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Shore patrol



Kayakers search for trash on the banks of Comanche Trail Lake Saturday during the "Love our Lake" event conducted by Keep Big Spring Beautiful.

BSISD adopts deficit budget

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Red ink will be a prominent feature in Big Spring Independent School District's new budget.

During a special meeting Monday evening, BSISD trustees adopted the district's fiscal year 2016-17 budget highlighted by an estimated deficit of \$2.4 million.

Faced with declining property valuations because of the downturn in the oil and gas industry and loss of state funding, the district had little choice but to adopt a deficit budget. Superintendent Chris Wigington said the district did some trimming in personnel, but there was only so much fat officials could cut.

"We really didn't make any cuts" **Wigington**
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Tax rate still up in the air as college trustees OK budget

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Some last-minute details may affect the tax rate Howard College charges in the coming fiscal year.

During their Monday meeting, college trustees unanimously approved a \$40 million budget that features a few big-ticket items and a total increase in expenditures of slightly more than \$538,000.

Exactly what the tax rate fueling that budget will be is still up in the air, however.

Until recently, college officials had been working on the assumption trustees would raise the tax rate 2 cents above the effective rate (the figure that would raise the same amount of revenue as the previous fiscal year).

What has changed things is that the college is currently refinancing its 2007 general obligation bond. College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said Monday that the refinancing, which was being completed as the trustee meeting was

ongoing, would result in lowered debt service payments for the college. That, in turn, would put downward pressure on the overall tax rate.

Whatever the revised effective rate is, however, trustees made it very clear Monday they still want that extra \$538,000 in expenditures — which include raises for college employees and an increased repair and maintenance schedule — even if it means the college must exceed the effective tax rate.

"I know these figures change from month to month, but if we're going to commit to increased salaries and maintenance, we've to stay with that and adopt a tax rate that will cover (those expenses)," Trustee Mark Morgan said.

Even without the extra money, the college plans to add some positions — including two faculty members and an employee at the college library — as well as give a flat \$500 raise to all employees. The extra revenue will help the college pay for a \$180,000 increase in employee

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During Monday's Howard College trustee meeting, Board President Dr. John Freeman, left, presented College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks an award in recognition of her 25 years as Howard president. Sparks is currently the longest-tenured community college president in Texas.



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Gene Wilder kept his serious side off-camera

The Associated Press
 LOS ANGELES — Revered as a comedic and storytelling genius by Hollywood's top entertainers, Gene Wilder was a humble man who downplayed his comic gifts, was a serious director and remained deferential to his longtime collaborator, Mel Brooks.

"I am him in fantasy," Wilder once said of playing the lead in Brooks' films. After Wilder's death was announced Monday, Brooks called his colleague "one of the truly great talents of our time." "He blessed every film we

did together with his special magic and he blessed my life with his friendship," Brooks said in a statement. "He will be so missed." Wilder died Sunday night of complications from Alzheimer's disease at age 83. His nephew, Jordan Walker-Pearlman, said Wilder was

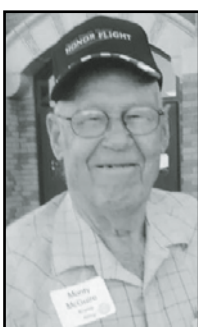
diagnosed with the disease three years ago, but kept the condition private so as not to disappoint fans. Though Wilder started his acting career on the stage, millions knew him from his work in the movies, especially "The Sandlot." See WILDER, Page 3



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Obituaries

Monty McGuire



Monty McGuire, 87, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Aug. 27, 2016 at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Oct. 31, 1928 in Mountain View, Okla., and married Jean Daves March 26, 1949 in Seminole, Texas. She preceded him in death May 19, 2001.

Monty served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He had been a longtime resident of Big Spring. He was a welder by trade but was really a "jack of all trades" as he could fix anything that needed to be repaired. In his later years he enjoyed

traveling.

Survivors include two daughters, Beverly Hull and husband, Mike of Big Spring, and Susie Perry of Snyder; four grandchildren, Blake Hull, Lindsey Glave and husband, Tyrone, Misty Brown and Jaron Perry; and three great-grandchildren, Colter Smith, Justin Wilson and Izaiah Glave; a foster daughter, Bobbie Meeks of Uvalde; two foster grandchildren, Regina Ivy and Stephen Williams; and two foster great-grandchildren, Lindsey Ivy and Rhys Williams.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Beverly Blake McGuire and Clara Bertha Moseley McGuire; and one son, Jesse Don McGuire.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association, 10900 B Stonelake Blvd, Suite 320, Austin, Texas 78759 or the DAV Chapter #47 in Big Spring.

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

Paid obituary

Police & Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JOSE M AVINA**, 40, of 1020 Ridgeroad Drive was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **PEDRO CHAVARRIA**, 46, of 1408 E 6th Street was arrested on warrants for issuance of a bad check and bail jumping/failure to appear.
- **JAMES DAVIS RUSSELL**, 29, of 15049 N 74th was arrested on a charge of evading arrest/detention.
- **ASHLEY ELAINE ELLISON**, 29, of 8110 Moss Lake Road was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **JOHN SCOTT BRICKER**, 42, of 4901 N Salem Road was arrested on warrants for failure to identify and a warrant from another agency.
- **ERIK JACOB GUTIERREZ**, 27, of 1403 Marijo was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **GLEN L FULTON**, 36, of 1202 N FM 700 was arrested on a charge of failure to identify.
- **JOHN MICHAEL WILKINSON**, 30, of 2304 E FM 700 was arrested on charges of criminal trespassing (property/building/aircraft/vehicle) and resisting arrest search or transport.
- **CLINT DOUGLAS MELTON**, 42, of 113 E 15th was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 800 block of Comanche Park Road.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1200 block of Marijo Avenue.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1700 block of S Gregg Street and the 8300 block of N Service Road.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1600 block of E 6th and the 200 block of S Austin Street.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 4200 block of Parkway Road.

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 84 inmates at the time of this report.
- **JOSE MANUEL AVINA**, 40 was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **JOHN SCOTT BRICKER**, 42, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for bail jumping and failure to appear and failure to identify.
- **PEDRO CHAVARRIA**, 46, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for issuance of a bad check and bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **BOBBY LYNN DYKES JR**, 35, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **ASHLEY ELAINE ELLISON**, 29, was booked by the BSPD on warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **GLEN LOUIS FULTON**, 36, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify.
- **ERIK JACOB GUTIERREZ**, 27, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CLINT DOUGLAS MELTON**, 42, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JAMES DAVID RUSSELL**, 29, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest, detention.
- **JOHN MICHAEL WILKINSON**, 30, was booked by the BSPD on charges of criminal trespassing and resisting arrest, search, or transport.

Take Note

- The Howard County Fair is now accepting entries for the Howard County Fair queen contest to be held in the entertainment tent, at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22. Anyone enrolled in an area high school and college is eligible to enter. Go to the Howard County Fair website www.hcfair.org to print entry forms. Deadline for entries is 4 p.m., Sept. 21. There is a \$35 entry fee that may be paid by a sponsor or the contestant. Prizes include Howard College scholarships and items donated by local and area businesses. For additional information, contact: Cindy Jones 432-517-9115 or Sandy Stewart 432-935-1604.
- Mitchell County Senior Citizen Dance, Thursday, Aug. 25, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. \$5 entrance fee. Live music provided by Travis. Bring a cover dish to share. The event will be held at 157 E. 2nd St., Colorado City.
- The 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 e-mail 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. Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat. Cost is \$8 per person.

- at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.
- The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring meets at noon every Thursday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Visitors are welcome.
- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.
- Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 ½ Main St. All Masons are welcome.
- Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

Volunteer opportunities

- The Scenic Mountain Medical Center volunteer program is in need of volunteers. A variety of opportunities are open for members of the community. For more information, call Anita Cline at 268-4721.
- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 8/31	Thu 9/1	Fri 9/2	Sat 9/3	Sun 9/4
87/69 Scattered t-storms in the morning. Partly cloudy skies late. High 87F. Winds NE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40%.	86/70 Scattered t-storms possible. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 70s.	87/70 Morning showers and t-storms. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 70s.	91/72 Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.	93/71 Sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 7:20 AM Sunset: 8:10 PM	Sunrise: 7:21 AM Sunset: 8:09 PM	Sunrise: 7:21 AM Sunset: 8:08 PM	Sunrise: 7:22 AM Sunset: 8:07 PM	Sunrise: 7:23 AM Sunset: 8:05 PM

Texas at a Glance



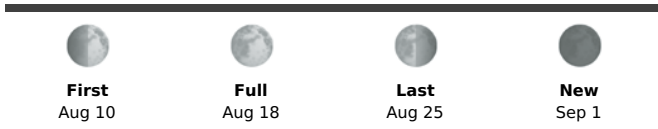
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	87	69	M Cloudy	Kingsville	85	74	T-Storms
Amarillo	79	62	Sct T-Storms	Livingston	91	73	P Cloudy
Austin	90	74	P Cloudy	Longview	91	73	Sunny
Beaumont	93	75	Sunny	Lubbock	79	63	Cloudy
Brownsville	92	75	P Cloudy	Lufkin	91	73	P Cloudy
Brownwood	89	70	P Cloudy	Midland	82	69	M Cloudy
Corpus Christi	86	77	T-Storms	Raymondville	91	74	M Cloudy
Corsicana	92	75	M Sunny	Rosenberg	90	73	P Cloudy
Dallas	92	76	Clear	San Antonio	87	74	P Cloudy
Del Rio	88	73	Showers	San Marcos	88	72	P Cloudy
El Paso	80	66	M Cloudy	Sulphur Springs	92	73	M Sunny
Fort Stockton	80	66	Cloudy	Sweetwater	86	69	P Cloudy
Gainesville	90	71	Sunny	Tyler	91	73	Sunny
Greenville	92	73	Sunny	Weatherford	90	73	P Cloudy
Houston	92	77	M Cloudy	Wichita Falls	93	73	P Cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	90	71	Sunny	Miami	84	79	Sct T-Storms
Boston	78	68	Sunny	Minneapolis	82	58	Iso T-Storms
Chicago	83	69	T-Storms	New York	84	72	Sunny
Dallas	92	76	Clear	Phoenix	106	83	Clear
Denver	80	58	P Cloudy	San Francisco	68	58	Cloudy
Houston	92	77	M Cloudy	Seattle	76	59	P Cloudy
Los Angeles	86	67	Clear	Saint Louis	89	73	Sunny

Moon Phases



UV Index

Wed 8/31	Thu 9/1	Fri 9/2	Sat 9/3	Sun 9/4
9	10	8	10	10
Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you would like to donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Maria at 816-6474.

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

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2800 block of Apache.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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News in brief

IS buried thousands in 72 mass graves, AP finds

HARDAN, Iraq (AP) — Surrounded by smoke and flames, the sound of gunshots echoing around him, the young man crouched in the creek for hours, listening to the men in his family die.

On the other side of the mountain, another survivor peered through binoculars as the handcuffed men of neighboring villages were shot and then buried by a waiting bulldozer. For six days he watched as the extremists filled one grave after another with his friends and relatives.

Between them, the two scenes of horror on Sinjar mountain contain six burial sites and the bodies of more than 100 people, just a small fraction of the mass graves Islamic State extremists have scattered across Iraq and Syria.

In exclusive interviews, photos and research, The Associated Press has documented and mapped 72 of the mass graves, the most comprehensive survey so far, with many more expected to be uncovered as the Islamic State group's territory shrinks. In Syria, AP has obtained locations for 17 mass graves, including one with the bodies of hundreds

of members of a single tribe all but exterminated when IS extremists took over their region. For at least 16 of the Iraqi graves, most in territory too dangerous to excavate, officials do not even guess the number of dead. In others, the estimates are based on memories of traumatized survivors, Islamic State propaganda and what can be gleaned from a cursory look at the earth. Still, even the known victims buried are staggering — from 5,200 to more than 15,000.

Sinjar mountain is dotted with mass graves, some in territory clawed back from IS after the group's onslaught against the Yazidi minority in August 2014; others in the deadly no man's land that has yet to be secured.

Trump's deportation waffle highlights campaign weaknesses

SEATTLE (AP) — Donald Trump and his aides used to say that voters didn't care about the nitty-gritty of policy details. But now those details are tripping up his campaign.

For more than a week now, as he's tried to shine the spotlight on his rival, Trump has appeared

to wrestle with one of his signature proposals: A pledge to expel everyone living in the U.S. illegally with the help of a "deportation force."

At a Fox News town hall taping last week, in the face of pressing questions, the GOP nominee proceeded to poll the audience at length on the fate of an estimated 11 million people. It was a stunning display of indecision from a candidate who has asked voters to put enormous faith in his gut instincts.

Trump is now planning a major speech Wednesday, during which he's expected to finally clarify his stance. Supporters are hoping for a strong, decisive showing. But the episode underscores how little time his campaign has invested in outlining how he would accomplish his goals as president, especially when compared with the detailed plans of his Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton. And for critics, many already disposed to vote against him, his wavering on what has been his signature issue seems like a warning that he's unable to handle a central element of any president's job — making decisions.

"It's just puzzling," said Lanhee Chen, who advised several Republican presidential candidates.

WILDER

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cially the ones he made with Brooks, such as "The Producers," "Blazing Saddles" and "Young Frankenstein." The last film — with Wilder playing a California-born descendant of the mad scientist, insisting that his name is pronounced "Frah-nken-SHTEEN" — was co-written by Brooks and Wilder and earned

the pair an Oscar nod for adapted screenplay.

With his unkempt hair and big, buggy eyes, Wilder was a master at playing panicked characters caught up in schemes that only a madman such as Brooks could devise, whether reviving a monster in "Young Frankenstein" or bilking Broadway in "The Producers." Brooks would call him "God's perfect prey, the victim in all of us."

But he also knew how to keep it cool as the

boozing gunslinger in "Blazing Saddles" or the charming candy man in "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory." His craziest role: the therapist having an affair with a sheep in Woody Allen's "Everything You Wanted to Know About Sex."

Wilder was close friends with Richard Pryor and their contrasting personas — Wilder uptight, Pryor loose — were ideal for comedy. They co-starred in four films: "Silver Streak,"

"Stir Crazy," "See No Evil, Hear No Evil" and "Another You."

But Wilder insisted he was not a comedian. He told Robert Osborne in 2013 it was the biggest misconception about him.

"What a comic, what a funny guy, all that stuff! And I'm not. I'm really not. Except in a comedy in films," Wilder said. "But I make my wife laugh once or twice in the house, but nothing special. But when people see me in a movie

and it's funny then they stop and say things to me about 'how funny you were.' But I don't think I'm that funny. I think I can be in the movies."

He could be quite serious, said actress Carol Kane, his co-star in 1977's "The World's Greatest Lover."

"I don't think Gene was depressed, but he was very serious and very sensitive and not afraid to expose what many people would call a feminine side, an emotional side," she said Monday.

A Milwaukee native, Wilder was born Jerome Silberman on June 11, 1933.

When he was 6, his mother suffered a heart

attack that left her a semi-invalid. He soon began improvising comedy skits to entertain her, the first indication of his future career.

He started taking acting classes at age 12 and continued studying through college. In 1961, Wilder became a member of Lee Strasberg's prestigious Actor's Studio in Manhattan.

That same year, he adopted the stage name Gene Wilder and made both his off-Broadway and Broadway debuts. He won the Clarence Derwent Award, given to promising newcomers, for the Broadway work in Graham Greene's comedy "The Complaisant Lover." A key break came when he co-starred with Anne Bancroft in Bertolt Brecht's "Mother Courage" in 1963.

COLLEGE

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health insurance premiums. Also, the college will spend \$190,000 to bring salaries more in line with federal requirements under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Other earmarks for the extra money include:

- \$201,000 for an upgraded fire alarm sys-

tem.

- \$100,000 to repair a chiller at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

- \$75,000 for major repair and maintenance projects.

- \$50,000 for marketing at the Big Spring campus.

"The marketing money will be used for getting information to students about the value of an education at Howard College," Sparks said. "Anyone

with a college-age child at home can attest that they receive a lot of marketing material (from colleges) trying to attract their child to come to their college. For us to be competitive, we ... have to market Howard College and (SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf), so that students will know they can make a good choice by attending our institutions."

As for the planned

deficit of \$900,000, only \$100,000 will be coming out of college reserve funds, Sparks noted.

Sparks said the college will release updated information on the planned tax rate within the next day or two. Public hearings on the new proposed rate are scheduled for Sept. 7 and Sept. 12.

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(in personnel)," Wigington said. "What we did was, when folks left the district ... if they needed to be replaced, we replaced them, but if we could absorb the position, we did that. Every chance we got, we cut the position."

And the district limited where even those cuts came from — Wigington was quick to point out that no teaching positions were eliminated; the majority of positions that were axed came from vacated administrative posts.

"Teaching kids is still at the top of things we do here," he said. "That's why most of the cuts came in administration."

As bad as the deficit is, things could have been a lot worse, officials said.

"It's a lot better than we thought it would be back in June," new Chief Financial Officer Susan Bryan said. "Back then, we thought the deficit would be more than \$5 million."

For years, the district has been gradually building cash reserves for such a situation as they now face, and, for this year at least, reserves will tide the dis-

trict over — Bryan estimates the district will end the next fiscal year with about \$10.5 million in the bank.

That figure may sound impressive, until you compare it with district expenditures for the coming year, which top \$39 million.

To fuel that budget, trustees approved a tax rate of \$1.40 per \$100 property valuation, a 2-cent drop from the expiring fiscal year. Bryan credited the decrease in a drop in debt service BSISD will have to pay in the coming year.

The new tax rate is more than 9 cents lower than the district's effective rate, the figure that would raise the same amount of revenue as the previous year.

In other business, trustees approved:

- Legal and local policy updates.
- Changing the district's worker's compensation insurance provider to Creative Risk Funding of Dallas.

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DIVIDED AMERICA:

Neighbor churches, split on race lines, work to heal divide



AP photos

At left, the Rev. James W. Goolsby, Jr., senior pastor of the First Baptist Church, left, and the Rev. Scott Dickison, senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Christ, right, pose for a photo at Dickison's church in Macon, Ga., on Monday, July 11, 2016. There are two First Baptist Churches in Macon — one black and one white. Two years ago, Dickison and Goolsby met to try to find a way the congregations, neighbors for so long, could become friends. At right, members of Macon, Ga.'s two First Baptist Churches sing together in a choir during Pentecost Sunday service held in the Rev. Goolsby's church.

EDITOR'S NOTE — This story is part of *Divided America*, AP's ongoing exploration of the economic, social and political divisions in American society.

By **RACHEL ZOLL**

AP Religion Writer

MACON, Ga. — There are two First Baptist Churches in Macon — one black and one white. They sit almost back-to-back, separated by a small park, in a hilltop historic district overlooking downtown.

"We're literally around the corner from each other," said the Rev. Scott Dickison, pastor of the white church.

About 170 years ago, they were one congregation, albeit a church of masters and slaves. Then the fight over abolition and slavery started tearing badly at religious groups and moving the country toward Civil War. The Macon church, like many others at the time, decided it was time to separate by race.

Ever since — through Jim Crow, the civil rights movement, desegregation and beyond — the division endured, becoming so deeply rooted it hardly drew notice. Jarred Moore, whose family has belonged to the

black church for three generations, said he didn't know the details of the history until recently.

"I thought, 'First Baptist, First Baptist?' There are two First Baptists right down the street from each other and I always wondered about it," said Moore, a public school teacher.

Then, two years ago, Dickison and the pastor of the black church, the Rev. James Goolsby, met over lunch and an idea took shape: They'd try to find a way the congregations, neighbors for so long, could become friends. They'd try to bridge the stubborn divide of race.

They are taking up this work against a painful and tumultuous backdrop: the massacre last year at a historic black church in Charleston, South Carolina; the much-publicized deaths of blacks at the hands of law enforcement; the rise of the Black Lives Matter movement, and the sniper killing of white Dallas police officers. These events, and the tensions they have raised, have become part of the tentative new discussions among congregants at the two First Baptists.

Next month, the pastors will take their most ambitious step yet, leading joint discussions with church members on racism in the history of the

U.S., and also in the history of their congregations.

"This is not a conversation of blame, but of acceptance and moving forward," said Goolsby, sitting in the quiet sanctuary of his church on a Monday morning. "What will govern how quickly we move is when there's a certain level of understanding of the past."

The South is dotted with cities that have two First Baptist Churches.

In the early 19th century, before the Civil War, whites and blacks often worshipped together, sharing faith but not pews; blacks were restricted to galleries or the back of the sanctuary. Eventually, black populations started growing faster in many communities. Whites, made uneasy by the imbalance, responded by splitting up the congregations.

This was apparently the case for First Baptist in Macon.

In 1845, church leaders bought property a block away, as "a place and habitation for the religious service and moral cultivation and improvement of the colored portion" of the congregation, according to the deed. A building was quickly erected and the black church opened.

That was a year when tensions between anti- and pro-slavery Baptists boiled over nationwide, leading Southerners to break away and create their own denomination, the Southern Baptist Convention, which upheld slavery as ordained by God. The white Macon congregation, known as the First Baptist Church of Christ, be-

came Southern Baptist.

Whites maintained oversight of the black church as required by Georgia law at the time for fear of slave rebellions. But after the Civil War ended in 1865, the white church fully severed ties.

The two First Baptist Churches stayed that way, just steps from each other but apart, ever since.

Religious groups try to set a moral standard that rises above the issues and ideologies dividing society. But faith leaders often fall short of that ideal, reflecting or even exacerbating the rifts. Like many other American institutions, houses of worship have largely been separated by race, to the point that the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. called Sunday mornings "one of the most segregated hours." Recently, more churches have tried to diversify and to look critically at their past actions and teachings, with denominations from the Southern Baptist Convention to the Episcopal Church making a priority of fighting racial bias.

When Goolsby last year told the black church of the plan to work with the white congregation, people applauded. White congregants were enthusiastic as well. Yet, it was excitement mixed with some apprehension, since the effort would inevitably require "some challenging conversations," Dickison said.

"It's hard to talk honestly about race," said Doug Thompson, a mem-

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ber of the white church and also a Mercer University professor who specializes in religion and race. "It's always hard to help people move forward."

The two churches' first activity together was modest but symbolically significant. For years, each church held its Easter egg hunt in the same tree-shaded park behind their churches, but at different times. Last year, they met there together. Photos from the joint gathering show children huddled together for a group picture, grasping pink, blue and yellow baskets, black faces and white faces squinting into the sun.

As the churches held other combined activities — a book drive, a Thanksgiving potluck — some participants were so moved they had tears in their eyes. There were members of both churches who said they had been waiting for decades for such a reunion.

"I thought it would be a great opportunity and a blessing," said Bea Warbington-Ross, a retired human resources specialist and member of Goolsby's congregation. "There's no reason for Sunday to be the most segregated day."

Congregants were surprised to learn their sanctuaries had nearly identical designs, with vaulted ceilings that resembled the inverted hull of a ship. Warbington-Ross lives in the historic district five blocks from the white church, which some of her neighbors attend. She'd never been inside.

While the visits back and forth and the joint activities are clearly establishing connections, the churches are not working toward a merger.

"We don't want to be one congregation again. We want to be a family," said Jessica Northenor, a public school teacher and member of the white church who is helping shape the new relationship.

The congregations sealed their commitment to each other at a joint Pentecost service at the black church. Before a choir drawn from both congregations, leaders pledged to work together under the auspices of the New Baptist Covenant, an organization formed by President Jimmy Carter to unite Baptists.

"If you hold onto the pain of the past, you don't allow God to minister and bless you in the days to come," Goolsby said in his sermon that day. "We can show in our relationship what it means to be a child of God."

But the pastors acknowledge the long journey ahead. They are tackling what some call the original sin of the country's founding. The influence of racial inequity on U.S. history and modern-day life is, of course, a contentious and sensitive issue. Consider reaction to the recent comment by first lady Michelle Obama that slaves built the White House, a reference long acknowledged by historians as fact but one that critics complained was unpatriotic.

In Macon, where plaques and monuments commemorating Confederate soldiers' valor adorn street corners and parks, white congregants will be asked to re-examine their own church history, which until recently had been officially recorded in mostly benign terms. It reflected a perspective of white "good paternalism" toward the black congregation, Thompson said, with almost no recognition of racism.

The review is so sensitive that Goolsby had suggested early on that the two churches wait to address the past until they built more mutual trust and goodwill. Dickison, acknowledging that some congregants will be embarrassed and some distressed or resistant, considers the conversation vital.

"A white person from the South — to not come to terms with our own history and experience with race is to deprive ourselves of a full understanding of the Gospel. We need to go through this kind of conversion experience of confession, of repentance and of reconciliation. We need to have that when it comes to race, not just in the country but within the church," Dickison said.

Goolsby, a 59-year-old Atlanta native and graduate of Morehouse College and Mercer's McAfee School of Theology, has been pastor at the black church for more than 12 years. He said he and a previous pastor at the white church tried to build ties between the congregations but the effort didn't go very far.

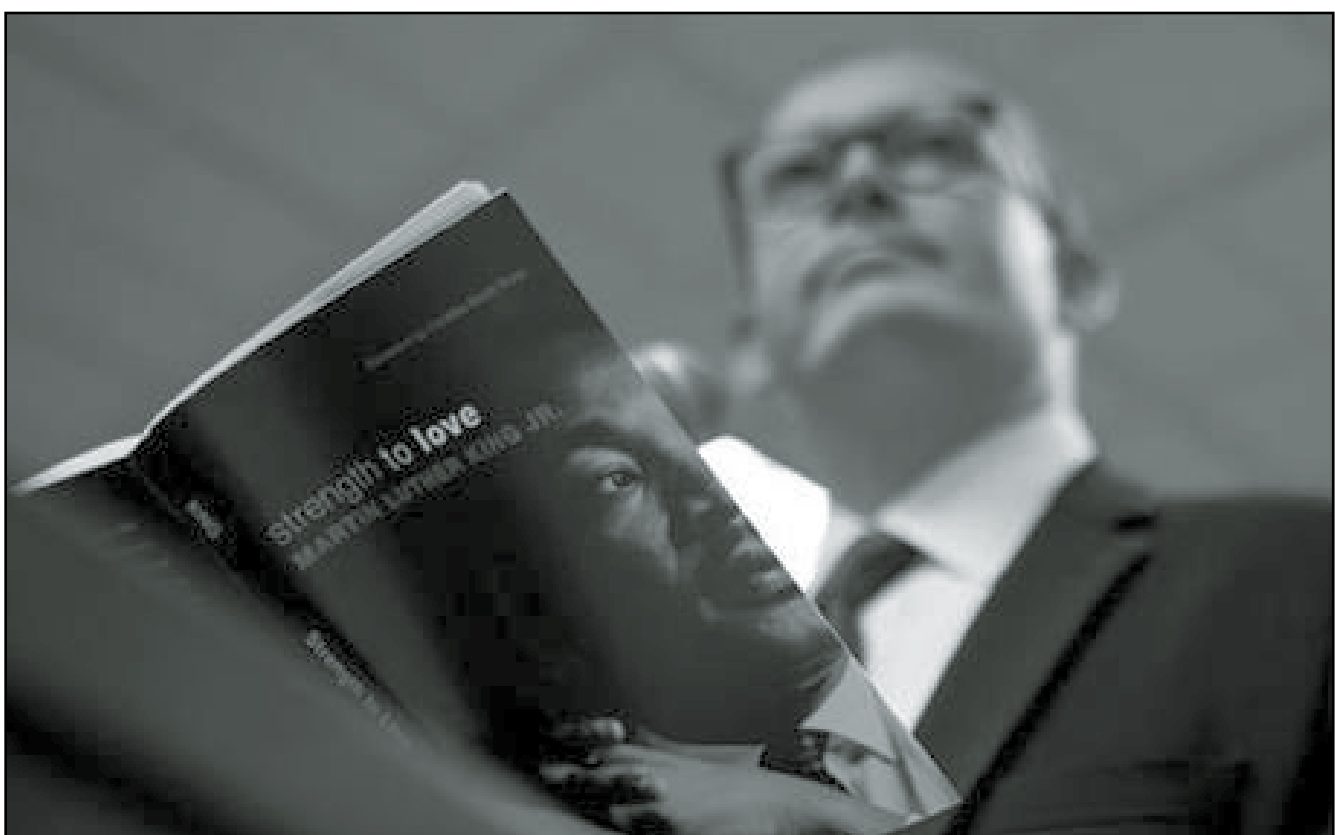
This time is different, he said, in part because of his relationship with Dickison. The 33-year-old North Carolina native and Harvard Divinity School graduate became a pastor in Macon about four years ago. He and Goolsby have attended meetings of Carter's organization, and last month took their families to meet the former president on a Sunday at Carter's church in Plains, Georgia.

"We've already seen the fruits of this," Goolsby said.

He recalled that after the attack last year on the Charleston church, he was in the parking lot of a J.C. Penney store, waiting for his wife, when Dickison called.

"Scott shared how he felt, how he was struggling with what he would share with his congregation," Goolsby said. The two discussed the history of violence against black churches, and Dickison asked how he could show support.

"I said, 'We're already doing it,'" Goolsby said. "The mere fact he thought to call me was huge."



AP photos

The Rev. Scott Dickison teaches from a book of sermons by Martin Luther King Jr. during a Sunday School class at the First Baptist Church of Christ, a predominantly white congregation, in Macon, Ga., on Sunday, July 10, 2016. This class was held days after the fatal police shootings of Alton Sterling in Louisiana and Philando Castile in Minnesota, and the fatal ambush on Dallas police. "It's weeks like these when we need more than ever to be with God's people," Dickison told the roomful of congregants. (AP Photo/Branden Camp)

The stakes were even more personal about six months later, when the white church invited black church members for a youth trip to Orlando.

Goolsby's teenage son was among those invited. But Goolsby had considered Florida a danger ever since Trayvon Martin, an unarmed, black 17-year-old, was fatally shot in Sanford by George Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch volunteer who was later acquitted of second-degree murder and manslaughter charges.

The pastor could not let his son go on the trip. "If you put a hoodie on him," he said, "he looks just like Trayvon."

The concerns of anxious black parents had been much in the news amid the shootings of black men. But the white church members hadn't had to confront the issue directly until Goolsby raised it.

"It's one thing to understand it intellectually and another thing to understand it emotionally. Once he said that, I could feel it," said David Cooke, a white deacon, who is also the Macon-Bibb County district attorney.

Cooke was to be a chaperone on the Orlando trip. He promised Goolsby he would be especially watchful. The trip went ahead safely with young people from both congregations — including the pastor's son.

"The fact that that was so easy to share — we've already made progress," Goolsby said.

Dickison strode into the basement hall of his church with a box under one arm. Inside, were copies of "Strength to Love," a collection of sermons and writings by King. The book was at the center of classes that Dickison organized on racism for the white church, in preparation for the talks next month.

But the readings had extra significance that morning. It was the Sunday after the fatal police shootings of Alton Sterling in Louisiana and Philando Castile in Minnesota, and the fatal ambush on Dallas police. "It's weeks like these when we need more than ever to be with God's people," Dickison told the roomful of congregants.

With the stifling humidity of a Georgia summer building outside, he launched into a discussion of King's sermon on the parable of the Good Samaritan, about despised groups and showing mercy.

"We have our tribes. We see ourselves over and against others," he said, then asked church members to reflect.

One man said when you reach out to someone from another group, "you're perceived as unpatriotic," or disloyal.

A woman said fear often kept people from crossing racial divides. "What if you make it worse?" she asked.

Another woman said she was upset to see some disrespect of the

police. She compared law enforcement officers to the Good Samaritan, who helped a wounded stranger others had ignored. "They rush toward danger when others run," she said.

Dickison acknowledged "fear is powerful" in shaping reactions to others. After more discussion, he wrapped up the session by quoting King, who said the solution to racism is the "willingness of men to obey the unenforceable."

"We can't survive spiritually separate," the white pastor said.

That same morning, at the service at the black church, the congregation announced it would host the city's Black Lives Matter vigil, marking the tragedies of the preceding week.

The movement has been a topic at meetings of a group appointed by Goolsby and Dickison, comprised of representatives of each church, to help guide their new relationship.

"I think it's an opportunity for healing," said Warbington-Ross, who is part of the group. "It's an opportunity for us to just inform the church that black lives matter also as it relates to inclusion and exclusion, and to inform them of some things that they take for granted that we have to endure, like racial profiling, like police brutality, like racial inequality, those kinds of things."

At the vigil the next night, police officers directed traffic as people climbed the steep marble church steps, where "God's Mighty Fortress" is engraved in gold. Clergy from across the city filled one side of the broad pulpit. Cooke, the prosecutor, and the county sheriff were among those representing law enforcement; community leaders and residents nearly filled the pews.

A speaker wearing a Black Lives Matter T-shirt explained the movement "was not birthed out of hate. It was birthed out of hurt."

Goolsby and Dickison sat side-by-side on the pulpit, swaying along with the hymns, then stood together to speak. Dickison compared racism to "a cancer that roams inside the body of this nation, and yes, even in the body of Christ." Goolsby urged people to maintain hope "in spite of our circumstances," and he added, "We know there will be change."

Said both men: "Amen."

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Darvish solid as Rangers beat Seattle, 6-3

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Yu Darvish did his part in the first of six straight games at home for the Texas Rangers against the two teams West.

Now it's Cole Hamels' turn.

Darvish struck out nine in 6 2/3 innings and Carlos Beltran homered among three hits, helping the Rangers beat the Seattle Mariners 6-3 on Monday night.

The American League-leading Rangers dropped the Mariners into third place, a game behind Houston and 9 1/2 back of Texas.

For the ninth straight time since the All-Star break, the lefty Hamels will follow Darvish in the rotation Tuesday night. The Rangers are 11-6 in those starts with five straight wins.

"I think it's huge to have your one and two going back-to-back," manager Jeff Banister said. "Yu set the table to-night with what he was capable of doing, really

keeping their hitters off balance. It's a big plus to have those two guys at the front of the rotation for us."

Darvish (5-3) easily outpitched fellow Japanese right-hander Hisashi Iwakuma for his third straight win, leaving to a standing ovation with a 6-1 lead in the seventh after throwing 110 pitches, the most since his return from Tommy John surgery.

The Mariners tagged Darvish for two runs on Franklin Gutierrez's double off reliever Jake Diekman before Keone Kela struck out Nelson Cruz as the potential tying run.

Sam Dyson struck out two in a perfect ninth for his 30th save, giving Texas 13 strikeouts.

Seattle has lost six of seven and been held to one or no runs by CC Sabathia and Masahiro Tanaka of the Yankees and Carlos Rodon of the White Sox. The lone win in that stretch — a 3-1 victory — came despite 14 strikeouts from Chi-

cago ace Chris Sale, and thanks to Mariners ace Felix Hernandez.

"It's very good pitching. What are you going to say?" Seattle manager Scott Servais said. "When you catch the guys how we're catching the rotations right now, it's just where we're at. We've just got to continue to grind and hang in there."

Beltran had a solo homer in the first and a double that was one of three straight run-scoring extra-base hits in a four-run third against Iwakuma (14-10), who lost his third straight start while matching his shortest outing of the season at three innings.

Iwakuma allowed a season-high five runs for the fourth time.

Two days removed from ending a career-worst 0-for-32 skid, Beltran had at least three hits for the first time since getting four against Oakland on Aug. 16, the day before the slump started.



AP Photo/LM Otero

Texas Rangers closer Sam Dyson, left, and catcher Jonathan Lucroy (25) congratulate each other after the final out of a baseball game against the Seattle Mariners in Arlington, Texas, Monday, Aug. 29, 2016. The Rangers won 6-3.

Steers top 4A team in Midland

The Big Spring Steers cross country team competed in the Tall City Invitational in Midland Saturday, finishing in third place in the 5A and 6A division. They were the top 4A school at the event.

The individual results were (name-place-time):

Cooper Miller-7-16:17
Aaron Martinez-10-16:28
Ian Gonzales-12-16:39
Eric Stinson-17-16:46
Juan Lugo-31-17:20
Manuel Marquez-38-17:39
The team will compete again in Andrews this weekend.



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Oakland Athletics starting pitcher Sean Manaea, right, walks back to the mound after walking Houston Astros' Jake Marisnick with the bases loaded.

Musgrove shuts out A's in 6-0 Astros win

HOUSTON (AP) — Joe Musgrove bunted back after two horrible outings, and the Houston Astros' offense did the rest Monday night.

Jose Altuve homered, Musgrove and three relievers combined on a four-hitter and the Astros beat the Oakland Athletics 6-0.

Musgrove (2-2) struck out seven, walked three and allowed three hits over 5 1/3 innings, and then Luke Gregerson, Pat Neshek and Brad Peacock closed things out.

Musgrove had allowed 13 runs over his last two starts.

"I have to be the guy who goes as hard as he can as long as he can," Musgrove said. "The last couple outings I found myself trying to pace myself trying to get to the sev-

enth. I did a lot of work this week making mechanical adjustments and told myself to go out there and give it everything you have as long as you can and let the bullpen take over from there."

Musgrove retired 11 of the first 13 batters before Khris Davis singled with two outs in the fourth for the first hit against him.

"I thought he did a good job especially the fifth," Houston manager A.J. Hinch said. "He came out really aggressive which is an adjustment for him to match quantity of strikes with quality. He wasn't going to leave anything in the tank and he was going to go as hard as

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Sports in brief

PRO FOOTBALL

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — From the White House to San Francisco police union headquarters, Colin Kaepernick's name came up Monday as his decision to sit down during the national anthem reached far beyond football.

And many aren't thrilled with the 49ers' quarterback's strong words about why he is doing it: To instigate change and challenge authority when it comes to race relations and what he considers police brutality.

Even his former coach, outspoken Michigan leader Jim Harbaugh, chimed in from afar in disagreement with Kaepernick's tactics — clarifying some earlier remarks that questioned the quarterback's motivation.

"I apologize for mis-speaking my true sentiments. To clarify, I support Colin's motivation. It's his method of action that I take exception to," Harbaugh posted on Twitter.

A day after Kaepernick called Donald Trump "openly racist," the Republican presidential can-

Tokyo prepares for 2020, facing rising costs and new sports

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike is preparing for a strenuous workout with the next Summer Olympics headed her way.

The practice started when she received the Olympic flag Sunday in the official handover ceremony from her Rio counterpart, Mayor Eduardo Paes.

"I hope the flag is not too heavy," she joked the day before. "Although I have trained my muscles to receive it properly."

The next three Olympics are in Asian countries that have already held games: Tokyo's Summer Games in 2020, sandwiched between Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, in 2018 and in Beijing in 2022.

This will come as a relief to the International Olympic Committee after two trying games in Sochi, Russia, and Rio.

That doesn't mean they'll be easy, particularly for Tokyo.

"I don't think that you can ever relax," said John Coates, the IOC member who heads the inspection team for Tokyo. "There are some big issues, even for Tokyo."

Here's a look at some of them.

THE COSTS

The new national stadium is an example of Tokyo's rising costs — or underestimating costs. The original bill was

expected to be \$1 billion, but the price soared to three times that much in a design by the late architect Zaha Hadid.

Organizers scrapped that design and adopted a new one by Japanese architect Kengo Kuma. The cost will still be at least 50 percent more than the original estimate with completion set for November, 2019.

"I will not leave white elephants for the taxpayers," Koike told reporters in Rio, just weeks after being elected Tokyo's first female governor. "The citizens of Tokyo are the taxpayers. We must have the understanding of the taxpayers about whatever we do."

Costs are rising elsewhere, too.

The Tokyo organizing committee's operating budget was 350 billion yen (\$3.5 billion) in the original bid document. But officials say it will be revised upward to account for inflation and unexpected costs.

This is the budget for running the games themselves, and does not include building roads and other infrastructure.

Tokyo organizers say 50 percent of the venues already exist, though they have not made public the cost for building new venues and preparing the city.

Constructing scaled-down venues — following Rio's model — could still be costly in Japan. The buildings must



AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez

Japanese prime minister Shinzo Abe, at right, receives an Olympic team jacket during a visit with some of his country's Olympians at the Japan House at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio.

be earthquake-proof, and Japanese taste might not accept stripped-down architecture.

TRANSPORTATION

Tokyo proposed compact games in its winning bid three years ago. But venues have been spread out to save money and take advantage of existing structures.

Tokyo's games are divided into two basic sectors — a zone around Tokyo Bay, and a so-called Heritage Zone, which is anchored around the new national stadium.

The remaining venues are scattered around, from cycling in Izu, southwest of Tokyo, to soccer venues in Sapporo, Miyagi, Saitama, and Yokohama.

"You'll travel a lot because there isn't the concentration," Coates said. "If you go to the heritage area, they're all stand-alone (venues) largely."

Tokyo has a sophisticated transport system, but it's crowded and not particularly foreigner-friendly. Coates said getting around might be more complex than Rio, which was difficult in a city sliced up by the sea, mountains and poor roads.

"They have a very good transport infrastructure that connects all parts of the city," Coates said. "I think they're up for it, no worry about that, but you can't say it's going to be easy."

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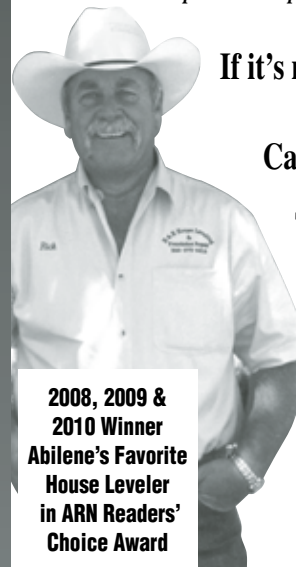
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Mercury Retrograde

There's a lot going on when two people engage in conversation. We think of what to say, listen, adjust our body language subconsciously and consciously, all while staying aware of the environment in our periphery. It's no wonder some find interactions stressful. Mercury goes retrograde today, introverting some of social interactions. **ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Who you really are is not always the same person you've allowed yourself to become. It is the same for every-

one. What is also the same for everyone is the potential to steer things back on course at any moment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Those who react badly to criticism prevent themselves from growing, because they alienate the very people who can enlighten them as to how they (or their work) are being perceived.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The person who is trying to seduce you away from your work or your goals isn't really on your side. Those who want you to succeed wouldn't dream of tempting you in another direction.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your friendliness puts all at ease. There are those who take themselves too seriously to fully understand the importance of small talk and its role in

building rapport. But even these types will not be immune to your charms.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Because someone wants your approval, this person is unlikely to speak of anything unflattering or controversial. You're better off with the truth. Make it clear that honesty is a stipulation of your approval.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Is what you want really worth working so long and hard to get to? That future day will come whether or not you worked long and hard -- only, if you don't put in the work, that future day won't have nearly the same significance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You want to know that the other person will be there and be loyal. This is not too much to ask, though it's not the right time to ask it, certainly

not directly. Look for clues instead, and trust your instincts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A Chinese proverb says that the eye can't see its own lashes. This was before the invention of extra-long eyelash extensions. Still, it's possible that you possess a quality that is invisible to you though others see it clearly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be catering to an ego today, and this is tricky business for sure, especially if the ego in question happens to be your own. Go gingerly, as no good will come of alienating your subject.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Certain emotions are unobtainable without a good amount of self-awareness. Jealousy and shame fall into the category;

so do pride and admiration. Today you'll put what you know about yourself to good use.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You want to be dazzled by greatness and are therefore rooting for every source of potential amusement in your world, hoping (sometimes against hope) for the very best presentation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your path will converge with another's. Neither route is wrong. Neither is trying to own the whole path, just needing to take it over for the moment to get to the next place. All can be solved with courtesy.

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Annie's Mailbox

Help a Mother Out

Dear Annie: I am the eldest of four remaining children of our soon-to-be 88-year-old mother, who has been sent home to hospice care.

She needs 24/7 care, and all four of us still work full time. A family meeting before her release produced a level of animosity and stress beyond imagination. I recommended a 90-day stay in a rehabilitation facility to get plans in order.

The doctor stated that Mom no longer has the mental capacity to make her own decisions. A family vote was 3-1 in favor of taking Mom home. Of course, I voted for the facility. It's expensive, but money

should not be a factor when it comes to her care.

All in favor of taking her home said that we could hire health care workers in addition to the hospice workers and that they themselves would fill in when needed.

It's become apparent to me that my siblings are primarily focused on saving their share of the inheritance. At this time, among ourselves, we're pitching in about 20 hours of care a week. Mom needs more help. We have a wonderful caregiver who is being limited to 25 hours per week. She would gladly work 40 hours each week. We also need to hire weekend help, which is available. This is Mom's money, not ours. We need to spend what it takes for quality care.

But my siblings want to use only Mom's Social Security

income toward her care. They are putting extreme pressure on me to put in more care hours. It is exhausting to add this stress to full-time work. I personally don't want to become a workhorse to save their inheritance. I'm extremely disappointed in their actions.

Annie, what advice do you have that might lessen the extreme stress and animosity of this situation? -- Totally Disappointed and Stressed in Indiana

Dear Disappointed: When it comes to estate-related matters such as this, people often see sides of their loved ones they wish they hadn't. Selfishness is ugly.

You're absolutely right; it's your mom's money, and she's still here. I'm sure she appreciates her golden child's looking out for her.

You may need to appeal to your siblings'

guilt to shake them out of their stinginess. Remind them how your mom took care of you all practically her whole life. Now she's depending on you.

However tense things get, keep the lines of communication open. Perhaps you could all sit down with an outside mediator to evaluate what your mom needs. Hang in there, and don't neglect your own health.

Dear Annie: I am an Adult Protective Services investigator and disagree partially with your answer to "Defensive of Dad," who wants his dad to stop giving money to a lady friend in her 50s. You stated that as long as his father is of sound mind, he has the right to make his own decisions. I would agree with that part of the answer. However, I do not think that your answer went far enough to protect his

father, who at his age is vulnerable.

I, too, believe that this woman is bullying him. As you stated, it is important that his children stay involved. I would further suggest that they call Adult Protective Services in their state to start an investigation into the matter. In some states, they could make a report without the investigator's revealing who the complainant was. Many children are afraid that their involvement will continue to push the parent away, but adult children of elderly parents have an obligation to do all they can to protect them.

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♥ K J
♦ K Q J 9 6 3
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EAST

♠ 10 9
♥ A Q 5
♦ 7 5 4
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SOUTH

♠ A K 7 6 5 3
♥ 7 4 3 2
♦ A 8
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Consider this case where South was in four spades and West led a

heart, East winning dummy's jack with the queen. In an effort to stop heart ruffs in dummy, East returned the ten of trumps. South took the ace and returned a heart, still hoping to negotiate a heart ruff in dummy.

East won the king with the ace and led another trump. South had no choice but to win with the king and attempt to run dummy's diamonds. But when he played the A-K-Q, discarding a heart, West ruffed and cashed the nine of hearts to put the contract down one.

The outcome was traceable not only to East's defense, which was well-conceived, but also to South's mismanagement of his trumps. He should have realized, at trick two, the futility of trying to ruff a heart in dummy. It was clear that East was determined to prevent this. To win the trump return and play a heart was an idle gesture.

Indeed, South should have ducked the ten of spades. Had he done this, he would have coasted home. If East played another trump, South would cash the A-K, run the diamonds and finish with 11 tricks.

Indeed, the best East could do if South ducked the first spade would be to cash the ace of hearts to hold declarer to 10 tricks.

sudoku

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

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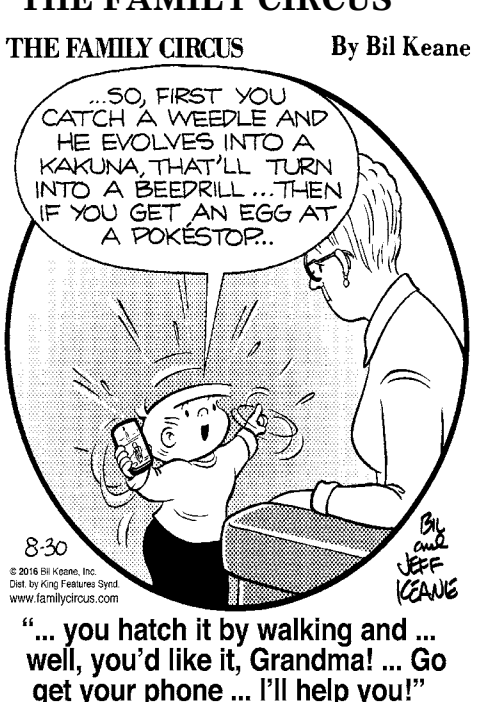
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"... you hatch it by walking and ... well, you'd like it, Grandma! ... Go get your phone ... I'll help you!"

HAGAR

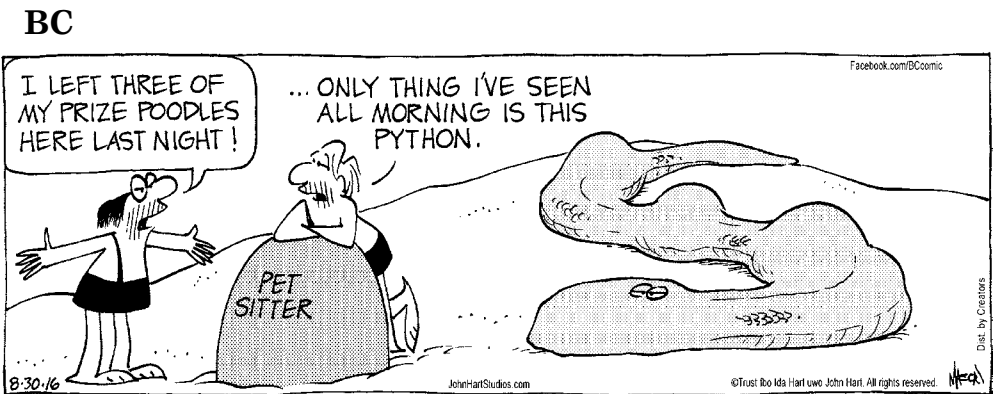


WE INSIST YOU SPEND OUR TAX MONEY ON THE POOR!
I AM!
I'M SINKING A FORTUNE INTO DUNGEON CONSTRUCTION!

BLONDIE



DAGWOOD! WAKE UP!!
ZZZZZZZ
THE BOSS WANTS US TO COME UP WITH NEW IDEAS TO RAISE OUR PROFITS!!
I'M ON IT!
\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$



I LEFT THREE OF MY PRIZE POODLES HERE LAST NIGHT!
... ONLY THING I'VE SEEN ALL MORNING IS THIS PYTHON.
PET SITTER

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 30, the 243rd day of 2016. There are 123 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 30, 1861, Union Gen. John C. Fremont instituted martial law in Missouri and declared slaves there to be free. (However, Fremont's emancipation order was countermanded by President Abraham Lincoln).

On this date: In 1862, Confederate forces won victories against the Union at the Second Battle of Bull Run in Manassas, Virginia, and the Battle of Richmond in Kentucky.

In 1905, Ty Cobb made his major-league debut as a player for the Detroit Tigers, hitting a double in his first at-bat in a game against the New York Highlanders. (The Tigers won, 5-3.)

In 1935, the film "Anna Karenina," MGM's version of the Tolstoy novel starring Greta Garbo, opened in New York.

In 1945, U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur arrived in Japan to set up Allied occupation headquarters.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, which was intended to promote private development of nuclear energy.

In 1963, the "Hot Line" communications link between Washington and Moscow went into operation.

In 1967, the Senate confirmed the appointment of Thurgood Marshall as the first black justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1983, Guion S. Bluford Jr. became the first black American astronaut to travel in space as he blasted off aboard the Challenger.

In 1984, the space shuttle Discovery was launched on its inaugural flight.

In 1986, Soviet authorities arrested Nicholas Daniloff, a correspondent for U.S. News and World Report, as a spy a week after American officials arrested Gennadiy Zakharov, a Soviet employee of the United Nations, on espionage charges in New York. (Both men were later released.)

In 1989, a federal jury in New York found "hotel queen" Leona Helmsley guilty of income tax evasion, but acquitted her of extortion. (Helmsley ended up serving 18 months behind bars, a month at a halfway house and two months under house arrest.)

In 1991, Azerbaijan (ah-zur-by-JAHN) declared its independence, joining the stampede of republics seeking to secede from the Soviet Union.

Ten years ago: Hurricane John lashed tourist resorts with heavy winds and rain as the dangerous Category 4 storm marched up Mexico's Pacific coast. Actor Glenn Ford died in Beverly Hills, California, at age 90. Naguib Mahfouz (nuh-GEEB' mah-FOOS'), the first Arab writer to win the Nobel Prize in literature, died in Cairo, Egypt, at age 94.

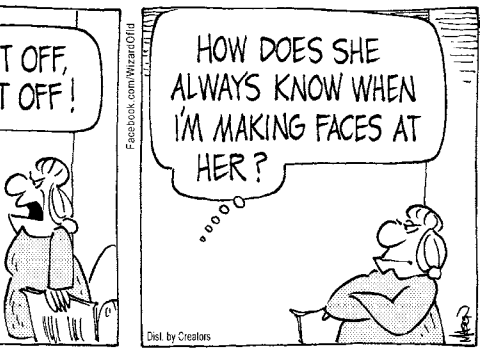
Five years ago: National Guard helicopters rushed food and water to a dozen cut-off Vermont towns after the rainy remnants of Hurricane Irene washed out roads and bridges in a deluge that had taken many people in the landlocked New England state by surprise. Libyan rebels said they were closing in on Moammar Gadhafi and issued an ultimatum to loyalists in his hometown of Sirte (surt), his main remaining bastion: Surrender.

WIZARD OF ID



BLANCHE, IT'S ME, WIZ! I'VE MADE MYSELF INVISIBLE! INCREDIBLE, HUH?
OKAY. FIRST OFF, KNOCK THAT OFF!
HOW DOES SHE ALWAYS KNOW WHEN I'M MAKING FACES AT HER?

AGNES



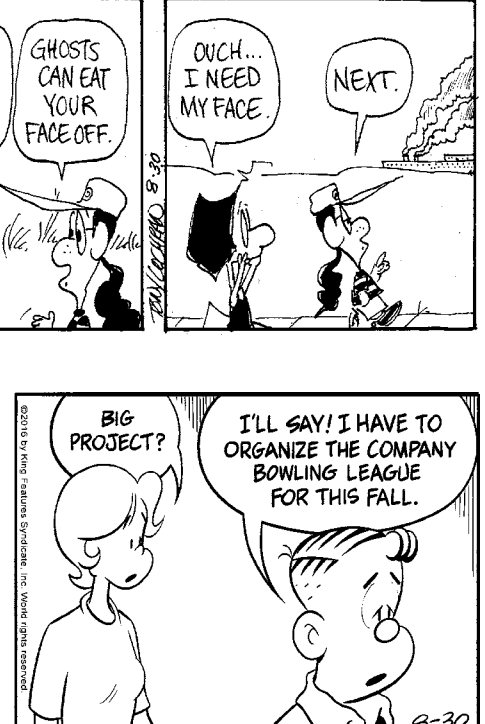
NEXT UP IN THE BIG CLOSE OF SUMMER CELEBRATION... EXPLORE A HAUNTED HOUSE.
NOPE.
WELL! LOOK AT LITTLE MISS CHICKEN... YOU SCARED?
GHOSTS CAN EAT YOUR FACE OFF.
OUCH... I NEED MY FACE.
NEXT.

HI AND LOIS



YOU LOOK TIRED.
I BUSTED MY BUTT ALL DAY AT WORK.
BIG PROJECT?
I'LL SAY! I HAVE TO ORGANIZE THE COMPANY BOWLING LEAGUE FOR THIS FALL.

THE OTHER COAST



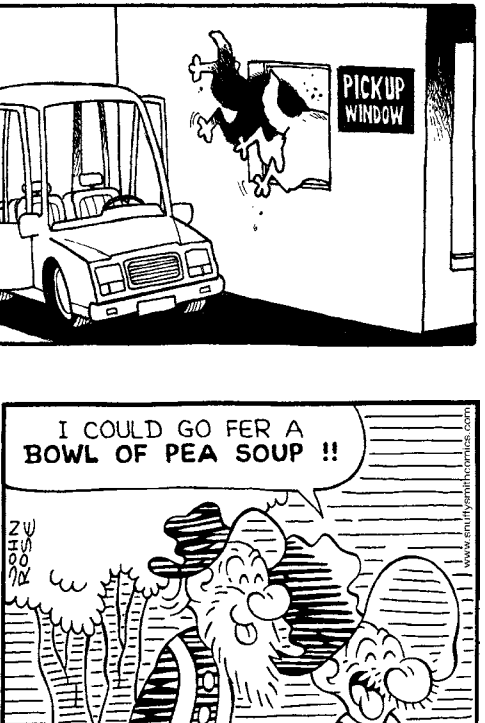
WHY THERE ARE NO DRIVE-THRU'S FOR DOGS:
PICKUP WINDOW

SNUFFY SMITH



TH' FOG IS THICK AS PEA SOUP !! WE SHOULD TURN BACK, SNUFFY !!
GOOD IDEA, LUKEY !!
I COULD GO FER A BOWL OF PEA SOUP !!

BEEBLE BAILEY



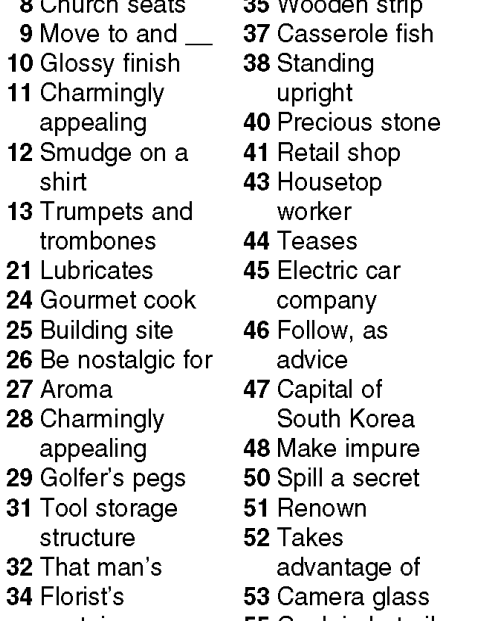
BEEBLE! I'VE TOLD YOU 100 TIMES TO EMPTY THIS BASKET!
STOMP!
YOU SHOULD BE MORE CAREFUL WHERE YOU PUT YOUR FOOT DOWN!

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 "It can't be!"
 - 5 Pirate captain
 - 9 ___ and blood (kin)
 - 14 Genuine
 - 15 Cleveland's Great Lake
 - 16 Make a dash for
 - 17 Not difficult
 - 18 Cornfield bird
 - 19 Academy Award
 - 20 Charmingly attractive
 - 22 Vanish into ___ air
 - 23 Docking spots
 - 24 Laundries
 - 26 Alabama port
 - 29 Rosebush sticker
 - 30 Notions
 - 31 Piece of paper
 - 33 Rec-room appliances that may be "smart"
 - 36 Planted, as seeds
 - 37 Robber
 - 38 Tiny bottle
 - 39 ___ Lanka
 - 40 Shot in the dark
 - 41 High-IQ club
 - 42 General tendency
 - 44 Dartboard, for one
 - 45 City near Seattle
 - 47 Begin
 - 49 Tunnel sound
 - 50 Charmingly attractive
- DOWN
- 1 State north of Calif.
 - 2 Get well
 - 3 Astronauts' org.
 - 4 Summer Games athlete
 - 5 Judicial order
 - 6 Mistake
 - 7 Very devout
 - 8 Church seats
 - 9 Move to and ___
 - 10 Glossy finish
 - 11 Charmingly appealing
 - 12 Smudge on a shirt
 - 13 Trumpets and trombones
 - 21 Lubricates
 - 24 Gourmet cook
 - 25 Building site
 - 26 Be nostalgic for
 - 27 Aroma
 - 28 Charmingly appealing
 - 29 Gopher's pegs
 - 31 Tool storage structure
 - 32 That man's
 - 34 Florist's container
 - 35 Wooden strip
 - 37 Casserole fish
 - 38 Standing upright
 - 40 Precious stone
 - 41 Retail shop
 - 43 Housetop worker
 - 44 Teases
 - 45 Electric car company
 - 46 Follow, as advice
 - 47 Capital of South Korea
 - 48 Make impure
 - 50 Spell a secret
 - 51 Renown
 - 52 Takes advantage of
 - 53 Camera glass
 - 55 Cook in hot oil

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Answer to previous puzzle

GOSH	PALM	CLOP
ARIA	ASIA	CHIME
PATH	WHAT	LOANS
LEARNERS	PERMIT	
YEN	LAD	
SAWRED	LEAN	SPA
TRIO	STARTS	PIC
RENTAL	AGREEMENT	AND
PIPES	ALTO	
PAY	PEER	PARLOR
COO	PAW	
FISHING	LICENSE	
ASPEN	RANK	AURA
LEAST	ANTE	GRIT
LETS	MEAT	SEEM

BRIEF

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andidate fired back on Seattle's KIRO radio.

"I have followed it, and I think it's personally not a good thing. I think it's a terrible thing," Trump said. "And you know, maybe he should find a country that works better for him. Let him try, it won't happen."

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Defensive end Joey Bosa ended his monthlong holdout when he signed a four-year contract with the San Diego Chargers.

The team announced the signing five days after the two sides went public in their nasty spat over payment of Bosa's \$17 million signing bonus and whether the contract would have offset language. The signing also came a day after San Diego's defense played poorly in a 23-10 exhibition loss at Minnesota.

The Chargers threatened last Wednesday to reduce

their offer to Bosa under the assumption he wouldn't be ready to play a full season. Bosa, the No. 3 overall pick out of Ohio State, was the last rookie to sign. The Chargers said last week that they had given Bosa's agents their best offer and that it was rejected. Brian Ayrault, Bosa's main representative, replied with his own statement saying the team had manipulated the facts and that going public would not strengthen the team's relationship with the player.

There was no immediate indication of what led to the deal getting done.

Bosa said he's capable of playing in the opener on Sept. 11 at the Kansas City Chiefs.

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers' preseason game against the Washington Redskins has been moved to Wednesday night because of a potentially severe storm headed to the area.

The game will remain at Raymond James Stadium

and will now be played Wednesday at 8 p.m. — instead of Thursday night — in an attempt to avoid Tropical Depression Nine which is expected to impact the Tampa Bay area.

"We have been in regular communication with administrators from the Tampa Sports Authority, Hillsborough County, the City of Tampa and the National Weather Service over the past day as it has become apparent that the most severe weather associated with Tropical Depression Nine will likely make landfall on Thursday," Buccaneers chief operating officer Brian Ford said.

"This decision was made by both teams in conjunction with the National Football League and local authorities in an effort to ensure the safety of our fans, players and stadium staff."

OLYMPICS
SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Aimee Boorman, the longtime coach of Olympic champion Simone Biles and the coach

of the 2016 U.S. Olympic women's gymnastics team, is heading to Florida.

Boorman announced Monday she is leaving the World Champions Centre in suburban Houston, which is run by Biles' parents, to become the executive director of women's gymnastics at Evo Athletics in Sarasota.

Boorman has worked with Biles — who tied an Olympic record by capturing four gold medals in Rio earlier this month — since Biles was in elementary school. The 19-year-old Biles is taking a hiatus before deciding whether to return to gymnastics.

The 43-year-old Boorman said on Monday she will always be there for Biles whether Biles opts to compete again or not. Boorman and Biles' mother Nellie worked together to establish World Champions Centre in 2014.

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — A Brazilian judge ordered the release of a high-ranking IOC member who was arrested during the Rio de Janeiro

Games in a ticket-scalping probe.

Judge Fernando Antonio de Almeida accepted a request made by Patrick Hickey's lawyers to set him free from Rio's Bangu prison complex, where he has been held since Aug. 19, while his case continues to be investigated. Hickey must remain in Brazil and hand over his passport.

Police have said the 71-year-old Irishman plotted with businessmen to transfer tickets illegally to a vendor who was not authorized to sell them. They want prosecutors to start a judicial process against Hickey for alleged ticket scalping, conspiracy and ambush marketing.

The Olympic Council of Ireland said earlier this month that Hickey decided to "step aside temporarily" as an IOC member and from all his other Olympic positions "until this matter is fully resolved." Hickey is also president of the OCI, head of the European Olympic Committees and vice president of the Asso-

ASTROS

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he could as long as he could."

Houston closed within two games of the second AL wildcard with the win and Baltimore's loss.

A's starter Sean Manaea (5-9) left after 3 1/3 innings with a left rhomboid strain. Manaea fielded a comebacker from Yulieski Gurriel to start the fourth, then threw one pitch to Marwin Gonzalez before manager Bob Melvin and the trainer headed to the mound. The left-hander was replaced by Chris Smith.

Manaea said he was uncertain if he would miss his next start. He is listed as day-to-day.

"Just frustrating from where I'm at," Manaea said. "Already been on the DL once and to me it just feels like I'm letting everyone down. I hate being hurt and just getting taken out early, especially with a close game like

that just bothered me. It is what it is, I just have to make sure going forward I get everything done and try not to have this problem again."

Altuve hit his second homer in two games to lead off the sixth and extend Houston's lead to 3-0. Alex Bregman hit a two-run single and Carlos Correa had an RBI single as part of a three-run seventh.

"We got extra opportunities in the second, obviously got the two runs on a couple errors and a couple walks but Altuve's homer obviously was a big tack-on run," Hinch said. "The three-run inning where Bregman breaks it open is what good offenses do when you get the opportunity."

Manaea allowed two unearned runs and one hit with four strikeouts.

Marcus Semien had two of Oakland's hits.

TRAINING ROOM
Athletics: INF Billy Butler was reinstated from the seven-day

concussion list. To make room on the roster, INF Arismendy Alcantara was optioned to Class A Stockton. ... LHP Sean Doolittle (left shoulder strain) will continue a rehab assignment Tuesday with Triple-A Nashville. ... RHP Henderson Alvarez (right shoulder surgery) is set to start a rehab assignment Tuesday in Stockton. ... RHP Jesse Hahn (right shoulder strain) will pitch Wednesday for Nashville.

Astros: OF Colby Rasmus (cyst in right ear) was scheduled to work in the outfield, do some baserunning and also take batting practice, Hinch said, adding they will determine afterward whether to activate Rasmus on Tuesday or Wednesday or wait until the Texas series over the weekend. "We've toyed with the idea of whether he needs a rehab assignment," Hinch said. "He's one of our more veteran players, and maybe he will jump right back into competition." ... RHP Lance McCullers (mid right elbow strain) played catch.

TOKYO

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Tokyo's narrow roads are a problem, and so are the 3 million who commute daily from the outskirts to the city's center.

"We'll have to ask the citizens for various forms of cooperation," Kioke said.

THE EVENTS
Five sports have been

added to Tokyo's program: baseball-softball, skateboarding, surfing, karate and sport climbing. They enter under new IOC rules that allow cities to propose events from their own games.

The new sports will add 18 events and 474 athletes to the program. The Tokyo Games will feature 33 sports and about 11,000 athletes, compared to the usual number of 28 sports and 10,500 athletes.

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