the game as the festive

Kauffman Stadium crowd roared with approval. Suggers, the Royals' mascot, appeared wearing a Cueto-esque mane of dreadlocks.

When Cueto came out for the ninth, the Kauffman Stadium announced crowd of 36,672 rose in a deafening roar that did not stop until long after he retired Victor Martinez on a fly ball to right fielder Alex Rios for the final out.

"A bunch of us were saying in the eighth inning just watch how loud this gets when he goes out for the ninth inning," said Eric Hosmer, who had an RBI single in the seventh. "It was really cool to see and fun to be a part of it."

"It was pretty fun to see, his first game as a Royal at the K and hear the crowd out there

AP photo

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Michael Phelps back on top as focus turns to Rio Olympics

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Michael Phelps already has far more medals than any Olympic athlete.

There is no longer any reason to doubt he'll have another massive haul in Rio.

Not after an astounding weekend in sweltering San Antonio, where Phelps turned in a performance at the U.S. national championships that re-established his place as the world's dominant swimmer.

He churned through the water, his body as ripped and fit as ever, producing times that haven't been seen since the days of the high-tech bodysuits. When rival swimmer Chad le Clos trash-talked from afar, it only made Phelps go faster.

"I did what I came here to do," he said Monday.

Phelps was barred from the world championships after his second drunken-driving arrest, so he turned the national championships into his biggest meet of the year.

Never mind that this was essentially a junior-varsity event, largely made up of promising youngsters, a few late

bloomers and a smattering of big-name swimmers who failed to qualify for worlds.

Hardly the sort of competition that Phelps is used to facing, but he wasn't concerned about the guy in the next lane. His attention was focused on Kazan, Russia — specifically, the winning times at worlds in the 100-meter butterfly, the 200 fly, and the 200 individual medley.

Phelps was determined to beat them all, to prove to everyone he was the real champion.

Mission accomplished.

Phelps' times in the fly harkened back to 2009, when rubberized suits made a mockery of the clock. His performance in the 200 IM was faster than anyone has gone since he won gold at the 2012 Olympics.

"I prepared myself for the best and the worst," he said. "I thought that was something that really made an impact on me being so relaxed. I was ready for anything. That's something I got back to, something I haven't done in a while."

After winning eight gold medals at the

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THE BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:30 P.M., TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 307 EAST 4TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

The 2nd Reading of an Ordinance for an Annexation into the Big Spring City Limits, Howard County, Texas and Zone change to Retail (R) Zoning District of 3113 South Highway 87, a two acre tract located approximately 675 feet northeast of the intersection of Village Street and US Highway 87; more specifically being one acre out of Section 7, Block 32, 1S of Tract 1170, and being one acre out of Section 7, Block 32, 1S of Tract 171 of the T&P RR. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas.

The 1st Reading of an Ordinance for an amendment to the City of Big Spring Zoning Ordinance: more specifically; Article 6, entitled "District Regulations" and adding a new section, Section 6-7, entitled "Fences," to establish procedures and standards and review for separation between zoning uses and districts for new development; and adding a new section, Section 6-8, entitled "Visual Clearance on Corner Lots," to allow better visibility and safety at intersections; and also amending article 7, entitled

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"Special Applications," and adding a new section, Section 7-4, entitled "Administrative Adjustments," to authorize the building official to determine up to ten (10) percent variance in numerical standards set forth in Article 6 of the Zoning Ordinance and upon certain circumstances, allowing a one-time only ninety (90) day delay in the provision of all-weather surface for off-street parking spaces.

The 1st Reading of an Ordinance for an amendment to the City of Big Spring Subdivision Regulations Ordinance: more specifically; Chapter 15, Section 5 entitled "Variances," Chapter 15, Section 10, entitled "General Requirements - Preliminary Plat"; Section 12, entitled "Procedures," to authorize the Planning and Zoning Commission as the final decision making body on subdivision variance requests, with exception to the appeals process; and Section 20, entitled "Certifications," to provide the requirement of a signature block on final plats for signature of the county clerk and/or her/his deputy; and Section 22 entitled "Dedication of Instrument Contents"; and Section 24, entitled "Review and Processing of Final Plat"; and Section 25, entitled "Special Plats"; and Section 26 entitled "Alternative Plat Approval Procedures"; and Article IV, entitled "Specifications, and Other Provisions," which include Section 1, entitled "General Requirements"; and Section 2, entitled "Streets"; and Section 12, entitled "Miscellaneous Provisions"; and Section 14 entitled "Responsibility for Installation of Public Improvements"; to authorize the Planning and Zoning Commission as the final decision making body on subdivision requests, with exception to the appeals process; and Article III, entitled "Platting Procedure"; and Section 2, entitled "Fees"; and Article III, Section 3 entitled "General Provisions"; and Section 6 entitled "Sketch Plan Requirements"; and Section 7 entitled "Sketch Plan Review"; and Section 8, entitled "Form and Content of Sketch Plan"; and Section 9, entitled "Sketch Plan Fees" to eliminate the requirement of a sketch plan and fee requirement for sketch plan before submittal of a preliminary or final plat and outline plan submittal requirements. Interested persons may attend and be heard by the City Council.

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#8818 August 11 & 16, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF CARL KNAPPE

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Carl Knappe, Deceased, were issued on August 6, 2015, in Cause No. P-14452, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Heather Knappe. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Estate of Carl Knappe c/o Heather Knappe 4206 County Road 4673 Aransas Pass, Texas 78336

DATED the 6th day of August, 2015.

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Attorney for Heather Knappe, Administrator

#8821 August 11, 2015

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#8817 August 9-18, 2015

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF TEDDY R. DIETZ, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of TEDDY R. DIETZ, DECEASED were issued on August 6, 2015, in Cause No. P-14448 pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to SARAH LOIS DIETZ.

The residence of SARAH LOIS DIETZ is 1217 Lloy, Big Spring, TX 79720.

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#8820 August 11, 2015

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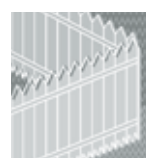
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Because you are both wise and sophisticated, you are able to give your full attention to people whose opinions are dead wrong without feeling the need to prove the error of their ways.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The things you used to do to cut loose no longer relax you like they used to. It's time to find a new way. There's a project that's been calling you for a while now. It may be the most relaxing way you could possibly spend your

time. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). In theory, the people close to you should be the ones who support you the best. And yet today you'll get your best (and most impactful) support from a perfect stranger.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You think you know what you like to do, but today will surprise you. Something you thought you would find uninteresting will fascinate you, and you'll gladly go along for the ride.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When the challenges are not big enough, you get bored. Bored people tend to create bigger challenges for themselves, and this could take a destructive form. Avoid boredom by going for appropriately sized challenges.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). While you prefer to go under the radar today and will duck from public praise, privately it's important that you acknowledge your talents and commit to nurturing them. Others are depending on you to be your best.

LIBRA (Sept.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

23-Oct. 23). There's no reason to struggle with new ideas. Just accept them. You may not agree, but you don't have to agree to observe what is. The true concepts will sink in immediately. Learning comes naturally for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). So many times you have started out with next to nothing and made something of it -- proof that you're a powerful creator. Now calm down and become mindful of what you are secretly wishing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Doing any one thing too long will get tedious, and so hopefully you've planned at least five different things to move around and do. If not, no worries -- cancellations will create room for you to roam freely.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's so rewarding to contribute to the success of a team and take the win home with the whole group. That's why you're not so concerned about who did what today. The camaraderie you

feel overrides such worries.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Factors that are out of your control (like children, large groups, pets, traffic, weather, urgent situations) will ruin your punctual, courteous style unless you allow large margins of time for whatever comes up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The other person's fate is connected to yours. That's what limits you and frees you. You do more because you have to -- for them. You do less because you can't -- because of them.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 11). Your heart will lead you to happy arrangements. The agreement you sign in September will seem hard to fulfill at first, and then easier than you ever imagined. A playful influence makes the end of the year memorable. January brings students who desperately need you. Romance will have you floating in February. Cancer and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 45, 12, 3, 36 and 47.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:

"What's an astrological conjunction?" Conjunctions serve to link up two different things. In grammar, it's about words; in astrology, it's about planets. When two planets are within 10 mathematical degrees of each other on an astrological chart, the planets are said to be in conjunction. This is as close as they can possibly get. What results is an outcome that retains the best qualities of each individual planet while creating its own unique combination of energies. For example, on Saturday, July 15, the sun and Venus will be in conjunction in Leo. The sun represents the self, personality and identity. Venus is the planet of female energy, beauty and love. Put them together, and there's a strong tendency to wrap our identities in the people and things we love. Intellectually, we may realize we are separate from others, but we will act in accordance with the spiritual nature of connection, dancing in perfect synch with whom and

what we love. Mostly this is a favorable omen, though with all omens there is something to watch out for. The sun-Venus conjunction warns us not to mistake who we want people to be for who they really are.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Chris Hemsworth's shooting schedule includes sequels and remakes galore in the months to come, including the next incarnation of "Ghostbusters" and "Thor." The entertaining Leo loves the challenge of bringing a fresh take to every role, every time. Hemsworth's natal sun, Jupiter, Uranus and Neptune are all in fire signs, tempered by a strong Libran influence throughout his chart.

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Dear Annie: It is a modern kind of problem to have such a long life expectancy. My husband and I are in our early 60s. His parents are in their early 90s. They still live independently and are fairly healthy. We often have family get-togethers with his parents, our children and our grandchildren.

My husband's father tells the same stories over and over. He completely monopolizes conversations and will interrupt a speaker and

start telling his own tale from days long gone. His wife will sometimes say, "Dear, you've told this story before," and he will momentarily pause, but his brain is stuck on one track and he'll keep going. He is unable not to continue, complete with the same jokes and dramatic pauses that he has learned through repetition. We try to be polite and listen, but I see how my children's eyes glaze over and eventually, they find reasons to leave.

Here's the real problem:

Over the past few years, I have seen my husband developing this same need to speak. Usually, he wants to make a point or he has some complaint. But he seems unable to just let it go. He also has started telling long stories, over and over, about his younger days. Yesterday, he ruined a family lunch by fighting about something minor that he absolutely could not let pass.

I don't want to spend years hearing the same stories and putting up with a husband who is unable to be silent and listen to others. My father-in-law is oblivious to others, and I can see that his son is headed the same way. What can be done? -- L.

Dear L.: You're overlooking the possibility of an inherited neurological problem be-

hind this tendency. It is not uncommon for some seniors to become repetitive and focus on their younger days. But the inability to drop an issue when asked, even when it causes family fights, has an element of compulsive behavior. Please talk to your husband about this when he is in a more reasonable mood. Ask him to speak to his doctor about an evaluation, or better, go with him. But please work on your tolerance levels. Your husband isn't being annoying on purpose. Instead of allowing your frustration to boil over, try to understand how difficult it is for him to control himself, and then help others be understanding, as well.

Dear Annie: Has the definition of "fiance" changed? It used to mean one's intended spouse, one's betrothed, the

person one has agreed to marry after an engagement period. Now, it seems to mean merely the person one is currently having sex with. Marriage no longer appears to be a necessary element of the word's meaning. Am I right about this? -- Curious

Dear Curious: No. A fiance is still someone you intend to marry. However, the length of the engagement could be quite long - years - and in the meantime, some couples choose to live together. While there are a few optimistic folks who refer to themselves as a "fiance" even when they are

not, in fact, engaged to be married, it doesn't change the meaning of the word. It only shows the expectations of the person using it.

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♥ A 8 2
♦ J 8 3
♣ A 6 4

WEST
♠ 8 5
♥ J 10 9 4
♦ A 10 7 5
♣ J 9 3

EAST
♠ K 2
♥ Q 7 3
♦ 9 6 4
♣ K 10 8 5 2

SOUTH
♠ Q J 9 6 3
♥ K 6 5
♦ K Q 2
♣ Q 7

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♣ Pass
2 ♣ Pass 4 ♣

Opening lead — jack of hearts.

Assume you're declarer at four spades and West leads the jack of hearts. How would you play the hand?

When the deal occurred, South won the heart with the king and tried a trump finesse, losing the queen to the king. East returned the queen of hearts to the ace, whereupon declarer cashed the ace of trumps and led a low club toward his queen.

East went up with the king and returned a heart to West's nine. South still had to lose a trick to the

ace of diamonds, so he finished down one, losing a trick in each suit.

The trouble with this method of play is that declarer gave himself only one chance for the contract. He banked everything on the success of the spade finesse, only a 50-50 proposition. In choosing this approach, South ignored an equally good second possibility that would have given him an additional chance to make the contract.

The better approach is to win the opening heart lead in dummy and immediately lead a low club toward the queen. If East has the king, as in the actual case, the best he can do is to take it and return a heart.

Declarer wins the heart return with the king, cashes the queen of clubs and then crosses to the ace of spades, refusing the finesse, which is no longer necessary. South's heart loser is discarded on the club ace, and the only tricks the defense can later get are the king of trumps and ace of diamonds.

Of course, if the low club play at trick two fails because West has the king of clubs, South still has the spade finesse in reserve. Since this line of play succeeds whenever East has the king of clubs or West has the king of spades, it is clearly superior to the actual declarer's approach. Two chances are obviously better than one.

Tomorrow: Just a little white lie.
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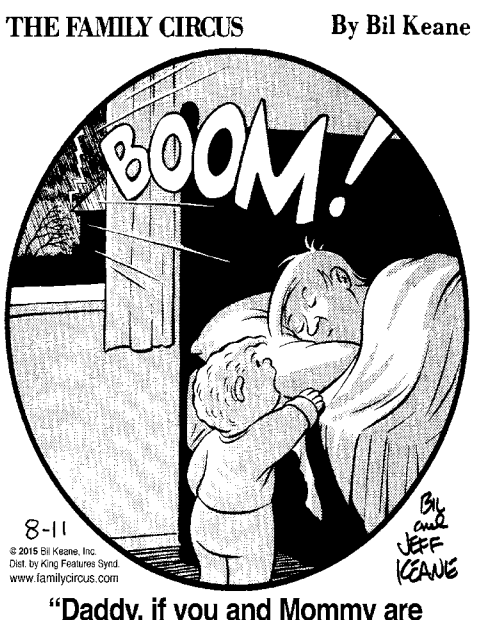
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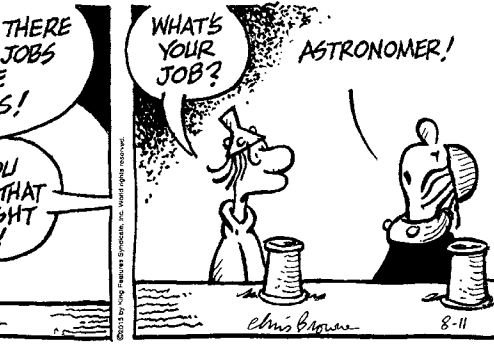


"Daddy, if you and Mommy are a little scared, I could get in bed with you too."

HAGAR



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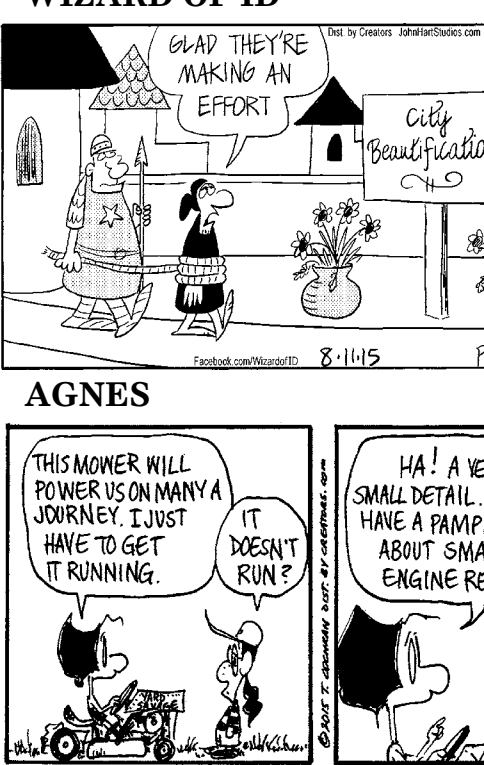
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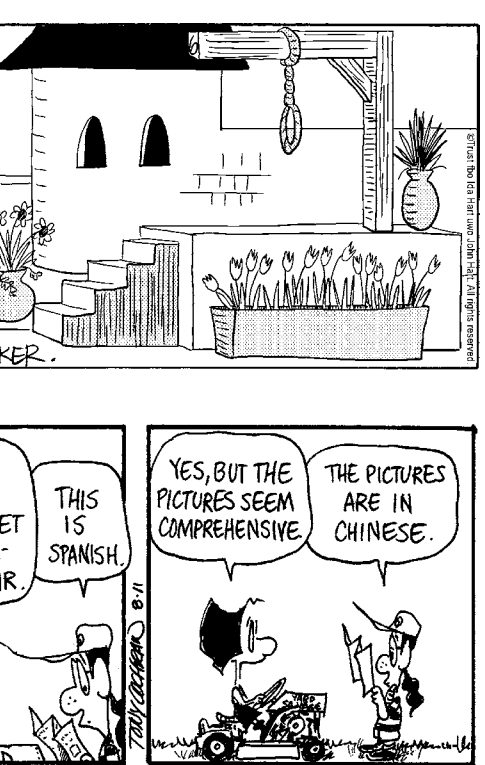
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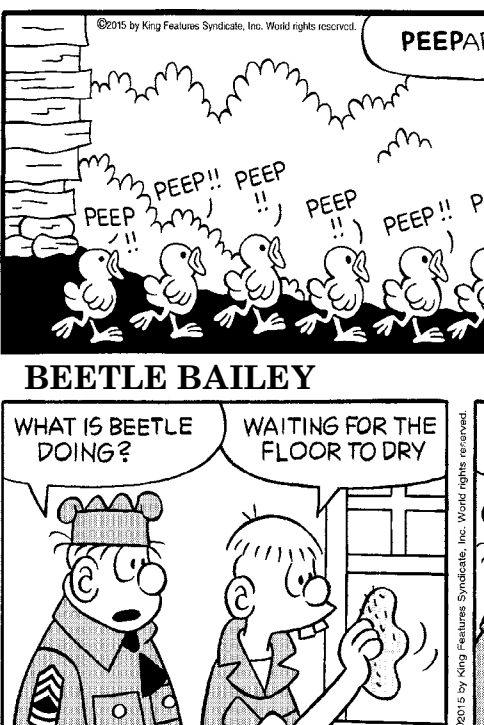
THE OTHER COAST



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BETLE BAILEY



Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 First part of a play
 - 5 Disney toon deer
 - 10 Energizes, with "up"
 - 14 On-the-cob vegetable
 - 15 Sharp-smelling
 - 16 Wheel shaft
 - 17 Speaker's platform
 - 18 Horned safari beast
 - 19 Twirled
 - 20 Fair, as the sky
 - 22 Molecule parts
 - 23 Swamp stalk
 - 24 "So that's it"
 - 25 In a dishonorable way
 - 28 Spicy sandwich meat
 - 30 Tennis great Chris
 - 31 Domesticated
 - 32 Engrave on glass
 - 35 Part of a min.
 - 36 Make illegal
 - 39 Promissory note
 - 40 Walked heavily
 - 42 Swelled heads
 - 43 Make amends
 - 45 Sir Isaac
 - 47 Pebbles or rocks
 - 48 Confuses
 - 50 Ooze
 - 51 "Yes __, Bob!"
 - 52 Fair in one's judging
 - 57 Doctor's "Now!"
 - 58 "Goodbye, amigo"
- DOWN
- 1 Electrical adapter letters
 - 2 Old furnace fuel
 - 3 Three-person band
 - 4 Aetna or State Farm
 - 5 Beer grain
 - 6 Felt sore
 - 7 Hosp. scans
 - 8 Recycling containers
 - 9 Wedding vow
 - 10 Hobby
 - 11 Fair that has pavilions
 - 12 Decorative feather
 - 13 Have a feeling
 - 21 River mouth
 - 22 "Now I've got it!"
 - 24 Cheers at a bullfight
 - 25 Second to none
 - 26 State with certainty
 - 27 Fair, but not very good
 - 28 Beauty parlor
 - 29 Friends, in France
 - 31 For takeout
 - 33 Dunce cap shape
 - 34 Rainbow shades
 - 37 Wagers
 - 38 Intolerant one
 - 41 X'es out
 - 44 "Let's see you do better!"
 - 46 Tiny
 - 47 Winter or fall
 - 48 Selling point
 - 49 "Me, too"
 - 50 Fern seed
 - 52 Fresh thought
 - 53 Catcher's glove
 - 54 State east of Nebraska
 - 55 Eve's second son
 - 56 Misplace
 - 58 "How __ you?"

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, August 11, the 223rd day of 2015. There are 142 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 11, 1965, rioting and looting that claimed 34 lives broke out in the predominantly black Watts section of Los Angeles.

On this date:

In 1786, Capt. Francis Light arrived in Penang to claim the Malaysian island for Britain.

In 1860, the nation's first successful silver mill began operation near Virginia City, Nevada.

In 1909, the steamship SS Arapahoe became the first ship in North America to issue an S.O.S. distress signal, off North Carolina's Cape Hatteras.

In 1934, the first federal prisoners arrived at Alcatraz Island (a former military prison) in San Francisco Bay.

In 1942, during World War II, Pierre Laval, prime minister of Vichy France, publicly declared that "the hour of liberation for France is the hour when Germany wins the war."

In 1954, a formal peace took hold in Indochina, ending more than seven years of fighting

between the French and Communist Viet Minh.

In 1964, the Beatles movie "A Hard Day's Night" had its U.S. premiere in New York.

In 1975, the United States vetoed the proposed admission of North and South Vietnam to the United Nations, following the Security Council's refusal to consider South Korea's application.

In 1984, during a voice test for a paid political radio address, President Ronald Reagan joked that he had "signed legislation that will outlaw Russia forever. We begin bombing in five minutes." At the Los Angeles Olympics, American runner Mary Decker fell after colliding with South African-born British competitor Zola Budd in the 3,000-meter final; Budd finished seventh.

In 1993, President Bill Clinton named Army Gen. John Shalikashvili (shah-lee-kash-VEE'-lee) to be the new chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, succeeding the retiring Gen. Colin Powell.

In 1997, President Bill Clinton made the first use of the historic line-item veto, rejecting three items in spending and tax bills. (However, the U.S.

Supreme Court later struck down the veto as unconstitutional.)

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush expressed sympathy for war protesters like Cindy Sheehan, the mother camped outside his Texas ranch demanding more answers for her soldier-son Casey's death in Iraq, but said he believed it would be a mistake to bring U.S. troops home immediately. A one-day strike by British Airways baggage handlers and other ground staff forced the cancellation of hundreds of flights to and from Heathrow Airport.

Thought for Today:
"You will have bad times, but they will always wake you up to the stuff you weren't paying attention to."
Robin Williams (1951-2014).

Answer to previous puzzle

PAST	SANTA	ROLL
OSLO	CLEAT	ARIA
STAG	AIISLE	DAMS
HOMEP	LATE	PINES
TEES	PLUG	
RASHES	CLOSEBY	
ALTER	SCOB	BEE
BOAR	ELBOW	COLA
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CUETO

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in the ninth inning. It was a fun atmosphere tonight, a different feel tonight, a lot of people excited."

Tigers lefty Matt Boyd, who was acquired from Toronto on July 30 in the David Price trade, gave up three runs in the first inning.

Boyd (1-3), who beat Cueto and the Royals 2-1 last Wednesday when he allowed seven hits and one run over seven innings in his Tigers debut, gave up singles to Alcides Escobar and Ben Zobrist on his first two pitches.

Lorenzo Cain doubled to center, scoring both. Kendrys Morales' one-out single produced the third run of the inning.

Zobrist went 3 for 3 with a walk. The Royals' first five hitters — Escobar, Zobrist, Cain, Hosmer and Morales — went a combined 11 for 19 with four RBIs.

TRAINER'S ROOM
Tigers: 1B Miguel Cabrera (left calf strain) did lightrunning around the bases. . RHP Alex Wilson (shoulder fatigue), threw a 12-pitch bullpen session. If his arm responds well Tuesday, he could be ready to pitch.

Royals: RHP Wade Davis (back stiffness) has not pitched since Thursday.

CHANGING LEFTIES
The Tigers optioned LHP Ian Krol, who had a 1-3 record with a 6.75 ERA in 26 relief appearances, to Triple-A Toledo. They recalled LHP Kyle Ryan from Toledo.

UP NEXT
Tigers: RHP Anabel Sanchez is 1-1 with a 5.59 ERA in three starts against the Royals this season.

Royals: RHP Yordano Ventura has an 8.18 ERA in two starts, both no-decisions, against the Tigers in 2015. He has yielded four home runs and 16 hits in 11 innings.

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

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Where: Big Spring Country Club
When: August 15 Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with an 8:30 shotgun start
Who: Anyone looking to support the Forsan football team
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Where: Comanche Trail Golf Course
When: September 5 & 6. 30 teams shotgun start at 8 a.m. and then 1:30 p.m.
How much: \$125 entry fee per contestant. Four flights of cash payouts. 1st-\$1800 2nd-\$1350 3rd- \$1050. \$100 closest to pin prizes both days and Hole-in-one prize on #11 (Harley Davidson Motorcycle). Skins pot Saturday \$75 a team. Only 60 teams will be allowed to play so sign up fast.
Format: Three-man scramble with prizes for the top three. Food will be provided both days. *Call Comanche Trail Golf Course 432-264-2366, or Charllie Garcia 432-213-2081 to sign up*

PHELPS

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2008 Beijing Olympics, knocking off Mark Spitz's iconic Olympic record, Phelps had largely accomplished what he wanted to do in the sport by age 23. His training fell off.

There was that notorious tabloid picture of him inhaling from a marijuana pipe. And when he failed to even win a medal in his first event at London, it looked as though his time had passed.

Being Michael Phelps, he bounced back to capture four golds and two silvers at the 2012 Games, making him the most decorated athlete in Olympic history. He retired after his last event in London, with 18 golds, 22 medals overall, and supposedly no desire to keep swimming into his 30s.

Well, here he is, about six weeks removed from his 30th birthday, on top of the game again.

His retirement barely lasted a year. His comeback has hardly been smooth, though. When he was arrested again for DUI last September, Phelps decided to take a long, hard look at himself. He went through six weeks of inpatient therapy, which helped him deal with everything from family dynamics

(his parents divorced when he was a child, resulting in a strained relationship with his father) to issues with alcohol.

Phelps vowed not to drink at least through the Rio Games and made a commitment to get in the best shape of his life. That work has clearly paid off. He's more muscular, more defined. His body didn't hurt nearly as much as he thought it would after back-to-back-to-back races, though he requires more sleep than he did in his younger days.

"My body doesn't feel tired; I'm just sleepy," he said. "That's the biggest thing, just staying on top of my sleep."

By the end of the month, he'll move from his beloved Baltimore to the Phoenix area to remain with longtime coach Bob Bowman, who is taking over at Arizona State. They have one of the longest, most successful partnerships in sports, and Phelps' trust in his coach never wavers.

From all indications, Phelps will swim the same three individual events in Rio that he dominated in San Antonio. (For good measure, he finished fifth in the 200 breaststroke Monday on the final night of nationals, a race he described as "just a fun, joke-around event.")

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