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Extended chase ends with wreck on US 87

Suspect hospitalized, faces charges

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

A Big Spring man faces felony charges after leading law

enforcement on a high-speed chase across a portion of Howard County before colliding with another vehicle and landing in the hospital.

Michael Shae Jackman, 30, is currently in an Odessa hospital with injuries sustained in the wreck, which occurred at the intersection of Highway 87 and Leatherwood Road Tuesday afternoon.

Once he recovers from his injuries, he is expected to be jailed on a felony revocation of probation warrant and a felony charge of evading police in a vehicle.

The chase began shortly after Jackman, driving a tan Cadillac Escalade in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80, was spotted by Big Spring Police Department narcotics officers at around 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, according to information released by BSPD.

"The officers recognized Jackman, knowing he had a felony warrant for his arrest out of Taylor County for

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A Cadillac SUV driven by Michael Jackman, who allegedly led law enforcement on an extuded chase Tuesday, is shown after it collided with a tractortrailer on U.S. Highway 87.

Sign of things to come



HERALD photo/Amanda Elston

Workers install a sign in front of the Porter's Grocery building at College Park Shopping Center. The new business is expected to open soon.

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Sales tax receipts continue to fall for Big Spring, other area towns

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Monthly sales tax revenue continues to fall for cities in Howard County as the Crossroads area and the Permian Basin region as a whole continue to feel the effects from the economic downturn in the oil and gas industry. "You have to look at these numbers

in perspective," said Terry Wegman, Big Spring Economic Development Corporation (EDC) executive director. than the 2011-2012 net revenue."

"We are down compared to last year, but we estimate to end closer to the 2013-2014 figures, which are still more Both the city of Big Spring and the EDC expect the trend to continue

through the next year and both taxing

entities have based their upcoming

The 8.25 cents of tax collected on every dollar of retail sales in the city of Big Spring are allocated in three ways - 6.25 cents are given to the state, 1.5 cents are put into the city of Big Spring's general revenue fund, and a half-cent is used to fund the EDC.

The following figures are sales tax collected in June 2016 and percentage of net gain or loss compared to June 2015. The monies were disbursed to taxing entities in August by the state:

- Abilene: \$3.9 million, -1.31 percent Ackerly, \$4,586.25, -18.08 percent
- Big Spring, \$739,945.75, -23.10 per-
- Coahoma, \$9,426.41, -33.42 percent
- Colorado City, \$60,776.68, -11.87 per-

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Students helping students

Holy Trinity youth group hosts clothing drive for their less

fortunate peers

By AMANDA ELSTON

Managing Editor

While some kids are looking forward to picking out the perfect back-to-school outfit for themselves, a handful of Howard County students have focused the past month on making sure those less fortunate are able to feel confident in their first-day duds as well. This Saturday, Holy Trinity Catholic Parish's kindergarten through 5th grade family life group is hosting a free clothing drive for those in need of new school clothes.

"I thought it would be something neat for us to do for our community," said Jennifer Patton, one of the group's leaders. "Children grow out of clothes so quickly, and most of the time, the clothes are still in great condition. This is a way we can help each other out by exchanging clothes."

The drive, which will take place from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday at Holy Trinity, is available to anyone in the community who is need of clothing. Shirts, pants, and dresses will be available ranging in sizes from children's size 5 to young adult sizes medium and large. This being the first year that the drive is held, Patton is hoping to help out anywhere from 25 to 50 kids.

But clothing isn't all that the life group has up their sleeves. "We also invited local barbers and cos-

metologists to participate by providing discount haircuts for \$10," said Patton. "Lone Star Barber Shop is setting up five chairs at our event. We will also be selling Krispy Kreme donuts and drinks at the event. Some of our youth will be painting fingernails for donations. The proceeds from drinks and donuts will be utilized to See DRIVE, Page 3



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Obituaries

Barbara Gaynor On August 11, 2016 Barbara Beene



Gaynor died in Lubbock, Texas.

Barbara was born in Hereford, Texas in 1927 to an old pioneer family that included Dr. George F. LeGrand, one of the earliest medical doctors in the Texas Panhandle. Her parents were Gladys and George LeGrand, Jr. In 1946 she married Dr. Bruce Beene, also of Hereford. That union gave them a daughter, Deborah and a son

Gordon.

In 1967 Dr. Beene passed away and eventually Barbara married again, this time to Dr. Irvin Gaynor of Plainview, Texas. Their marriage lasted 45 years until Dr. Gaynor's recent death.

Barbara is survived by the two children of her first marriage, Deborah Beene Hamby and husband Rick of Big Spring and Gordon Beene and his wife Julie of Lubbock. She also had two stepsons, Dr. Richard Gaynor and his wife Nancy of Indianapolis, Indiana; and Dr. Mitchell Gaynor formerly of New York City and now deceased. Barbara enjoyed 10 grandchildren: Jessica Hamby Miller and her husband Stan, Christopher Hamby and his wife Margie all of Big Spring; Dr. Rickey Hamby and his wife Caroline of Midland; Tiffani Beene Harvey and her husband Tandan, and Taylor Beene, all of Lubbock; Jason Faherty of Cedar Park; Emily Gaynor and Adam Gaynor of Indianapolis; and Eric Gaynor and David Gaynor of New York. From those mixes came 11 great grandchildren at last count.

A private memorial service is pending.

Paid obituary

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity: • RUEBEN JORDAN

LITTLETON, 25, of 2006 Emerald Isle in Leander, Texas, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **COREY LEWIS**, 30, of 11318 W. 60 CR was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• ERIC MICHAEL JONES, 35, of 210 Periwinkle Trail in Abilene was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

 TIFFANY RAY JUARDO, 23, of 1513 Kentucky Way was arrested on an outstanding warrant. • BRITTANY SHIANNE

FRITZ, 28, of 2502 Larry was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

 RICHARD GLEN **THURMAN**, 55, of 704 S. Bell St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

• TIMOTHY JOHN

RODRIGUEZ, 26, of 1606 S. Main was arrested on warrants for no driver's license, possession of drug paraphernalia, and on another

outstanding warrant. JOLISA LYNN GRACE, 26, of 204 S. Moss Lake Rd. was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance (3 to 28 grams).

• RENE SALAZAR-PEREZ, 30, of 610 Douglas St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• WHISKEY DALE READ, 19, of 610 S. Douglas St. was arrested on charges of speeding and no driver's license.

 PATRICIA ANN BACON, 44, of 100 Brown St. was arrested on a charge of theft of property (\$2,500 to \$30,000).

• TIMOTHY TOD BECK, 55, of 911 Boykin Rd. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

 VERONICA ROBLES WALLACE, 44, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. Apt. #710 was arrested on a charge of terroristic threat placing a person in fear of serious bodily injury.

 MICHAEL SHAE JACKMAN, 30, of 998 County Road AA in Plainview, Texas, was arrested on warrants for theft of service (\$100 to \$750), driving with an invalid license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and bail jumping/failure to appear; and on other outstanding warrants.

 DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1400 block of Runnels Street.

• BURGLARY OF A **VEHICLE** was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80.

1000 block of South Birdwell Lane.

 DOMESTIC **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 7000 block of South Service Road.

• THEFT was reported in the

Sheriff, Fire/EMS

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 81 inmates at the time of this report.

 RUEBEN JORDAN LITTLETON, 25, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• PATRICK AARON RAMIREZ JR., 24, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for

criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750).

• CORY WILLIAM LEWIS,

30, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. • ERIC MICHAEL JONES, 35,

was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• TIFFANY RAY JUARDO, 23, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft (\$1,500 to \$20,000).

• BRITTANY SHIANNE **FRITZ**, 28, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for failure to appear/delivery of marijuana (1/4 oz. to 5 lbs.).

• GUADALUPE RUBEN **GARCIA**, 45, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for driving while intoxicated.

 RICHARD GLEN **THURMAN,** 55, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft of property (\$100 to \$750).

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 JOLISA LYNN GRACE, 26, was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance (3 to 28 grams).

 RENE SALAZAR-PEREZ, 30, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

 WHISKEY DALE READ, 19, was booked by BSPD on warrants for speeding and no driver's license, and on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a

• PATRICIA ANN BACON, 44, was booked by HCSO on a charge of theft of property (\$2,500 to \$30,000).

• TIMOTHY TOD BECK, 55, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for issuing a bad check.

• VERONICA ROBLES **WALLACE**, 44, was booked by HCSO on a charge of terroristic threat placing a person in fear of serious bodily injury.

 MICHAEL SHAE JACKMAN, 30, was booked by HCSO on warrants for theft of service (\$100 to \$750), driving with an invalid license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear, and violation of promise to

Big Spring Fire Department/

EMS reported the following activity:

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1700 block of East FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1800 block of was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

 MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 600 block of Avondale. One person was

 MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1300 block of Tucson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain

reported in the 300 block of Veterans. One person was Medical Center.

reported in the 1000 block of Scurry.

North Highway 87. One person

transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Medical Center. • MEDICAL CALL was

transported to Scenic Mountain

• TRAUMA CALL was

Take note

• Big Spring ISD is now accepting free/reduced lunch applications on line. To apply, go to the Big Spring Independent School District website www.bsisd.esc.18.net and click on the quick link "Meal App Now."

Fill out the forms and then submit. You will be notified by mail or email of the status of your lunch application. If you do not have access to a computer, please bring all of your income information, TANF or SNAP

EDG number and come to the Food Service Department located at 708 Eleventh Place.

 Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

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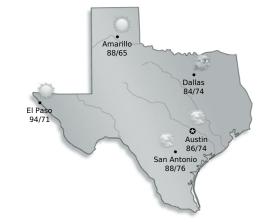
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Local 5-Day Forecast							
Fri 8/19	Sat 8/20	Sun 8/21	Mon 8/22	Tue 8/23			
	5		37	27			
89/71	86/68	84/67	80/69	86/70			
Mostly cloudy. A stray shower or t-storm is possible. High 89F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.	T-storms. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	T-storms. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	Scattered t- storms possible Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 70s.			
Sunrise: 7:12 AM	Sunrise: 7:13 AM	Sunrise: 7:14 AM	Sunrise: 7:14 AM	Sunrise: 7:15 AM			
Sunset: 8:25 PM	Sunset: 8:24 PM	Sunset: 8:23 PM	Sunset: 8:21 PM	Sunset: 8:20 PM			

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

Abilene	83	72 Cloudy	Kingsville	92	75 M Cloudy
Amarillo	88	65 Sunny	Livingston	85	73 Cloudy
Austin	86	74 Cloudy	Longview	82	73 Cloudy
Beaumont	86	76 Sct T-Storms	Lubbock	87	66 M Cloudy
Brownsville	94	78 M Cloudy	Lufkin	86	73 Cloudy
Brownwood	86	73 Cloudy	Midland	85	71 P Cloudy
Corpus Christi	91	79 M Cloudy	Raymondville	94	75 P Cloudy
Corsicana	85	74 Cloudy	Rosenberg	86	75 Cloudy
Dallas	84	74 Sct T-Storms	San Antonio	88	76 Cloudy
Del Rio	89	74 Sct T-Storms	San Marcos	87	74 Cloudy
El Paso	94	71 Sunny	Sulphur Springs	83	74 Cloudy
Fort Stockton	82	66 P Cloudy	Sweetwater	83	71 Sct T-Storms
Gainesville	82	71 Cloudy	Tyler	81	72 Cloudy
Greenville	83	72 Cloudy	Weatherford	83	73 Cloudy
Houston	89	77 Cloudy	Wichita Falls	90	73 Cloudy

National Cities

Atlanta	91 72 P Cloudy	Miami	87 79 M Cloudy
Boston	86 71 M Cloudy	Minneapolis	86 70 Sunny
Chicago	85 71 Cloudy	New York	84 74 Cloudy
Dallas	84 74 Sct T-Storms	Phoenix	105 84 P Cloudy
Denver	87 58 M Sunny	San Francisco	63 55 Cloudy
Houston	89 77 Cloudy	Seattle	87 63 Sunny
Los Angeles	82 62 Sunny	Saint Louis	91 71 P Cloudy
Moon Pha	ases		
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Very High	Very High	Very High	High	Very High	
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Support Groups

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

· Reformers Unanimous International is a faithbased 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.

· Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 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 the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-

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

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News in brief

Weary GOP hopeful Trump staff shake-up triggers new momentum

WASHINGTON (AP) — Weary Republican leaders are accepting Donald Trump's latest staff shake-up, hopeful that a new leadership team can reverse the New York businessman's struggles even as some worry it's too little too late.

The Republican National Committee has already conceded it may divert resources away from the presidential contest favor of vulnerable Senate and House candidates if Trump's standing does not improve in the coming weeks. RNC chief strategist Sean Spicer called Trump's staffing changes the "healthy growth of the campaign at a senior level at a key point."

Spicer also urged caution as Trump's new team contemplates whether the fiery populism and freewheeling style that won him the Republican nomination will give him a better shot at the White House than uniting his party and rallying moderate voters.

said. "They appreciate he's not a scripted politician, but there's a recognition that words do mat-

Trump on Wednesday announced a staff overhaul at his campaign's highest levels, the second shake-up in the past two months.

The Republican nominee tapped Stephen Bannon — a combative conservative media executive with no presidential campaign experience — to serve as CEO of his White House bid.

California wildfire brings destruction and uncertainty

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP) — A ferocious wildfire had swallowed up many homes as it spread across 40 square miles of mountain and desert east of Los Angeles. Exactly how many, however, and to whom they belonged, remained uncertain.

Firefighters were faced with the difficult task of tallying that damage while still battling the huge, unruly blaze.

spend another night wondering whether anything they owned was still intact.

They included Shawn Brady, who had been told by a neighbor that flames had raged down their street. But he was waiting for official word.

"What I've been told is that flames are currently ripping through my house," said Brady, a dockworker who lives on the outskirts of the evacuated town of Wrightwood with his mother, sister and a

Diplomat's defection poses major PR problem for Pyongyang TOKYO (AP) — The defection of a North Korean

senior diplomat in London poses a major problem for Pyongyang on a number of fronts — not least of which is how to publicly respond. As of Thursday, Pyongyang hadn't made a pub-

lic statement about the defection. But when — or if — it does, its response will likely be ferocious and accusatory. Seoul's Unification Ministry announced Wednes-

day that Thae Yong Ho, minister at the North Korean Embassy in London, has arrived in South Korea with his family and is under the protection of the South Korean government. Thae was the second-highest official in North Ko-

rea's embassy and is the most senior North Korean diplomat to defect to the South.

Seoul, which doesn't always divulge defections, was quick to seize on this one as evidence of growing dissent within the North's ruling elite.

Its Unification Ministry claimed Thae defected because of his disgust with the Kim Jong Un regime and worries about the future of his children. A spokesman for the ministry further said that the defection is a sign of weakening unity within the North's ruling class.

2 car bombs in eastern Turkey kill 6, wound close to 220

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Two car bombings targeted police stations in Turkey, killing at least six people and wounding at least 219 others, officials

A car bombing attack on a police station in the eastern province of Van late Wednesday killed a police officer and two civilians. At least 73 other people — 53 civilians and 20 police officers — were wounded, officials said.

Authorities blamed that attack on the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, which has launched a campaign of car bombings targeting police stations or roadside bomb attacks on police vehicles. Last week, PKK commander Cemil Bayik threatened increased attacks against police in Turkish cities.



Pictured are a few of the members that make up Holy Trinity's kindergarten through 5th grade family life group. (Back row) Amariah Patton, Josiah Patton, Nick Chavira, Sophie Deanda, (Front row) Brayden Bryant, Brynlee Bryant.

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provide other activities for our parish and community."

According to Patton, the group is fairly new and consists of both students and their parents. The goal of the group is to teach children how to help others and lift others up.

CHASE

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methamphetamine pos-

session, and known to

be armed and danger-

ous, at which time they

attempted to conduct a

traffic stop," the BSPD

thought we could kick off the fall," said Patton. "By showing the children how we can help each other in our community get ready for the school year."

Although new, the group of students and their parents is quickly growing. Made up of Enjolina Hawkes, Shamar Hawkes, Brady Jansen, Mallory Paul, Brooklynne Heffle, Reaghan

"This is one way we Heffle, Loralai Heffle, Juliette Heffle, Brayden Bryant, Brynlee Bryant, Amariah Patton, Josiah Patton, Nick Chavira, Sophie Deanda and their families, the group hopes to continue to provide activities for local families to participate in.

"One of our upcoming events will be a family movie afternoon which will be held in our new Family Center," said

Patton. "We are raising money to provide all refreshment at no cost during the movie."

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish is located at 1009 Hearn Street in Big Spring. For more information on the clothing drive or about the family group, call 432-714-4930.

Contact Managing Editor Amanda Elston at 432-263-7331, ext. 230.

were no other injuries reported in relation to the incident, officials said.

Upon Jackman's release from the hospital, authorities said he would be charged with his felony probation revocation warrant and felony evading police in a vehicle.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 432-263-7331, ext. 235, or email reporter@bigspringherald.com

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- Lamesa, \$138,340.34,
- -11.99 percent · Lubbock, \$6.3 mil-
- lion, .12 percent • Midland, \$4.7 mil-
- lion, -17.69 percent
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- Sterling City, \$13,677.25, -43.70 percent
- Sweetwater, \$316,705.55, -12.97 per-

Information was provided by the Texas Comptroller's office.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by emailing citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

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release stated. Jackman refused to stop, commencing a chase along parts of Interstate 20, Andrews

Highway, County Road

21, and Highway 87. Jackman initially traveled west on Old Highway 80 before turning eastbound on Interstate 20. From there, he exited onto the Andrews

Highway and headed

west before turning onto County Road 21.

"The officers continued to follow Mr. Jackman at a safe distance but keeping the vehicle in site until marked **Howard County Sheriff** deputies arrived to assist," the release stated. "At County Road, 21 Mr. Jackman continued northbound to Leatherwood Road before turning eastbound, at which time deputies assisted with the pursuit."

Deputies pursued Jackman east on Leatherwood until he reached Highway 87, where he ran a stop sign and collided with a tractortrailer heading south on 87. Jackman then exited the vehicle and fled on foot for a short distance before collapsing, officials said.

"Responding officers immediately began first aid on Jackman and called for Emergency Medical Services to respond for treatment," the news release stated. "An Air Evac helicopter was dispatched to the scene, where Jackman was flown to Odessa Medical for treatment. Department of Public Safety troopers responded to the scene and conducted the accident investigation."

As of Wednesday, Jackman was still hospitalized with undisclosed injuries. There

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Parent's Corner:

> Self-motivation, an essential factor to sucess

t appears to me that most folks

would like to succeed in life, and being successful is achieving in something. It really doesn't matter what you achieve in, but it is important that you achieve in something. However, one of the most important things for achieving success is self-motivation. Andrew Carnegie once said: People who are unable to motivate themselves must be content with mediocrity, no matter how impressive their other talents.

As we struggle to reach success in whatever it is that we are attempting, it is essential that we know how to motidiscouragements come our way. Those who are discouraged in difficult times are certain to lose even before the battle is



Our success depends almost en-

tirely on how well we can motivate ourselves. I have read that a self-motivated but otherwise average person will always outperform a genius who can't get going. Unlike many elements required for success — financing, connections, experience, or education — self-motivation lies entirely within our control. It doesn't matter who or where we are. We can always motivate ourselves to take action. Self-motivation is like a muscle;

the more we use it, the stronger it becomes. And like a muscle, it needs to be exercised in different ways so it becomes resilient and always ready to serve our goals. It appears that the stones for building self-motivation lie

First we must have a cause or a dream, and it should be something that we care about, which can act as a never ending source to continue to give us inspiration. But just having a dream is insufficient. Our dream must be big enough to inspire us. It must be realistic but challenging. It must stretch our ability beyond our comfort zone.

However, our cause and our dream must not end there. It must give us a burning desire to make it a reality, and when obstacles come our way, and we have the tendency to quit, our dream and our desire to make it come true will make the difference.

This is where we can see the difference between winners and losers. They both face the same difficulties, but the winner has the courage to continue. In difficult situations, we must focus on taking one more step forward, not on the end result, not on how many more obstacles are waiting for us. Just focus on taking the next step. Winston Church once said: Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.

As we continue to move forward, we must not allow any past failures to drag us down. We must keep in mind that today is a new day and we are starting anew. Staying motivated is a struggle; our drive is constantly assaulted by negative thoughts and anxiety about the future.

Everyone faces doubt and depression. What separates the highly successful is the ability to keep moving forward, and keep our motivation active, but this is difficult. We must strive to understand our thoughts and how they drive our emotions, and focus on our cause and our dreams.

We must learn how to nurture motivating thoughts, neutralize negative ones, and focus on what we are trying to achieve, and remember that challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.

Darrell Ryan is the Big Spring ISD Director of School Safety.

f Texas school districts meet academic standard

By WILL WEISSERT

Associated Press AUSTIN, Texas Nearly 94 percent of districts and around 84 percent of public schools in Texas met minimum education standards, officials

announced Monday, in the final incarnation of an academic rating system that next year will be replaced with letter grades between A and F.

The Texas Education Agency has tweaked accountability ratings to ensure few failing "improvement required" ratings, meaning that 90-plus percent of districts and around 85 percent schools have now met basic state requirements each of the last four years. That's

despite Education Commissioner Mike Morath suggesting only about a third of high school graduates in the country's second most-populous state are actually ready to succeed in college or an immediate career or vocation.

"It's just like children's nowadays, where everyone gets a trophy," Bill Hammond, a former state lawmaker

who now heads the Texas Association of lobbying Business group, said of Monday's ratings. "It doesn't tell anything public the because there's differentiation between the various schools."

Texas State Teachers Association spokesman Clay Robison countered that those schools districts flagged and failing to for meet state standards have traditionally been concentrated in poor areas and have disproportionate numbers of minority students, or those who speak foreign languages at home and require extra instruction to learn English. He said the problem will only get worse when the state starts handing out "Fs."

"They call differentiation. I call it stigma," Robison said. percent Nearly 65

of Texas' 5.2 million public school children are black or Hispanic, and almost 60 percent of students statewide come from impoverished households.

The ratings use student performance on a statewide exam regimen known as **STAAR** that this year was plagued by computer problems.

Monday, Also education agency announced that high school student performance on four of the five standardized STAAR tests needed to graduate improved or stayed the same last when compared year 2014-2015 with the academic year — even as passing standards got tougher. In 2013, Texas cut the number of such required exams from 15 to five amid widespread student and parent complaints about overtesting.

Biology exam passing rates slipped a percentage point to 91 percent in the 2015-2016 academic year, while remained Algebra I unchanged at percent, as did English I at 63 percent and English II at 66 percent. Ninety-four percent of students taking the U.S. history exam passed last school year, up three percentage points from

accountability The system also examines how well districts schools close and "achievement gaps"

2014-2015.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS **BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE**

The	Forsan Independent S	will hold a public		
meeting at	5:00 PM, August 29, 2016	in the Board Room, JH/HS I	Building, 411 W. 6th Street	
	Forsan, TX	The purpose of this m	eeting is to discuss the	
school district in the discussion	s budget that will determine thon is invited.	ne tax rate that will be adopte	d. Public participation	

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	\$_	1.04	/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$_	0.37858	_/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded 'ndebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	% increase	Or	% (cecrease)
Debt service	% increase	o'	% (decrease)
Tota expenditures	% increase	Or	% (cecrease)

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

	Prece	ding Tax Year	Curr	ent Tax Year
Tota appraised value* of all property	\$	773,858,415	\$	563,602,541
Tota appraised value* of new property**	S	3,694,702	\$	3,109,930
Tota taxable value*** of all property	\$	670,830,451	\$	453,544,499
Tota taxable value*** of new property**	\$	3,557,634	\$	2,705,868

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

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* S

* Outstanding principal.

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

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		tenance erations		Interest nking Fund*		<u>Total</u>		Revenue Student		Revenue Student
Last Year's Rate	5	1.04	\$	0.34928*	\$	1.38928	S	8,334	5	3,311
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue &										
Pay Debt Service	\$	1.04064	\$	0.5235*	\$	1 56414	\$	6,689	\$	4,169
Proposed Rate	\$	1.04	\$	0.37858*	\$	1.41858	\$	6,686	\$	4,168

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

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

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	Last	<u>Year</u>	<u>This</u>	<u>Year</u>	
Average Market Value of Residences	\$	97,520	\$	108,116	
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$	53,016	\$	62,000	
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$	1.38928	\$	1.41858	
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$	736.54	\$	879.52	
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes			\$	142.98	

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an				
election is	1.41858	This election will be automatically held if the district adopts		
a rate in excess	of the rollback rate of _	1 41858		

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:

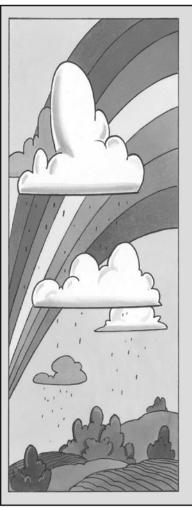
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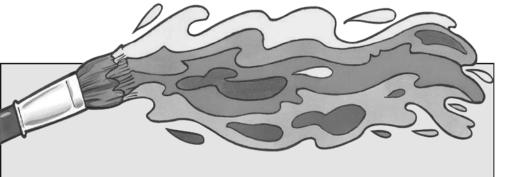
Name That Color

Each of the following is a color on the rainbow. Fill in the blanks to name that color.

- 1) G _ E _ _
- 2) __LU__ 3) YE__O_
- 4) O __ A __ G __
- 5) __IO__E__
- __E_

Answers: 1) Green, 2) Blue, 3) Yellow, 4) Orange, 5) Violet,





Fact or Fiction?

Color Combo Challenge

As Easter gets closer, kids everywhere will be coloring eggs. While some will turn to egg coloring kits, others will use food coloring. Whatever method you use, you may want to know something about color mixing, especially if you plan to decorate your eggs with paint. Here are some questions about color combinations. How many can you answer correctly?

- 1) Red and purple make orange. Fact or Fiction?
- 2) Blue and red make purple. Fact or Fiction?
- 3) Black and red make pink. Fact or Fiction?
- 4) Blue and yellow make green. Fact or Fiction?
- 5) Green and white make gray. Fact or Fiction?
- 6) Red and green make brown. Fact or Fiction?
- 7) Green and black make dark green. Fact or Fiction? 8) Purple and black make lavender. Fact or Fiction?
- 9) Red and brown make maroon. Fact or Fiction?

10) Brown and white make tan. Fact or Fiction?

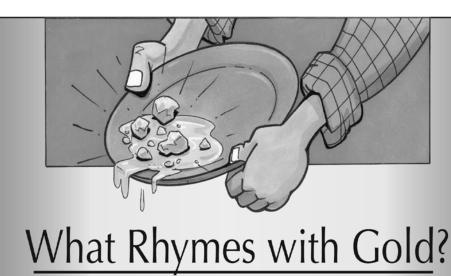


Out of Reach

Rainbows are often depicted with a pot of gold at the end. If you have ever tried to follow a rainbow in the sky, however, you know that it is impossible to find the end. That's because rainbows are simply reflections of the sun's rays in raindrops.

The ends of a rainbow may look like they are on earth, but they're really not. This may be one of the reasons leprechauns are known to hide their gold at the end of a rainbow.

According to an Irish legend, any leprechaun caught by a human must tell where they have hidden their pot of gold. As long as they have put their gold at the end of a rainbow, which humans cannot find, their gold will be safe!



List 10 words that rhyme with "gold."

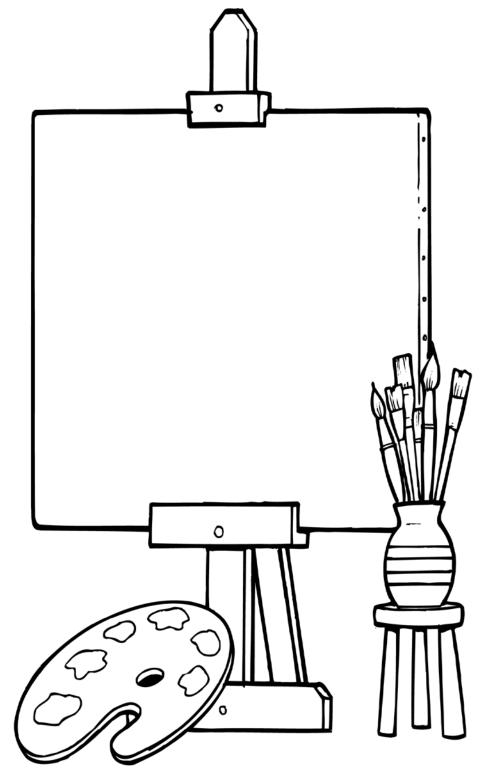
2. _____ 3. ____ 4. ____

5. _____ 7. ____

9. ______10. ____

Some answers: bold, cold, fold, hold, holed, mold, old, polled, rolled, scold, sold, fold

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Lochte's swim teammates to meet with authorities on robbery

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Three Olympic swimmers planned to meet with Brazilian law enforcement Thursday to discuss a reported robbery targeting 12-time medalist Ryan Lochte and his teammates, a U.S. Olympic Committee official said.

USOC spokesperson Patrick Sandusky said Jack Conger and Gunnar Bentz were released by local authorities after being pulled from a flight at the Rio de Janeiro airport, with the understanding that discussions would continue amid uncertainty over what truly took place during a late outing the night Olympic swimming wrapped up at the Rio Games.

Fellow teammate Jimmy Feigen also plans to talk to officials, Sandusky said, as he navigates a judge's order that keeps him in Brazil. The order similarly called for Lochte's passport to be seized, but the star swimmer had already returned to the United States before authorities could enforce the decision.

A lawyer for Conger and Bentz said Thursday that they won't be allowed to leave Brazil until they provide testimony to investigators. The swimmers didn't speak to reporters as they left the airport, shuttled away by a black car waiting outside. They departed for an unspecified location in Brazil and had yet to testify, said attorney Sergio Riera.

Representatives from the U.S. consulate arrived at the airport shortly after the swimmers were stopped from leaving the country.

The action comes amid increasing tension between Brazilian authorities and the American swimmers over the ever-changing account of the robbery. Police say they have found little evidence so far to support the claims, and that the swimmers were unable to provide key details in interviews.

The office of Judge Keyla Blanc, who ordered the passports seized, said that there were discrepancies in the statements by the swimmers.

Lochte has said he was with Conger, Bentz and Jimmy Feigen when they were robbed at gunpoint in a taxi by men with a police badge as they returned to the athletes village from a party, several hours after the final Olympic swimming events.

NBC reported Wednesday night that Lochte backed off some of his earlier claims about the robbery. He now says the taxi wasn't pulled over by men with a badge, but that they were robbed after stopping at a gas station, NBC reported. Lochte also said the assailant pointed a gun at him rather than putting it to his head.

The U.S. Olympic Committee said police went to the athletes village to try to collect the passports, but the swim team had already moved out.

Lochte's father told The Associated Press by phone from his Florida home that his son called him Tuesday after arriving in the United States. The 32-year-old swimmer was going to pick up his car and buy a new wallet to replace the one that he said was

"I'm just happy he's safe," Steve Lochte said. "It was an unfortunate experience for him and the other three. I don't know what all the controversy is. They were basically taken out of the taxi and robbed. The main thing is he's very lucky that he's safe and that all they got was his cash and wallet."

While he's medaled often in the Olympic pool, Lochte's accomplishments have long been overshadowed by teammate Michael Phelps — the most decorated Olympian in history. He won a gold in Rio in a relay race alongside Phelps.

The group did not call police, au-



AP Photo/Mauro Pimentel

Accompanied by Brazilian lawyer Sergio Viegas, second from right, American Olympic swimmers Gunnar Bentz, center, and Jack Conger, right, leave the police station at Rio International airport early Thursday Aug. 18, 2016. The two were taken off their flight from Brazil to the U.S. on Wednesday by local authorities amid an investigation into a reported robbery targeting Ryan Lochte and his teammates. According to their lawyer they will not be allowed to leave Brazil until they provide testimony about the robbery. Man at left is unidentified.

thorities said, and officers began investigating once they saw media reports in which Lochte's mother spoke about the robbery.

A police official with knowledge of the investigation told the AP that police cannot find their taxi driver or witnesses from the robbery. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing.

Police interviewed Lochte and one other swimmer, who said they had been intoxicated and could not remember what type and color of taxi they rode in or where the robbery happened, the police official said. The swimmers also could not say what

time the events occurred.

Lochte's attorney, Jeff Ostrow, has said there is no question the robbery

"Why would anybody fabricate anything?" Steve Lochte said. "It's just ridiculous."

Lochtetold USA Today that he and his teammates didn't initially tell the U.S. Olympic officials about the robbery because "we were afraid we'd get in trouble."

Steve Bentz, father of Gunnar Bentz, when reached by phone late Wednesday night, said: "I really don't want to say anything," and hung up.

Scrimmage schedule

Thursday

Ozona at Coahoma, 5 p.m. Forsan at Colorado City, 7:30 p.m.

Friday

Big Spring at Lubbock Estacado, 11 a.m.

Astros shut down by Martinez in 8-2 loss to **Cardinals**

HOUSTON(AP) - It's allgoing wrong at once for the Houston Astros.

Cardinals starter Carlos Martinez took a no-hitter into the sixth inning, Astros right-hander Doug Fister had another tough start and St. Louis beat Houston 8-2 on Wednesday.

"We've got to play better if we expect to make a push here," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said. "The big numbers we've given up are obviously not helpful. On the offensive side, the more that we swing outside of the strike zone to try to do too much, we see some rough things. It's a tough league, tough schedule, and if we want to make a point of this season being a little more memorable, we need to be better.'

Fister (11-8) gave up four runs, seven hits and a walk while striking three in four Fister has allowed four or

more runs five times in his past 10 starts.

"It was a disappointing day," Fister said. "Any loss is a tough loss to swallow. I felt good today. I felt strong, I felt in control, but they put a few good swings on balls, and the ball bounced their way today."

Cowboys' D marked by youth, unproven vets

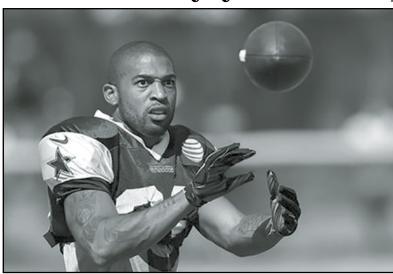
OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — The Dallas defense figures to start the season with a cornerback as its career sacks leader, which explains why Rod Marinelli recently was asked if he can remember coaching so many inexperienced or unproven players.

And when someone suggested that he would prefer a batch of Pro Bowl pass rushers instead, the Cowboys defensive coordinator skipped the obvious one-word answer and said, "That we develop."

Owner Jerry Jones and son Stephen, the executive vice president of personnel, are counting on that mentality with Dallas missing three suspended starters to open the season. It's possible that two of them — linebacker Rolando McClain and rush end Randy Gregory — will miss the entire season dealing with their issues.

Add to that a mediocre 2015 when the Cowboys were last in the NFL in takeaways and turnover margin, and the questions were plentiful at training camp. The Cowboys broke camp Wednesday and play their preseason home opener Friday night against

"Those things hurt," Marinelli said of McClain's 10game suspension and the four-game ban for Gregory



AP Photo/Gus Ruelas

In this Aug. 2, 2016, file photo, Dallas Cowboys cornerback Orlando Scandrick makes a reception during practice at the NFL football team's training camp in Oxnard, Calif.

and fellow end DeMarcus Lawrence — all on violations of the NFL's substance-abuse

"But disarray sounds like everybody's going different directions. Nobody knows what they're doing. I think of a bunch of men who want to play like a unit. If we just play together as a defense, we did that a couple of years ago, and this has got a little more talent actually right now than we did."

Marinelli spoke of 2014, when Dallas was among the league leaders by forcing 31 turnovers on a 12-4 team that won the NFC East and a playoff game.

But when quarterback Tony Romo and receiver Dez Bryant missed significant time with injuries last season, the defense couldn't make up the difference with game-changing plays as the Cowboys tumbled to 4-12.

The Cowboys tried the approach of a proven pass rusher in free agency last year, signing Greg Hardy despite the stain of a domestic violence case and a looming suspension that originally was 10 games but reduced to four. Hardy's production sagged

along with the team's fortunes late in the season.

So now, cornerback Orlando Scandrick enters the season with the most sacks (9 1/2, same as the missing Mc-Clain). And the biggest pickup in free agency was Benson Mayowa from Oakland on an offer sheet. He has two sacks

in three seasons. "This is why we have 100 guys out here at camp because you have to find the next person to fill in to those shoes," cornerback Brandon Carr said. "And also it's up to us veteran guys as leaders out there on the defense to kind of set the tone, to hold

everybody accountable." Marinelli prefers an eightplayer rotation in his line, and he has plenty of unheralded choices at the moment. Cedric Thornton out of Philadelphia is a free agent addition in the interior line, along with rookie third-round pick Maliek Collins from Nebras-

The other edge rushers are a mix of returning players (Lawrence when he gets back, David Irving, Ryan Russell), newcomers (rookie fourth-rounder Charles Tapper, Mike McAdoo) and a pair who can play inside and outside (Jack Crawford, Tyrone Crawford).

Rangers win 6-2 as Darvish ends long losing streak vs. A's

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)

- Yu Darvish had a demonstrative show of emotion, pumping his fist and letting out a shout after ending the seventh inning with another strikeout and two runners on

A day after his 30th birthday, the Texas Rangers righthander finally ended his long personal losing streak to the AL West-rival Oakland Athletics — a team that until Wednesday night he had beaten only in his first start against them more than four

years ago in his eighth major

league game.

Darvish struck out nine and walked only one as the Rangers won 6-2. He was 0-8 in his previous 10 starts against the only MLB opponent with more than three wins against

"It's a different lineup. But like me, I change, too," Darvish said through his inter-

preter. "I feel just fortunate that I got a win." All-Star center fielder Ian Desmond and recently acquired Jonathan Lucroy each

had three RBIs as the AL-best

Rangers completed a three-

game series sweep.

Darvish (4-3) bounced off the mound after striking out Coco Crisp to end the seventh.

"He's a very tough out. He doesn't strike out. He battles," Darvish said. "Mentally, I wanted on top of it and make sure I could strike him

Crisp struck out three times after homering on the second pitch of the game. Jake Smolinski went deep leading off the fifth for the only other

Oakland run.

for the night was special," manager Jeff Banister said. "To have Darvish utilize the slider ... the front to back, up to down with the fastball, and he was able to regulate the velocity of the fastball tonight from 91 to 97." Darvish came back for the

eighth, but was pulled after Valencia's leadoff Danny double. "We want him to be healthy,

because anytime he's healthy, we know what he can do," said Rangers shortstop Elvis Andrus, who had three hits "The whole body of work and scored twice.

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

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

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Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512)463-6792).

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THE STATE OF TEXAS:

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N.L. PIKE, J.W. PIKE, AND

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TO: Defendant J.F. Pike, his unknown heirs and assigns; Heir of J.F. Pike, Defendant N.L. Pike, and her unknown heirs and assigns; Heir of J.F. Pike, and his unknown heirs and assigns; and all persons claiming any title or interest in the land described in Plaintiff's First Amended Original Petition, under deed heretofore given to the above grantees.

Defendant- GREETING

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to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday, September 19, 2016 before the Honorable 118th District Court of Glasscock County, at the Courthouse in said County in Garden City, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 26 day of June 2015 in the above entitled cause

nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: The nature of the suit is a suit for declaratory judgment of adverse possession and to quiet title to real property located in Glasscock County, Texas described as follows: Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10) and Eleven (11), of Block Twenty Six (26), Oriainal Town of Garden City, Glasscock County, Texas, according to the proper map or plat of record in the office of the County Clerk of Glass-

A brief statement of the

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cock County, Texas. Defendants are the heirs of J.F. Pike, W.E. Chaney, and Stephen Calverly, and their assigns, specifically, N.L. Pike, J.W. Pike and S.N. Pike, as well as Heirs of W.E. Chaney and Heirs of Stephen Calverley and other unknown claimants to the Property described in said amended petition as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Garden City, Texas this 4 day of August 2016.

Attorney for Plaintiff or Plaintiff: McGlinchey Stafford, PLLC Britton Larison 2711 N. Haskell Ave, Suite 2750, LP 38 Dallas, TX 75204

Clerk of the Court: Rebecca Batla **PO BOX 190** Glasscock County, Texas By: Adriana Ramirez, Deputy

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HOLIDAY MATHIS

Full Moon in Aquarius

The full moon in Aquarius reflects the generous heart space of the Leo sun, bringing up questions along the way. If you've given your whole self to another, do you still need to filter what you say to this person? Should you do what comes naturally (authenticity) or should you center all priorities on your one and only (selflessness)?

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Sometimes you think things through, and other times it seems like the thoughts are thinking through you. A series of rapid-fire thoughts will lead to a profound revelation that changes everything.

TAURUS (April **20-May 20).** The people from your past are important to you, even if they don't have a lot to do with where you're headed. You'll make efforts to keep in touch, not because you should, but because these contacts are part of who you are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The task at hand is an awkward one. So, you're not the best at this. You don't have to be the best; all you have to be is (SET ITAL) your (END ITAL) best. You'll hit the

Tomorrow pillow tonight knowing that you used this day to its full potential.

CANCER (June **22-July 22).** You'll act on the best idea that occurs to you in the moment. If you want better ideas to occur to you, don't worry; they will. It's a natural function of exposing yourself to such moments repeatedly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Cheerlead and coach yourself. Tell yourself that you're a champion, a hero, you got this. There's no time to agonize over the situation, or even time to try and get it right. Just get it done.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Someone has wronged you in the past. If only it were enough that this person has apologized and wants your forgiveness. It still seems a little

too easy, doesn't it? There's more that will occur before you'll be ready to let this one go.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Not everything in the relationship will add up neatly. It's a bit confusing, but so what? It's a wonderland! You're not supposed to understand those. If you did, there would be nothing to

wonder at.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You can't do A without tending to B, which relies on A being solidly in place. Your best bet is to recognize that this conundrum could go on forever unless you break out and find about 10 other

options to try on. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Life leads you to do such funny, contradictory things, and then you'll laugh as though you

were merely a witness to this. Of course. you have to deal with consequences that a witness wouldn't have to worry about. **CAPRICORN**

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

The situation has the potential to leave you in a state not unlike that of a disgruntled teen, sighing and full of argument. Don't let it happen. The adult answers are the only ones that will work.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Objectively, you feel the situation won't bring out your best and the crowd won't be a good fit for you -- and yet, inexplicably, you want to be included. The reasons are primal and hard to argue with.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Follow your curiosity and ask the meaningful questions. When you know a little about a person's past, this person's present status will delight you all the more.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (Aug. 18). You'll flex a new part of your personality this year, daring to disagree with the authorities in your life and opting for different modes of self-expression. You don't need permission to shine, but you'll get it anyway in November. February puts a new venture on the front burner. March will focus on a special relationship. Cancer and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 10, 43, 20 and 11.

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Well, now this "rehearsal dinner" is about 70 folks, including numerous "close relatives" on the bride's side. We are told that these people are to be included, that there is no room for negotiation and that it shouldn't be an issue because Jill's parents are paying for the wedding. I feel as if Jill has hijacked the so-called rehearsal dinner for a pre-wedding family dinner that is basically out of our control. Is this what weddings have come down to these days? How should my wife and I handle this? Budgeting Father of the

Dear Budgeting: A) Pick a more affordable venue and/or dining op-

tion. Buffets are great for this situation, as they're not billed per person. Or B) ask Jill's family members to chip in. If they're truly that married to the idea of having so many relatives included, they

ought to be willing to help. Dear Annie: Being

the dutiful husband that I am, I drive my non-driving wife to work every day, and I pick her up after work. At her request, I also have been giving a lift home in the evenings to one of her co-workers. It's not far out of our way. and the fellow is pleasant and likable -- well, with the exception that he

> It seems to me this man seldom bathes or changes his clothes. I drive with the windows open in the dead of winter, and in the summer, the odor is even more horrific. My wife acknowledges this issue but doesn't want to confront him or address it. I have no problem talking to this guy diplomatically and letting him know what's going on, but my wife has strongly asked me not to. So I suffer in silence.

smells like a farm animal

and is totally oblivious to

that fact.

How do I get out of this pickle without upsetting my wife or causing anyone any further embarrassment? -- Need Oxygen

Dear Oxygen: It's time to put this animal out to pasture. Your wife isn't considering the matter from your nose's perspective. It's nice enough you give them both rides; you shouldn't have to hold your breath the whole way. Tell your wife that either she needs to come up with a polite excuse for why you can't give this man rides anymore or vou're going to have

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frank discussion with him about personal hygiene. If she doesn't like it, they can both catch a lift on

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helpful to your nonsmoking reader, titled "Are You Concerned About Someone Who Smokes

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East South West North 4 Pass Pass 1 • ٠ Pass Pass 4 🏚 Pass Pass Opening lead — king of spades. This deal occurred in a team-of-

four championship. At both tables South wound up in five hearts, and at

both tables West led the king of spades. But at one table the contract was made, while at the other it went At the first table, West's king of spades held the first trick, and West then shifted to the jack of clubs.

Declarer won with dummy's ace, dis-

carding a spade, and returned a trump to the king and ace. There was nothing the defenders could now do to defeat the contract, and South easily took the rest of the tricks.

At the second table, East-West came up with a far better defense. Here, East alertly overtook the kingof-spades lead with the ace and shifted to his singleton diamond.

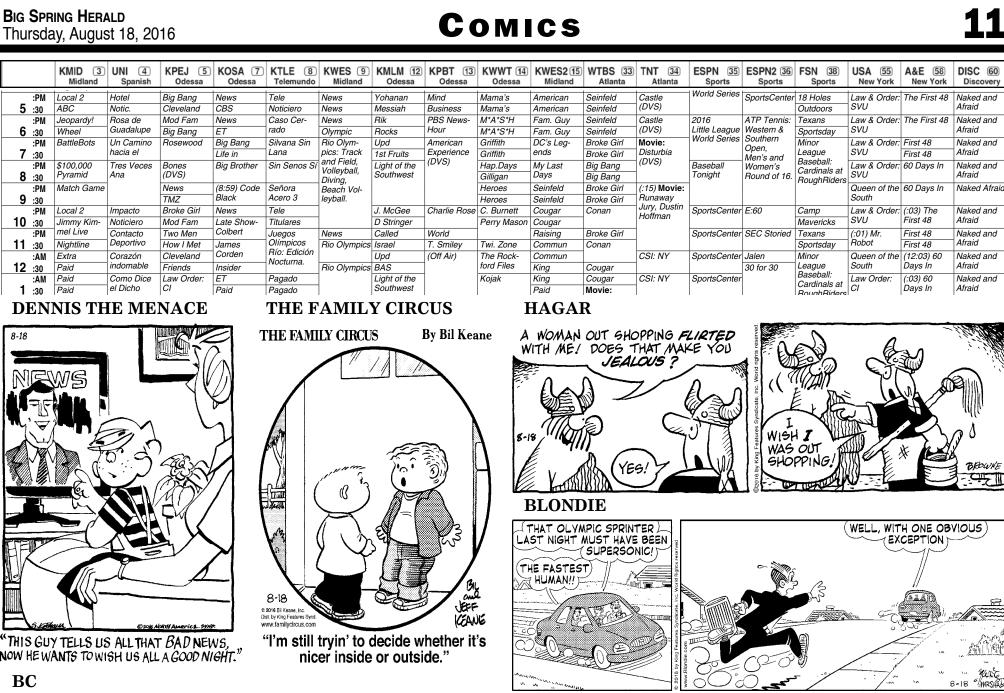
South could not recover from this blow. He won the diamond in dummy and led a low trump to the king. After taking the ace, West returned a diamond for East to ruff, and the contract went down one.

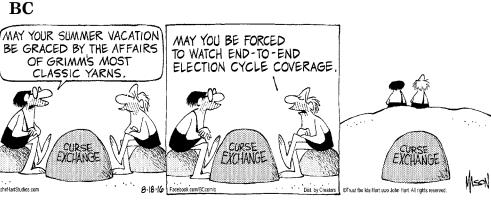
Not a difficult defense, you may say, but the fact is that most players in East's shoes could not bring themselves to play the ace of spades on their partner's king at trick one. The thought might not even occur to them, which is one of the reasons why good defense is generally regarded as the hardest part of the

Of course, West could have shifted

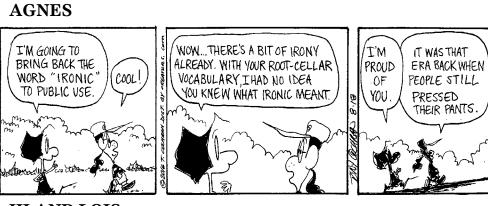
to a diamond at trick two at the first table and then led a second diamond later to defeat the contract. Nevertheless, East must bear the main responsibility for West's failure to find this defense. He should not have allowed West the opportunity to go wrong.

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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Aug. 18, the 231st day of 2016. There are 135 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 18, 1846, during the Mexican-American War, U.S. forces led by Gen. Stephen W. Kearny occupied Santa Fe in present-day New Mexico. On this date:

In 1587, Virginia Dare

became the first child of English parents to be born in present-day America, on what is now Roanoke Island in North Carolina. (However, Roanoke colony ended up mysteriously disappearing.) In 1838, the first marine expe-

dition sponsored by the U.S. government set sail from Hampton Roads, Virginia; the crews traveled the southern Pacific Ocean, gathering scientific information.

In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson issued his Proclamation of Neutrality, aimed at keeping the United States out of World

In 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, guaranteeing all American women's right to vote, was ratified as Tennessee became the 36th state to approve it.

In 1938, President Franklin

D. Roosevelt and Canadian Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King dedicated the Thousand Islands Bridge connecting the United States and Canada. In 1954, during

Eisenhower administration, Assistant Secretary of Labor James Ernest Wilkins became the first black official to attend a meeting of the president's Cabinet as he sat in for Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell. In 1958, the novel "Lolita" by

Putnam's Sons, almost three vears after it was originally published in Paris. In 1963, James Meredith became the first black student

Vladimir Nabokov was first

published in New York by G.P.

to graduate from the University of Mississippi. In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair in Bethel, New York, wound to a close after

ing set by Jimi Hendrix. In 1976, two U.S. Army officers were killed in Korea's demilitarized zone as a group of North Korean soldiers wielding axes and metal pikes attacked U.S. and South Korean

three nights with a mid-morn-

soldiers. In 1983, Hurricane Alicia slammed into the Texas coast, leaving 21 dead and causing more than a billion dollars' worth of damage. The Kansas City Royals defeated the New

pletion of the "pine-tar" game in just 12 minutes.

In 1988, Vice President George H.W. Bush accepted the presidential nomination of his party at the Republican National Convention in New Orleans.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush criticized a federal court ruling the day before that his warrantless wiretapping program was unconstitutional, declaring that opponents did not understand "the nature of the world in which we live." Financially struggling Ford Motor Co. said it would temporarily halt production at ten assembly plants.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama and European leaders demanded that Syrian President Bashar Assad resign, saying his brutal suppression of his people made him unfit to

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What's happening in our schools

A new school year begins Monday for area public schools. Let's show the community what is happening in the classroom.

The Herald encourages public and private school teachers/administrators to send articles, photos, and upcoming events for publication on our Education page published Thursdays in the Herald.

Submit school news to: citydesk@bigspringherald.com

Steer Pride Drive on display



Tony Claxton photos/

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Big Spring High School marching band members held a parent/community performance Monday night at the practice field. Above, flag corp members (center front) go through their routine. The high school football regular season begins Aug. 26.

BACK TO SCHOOL: Enrollment up a bit as kids return to school



AP Photo/Seth Perlman, File

In this Jan. 7, 2015 file photo, public school buses are parked in Springfield, Ill. Howard County public school students head back to class on Monday.

WASHINGTON (AP) — No more staying up late during the week. Farewell to sleeping in. And hello, home-

The lazy days of summer are ending for millions of children as they grab their backpacks, pencils and notebooks and return to the classroom for a new school vear.

Some facts and figures to know as the new school year begins:

ENROLLMENT AND COSTS

About 50 million students are expected to attend public elementary and secondary schools this fall. That's up just slightly from the 2015-16 school year, according to the Education Department. They'll be taught by some 3.1 million school teachers from pre-kindergarten through high school, with an average student-to-teacher ratio of about 16 students to each teacher. Around 249,000 teachers are new hires this school year.

The growth of charter schools is continuing, with enrollment increasing from 800,000 in 2003 to 2.5 million in 2013, according to government figures. Some 40 states and the District of Columbia reported having about 6,400 charter schools.

The U.S. spends about \$11,670 per pupil, on average, on public school education.

About 4.8 million students are expected to attend private school this fall, down slightly from the previous school year.

The National Center for Education Statistics estimates that 3.5 million students, both public and private, will graduate from high school at the end of the school year.

LONGER SCHOOL YEAR

Some schools are adding to the traditional 180-day year. In Washington, D.C., for example, 10 public schools are moving to extended-year sched-

Students in those schools will have

20 more days per year than peers at other schools. They'll have shorter breaks over the school year, which will run 200 days through all 12 months. The idea is less time away from school in the summer will help boost learning and achievement.

HIGHER ED

The cost of college continues to rise. Undergraduate tuition, fees, room, and board were estimated at \$15,640 at public institutions, \$40,614 at private nonprofit institutions, and \$23,135 at private for-profit institutions for the 2013-14 school year.

In the last 10 years, prices increased 34 percent at public institutions and 25 percent for private nonprofits.

In all, 40 percent of 18- to 24-yearolds were enrolled in college or graduate school in 2014, according to Census Bureau numbers.

HOW U.S. STUDENTS STACK UP

The latest results from national math and reading tests show slipping or stagnant scores.

Math scores were down for fourth and eighth graders over the last two years. It was the first decline since 1990.

Reading grades were flat for fourth graders and lower for eighth graders, according to results from the National Assessment of Educational Progress.

Globally, American students trail their counterparts in Japan, Korea,

> Canada, Germany, France and more.

In reading, the U.S. ranks No. 16 in a global test given to 15-year-olds. Scores were worse for math, with the U.S. ranked 30th against students from other countries taking the Program for International Student Assessment, or PISA tests.

NEW LAW OF THE LAND

The nation's schools districts are working with states and the federal government as they implement a new education law passed last December that returns to the states significant control over education policy. But the Education Department still plays an oversight role for the nation's 100,000 or so public schools.

States and schools are busy developing new accountability systems — a key component of the Every Student Succeeds Act. The law allows states and districts to design their own measures of achievement and progress, and decide independently how to turn around struggling schools.

And while students still have to take federally mandated reading and math tests, the law encourages states to cap the amount of time students spend on standardized testing each school year. The Obama administration has recommended that districts cap the percentage of classroom time students spend taking required statewide standardized tests at no more than 2 percent. The Council of the Great City Schools says testing amounts to about 2.3 percent of classroom time for the average eighthgrader in public school.

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between minority and disadvantaged economically students and their white or wealthier counterparts, and youngsters' readiness for college or the workforce after high school.

The state rated more than 1,200 districts and 8,600-plus schools, including charter campuses. About 1,100 public school districts and charter operators met the standard this year, while 66 — or 5.5 percent — didn't.

Among elementary schools, needed improvement compared with 118 middle schools and 67 high schools. There were 48 schools with kindergarten through 12th grade all on one campus that needed improvement.

The letter grades law sailed through Texas' Republicancontrolled Legislature last year, with supporters saying it will be

easier for parents and students to understand. Democrats and education advocates opposed the measure, and Robison said Monday that it was easier "to pass this A to F gimmick" than increase public education funding.

Florida implemented an A-F grade system in 1999, under then-Gov. Jeb Bush, who unsuccessfully ran for president this year. Fifteen states have since adopted similar ratings or are in the process of doing so.

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