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Tax rate woes

Sparks: College may exceed rollback figure for budget

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

It seems Howard College trustees are saying, "Enough!" when it comes to staunching the continuous red ink bleeding out the district's budget. The situation has become serious enough that the normally conservative group is prepared to risk a rollback election for their proposed 2016 tax rate of .25 per 100 valuation. That number is about 2 cents over the rollback cutoff rate and will bring in a projected \$600,000 more in tax revenue for the coming collection year.



Sparks

"The board discussed this in their budget workshop and decided we need to address our declining revenue in or-

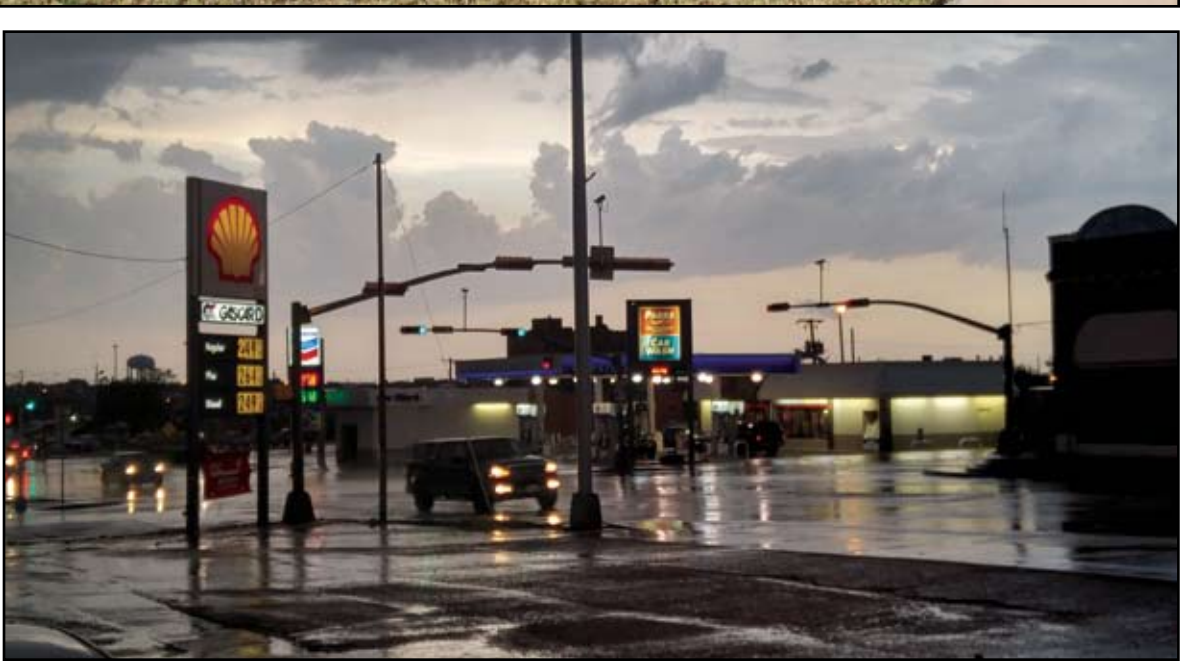
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After the storm

Above, a tree uprooted by Friday night's torrential rain storm caused damage to this home on the 4000 block of Vicky Street. At right, traffic moves along Gregg Street in the storm's immediate aftermath.

HERALD photos/Julie Bass and Steve Reagan



Challenge stops statue move at UT

By PAUL J. WEBER
 Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — The University of Texas on Friday abruptly canceled weekend plans to relocate a statue of Confederate President Jefferson Davis after a legal challenge from the same group that recently lost at the U.S. Supreme Court over rejected Confederate li-

cense plates. The cancellation was announced a day after new University President Greg Fenves said he would uproot the century-old statue away from the center of campus, but leave statues of other Confederate figures untouched.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, which says it seeks to celebrate Southern heritage, filed for a tem-

porary restraining order Friday but has not yet received a decision from a judge. However, university spokesman Gary Susswein said the school agreed to wait until a court can review the challenge, all the while expressing confidence that the Davis statue will ultimately be relocated to a museum.

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Residents: Be conservative with water

Special to the Herald

Thanks to all of the recent rains, Texas is now officially drought free for the first time in five years. Although this is some exciting news for our state and for our lakes and reservoirs, The PBUWCD would like to send out a reminder that water conservation is still needed.

Although we have had some recent rains and Texas is no longer marked with drought, it is still very important to conserve our water.

"We never know when the rain will stop, and what rain we do receive could take up to 100 years to reach our aquifers," said Misty Mims, education coordinator with the PBUWCD. "Help provide a better future, start conserving water today."

Mims offers the following conversation tips:

- Check outside faucets and sprinkler systems for leaks
- Use 2 to 4 inches of mulch around plants to help hold moisture in the soil and prevent evaporation
- Water lawns in the early morning or evening hours to prevent water evaporation
- If you have an evaporative cooler, direct the water drain to plants in you
- Water your plants deeply but less frequently to encourage deep root growth and a drought-tolerant landscape.



Repair work

City crews were dispatched to 10th Street behind Big Spring High School to repair a break in a 20-inch water main Saturday morning.

HERALD photo/Julie Bass

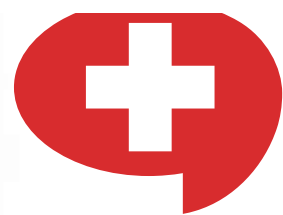
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Obituaries

Laura Abrego



Laura Abrego, 83, of San Antonio, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2015, in San Antonio. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Feb. 12, 1932, in Mexico. She married Timoteo Abrego in July 1952 in San Benito, Texas. They moved to Big Spring in 1962 from San Benito. He preceded her in death in February 1985. She was a homemaker; she loved gardening, and was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Linda Rodriguez and her husband, Luis of San Antonio; one son, Alonzo Abrego and his wife, Yolanda of Lubbock;

daughter-in-law, Jo Ann Abrego of Sand Springs; one sister, Graciela Estrada of Harlingen; five grandchildren, Amy Abrego of Sand Springs, Zachary Rodriguez and his wife, Leslie of San Antonio, Evan Rodriguez of San Antonio, Adrian Abrego and his wife, Kassie of Coahoma, and Guadalupe Abrego of Sand Springs; and three great-grandchildren, Hydi Brooklyn Abrego, Ozzy Padilla, and Izaac Padilla, all of Sand Springs.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by two sons, Arnoldo "Chubby" Abrego and Albert Abrego; and three brothers, Antonio Aguilar, Carlos Aguilar, and Alfredo Aguilar.

Pallbearers will be Zachary Rodriguez, Evan Rodriguez, Luis Rodriguez, Freddy Rodriguez, Adrian Abrego and Lupe Abrego.

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

Paid obituary

Jack Kellum White

Jack Kellum White, 88, of Big Spring, died Friday, Aug. 14, 2015, at his residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

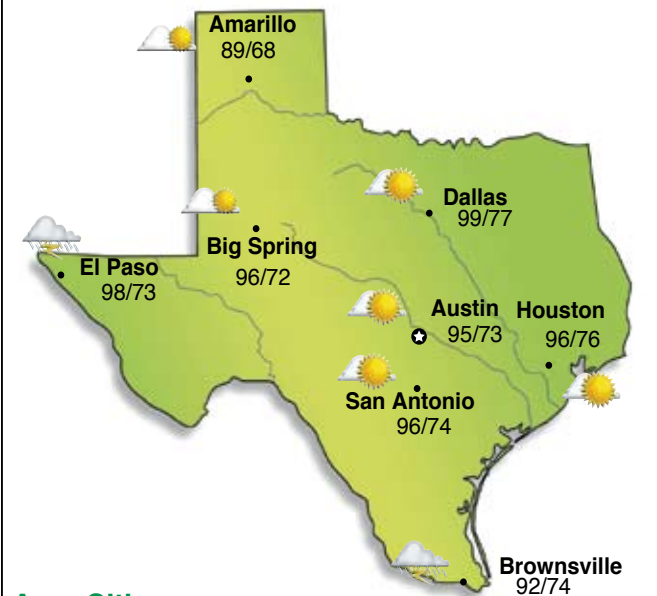
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 8/16	Mon 8/17	Tue 8/18	Wed 8/19	Thu 8/20
96/72 Partly cloudy. High 96F. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph.	96/72 Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	98/72 Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	92/68 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	96/72 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 8:29 PM	Sunrise: 7:11 AM Sunset: 8:28 PM	Sunrise: 7:11 AM Sunset: 8:27 PM	Sunrise: 7:12 AM Sunset: 8:26 PM	Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 8:25 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

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

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	88	69	pt sunny	Minneapolis	84	65	t-storm
Boston	86	71	sunny	New York	91	75	sunny
Chicago	92	71	sunny	Phoenix	112	84	mst sunny
Dallas	99	77	mst sunny	San Francisco	83	59	pt sunny
Denver	88	59	t-storm	Seattle	72	55	cloudy
Houston	96	76	mst sunny	St. Louis	92	73	mst sunny
Los Angeles	95	72	sunny	Washington, DC	95	72	sunny
Miami	91	78	t-storm				

Lora Mae Pollard



Lora Mae Pollard, 90, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2015, in Lubbock. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 17, 2015, at The First United Methodist Church in Big Spring.

Lora Mae was born on May 13, 1925, in Slaton, Texas to Richard Hugh and Hattie Henson Broadwell. She married William J. "Bill" Pollard on Aug. 10, 1957,

in Roscoe, Texas. She graduated from Roscoe High School and later attended Texas Tech University. She was a bookkeeper at their first car dealership in Roscoe, Texas and later held the same position at Pollard Chevrolet in Big Spring.

Lora Mae was very active in the community, serving on many boards and participating in numerous

organizations. She loved her family and friends. She enjoyed traveling all over the world and especially enjoyed traveling with her husband.

Lora Mae is survived by her husband, William J. "Bill" Pollard of Big Spring, son, William E. Pollard and wife, Kim of Big Spring; daughter, Kay Lynn Maynard and husband, Bryan of San Antonio; and grandchildren, Austin Maynard of Lubbock, and Ryan Pollard and Erin Pollard of Big Spring; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, R.E. Broadwell and Alroy Broadwell; and two sisters, Helen Beene and Peggy Johnson.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or to The First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1229, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

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

Paid obituary

Judy Roberts



Judy Roberts, 73, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015, in a Midland hospital after a hard fought battle with cancer. Grave-side services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 17, 2015, at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene, 7457 W. Lake Road, Abilene, Texas.

Judy was born Sept. 27, 1941, in Anson to E. T. "Ed" and Juanita Jackson Reynolds. She married A. H. Roberts Jr. in 1960 in Big Spring.

She was a bookkeeper for Bob Brock Ford and was the bookkeeper for Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home for 21 years. She loved crafts, cooking and sewing. She also loved visiting her grandchildren

and traveling in the RV around the country.

Judy is survived by her husband, A.H. Roberts of Big Spring; two sons, Byron Roberts of Big Spring and Michael Roberts of Tucson, Ariz.; two daughters, Angelia Misenhimer of Big Spring and Michelle Swenson of Phoenix, Ariz.; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one brother, Donald Reynolds and wife, Lane of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Since limited flower arrangements are allowed at the cemetery, the family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge, 3511 10th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79415.

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

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Police blotter

- CHRISTOPHER CLIFTON WALKER, 24, of 159 Ann Court, Azle, Texas was arrested on charges of public intoxication.
- SAMUEL JOHN MURPREE, 32, of 1401 E. 15th St. was arrested on charges of resisting arrest, search or transport and disorderly conduct language.
- AUBREY STEVEN MCDONALD, 34, of 207 Washington Blvd. was arrested on charges of public intoxication.
- RICHARD DEAN ANDERSON, 48, of 1303

- Barnes Ave. was arrested on charges of public intoxication.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1400 block of E. 15th St.
- THEFT was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700, the 500 block of S. Birdwell Lane, the 600 block of Center Point Rd.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1800 block of State St.
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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.

• 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 Face-

book 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@howard-college.edu or e-mailing Wills at ewills@howard-college.edu.

• For information on Garrett Parrish's condition, or to post messages of support, visit his Facebook page (#GP-STRONG).

TAXES

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der to strengthen our institution and to move forward," said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks.

College trustees will hold the first of two public hearings over the proposed tax rate at 5:30 p.m. in the Tumbleweed Room located in the Student Union Building on the Howard College campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

For the past four legislative sessions, Howard College as well as most community colleges state wide have seen a decline in funding from Austin following the major downturn in national economy in 2008. This occurred even after students rushed to community colleges for job retraining during the period.

Although enrollment figures district wide for Howard College, which includes campuses at Lamesa, San Angelo, six sites at local prisons and the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, has leveled to about pre-recession figures, the college expects to lose nearly \$5 million from state funding from the years 2010 to 2017. Part of that loss included a shift of health insurance premiums totally about \$900,000 from the state to Howard College employees which occurred during the 2012-2013 legislative session.

Sparks said over the years the state has turned it focus away from the community college system to other issues including shoring up a the road infra-

structure system.

"It is not as if the state is not supporting the community college system," she said. "We do have great support but the state is under great demands to address a lot of other areas."

As funding dwindled, the district's budget tightened sometimes painfully. Preventative structural upkeep projects have been delayed, new vehicle purchases to an overtaxed fleet were put off and reducing in staff through attrition and layoffs have occurred, Sparks said. Also, trustees have attempted to shore up the funding loss through increases in tuition and fees.

If the tax hike of 7.5 cents is approved, the new tax revenue will go to shore up the college's fund balance and some structural upkeep projects, Sparks said. In fact, tax money raised by the district stays in the Big Spring area and cannot be used at the San Angelo campus. The SWCID campus is funded completely through state financing.

"This budget was proposed with no type of salary increase," Sparks stressed. "This is more about trying to restore the funding that has been lost over the years."

Sparks added the decision for the tax rate came after a lengthy de-

cision by trustees over the proposed rate of 23 cents per \$100 valuation originally proposed by officials. That rate was just under the rollback number.

According to figures release by college officials, if the tax rate is approved, the average home owner with a house valued at \$55,717 will pay \$140 in college taxes, \$50 more than last year. Home owners with a residence valued at \$100,000 will pay \$252 in college taxes which will be a \$75 increase.

If approved at the Aug. 24 trustee meeting, the college is open to a roll back election if enough registered voters sign a petition to force the issue on the ballot. If the election fails to win voter approval, the district's tax rate will be set at 23 cents per \$100 valuation.

"There is a need to address some of these issues absolutely," Sparks said. "The board and college have tried to be very sensitive of where our tax base is and tried to be very conservative. This is a scenario of how to we go forward."

A second tax public tax hearing is set for 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the Tumbleweed Room.

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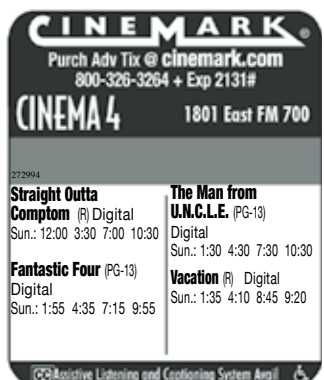
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DAILY PRAYER

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

Amen

Meet the cowboy hypnotist

When I first heard about The Cowboy Hypnotist, I really didn't know what to think. Was it a joke? Was he a real cowboy? A professional psychologist? All the questions were answered when I interviewed him after one of his performances. I saw two of them and they are amazing. He is very good at what he does.

His shows are two hours long. Once he was on stage four hours at a high school after graduation party where the graduates spent the night in the school gymnasium heavily chaperoned by school officials and parents. At that event, he hypnotized about 200 students. "Some are real easy. I just look at them and they go under," says Don.

His fascination with the unusual form of entertainment came when he saw a hypnotist in Las Vegas. "It was the funniest thing I had ever seen," says Don. "I couldn't believe that this guy just with his voice could make people do crazy things." He went home and started studying hypnosis from books, the inter-

net and You Tube. He attended a five-day seminar on how to become a stage show hypnotist. When it was over, he called his wife. "I told her this is me. This is my true calling. This is what I want to do."

Don graduated from Permian High School in Odessa in 1977, went to work for Phillips Petroleum in 1980 and is within a few years of retiring. He used to have a band and played in honky tonks and beer joints in West Texas, so he's not new to show business. But he had this epiphany about hypnosis. He gathered up friends and family and rented the community center in Gardendale and put on a hypnosis show. He called about 75 people on stage and hypnotized three of them. "I was scared to death because I wasn't sure I could do it," says Don, "but the show was hilarious."

With his first show under his belt, he decided to rent the banquet room at the Barn Door Restaurant in Odessa, invite the public and charge for tickets. That was on Valentine's Day, 2013. That show was a success, too. And Don knew he was on to something.

He has done nearly 40 shows since then and now hypnotizes about 60 percent of his volunteers. "I love doing it," he says.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

LETTERS

Let's all come together

To the Editor:

The article appearing in the Aug. 12 Herald ("Emerson escorted out of council meeting") made me take into consideration any reason for a new business or resident to move to or reside in Big Spring, Texas.

The older generation wonders why, upon graduation from high school, the children all choose to leave this area as quickly as possible. The answer is these young people are looking forward to a future where all the citizens of the community are seeking growth and prosperity.

I want to praise and thank Mayor Larry McLellan for his action having Scott Emerson escorted from the building and pay tribute to Councilman Raul Benavides for attempting to explain the proper time and place for public input on the subject of property valuations.

Since Scott and Lisa Emerson are the owners of many properties, I am sure they will have much to say at the two public hearings, Aug. 25 and Sept. 8, and this would be the place to make such statements.

This was explained to Emerson prior to the start of Tuesday's council meeting.

Big Spring is at a peak right now — we have 14 newly opened businesses, with five new retail stores and two more hotels (the Baymont and Marriott) under construction, a number of businesses awaiting site completion, a \$3.25 million rail infrastructure at the industrial park and a \$62 million Highway 87 truck reliever route. All the citizens of Big Spring and Howard County should be shouting with joy.

Joyce Crooker
Big Spring

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Life in a 'phoney' world

with their presence.

Phones help us paint ourselves into tiniest corners; our only option then, it seems, is to apply a second coat.

Few situations yank our insecurity chains like phones. Like the anguished young mother — her kitchen a wreck, children screaming and the mortgage due — scrambling to find her phone.

"I wish someone would invent a phone attached to the wall, with a cord on it and a loud ring so its location is never in doubt," she lamented.

Phones — present or AWOL — can be at the root of panic.

Often without warning, it's like other situations that compound, one example being the kindergartener arriving at school with his hair a tangled mess. Grabbing his comb, his teacher quickly parts and combs, making him more presentable.

That was strike one; strike two was on deck.

Back home that afternoon, the tearful child blubbers to his mom. "I've had an awful day, and it was my teacher's fault. She parts my hair on the wrong side; then, she says I'm holding my crayons in the wrong hand."

We've all been there, our hair hurting by mid-morning, parted on the wrong side or not.

Phones are double-edged swords, but we cling to them, searching for that elusive "bright side" our elders vow to be out there.

I'm advantaged when an unwelcome visitor rings my doorbell.

I respond, phone in hand, saying, "Doctor, thank you for calling. Now understanding the dangers of my contagion spreading, I'll start wearing an oxygen mask immediately. I'll avoid breathing on anyone, and will

"I have more fun than anybody." He is looking forward to retirement so he can do his hypnosis full-time, perhaps on cruise ships.

Don bills himself as the Cowboy Hypnotist. He looks more like a cowboy than a hypnotist. He wears blue jeans, a white shirt, boots and a western hat on stage and moves his 300-pound frame with ease. When he performs outdoors, his booming voice can get rid of a barking dog or coax a timid cowboy to wave his hands in the air like everybody else in the audience is doing. On stage, the people under his spell laugh, cry, get scared on a roller coaster and do dozens of things Don commands them to do.

I saw a young man think he had given birth to a baby. Yes, a man. He even nursed the little one.

Don is a real cowboy. He and his wife have five horses on their property in Weatherford and they help neighbors do cow work. Don says he has always lived the western life. His website is thecowboyhypnotist.com.

When Tumbleweed Smith is not on the road looking for characters, he lives in Big Spring with his wife Susan. Contact him at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com

Adults — particularly those longer of tooth — remember when phones were simpler instruments. We even had "tele" in front of "phones." Today, they're used for many things — sometimes even for conversations.

My friend, author Caleb Pirtle, left his cell phone behind a few days ago. The oversight reminded him his phone — a virtual appendage — is loosening the grip he thought he once had on "being his own man." Or is he, brilliant writer that he is, "trapped inside the sound of a dial tone," as he claims?

Separated from his always-charged phone for mere hours, reflection beckoned.

Actually, he's been "hip-joined" with phones for decades. He once memorized the location of hundreds of pay phones on several interstates.

Before cell phones, he tried to remember to take rolls of quarters required for "reaching out" — as well as reaching back. Immersed in words — spoken and written — most of his life,

Caleb chooses words carefully and arranges them in fetching order.

He could write an engaging piece on crow bars, and may yet. Did I mention he writes EVERY DAY? He blogs at venturegalleries.com.

One reason his writing holds up well is that he centers on experiences common to everyone. Some of us, fidgeting at this very moment, are bemoaning phones — either because they're lost or because they're frustrating us



DR. DON NEWBURY

honor my 90-day quarantine." If the visitor hasn't already scampered, I add, "Let's see, I know I've got an oxygen mask somewhere."

We are unraveled daily by uninvited phone calls, some of which are painful. I'm amazed at calls from national firms; some of them must seemingly desperate. Perhaps the nation's best-known appliance retailer lost our business recently when I attempted to order a small plastic dishwasher basket for silver wear. "That'll be \$69.95, plus \$7.50 for shipping," the guy said. I balked, but he called back, "What if we pay the shipping?" Caps this time: "NO!" I found the basket at a used appliance place for \$5.

My wife, ever alert for whatever is cheaper, signed up with a new electricity provider. Her decision elicited a phone query from the company we've used for years. The rep wanted a chance to "beat the offer." Next year? Maybe. I wished for an "old-time" phone receiver to slam down. That call — lumped with others seeking contributions and/or "my valuable opinion" for various polls — consumes my daily ration of dander in minutes.

Still, though, I'm grateful for life's diminishing humorous moments. A courthouse friend said Uncle Mort stood in line 30 minutes to ask: "If I get a hip replacement, can I get a half-price gun permit, since I'd no longer be firing from both hips?"

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LETTERS

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Allow oil exporting

To the Editor:

I work for the American energy industry and have been part of the U.S. energy renaissance taking place in our country. Today, America is producing more oil than at any time in history. We are the new global leader in oil and natural gas production, surpassing both Russia and Saudi Arabia. I am proud to be part of this energy resurgence.

As the national conversation on U.S. crude oil exports continues, it is undeniable that exporting U.S. crude oil would grow the nation's economy. A robust American economy can offer low unemployment, healthy retail sales, consumer confidence and ample revenue for governments to provide services to citizens. And economic growth propels business and consumer optimism, creating a domino effect that supports more economic growth.

Crude oil exports would expand markets

for America's oil, encouraging producers to invest in additional resource development here at home. But increased production only scratches the surface of potential benefits that extend far beyond the oil patch. If we act now to allow oil exports, America is poised to add billions to the domestic economy, creating jobs up and down the energy supply chain.

In fact, a recent study by IHS Energy indicated that every new oil production job would create three jobs in the extended supply chain, and another six in the broader economy. IHS predicts total U.S. job creation due to exports would average 394,000 per year over the next 15 years. This includes jobs far beyond the energy sector—in information technology, equipment and machinery, construction, professional and financial services, to name a few.

There is a solid economic case for crude oil exports, supported by both government and academic studies. They conclude that exports would broadly benefit the national economy; stimulate domestic pro-

duction, even in today's low-price environment; protect and create jobs and decrease consumer prices at the pump. Despite such findings, U.S. crude exports are limited and that's creating barriers to growth and threatening the nation's long-term economic development.

Let's continue to grow the American economy. It's time for Congress to allow U.S. oil exports.

Christopher Maestri
Big Spring

Memories of another time

To the Editor:

My husband and I attended the July 25 reunion at Coahoma ISD with all former and current teachers invited. We want to thank everyone involved for the wonderful one-day reunion which revealed much hard work and many changes in the building program of the school. All those tennis courts, lighted, blew us away. We taught first after college at a school above Austin but decided to "go West" and are extremely glad we did although our hometown is in northeast Texas.

My husband Willie Lundy taught eight

years in Coahoma Jr. High, coaching, with Science classes and on the staff of high school football with Spike Dykes. I taught two years and discovered I was pregnant with our first child. Once I "showed," I would have to resign. Luckily I finished the year of 1965 without anyone noticing, retired and stayed home awaiting the birth of our son in November 1965. I loved being home as a new mother, but by the fall of 1966 we were missing my income. I applied at Howard College for part-time work, but Dr. Hunt insisted for a few more classes I could be full time and make much more. I accepted for the most wonderful

teaching position I have ever had for pay and hours. Coahoma friends found us good babysitters, especially the late Jo Parrish. My son never cried when I left, and I taught five years, had another baby at mid-term, 1968, and my third in June 1970. Those babies are now 49-47-45 plus a foster daughter we later adopted.

We left in 1971 for several reasons and

returned to northeast Texas, within 30 miles south or east either way of our children's grandparents. My husband became a junior high school principal at our new assignment. I stayed home with the children for a few years but began teaching English IV in the high school of this same system in the fall of 1978.

My husband and I both retired at different times from this ISD.

Part of us still remains in Coahoma. We have visited often; at first I would always cry to Colorado City on our return to a school near Cedar Creek Lake south of Dallas.

Thanks again, Coahoma, for always welcoming us as you did in 1963 and every time we come through. Seeing the renovated Settle Hotel as we had read about in Texas Monthly was really a treat. Maybe for our 55th wedding anniversary, one of the children will drive us back to spend a night in one of the historic rooms (as the hotel was long ago).

By the way, at the reunion, my husband knew more people than I, but we lived in Coahoma and attended

the same Methodist Church there all eight years.

One middle-aged man talked to me at one time, wondering if maybe I had taught him in Big Spring, or if I had taught him at all. As I started to leave, he said, not as an insult, "I didn't know you were country. I thought you were classy." I suppose I thought this humorous as "I am what I am." On our trip back, I thought of

Barbara Mandrell's long-ago song, "I was Country before Country was Cool." Go Bulldogs!

Emily Lundy

Hats off to law enforcement

To the Editor:

We want to express our gratitude for our law enforcement officers. These brave individuals face danger many times a day and are rarely recognized for their willingness to risk their lives to protect us.

We are indeed blessed to have such dedicated people who work so hard on our behalf and we appreciate them and the job they do.

John and Jo Ann Staulcup
Big Spring

STATUE

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"We are confident we will move ahead with these plans," Susswein said.

The statue had been targeted by vandals and had come under increasing criticism as a symbol of racism.

State government and businesses around the U.S. have removed Con-

federate symbols following the mass shooting in June of black church members in Charleston, South Carolina.

In court filings, the Sons of Confederate Veterans argue that the South Carolina shooting set off "orchestrated national hysteria and pressure" to remove Confederate symbols. The group claims that leaders of the 50,000-student campus have no unilateral authority to

relocate the statue.

In June, the Supreme Court rejected a free-speech challenge by the group after a state board denied it a Texas license plate bearing the Confederate flag.

The court said in a 5-4 ruling that Texas can limit the content of license plates.

"That and Charleston pretty much started this free-for-all against the Confederate flag," said Kirk D. Lyons.

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News in brief

New explosions and fires as China evacuates 2-mile zone over chemical contamination fears

TIANJIN, China (AP) — New explosions and fires rocked the Chinese port city of Tianjin on Saturday, as one survivor was pulled out and authorities ordered evacuations to clean up chemical contamination more than two days after a fire and a series of blasts set off the disaster.

Meanwhile, angry relatives of firefighters missing in the catastrophe stormed a government news conference to demand information on their loved ones.

The death toll in Wednesday's inferno and blasts that devastated industrial and residential zones climbed to 85, including 21 firefighters — making the disaster the deadliest for Chinese firefighters in more than six decades.

An unknown number of firefighters remain missing, and a total of 720 people have been injured in the rapid succession of explosions that began with a fire from shipping containers containing hazardous material at a warehouse.

Japan marks 70th anniversary of WWII surrender; Abe stays away from contentious war shrine

TOKYO (AP) — Japan marked the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II on Saturday, but Prime Minister Shinzo Abe stayed away from a contentious Yasukuni shrine that honors war criminals among other war dead.

Abe instead prayed and laid flowers at a national cemetery for unnamed fallen soldiers ahead of the annual ceremony at Tokyo's Budokan hall.

That ceremony started with a moment of silence at noon, marking the late Emperor Hirohito's radio announcement of Japan's surrender on Aug. 15, 1945.

His son, Emperor Akihito, made his own speech in which he emphasized that Japan's peace and prosperity stand on "the people's tireless endeavors and their earnest desire for peace," and renewed his "deep remorse" over the war.

Abe also spoke and thanked the spirits of the war dead for their sacrifice. Without it, Japan could not have achieved peace and prosperity today, he said.

Scuffles, a near-sinking as desperate migrants leave Turkey for Greece on smugglers' boats

BODRUM, Turkey (AP) — Migrants on a Turkish beach scuffled over places on one inflatable dinghy and frantically bailed out another to keep it from sinking during a dramatic night that highlighted their desperation to reach the Greek island of Kos — and the safety of Europe.

The scenes of human trafficking, captured early Saturday by Associated Press journalists on a moonless night, came as Turkish author-

ities reported that 2,791 migrants have been caught in the Aegean Sea in the past 5 days alone, most of them Syrians.

Overall, more than 33,000 migrants have been caught or rescued in the Aegean this year, according to the governor's office in Izmir.

Kos is only 4 kilometers (2.5 miles) from Turkey at its closest point, its twinkling lights at night an irresistible beacon to those fleeing war or poverty.

Tensions were high early Saturday at Fenerburnu Beach near the Turkish tourist town of Bodrum. Two migrants tried to clamber onto a small dinghy only to be forced off by angry fellow passengers, one of whom shouted: "You haven't paid!" One passenger was also upset that the male intruders had touched the arm of a female migrant wearing an Islamic headscarf.

A jubilant flag-raising, then talk turns serious on road ahead for US and Cuba relations

HAVANA (AP) — A jubilant flag-raising at the reopened U.S. Embassy in Havana is giving way to serious talk about the road ahead in improving relations between the United States and Cuba.

Capping off a Friday in Havana that began with the Stars and Stripes being hoisted outside the embassy, Secretary of State John Kerry met with Cuban dissidents in the evening and said the island will not see an end to the despised U.S. trade embargo if Cuba's single-party government does not make progress on human rights.

Cuban and U.S. negotiators are to meet in Havana in early September to begin talks on normalization of the relationship between the two countries, which includes topics ranging from maritime security to the embargo to human rights, Kerry told reporters.

He said negotiations will follow three tracks. The first will encompass areas in which rapid progress is expected, such as cooperation on naval matters, climate change and the environment. The second will tackle more complex topics like the establishment of direct airline flights and U.S. telecommunications deals with Cuba. The last will take on the toughest problems, including the embargo, human rights and each country's desire to have fugitives returned by the other.

Kerry surprises locals and tourists in colonial Old Havana; woman: 'It gave me goose bumps'

HAVANA (AP) — On a historic day for U.S.-Cuban relations, Secretary of State John Kerry took time out for a walking tour of cobblestoned Old Havana — just like

many of the growing numbers of Americans traveling to the island since detente was announced eight months ago.

Dressed in slacks and a white dress shirt, Kerry toured a restored colonial-era church, checked out cigar humidors on a sun-drenched square and ducked inside for a cold lemonade at Cafe del Oriente, an upscale restaurant where Raul Castro once dined with a visiting Jimmy Carter back in 2011.

Accompanied by City Historian Eusebio Leal, who has overseen the rehabilitation of much of the neighborhood, Kerry also visited the former municipal palace and Leal's offices. He paused to contemplate a statue of Cuban independence hero Jose Marti in the leafy Plaza de Armas, which is home to a daily book and trinket bazaar and also a building that housed the U.S. Embassy from 1923 until the mission moved to its current digs in 1953.

In a quarter already teeming with travelers, Kerry became yet another tourist attraction as surprised people swarmed the group to take pictures. Neck-tied security agents kept everyone at a safe distance. Locals waved down from wrought-iron balconies, and the secretary waved back.

"We're walking through the plaza here, and suddenly I see a bunch of people moving and there's Kerry," said Junia Perez, a doctor. "Look, it gave me goosebumps! I'm excited because I never thought I would see him so close."

Critics use gold mine spill to bludgeon EPA as agency seeks to implement new clean power rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — Authorities say rivers tainted by last week's massive spill from an abandoned Colorado gold mine are starting to recover, but for the Environmental Protection Agency the political fallout from the disaster could linger.

The federal agency's critics are already seeking to use its much-maligned handling of the mine spill to undercut the Obama administration's rollout of major regulations aimed at cutting greenhouse gas emissions at the nation's power plants. Members of oversight committees in both the House and Senate say they are planning hearings after Congress returns from its August recess.

"The EPA is supposed to help prevent environmental catastrophes, not cause them," said Rep. Steve Scalise, R-La., a member of the House leadership and the Energy and Commerce Committee. "But, sadly, President Obama's EPA has been too busy threatening American jobs with radical regulations instead of focusing on what should be their core mission."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Big Spring, Texas will hold a public hearing on the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2015 and ending on September 30, 2016. The public hearing will be held on September 8, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Council meeting in the City Council Chambers at 307 E. 4th Street.

All citizens shall have the opportunity to provide oral and written comments concerning the proposed budget. A copy of the proposed budget is available for review in the office of the City Secretary in City Hall, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas, and on the city's web site at www.mybigspring.com.

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Donald L. Moore, CPA
Finance Director/City Secretary

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NOTICE OF 2015 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR City of Big Spring, Texas

A tax rate of \$ 0.770500 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of City of Big Spring, Texas. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate,

and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.770500</u> per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.856640</u> per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.700789</u> per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.771725</u> per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Big Spring, Texas from the same properties in both the 2014 tax year and the 2015 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that City of Big Spring, Texas may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

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For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

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You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

First Hearing: August 25, 5:30 PM at City Council Chambers, 307 East 4th Street

Second Hearing: September 8, 5:30 PM at City Council Chambers, 307 East 4th Street

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Hamilton twice puts Texas ahead in 5-3 win over Rays

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Josh Hamilton started the day getting an MRI on the sore left knee that forced him to miss the previous two games.

Once the exam revealed no structural damage, Hamilton told manager Jeff Banister he could play through some pain and wanted back in the Texas Rangers' lineup. And then the slugger showed he still has some big pop in his bat.

Hamilton had a tie-breaking sacrifice fly ball to center in the eighth inning, after an earlier 437-foot homer, and the Rangers beat Tampa Bay 5-3 in a series opener Friday night to snap the Rays' four-game winning streak.

"It's been a while since I hit one like that. That felt good," Hamilton said of his sixth homer of the season, a deep drive to right-center.

The big relief came earlier in the day when he found out that he could keep playing through the pain without concern of doing any significant damage to his knee. He described his issue as thin cartilage and like a bone bruise. "Definitely positive, and helped me understand that I can go there and run around and play," Hamilton said.

Texas tied the game at 3-3 in the seventh when Delino DeShields hit his first career homer, a towering shot that was just fair and landed several rows deep into the left-field seats.

"It was a good time to get my first one," said DeShields, echoing Banister's feelings.

Adrian Beltre's one-out single in the eighth started the go-ahead rally off Jake McGee (1-2). Beltre went to third on a single by Mitch Mo-

reland, who moved to second on the throw. Hamilton followed that before Elvis Andrus had an RBI single.

Sam Dyson (1-1) worked two scoreless innings in relief of starter Martin Perez. Shawn Tolleson worked the ninth for his 23rd save in 23 chances — all since May 20.

Evan Longoria's two-run double in the third put the Rays up 3-2, and came after the first of three umpire calls overturned on replay review.

One of the runners to score on Longoria's liner into the left-center gap was Rays leadoff hitter Brandon Guyer, who initially was called out on what appeared to be a double play. A 1-minute, 22-second review determined first baseman Moreland had just slipped off the base.

"I could see that his foot was off the bag a little, so I figured if we did challenge it, we'd probably win," said Guyer, who two innings later was initially called safe trying to stretch a hit into a double before being out on the overturn.

The other overturned call also came with Tampa Bay batting, and was an safe call that became an out.



Texas Rangers Delino DeShields, left, gets a congrats from third base coach Tony Beasley, right, after DeShields' solo home run during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays in Arlington, Texas, Friday, Aug. 14, 2015. The Rangers won 5-3.

It was the 13th time since MLB started replay last season that there have been three overturned calls in the same game. There have never been four.

HE WAS ROBBED Prince Fielder was robbed of a homer in the fifth when Rays CF Kevin Kiermaier went back and reached above the 8-foot wall to make the inning-ending catch.

THE THIRD OVERTURN The final replay review in the seventh resulted in a 3-5 double play. Moreland fielded a hard chopper, stepped on first and threw across to Beltre. Curt Casali was

tagged on the shoulder sliding into third. When Casali overslid the base and reached back, Beltre tagged him again, only to have the ball pop out of his glove. Crew chief Mark Carlson initially called an out before signaling safe. That was overturned on replay.

NO HAPPY HOME-COMING Tampa Bay rookie starter Nathan Karns, who went to high school on a few miles from the Rangers' ballpark, allowed two runs and two hits in 4 2/3 innings with four strikeouts. But he walked five in his 81 pitches over 4 2/3 innings.

TRAINER'S ROOM Rays: LHP Drew Smyly is scheduled Sunday to make his first start since May 5 because of a torn left labrum. He threw a bullpen Friday with no problems. ... LF Desmond Jennings was back in the lineup after being reinstated from the 60-day disabled list. He missed 96 games because of left knee bursitis.

Rangers: RHP Nick Tepesch is scheduled to have surgery Wednesday to relieve Thoracic Outlet Syndrome. ... C Robinson Chirinos, out since July 31 with a left shoulder strain, took batting practice Friday.

He could catch a bullpen session Saturday. ... CF Leonys Martin, sent to the minor leagues Aug. 4, has a broken bone in his right hand that could end his season.

UP NEXT Rays: RHP Chris Archer (10-8, 2.62 ERA) had a career-high 12 strikeouts in his only previous start at Texas, and he struck out six consecutive batters last August.

Rangers: Colby Lewis (12-5, 4.61) is coming off his eighth career complete game, the third one he has lost.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE					NATIONAL LEAGUE									
East Division					East Division									
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB			
New York	63	51	.553	—	Cincinnati	51	63	.447	22½	Philadelphia	51	63	.447	22½
Toronto	64	53	.547	½	Milwaukee	49	68	.419	26	Philadelphia	51	63	.447	22½
Baltimore	58	56	.509	5	West Division	W	L	Pct	GB	Philadelphia	51	63	.447	22½
Tampa Bay	58	57	.504	5½	Los Angeles	65	51	.560	—	Milwaukee	49	68	.419	26
Boston	51	64	.443	12½	San Francisco	62	53	.539	2½	San Francisco	62	53	.539	2½
Central Division					Arizona	56	58	.491	8	San Diego	55	61	.474	10
Kansas City	69	46	.600	—	Colorado	47	67	.412	17	Colorado	47	67	.412	17
Minnesota	57	58	.496	12	Thursday's Games	N.Y. Mets	12	Colorado	3	N.Y. Mets	12	Colorado	3	
Detroit	55	60	.478	14	Chicago Cubs	9	Milwaukee	2	Chicago Cubs	9	Milwaukee	2		
Chicago	54	59	.478	14	Pittsburgh	10	St. Louis	5	Pittsburgh	10	St. Louis	5		
Cleveland	54	60	.474	14½	Cincinnati	10	L.A. Dodgers	3	Cincinnati	10	L.A. Dodgers	3		
West Division					Friday's Games	Chicago White Sox	3	Washington	1	Chicago White Sox	3	Washington	1	
Houston	63	53	.543	—	Chicago White Sox	6	Chicago White Sox	5	Chicago White Sox	6	Chicago White Sox	5		
Los Angeles	60	55	.522	2½	Cleveland	11	Minnesota	2	Cleveland	11	Minnesota	2		
Texas	57	57	.500	5	Minnesota	11	Minnesota	2	Minnesota	11	Minnesota	2		
Seattle	54	62	.466	9	Detroit	1	Detroit	1	Detroit	1	Detroit	1		
Oakland	51	66	.436	12½	Seattle	1	Seattle	1	Seattle	1	Seattle	1		
Thursday's Games					Monday's Games	Atlanta	3	Atlanta	2	Atlanta	3	Atlanta	2	
Toronto 4, Oakland 2	Texas 6, Minnesota 5	N.Y. Yankees 4, Cleveland 6	L.A. Angels 7, Kansas City 6	Friday's Games	Chicago Cubs	6	Chicago White Sox	5	Chicago Cubs	6	Chicago White Sox	5		
N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 8-5) at Toronto (Estrada 10-6), 1:07 p.m.	Seattle (F.Hernandez 14-6) at Boston (Miley 8-9), 1:35 p.m.	Oakland (Bassitt 1-4) at Baltimore (Mi.Gonzalez 9-8), 7:05 p.m.	Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 13-6) at Chicago White Sox (Quintana 6-9), 7:10 p.m.	Monday's Games	Philadelphia	4	Philadelphia	1	Philadelphia	4	Philadelphia	1		
Cleveland (Tomlin 0-0) at Minnesota (Duffey 0-1), 7:10 p.m.	Cleveland (Tomlin 0-0) at Minnesota (Duffey 0-1), 7:10 p.m.	Cleveland (Tomlin 0-0) at Minnesota (Duffey 0-1), 7:10 p.m.	Cleveland (Tomlin 0-0) at Minnesota (Duffey 0-1), 7:10 p.m.	Monday's Games	Pittsburgh	7	Pittsburgh	7	Pittsburgh	7	Pittsburgh	7		

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US men's basketball looks ready for Rio after minicamp

LAS VEGAS (AP) — While many countries are still trying to qualify for the Olympics, the U.S. is already lining up guys to play.

Not just next summer, but potentially five summers down the line.

Firmly perched atop the basketball world but forever mindful of how they were once knocked off, the Americans took a few days this week to begin their preparations for 2016. And 2020. And way beyond that.

"We're trying to build something that can last forever," LeBron James said.

The Americans didn't exactly work hard in this city better known for fun. The practices were short and light, though it's not like they have tons to do. Ten months before picking the team, USA Basketball chairman Jerry Colangelo already says if everyone is healthy, this will be the best U.S. squad yet.

Besides, they didn't really come here to do drills. They came for moments like the opening of the first practice, which demonstrated what Colangelo and coach Mike Krzyzewski have built.

The Americans posed for a team picture, five rows of about 40 players, coaches and officials representing the

past, present and future of the program, from guys who have been in the program for a decade to others who are just starting their international careers.

Some won in Beijing and London. Many will have their shot in Rio de Janeiro. Others might have to wait until Tokyo in 2020, but the process for that has already begun.

"We don't only have a pool of players, we have a pool of gold-medal winners. But you still have to bring new guys in because it's going to keep going and even if, say a guy would not make the team next year, he potentially could be a star (later). That's how you have to keep the culture going and thank goodness that these guys have recommitted each time," Krzyzewski said.

The national team is 75-1 since Colangelo implemented the program following the Americans' bronze-medal finish in Athens in 2004. He and Krzyzewski built something in which the NBA's best not only want to play, but want to keep doing it.

James and Carmelo Anthony could become the first American four-time men's basketball Olympians. Even Hall of Famer David Robinson, a Navy graduate and only other U.S. player

to compete in three, can't believe how much today's players keep returning.

"It seemed like interest started to wane around 2000 and 2004. I didn't think anybody was going to want to do it that many times, especially when you're not getting paid," Robinson said. "But like I said, the culture that they've created now, the guys take a lot of pride in it, they're taking pride in our country and I just think it's fantastic."

It just briefly seemed in jeopardy of weakening last summer.

A series of player withdrawals before the Basketball World Cup, most notably Kevin Durant, and the Americans' first serious injury with Paul George's broken leg — Colangelo called it a tragedy — left some wondering if the international experience still mattered.

In fact, it felt like 2004. But in Colangelo's program, stability quickly replaces uncertainty.

"Yeah, it's come a long way," said former NBA executive Stu Jackson, who was on the selection committee in 2004. "And I think the structure, the process with which they pick the team was a very needed change and we owe that all to Jerry Colangelo."

Stephen Curry, An-

5 Thoughts from Big Spring's football scrimmage

On Friday Big Spring participated in a three-team scrimmage with Wichita Falls High (5A) and Burkburnet (4A).

1. Big Spring played very physical on both sides of the ball. They delivered big hits throughout the night and coach Phillip Richey said his team was by far the most physical out of the three teams.

2. The run game looked good for the Steers. They had a 16-play 70 yard drive on Wichita Falls thanks in part to the running attack of Preston Alexander. Alexander had some long runs and they were able to run the play action effectively due to their pro-

lificness on the ground. Big Spring should be successful if they can establish a run game this season

3. The two biggest issues were ball security and big plays. Big Spring had several turnovers, including one in the red-zone that kept the Burkburnett game scoreless. The defense played with great effort and intensity, but allowed two big plays. One was a long pass that Wichita Falls scored on, and the other was a run that broke loose for 20-plus yards.

4. One of the biggest questions going into camp was the offensive line. The Steers were tasked with replacing four of the five

offensive lineman, but the unit did a good job Friday night. There were some big holes and they did well at the point of attack.

5. Coach Richey loves this team. He praised their effort, toughness and mental fortitude after the games. "I love this team, they've got a lot of fight in them and some grit." This team won't have flashy big plays, but will beat their opponent by manhandling them for four quarters, wearing them down drive after drive.

Big Spring plays their final scrimmage at home against Estacado next Friday at 7 p.m.

thony Davis and Kyrie Irving helped the Americans win gold in Spain and could be among the players who carry the program forward once James, Anthony and Chris Paul decide they're done.

Playing in Beijing was a no-brainer, with the U.S. reputation to repair and sneakers to sell in basketball-crazed China. Anthony said players and the companies they endorse are still trying to figure out the opportunities in the Brazilian market, but David M. Carter, principal of The Sports Business Group, said the players have an advantage with the NBA's

international reach. "Combine this expertise with the global stage afforded NBA players during the Olympics, and each and every one of them should think long and hard prior to questioning the value of participating," Carter said. "While risks exist, they should be deemed measured risks where the upside of participating far outweighs declining the invitation. This is particularly the case for NBA stars hoping to have high-profile and lucrative careers once their playing days are over."

Colangelo and Krzyzewski can choose a roster from the players here

this week and even potentially Kobe Bryant, who he said could be in the mix for a spot if he earns it.

The Americans are in great shape and they know it. Joining Colangelo and Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, earlier Thursday in a leadership seminar at Nellis Air Force Base, Krzyzewski said the Americans have learned from past mistakes and understand what it takes in international play.

"Unless we screw up internally," he said, "we should win."

Keuchel's 14th win helps Astros to 5-1 win over

HOUSTON (AP) — Miguel Cabrera didn't get a hit in his return Friday night from six weeks on the disabled list.

The Detroit slugger, who didn't go on a rehabilitation assignment before his return, thinks his inability to connect in the 5-1 loss to the Houston Astros had more to do with Dallas Keuchel than his timing at the plate.

"You are facing one of the best pitchers in the league," said Cabrera, who was 0 for 3 with a walk. "What do you expect — to get three hits off the DL against one of the best pitchers in the league? It's not going to happen."

Keuchel struck out eight in seven solid innings and Jed Lowrie powered the offense with a two-RBI double to lead the Astros to the victory.

Cabrera had been out with a strained calf in his first trip to the DL in his 13-year career.

"His timing is obviously not perfect," manager Brad Ausmus said. "His last at bat he hit the ball hard, but that's to be expected."

The Astros trailed entering the fifth inning before scoring three runs, capped by Lowrie's double to take a 3-1 lead.

Keuchel (14-6) yielded six hits and one run to improve to 11-0 at home this season. His 14 wins overall are tied for most in the AL.

Alfredo Simon (10-7) allowed six hits and four runs in five-plus innings for the loss.

"He was having a little trouble with command of the strike zone," Ausmus said. "He threw a lot of balls that were almost 50-50 balls."

The Astros added a run on a sacrifice bunt by Marwin Gonzalez in the sixth and Chris Carter doubled in another one in the eighth.

Keuchel bounced back after tying a season-high with 10 hits in a loss to Oakland last week. He had retired nine of the first 10 batters before Ian Kinsler singled to start the fourth inning. Keuchel then walked Cabrera on four pitches and the Tigers took a 1-0 lead on the groundball RBI single by Victor Martinez.

The Tigers threatened in the fifth inning when a broken-bat double by Jose Iglesias followed by a single from Anthony Gose left runners at first and third with one out in the inning. But Keuchel escaped the jam by striking out Rajai Davis before Kinsler grounded out.

"We knew it was going to be tough to score runs, and it was," Ausmus said. "(Keuchel's) got a lot of movement, a lot of deception. He's tough for hitters to square the ball on."

The Astros tied it at 1-1 on a groundout by Jose Altuve in the fifth inning. Rookie Carlos Correa walked with two outs and stole second base before Lowrie's double that scored two.

Houston's Carlos Gomez had a difficult night, going 0 for 4 with two strikeouts. His frustration boiled over in the eighth inning after his second strikeout when he slammed his bat across his thigh three times before cracking it in half.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Tigers: LHP Kyle Lobstein (sore left shoulder) will continue his rehabilitation assignment at Triple-A Toledo. He made two starts at Single-A Lakeland where he was 0-1 with a 3.52 ERA. He has been out since May 24.

Astros: OF George Springer (broken right wrist) was cleared to resume baseball activities on Friday, but the Astros still aren't sure when he'll come off the disabled list. Springer,

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A 63, a Spieth rally and a storm delay at PGA Championship

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AP Golf Writer

SHEBOYGAN, Wis. (AP) — The second round of the PGA Championship offered a little bit of everything Friday.

Except a conclusion. On one side of the golf course, Jordan Spieth was piling up enough birdies to momentarily tie for the lead at Whistling Straits. On the other side with far less attention, Hiroshi Iwata ran off five birdies and an eagle and tied the major championship record with a 63.

Dustin Johnson was losing ground in the rough and in the bunkers, falling out of the lead with three bogeys in a four-hole stretch. John Daly lost his cool and then lost a 6-iron when he heaved it in Lake Michigan.

And that was before a wicked storm that packed gusts up to 48 mph and suspended the second round.

Jason Day ran off three straight birdies and was tied for the lead with Matt Jones at 9-under par when players were taken off the course.

The storm was severe enough to topple the main scoreboard at the entrance and rip flags off the poles atop some of the grandstands.

The round was to resume at 7 a.m.

Justin Rose pulled within one shot of the lead with back-to-back birdies. He headed to the 18th tee, feeling good about being able to finish.

"I opened my big mouth to the boys playing with us," Rose said. "I said, 'The end is in sight.' And 30 seconds later, they blew the horn. So my name is mud all over here."

Tiger Woods, for all his struggles in the majors this year, can at least say he made it to the weekend in three of them. He made the cut at the Masters. He missed the cut on Saturday at the wind-delayed British Open. There was still hope at the PGA Championship, though he was 4 over with five holes to play, two shots away from the projected cut.

The leaderboard was as clouded as the sky over Whistling Straits.

Seven players had at

least a share of the lead at some point Friday, when a strong breeze in the morning gave way to steamy sunshine and virtually no wind until the storms moved in. When players were evacuated from the course, 11 players were separated by three shots.

David Lingmerth of Sweden made only four pars in his wild round of 70 and was the clubhouse leader at 7-under 137. One shot behind was a group that included Spieth, the Masters and U.S. Open champion who is very much in the picture to join Woods and Ben Hogan as the only players to win three majors in one year.

Scott Piercy (70) and Brendan Steele (69) joined Spieth at 6-under 138.

The star of the day was Iwata, a 34-year-old from Japan who had every reason to think his first appearance in the PGA Championship would be a short one. He opened with a 77 and still was 3 over when he reached the back nine. Iwata reeled off five birdies and an eagle,

and he saved par on the 18th for a 63.

It was the 27th time that a player shot 63 in a major, 13 of those in the PGA Championship and most recently Jason Dufner at Oak Hill two years ago.

"When I came here, I was thinking just to make my game better and better and on Sunday, I can be in the top 10," Iwata said through a translator.

Even with a record-setting score, he still has plenty of work ahead of him to do that. Iwata was at 4-under 140 and losing ground as one player after another took aim at Whistling Straits in good scoring conditions.

Day was through 14 holes while Jones, his fellow Australian, was through 12 holes and on the front nine.

Day shared the 54-hole lead at the U.S. Open while coping with vertigo symptoms. He missed by one turn of the golf ball a birdie on the 18th hole at St. Andrews that would have put him in a playoff at the British Open. Now it looks like he gets yet another chance. He was thrilled

to stop play, especially as the storm clouds turned dark and he had trouble with depth perception on some of his wedges.

"We'll see how it goes tomorrow," Day said. "We've got some scoring holes and some tough ones to finish on. But I'm real happy to be done."

Dustin Johnson, the 18-hole leader, took a brief lead at 8 under until he ran into trouble on the par-5 11th with a wicked lie in the bunker that led to bogey. He added two more bogeys and was four shots out of the lead at 5 under.

"Hopefully, I can come back in the morning and make a couple birdies coming in, and then we'll get the day started on Saturday," he said.

Rory McIlroy had hopes of being a little closer to the lead. Coming off an ankle injury that has kept him out since the U.S. Open, he world's No. 1 player went cold with the putter and had to settle for another round of 71 that put him at 2-under 142.

McIlroy was keeping pace with Spieth until a big turnaround on the

18th hole at the halfway point of their round. Spieth holed out from a bunker for birdie, while McIlroy went well left into knee-high hay, took two chips to reach the green and made double bogey.

"You're going to have to have more of a short game to be able to salvage par sometimes," he said. "I wasn't quite able to do that today at points. But there's still enough good stuff to give me encouragement and make me feel that I can shoot a low one tomorrow and get myself back into it."

Woods had his work cut out for him. He opened with two quick birdies, only to give them back with a double bogey from the bunkers on the fourth hole.

As for Daly? His tournament effectively ended on the seventh hole when he hit 4-iron into the lake, and then followed with two more tee shots with his 6-iron into the lake. After a fourth attempt found the green, Daly heaved his 6-iron into the lake and made 10. He shot 82 and missed the cut.

Red Sox manager Farrell says he has 'highly curable' cancer

BOSTON (AP) — Fighting back tears, Boston Red Sox manager John Farrell said Friday that he had a "highly curable" form of cancer and has taken a medical leave for the rest of the season to deal with lymphoma.

The 53-year-old Farrell said bench coach Torey Lovullo will run the team in his absence. Farrell said he planned on being back with the team for spring training.

Farrell said the cancer of the lymphatic system was discovered when he had hernia surgery in Detroit earlier this week.

"I know we usually start out with the injury report. I'll start out with myself on this one. Monday's surgery for the hernia revealed that I have lymphoma," he said before Friday night's game at Fenway Park against Seattle.

"Thankfully, it was detected in the hernia surgery. I can honestly tell you I'm extremely fortunate that it was found. Treatment will begin in the coming days," he said.

Farrell said a mass was completely removed during the procedure and no additional surgery was necessary. He said chemotherapy would start early next week.

Red Sox stars David Ortiz and Dustin Pedroia stood along a wall

to Farrell's left when he made the announcement. Vice President Sam Kennedy, general manager Ben Cherington and Lovullo also were in the room.

"A little bit of a shocker to be told later that afternoon that this was going on. Like I said, I'm fortunate," Farrell said. "Stage 1. It's localized. It's highly curable. I'm extremely fortunate to not only be with people with the Red Sox, but access to MGH (Massachusetts General Hospital) and world class talent that can handle this."

The Red Sox are in last place in the AL East with a 50-64 record. In February, Farrell's contract was extended through 2017 with a club option for 2018.

"When they mentioned the word 'cancer,' it's something that it doesn't matter where it comes from, it kind of impacts you," Ortiz said.

Farrell guided Boston to the World Series championship in his first season in 2013. He previously managed the Toronto Blue Jays for two years.

"Sending you best wishes for a speedy recovery. Stay Strong and look forward to seeing you at the ballpark soon," the Blue Jays tweeted.

On Tuesday, Minnesota Timberwolves coach Flip Saunders said he is being treated for Hodg-

kin lymphoma, and his doctors consider it "very treatable and curable." His plans were to remain coach and team president while being treated.

Cherington said Farrell told him the news Thursday when the GM was traveling between flights en route to Greenville, South Carolina, to visit one of the team's Single-A affiliates.

"He called me on a quick layover," Cherington said. "I was sort of in shock. A few minutes to sink in and I figured I had to get back to Boston last night. I've been talking to him yes-

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who's hasn't played since July 1, said it's been difficult to sit out for so long and that's he's anxious to take the next step in his recovery. He'll be able to throw and catch, but manager A.J. Hinch said he's not quite ready to swing a bat yet.

TRIPLES, TRIPLES AND MORE TRIPLES

Evan Gattis tripled with no outs in the sixth

inning to chase Simon. The burly 230-pound Gattis is second in the majors with nine triples this season after he hit just one in his first two seasons combined.

UP NEXT

Detroit's Justin Verlander (1-5, 4.57) looks to end a two-game skid when he opposes Collin McHugh (13-6, 4.22) when the series continues on Saturday. McHugh is tied for second in the AL with 13 wins, but is coming off of a loss at Oakland.



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terday and this morning.”
“There’s a lot of respect for him, not just in the Red Sox organization, but throughout baseball,” he said. “There’s a lot of people already reaching out. He’s someone that spent his whole life in baseball. He’s played, he’s coached, worked in the front office and, obviously, he’s managed now.”
Red Sox chairman

Tom Werner spoke about Farrell during the pregame TV telecast.
“We all love John,” he said. “We said the most important thing is get back soon.”
Farrell, a former major league pitcher, was the pitching coach for the 2007 Red Sox when they won the World Series. Ace Jon Lester returned from lymphoma that July and started the clinching game of the Series in Colorado.
“Obviously, we go pretty far back. I talked to him a little bit, already,” said Lester, now pitching for the Chicago Cubs. “He seems pretty

positive. Everything seems pretty positive, so that’s good.”
“He’s in a good place for it. That’s obviously one of the better places, if not the best place, in the country to be if you have cancer. He’s in good hands. I know those doctors pretty well,” he said.
Cleveland manager Terry Francona is one of Farrell’s closest friends. Farrell was the pitching coach in Boston under Francona.
“He’s such a tough guy and he has so many people that care about him that I just honestly feel like he will come

through this with flying colors,” he said before the Indians played at Minnesota.
“I’m glad we’re going to go through there in a couple days because I’d like to see him. But he sounded really good,” Francona said.
New York Yankees manager Joe Girardi wished Farrell well.
“It’s not what you want to see. Say some prayers for him and his family, hope everything goes well,” he said before a game in Toronto. “Just get healthy, that’s most important. He’s a good man, a good baseball man, you want to

see him get healthy.”
Los Angeles Angels manager Mike Scioscia echoed that sentiment.
“It’s awful. We heard the prognosis is very good, that’s encouraging,” he said before a game in Kansas City. “But it’s scary whenever you hear of something like that happening. He’s a young man.”
Farrell said he never had any symptom before the notification of the cancer discovery.
Ortiz said he heard about Farrell’s condition from teammate Hanley Ramirez, who was crying when he delivered the news.

“We have a big family around here and definitely when it comes down to health issues, you want to be sure that everything goes OK. The organization is taking a lot of responsibility on that to make sure that John gets through it the way it’s supposed to be,” Ortiz said.
Farrell was touched by his players’ support.
“In a way, you live vicariously through their careers,” he said. “Yours is over, you try to help when you can with them, and when they show that support, it’s meaningful.”

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Kemp hits for cycle as Padres beat Rockies 9-5

DENVER (AP) — Surely, Dave Winfield or Tony Gwynn hit for the cycle during their distinguished careers in San Diego.
That’s what Matt Kemp was thinking as he stood on third after a triple in the ninth to complete the rare feat. But those legendary Padres players never did. No one had until Kemp in San Diego’s 7,444th game as a franchise.
Kemp’s history-making cycle lifted the Padres to a 9-5 win over the Colorado Rockies on Friday night.
The right fielder didn’t even realize the magnitude of his accomplishment until he was brushing himself off after sliding into third base. His coach, Glenn Hoffman, explained to him this was the first one. He thought he meant first for Kemp.
“I was like, ‘Yeah, that is my first one,’” said Kemp, who finished 4 for 5 with 4 RBIs. “He said, ‘No, that’s the first one for the Padres.’ I was

like, ‘Wow.’ It’s hard to believe, all the great hitters that have been here, Tony Gwynn and all those guys haven’t been able to hit for the cycle. I’m just glad to be able to do it.”
Scratch that off the Padres’ list as the Miami Marlins are now the only major league franchise without a cycle.
What’s next — a no-hitter? San Diego is the only team in the majors without a no-no.
“We just witnessed history,” Jedd Gyorko said. “That was pretty cool. Matt was definitely locked in.”
Kemp had a two-run homer in the first, single in the third and an RBI double in the seventh. His triple in the ninth went off the fence in center and he easily made it to third.
Out of breath, too.
“I need to start running a little bit more,” joked Kemp, who was acquired from the Los Angeles Dodgers last December.
In addition to his con-

versation with his third-base coach, Kemp was asked an interesting question by Colorado third baseman Nolan Arenado: Would Kemp prefer the homer or the triple?
“I like home runs, but that was my first cycle,” Kemp said.
According to the Padres, there have been 361 times when a player has finished one hit shy of the cycle. Of those, 258 times a player was a triple short.
Kemp has been one hit shy of the cycle on five separate occasions, the most recent on Sept. 26, 2012, when he was with the Dodgers and they were playing the Padres. He missed that one by a triple, too.
“He showed tonight why he is the player he is,” interim manager Pat Murphy said. “That was special, special to be part of. We won a game that went back and forth and had some miscues. He responded every at-bat.”

Michael Sam leaves CFL’s Alouettes

MONTREAL (AP) — Michael Sam is stepping away from pro football.
Sam, the first openly gay player drafted by the NFL, has told the Canadian Football League’s Montreal Alouettes that he is leaving the team.
“The last 12 months have been very difficult for me, to the point where I became concerned with my mental health,” Sam tweeted Friday. “Because of this I am going to step away from the game at this time.”

The Alouettes confirmed in a release that Sam has left the club for “personal reasons” and that he has been added to the team’s suspended list.
He did not play in Montreal’s home loss to Edmonton on Thursday night, with the team citing a sore back. He made his CFL debut the previous week.
The 25-year-old defensive end, the 2013 Southeastern Conference defensive player of the year at Missouri,

failed to record a tackle in Montreal’s loss to Ottawa.
Sam agreed to a two-year deal with the Alouettes this summer. He left training camp June 12, citing personal reasons, and sat out the team’s first five games.
Sam was selected in the seventh round of the 2014 NFL draft by the Rams, did not make the team, and spent some time on the Cowboys’ practice squad before being released.

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Thirty years of ministry and devotion

In 1985, a husband and wife felt compelled to disciple to others and lead them in the word of the Bible. In the back of Fox's Pawn shop, which used to be located on West Fourth Street, they gathered with others to worship, praise and learn together.

"We were both consumed by the word and the Holy Spirit. We were taught by the Holy Spirit and by studying the bible" said Mona Lue Tonn, minister of the Spring Tabernacle Ministries.

Arnold Tonn was ordained right there in the back room of a pawn shop with his wife, Mona Lue, standing by his side and supporting him. They held church on Sunday in the pawn shop and hosted Bible study in their home on Friday evenings.

"Everyone brought a dish and we had supper together and studied the bible. We cleared out a bedroom in the house and made it into a kids playroom and we had a screened in porch for the teenagers" said Tonn. "We cut out some parts of the walls between the kitchen, den and living room, so we had room for everyone to sit and still be able to see. We had as many as 68 people there."

They worshiped in the back room of that pawn shop from August of 1984 until 1989.

"We bought the pews from this church, and then found out the church was for sale too. We didn't know if we should take on so much. We didn't want to burden our congregation" said Tonn.

The Tonns discussed the church and if it was the right decision and prayed for guidance.

A carpet company had put a bid on the church, but they were going to turn it into a storage facility. They sellers asked the Tonns why they were interested in the building.

"We told them that we wanted to use it as a church. They said if we wanted to buy the building, we could have it."

"The day before we had to make the decision, a man called and asked us to come by. He gave us a check for \$300. That was enough to cover the first month. We decided God would provide what we needed and we bought the church."

In August of 1989, the Tonns moved the pews they had purchased from the church, back into the church and began their worship service at Spring Tabernacle Ministries on Wright Street.

Over time, the church grew as their ministry did and spread. The church hosted an annual toy drive called the Christmas Children Ministries.

"We would show up and there would

be donations on the steps. One year we had enough donations that the parents, grandparents and guardians got to pick four presents per child that they had. The most we've ever served was 68 families" said Tonn.

Tonn's daughter, Gena Ray, has helped with the Christmas Children Ministries for the last seven years.

"She is such a blessing and she helps so much," she added.

The church has also been involved with a clothing ministry, a food pantry, prison ministry, apartments and helping people who have lost their homes to fire.

"We have a food panty the second and fourth Thursday of the month. We do singing and praising before giving away the food. They need spiritual food just as much as the bags of food."

On Aug. 23, nine years ago, Arnold Tonn passed away. With the pass-



ing of the preacher, the congregation turned to Mona Lue Tonn to lead them

"I sang. I sang for everything and that was my contribution. My husband led the worship and organized the church. When he passed, the congregation asked if I would lead them. I told them I would have to pray about it - a lot."

After prayer and reflection, Mona Lue agreed to be ordained and continue her and her husband's work.

Nine years later, as Tonn continues to lead the congregation, improve and continue the ministry programs, she is amazed at all of the support, but not at God's success.



"He provides. We have people that live elsewhere send us money. Some of the oil companies have sent us money. Our congregation isn't big, but God provides for us and our work."

This year marks the 30th Anniversary since the Tonns began their ministry in that old pawn shop. They have had faithful friends who have traveled the road with them and experienced much over that time.

Some of those devoted members are Manuel Chavarra, who collects all of the food for the food ministry; Lydia

painting the floor of the fellowship hall, the bathrooms in the church, Sunday school rooms and even the ceiling of the hallway with the help of Tonn's daughter Ray, and Ray's friend Bonnie Klasson.

"The house is a two bedroom, but we are going to add on two more rooms so we can house 6-8 women," she said.

Some of the Sunday school area will be equipped to hold classes for the ladies that will live in the house next door.

"We have a retired teacher who has offered to help teach G.E.D. classes."

Another mission Tonn said she finds fulfilling is prison ministry.

"I have never felt more respected as a minister than when I am in that jail. When I tell them I have something to say, they stop and look at me. They are eager to hear the word and have fellowship."

Tonn has helped many through the prison ministry and prays for them constantly. She has many stories of those she has helped.

"They need to know that they have not gone too far, they can still be forgiven and saved by God. Most of them, especially the women, feel that they aren't worth it. But they are all worth it and God loves them and can forgive them and help them to forgive themselves", said Tonn.

As the new programs begin, the church will let some of the older programs go that have been fading away such as providing free clothing and running an apartment complex used for emergency shelter.

The Christmas Children's Ministry, the food pantry and the prison ministries are still going strong and will continue, she said. The addition of Sunday school space will assist those who would like to attend church and a place for their young ones as well as the inhabitants of the rehab home.

Sunday service is at 10 a.m., Tuesday is jail ministry for men, Wednesday is jail ministry for women, the second and fourth Thursday of the month is the food pantry ministry at 10 a.m., Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon is ladies lunch and Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. is Bible study.

For more information, contact the church at 432-267-5321 or visit 1209 Wright Street.

Photos
Top: Mona Lue Tonn, minister of the Spring Tabernacle Ministries, looking through the food pantry at the church.

Middle: The newly acquired house next to the church which will be converted into a rehab home for women after some remodeling.

Bottom: Spring Tabernacles Ministries located at 1209 Wright Street, next to the Howard County Jail on Highway 80.

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The young men of Boy Scout Troop 5 and Cub Scout Pack 305 had a busy, fun, yet productive summer. It began with Cub Day Camp at Camp Thomas south of Big Spring. As part of the activities that occurred there, the scouts had the honor of retiring the last flag to be flown over Elbow (Forsan) Elementary School. The scouts, as has become an annual tradition, also participated in the flag ceremony at Pops in the Park. Lastly, Webelos from the pack completed a service project of painting one of the pavilions at Moss Creek Lake that had been defaced by graffiti and time.



Starting at the top and moving clockwise:
Moss Lake pavilion before being painted.
Moss Lake pavilion after being painted.
The Scouts folding the flag that was flown over Elbow Elementary.
Scouts at Cub Day Camp at Camp Thomas.
Presenting the flags at Pops in the Park.

Courtesy Photos



Who's Who in Howard County

Name: Robert Smith
Where do you work: Big Spring Herald
Circulation Manager
Where were you born: Big Spring, Texas
City you live in: Big Spring, Texas
Family: Wife - Denise; Daughters - Nicole, Chesney, Storm and Reba; Granddaughter - Zoey
Hobbies, Organizations, Clubs: Staked Plains Masonic Lodge, Big Spring Little League President, Big Spring Youth Soccer Association Treasurer, YMCA Basketball Game Day Coordinator, PTA- Lifetime member
Favorite book: To Kill a Mockingbird
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Black bear breaks into car in Montana, destroys interior

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — A retired Pittsburgh schoolteacher could do nothing but laugh after a black bear broke into her car in Montana, destroyed the interior while trying to escape, and finally busted out through the windshield.

The bear became trapped Thursday inside Ellen Stolpe's Toyota Camry at a lodge near Yellowstone National Park.

Stolpe was relieved that nobody was hurt but worries that the bear's persistent search for food from humans likely will end with it being killed.

"The bear is addicted to food that

will put it in danger," said Stolpe, who taught middle school English for 25 years.

Stolpe was in Montana to visit her father, who volunteers at the Yellowstone Bighorn Research Association lodge, a base camp for students doing geology research.

She had been warned about bears in the area so she cleaned the food and trash out of her car but didn't think to lock the doors.

The car was parked on a slope and she believes the bear climbed inside and the door closed behind it, setting off a panic. Someone heard a car horn

about 5:30 a.m.

The bear pulled on the driver's door so hard the metal bent. Interior plastic and fabric also was damaged.

"There was definitely a panicked loosening of all bodily functions in the front passenger seat," Stolpe added.

People walking by two hours later apparently spooked the bear and it broke out through the windshield.

Other bear activity has been reported in the Red Lodge area. Earlier this week, two motorcycles were chewed up when bears smelled food inside the saddlebags. A bear also broke into

two houses, The Billings Gazette reported.

A bear broke into another vehicle at the lodge to get beef jerky, Stolpe said, and earlier a bear got into a stash of granola bars, leaving the wrappers in a neat pile.

During the late summer and fall, bears begin adding fat reserves as they prepare for hibernation.

Fish, Wildlife and Parks recommends residents store garbage and animal food in a locked building, remove bird feeders from their yards and clean up apples and other potential food sources.

First lady's healthy kids director understands good eating

WASHINGTON (AP) — The new director of Michelle Obama's initiative against childhood obesity knows firsthand the benefits of healthy eating.

Debra "Deb" Eschmeyer and her new husband, Jeff, were preparing to move to Ecuador as Peace Corps volunteers when her high school sweetheart was diagnosed in February 2004 with Type 1 diabetes. The trip was scrapped and Eschmeyer's life took a different course.

The Ohio native realized other people could stave off diabetes by cleaning up their diets. She started a produce farm in her hometown of New Knoxville, providing fresh fruits and vegetables to about 100 families a week through a community-supported agriculture program. She later co-founded an organization that sends

volunteers into underserved schools to plant gardens and overhaul school lunches.

Seven months ago, Eschmeyer's path led to the White House. She's the senior policy adviser for nutrition policy and the newest executive director of Michelle Obama's 5-year-old initiative to reduce childhood obesity.

A lifelong child nutrition advocate, Eschmeyer says, "I'm used to getting things done."

On her to-do list: protecting a federal law that introduced healthier foods in schools. She'll also help roll out an updated "nutrition facts" label on packaged foods and prepare for the post-presidency phase of "Let's Move," the first lady's anti-obesity initiative.

Congress has already rolled back

some of the administration's attempts to make school foods healthier. A law governing child nutrition is up for renewal this year, and the healthier school foods are expected to come under stronger attack now that Congress is completely controlled by Republicans. Many GOP lawmakers say the new rules go too far.

The School Nutrition Association, an industry-backed group that represents school cafeteria workers, has fought the standards. The association says it favors kids eating healthier but argues that many school districts are losing money because students aren't buying the new lunches.

Mrs. Obama says 95 percent of schools are meeting the science-based requirements.

"There's not a politician that's against healthy kids," Eschmeyer

told The Associated Press. "We're all in the same boat when it comes to that."

A 2002 graduate of Xavier University with degrees in international affairs and marketing, Eschmeyer bears a resemblance to actress Bellamy Young, who plays first lady Mellie Grant on the ABC television hit "Scandal."

At the real White House, Eschmeyer replaced Sam Kass, who arrived with the Obamas in 2009, initially as the family chef. He later added the senior policy adviser and executive director titles Eschmeyer now holds. She earns \$115,000 annually and does not cook for the Obamas.

Instead, the 35-year-old likes to take her three-person team out for "gym and dins" a new workout routine followed by a healthy dinner.

War

A small cross in the desert
marked the grave where a
young soldier lay.
He gave his life for his country.
He became a hero today.
There must be another way.
Where no more wars are
fought and lives are
not ended this way.
May we all pray for an
answer.
May we hear from God
today.
May we all learn to
love each other.
May God bring peace
today, in Jesus' name
we pray.
Jesus healed the sick.
He made the blind to see.
Wake up! Wake up!
Open your eyes!
He died for you and me.
He suffered pain.
It was not in vain.
He died for you and me.
He has risen!

Indian Chief

Oh, Indian chief, what
wisdom you must hold.
You eyes have seen so much.
What secrets do you know?
The white men took your land.
They cannot take your soul.
Oh, Great Indian Chief,
What does the future hold?

Save these children

They are the unwanted children con-
ceived but unborn.
They will never see the light of dy.
No playground is needed.
They will never play.
To ashes, to dust lies their fate.
They are innocent children.
Why must they pay?
Save these children before it is too
late.

Forgotten Hero

He cannot break the chains
that bind him.
His life is a tale of woe.
He lost his wife and children
for the bottle of liquor
that he holds.
In his mind, he fights a battle,
that ended long ago.
He is a Vietnam vet.
That war, still takes its toll.
He needs a helping hand.
He has nowhere to go.
His plight is the story of
many Vietnam vets,
forgotten heroes.

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Green chili stew, mixed vegetables, flour tortilla, vanilla pudding and milk

Thursday
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Paula Jones, 1210 Runnels St. Res Re-Roof; Val: \$5,000 Fee: \$35.
Keith Ray Gamble, 1304 Mobile St. Res elec; Val: \$500 Fee: \$25.
Lee Canales, 2400 Alamesa Dr. Structure; Val: \$2,950. Fee: \$25.
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Don't get burned by A/C repair

Summer is nearly over, but the temperatures are just warming up. This month, Texas residents have seen temperatures reach 100 degrees and higher. It comes as no surprise that consumers have their air conditioners on full blast.

Unfortunately, your electricity bill is proof that it costs to stay cool through the summer. Also, constantly running the air can result in a broken or damaged air conditioner unit.

According to Energy.gov, air conditioners use approximately five percent of all electricity produced in the U.S., which costs homeowners more than \$11 billion per year. For tips on how to cut your home cooling costs, check out the Energy Saver infographic.

If your air conditioner needs a bit of work or is not cooling properly, annual maintenance can help improve efficiency and prolong the life of your unit. Common air conditioner problems include a low or leaking refrigerant, issues with the thermostat, a clogged drain or a dirty filter. Better Business Bureau (BBB) serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin advises businesses and homeowners get their air conditioning units checked or repaired by a trustworthy professional.

Nationally, BBB received more than 700 complaints against commercial and residential air conditioning contractors and repair companies between May - Sept. 2014. Most complaints against air conditioning contractors and businesses report issues with customer service, services performed and repair.

To avoid getting burned by an air conditioning business, BBB advises that you:

- Consult your owner's manual. Before doing anything, check the warranty on your current air conditioning unit to determine whether any tune-ups, repairs or replacements may be covered. Know the model of your system and the problem - this will make it easier for the contractor to find the source of the problem and fix it faster.

- Hire a professional to maintain your heating and cooling system. Arrange for annual maintenance with a qualified technician. This includes checking the airflow through the evaporator coil, testing for leaks and for the correct amount of refrigerant, checking the accuracy of the thermostat and ensuring proper airflow to each room.

- Research the company. Visit bbb.org for the BBB Business Review of any air conditioning service or energy auditor you plan to hire to learn details about the company, like its history of complaints. Also, ask around for references. To find a BBB Accredited air conditioning contractor you can trust, go to checkbbb.org.

- Check Licensing. The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation requires a license for heating, ventilation and air conditioning technicians and electricians. Ask to see a copy of the license before work starts.

- Compare prices. Get at least three estimates in writing. All bids should provide a full description of the services provided and the materials used. When you have chosen a contractor, be sure the contract is in writing.

Tips for maintaining your air conditioner:

- Replace air filters. Routinely replace or clean your air filters - it can lower your air conditioner's energy consumption by 5-15 percent.

- Inspect window seals. For window air conditioners, check the seals to make sure cool air is not escaping.

- Check the air conditioner's evaporator coil every year. Also, clean it as necessary. If your coil fins are bent, use a "fin comb" to straighten them.

For more consumer information, BBB Business Reviews, to schedule a guest speaker or to file a complaint, visit Better Business Bureau online at bbb.org/central-texas.

Heather Massey is the Regional Director for the Permian Basin office of Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin.



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Hannah Deaton, 19634 Atasca Oaks Dr., Humble
Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder
Selena Bethani Enriquez-King, 100 E. Parker, Midland
Brittany Vanessa Escanuela, 2521 Chanute Dr., Big Spring
Jose Enrique Faz, 602 N.W. 7th St., Big Spring
Michael Dean Fleming,

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James Michael Griffin, 303 Butler St. #502, Atlanta
Eugene Frank Gullely, 1201 Floydada, P.O. Box 551, Wellington
Christina Nichole Gutierrez, 2809 25th St., Snyder
Dylan Hammons, 4401 E. 11th Place, Big Spring
Matias Hernandez Jr., 620 E. 4th St., San Angelo
Shatiya Lasha Jenkins, 4590 N. Texas #198, Odessa
Stephanie Ford Johnson, P.O. Box 483, Coahoma
Aaron Christopher Mack,

2134 Bonham Ave., Odessa
Lee Allen Mathis, 101 Falcon Lane, Hillsboror
Camilo Martin Nieto, 1 Country Pl. # 108, 2507 Cindy Lane, Big Spring
John Troy Riddle, 3717 Old Howard Co. Airport Road, Big Spring
Geroge Anthony Robinson Jr., 1905 Wasson Road #14, Big Spring
Linda Eva Rodriguez, 2519 Gunter Circle, Big Spring
Juan Romero, 2504 March Circle, Big Spring
Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Road, Big spring

Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City
Stacie Lyanne Salas, 5102 Wasson Road, Big Spring
Caleston Nasier Sanders, 700 N. Valley St. Anaheim, Calif., 1203 Runnels, Big Spring
Brittany Nicole Savell, 425 East Davis Rd., Big Spring
Ricky Lynn Waltenbaugh, 538 Westover Road Apt. # 133, Big Spring
Candida Lynn Whitehead, 3706 Connley, Big Spring
Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, 2526 Fairchild, Big

Spring
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. #28, Big Spring

Judgments

The State of Texas vs. John Manuel Rios, possession of marijuana. \$100 fine, court costs and 30 days in jail.
The State of Texas vs. Donny Juarez, driving while intoxicated 2nd offense. \$200 fine, court costs and 45 days in jail.
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Max Jackson, theft of service. \$200 fine, court costs and 45 days in jail.
The State of Texas vs. Martin Castenada, revocation of probation and imposition of sentence – driving while intoxicated. \$2,500 fine, court costs and 30 days in jail.
The State of Texas vs. Brandon Wayne Martin, interfere with emergency request for assistance. \$100, court

costs and 30 days in jail.
The State of Texas vs. Amber Ray McCalister, theft with previous convictions. \$100 fine, court costs and 45 days in jail.
The State of Texas vs. Britany S. Fritz, theft of property. \$100 fine, court costs and 10 days in jail.
The State of Texas vs. Adam Anthony Starr, duty on striking fixture/landscape. \$100 fine, court costs and 30 days in jail.
The State of Texas vs. Jen-ny Marie Lyon, theft of property. \$100 fine, court costs

and 45 days in jail.
The State of Texas vs. Jen-ny Marie Lyon, revocation of probation and imposition of sentence – theft of property. \$50 fine, court costs and 82 days in jail.
The State of Texas vs. Johnathon P. Bustamante, theft of property. \$500 fine, court costs and 12 months probation.
Filings
The State of Texas vs. Michael Hilbrn, non disclosure petition.

Jonathan Dolphus vs. Angelia Dolphus, divorce.
Caren Greathouse vs. Kenneth Greathouse, divorce.
Lindley Cole Turner vs. Sue Garrett Partee, Austin Trust Company, civil case
Travis Melton II vs. Teresa Melton, divorce
Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Sandra Garcia, contract – consumer/commercial/debt.
Joel Ramos vs. Claudia Cardonna, divorce
Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Kevin Zubiate, contract – consumer/commercial/debt.

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Kelly Raiston, contract – consumer/commercial/debt.
Marriage Licenses
Raymond Betrand Hams, 40, and Cortney M. Coleman, 37, both of Big Spring
Justin Allen Ray, 25, of Big Spring and Jennifer Lucille Gilbert, 25, of Midland
Warranty Deeds
Grantor: Janet Meyer Rouille
Grantee: Robert C. Wash

Property: 3.21 acre tract out of S.E. quarter of Sec 31, block 32, T-1-S T&P RR Co. Date: Aug. 5, 2015
Grantor: Artie Wayne Bris-tow
Grantee: James Robert Miller
Property: 3.63 acres out of Sec. 19, block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR County Survey
Grantor: Jeffry Rhodes
Grantee: Ashley Roberts and Regi Roberts
Property: S.W. quarter, Sec 37, block 31, T-1-N R&P RR Co. Survey

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Coahoma ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00pm, August 27th, 2015 in Faculty Dining Room, Coahoma Elementary School Coahoma, Texas 75511. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ <u>1.04</u> /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$ <u>.23</u> /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	% increase	or	<u>6</u>	% (decrease)
Debt service	% increase	or	<u>19</u>	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	% increase	or	<u>7</u>	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ <u>633,850,498</u>	\$ <u>495,331,069</u>
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ <u>3,531,289</u>	\$ <u>2,074,449</u>
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ <u>521,835,828</u>	\$ <u>373,455,200</u>
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ <u>3,279,759</u>	\$ <u>1,924,790</u>

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 12,524,997

* Outstanding principal.

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Rickabaugh Hang. Com elec; Val: \$0 Fee: \$0.
Lucia Huitt, 2702 Cindy Lane. Structure; Val:L \$2,000 Fee: \$25.
Rafael Hernandez, 1510 Bluebird St. Res Re-Roof; Val: \$4,200 Fee: \$35.
Carol Humphus Walston, 706 Baylor Blvd. Other; Val: \$6,000 Fee: \$40.
Kentwood Townhomes, 2500 Joshua Dr. Bld 1. Com HVAC; Val: \$17,400 Fee: \$105.
Kentwood Townhomes, 2504 Joshua Dr. Bld 3. Com HVAC; Val: \$17,400 Fee: \$105.
Kentwood Townhomes, 2502 Joann Dr. Bld 11. Com HVAC; Val: \$17,400 Fee: \$105.

2506 Joshua Dr. Bld 4. Com HVAC; Val: \$17,400 Fee: \$105.
Kentwood Townhomes, 2501 Joshua Dr. Bld 9. Com HVAC; Val: \$17,400 Fee: \$105.
Kentwood Townhomes, 2505 Joshua Dr. Bld 7. Com HVAC; Val: \$17,400 Fee: \$105.
Kentwood Townhomes, 2507 Joshua Dr. Bld 6. Com HVAC; Val: \$17,400 Fee: \$105.
Kentwood Townhomes, 2509 Joshua Dr. Bld 5. Com HVAC; Val: \$17,400 Fee: \$105.
Kentwood Townhomes, 2500 Joann Dr. Bld 10. Com HVAC; Val: \$17,400 Fee: \$105.
Kentwood Townhomes, 2502 Joann Dr. Bld 11. Com HVAC; Val: \$17,400 Fee: \$105.
Kentwood Townhomes, 2504 Joann Dr. Bld 12. Com HVAC; Val: \$17,400 Fee: \$105.
Kentwood Townhomes, 2506 Joann Dr. Bld 13. Com HVAC; Val: \$17,400 Fee: \$105.
Kentwood Townhomes, 2508 Joann Dr. Bld 14. Com HVAC; Val: \$17,400 Fee: \$105.
Kentwood Townhomes, 2503 Joann Dr. Bld 18. Com HVAC; Val: \$17,400 Fee: \$105.
Kentwood Townhomes, 2505 Joann Dr. Bld 17. Com HVAC; Val: \$17,400 Fee: \$105.
Kentwood Townhomes, 2507 Joann Dr. Bld 16. Com HVAC; Val: \$17,400 Fee: \$105.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Forsan Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:00 PM, August 27, 2015 in the Board Room, JHHS Building, 411 W. 6th Street Forsan, TX. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ <u>1.04</u> /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$ <u>0.34928</u> /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	% increase	or	<u>4.85</u>	% (decrease)
Debt service	% increase	or	<u>12.37</u>	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	% increase	or	<u>6.33</u>	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ <u>996,278,471</u>	\$ <u>773,858,415</u>
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ <u>1,151,428</u>	\$ <u>3,694,702</u>
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ <u>941,582,238</u>	\$ <u>670,830,451</u>
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ <u>1,075,558</u>	\$ <u>3,557,634</u>

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 21,805,000

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04	\$.23 *	\$ 1.27	\$ 6,807	\$ 3,278
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.374	\$.3005 *	\$ 1.6745	\$ 7,529	\$ 3,571
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04	\$.23 *	\$ 1.27	\$ 5,752	\$ 3,587

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 53,088	\$ 103,586
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 27,470	\$ 45,930
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.27	\$ 1.27
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 348.87	\$ 588.31
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 234.44

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.27. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.27.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 2,400,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 580,000

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04	\$ 0.34928 *	\$ 1.38928	\$ 13,102	\$ 327
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.1544	\$ 0.43661 *	\$ 1.59101	\$ 8,868	\$ 3,322
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04	\$ 0.34928 *	\$ 1.38928	\$ 8,473	\$ 3,322

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 82,198	\$ 92,891
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 57,083	\$ 73,091
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.38928	\$ 1.38928
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 793.04	\$ 1015.44
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 222.40

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.38928. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.38928.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 6,644,261
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 779,565

Beer of champions? Wheaties teams up with brewery

NEW YORK (AP) – These Wheaties may not be so good with milk.

Wheaties says it is partnering with a craft brewery to create a limited-edition beer. The 16-ounce cans will only be available in the Minneapolis-St. Paul market starting Aug. 26, according to Wheaties parent company General Mills.

It's not exactly clear what makes it Wheaties beer, besides being made from wheat.

General Mills says the beer will be called HefeWheaties in a nod to a German style of beer called hefeweizen, which is typically made with

more than 50 percent malted wheat.

"We're not saying it's a breakfast beer, but we're not saying it's not," said Ryan Petz, president of Fulton Brewery, the Minneapolis-based brewery that is making the beer.

Petz said the beer is also intended to tie his company to heritage of Minneapolis, which is also home to General Mills' headquarters. Fulton will consider making the beer more widely available depending on how people react to the initial run, he said.

Mike Siemienas, a General Mills spokesman, said the company left the

development of the beer to Fulton. He declined to say whether the company plans to tap an athlete or celebrity to endorse the beer.

The companies also declined to disclose the financial terms of their agreement. But it could be one way General Mills counters struggling cereal sales, which have suffered as Americans increasingly reach for options like Greek yogurt or fast-food breakfast sandwiches in the morning.

Wheaties in particular has seen sales declines, and is a tiny part of

General Mills' cereal business, said Jared Koerten, an analyst for market researcher Euromonitor International. Last year, sales of Wheaties in the U.S. were \$19.5 million, according to Euromonitor. That's down from \$63.7 million in 2006.

Koerten noted that Wheaties faces strong competition from other cereal "flakes" such as Kellogg's Raisin Bran, that promise some type of extra feature. By comparison, he noted that Wheaties are very plain.

'Show Me a Hero' dramatizes NY affordable housing fight

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) – The power of writer David Simon's work has drawn remarkable actors to TV dramas including "The Wire" and "Treme."

The latest evidence is "Show Me a Hero," HBO's six-episode miniseries based on a bitter 1980s battle over public housing in Yonkers, New York. It begins this weekend and airs 8-10 p.m. EDT on three consecutive Sundays through Aug. 30.

Even Simon marveled at the cast that includes Oscar Isaac, Alfred Molina, Winona Ryder and Catherine Keener. All that talent for what sounds like a but is far from a dramatized bureaucratic slog?

"It makes no sense. I'm coming with, like, eight hours on botany and seeing who I pull next time," he jokingly told a meeting of the Television Critics Association.

Stellar director Paul Haggis also was attracted to the miniseries, based on Lisa Belkin's non-fiction book of the same name that recounted how a federal court order to build low-income housing in white neighborhoods split the city and wrecked its young mayor's career.

Haggis, himself an Academy Award-winning writer (2004's "Crash," also honored as best picture) said yes to "Show Me a Hero" before he saw any script, and for one

reason.

"David Simon," he said in an interview. "I heard he had a project available and I pitched myself for it."

When producers asked which episode he wanted to direct, Haggis replied: "I want to do them all."

This from a man who had only directed films based on his own scripts. And this despite the fact that the modest budget and pace of TV production required taping six to 10 pages of script a day compared to the relatively leisurely big-screen tally of two to three pages, he said.

"It was very challenging to capture this because, as David likes to joke, his company is the PBS of HBO. You don't get the same kind of budget as if you put a zombie in it, which is natural," said Haggis, hastening to add that HBO was "very good to us."

The result is one of the most intelligent, gripping and provocative projects to grace any screen this year, a study of the clash of what America is and what it hopes to be, as seen through the eyes of lawmakers, activists and the Yonkers residents caught in the maw of politics and social disruption. Simon and William F. Zorzi co-wrote the miniseries.

"It's a tale of very flawed individuals who are trying to do the right

'Gunsmoke' cast members to reunite in Dodge City

DODGE CITY, Kan. (AP) – Six decades after "Gunsmoke" debuted on television, several actors who appeared in the show, including Burt Reynolds, are scheduled to reunite in Dodge City.

The Wichita Eagle reports the actors will attend Wild West Fest on Sept. 25-27. The event is hosted by the Boot Hill Casino & Resort, the Wild West Heritage Foundation and the Roundup Rodeo.

Besides Reynolds, who portrayed

blacksmith Quint Asper from 1962 to 1965, also attending are Bruce Boxleitner, Buck Taylor, Jess Walton, Lane Bradbury and Merry Florene.

"Gunsmoke" ran on CBS from 1955 through 1975 and was nominated for more than a dozen Emmys.

Other key actors from the show have died, including James Arness, who starred as Matt Dillon; Amanda Blake, who played Miss Kitty; and Milburn Stone, who was Doc Adams.

thing from their perspective," Haggis said, including white homeowners who saw themselves as protectors of their neighborhoods and property values under assault by housing to be placed throughout the city, not solely in poorer areas.

The miniseries has a cinema verite feel, which Haggis said he felt was important given the subject matter: "I was being handed the truth in the script... but I had to make it feel real," he said.

In crowd scenes, for example, the goal was for every frame to appear as "imperfect" as possible.

"I wanted to make you (the viewer) feel like you were part of it. There's always someone or something between you and what you see," such as a microphone or even a pole partly obscuring an actor's face, he said.

It creates a sense of urgency as well as realism, and that's appropriate for an issue that remains pertinent. Although decades have passed since the Yonkers clash, the fight for afford-

able public housing continues elsewhere in U.S. cities, Simon said.

"It happened in Baltimore County (Maryland) when they tried to put scattered site housing in my city," he said, adding, "We are not good at sharing in this country. We are not very good at it anymore. There was a moment in time where the idea of a societal of a shared America was plausible."

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Shopping for back-to-school deals? It's all in the timing

YORK (AP) — The start of the school year is just around the corner, and you haven't shopped yet?

Don't fret. To get the best deals, it's all in the timing.

Need sweater? Wait until later in the fall. Backpacks? Hold off until late September, if you can.

"I think it is knowing and planning ahead of time. What am I going to need in the next six months?" said Kristin Cook, managing editor of Ben's Bargains, an online deal site that put together a list of the worst things to buy right now for the back-to-school season.

Of course, some discounters have consistently low prices. Wal-Mart Stores Inc., which pushes everyday low prices, has launched extra discounts for the back-to-school shopping period. Earlier this month, it launched thousands of new price cuts, including on the 10 most-searched items online so an assortment of \$12.88 backpacks are now \$7.

And you should take advantage of limited free shipping offers. Target Corp. is temporarily waiving the minimum purchase order of \$25 for free shipping on all items until

Saturday. However, oversized handling fees may still apply.

There are also other gimmicks. J.C. Penney, which operates 800 stores nationwide, is offering \$10 haircuts for kids for grades kindergarten through sixth until Aug. 31.

You can also take advantage of tax-free back-to-school shopping. Seventeen states have such sales tax "holidays."

"Arm yourself with information," said Traci Gregorski, vice president of marketing for research firm Market Track, which tracks promotions at various retailers. "Lots can be found on websites, apps and circulars."

Here are the best times to buy the following types of items:

SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

Start shopping now for pens, notebooks and other supplies.

Staples brought back its "Less List," which offers basics like one-subject notebooks for 25 cents and two-pocket folders for 15 cents, as well as a 24-pack Crayola crayons for 50 cents.

Wal-Mart rolled back prices on all three Texas Instrument calculators to \$88. These graphing calculators are for high school and above and are

normally \$96 to \$125.

Target is testing a new way to shop for supplies online called School List Assist, which is an online hub that offers a selection of the most common supplies for grades kindergarten through eighth grade.

For those stores with high spending thresholds for free shipping, just go to the store, said Benjamin K. Glaser, features editor at DealNews, because you'll just spend more trying to meet that \$50 minimum.

CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES

Now is a good time to stock up on summer clothing, taking advantage of clearance sales. Gap's Old Navy, for example, is offering up to 60 percent off on summer tops. Macy's is highlighting light-weight casual dresses for teens that are \$29.99 and under.

But it's best to wait to buy jeans, boots, sweaters and until well after school starts.

Gregorski monitored circulars at 13 stores including J.C. Penney, Macy's, Sears, Target and Wal-Mart the past two years.

"The key takeaway here is that the

best chance to get a deal on these fall clothing items is in October," said Gregorski. "Not only are there more products on promotion, but the deals are as good and often better than the back-to-school months."

If you can hold off on buying boots a little longer than that, just take advantage of the Black Friday sales, Cook says.

COMPUTERS AND SMART PHONES:

Hold off on upgrading Apple iPhone and Apple iPad because Apple typically announces new launches later in the fall.

But Glaser notes late August is the best time to buy a laptop before Black Friday sales hit. Right now, the average discounts for laptops are 15 percent, but you can get 25 percent off by the end of the month, he said.

"Laptops are making a comeback, especially the sub-\$200 models, due to the influence of Google's Chromebook," Cook says. "In fact, sub-\$150 models are popping up as of late and should continue through the end of the year."

Are there signs of Kardashian Fatigue? Ask John Brown

NEW YORK (AP) — Blame the bunny.

Kylie Jenner's new bunny, to be exact. Kylie Jenner's new bunny is called Bruce, the same name that used to belong to her parent, Caitlyn Jenner, who racked up massive ratings for the premiere of her new reality show as a trans woman after racking up massive sales of Vanity Fair with her recent coming-out cover.

That's the same Caitlyn who is the stepparent of Kim Kardashian, who, Ai also recently — took on haters claiming she's faking her latest pregnancy when she posed naked at six months along for her zillionth social media selfie.

That's the same selfie that has more than 1.7 million likes on Instagram.

You get the picture. But back to the rabbit.

John Brown, an anchorman in Florida on Fox's "Good Day Orlando," reached his limit of non-story Kardashian stories three days ago when he walked off the set upon news

of the rabbit, and the rabbit's name.

"I don't care! I'm sick of this family. I can't take it anymore," he ranted.

That's the same rant that scored John Brown nearly 3 million views on YouTube, a mention on late-night TV and numerous follow-up interviews. Those are the same interviews that have John Brown so busy doing interviews that he now has a Fox corporate public relations person scheduling all his interviews.

You get the picture.

Brown's mad-as-hell moment, along with a 22-year-old entrepreneur's new "KardBlock," an Internet browser extension that filters out the Jenners and the Kardashians, has some people wondering about Kardashian Fatigue and whether it's finally setting in, both among fans and those of us who don't stalk said Klan on social media, shop at their boutiques, watch their TV shows or worship at the celebrity gossip altar.

"I'm not saying anything that a lot of other people haven't said," Brown

explained to his big-league counterparts on Fox's "Good Day LA" in his rant's aftermath. "Why it resonated with people right now, I have no idea.

... I have nothing against the Kardashians. They're doing what they should do, right? They're a business. My point is why do we feel the need to cover every single story, including the naming of a rabbit?"

Why, indeed, John Brown. But what is more important, at least to some, is this question: Will the Kardashians ever fade away? Like, for good.

Tom Nunan, a lecturer at the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television with a long resume in film and TV entertainment, doesn't think so. He has a two-word explanation for the world's prolonged Kardashian-Jenner moment. It's "sui generis," or Latin for don't hold your breath.

Not really. What it means is this moment is unique, in a class of its own.

"It's so vast," he said Wednesday by phone from Los Angeles. "Because

there are so many members of this clan, our attention can bounce from one to the next to the next to the next."

What he means is: Kardashian Fatigue may not lead to a permanent exit because it can be regularly relieved by dropping one Kardashian/Jenner for another.

"But I think there's something else going on here that makes this a completely unusual and one-of-a-kind supernova, if you will," Nunan offered. "They have this uncanny ability to mix celebrity with taboo behavior in a way that has the mainstream completely embracing them."

Not all, of course, embrace the Js and the Ks, but enough do to make non-fans queasy.

"If they start to actually not pose naked when they're pregnant, then we might lose interest, but the more they just keep pushing the envelope, we'll continue to check it out, because we're all too afraid to do the things that they do.



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It is the policy of Forsan ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its' CTE programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

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Forsan ISD will take steps to ensure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and CTE programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Randy Johnson, 411 W. 6th, Forsan TX. 79733, phone # (432)457-2223 and/or Keith Bagnall, Section 504 Coordinator, 411 W. 6th, Forsan TX. 79733, (432) 457-2223.

#8826 August 16, 2015

FRANK LEE JACKSON
You have inheritance from your deceased brother **JOHN KENNEDY JACKSON**
Contact family member 817-915-3225

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, AAA Mini Storage which is located at 3301 E. FM 700 Big Spring, Texas 79720 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on August 22, 2015 at AAA Mini Storage, 3301 E. FM 700 Big Spring, Texas 79720. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of following tenants:

1. Tammy Hernandez Unit#04
2. Mary Barraza 05
3. Mary Jo Bright 10&90
4. Dana Moore 51
5. Drew Cooley 53
6. Crystal Swor 81
7. Tori Johnson 106
8. Amber Russell 124
9. Jeremy Saucedo 161
10. Beverly Diosdado 195
11. Susan Miller 212
12. Jamie Olivarez 251
13. Jim White 303
14. Jason Gonzales 310
15. Terrie Wilson 312
16. Bertie Covington 223
17. Ronny Baker 75
18. Tracy Juarez 72

#8827 August 16, 19, 21, 2015

CITY OF BIG SPRING 310 Nolan Street Big Spring, Tx 79720-2657 432-264-2513

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE 3 ENTITLED "UTILITY SERVICE CHARGES," SECTION 16-61 ENTITLED "WATER TAMPERING FEES" BY ADDING A FEE FOR STOLEN OR DAMAGED REGISTERS (\$250.00) AND REMOVED BUT UNDAMAGED REGISTERS (\$100.00); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**14 AUGUST, 2015
16 AUGUST, 2015
TAMI L. DAVIS
ASSISTANT CITY
SECRETARY**

#8826 August 14 & 16, 2015

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

On August 7, 2015, an application was filed with the Federal Communications Commission requesting the consent to the assignment of the licenses for KWAB-TV, Big Spring, Texas, Channel 33 (Virtual Channel 4) from Midessa Television Limited Partnership to KWES License Subsidiary, LLC.

The officers, directors and holders of attributable interests in Midessa Television Limited Partnership are: LCI Television of Texas, Inc., KSWO Television Company, Inc., William T. Drewry Family Trust, Susan Drewry Battaglia Family Trust, Robert H. Drewry Family Trust William T. Drewry GST Exemption Trust, Susan Drewry Battaglia GST Exemption Trust, Robert H. Drewry GST Exemption Trust, Robert H. Drewry, William T. Drewry and Susan Drewry Battaglia.

The executive officers, directors and attributable shareholders of KWES License Subsidiary, LLC are: KWES, LLC, TV-3, LLC, Raycom TV Broadcasting, LLC, TV KWES-TV, Odessa, Texas and KWAB-TV, Big Spring, Texas Holdings, LLC, Raycom Media, Inc., and Paul H. McTear, Jr.; Rebecca S. Bryan; Melissa D. Thurber; Ellenann B. Yelverton; James J. Rosser; Susan Willower; Susana Willingham; Donald LaPlatney; William R. McDowell; John Bradley Streit; John C. Alexander; Donald Richards; Wayne R. Freedman; J. David Burke; Joseph G. Fiveash, III; Sandy Breland; Nicholas Simonette, Sr; Diane S. Griswood; Kenneth C. Randall; John Lillie; John Stein; Barbara Thomas; Harry Bridgewood; Bruno Francisci; Wayne Daugherty; and Kenneth C. Reiner.

Copies of the application and related materials are available for public inspection online at www.fcc.gov.

#8829 August 16, 19, 23, & 26, 2015

Real Estate for Rent

1004 Hickory. Forsan Isd. Very nice 3/bed, 1/bath. \$1250/month, \$1000/dep. Call 432-517-2876.

1010 B Nolan. New 2 bed/2 bath w/kitchen appliances. No bills paid \$1200/month, \$800/dep. Call 432-267-7449 or 432-634-8101

1300 Lincoln. Large 2 bed, 1.5 bath. Appliances, washer/dryer included. Large backyard. Two car garage w/workshop. \$1200/month, \$700/dep. Call 432-816-9848.

1611 E. 17th St. 3 bed, 2 bath. CH/A. Stove included. Remodeled kitchen. Large utility room. Fenced backyard. 432-853-7202.

2210 Lynn. 3 bed, 2 bath, CH/A, garage, fenced yard, \$1495/month, \$1495/dep. Owner/broker. 432-263-6514.

2521 Dow. 3 Bed, 1 Bath. CH/A, Washer/Dryer Conn., Covered parking. \$1150/month, \$500/dep. Call Richard 432-599-0096.

4 apartment dorm. Sleeps 6-8. 1.5 bath. Kitchen, washer/dryer, deck, grill, pool table. \$1000/week. 432-267-7900.

4405 Connally. Forsan Isd. Very nice, newly remodeled 2 bed, 1 bath. CH/A. \$900/month, \$900/dep. 432-517-2876.

507 E. 18th. 2 bed/1 bath. Stove, refr. furnished. \$550/month \$200/dep. Call 432-270-5543.

620 State St. Large 3 bed/1bath, CH/A, fenced yard. \$900/month, \$800/ deposit. References required. No HUD. Non-smoker preferred. No pets. Call 432-270-3849.

815 Timothy Ln. Clean 2 bed/2 bath mobile home. \$700/month, \$700/dep. Forsan ISD. Must have rental references. 432-270-3609.

Affordable Country Living-OAS-IS RV Park has Spaces & Travel Trailers for Rent, Call 432-517-0062 or 264-9907.

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Travel Trailers For Rent. For More Information Call Ann @ 816-6484 or Ticia @ 213-3504

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1 bedroom master loft. Modern. Fully furnished. All utilities paid. \$1000/month. Call Priya 432-599-1778.

102 Canyon Drive. Completely remodeled. Open concept. 3 bedroom/2 bath in Park Hill addition. Recently reduced to \$134,965.00. Move-in Ready!! 432-270-0114

3614 Hamilton 3 bed, 2 bath. Brick home. Updated bathrooms, foam insulation in walls, very efficient. New roof. \$79,900. No owner finance. By appt only 432-263-1314.

Want to Buy

Interested in Knowlton Bros. Spurs made in Vealmore, TX. Contact: Hugh Edmondson 325-365-3762 or 325-365-6585

Legals

Legal whereabouts: "Anyone knowing the whereabouts of CHARLES E. HARVEY and/or JAMES DONALD DEVILLE, please contact attorney Nicholas A. Monier at (337) 506-2500."

#8818 August 11 & 16, 2015

NOTICE OF SALE Abandoned Vehicle

In compliance with article 683.02 Transportation Code. I will proceed to sell at the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on **Wednesday August 19**, at 10:00 a.m. to the highest bidder.

Abandoned Motor Vehicles at the described locations and the times listed below.

Yr.	Make	Model	VIN#
1995	Ford	Mustang	1FALP4049SF189093
2000	Pontiac	Firebird	2GSFS221C2Y2137163
2000	Dodge	Ram	1B7IIF16ZSV5159363
1988	Chevy	Pickup	1GCDC14K4JZ299225
1991	GMC	Pickup	2GTEC19KOM1530860
1993	Honda	CXV	JHMEH9691PS011935
1999	Pontiac	Firebird	2G2FS22KXX2201299
1998	Dodge	Stratus	1B3EJ46X7WN104805
1996	Honda	ULX	1HGCD5533TA105794
2011	Chevy	Pickup	1GCPKPE32BF134447
1991	Ford	Ranger	1FTCR215TLKP82291
1999	Dodge	Durango	1B4HS28Y9XF674106
1996	Jeep	Cherokee	1J4FX58SC1TC167988
1993	Ford	Taurus	1FALP5348PA108297
1997	Chevy	S10 pickup	1GCCCS19X1V8210693

Any questions please contact the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office.

The successful bidder upon payment of the money to The Glasscock County Sheriff's Office, is entitled to take possession of the vehicle and apply for a title free and clear of all liens and claims to ownership. All vehicles are sold as is, without warranty or guarantee of performance.

#8817 August 9-18, 2015

Legals

LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technical Programs within the Big Spring Independent School District

The Big Spring Independent School District offers career and technical education programs in Consumer and Family Economics, Trade and Industrial Education, Business Education Career Preparation, and Industrial Technology Education. Admission to these programs is based on interest, aptitude, age appropriateness, and class space available.

It is the policy of the Big Spring Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its career and technology programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

It is the policy of Big Spring Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

The Big Spring Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator Jim White, Assistant Superintendent, and/or David Aldrin, the Section 504 Coordinator, at Big Spring I.S.D., Administrative Offices, 708 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720, Phone Number (432) 264-3600.

#8823 August 16, 2015

NOTIFICATION

August 10, 2015

The Big Spring Independent School District, in compliance with Environmental Protection Agencies Law 40 CFR Part 763.93, is notifying all interested persons that the Big Spring Independent School District has completed the inspection of all of its facilities in order to locate and identify any and all asbestos containing materials.

The Big Spring Independent School District has developed a management plan for each of its facilities where asbestos containing materials were found. This management plan is located in the principal's office or administrator's office at each facility and is available for public inspection.

#8822 August 16, 2015

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ANSWERS

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Answer to previous puzzle

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IFOUND	AROPE	PAL
ROUGE	MEAT	
PET	IRAS	CRIMP
ORLO	STMY	HORSE
BLUE	ATRIA	JADE
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8/15/15

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West Texas Centers

Position 332: Provider Service Part Time positions. This position provides services to persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Services range from skills training, to assistance with daily living activities. Services are provided in the home, the community and in a vocational setting. Schedules are flexible. Hrly \$12.90.

IDD Area Supervisor: Provides supervision to staff that assist individuals in gaining access to necessary medical, social, vocational/educational and other needed services. Performs assessments, coordinate service planning activities, develop service authorization, evaluate progress and provide advocacy. Will have frequent contact with consumers, their family members and community service providers. Self directed work ethic; manage paper work, and periodic flexible hrs. Maybe required to use personal vehicle. \$18.53 per hr (\$1482.46 bi weekly \$38,533 annually). Graduation from an accredited four year college or university is preferred but not required. **Must live in Howard County.**

IDD Provider Services Full Time: Typically works in a 4 bed HCS residential setting and Vo-Tech Center, under the general direction of a Residential Manager and Vo-Tech Manager. The PST may share responsibility with other staff or ay work independently of other staff to provide daily supervision, care and training of individuals in their care. The PST provides residential services, day habilitation, and community supports in compliance with DADS, HCS, TxHml and Performance Contract Standards. Will be required to work possible rotating schedules and flexible hours. \$9.93 hr \$794.31 bi weekly \$20,652 annually GED or High School Diploma.

IDD LVN: Provides nursing for clients, families and staff. Responsible for the nursing care and treatment of clients who live in a variety of community settings. Services include, but are not limited to, participation in interdisciplinary team processes; initial and ongoing assessment of the client's health status, administration of medication and/or provision of treatments; provision of health education to the client; instruction of family members or service providers in areas including medications, CPR, first aid, infection control, and signs and symptoms of illness. Supervised by Regional RN. May be required to work flexible hours. Licensed to practice as a licensed vocational nurse in the State of Texas. 2 years experience required. \$15.72 hr \$1257.69 bi weekly \$32,700 annually.

Part Time Data Entry Clerk: Will perform Data Entry for IDD Services, distribution of mail and other duties as requested. Must have High School Diploma or GED and Some Computer Skills. \$8.75 per hr up to 25 hrs per week.

Applications available at 409 Runnels or www.wtcmhmr.org or by calling **JOBLINE 800-687-2769.EOE**

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West Texas Centers

Mental Health Rehab Provider: Employee will perform psychosocial rehabilitation and skills training services to reduce the symptoms of and disabilities of mental illness. Services will be delivered primarily in the community. \$19.79 hr \$1583.08 bi weely \$41,160 annually.

Some positions require participation in crisis call rotation. These positions must have a Bachelors degree with a major in Social work or a minimum of 24 hours in psychology, sociology or other human service hours. All Employees must live within 70 miles of the duty site. Employees will be required to have a personal vehicle available with WTC reimbursement provided. Travel requirements depend upon the position. Extensive training is provided. Flexible Schedules.

MH Register Nurse: Under the direct supervision and administration of the Director of Nursing. The nurse in the position performs responsible nursing duties in the assigned outpatient centers. The nurse is responsible for the care and treatment of individuals in accordance with the accepted nursing standards of West Texas Centers. Consultation and in-service training related to nursing duties are provided by the Direct Supervisor. Due to travel requirements, a personal automobile is required. Must be licensed in the state of Texas. \$26.44 hr, \$55,000 annually.

Administrative Tech works under the direction of the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Program Director. This position is responsible for data entry/maintenance, distribution of Center mail, program support and general clerical duties as assigned. This position will work directly with professional staff and other clerical staff. Must be proficient in reading and writing. High school diploma or GED. Will be required to take word and excel test \$10.59 hr \$847.39 bi weekly \$22,032 annually.

MH Mobile Crisis Outreach Worker: Will respond to the crisis hotline and provide face to face care for in-crisis mental health consumers. Requires Bachelor's degree in Social Work field or Bachelor's degree with a minimum of 24 hours in psychology, sociology or other human service hours. Travel within an assigned region is required. Personal vehicle required - mileage reimbursement. Hours are Mon.-Fri. 8-5 on call \$19.79 hr \$1583.08 bi weekly \$41,160 annually.

MH Peer Provider: Peer Provider uses their life experience in mental health recovery to assist other adults in their mental health recovery. Performs direct services that engage clients in activities designed to reduce the symptoms of disabilities that result from their diagnosed mental illness and to increase the ability of the individual to live and work within their community. Requires flexible hours, involves completing paperwork. Travel and the use of personal vehicle are required. Must have a valid Texas driver's license \$10.59 hr \$847.38 bi weekly \$22,032 annually. Must have High School Diploma or GED.

Applications available at 409 Runnels or www.wtcmhmr.org or by calling **JOBLINE 800-687-2769.EOE**

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Tomorrow's Horoscope



HOLIDAY
MATHIS

Worker Moon

The Virgo moon will be a preview of the kind of productivity that's to come

next week when the sun slips into this healthful, helpful sign, as well. Make your list and organize your efforts because much will be wrapped up between now and Tuesday. The details will fall into place, and the wheels will gain progressive momentum.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Once you know what you're supposed to do, you'll do it straight away. Getting to that point could take a while, though. The research and development will last at least five hours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You extend the benefit of the doubt to people if there really is a doubt. Today there won't be a doubt. The person who seems to be judging you is, in fact, doing just that. Trust your instincts, and stick up for yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). According to Newton's Law, an object at rest tends to stay at rest ... unless acted upon by an unbalanced force. You'll be the unbalanced force in someone's

life, and that person will be forever grateful for your influence.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). An upcoming mission requires incredible self-discipline. Luckily, your inner drive is set to fierce. There's a glint in your eye that says, "Don't mess with me." Most won't even try.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Taking on a new venture will put your priority list on shuffle. Try to keep first things first. Getting what you want is no good if you don't want what you have.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You can't assume others are on the same page as you right now. Put it to the test. Read the "page" out loud and see who is tracking. Get clear. All will be better for it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). One way to deal with tense situations is to avoid them. When you sense things are getting out of hand, trust your flight instinct. Make your exit. Follow-through is key.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Just when you feel you know everything about a loved one, something will happen to surprise you, teach you even more and deepen your connection.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The most controllable thing will be your

own response. Be strict with yourself but tolerant with others. This isn't easy, but it will work to help you get along better in the world.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Accept what others shun. Make friends with the way things are. Your self-sufficiency will be very attractive to people who are as strong and able as you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You deserve for someone to be completely on your side. It's not that you think a hero needs to come in and save the day, but it would be nice if someone could at least listen carefully to you and advise you accordingly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The one who answers the most questions is likely to make the most errors. A loved one may be making a lot of mistakes lately, but this person is also putting forth a great deal of effort.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 16). The next three weeks show you making joyful connections and having some frivolous fun before next month's more serious approach to work and relationships. November brings a new financial resource and gives you greater freedom of expression, too. January features a

big demonstration of love. Aquarius and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 10, 14, 32 and 46.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: This is the last week of the sun's 2015 transit through the sign of the lion. If the Leo solar transit has had a dramatic effect on your life, don't worry -- the soap opera only goes on for a few more days. Leo energy rules all things related to showing off. It is the realm associated with fame, show business, charisma and moxie. Leo energy is childlike, playful and inclined to exaggerate things. In the final week of the sun's movement through Leo, some will notice that they have a bigger audience than they previously believed.

On the lunar side of things, today's Virgo moon and the Libra moon that rules Monday through Wednesday are about making the most of one's social reach. New supporters will spring from the woodwork. Whatever occurs, the message is clear: No one is in it alone. People notice and care what's going on. On Friday, the sun and Saturn will square off to put some tension in the atmosphere. Whatever has us feeling stuck will have

to be dealt with in order to move forward. Get ready for next week's solar change by owning, facing and handling any personal obstacles that have been holding you back.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: One interesting aspect of Madonna's natal chart is the overwhelming number of planets in her 12th house. With her sun, Mercury, Uranus and Pluto all in the sign that rules the subconscious, and Leo in the 12th house, too, Madonna is a powerful creator

of all she imagines. Her dreams and artistic whims will continue to fascinate with this year's Rebel Heart World Tour.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A Farsighted Play

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

<p>NORTH</p> <p>♠ A K 5 2 ♥ K 9 7 4 ♦ A K J ♣ 6 4</p>	<p>EAST</p> <p>♠ J 3 ♥ 10 8 5 3 2 ♦ Q 8 7 5 3 ♣ 9</p>	<p>WEST</p> <p>♠ Q 10 6 ♥ — ♦ 10 9 6 4 ♣ A K J 10 8 7</p>
<p>SOUTH</p> <p>♠ 9 8 7 4 ♥ A Q J 6 ♦ 2 ♣ Q 5 3 2</p>		

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

Opening lead — king of clubs.

A fine declarer plays many hands as though he can see through the backs of the cards. For a good example, examine this deal from the 1978 Olympiad Pairs.

It might seem that at four hearts declarer must lose four tricks — two clubs, a spade and a heart — but that's not the way it turned out.

West led the king of clubs and continued with the ace after East played the nine. West then led the

jack, which declarer, Peter Nagy, ruffed in dummy with the king of hearts. East in the meantime had discarded a spade and a diamond on the second and third clubs.

Nagy now led the nine of hearts from dummy, a very farsighted play, and went up with the ace after East followed low. When West showed out, Nagy led a spade to the ace and returned the seven of trumps, covered by the eight and jack.

Next came a diamond to the king, followed by the four of trumps, covered by East's five and declarer's six. After cashing his last trump, the queen, Nagy led the queen of clubs, which East refused to ruff because he would have to return a diamond into dummy's A-J.

This merely postponed East's agony. Declarer next led a spade to dummy's king, presenting East with the choice of whether to ruff and return a diamond or whether to discard and allow declarer to score the king of spades as his ninth trick. In the latter case, dummy would then cash the king of diamonds for his 10th trick.

And so, thanks to his careful play, Nagy made four hearts where most of the other declarers in the same contract failed.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

		8						6
2		3		9				
	1			5	3			
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8	9	6		1	7			3
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7		1						

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Senator's re-election reference
 - 9 Literally, "frozen"
 - 15 Dandy
 - 16 He had the #1 US album of 2010
 - 17 If you ask for it
 - 18 What much of Michigan is likened to
 - 19 Ever, in an idiom
 - 20 Fortitude
 - 22 End of some noodles
 - 23 *Himmel und* ___ (German side dish)
 - 24 Sort of splash guard
 - 26 IBM payout
 - 27 Doing triage
 - 31 Extra attentiveness
 - 34 Jung's yin
 - 35 New York Public Library cofounder
 - 36 Circle of contacts
 - 38 Beams over thresholds
 - 40 Possible zucchini stuffing
 - 41 Word on the Non-Sporting breed list
 - 43 Inverness-to-Edinburgh dir.
 - 44 When *Downton Abbey* begins
 - 47 Kid-lit sidekick
 - 48 Quicklime, for one
 - 49 Feature of some marble
 - 53 It covers entrepreneurial superstars
 - 54 Part of the Dodge Viper power plant
 - 55 Writer who feuded with Wodehouse

- DOWN**
- 1 Defeat resoundingly
 - 2 *Macbeth* prop
 - 3 Stopped idling
 - 4 Home of the world's tallest building, 2004-10
 - 5 Second-largest near-Earth asteroid
 - 6 Calendar-watch letters
 - 7 Memorabilia suffix
 - 8 Physician, Franklin, or Friar
 - 9 Project formally announced in January 1962
 - 10 Discharge
 - 11 Turned on
 - 12 Reversing agents
 - 13 TV vampires, often
 - 14 Cosmologist's four-dimensional realm
 - 21 Natalie's mom in *Gypsy*
 - 24 Oil-related problem
 - 25 How many Thanksgiving menus are offered
 - 28 Worst-case scenario
 - 29 More cogent
 - 30 SLC setting
 - 31 Dating guide
 - 32 It's left of the title in the *Sherlock* opening credits

SATURDAY STUMPER by Brad Wilber Edited by Stanley Newman

- 33 Sources of surprising exits
- 37 The Moskva is one of its tributaries
- 39 What a nod might mean
- 42 Word not found in *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*
- 45 Extension of some domains
- 46 Go up
- 50 Mexico City newspaper
- 51 "Look inside" sloganer
- 52 Strapped
- 54 Element of landslides
- 55 St. Elias, in Alaska
- 57 You'd expect to see it before long.
- 59 Parody
- 60 Whom 007 assists in *Licence to Kill*

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Things to know about Social Security at 80: Overhaul time?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Social Security turns 80 on Friday, and the massive retirement and disability program is showing its age.

Social Security's disability fund is projected to run dry next year. The retirement fund has enough money to pay full benefits until 2035. But once the fund is depleted, the shortfalls projected to be enormous.

The stakes are huge: Nearly 60 million retirees, disabled workers, spouses and children get monthly Social Security payments, and that number that is projected to grow to 90 million over the next two decades.

And the timing is bad: Social Security faces these problems as fewer employers are offering traditional pensions, forcing older workers to think hard about how they will afford retirement.

"This is a program that's been immensely popular since it began," said Nancy LeaMond, executive vice president of AARP. "Increasingly, people recognize that saving for retirement is becoming harder and harder, and Social Security is becoming even more important."

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act on Aug. 14, 1935. Here are things to know about the federal government's largest program on its 80th birthday:

Why is social security at risk?

Social Security's long-term financial problems are largely a result of demographic changes. Every day, about 10,000 people in the U.S. turn 65. These are the baby boomers.

Typical boomers, however, didn't have as many children as their parents did. As a result, relatively fewer workers are left to pay the payroll taxes that support Social Security.

In 1960, there were more than five workers for every person receiving Social Security. Today there are fewer than three. In 20 years, there will be about two workers for every person getting benefits.

Americans are also living longer. In 1940, someone who was 65 could be expected to live about 14 more years, on average. Today, they can expect to live an additional 20 years, on average.

Benefits

Last year, Social

Security paid benefits of nearly \$850 billion — about a quarter of all federal spending. The average monthly payment is \$1,221. That comes to about \$14,700 a year.

For most retirees, Social Security accounts for the majority of their income, according to the Social Security Administration.

What happens in 2016?

The trust fund that supports Social Security's disability program is projected to run dry in late 2016 — right in the middle of the presidential election. If Congress allows that to happen, it will trigger an automatic 19 percent cut in benefits to the 11 million people who receive Social Security disability.

Lawmakers could redirect tax revenue from Social Security's much bigger retirement program, as they have done in the past.

If the tax revenue were redirected, the retirement fund would lose one year of solvency, so both the retirement program and the disability program would have enough money to pay full benefits until 2034. At that point, Social Security would collect enough in taxes to pay 79 percent of benefits.

Republicans are balking at the fix. They see the funding crisis as an opportunity to improve a disability program that they believe is plagued by waste and abuse.

"Social Security retirement funds have been raided far too many times for far too many years," said Rep. Tom Reed, R-N.Y.

Reed sponsored a rule adopted by House Republicans that would prevent the House from redirecting the tax revenue without making changes to improve the overall financial health of Social Security.

Democrats are much more eager to defend the disability program, noting that its modest benefits keep millions of disabled workers and their families out of poverty.

"The issue is whether you're going to cut services and benefits to Americans who paid for them by saying that the Social Security program doesn't have the money, when in fact it has nearly \$3 trillion," said Rep. Xavier Becerra, D-Calif. "It manufactures a crisis."

Becerra has intro-

duced a bill that would merge Social Security's trust funds.

How big is the long-term problem?

The numbers are beyond comprehension.

Social Security uses a 75-year window to forecast its finances, so the projections cover the life expectancy of every worker paying into the system. Over the next 75 years, Social Security is projected to pay out \$159 trillion more in benefits than it will collect in taxes, according to agency data.

That's not a typo.

Adjusted for inflation, the shortfall comes to \$35.3 trillion in 2015 dollars. That's nearly twice the national debt, which took the entire federal government 239 years to accumulate.

Did congress already spend the trust funds?

Yes. For much of the past three decades, Social Security produced big surpluses, collecting more in taxes than it paid in benefits. Social Security invested those surpluses in special U.S. Treasury bonds, which are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government.

They are now valued at \$2.8 trillion.

But as Social Security was generating surpluses, the rest of the federal government was running deficits, for all but a few years around the turn of the century.

To finance deficit spending, the Treasury borrowed from the public and from other federal programs, including Social Security.

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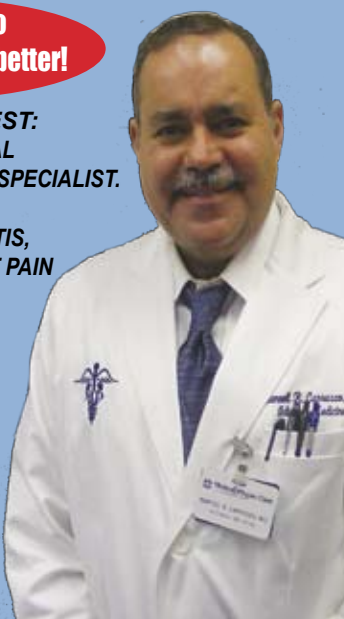
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LOS ANGELES (AP) — When Boris and Anastasia vacation, they prefer to stay in a deluxe three-story suite, dine on tuna mackerel and lobster consommé, and spend their time on an iPad.

The Russian blue cats spend a few days to a couple of weeks at Morris Animal Inn in Morristown, New Jersey, when their owners go out of town. And it's pretty clear to owner Shannon Muller, of nearby Morris Plains, that her cats get more indulgences at the hotel than at home.

When Boris and Anastasia get to the resort, "they barely look back at us," she said. "But when they come home, they are glad to be home."

People are pouring more money into pampering their pets, including at high-amenity hotels such as Morris Animal Inn. The luxury and the costs vary widely at kitty resorts, but all cater to cats that are no longer left at home without care. These days, they're getting the same out-of-town treatment as dogs while people emphasize pet care and cats become more popular with help from online videos and TV specials.

Morris Animal Inn started boarding cats in the 1980s with a basic enclosure, litter and food. It expanded its services because pet parents are treating their cats and dogs more like family and demanding specialized and customizable services, said Joann Morris, vice president and co-owner.

"Our first activity was the pampered pet session, simulating the love and attention they might get at home from an independent cat sitter," she said.

It costs \$12.95 a session and is popular with those who don't want to buy a full menu of services. For those who do, package prices range from \$19.95 to \$49.95 per day and vary mainly by how much one-on-one attention the cat gets.

The most popular is the Purr-fect package, built for the most active animals, which gives cats lots of personal attention, five-star fare and even a running wheel that looks like a large hamster wheel. They also get plenty

of time to play with toys, climb ropes, create art on iPads by pawing at the screen, listen to classical music and snack on catnip.

Kitty TV is always tuned to something cats like to watch: butterflies, balls, birds. Once they're tired, they head back to their three-story suites for a snooze. The rooms offer a birds-eye view of the lobby through clear plastic, wide window seats and soft pillows — no metal resembling a cage.

Older cats or those who like to laze can get cheaper packages with more sleep time, fewer activities and a premium bed. But everyone gets maid service and daily brushing.

Morris Animal Inn isn't the only hotel doling out kitty amenities.

The Pawington in South San Francisco is a 23,000-square-foot dog and cat day-care and boarding center. Suites, much like Morris', come in packages or ala carte. Priced at \$45 to \$65, they include separate ventilation systems and hideaway dens for peaceful rest.

At Whiskers Luxury Cat Boarding in Georgetown, Texas, every suite has a 7-foot tree topped with a kitty skybox. The owners even promise a family of finches for cats to watch. Suites range from \$25 to \$80 per night, depending on amenities.

The cat-comfort craze has even moved into veterinarians' offices, with a push for feline-friendly, dog-free facilities where cats are handled more gently and get calming pheromones, said Raelynn Farnsworth, a professor at Washington State University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

For Muller, she wonders if her cats realize all the ways they're pampered at luxury kitty camp. It wasn't long ago that Boris and Anastasia stayed in a cage at the vet's office when she and her husband left town.

When the Mullers heard about the attention Morris Animal Inn gave cats, they signed up their pets for every amenity.

"It was like opening the door to paradise," Shannon Muller said.

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