

Police seek public's help on 3 cases

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Local police are asking for citizens' help in solving three crimes which occurred this week:

A Big Spring police officer apparently stumbled across a drug deal gone bad, and the results were almost deadly.

Wednesday afternoon, the BSPD officer, whose name has not been released, was inves-

tigating a possible burglary in the 1100 block of Johnson Street, a department news release stated.

"The officer was standing outside his unit waiting for a keyholder for the building when he heard several shots being fired from the 400 block of E. 11th, at least two of which he heard go right over his head," the release stated. "The officer saw a red Dodge pickup leaving the scene at a

high rate of speed and jumped in his unit to pursue. He was unable to get to the vehicle and lost sight of it."

Officers responded to assist and learned that the red Dodge and a white SUV had exchanged gunfire and both vehicles left the scene.

"Officers learned that the white SUV had pulled over at a residence in the area and a male occupant had concealed something near the residence

hearing.

and fled," the release stated. "Officers found the items to be a handgun and a quantity of Methamphetamine and cocaine. No one was injured by the gunfire and no better description of the vehicle or suspects could be given. At this time it appears to have been a drug deal gone bad."

Police also are searching for two suspects in a home invasion which occurred in the 1300 block of Tucson.

Officers were dispatched to that residence in reference to an aggravated robbery call.

The victim told police she was home with her three children who are 6 years of age and younger when two males wearing ski masks kicked in the back door and one of them pointed a pistol at her demanding money.

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Howard College: Public speaks out on proposed tax increase **BY LYNDEL MOODY** dissatisfied with his decisions, they should not vote for him in the next elec-Staff Writer tion cycle. The debate over the Howard College "If that is what we need to do, then proposed tax increase started off a lit-

that is what we will do," Steward said. "We are voicing to you to vote no. The hardship in our district is exactly that, a burden. You are putting a burden on us. You made the statement I haven't lived here long enough. I know the Barrio. I lived here long enough. My heart is in the north side of town."

Flores responded to Steward's statement reiterating his belief the board has been conservative in using tax payer money but years of loss funding has left the college with out any recourse.

"It's not so much that we haven't been to the state is that the state is telling us to cut the funds," Flores said. "Now I have mentioned before I have been on the board for 20 years and at the same time we have tried to cut everything we can. It is not so much we want to up the taxes is that we need Howard College." Steward is part of a group of citizens



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

T.J. Steward listens to a question from Howard College trustee Michael Flores during the Howard College public tax hearing Thursday night. Steward requested trustees opt not to raise taxes this year.

and be our voice. If you have been on this board for 20 years, 20 years there should have been change, there needs to be changes, there needs to be changes now. It's not our responsibility to go to the state."

tle tense Thursday evening as a con-

stituent and his representative on the

board of trustees addressed each other

personally during the college's public

"You say that the state is requiring

you to make cuts but if that is what

needs to be done then you have to do it.

Don't take it out on your constituents,"

said T.J. Steward referring to com-

ments District 1 representative Mi-

chael Flores made at the last public tax

hearing held Monday evening. "You

have to listen to your constituents. It's

your responsibility to go to the state

Steward then address another statement Flores made during the last meeting saying if his constituents were

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Gone fishin'

HERALD Photo/Julie Bass Christina Solis and David Pope took advantage of the cooler temperatures on Thursday to throw their lines in the Comanche Trail Park Lake and fish a while.



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During his retirement, he shared his time be-

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his wife, Geraldine Ann Jovce, of Recess, Ireland, in

Southern California in January 1968 and they were

married that same year at St. Monica's Church in

He was blessed with two children and five grand-

children, Michael Keith, born in 1969, father of

Colin (16), Quinn (14) and Morgan (12), of Agoura

Hills, Calif.; and Enda Catherine (McCarty) Pierce.

born in 1970, mother of Anna (10) and Caleb (8),

Donald enjoyed many things such as history, soc-

cer, college sports and Irish and country music. He

was an AYSO referee for several years in Manhat-

tan Beach, Calif., where he raised his family. He

will be dearly missed by all of those who had the

Donald requested his final resting place be in Bal-

linafad cemetery, Recess, Ireland. Services were

held at St. Paul Catholic Church on Friday, Aug.

Donald's name to the Science Factory Children's

Museum and Planetarium, 2300 Leo Harris Park-

Paid obituary

wife, Leeta of Coahoma; eight grandchildren; 11

great-grandchildren; two sisters, Carrie Belew and

a son, Ronny Collier; a grandson; and two great-

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Jo Meador; and brother, James Raley.

presently residing in County Galway, Ireland.

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grandchildren.

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Donald McCarty



Former Big Spring resident Donald Keith McCarty, 79, died Aug. 10, 2015, at his home in Eugene, Ore.

Donald was born June 7, 1936, in Pecos, Texas. His parents were Clayton Edmonds McCarty and Mary Catherine (Henderson) Mc-Carty. He was the oldest brother of four siblings. Robert McCarty of Marion, VA, Jenna Cole of Houston, Texas and Kent McCa-

rty of Euless, Texas.

He attended Big Spring High School, graduating in 1954, college at Texas Western (now UTEP) in 1958 and then completed his Masters in Physics at UCLA. He worked at Hughes Aircraft Company in the Space and Communications Group of the Communication Division in El Segundo, Calif. for 30 plus years before retiring as Chief Scientist. During his years at Hughes, he contributed antenna systems design of the Lunar Surveyor and Intelsat programs.

After living in Manhattan Beach, Calif. for 35 years, he retired and moved to Grants Pass, Ore. In 1999. While in Grants Pass, he worked to become a

Wanda Mae Collier

Wanda Mae Collier, 84, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Aug. 20, 2015 in a local nursing home. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, 2015, at the Coahoma Cemetery with the Rev. Elwin Collom officiating.

Wanda was born May 21, 1931, in Wilmeth, Texas to Ira and Mary Partlow Raley. She married E.L. "Babe" Collier March 15, 1947, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death May 27, 1997.

Wanda is survived by a daughter, Sheila Dorton,

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• MELISSA GUADAL-UPE GOMEZ, 31, of 2509 Cindy St. was arrested on warrants for driving while license invalid and expired motor vehicle inspection certificate.

• DAMIAN ISMAEL LUIJAN, 30, of 1014 Nolan St. was arrested on charges of assault family violence threat or offensive touch.

• CRIMINAL MIS-CHIEF was reported in the 2100 block of Alabama St., the 2100 block of Morrison, the 1800 block of Alabama St. and the 2000 block of S.

Monticello St. • THEFT was reported in the 300 block of Tulane Ave., the 800 block of W. I-20 and the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1300 block of Harding St.

• STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80 and the 1400 block of Lexington Ave.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 100 block of Cedar

Dr.

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 74 inmates.

BOBBY R. V. CHURCHWELL, 57, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for sex offender duty to register life/ annually.

• MELISSA GUADA-LUPE GOMEZ, 31, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for fail to display or expired motor

vehicle registration and driving while license invalid.

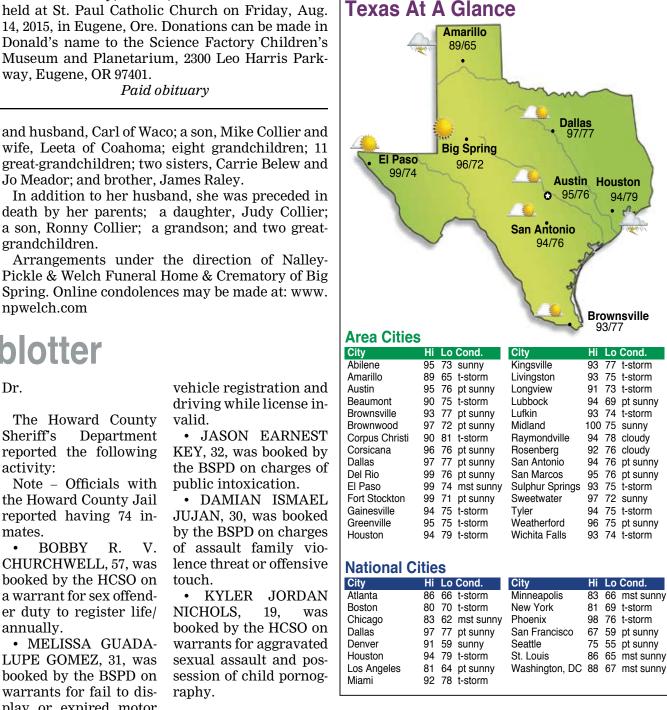
 JASON EARNEST KEY, 32, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication.

• DAMIAN ISMAEL JUJAN, 30, was booked by the BSPD on charges of assault family violence threat or offensive touch.

 KYLER JORDAN NICHOLS, 19, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for aggravated sexual assault and possession of child pornography.

Today's Weather

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Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 8:24 PM	Sunrise: 7:14 AM Sunset: 8:22 PM	Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 8:21 PM	Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 8:20 PM	Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 8:19 PM



Support Groups

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

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

the church.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls). Open meeting at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information, contact Jo Bidwell at 806-785-0942

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

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

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Aug. 22: Life in Full Color Glow **Run in Memory of Dylan Lance:** Comanche Trail Park: **Registration 8PM** Contact 432-816-7310

Aug. 22: Lucky Duck Race: Russ McEwen Aquatic Center 6:30PM Tickets Available at Big Spring Visitors Center.

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



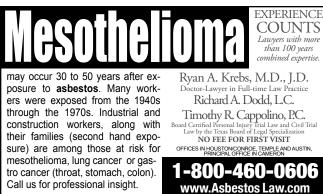
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• Big Spring Chapter No. 60 Rainbow Girls and pledges are invited to an evening of fun, food and games at 7:15 p.m., Sept. 8, 2015. All girls between the age of seven to 18 and their parents are welcome to come. For more information about the service group, call Howard Steward at 432-935-0582 or Eunice Thixton at 432-270-4847.

• Mitchell County Senior Citizen Dance will be held from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday at the Colorado City Civic Center, 157 West 2nd St. Live music will feature Shady Mitchell and Kickin' Kountry Band. The cost to attend is \$5 per person.

• The Big Spring High School Class of 2017 will hold a ragball tournament Sept. 5-6 at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex.

Each team must have a minimum of 10 players. Co-ed teams will be comprised of five boys and five girls (16 and under teams have no co-ed requirement).Cost is \$10 per player, and registration will be held prior to the beginning of play Sept. 5.

Take note

For more information, contact Kellie Wash at 432- or 2 213-3206.

• Midway Baptist Church will be holding a revival Sunday. Former church pastor Dr. Chad Haney will lead the revival. Services will be held at 11 a.m. followed by a pot luck luncheon and 6 p.m. on Sunday and at 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Highland Terrance Praise Team will be participating. Midway Baptist Church is located at 6200 South Service Road of Interstate 20.

• 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.

• 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.

• 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.

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making the rounds of taxing entities speaking out against raising next year's tax rate. Their mission is motivated by the hike in property values this past year.

Flores asked the audience if anyone would share actual figures of how much their individual property values increased.

Steward answered "I have a lot that went from \$250 to \$4,000. I built this house. I came here to be with my mother. I was with my mother when she passed. I came to Big Spring to build a home for my mother and for me and to build a dream. And when I have a house that is appraised over a \$100,000 on the north side here in Big Spring...compared that to Carmel, California...'

At that point, board President John Freeman interrupted Steward stating as per the rules of the hearing, each person was allowed only five minutes and both had used their time.

At the crutch of the

This proposed rate of .25 cents per \$100 is 2 cents over the rollback figures which will – if enough voters sign a petition – force the issue to a county-wide election.

The college has seen a drop of nearly \$5 million in state funding over the last four legislative sessions forcing trustees, officials said, to find the money at the local tax payer level before the situation becomes worst.

Two people spoke out in support of the increase - Ed Moughon, former superintendent at the Big Spring State Hospital, and Mark Barr, former Howard County Judge. Both men stated the college was essential to the community providing training for the workforce.

"I have three separate pieces of property in Howard County that I will hopefully be paying higher taxes on them because I support increasing your tax rate to make the college whole," Moughon said lamenting the trend by the state of Texas to reduce funding to the community college in the last several years.

"One thing we can do with your (trustees) courage is we can have a vibrate community college in this community because this college will take us all into

the future," he said. "As strange as it is, send me a bill because I will pay my higher taxes to support Howard College."

"This is the most important institution we have in this county and this city," Barr said. "It is something to be proud of and support. May dad the after he got back from World War II, he came to Howard College and got his GED."

Scott Emerson, one of the leaders of the group opposed to the rate hike, emphasized this issue is not with the college, its employees or board members but with the taxing system.

"Iam not saying I think it is time for Howard College to fold up and go away. I think each and everyone of you know that," Emerson said. "I know that everyone on this board wants to do the right thing. Just like the state of Texas, we can make a bad mistake on how to place funding as a board or as a city or as a county."

Emerson said if trustees do approve the proposed rate, he will work to get enough names to file a petition with election office to force the issue to the voter. the end of the meeting. "We know that this is difficult time for everybody. I've worked at the college 40 years and I have seen the change though the years. The amount of money we used to receive from the state is shifting and as a result what has happen for the needs of the state.

"It puts us in the position locally how do we keep this operation moving to serve our public, to serve our com-

munity," she continued. "I can assure that this board is a very conservative board. I made the recommendation that we need to consider going above the rollback rate. The reason I did was because I felt it was important to let everyone know and for the local tax payer to be able to voice their opinion if we are going to have the Howard College that we have. If we are going to keep advancing what was created 70 years

ago, we have go to consider something about what we have."

College trustees will meet at 12:30 p.m. Monday to vote on the proposed tax rate. The meeting will occur in the Tumbleweed Room located in the Student Union Building on the HowardCollege campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Lyndel Moody can be contacted at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by citydesk@ bigspringherald.com.

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NOTICE OF TAX REVENUE INCREASE

At the crutch of the issue is a tax hike proposed by the trustees which would raise \$600,000 more in revenue than last year. "We do hear you and appreciate everybody's viewpoint," said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks who addressed the crowd at

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"They forced her into her roommate's bedroom and began rummaging through things until they found an undetermined amount of cash and fled from the house," the news release stated. "The only description given was a Black male and a Hispanic male both wearing ski masks."

Another home invasion occurred in the 1000 block of North Main, police say.

The victim in this case said he and a friend were in the apartment when someone knocked "His friend opened the door to look outside and a subject armed with a shotgun forced his way in and pointed the gun at the friend," the re-

on the door.

in and pointed the gun at the friend," the release stated. "A second suspect followed him in armed with a pistol. They demanded money at gunpoint and forced the victims into the bedroom, where the homeowner was struck in the face with the butt of the

shotgun." The suspects went through the victims' dresser drawers and took an undetermined amount of cash and fled the apartment, officials said.

The victim was injured when struck with the gun but declined treatment at the time.

The suspects were described as two Hispanic males, both very short. Both had their faces covered.

Investigation into the two home invasions is ongoing and investigators are looking into the possibility that the offenses are related, the release noted.

Persons with any information regarding these incidents are urged to contact Crime Stoppers at 432-263-8477 (TIPS), or text 274637 and in the body of the message type in "kash"(5274) along with the tip. You can also leave a secure tip on our Facebook page under the submit a tip icon on the left side of the page.

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The Howard County Junior College District conducted public hearings on August 17, 2015, and August 20, 2015, on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the Howard County Junior College District from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 15.17 percent.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.176620 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$7,166,257.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.251623 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$8,239,448.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.251623 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$8,273,998.

The Board of Trustees of the Howard County Junior College District is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on August 24, 2015, at Howard College, in the Tumbleweed Room of the Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas 79720 at 12:30 p.m.

OPINION

Opinion

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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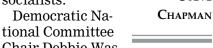
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Are Democrats socialists?

ocialism has had a rough few decades, but it's enjoying a rare success. Bernie Sanders, who calls himself a socialist, is running for president, drawing big

crowds and leading Hillary Clinton in one poll in New Hampshire. All this leads some people to a damning conclusion: Democrats love Sanders because Democrats are socialists.



Steve

Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz has encouraged this claim by declining to spell out the differences between a Democrat and a socialist. "These days, it's largely a distinction without a difference," Jason Riley, a senior fellow at the conservative Manhattan Institute, wrote in The Wall Street Journal. Ted Cruz asserts that Clinton "is just as much of a socialist as Bernie Sanders."

Norman Thomas, the perennial presidential candidate of the Socialist Party back when socialism was considered a serious alternative, got only 2.2 percent of the vote in 1932, his best showing in six tries. So how can someone sporting the label today muster a serious bid for the Democratic nomination?

There are several factors at work. To start with, Democrats and socialists have always had some overlap on matters like collective bargaining, anti-poverty programs and civil rights. Back in the 1930s, socialists and liberal Democrats agreed on the need for anti-lynching laws, which President Franklin Roosevelt refused to endorse. Both Democrats and socialists favored unemployment insurance, guaranteed pensions and the end of child labor.

But they have always had major differences as well. Socialists have long endorsed nationalization of important industries, steeply graduated income taxes, a 30-hour workweek, drastic cuts

Sanders' success is actually a reflection of what conservatives have accomplished over the past seven years: They have made socialism respectable.

in military spending and the abolition of the CIA. Democrats, as a rule, have not.

One big reason for the Sanders surge has escaped conservatives. Many of them think all their opponents are captives of the same dangerous statist mentality. In that view, a moderate is a liberal is a socialist is a communist. But the truth is that Sanders isn't really much of a socialist.

Ask one. Plenty of leftists think he is not really one of them. Last month, David Fahrenthold reported in The Washington Post that "Vermont is strewn with dissatisfied socialists, denouncing Sanders for perceived sins that go back to the '70s."

In Politico, socialist academic Fredrik deBoer writes that Sanders "might just be the first SINO in American politics, the first Socialist In Name Only." At the recent Socialism 2015 convention in Chicago, he found some attendees fear this candidacy "is a trick to bring socialists back into the Democratic fold.'

Cruz sees no difference between Sanders and many Senate Democrats.

Though he has a point, he overlooks the possibility that the reason is that Sanders is not as far left as he pretends to be. He can call himself a socialist, just as Mitt Romney could call himself "severely conservative." But self-portrayals are not always reliable.

Riley is struck that calling yourself a socialist is not fatal with voters. That premise has yet to be tested at the polls. And if the stigma the term once carried has diminished. Rilev

should blame his friends on the right.

They used to think it was enough to accuse Democrats of being liberals. In 1988, George H.W. Bush made voters think "liberal" was Michael Dukakis first name. But ever since the 2008 campaign, conservatives have been depicting Barack Obama as a fanatical Marxist bent on dismantling our economic system.

Early in his presidency, John Boehner said he was undertaking "a new American socialist experiment." Investor's Business Daily published an overheated series of 21 editorials – yes, 21 — called "The Audacity of Socialism."

In office, though, Obama repeatedly pursued policies that were within the mainstream of public opinion. His tax increases paralleled those of Bill Clinton. Domestic oil production climbed. The federal budget defi cit has dropped by two-thirds.

His health care overhaul preserved the dominant role of private insurance companies disappointing those on the left, including Sanders, who wanted "Medicare for all." The Dow Jones Industrial Average, which fell by 25 percent under George W. Bush, has more than doubled Corporate profits have soared. If Obama is out to destroy capitalism, he's got a funny way of going about it.

At this stage of his presidency, with this economic record, the charge that Obama is a kindred spirit of Karl Marx has lost its sting. Sanders' success is actually a reflection of what conservatives have accomplished over the past seven years: They have made socialism respectable.

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DAILY PRAYER

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

roadway star Patti LuPone made headlines recently when she grabbed a cellphone from a woman texting in the second row. It may have helped that she was in character, playing a tough-broad diva from a commu-

nity theater. The play, "Shows for Days," was being performed at Lincoln Center, where generations of mostly well-mannered audiences have gone for live performances. The texter's orchestrasection ticket could not have been inexpensive. Are mobile devices rewiring

some of our brains? That is, are

ures onstage, whether acting or

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the other theatergoers trying

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FROMA HARROP

Clearly, some members of today's audiences can't appreciate that there are human beings on the stage communicating with them. They might consider quarantining themselves before a flat screen at home, where no one would care whether they are singing along, texting or sitting on the toilet.

Consider the case of Nick Silvestri. Before a show began, the 19-year-old jumped on the stage at the venerable Booth Theatre and tried to plug his cellphone into an electrical outlet. Adding a dash of opera buffa to the story look it up, Nick — the outlet was a fake, part of the scenery.

Bizarre as his action may have seemed, it was impossible not to forgive Silvestri after his charming apology.

Promoters of the show, "Hand to God," sensing perhaps both a teachable moment and a shot at some free publicity, held a news conference outside the theater, starring Silvestri and his explanations.

The young man noted that his judgment may have been clouded by a few pre-theater drinks. His contention that he doesn't "go to plays very much" was easy to believe. "I didn't realize that the stage is considered off-limits" sounded more of a stretch.

For brazen misbehavior, a

recent incident at a theater in Washington, D.C., beats them all. It happened during a performance of "The Fix," a musical at the Signature Theatre. A drunken woman from the audience sauntered onto the stage, searching for a ladies' room, and then staggered backstage just as the star was about to make her entrance.

"There she was," Christine Sherrill told The Washington Post, "kind of loudly asking me where the bathroom was."

At that point, another audience member walked through a curtain leading to the backstage and told the workers there that she also needed a restroom. The crew escorted both women to the lobby.

The last example did not directly involve a mobile phone device, but you have to wonder: Had these women's personal boundaries been blunted by a life attached to screens on which all kinds of urges are loosed without consequence? It can't just have been the booze. No amount of alcohol would prompt most ladies, for example, to break a storefront window.

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Did You Ever Wonder – Pharaoh's Downfall

he locations selected for Egypt's new fortified cities, Pithom and Raamses, were in marshy locations. Seemingly, this was planned to cause more hardship for the Hebrews. The weight of the bricks caused the cities to slowly sink into the marshy ground.

The Egyptians enslaved the Hebrews with crushing harshness. They stopped supplying straw for the Hebrews to make mud bricks. The Hebrews had to gather the straw, but they must maintain the same quota of bricks. If they did not make their quota, the Hebrew foremen were

beaten.

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The Egyptians planned that the exhaustion of the Hebrew men would curtail the birth of babies, but it did not.

Pharaoh told the Hebrew mid-

wives that they must kill the boy babies, and if they did, Pharaoh would give them houses. This would have been palaces with servants instead of the mud-brick houses that the slaves lived in.

These women feared God more than they feared Pharaoh and they allowed the baby boys to live. They told Pharaoh that the Hebrew women were more hardy than Egyptian women and they delivered by themselves before the mid-wives arrived. Because the mid-wives feared God,

He built houses for them. This type of house consisted of families with many descendants.

Next, Pharaoh ordered the Egyptians that, if they found any Hebrew baby boys, they must throw them in the Nile River.

All this seems to be intended to decrease the number of Hebrews. But think about it! This makes no sense. Men were allowed to have up to four wives. A man could potentially father four children a year. To reduce the size of the population, the producing females should be reduced.

Some scholars say that Pharaoh's astrologers were reading the story told by the stars. They said that on a certain day, Pharaoh's downfall would be through water. This gave Pharaoh the idea to have the baby boys drowned.

Do you see? Satan knew that a strong leader of the Hebrew people was about to be born. No one but God knew who it was, but that particular baby boy was the target all along!

When Moses was born his mother was able to keep him hidden for about three months before she placed him in a basket and let it float in the Nile River. Miriam, Moses' sister, walked along the riverbank to watch over the baby.

When Pharaoh's daughter, Princess Bisyah, had him drawn from the water, she called him Moses, meaning 'from the water' in Egyptian. The astrologers read the stars right; on that certain day Pharaoh's destruction was drawn from the water! Princess Bisyah sent Miriam to fetch a Hebrew woman to nurse the baby. Of course, Miriam fetched the baby's own mother!

He was raised as Princess Bisyah's son, in Pharaoh's palace, and he was educated as a prince. Yet, in spite of his position in the Egyptian culture, he knew that he was Hebrew.

The scholars tell a very interesting story about Moses. Scripture says he was 'tov' meaning good. By changing one letter or adding a letter, this word could mean 'light.' This could be a hint that there was an angelic aura around him. For the first three months of his life, his name may have been "Tovia."

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

Church News

First Presbyterian Church — Big Spring

The regular Wednesday church activities are the following: 5:17 p.m., the Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger; 6 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal will not occur on Wednesday. Members will be contacted by Mike Mitchell about practice time.

All women in the church are invited to a baby shower for Caitlin Jones Griffin and her son Conner Randolph Griffin, on 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 29. in the Fellowship Hall.

With approval of the Session, the youth group will meet on Sunday evenings Aug. 30 and Sept. 6 to paint and refurbish the Youth Room (as a mini mission project) in readiness for regular activities, which will begin Sept. 13, at 6 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 30, the Church Life Committee invites everyone in the Sunday School classes to a Recognition Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at the Sunday School hour to kick off this fall's classes.

The adult Discovery Class begins a six-session study called "Soul Keeping — Caring for the Most Important Part of You" on Aug. 23. This study is done by John Ortberg, a favorite best-selling author, whose studies we have used previously.

Paula Farquhar is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday.

The lectionary for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (or 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time) is 1 Kings 8:1, 6-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69. Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir will present "I Can Do All Things" by Virgil Ford as the offertory. Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Youth Sanctuary located in the down stairs portion of the east wing.

• On Sept. 8, at 7 p.m. Our Men's Ministry will be gathering in the Green Room at 7 pm.

• Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. Our Far above Rubies Wom-

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Saturday 7:30 a.m. — Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast & Fellowship

10 a.m. - "Sowing Seeds of Hope" Crafting fel-





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

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

Midway Baptist Church

This week Midway Baptist Church will begin Revival at 11 a.m. Sunday. We will also meet Sunday night at 6 p.m. then Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m. There will be a pot luck dinner on Sunday after the morning service.

Dr. Chet Haney will be leading the Revival services. He just returned from a two-week mission trip to the Philippines. Dr. Haney has been a route man for Dr. Pepper, school bus driver, offensive end for the Baylor Bears football team, a youth minister, former pastor at Midway, pastor at First Baptist in Woodville, senior pastor at Parkside Baptist Church in Denison, and is currently senior pastor of the Highland Terrace Baptist Church in Greenville, Texas. Dr. Haney and his wife, Terri, have three married daughters and one grandchild.

Dr. Haney likes children, youth and adults of all ages. He strives to inspire them to seek God's direction for their life and then to follow that direction. He knows that salvation is a miracle and wants everyone to know the feeling of being free from sin.

On Sunday, Aug. 30, Midway Baptist will be participating in a 5th Sunday singing at Circuit Riders Cowboy Church at 6 p.m., 5008 Nichols Rd., Big Spring in the Elbow community. There will be singing, fellowship and food. Everyone is welcome. Please call if you need help, call 432-263-6274.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to invite you to join us Sunday, us for our "Back-To-School" service, as we celebrate the start of another blessed school year.

Wednesday at 7 p.m. Join us for mid-week Bible study. CCC offers classes for all ages. Also our, Chosen Generation, youth ministry meets every en's Ministry will be gathering in the Green Room at 6 p.m. (More details to come).

• September 18 at 7 p.m. Our single's ministry will be gathering at Bean's World Cafe, 100 South Main Street, Big Spring for a night of fellowship and encouragement for single's who love the Lord.

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

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

Spring Creek Fellowship

We would like to invite you to our first official day of worship services in our new church home on Sunday, Aug. 30 at Spring Town Plaza. We are so excited to share this event with you. Please come and celebrate with us.

See Cody Carnes at United Night of Worship on Sunday, Aug. 30 at 6 p.m. at the Big Spring High School Auditorium. The whole community is invited.

Prayer Team meets at Spring Town Plaza from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. They have lunch at either Evita's or Brooklyn's Deli at 11:30 a.m. and then pray after lunch. You can bring your own lunch if you prefer or come after lunch to pray with the group.

If you are a musician or singer and would be interested in being a part of our worship team, contact Klint Bratcher.

Weekly Happenings:

Sunday

9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. — Sunday School/Connection Groups

10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. — "Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship.

10:45 a.m. to noon — Worship Service

Tuesday

Noon to 2 p.m. — Prayer Team meets at Spring Town Plaza

Noon — Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza

6 p.m. — Pain Management Group meets at church.

Friday

7 p.m to 8 p.m. — Narcotics Anonymous meets at

lowship Sunday

4 p.m. — "Grief Share" meets at SCF.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, please contact the church office or visit our website.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane in Big Spring, Texas. (Across from Denny's). Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

First Christian Church

First Christian Church would like to welcome everyone to join us on Sunday morning for worship services at 10:45 in the Sanctuary. We are located at 911 Goliad Street. First Christian celebrates communion each Sunday as we believe that communion is the central factor of our life together. All followers of Christ are welcome to join us as we share the bread and cup in memory of the sacrifice of Jesus.

Dan Miracle will be leading our worship service on Sunday morning and will be using John 6; verse 56-69 as his text. We would like to welcome everyone to join us for coffee and doughnuts at 9:15 a.m. in the parlor area; adult Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and Sunday Services at 10:50 a.m.. We are having a soup and sandwich luncheon following the services in the Fellowship Hall.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse, wife Debbie, and the people of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invite you to worship with them Sunday at 10:50 am or 2:00 p.m. Choose the service time that best suits your schedule and come praise and honor God with this vibrant group. Sunday services are held inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. To learn more about Blessed Hands Deaf Church and upcoming activities, contact Pastor Jim at: jwalterhouse @ gmail.com

First Church of the Nazarene

At First Church of the Nazarene our mission is Loving God, Loving Others and Loving Community with the vision of winning people to Christ.

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Pastor Cal will be leading service on Sunday morning on our new movement in the church. It's an exciting time to come. Also, join us on September 20th as it will all come together for Back to Church Sunday.

You can also listen to any of our previous Sunday services by going to our webpage at nazfamily.org. Also, look for the service note on the YouVersion Bible app under live events.

We also invite you to come check out all the remodeling that has taken place. If you would like to help with donations please visit our website.

Sunday Morning Youth, Adult and Children's Classes at 9:00 am throughout the campus.

Sunday Service begins at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Children's Church is at 10 a.m. Sunday in the Fellowship Hall Sunday Evening Youth Activities are Sunday Evening at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday nights we have weekly prayer starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary while children and youth classes are in other classrooms.

You can also listen each Sunday to KBST 95.7 at 10 am for a live broadcast of our service.

We are located at 1400 Lancaster. Contact the church office at (432) 267-7015.

First Baptist Church – Big Spring

"Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;" are the words of Psalm 145:3. Join us Sunday at 10:50 a.m. as we gather to worship our Mighty and Merciful Heavenly Father.

Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the sermon series "The Art of Loving". Drawn from Mark 12:30-31, the message urges us to ponder that through the 'Great Commandment,' Jesus reveals the priority which ought to outstrip all others in our lives: to love God fully and to love people faithfully. If you are unable to attend, you may watch the service through the live stream on our website at: fbcbigspring.org.

At 9:30, Sunday School classes meet throughout the building with children gathering in the 'Good News Garage' on the first floor, and Youth and Adults meeting throughout the second floor. Greeters are available to help you find your class. Come early for coffee, donuts, and fellowship.

At 5:30, our Missional Community Groups gather in area homes for a time of fellowship, prayer, and Scripture reflection. Call the church at 267-8223 or go to fbcbigspring.org for host home locations. You do not have to attend First Baptist to participate.

Our Mother's Day Out Program begins their Fall term Tuesday August 25. The program is held each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 for information about openings for your little ones.

All area teens are invited to the Fall Kick-Off gathering Wednesday Aug. 26 from 6:15-7:45 p.m. in the Youth Department. This will be an exciting time as some new folks are welcomed into the Youth Ministry leadership, along with launching the Fall study series in the book of Romans.

Contact Youth Pastor Jonathan

Colombia revisits violent past in Pablo Escobar biopic

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) – When it comes to drug lords, there's no matching Pablo Escobar. More than two decades after he was gunned down, his vast wealth, megalomania and ruthless violence still mesmerize, as evidenced by the attention surrounding Netflix's upcoming series "Narcos" about the cartel boss.

The biopic promises to be an authentic portrayal of Escobar, so it's only natural that Brazilian director and executive producer Jose Padilha chose to film the 10-episode series in Medellin, the murder capital of the world during the drug kingpin's heyday in the 1980s.

Filming the series here would have been unthinkable a few years ago, with Colombians still blaming Escobar for their country's hard-toshake association with drug trafficking. But as memories of Escobar's terror campaign fade, and with the homicide rate at a decade low, Colombians are starting to view their violent past more dispassionately. So much so that cinema-loving President Juan Manuel Santos agreed to pick up \$2 million in production costs so Netflix could film in the country. The series, which debuts Aug. 28, is based on the account of Steve Murphy and Javier Pena, now retired Drug Enforcement Administration agents who were assigned to bring the drug lord down. It's one of several projects reviving interest in the man known as the "King of Cocaine," including last year's film "Escobar: Paradise Lost," starring Benicio del Toro. At least two more movies about Escobar are in development.

ties about the bad reputation Escobar gave Colombia, Netflix executives and Padilha flew to Bogota last year to meet with Santos before filming.

The president, whose family brought the Cinemark movie chain to Colombia, immediately embraced the project, said Claudia Triana, head of the state-funded Proimagenes film promotion agency. But Santos urged Padilha not to romanticize a criminal who promoted himself as a Colombian Robin Hood despite ordering thousands of people killed, from presidential candidates to passengers on a commercial jetliner he had blown up.

Triana said that no matter where the series was made it would have

Raffini at 270-8332 for more information.

Wednesday evenings begin with a meal served in the Family Life Center from 5-6, followed by prayer time and Adult Bible Study, Adult Choir Practice, children's mission groups, and 'Saturate' Youth Group. For details call 267-8223 or go to fbcbigspring.org. Join us August 26 for spaghetti.

First Baptist Church is located at 705 W FM 700.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Neighborhood in

Big Spring. h To connect e with us call o 432- 264-7818, y or e-mail us at aliveinchristy t x @ g m a il. a com. Sunday Service begins at 9 a.m. with Bible Study and Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday. The adult class has started a new class titled "Marriage".

Bo Vizcaino will present the scripture readings this week.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for "Morning Meditation Thoughts".

Church news submissions are due Wednesday at noon to life@bigspringherald.com

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Glasscock County ISD will hold a public meeting at 8:30 a.m. on August 31, 2015, in the board room. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school 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

\$1.0371 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)

School Debt Service Tax

Approved by Local Voters \$0.09000 /\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtenness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	0.00% increase	or	26.70% (decrease)
Debt service	0.00% increase	or	3.50% (decrease)
Total expenditures	0.00% increase	or	24.70% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
\$3,844,828,097	\$2,872,949,088
** <u>\$2,627,740</u>	<u>\$145,742,756</u>
\$3,538,091,117	\$2,397,632,455
* \$2,540,871	<u>\$145,648,433</u>
	\$3,844,828,097 ** <u>\$2,627,740</u> \$3,538,091,117

"Appraised value" is the amount shown on the apraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

Because of the lingering sensitivi-

presented the same image of Colombia, so it was preferable to have it filmed here to make foreign members of the cast and crew more sensitive to the toll Escobar's bloodbath had on society.

Netflix, with local production partner Dynamo, got the big subsidy to film under an initiative Santos' government launched in 2013 to market Colombia as South America's premier shooting location. The administration pays for up to 40 percent of filming costs to foreign producers who hire local crews and spend at least \$600,000 in the country.

While some officials feared the series would portray the country negatively, Triana said resistance to filmed depictions of Colombia's violent history has eased in part because of wildly popular soap operas known as "narconovelas" that present an unvarnished view of the drug wars.



** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code

Bonded Indebtedness

<u>\$19,450,000</u>

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebteness* * Ontstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates Maintenance Interest & Local Revenue State Revenue & Operations Sinking Fund * Total Per Student Per Student \$1.03710 \$0.07000 \$1.10710 \$29,944 Last Year's Rate \$336 Rate to Maintain Same \$2.18445 \$0.09449 \$2.27894 \$28.252 \$1.580 Level of Maintance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service Proposed Rate \$1.03710 \$1.580 \$0.09000 \$1.12710 \$23.591 The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded Indebtedness on construction, equipment, or

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

	<u>Last Year</u>	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$76,563	\$107,056
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$61,250	\$85,645
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.107	\$1.1271
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$678.09	\$965.30
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$287.21

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years or 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 \$1.136250 This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback of \$1.136250.

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 Balances(s) Interest & Sinking Fund Balances(s) <u>\$4,304,154</u> <u>\$54,875</u>

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The Universe Is Dying

ell it is settled. They have suspected it for a long time. Last week scientists officially announced that the universe is

dying. Researchers from the International Center of Radio

Astronomy Research (ICRAR) just completed their study of 200,000 galaxies. They concluded that the energy created in those galaxies is one-half what it was two billion years ago. Bottom line: the universe is winding down and, in 20 billion

years, will be no more.

Professor Simon

Driver, who heads the Galaxy and Mass Assembly project (GAMA) said, "The universe will decline from here

on in, sliding gently into old age. The universe has basically sat down on the sofa, pulled up a blanket and is about to nod off for an eternal doze."

That the universe will fade away is no surprise. The Bible predicted this would happen. "The earth will be completely laid waste and completely despoiled, for the LORD has spoken this word. The earth mourns and withers, the world fades and withers, the exalted of the people of the earth fade away." (Isaiah 24:3-5). And again, "Lift up your eyes to the sky, then look to the earth beneath; for the sky will vanish like smoke, and the earth will wear out like a garment." (Isaiah 51:6).

But what happens after the universe disappears? For some, the end of the universe robs life of any meaning. Nick Stockton, writing for WIRED magazine, put it this way,

"To the extent that anything was ever important, it won't be. Time, space, energy, matter-all gone. ... Just the fact that you are alive now is a novelty, a signal that vanishes against the vast noise of cosmic space."

The Bible has another story. "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things will not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create." (Isaiah 65:17-18). "The heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. ... But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells." (1 Peter 3:10-13). John the Apostle wrote, "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth for the first heaven and the first earth passed away." (Revelation 21:1).

All that exists today had to come

from somewhere. Scientists call it the Big Bang. And all that exists today will vanish away. In this the Bible agrees with the scientists. Our universe had a beginning and it will come to an end. But there is more. The One who created our known universe is also the author of a new creation that will replace the one we know now.

Jesus said, "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.' (John 14:1-3).

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit www. tinsley center. com. Email bill @tinsley center.com

Television networks looking back at Katrina

NEW YORK (AP) - ABC's Robin Roberts and Fox News Channel's Shepard Smith, who anchor specials this weekend about the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina's devastating Gulf Coast landfall, both had reasons to avoid the topic.

Mississippi native Roberts reported on the hurricane in 2005 while living through a harrowing few hours not knowing whether her mother and sister had survived. Smith was the point person for a network with many viewers who did not want to believe that government mismanagement had cost people their lives.

"The stories that are told 10 years later of what happened to people are very worthwhile," Smith said. "It's just very hard.'

Fox News begins the television remembrances Friday at 10 p.m. EDT with "Hurricane Katrina, Storm of a Lifetime." ABC's "Katrina: 10 Years After the Storm" airs Sunday at 10 p.m.

Fox's chief news anchor was among many reporters who didn't hide his anger at a failure to get help to survivors quickly after the storm, for which the Bush administration was widely criticized. Smith said he received thousands of emails from annoyed Fox viewers and expects to get more with the story being revisited.

"Should we have not become emotional because so many people were upset that we became emotional on Day 4 of watching babies and old people die?" he said. "I suggest that those people who were upset because we showed our emotions in watching babies and old people die that they put themselves in a situation where they watch babies and old people die, and then give 'em a call in 10 years and see if they want to f---ing remember it. I would venture to guess that they would not." Smith also has ties to the region but, unlike Roberts, didn't return for Fox's Friday special. Fox's show includes recollections from survivors

and government officials, including former FEMA head Michael Brown and Andrew Card, chief of staff to President George W. Bush.

Smith said he believed that a decision was made early in the disaster not to save some people in need, although he did not accuse anyone specifically.

"Do I want people to remember what happened in Katrina?" he asked. "I don't want to remember it, because what we did was we failed as a society. That's what we did. All of our leaders failed."

As the title alludes, ABC's special is more about rebirth than recollections. The stories of two women provide the centerpiece. Syrena Johnson, plucked from the roof of her New Orleans home after Katrina when she was 15, returned and is working as a chef. Diane Brugger owned a Pass Christian, Mississippi, inn and survived the flood that killed her husband and destroyed the business. She has rebuilt it.

Their stories of resilience make the special more relatable to viewers who may not have been through a tragedy like Katrina but go through their own hard times, Roberts said.

"It's an unfolding story, and I talk about that," she said. "Locals want to memorialize people who lost their lives, and they want people to see the progress. But they also want people to see that it's still a work in progress. How long did it take to rebuild the Freedom Tower?'

in part because viewers frequently ask about it, but very briefly. They are tough memories, compounded by her mother's death at age 88 in August 2012.

"There is still, 10 years later, so much emotion involved," she said.

Here are some other television plans to mark the Katrina anniversary:

A BET documentary, "Katrina 10 Years Later: Through Hell in High Water," debuts at 8 p.m. EDT on Wednesday with news correspondent Jeff Johnson as host.

BET's documentary focuses on New Orleans. Johnson said that there are stories of determination to be found in the wake of Katrina, but "to truly appreciate them, you have to go

back." A man in one of New Orleans' poor neighborhoodsrecounts the awful night on the roof of his house, as his 4-year-old granddaughter and his elderly mother both died. The piece tells stories of artists, musicians and a restaurateur who help rebuild the city, and recounts the difficulties in getting schools operating again.

In a CNN documentary, "Katrina: The Storm That Never Stopped," Anderson Cooper returns to the Gulf Coast to revisit people that he reported on in the wake of the hurricane to see what has happened to them in the

years since. The special will air at 9 p.m. EDT on Tuesday.

CBS News said it will report on the anniversary throughout its various broadcast and digital platforms, but didn't offer specifics. NBC News also plans no specials, but Lester Holt will anchor "Nightly News" from New Orleans next Friday and Al Roker will report for the "Today" show. NBC is notable for what will be missing: Brian Williams was prominent in Katrina coverage 10 years ago and returned frequently for follow-ups. But reportedly some stories he told later about Katrina coverage were part of NBC's investigation into the extent to which the fallen anchor misrepresented his reporting.





TINSLEY

Brugger hadn't told her chilling story publicly before, and Roberts played a home court advantage to help get the interview. She's from Pass Christian, too.

That didn't feel like an edge a decade ago. Roberts began crying on "Good Morning America" when Charles Gibson asked about her family, who couldn't be tracked down at the time. Her mother and sister were safe, although storm damage displaced them for a year.

Roberts revisits the story Sunday,

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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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Simon throws 1-hitter, Tigers beat Rangers 4-0

DETROIT (AP) — Between an injury-riddled starting rotation and a dysfunctional bullpen, the Detroit Tigers know they don't have a realistic shot at the second AL wild card.

Alfredo Simon gave the Tigers and 33,727 fans a little hope Thursday night.

Simon threw a onehitter in his first career complete game, a 4-0 victory over the Texas Rangers.

"That's probably the best he's thrown all year," Tigers manager Brad Ausmus said. "What I really liked was the pace of his game. He got the ball, got on the mound and made the next pitch."

Texas entered play $1\frac{1}{2}$ games behind the Los Angeles Angels for the second wild-card spot,

while the Tigers were three games further back.

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The Rangers' only hit came with two outs in the fifth, moments after first baseman Victor Martinez had made a diving stop to rob Mitch Moreland of a base hit. Rougned Odor ended the no-hitter with a double to left, but Texas never got a runner past second base.

"That pretty much summed up the night," Moreland said. "Simon pitched a great game, and when we did hit a ball hard, they made plays. We just come back tomorrow and try again."

Simon (11-7) walked two and struck out five. He threw 116 pitches, three short of his career high.

"I kept the ball down

today, and attacked the hitters," said Simon, who has been pitching with a groin strain. "My leg felt better today, and all of my pitches were working."

Martin Perez (1-3) took the loss for Texas, giving up three runs, six hits and three walks. He struck out four.

"Perez just didn't have the range on his pitches," Texas manager Jeff Banister said. "He did a decent job of limiting the damage, but he pitched himself into too much trouble."

The game was Prince Fielder's first at Comerica Park since he was traded to the Rangers after the 2013 season, and he was loudly booed in every at-bat. Fielder, who grew up at Tiger Stadium and helped Detroit to the 2012 World Series, left after angering the fans with what was seen as a too casual attitude to the Tigers' loss to Boston in the 2013 ALCS.

"I got booed the last time I was here, so why would it change?" Fielder said before the game. "What people think of me is none of my business."

The Tigers loaded the bases off Perez in the first and third innings, and both times, Nick Castellanos drove home Miguel Cabrera with the only run of the rally. In the first, one night after hitting a grand slam in Chicago, Castellanos singled, and in the third, he hit a sacrifice fly to right.

Cabrera made it 3-0 in the fifth, driving in Ian Kinsler with a single, while Martinez added a

sacrifice fly in the seventh.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: The Rangers placed OF Josh Hamilton on the 15-day DL with knee inflammation, retroactive to Aug. 16, and purchased the contract of OF Will Venable. Hamilton had missed four straight games, and a cortisone shot didn't provide any

relief. Tigers: Detroit placed two starting pitchers LHP Daniel Norris (oblique strain) and RHP Anibal Sanchez (rotator-cuff strain) on the DL, and called up relievers Guido Knudson and Jose Valdez from Triple-A Toledo. UP NEXT

The teams continue their four-game series Friday with Justin Verlander (1-5, 4.11) of the Tigers facing Colby Lewis (13-5, 4.49). Both pitchers started when the teams faced each other in the 2011 ALCS, but they didn't face each other. Despite Verlander's lack of wins - the Tigers are 2-9 in his 11 starts — he has allowed one earned run in five of his last seven outings. WELCOME TO BUF-

FALO

With 39-year-old Randy Wolf scheduled to join the Tigers and start on Saturday, Detroit will have used three starters in August who spent much of the season with Toronto's Triple-A affiliate in Buffalo. The Tigers acquired Norris and Matt Boyd in the trade for David Price, then picked up Wolf for future considerations on Thursday.

Archer pitches 1-hitter, fans 11 as Rays beat Astros 1-0

HOUSTON (\overrightarrow{AP}) — Collin McHugh had a solid start for the Houston Astros on Thursday night. Unfortunately for the Astros, Chris Archer was better.

Archer pitched a onehitter, allowing only a fifth-inning single by Colby Rasmus, and struck out 11 to lead the Tampa Bay Rays over the Astros 1-0.

McHugh (13-7) yielded five hits in seven innings of his second fourth off McHugh. straight loss.

"You have to have no margin for error with Archer the way he was throwing tonight," manager A.J. Hinch said. "McHugh was matching him inning by inning and really had good stuff, good finish on his pitches."

Desmond Jennings got two hits for Tampa Bay and drove in the lone run with a single in the

"It's a duel," McHugh said. "Chris did well today. There's no getting around that. He threw the ball as well as you could throw it. It was a tough draw for sure."

It was Archer's third career shutout and second against the Astros, having also blanked them in 2013.

Archer (11-9) retired the final 15 batters, fanning five. Rasmus led off

the fifth with a groundball single and was the last runner for the AL West leaders.

"He was good," Rasmus said. "When he's on, he's tough. He was throwing everything for strikes the way he wanted it. Heater had some life on it. It just gained velocity as the game went on. Three good pitches with some

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J.R. Smith agrees to new contract with Cavs

CLEVELAND (AP) – J.R. Smith looked around and realized there was no place like Cleveland.

The free-wheeling and enigmatic shooter has agreed to re-sign with the Cavaliers, a person familiar with the decision told the Associated Press on Thursday night. Smith, who declined his \$6.8 million player option shortly after the season, considered other options before returning to Cleveland, said the person who spoke on condition of anonymity because the contract has not yet been signed. Smith came to the Cavs along with Iman Shumpert in a trade with the New York Knicks last season. Smith averaged 12.7 points in 46 regularseason games with Cleveland, and seemed to fit in nicely as well as bond with star LeBron James. During the playoffs, Smith was forced into a more prominent role

following injuries to Kevin Love and Kyrie Irving and averaged 12.8 points in 18 games, starting four. He was also suspended for two games for hitting Celtics forward Jae Crowder in the face.

Smith announced his return on his Instagram account.

"It's been a long ride this summer but I can say for sure, well worth the wait," Smith said. "When I opted out of my contract, I wanted to understand the landscape of the NBA and where I fit best. The Cavaliers had things they needed to do in order to piece together a championship caliber roster. I ended up deciding that instead of potentially securing a larger deal elsewhere, I wanted to rejoin an incredible organization in pursuit of the ultimate goal, an NBA championship."



Houston Astros' Collin McHugh delivers a pitch against the Tampa Bay Rays in the first inning of a baseball game Thursday, Aug. 20, 2015, in Houston.

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The Cavs are still hoping to sign forward Tristan Thompson, a restricted free agent.

day concussion list American Association AMARILLO THUNDERHEADS Released LHP Matt McCormick GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS Signed RHP Kevin Osaki. Released RHP Paul Mittura. GRAND PRAIRIE AIRHOGS Signed OF Justin Byrd. LAREDO LEMURS - Signed RHP Matt Sergey. WICHITA WINGNUTS Released INF Matt Padgett. Atlantic League LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Sold the contract of INF Ryan Gebhardt to Atlanta Can-Am League QUEBEC CAPITALES -Released INF Tanner Rust. SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Released OF Michael Martucci. Frontier League SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS Signed RHP Kagen Hopkins. BASKETBALL National Basketball Association MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES Signed F Tayshaun Prince. NEW ORLEANS PELICANS Signed G Bryce Dejean-Jones. TORONTO RAPTORS - Signed C Jonas Valanciunas to a four-year contract extens FOOTBALL National Football League NFL - Suspended New York Jets OL Oday Aboushi one game, for vio-lating the league's substance abuse policy. BUFFALO BILLS — Waived/injured TE Clay Burton. DALLAS COWBOYS - Waived WR Reggie Dunn, WR Deontay Greenber-ry, CB Brandon Smith and RB Lache eastrunk. signed WR Phil Bates, WR Edmond Gates and LB Dakorey John-

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OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN - Named Chelsie Flagg women's soccer goalkeeper coach, Steve Scott women's director of soccer recruiting and Aaror Brooks women's assistant soccer coach.

SIENA - Signed women's basket ball coach Ali Jaques to a contract extension through 2020.

TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY -Named Gary Hamilton and Stepher Scrivens men's volunteer assistant

soccer coaches. UAB - Named John Frost director of baseball operations.

WEST ALABAMA - Promoted Nick Woodruff to men's associate head basketball coach. Named Garrison Boyc men's graduate assistant basketbal coach.

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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:

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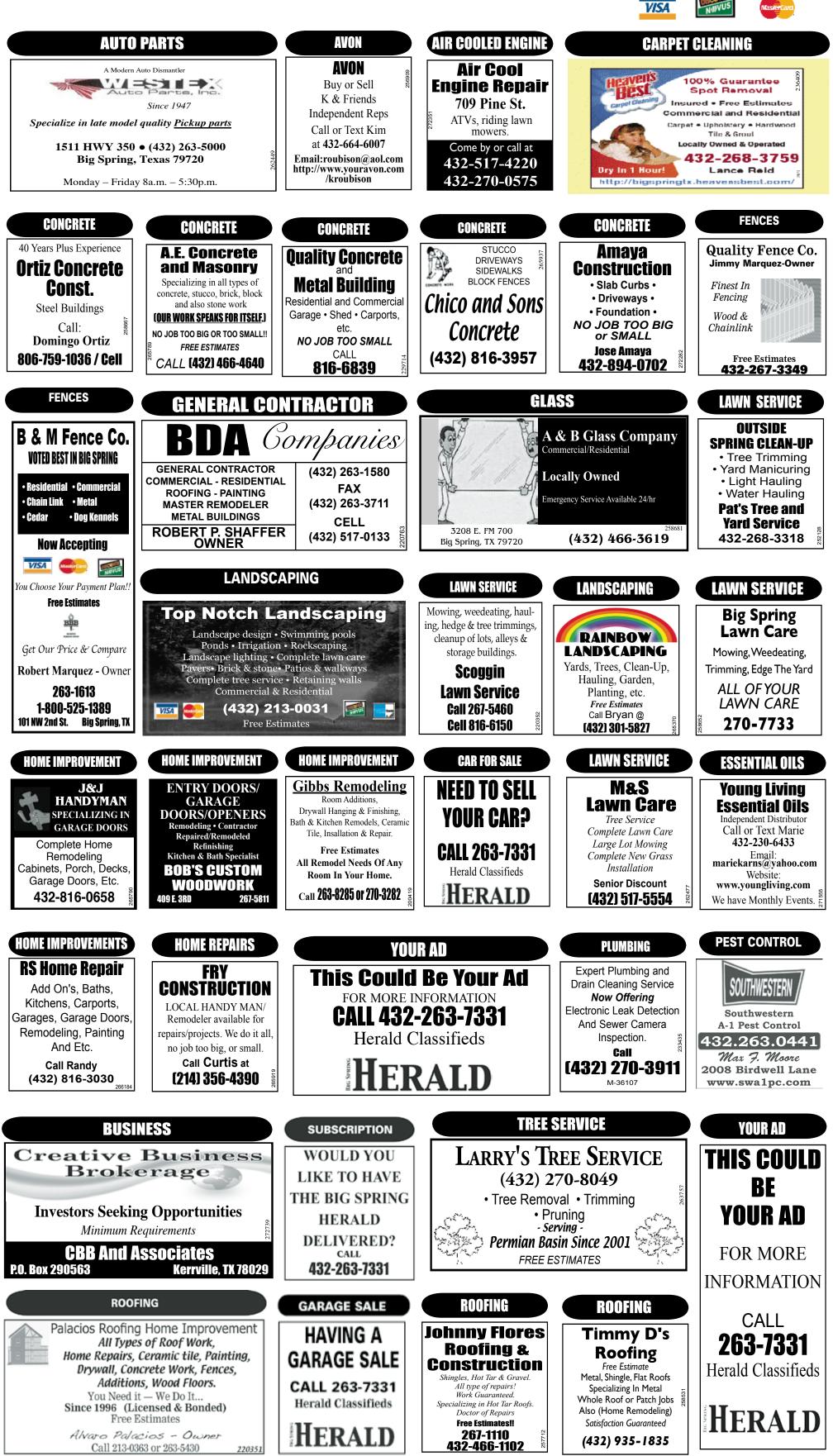
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Sun Square Saturn The square of the sun and Saturn will

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for months. True to the nature of the Leo sun, a big finish is in order. In this case, the "finish" has to do with a personal lesson. What's the ritual, gesture or occurrence that will disappear your issue in a puff of smoke? Make it happen.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Beyond good and evil, there is love. The decisions made from love can seem complicated -- not as cut and dried as the moral code written in books. The heart deciphers its own moral code.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You will follow your intellect to whatever conclusion it leads you instead of accepting the answer you are being fed by another. This is the way of great thinkers and truth seekers.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You know what you like, even before the logical arguments have been made. You're working from the gut today and will get more information in the blink of an eye than you would in

a lengthy dissertation. **CANCER** (June 22-July 22). No relationship is entirely wine and roses, but you'll experience more than your fair share of movie-worthy moments in the coming weeks -- so many that you may even dare to

you may even dare to plan some work and/or travel with a loved one now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Shakespeare penned, "We have some salt of our youth in us." It's that salt that has you reacting to someone as though you were much younger than you are. Or maybe you're just meeting that person at his or her level.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There have been times when it's been difficult to meld the new with the known people in your life, but right now new friends will fit nicely into the puzzle of your

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

personal life and will connect you to exciting options for love and work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The gatekeepers are just doing their job. If they could let everyone in, what would be the point of having a gate? Anyway, you're in the perfect place and will get inside at the ideal time when you are completely ready.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Keep going on your project, even if you can only spend 10 minutes on it here and there. Ten minutes here and there will add up to significant progress.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The general cries, "Forward!" and that's the direction the army marches. If it's not happening that way when you cry "forward," maybe you're not the general of this army. Find your army.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You could totally win the argument with that aggressive person you know, and yet winning would bring no satisfaction or purpose. Therefore, avoid. Your energy is best spent elsewhere.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Whatever you're in the market for, true shopping wisdom comes after you've left the sales floor for a while. It's hard to listen to your inside voice when someone else's outside voice is booming in your ear.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Of course you can't stop yourself from thinking a thought by focusing on not thinking it. Distraction, new focus, a different environment -- all of it will work to stop your worries today.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (Aug. 21). You'll invent and reinvent this year. One of your past creations will be used in a new way, and you'll make more money this time around. October business ventures introduce greater opportunities for romance and excitement. In November, you'll realize what a good job you did in choosing your inner circle. Pisces and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30,

44, 24, 32 and 19. WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: It

takes luck to meet your match. You'll step out and create circumstances for good fortune to favor you. TAURUS: You have many goals at once, some having to do with love, most not. That's what makes you interesting. GEMINI: Mutual friends have insights about your love or potential love -- so listen up. CANCER: How long could you stand this person on a desert island? That's the test for a longterm candidate. LEO: Striving to be worthy of another person's attention produces the opposite of attraction. VIRGO: Being able to go places comfortably by yourself makes you a better part of a duo when traveling with another. LIBRA: For you, it's not about who is hot and who's not. It's about a good fit. SCOR-PIO: It may feel like the relationship you value most is being sacrificed for something you care far less about. SAGIT-TARIUS: You want to be wanted. How do you feel about being needed?

You'll find out. CAPRI-CORN: You learn what you want in a relationship by getting it -- and also by getting what you don't want. AQUARIUS: The one who did you wrong made you grow, and for that you're thankful. PISCES: The details matter.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Sagittarius and Leo are fire-sign sweethearts who light up the room, ignite the party and set the club roof on fire. They are best with an audience. A crowd pushes them to be either bigger and bolder for theatrical effect, or at their best, most appropriate behavior to avoid arrest. However, when it's just the two of them, they can get restless and find things to disagree about for the fun of it.

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Dear Annie: I am a 29-year-old married woman with a 14-month-old son. My husband and I live one hour away from his father and stepmother, "Gladys," and two hours away from my parents. We all get along great.

When I decided to go back to work, both my mother and Gladys volunteered to watch my son two days apiece. I pay a neighbor to watch him the remaining day, especially since she has two kids of her own and I want my son to have some socialization. It's a perfect setup, and everyone is happy except for my husband's mother, who lives in another state. She is furious that I allow Gladys to watch my son, stating that she is "not related" and "not really his grandma" and that "she will never love him like a real grandma should."

My mother-in-law wants me to have the neighbor watch my son for the two days Gladys is now taking, and she even offered to pay my neighbor so it would not come out of my pocket.

Annie's Mailbox 💩

My husband has a close relationship with his mother and a polite one with Gladys. (His mother never allowed him to get close to his stepmother, even though she didn't come into the picture until years after the divorce.) He's on the fence about this arrangement. But, Annie, I love Gladys. She is a retired kindergarten teacher who is wonderful with my son.

My MIL is giving me a headache over this. I always thought we had a good relationship and her demands really blindsided me. Now she's angry that I have allowed Gladys to have a relationship with our son altogether. I haven't mentioned any of this to Gladys, but I'm sure she'd be heartbroken. She truly loves our son and he loves her. What should I do? -- Caught Between Two MILs **Dear Caught**:

Shame on your mother-in-law for being so jealous and bitter that she would interfere in your child-rearing decisions and prevent your son from having a loving relationship with Gladys. We hope your husband has the gumption to tell his mother that these are not her decisions to make, and that if she cannot accept your child's relationship with Gladys, she could benefit from counseling. Enough already.

Dear Annie: My 21-year-old daughter, like many of her peers, has spent a lot of time wishing she were thinner, taller, smarter, more attractive, etc. She is now in college, studying nursing. For one of her classes, she spent time looking at photos of birth defects. Afterward she called me to say, "From now on, I want to wake up every day being thankful that God made me just the way I am."

I do not believe defects are inflicted arbitrarily by a capricious God on an unlucky few, but I am glad that my "normal" daughter finally understands how fortunate she is to be just the way she is. -- Glad Dad

according to whatever standards are current, it is difficult for both men and women to feel satisfied with their appearance. We are glad your daughter found a way to accept herself as is. (And we'll skip wishing to be "smarter," which can often be achieved through education and experience, and which has nothing to do with physical appearance.)

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By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South, neither side vulnerable. The bidding has been: West North East South $1 \blacklozenge$ Dble $1 \blacklozenge$? What would you bid with each of the following four hands? $1. \blacklozenge A72 \blacklozenge J5 \diamondsuit K1062 \blacklozenge QJ92$ $2. \blacklozenge K873 \lor QJ952 \diamondsuit 9 \clubsuit A85$ $3. \blacklozenge QJ863 \circlearrowright 4 \diamondsuit A75 \diamondsuit Q832$ $4. \blacklozenge 97543 \And 6 \blacklozenge J52 \diamondsuit AJ64$ ***

1. Two Notrump. When partner doubles for takeout at his first turn to bid, he implies support for the unbid suits and at least the values for an opening bid. In replying to the double, you should attempt to show the degree of strength you have in much the same way as you would if he had opened the bidding. Of course, East's bid relieves you

Of course, East's bid relieves you of the obligation to respond, and with a poor hand you would pass. However, this 11-point hand might produce a game opposite a double, so a jump to two notrump (invitational) is in order. The absence of a heart stopper should not deter you from bidding notrump, as partner is virtually certain to have some heart strength for his double.

2. Double. Something is rotten in the state of Denmark. East is proba-

bly fooling around, and the best way to expose this is by doubling. If the bidding now takes a new turn, which is highly likely, you can next show your spades. Partner will thus learn that you have heart and spade length as well as the high-card strength necessary for such bidding.

3. Two spades. This hand offers a good chance for game opposite a typical takeout double, and you should let partner know this by jumping to two spades (invitational). Partner's double implies spade support, so the only question is how strong his hand is. If you evaluate your hand on a point-count basis, you have nine points in high cards and three more points for your singleton heart. Some players would jump directly to four spades, which is certainly a reasonable alternative.

4. One spade. You have ample strength for a voluntary response, so you should speak up right now. Though your spades are nothing to brag about, you have to make do with what you were dealt. Remember that you are leaning on an opening bid and implied spade support from partner. To pass at this point, in effect telling partner that you are perfectly happy to let the opponents play in one heart, is inconceivable.

Tomorrow: That old black magic. ©2015 King Features Syndicate Inc. sudoku

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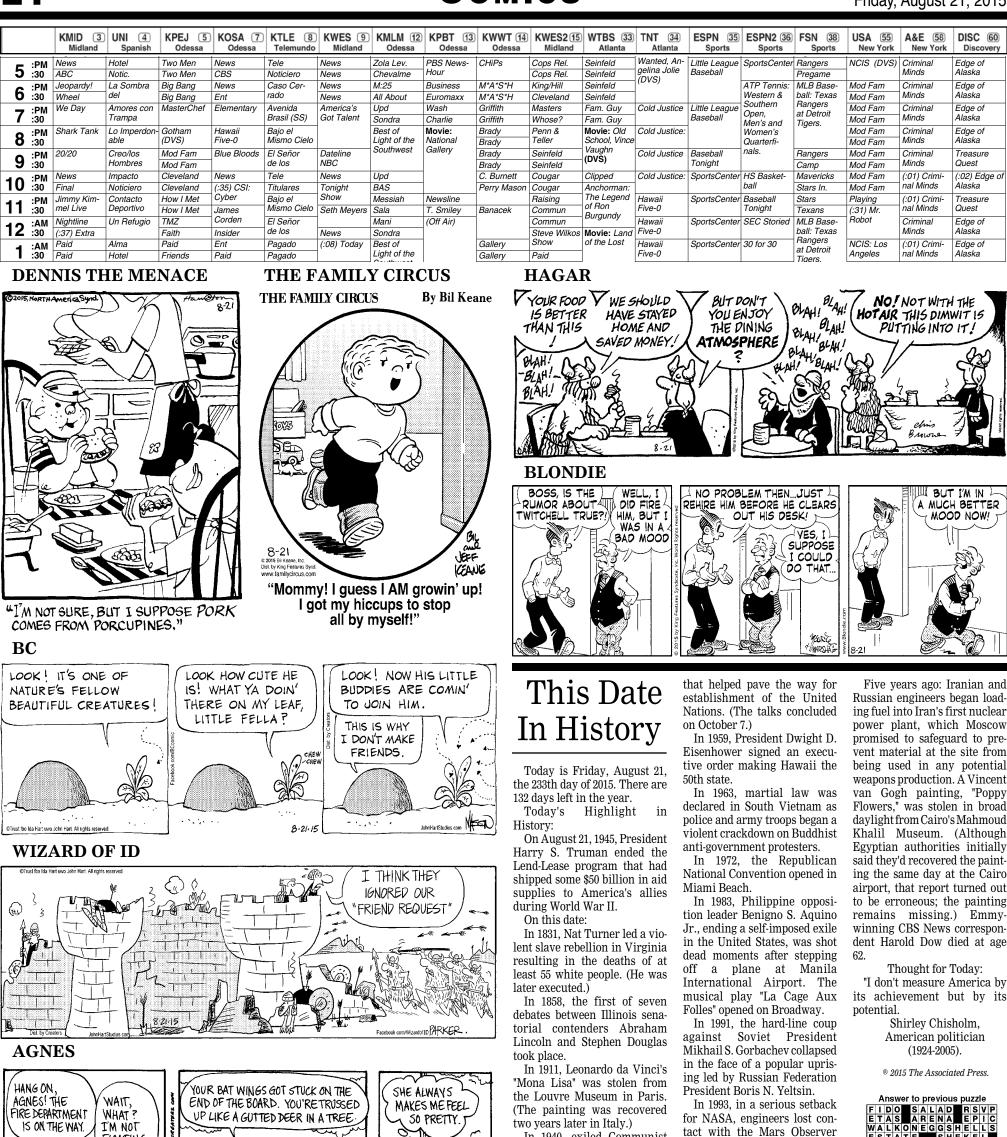


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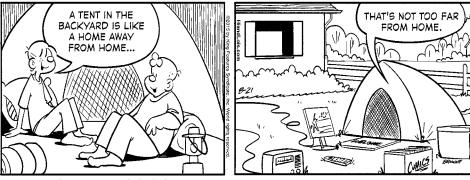




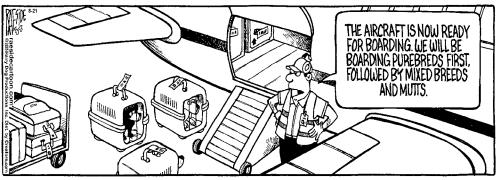
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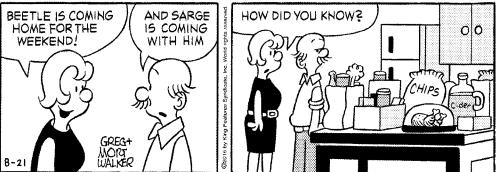
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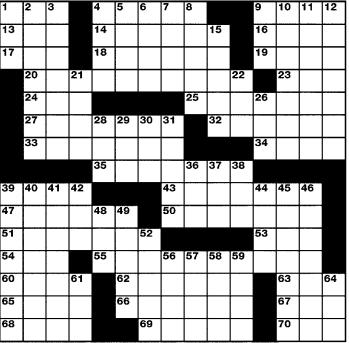
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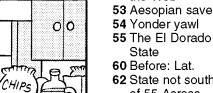
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Head of Rio's water utility sees 'problems' in Olympic bay

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — The head of Rio de Janeiro's water utility has acknowledged "problems" with the city's sewage-filled Guanabara Bay but insisted the Olympic city will eventually reach its goal of collecting and treating all the waste currently dumped into the waterway.

Speaking late Wednesday in an interview with The Associated Press, Jorge Briard, president of Rio's Cedae utility, added his voice to the chorus of officials saying it will be impossible to make good on the Olympic pledge of collecting 80 percent of sewage in communities that ring the bay before Olympic sailing events are held there next year.

However he insisted that Rio has been making progress in solving its sewerage woes and pledged that sewage collection and treatment around the bay would be "much better" by the games, less than one year away.

"Obviously, I'm not crazy enough to say that there aren't problems in the Guanabara Bay," he said. "There are many problems."

He added that the initiatives aimed at meeting Rio's Olympic targets had not taken place with the "speed we imagined six years ago," when Rio won its bid for the 2016 games.

A major cleanup of the city's blighted waterways was meant to be one of the games' most enduring legacies and was a key selling for the city's winning bid, and the failure to come anywhere near those promises has become a major

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) headache for authori-- The head of Rio de Jaeiro's water utility has of the Aug. 5-21, 2016, cknowledged "prob- event.

> International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach responded to a question at a news conference in Beijing on Friday about Rio's chances of fixing the problem by saying: "In principal, the IOC will follow the guidelines of the WHO."

> "This has been done in the past and will be done in the future, in order to have safe conditions for athletes at the games," Bach said.

> Briard downplayed a July 30 report by the AP showing alarmingly high levels of viruses and, in some cases, bacteria from human sewage in all of Rio's Olympic and Paralympic water venues, including the bay, the Rodrigo de Freitas Lake, where rowing and canoeing competitions are to take place, and Copacabana Beach, where the triathlon and marathon swimming events are to be staged.

> Based on five months of testing by a top Brazilian virologist, the report included an expert's risk assessment saying that with such high viral levels, it was an almost certain athletes who come into contact with even small amounts of the sewage-blighted waters would be infected by viruses. That doesn't automatically mean an athlete would fall ill — that depends on numerous factors, including their immune system.

Briard insisted the waterways were safe for athletes and said that the

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body like that when they're on us, it's tough to beat."

Archer walked Jose Altuve on four pitches to begin the first. Later, Altuve tried to advance on a pitch in the dirt and was thrown out. That was Archer's only walk.

"He was in complete control," Hinch said. "He's the real deal. He's got every pitch and he had it tonight. I don't know if that was his best because I'm not around him on a dayto-day basis. But it's the best we've seen and certainly he was in total command. His first four pitches were his worst four pitches After that, he was very dominant."

In his previous start, Archer allowed 11 hits and eight runs in 5 1-3 innings of a 12-4 loss to Texas.

This was the ninth start this year Archer hadn't allowed a run, which tops the AL.

Archer reached the 200-strikeout mark for the first time in his career when he fanned Altuve in the fourth. Archer ended the night with 205 — he joined Scott Kazmir, David Price and James Shields as the only pitchers in franchise history with 200 Ks in the a season.

McHugh escaped a bases-loaded jam in the third. Logan Forsythe the fourth and moved up on a wild pitch with two outs. The Rays took a 1-0 lead on the single to center field by Jennings.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rays: Reliever Jake McGee will have surgery on his left knee Friday and could miss the rest of the season. The Rays said McGee is expected to miss from six to eight weeks. The regular season ends on Oct. 4. McGee was injured on Tuesday night and an MRI on Thursday that revealed a meniscus tear in his knee.

Astros: George Springer (broken right wrist) could take batting practice early next week. There isn't a timetable for the return of the outfielder, who has been out since July 1.

UP NEXT

Rays: LHP Drew Smyly opposes Oakland's Chris Bassitt when the Rays open a three-game series with the Athletics. It will be Smyly's second start since returning from a more than three-month stint on the disabled list because of a torn labrum in his shoulder. He allowed seven hits and five runs in just four innings in his last start, a 5-3 loss to Texas.

Astros: Mike Fiers will face Los Angeles LHP Brett Anderson when the Astros open a threegame interleague series with the Dodgers. It will be the third start for Fiers since a trade from Milwaukee.







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Olympic sailing lanes in the bay are "completely protected from any problem" related to the flow of raw sewage into the many parts of the bay. Although the AP investigation found the Rodrigo de Freitas Lake to be among the most polluted for Olympic sites, Briard said he was "surprised" to hear of high levels of pollutants there.

Braird, a 51-year-old engineer who hails from the Paqueta Island deep within the Guanabara Bay and has worked at Cedae for more than 15 years, also expressed surprise when asked about illnesses resulting from the pathogens lurking in Rio's polluted waterways.

"We were never notified by the state health secretariat of any spike in public clinics of any water-borne illness," he said.

But the head of an association representing gastroenterolo-Rio's gists, Dr. Luiz Abrahao, told the AP that the city recently experienced "several spikes in cases of severe diarrhea, particularly of viral origin." The latest spikes here date to early this year and late last year, during the southern hemisphere summer, Abrahao said, adding that such cases are vastly underreported.

"The patients who end up seeking us out are those who have very persistent or extreme cases," he said. "Acute diarrhea is a common thing (in Rio), something that we experience in our day-to-day lives."

Briard said Cedae was working swiftly to universalize sewage collection and treatment here, insisting that the percentage of sewage treatment in the communities ringing the bay had risen from 11 percent in 2007 -when only three treatment plants were operational — to around 51 percent today, with six plants now working at various capacities. He said the doubling of capacity at the Alegria plant, which currently only operates at 50 percent capacity, and the entering into service of a so-called River Treatment Unit over the heavily contaminated Iraja River in the coming months would help boost treatment even higher.

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) Robert Griffin III repeatedly wound up on the turf until leaving with a concussion after being sacked three times and fumbling twice in the Washington Redskins' 21-17 exhibition victory over the Detroit Lions on Thursday night.

Griffin went 2 for 5 for 8 yards on four possessions for Washington (2-0). On his final play, early in the second quarter, he started to scramble but dropped the ball despite no contact. As the quarterback went to the ground to try to corral the loose ball, Lions defensive end Corey Wootton landed on Griffin.

Redskins coach Jay Gruden said Griffin had a concussion but that

the QB's right shoulder, which also was hurt, would be OK. Gruden said he had "no idea" how long Griffin will be sidelined with the head injury.

The coach added he "would imagine, depending how long" Griffin is out, "he's still going to be our starter."

For Detroit (1-1), Matthew Stafford looked good, going 6 of 8 for 78 yards and leading one scoring drive that ended with Matt Prater's 49-yard field goal. Dan Orlovsky made a strong case for earning the Lions' No. 2 QB job, going 13 for 17 for 118 yards and two TD throws as rain fell off and on. Observations from the

Lions: A week after gaining 67 yards on seven carries, including a 45-yard run, RB Ameer Abdullah only had two rushes for 7 yards.

RG3 leaves with concussion in Redskins' 21-17 win over Lions

Redskins: RB Matt Jones looked good for the second game in a row, gaining 44 yards on eight carries. Another rookie back, Trey Williams, ran for 52 yards on 10 carries.

QB COMPARISON

Lions: Coach Jim Caldwell said about Orlovsky: "Dan's obviously a guy who that has a real good understanding of systems. He does a good job in terms of leadership and he's effective. He's doing a good job. This is Game 2, so we've got a little ways to go yet." Kellen Moore, who hopes

to beat out Orlovsky as Stafford's backup, finished up and went 3 for 7 for 31 yards.

Redskins: Colt McCoy replaced Griffin and went 5 of 6 for 80 yards and one TD pass. Kirk Cousins was 8 for 12 for 91 yards and a score.

INJURY UPDATE

Lions: Caldwell said about injuries to DT Caraun Reid (ankle) and G Larry Warford (ankle): "Just got nicked up a little bit, so we'll see how serious it is in the next couple of days or so." Other injuries: TE Jordan Thompson (knee), LB Kevin Snyder (hand).

Redskins: LB Adam Hayward will be evaluated for a possible torn knee ligament. If Hayward is done for the season, he would join TE Niles Paul (broken ankle) as major losses for Washington's special teams.

SO CLOSE, YET SO FAR

As the first-half clock wound down, McCoy scrambled for 9 yards to the 1, then called timeout with 2 seconds left. But on the next play, McCoy tripped as he pulled away from center and fumbled. The Lions recovered.

WOW!

When Cousins completed an 18-yard pass to rookie receiver Tony Jones on third-and-14 in the fourth quarter, the exuberant stadium announcer celebrated the relatively meaningless play by yelling, "Wow, Cousins!"

ROOKIE WATCH

game:

Woods looks for more at Wyndham after best round in 2 years

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — The first day of the Wyndham Championship was full of bests. Tiger Woods had his best dav in two vears.

Tom Hoge, William McGirt and Erik Compton were even better.

Woods shot a 6-under 64 on Thursday in his first competitive round at Sedgefield Country Club while Hoge, Mc-Girt and Compton — a two-time heart transplant recipient — shot 62s to share the lead after one round.

Morgan Hoffman, Jim Herman and Derek Ernst followed at 63, and Martin Kaymer, Davis Love III and Carl Pettersson joined Woods at 64.

It was Woods' lowest score on the PGA Tour since a 61 in the second round of the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational in 2013.

He and the others took advantage of a lowscoring day at what he called a "tricky" Donald Ross-designed course that gave up bunches of birdies after morning showers softened the fairways and greens. "When it's like this." to throw darts and go low."

cord, the clear story of the day was Woods.

That low score couldn't have come at a better time for the biggest name in the sport.

ing a 54-foot chip shot on his first hole, the par-4 10th, for the first of his seven birdies.

"Finally," he said, "I got something out of my round."

Woods arrived insisting he was playing better than his recent results might indicate.

He had missed the cut in three straight majors and had not finished better than a tie for 17th at the Masters. He's at No. 187 on the FedEx Cup points list and probably needs a win to move into the top 125 and earn a playoff spot.

Yet he said after last week's early exit from the PGA Championship that those results belied the improvement he was making in his game.

"I know it's crazy to say, but I wasn't playing that poorly at PGA, Woods said. "Any borderline shot (at Whistling Straits) I never got away with it, and that's the way it goes. Woods said, "you've got I felt like I was hitting the ball good enough and just kept progressing, and today was just a continuation of it." Especially on that first Howard County

hole.

His shot from the left side of the green landed inside of 10 feet from the cup and rolled in.

"I went for the shot, and instead of playing something more conservative, the greens were hard and fast, and I wanted to play something long," Woods said. "I got aggressive with it, and I went for it, and I pulled it off. ... I could see it going in."

Hoge, playing in the day's final grouping, made a late charge up the leaderboard, closing his round by sinking a 5-foot birdie putt on the 18th.

Compton, who started on the back nine, finished with a 29 on the front nine with seven birdies in that span.

"Any time you can

break 30 in nine holes, you're obviously doing something really cool,' Compton said.

It's the latest positive for a 35-year-old who earned his tour card in 2012 — four years after his second heart transplant.

He's chasing his first victory, and so is Mc-Girt, who finished in a tie for eighth here last year. At No. 86 on the points list, McGirt is in virtually no danger of missing the playoffs.

Compton — who's closer to the cutoff at No. 114 - is just tryingnot to lose any ground.

Meanwhile, for the others closer to the postseason bubble, things are a little more stressful — especially for Billy Hurley III.

Hurley's first round

came two days after he attended the funeral of his father, who died last week of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The 33-year-old Hurley is at No. 131 on the points list and is only here this week because he's trying to secure his PGA Tour card for next year.

"It wasn't really a hard decision" to play, Hurley said, "but it's certainly hard to do."

He said he nearly felt overwhelmed on the putting green, "almost didn't know what I was doing in some ways" during his first handful of holes, then "scrambled my way around" the back nine.

By the end of his 69, Hurley said he "felt like almost a golfer again."



He set the tone by hol-

"It's a non-stop effort to raise the percentage of sewage treatment," he said.

And while Compton. McGirt and Hoge threatened the tournament re-

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