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Commissioners address county library concerns

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Nearly 30 people come out Thursday night to hear Howard County Commissioners Craig Bailey and Jimmie Long speak about where the Howard County Library program currently stands. In January, the county and

college signed an inter-local agreement to share a head librarian to oversee both programs According to officials from both entities, neither has had much luck in filling meeting, both men stressed to the position themselves with the salary either offers. One of the responsibilities for the new head librarian will be to research ways to combine the two entities' resources to create a program that fits the need of the future.

Bailey and Long spoke during a meeting of the Friends of the Howard County Library, a group that raises funds and provides support to the program. During the

the concerned crowd neither entity has made any commitment other than to share the expense of a head librarian. "I don't think we are nearly

as far along in all of this as most of you have probably been led to believe we are," Bailey told the crowd. "We have not made any hard decisions with the exception of we have asked the college to consider co-sharing a librarian in the interim. Past that,

we've not had any hard conversations of what the next step will be".

The crowd was passionate and concerned about the future of the library, especially the possibility of combining services with the college. Many expressed their desire to keep the program housed at the current facility located in downtown Big Spring, which they said was much more convenient for library users than traveling across town

to the college campus. Others expressed to the commissioners a desire to allow the community more input on future decisions about the program and for commissioners to make a better effort to keep the community informed.

Bailey said the driving force on this idea to combine resources comes from the ever tightening financial constraints on the county's bud-

'Tastes of the Symphony' is Saturday treats will have eggs as an in-

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The "Tastes of the Symphony" event on Saturday should be an egg-cellent time.

Tickets are still available for the luncheon and fashion show sponsored by the Big Spring Symphony Guild and is set for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 701 Runnels St. Money raised from the event goes toward supporting the guild's youth music scholarship fund.

The theme of the lunch is Eggstravaganza, according to guild member Suzanne Markwell, but not all the tasty See **TASTES**, Page 3

"It's all egg related," she

said. "We will have egg salad, potato salad, deviled eggs, jelly bean 'eggs,' pickled eggs, and Texas caviar which is black-eyed peas," she said. "There will be three types of ice teas and hot teas and three types of desserts." Portion sizes will be small

but plenty, Markwell said. "I think people will walk

away satisfied," she said. Markwell encourages any-

one interested in attending to call her at 214-256-1674 and



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Air Force veteran Ida Hambrick talks about her 26-year career in the service. Hambrick served in the Area Evacuation Service, which transports wounded combat troops to receive medical care for 26 years, attaining the rank of Master Sergeant.

Keystone XL pipeline approved by Trump

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration issued a permit Friday to build the Keystone XL pipeline, reversing the conclusion of the Obama administration and clearing the way for the \$8 billion project to finally be completed.

The decision caps a yearslong fight between environmental groups and energy industry advocates over the pipeline's fate that became a proxy battle over global warming. It marks one of the biggest steps taken to date by the Trump administration to prioritize economic development over environmental concerns.

The State Department, responsible for reviewing the project because it crosses an international border, determined that building it serves U.S. national interests. That



conclusion followed a review of environmental, economic and diplomatic factors, the department said.

immediately wasn't clear what, if anything, had changed since the State Department reached the opposite conclusion two years ago. President Donald Trump planned to address Keystone during an announcement on Friday morning, White House spokesman Sean Spicer said on Twitter.

TransCanada, the Calgarybased company that first applied for a presidential permit in 2008, called the decision a "significant milestone."

"We greatly appreciate President Trump's administration for reviewing and approving this important initiative," said TransCanada CEO Russ Girling. "We look forward to working with them as we continue to invest in and strengthen North America's energy infrastruc-

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Hangar 25 Veteran of the Month

Ida Hambrick joined military to give back to the community

By ROBERT BARLOW

Staff Writer

Twenty-six-year U.S. Air Force veteran Ida Hambrick gave back to the community again during her presentation at Hangar 25 last night.

Hambrick, who retired from the service in 2012, was honored as the air museum's Veteran of the Month and spoke about her experience in the military.

Hambrick joined the U.S. Air Force because of her benevolent nature, even though she wasn't sure howshe would be helping people. She just knew she wanted to help.

"I just knew I wanted to do something that gave back," Hambrick said. "I had a strong background in teach-

ing and enjoyed it, but didn't think I wanted to be a teach-Hambrick, who grew up in Memphis, Tennessee, comes from a southern, Christian family, with her father working in construction and her

mother staying home to help

raise the kids. Hambrick

originally intended on enlist-

ing in the U.S. Air Force with a friend of hers but ended up joining by herself in 1986. That didn't change her enthusiasm, however.

"The Air Force was a great experience, even basic training was really cool," Hambrick said. "My military career was absolutely wonderful."

While in the U.S. Air Force, she was part of the Area Evacuation Services, which is a group that would "...go down range to get wounded soldiers and bring them back to safety," she said. They would frequently

have to pull resources from anywhere they could, even occasionally having to use commercial and non-military aircraft. They would then fly into dangerous parts of the war zone, which were down range, where she stated all kinds of things were being fired at them.

After retiring as a Master Sergeant, Hambrick continues to serve the community

by working at the VA Medical Center. "You got enough energy, you got enough skills, let's give back," said Hambrick.

After speaking to about 25 people at the presentation, Hambrick fielded questions from the audience.

One audience member asked when, during her 26year career, it occurred to her that she was where she belonged.

"In my later years, you get a chance to see your own personal accomplishments," Hambrick replied. "I oversaw several people and when I can step back and see others do my job, and do it well, I knew that was where I was supposed to be."

Hambrick continues to work at the VA today, and said she will continue with her journey to see where it takes her. After speaking, Hambrick was presented with a plaque by Jim DePauw, president of the Hangar 25 board. She was also given a commemorative flag that was previously flown over the United States Capitol, along with a certificate signed by Congressman Jodey Arrington.



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a charge of public intoxication. CHRISTOPHER MONTEZ

The Howard County Sheriff's

Department reported the follow-

Note – Officials with the How-

ard County Jail reported having

80 inmates at the time of this re-

• MICHAEL GABRIEL GAR-

Big Spring Fire Department/

MEDICAL CALL was report-

• MEDICAL CALL was report-

ed in the 600 block of Sgt. Pare-

EMS reported the following ac-

ing activity:

Police blotter

VERA, 30, of 1907 S. Main St. was arrested on warrants for theft of property and criminal mischief (\$750 to \$2,500).

• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of 11th and Johnson streets.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1300 block of East Third Street, the 1100 block of South Gregg Street, the 3600 block of West Highway 80, and the 1100 block of West Interstate 20.

Sheriff

CIA, 34, was booked by BSPD on a chargeof public intoxication.

 ANGELICA REQUAL MOJI-CA, 18, was booked by BSPD on warrants for assault/family violence (threat or offensive touch).

DELAND WAYNE SAVELL,

charge of driving while intoxicated/open container.

 ISRAEL BENJAMIN VELA, 30, was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Fire/EMS

ed in the 200 block of North Moss

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 5100 block of Sterling.
- MEDICAL CALL was re-

ed in the 1700 block of Harvard.

Lake Road.

- ported in the 9000 block of South

Highway 87.

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of Fourth and Gregg streets.
- MEDICAL CALL was report-

Take Note

 Registration is now begin taken for cancer survivors/caregivers who will be attending the 2017 Howard/Glasscock County Relay for Life. To register by phone or online call 1-800-227-2345 or www. relayforlife.org/bigspiringtx. For assistance, you may contact Howard Stewart at 432-935-0582 or Beverly Grant at 432-967-0901.

 Forsan Elementary School has scheduled Pre-K and Kindergarten pre-registration for Monday, April 3, through Friday, April 7 in the elementary office located at 500 West Main in Forsan, Texas. The school office will be open for registration between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. In order to be eligible for Pre-Kindergarten, the

student must be four years old on or before Sept. 1, 2017, and meet at least one of the following criteria: Must be unable to speak or comprehend English; the household fully qualifies for free or reducedprice lunches; the family is homeless; one or more parents are on active-duty military service or have been injured or killed while serving on active duty; or the child is in foster care

If your child meets one of the above criteria, please bring the child's birth certificate, social security card, immunization records, proof of residency (utility bill with name and physical address), proof of income (paycheck stub for ALL household income), and enrolling parent/guardian driver's license.

- The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted to Texas A&M University for fall 2017. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. Deadline for applications is April 3, 2017. For more information and to find the application, visit https://westexags.com/. Deadline for applications for current A&M students is June 1,
- The Howard County Fair thanks everyone who has picked up a crossstitch square for the annual quilt fundraiser. There are still a few squares left, so if you can do one, please see Cheryl at the Heritage Museum during regular hours, Tuesday through Saturday.
- Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

The next sacking session will be at 5:30 p.m. April 3 and 4 at the old Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 N.W. Seventh St. To get there, take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney, which is the block just past the Salvation Army retail store. Delaney turns into Seventh Street, you will go over the

railroad tracks and the school is on the left.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

· 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

Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

Meetings

- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.
- The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.
- The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.
- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.
- 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-
- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of 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

Obituaries

Marketha Hutchens

Marketha Hutchens, 78, died Tuesday, March 21, 2017. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1

58, was booked by BSPD on a p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. **SATURDAY**

ing, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/

speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birth-

Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meet-

day 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

- 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 about the support group or

about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will start Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.
- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

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"We passed a budget of a little over \$12 million dollars," he said. "That has been consistent for the last few years, consistent with our budgetary requirements."

A proposed bill working its way through the State Legislature has caused small West Texas counties concern, Bailey said. The bill would drop the roll back tax rate — a figure that would cause the county to have to call an election if they set a tax rate at or above the roll back number — from 8 percent to 4 percent.

"In a county that has a \$12 million budget what that means if we were to exceed our annual budget by 4 percent would mean we would automatically have a roll back rate (election)," Bailey said, explaining the county couldn't collect more than \$480,000 in extra tax revenue from the previous year before triggering the roll back election. "The budget for the library is \$448,000," he said. "In addition to that, we have a \$12,000 insurance policy which makes the total coverage for the library about 460,000 annually."

required to spend \$150,000 on a library program to keep the facility accredited by the state, Bailey

A county of this size is only

added. Also, the county is not required by the state to provide a library to its community at all.

Adding pressure to the annual budget, Bailey said, are the road upkeep and repair from the heavy truck traffic stemming from the increase in the oil and gas industry over the last several years and unfunded mandates (state requirements for programs that are funded through state dollars).

"With the increase in traffic, we have not been able to upkeep the roads," Bailey said.

According to Bailey, \$30 million dollars would be needed to bring the roads back to the level they were before the last oil and gas boom. He based that number off of estimates by the county's road and bridge office.

"Two things people are concerned about based on phone calls I get is roads and taxes," he

Bailey added also causing budgetary pressure is meeting the requirements of unfunded mandates by the state of Texas. "When you talk about the bat-

tles being fought, the battles being fought for us is not here in Howard County with the tax payers," he said. "The battle is being fought is with us and the state. That is where the war is and that is where people who want to

be involved need to be involved themselves by interfacing with us on behalf of the county. Every year the state pushes programs on the counties and they say 'by the way were are not going to give you any money but you will do these things on our behalf."

"We got to a place where we said shame on us if we can't sustain some of the things that we have been a part of for some many years — ten years from now that we can't fund these things," he said. "We need to be proactive. We need to get ahead of this thing and start looking at options."

Bailey again stressed to the crowd no decisions has been made.

"We want to do right by community, by the county," Bailey said. "We are dipping our foot in the water, checking the temperature, but I think we are a long way from doing a high dive. We want to continue to have conversations. We want to visit and find out things. There is a lot we don't know. Based on my experience with these folks (Howard County Commissioners), their hearts are in the right place."

> hopes to give away four scholarships, two for high school musicians and two for the junior high school students. Applications are currently being taken for the scholarship program. To apply, contact Markwell at 214-256-

> Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 235.

These constraints are what pushed the commissioners to begin prepare for the future, Bailey

Who's who at the

Boys & Girls Club

Gabriella C. Carter

How old are you? I am 10.

Where do you go to school? I go to BSI (Big Spring Intermediate).

What is your favorite class in school? I like both science and math classes.

What do you do for fun? I enjoy building robots and playing volleyball.

What's your favorite book? My favorite book is "The Girl With the Silver Eyes" (by Willo Davis Roberts).

What's your favorite TV show? I like "Liv and Maddie".

What's your favorite movie? I like "Beauty and the Beast."

If you could meet someone famous, who would it be? I would like to meet Mae Jemison (American engineer, physician, and NASA astronaut; the first African-American woman to travel in space).

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267-8288 Marketha Hutch-

ens, 78, passed away Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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reserve tickets because space is limited. Tickets are \$20 a piece.

The event also includes a fashion show featuring clothing from various local boutiques, along with door prizes, and a silent auction.

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construction.'

"We have some really

the oil Canada exports to the U.S.

The 1,700-mile pipeline, as envisioned, would car-

ry oil from tar sands in Alberta, Canada, to refin-

eries along the Texas Gulf Coast, passing through

Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and

Oklahoma. The pipeline would move roughly

800,000 barrels of oil per day, more than one-fifth of

Yet even with a presidential permit, the pipeline

still faces obstacles — most notably the route, which

is still being heavily litigated in the states. Native

American tribes and landowners have joined envi-

TransCanada said Friday it would continue en-

gaging with "neighbors throughout Nebraska,

Montana and South Dakota to obtain the necessary

permits and approvals to advance this project to

In an unusual twist, the presidential permit was

signed by Tom Shannon, a career diplomat serving

in a senior State Department role, rather than by

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson. The former CEO

of oil company Exxon Mobil recused himself after

protests from environmental groups who said it

would be a conflict of interest for Tillerson to de-

Oil industry advocates say the pipeline will

improve U.S. energy security and create jobs,

although how many is widely disputed. Calgary-

based TransCanada has promised as many as 13,000

construction jobs - 6,500 a year over two years -

but the State Department previously estimated a

far smaller number. The pipeline's opponents con-

tend the jobs will be minimal and short-lived, and

ronmental groups in opposing the pipeline.

neat items for the silent auction," she said. "The (Hotel) Settles gave us a night's stay for two. Blum's Jewelers gave us a necklace that looks like an antique flower. The Karat Patch donated a sliver and turquoise bracelet. It's beautiful. Johansen's Nursery gave us this really cute planter stand. It's a giraffe. We

have tote bags, and a big Texas star. We also have lots of door prizes."

Markwell added last year's youth scholarship winner, Michael Reyes, is scheduled to perform. Reyes, a saxophone player in the Big Spring High School Band, used the money to attend a summer music camp.

This year, the guild

needs because the oil is destined for export.

President Donald Trump has championed the pipeline and backed the idea that it will prove a job creator. In one of his first acts as president, he invited pipeline company TransCanada to resubmit the application to construct and operate the pipeline. And he had given officials until next Monday to complete a review of the project.

A Trump presidential directive also required new or expanded pipelines to be built with American steel "to the maximum extent possible." However, Trans-Canada has said Keystone won't be built with U.S. steel. The company has already acquired the steel, much of it from Canada and Mexico, and the White House has acknowledged it's too difficult to impose conditions on a pipeline already un-

Portions of Keystone have already been built. Completing it required a permit to cross from Canada into the U.S.

der construction.

Environmental groups also say the pipeline will encourage the use of carbon-heavy tar sands oil which contributes more



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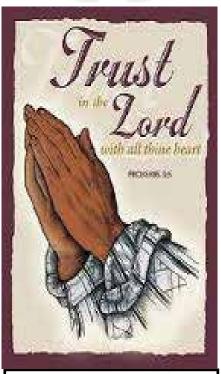
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Love has no fear because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of judgment, and this shows that his love has not been perfected in us. 1 John 4:18

The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue them and honor them. I will satisfy them with a long life and give them my salvation.

Psalm 91: 14-16





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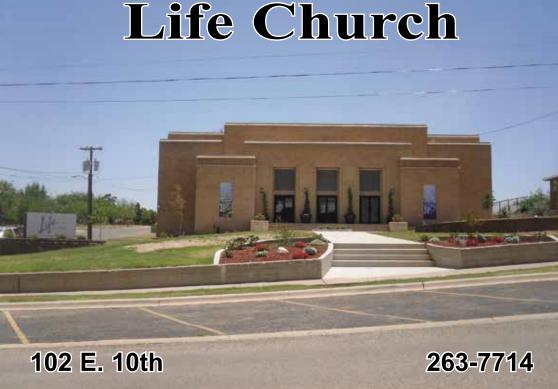
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Did you ever wonder? Samson and Delilah

ext Samson fell in love with a prostitute named Delilah. When the Philistines realized that Samson kept returning, they said to Delilah, "Find out for us what gives him his great strength and how we may over-

power him. Each of us will give you eleven hundred shekles of silver."

This was not merely a request for help or a business deal! Remember what they did to Samson's wife and her family?

When Delilah asked him about his strength, Samson told her that if he were tied with seven fresh tendons, he would become as weak as any ordinary man. Seven had special significance to people of that time.

Delilah believed him, and she bound Samson while he slept. She shouted, "Samson, the Philistines are upon you!"

Samson hardly strained at his bonds and they snapped.

Delilah threw a little tantrum! "You deceived me;

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you lied to me! Tell me now how you may be tied up!"

Now Samson told her that the secret was binding him with new ropes. The next time he slept, she bound him with new ropes. But when the room was

ext Samson fell in love with a prostitute filled with soldiers, he broke the ropes like a thread and escaped.

Another time she asked how he could be bound. Remember that Samson was a Nazirite with very long hair. Samson told her that if the seven locks of his long hair were woven in a loom as if making cloth, his strength would be gone.

This she did. It seems to have been a large loom with a beam to tamp down the thread making it a tight weave. But when she shouted, "Philistines," he jumped up, breaking the loom.

Now, Delilah pouted. "You are toying with me!

How can you say you love me when you won't trust me?" In weariness, Samson confided that his hair had

never been cut. Samson's hair was kept in seven braids. If it were cut, his strength would leave. Now the Philistines were confident that Samson

had told her the truth; they brought Delilah the promised silver. Delilah lulled Samson to sleep in her lap. While

he slept, she had a man cut off the braids.

She cried, "Samson, the Philistines are upon

you!" Samson arose, thinking that once again he would shake off his bonds and escape. He did not know that the Lord had left him!

The Philistines bound him and gouged out his

eyes. They took him to Gaza and threw him into

prison. They bound him with iron shackles and made him pull a heavy grist-mill stone around in a circle.

a circle.

In time Samson's hair grew long again. The Philistines did not realize that the Lord was restoring

They held a great celebration in the temple of their god, Dagon, and they ordered Samson brought out for entertainment. They may have intended to sacrifice him to their god.

Samson was blind and shackled with chains. They might have stood him in a large place and men surrounded him, poking him from different directions with ox goads. The temple was filled with laughing and jeering.

They stood him between two primary columns that supported the roof. They were still at their fun taunting and ridiculing him.

Samson wrapped his arms around the two columns and prayed to God Almighty, "Remember me, oh Lord. Strengthen me once again and let me die with the Philistines."

He pushed with all his might and the columns broke. The whole temple crashed down killing three thousand Philistines.

His brothers carried Samson home and buried him in the tomb of his father. He had led Israel for twenty years.

Church News

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS Fourth Sunday in Lent—March 26, 2017 "Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in our lives".

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Neighborhood in Big Spring. If you would like to reach us please call (432) 264-7818, or e-mail us at aliveinchristtx@gmail.com.

We will begin a new Wednesday evening Bible study soon. More information will be coming. Bible study and Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. and our Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday.

Dolline Budke will present the scripture readings this week.
We will have a meal that will be served from 5:30

- 6:30 p.m. and our Lenten services will begin at 7 p.m. for the next two Wednesdays. Please join us each week.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts". Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

We at Cornerstone Covenant Church would love the opportunity to connect with you! Please join us this week at one of the following events:

Sunday, March 26th 10:30 a.m. Join us on this radical journey into the endless depths of God's heart. We are seeking the face of God and learning to love Him more.

We love Him because He first loved us (1 John 4:19) Find out how your life is impacted when you become radical in your prayer, radical in your praise, and radical in your generosity. 2017 is going to be a year of seeking and discovering just how radical we can be in our love, faith and worship for Jesus Christ. We look forward to both sharing God's amazing word with you, and getting to know you better. Let's get radical in 2017!

Monday, April 10 -Far Above Rubies Women's

Ministry- All ladies are welcome! We will be gathering in the youth area at 6 p.m. Expect food, fun, fellowship and lots of laughter. Each lady is asked

to bring a favorite dish to share. For more information contact Debbie Rieger 432-935-1257

Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) is a unified

Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, that cultivates an atmosphere of faith so that lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ.

Please join us every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. for worship.

CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street.

For office hours or other questions please contact our administrative office at 432.264.0015 or email us Info@cccbigspring.org.

You can also find us at facebook.com/CCCBig-Spring; or visit us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

At the Southwest corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane Sunday:

Bible Study - 9:00 a.m.

Worship - 10:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. Wednesday:

Ladies Class - 9:00 a.m.

Singing & Devo - 7:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of 4th and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. Each Sunday morning, the 9 a.m. traditions service features the church's pipe organ, the Celebration Choir, and classic hymns of the faith. The Bridge at 11 a.m. is led by the church's worship band and includes contemporary, upbeat music. Worship at The Bridge is led by Adrian Calvio and many others. The Bridge at 11 a.m. is broadcast live each Sunday on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM.

This Sunday, Pastor Ivins will continue a Lenten sermon series entitled "The Quest for Paradise." Since the fall of man in the Garden of Eden, humanity has been on a quest to regain paradise. This Sunday continues the journey with a message entitled "A New Day in Paradise." The message comes from Ephesians 5:8-14 and John 9:1-41.

Wednesday noon Bible study continues to be on

a short hiatus during Lent in order to allow attendees to participate in the Lenten lunch series. The fourth of the Lenten lunches is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, March 29 at noon. The March 29 luncheon will take place at the Salvation Army,

811 West 5th Street. Pastor Sam Segundo of the Family Faith Center will be the guest speaker.

First Methodist is on its regular Wednesday night schedule next week. Supper is served at 5:30 pm with groups for every age starting at 6:00 pm. The Bridge Worship Band also rehearses on Wednesday night at 6 pm in the Sanctuary. The Celebration Choir will rehearse in the upstairs Music Suite at 7:30 pm.

Make plans to attend the church's Good Friday service slated for April 14 at 7:30 p.m. Good Friday commemorates the day Jesus died on the cross.

It was announced recently that Pastor Bill Ivins will become the new Senior Pastor of the Saint Paul United Methodist Church in Amarillo. His new appointment becomes effective in June.

Last Sunday, it was announced that his successor

Last Sunday, it was announced that his successor will be the Reverend Derrell Patterson. Patterson is currently the Big Spring District Superintendent. He has served in that capacity for the last seven years.

A native of Seymour, Reverend Patterson and his wife Sandy have served churches in Abilene, Vernon, Littlefield, and Idalou. He is a graduate of McMurry University in Abilene and holds the Master of Divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. His first Sunday will be June 18.

For more information on any activity, please visit our website at www.fumcbs.com or phone the church office at 267-6394.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

The people of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invite you to worship with them Sunday at 10:50 a.m.or 2:00 p.m. Pastor Jim Walterhouse will bring the message, which will honor and glorify God for His unending love, mercy, and grace. Currently Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For detailed information about BHDC, including Wednesday evening schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at:jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

First Baptist Church "Praise the LORD!" How good to sing praises to

our God! How delightful and how fitting!" Psalm 147:1
You're invited to join the people of FBC Sunday at

10:50 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. as they gather to lift up the name above all names, Jesus Christ.

Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worship-

pers in a blend of classic hymns of the faith, and contemporary praise and worship tunes.

Pastor Mark Lindsey will deliver the message

from Scripture titled "Salvation for All". Drawn from Acts 5:17-19, listeners are reminded that there has always been opposition to the sharing of the Gospel, even from the earliest days following Christ's resurrection, and the Lord has never forgotten, forsaken, or deserted His witnesses. This passage also boldly proclaims God's faithful care of believers, and demonstrates that He invades the darkness of all captivity with the light of hope, truth, and freedom. If you are unable to attend, you may join the service through the live stream on the website at: fbcbigspring.org.

At 9:30 a.m. Sunday school groups meet through-

out the building with youth, college students, and adults gathering in second floor classrooms. Children come together in the Good News Garage on the first floor, then disperse to age/grade divided rooms. Greeters are available to help you find your class. Come early to enjoy a time of fellowship.

All area children are welcome to participate in

Kids Connection at 5:30 p.m. This is a fun time of Bible based activities under the direction of Children's Minister Justin Green. Teens gather at 6 p.m. in the home of Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini and wife, Rebekah. Contact

Jonathan at 270-8332 if transportation is needed. Evening worship service begins at 6 p.m., and Pastor Mark will bring the sermon titled "What Grieves The Spirit of God" taken from Ephesians 4:25-30. This message will exhort hearers to examine specific principles, habits, and traits that

should mark every Christian's behavior.



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Mark your calendars now for these summer camp opportunities. Step Up camp is for children that will have finished 4th grade through finished 6th grade, and will be July 9-12 at Austin College in Sherman, Texas. Family Camp is for the entire family; the dates are July 28-30 and will be at Big Country Baptist Assembly in Lueders, TX.

Contact Justin Green at 267-8223 for additional information. You do not have to be a FBC member to participate in these camps.

Summer camp and activities for youth are also planned; contact Jonathan Raffini at 270-8332 for details, and to sign up your teenager.

FBC Mother's Day Out meets each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 to inquire about available openings for your little ones.

Wednesday evening activities begin at 6 p.m., and include Adult Bible study and prayer time, Adult worship choir practice, Real LYF for children, and Saturate Youth for teens.

FBC is located at 705 W FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church.

First Christian Church

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad St. in Big Spring. Sundays begin with a fellowship hour with coffee and donuts beginning at 9:15 a.m. Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. and worship begins at 10:50 a.m.

This Sunday, March 26, 2017 guest minister Rev. Joel Miller will be preaching a sermon called "Understanding God's Harvest", which is taken from John 4: 31-38. Assisting Rev. Miller in worship will be Shirley Burgess who will serve as Liturgist. Serving at the Lord's table will be Shirley Lee and Erma Dunne. Greeters will be Linda and Dan Miracle

Preparing music to enhance worship are Tara Trowbridge, choir director and Lawrence Thibeault, music director. Some selections they are working on are "Fairest Lord Jesus", "This is The Day" and "O, How I Love Jesus".

Looking ahead just a bit, there will be a beautiful Palm Sunday Service as well as a Maundy Thursday service as they prepare for Easter.

First Christian Church extends an open invitation to anyone. If you have any questions regarding services or any goings on, please call 432-517-4821.

First Presbyterian Church

The Wednesday Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt, meets at 5:00 p.m.

The Children's Choir practice is at 5:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Also on Sunday, the youth has the following schedule: dinner, 6:00; handbells, 6:30; and confirmation class at 7:15 p.m. in the youth room.

The session held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 21, at 6:00 p.m.

The next meeting of Presbyterian women is

slated for Tuesday, March 28, at 2:00 p.m. in the library. Patti Horton will lead Lesson 7, which addresses the question "Who is Jesus?" according to the non-canonical gospels.

Once again we will join with other local churches for a series of Lenten luncheons. The schedule for those luncheons follows:

March 22 - Host First Methodist, preacher from Catholic Church

March 29 - Host Salvation Army , preacher Sam Segundo

April 5 - Host First Baptist, preacher Craig Holstedt, First Presbyterian

(Last week's speakers were both Lts McCain from the Salvation Army.)

Ellen Austin is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Danny Kennemur is Lector. Ushers for March are Gordon and Susan McDaniel, Lynn and Helen Glass.

The lectionary for the Fourth Sunday in Lent is I Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41. The Chancel Choir will lead the service with the Introit "How Blessed Are Those" (Psalm 32) by George Woodward. Rev. Craig Holstedt minister, will present the sermon. The anthem will be "Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee" by K. Lee Scott. Offertory will be "There Is a Redeemer" by Melody Green.

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

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11:00 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website www.fpcbs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Craig Holstedt. We would be pleased for you to like us on Facebook.

Forsan Baptist Church

This week the series in Ephesians will continue with a message from Ephesians 3:8-13 called Then, Now, and Forever. On April 2nd there will be a luncheon fundraiser

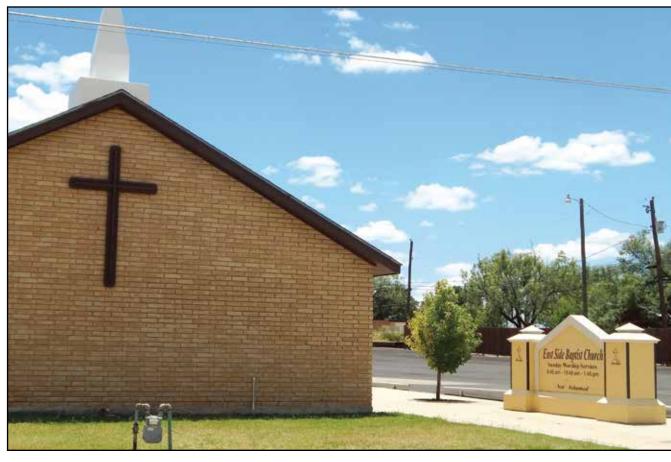
for GA and RA camps. The lunch will consist of a taco buffet, and tickets will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids 12 and under.

The Sunday evening study series is called The Names of God, which examines each name given in both the Old and New Testaments.

Youth and children's activities on Wednesday evenings include classes for elementary students at 4:00, a meal for youth at 5:30 and classes for youth and adults beginning at 6:00

and adults beginning at 6:00.

Forsan Baptist Church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday School begins at 9:50, with wor-



ship services at 10:50 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. Wednesday services begin at 6:00 P.M. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

Spring Creek Fellowship

Our next Men's Warrior Weekend is scheduled for March 31st – April 2nd. The cost is \$30. Contact Michael McGuffey for more information. A "Women's Weekend" is planned for May 19-21st

at Camp Butman at Merkel, Texas. All women are invited but spaces are limited. For more information, contact Adriana Kocak.

We have set a goal of 90% participation in our

ministries and will be focusing on two ministries each Sunday morning to get the word out about what is available. Please stop by the Connections Table in the garden area to get more information. Join the "90% Club" by getting involved!

Parents who want to keep up and share in their

children's Sunday Bible Lessons may go to our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org for the information. Just click on "Kid Connect" for past and current lessons.

"People Caring for People" is a ministry serving widows in our area with small projects and "honey do" kinds of things. This ministry has no operating budget, so repairs are made with donations. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either in a "hands on" way or by donation, please contact Bob Abendshan at 432-528-7397.

Wednesday night kid's activities are back in

session from 6:00-8:00 pm in the children's areas. We will be learning about the traditions of Ash Wednesday and start learning the Lord's Prayer.

A small snack will be served at 7:30. The schedule is set for you parents that are participating in Missional Communities or youth. Drop off is at 5:45. We will be including babies-5th grade. Please let Donna Wennik know if you are interested in bring your kids or help-

We are starting a food pantry ministry called 'Our Daily Bread". If you are interested in participating in this ministry or need more information, please contact Kay Pittman.

ing out. Thanks!

Our Worship team is fundraising for 8 wireless/in ear monitors. If you would be interested in donating to this fundraiser, please contact Klint Bratcher.

Our Youth and Family Camp will be heading back to Colorado this summer. If you are interested in this camp, contact Lloyd Wells.

"Let the Morning

Bring", a downloadable song as well as a few other songs written and performed by our own Spring Creek Fellowship Worship Team, is now on iTunes. We hope and pray these songs will speak to you and draw you into His presence. We are so very proud of our Spring Creek worship team for stepping out and using their gifts for God and to witness to others! If you would like to get these songs, go to iTunes and look for the download at https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/let-the-morning-bring-single/id1176877429

Our Connect Four class meets once a month immediately after service on Sundays. This class is for new members and those who want to know more about our church and our beliefs. It is a two hour session and dates will be announced. Lunch and childcare will be provided for those attending.

Men's Bible study meets on Thursday nights from 7:00-9:00 pm. The title of the study is "Ephesians".

If you have a smart phone, take a look at our Spring Creek app. With this app you can make tithes/donations, leave messages, send prayer requests, follow prayer chains and learn about upcoming events! We will also have a Bible reading plan

Go to your app store on your smart phone and search for SPRING CREEK FELLOWSHIP and download.

Be sure to allow notifications when given the option, those messages are generated by the church office so it keeps you updated about upcoming events and much more.

Weekly Happenings:

Sunday-8:15 am-Classical Worship Service

9:15-10:15 am-Sunday School/Connection Groups 10:15 am-10:45 am- "Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship. 10:45 am-12:00 pm-Worship Service

Tuesday-12:00 noon- Narcotics Anonymous

6:30 pm-Pain Management Group



"The Dartts"

will be in Concert March 28th at 7:00 pm at East Side Baptist.

You will enjoy the different styles of Music and of course the Lyrics that lift up OUR LORD and Our hearts. Of the many songs they have written "God of the Mountain" is maybe the best remembered.

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Barnes' late basket, steal put Mavs past Clippers, 97-95

DALLAS (AP) — Harrison Barnes thrived in a new position on Thursday night, and so did the Mavericks.

Barnes made the go-ahead basket, then stole the ball from Blake Griffin with 3.9 seconds left as Dallas beat the Los Angeles Clippers 97-95.

Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle started a big lineup, with Barnes moving from power forward to small forward.

"I have a little bit more energy from not banging with as many bigs," Barnes said.

Barnes made a 14-foot jumper with 1:06 remaining for the game's 11th lead change, making it 96-95. After he stripped Griffin, Wesley Matthews made a free throw with 0.9 seconds to play before J.J. Redick missed a 3-point attempt that would have won it at the buzzer. His shot bounced off the far side of the rim.

"We had a great shot on the last play," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said. "That was great execution, and it was a 3, would have been a game-winner. Make, miss, we will live with that."

Griffin scored 21 points, including nine in a row in the fourth quarter, but he missed his last three shots and turned the ball over four times in the

"I got to take care of the ball on the last play of the game," Griffin said, "if you trust me with the last play of the

Dallas expected Griffin to have the

"I have to give credit to our coaching staff," Barnes said. "They scouted that play well before the game. We knew it was coming to Blake. I just tried to play good defense, and I was in the right spot and the right time."

The Clippers had their three-game winning streak snapped. Dallas, battling from behind for a playoff berth,



Dallas Mavericks forward Harrison Barnes (40) steals the ball away from Los Angeles Clippers' Blake Griffin (32) in the final seconds of an NBA basketball game in Dallas, Thursday, March 23, 2017. The Mavericks won 97-95.

had lost four of six.

"I don't care about the race," Rivers said. "I care about how we play."

Seth Curry led Dallas with 23 points. Barnes finished with 21 and Dirk Nowitzki had 14.

The new lineup had Nerlens Noel starting at center and point guard Yogi Ferrell on the bench.

Curry started at point guard and had four assists.

"We're going to give this a look," Carlisle said. "It may be the rest of the year, it may not."

Noel finished with 12 rebounds, two blocked shots and two steals, including one in the final minute.

DeAndre Jordan had 14 points and 18 rebounds for the Clippers. Chris Paul scored 15 points and Austin Rivers had 13.

The Mavericks led by as many as

12 points in the second quarter. But after trailing 44-32, Los Angeles finished the first half on a 22-4 run for a 54-48 halftime lead.

Paul had 13 points in the first half, and Jordan already had a double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds. Nowitzki and Curry each had 10 points for the Mavericks.

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Tipping Off: Baylor women hope for better luck in OKC



In this April 1, 2013, file photo, Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey gestures during the second half of a regional semi-final game against Louisville in the women's NCAA college basketball tournament in Oklahoma City. Baylor faces Louisville in the regional semifinals in a rematch of Louisville's stunning regional semifinal upset of the defending national champion Bears in 2013.

By DOUG FEINBERG

AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Oklahoma City hasn't been too kind to Baylor the last few years in the women's NCAA Tournament.

The Lady Bears lost in 2013 to Louisville and in 2015 to Notre Dame. Coach Kim Mulkey doesn't care about the past, focusing on the current team which has run through its first two games of the NCAAs. Baylor faces Louisville on Friday night in a rematch of one of the biggest upsets in the tournament.

"That's history," she said. "So now you go to this game, and they're a different team, we're a different team."

Mulkey said she doesn't make too much of the similar circumstances or the past upsets.

"You win some you shouldn't and you lose some that you probably shouldn't, but you can't let them just kill your spirit," she said. "You can't let them run you out of the business. You just motivate yourself, pick yourself back up and keep coaching."

The other game Friday in Oklahoma features Washington and star guard Kelsey Plum against Mississippi State. The Huskies made a surprising run to the Final Four last season and are looking to get to Dallas this year for the national semifinals. Mississippi State coach Vic Schae-

fer is no stranger to trying to stop great offensive players. He was an assistant coach at Arkansas and played against Jackie Stiles, whose career scoring record Plum broke last month. "Obviously, Jackie Stiles, Kelsey

Plum — those are two of the best to ever play the game, and from an offensive standpoint, they are just so multi-dimensional," Schaefer said. "Their coaches use them in such a good way, smart, and so it's a tall task. There's no question about it." Here are a few other story lines from

the Sweet 16:

SHE'S OUT: Notre Dame will be missing star forward Brianna Turner, who tore the anterior cruciate ligament as well as the lateral meniscus and sustained other damage to her knee in the Irish's second round game. Coach Muffet McGraw said Turner would need to recover some before undergoing surgery and is expected to be out for six months. The

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Aldridge, Leonard lead Spurs to 97-90 win over Grizzlies

By RAUL DOMINGUEZ

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Memphis Grizzlies got into the Spurs defensively, pushing San Antonio around and making every possession a fierce fight.

The Spurs enjoyed it, especially their defensive-minded coach.

LaMarcus Aldridge scored 23 points, Kawhi Leonard added 19 and San Antonio beat Memphis 97-90 on Thursday night in a possible firstround playoff preview.

"It's good for the team and myself that we're seeing this early instead of being hit in the playoffs," Leonard

San Antonio opened a four-game homestand by moving two games behind idle Golden State for the league's best record. The Spurs (55-16) close the homestand against the Warriors (57-14) next Wednesday.

Memphis (40-32) is seventh in the Western Conference, which would result in a first-round matchup with San Antonio if the standings remain.

"I thought both teams played good defense," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "As usual, making some shots down the stretch matters, but overall I thought we moved the ball pretty well and we didn't turn it over too much. We played a pretty good game."

Mike Conley had 22 points and six assists for Memphis, which fell 1 ½ games behind Oklahoma City for

Marc Gasol, who had 13 points, was the only other Grizzlies player in double figures.

San Antonio lost the first two meetings, both in Memphis, by a combined 23 points.

"They were more clear on their plan defensively," said Marc Gasol, who outscored his brother, Pau, by four points. "They did a good job. We didn't really run. They moved the ball, they

made a lot of shots." Aldridge reached 15,000 career points with his final basket, a 13-foot jumper that gave San Antonio a 90-81 lead with 2:10 remaining.

The 11-year veteran is averaging 21.4 points in five games since returning from a two-game absence after being diagnosed with a minor heart arrhythmia.

A short week for McIlroy on long road to Masters

DOUG **FERGUSON**

AP Golf Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) Rory McIlroy rarely has played so well and had so little to show for

No matter what happens Friday in the Dell Technologies Match Play, McIlroy won't be around for the weekend. That's not unusual for this event. Four times when Match Play was single elimination, he didn't make it out of the second round.

But this week was as strange as it gets for world.

the No. 2 player in the He played 17 holes

on Wednesday, most

of them good. McIlroy

would have beaten most players in the opening round, except that Soren Kjeldsen closed with four straight birdies, the last one a pitching wedge that landed 2 inches from the cup on one of the toughest little par 3s in Texas.

No shame there.

"Overall, I can't be disappointed," he said.

And that's when his week took an unexpected turn.

Gary Woodland had to withdraw Thursday because of what was described only as a personal family matter with no other details. McIlroy faced Woodland in the championship match when he won the Match

was 4-under par and Play in 2015 at Harding Park. That meant Mc-Ilroy won a match he didn't even play.

> And then without hitting another shot, his tournament was over. Kjeldsen defeated Emiliano Grillo to go 2-0 in group play, and because Kjeldsen was to face Woodland in the final day of round robin, he was assured of winning his match.

McIlroy plays what amounts to a practice round on Friday.

For someone who has played 14 matches over the last two years, this was the last thing McIlroy needed before going to the Masters.

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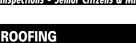
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www.window.state.tx.us/ taxinfo/proptax/ or by calling the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at (800) 252-9121 ex. 2.

#9326 March 19-24, 2017

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT (FORM W-14 NON-**COMMERCIAL WELL)**

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Legal Authority: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hear-

ing 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 & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, TX 78711-2967 (Telephone #512-463-6792).

#9333 March 24, 2017

PRODUCTIVITY APPRAISAL MAY LOWER THE PROPERTY TAXES ON YOUR FARM, OR RANCH!

Texas law allows farmers, ranchers and timber growers to pay property taxes based upon the "productivity value"

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of their land rather than on market value. This means qualified land is taxed based on its ability to produce crops, livestock or timber - not on its value on the real estate market. And it can mean substantial property tax

When is the application deadline?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district by April 30 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2016 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by April 30. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district of-

Do you need to reapply annually?

If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser reguires you to do so. If a new application is required. the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

For more information, call or come by:

Howard County Appraisal

District 315 Main Street Big Spring, TX 79720

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right, considerate, fair and loving thing, then no one would need to be governed. The trouble is that even people in the same family can't agree on what the right, considerate, fair and loving thing is. Venus is currently retrograde, hiding, and transiting the sign of the warrior. Steer clear of conflict, as it's likely to be

futile. ARIES (March 21-April 19). You

can make a promise about what you'll do, -- it's just not some-

20-May 20). Life will be sweet. Today will present you with an embarrassment of riches. Such a thing can be dangerous. Better to share with a friend than to have the whole pie to yourself.

21-June 21). Some say that it's possible to know the character of a person through his or her errors. Others suggest the better moments point the way to a person's soul. Right now it will be enough just to pay close attention, for better or worse.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Some-



By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

You are South, neither side vulnerable. The bidding has been: South North Pass Pass

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands? 1. ★ AJ2 ♥ 9753 ♦ K84 ♣ A95

♣ Q9743 ♥ 872 ♦ AQ ♣ Q84 . ♠ Kे754 ♥ 6 ♦ AJ83 ♣ Q942 4. ♠ AK7 ♥ KJ84 ♦ 7 ♣ J8532

1. Double. Competitive bidding for partscores receives short shrift from many writers. This is probably because game and slam contracts are much more interesting to write and talk about than partscores. The fact is, though, that about half the deals in bridge do not contain a game for either side, so partscores merit more attention than they receive.

Suppose your side can make three clubs and the opponents can make two hearts on the same deal. If you let the opponents buy the hand for two hearts, they score 60 below the line instead of you, making it easier for them — and harder for you — to make a game on the next deal. Taking such factors as vulnerability and potential sacrifices (to prevent the enemy from making game) into account, the "hidden value" of a

partscore is roughly 300 points. Such swings can make all the difference between winning and losing at either rubber bridge or duplicate

and emphasize the need to fight for partscores. In this hand, judging from the early stop by the opponents. it is clear that partner has some val-ues. A double for takeout is therefore in order. Partner almost surely has a singleton heart and is therefore likely to have a five-card suit. It would be a mistake to sell out so cheaply. 2. Two spades. Ordinarily, this

would be a dangerous bid, but most of the risk has been removed by West's two-heart bid and East's pass, leading to the reasonable inference that partner has a friendly hand Whatever the remaining danger attached to the two-spade bid, however, you cannot afford the greater risk of losing a makeable partscore.

3. Double. While it is true that you have only 10-high-card points, your hand will be worth much more than that when partner responds to the double in one of your four-card suits. Partner is almost certain to have six to 10 points, and it is therefore likely that eight or nine tricks can be made in whichever suit he chooses 4. Pass. It is not mandatory to bid

when the opposing bidding dies at a low level, and whether or not to compete depends upon the merits of each individual case. Here, it is best to pass because (1) you may set two hearts, and (2) it is too dangerous to double for takeout (partner might bid diamonds) or to bid three clubs with such a shabby suit.

Tomorrow: An auxiliary precaution. ©2017 King Features Syndicate Inc

because you have a reasonable amount of control over that. To make a promise about how you'll feel, though thing you can predict at this time. TAURUS (April

GEMINI (May

find common ground with people, but when you can't find it, you still will find a way of showing support. Your eyes and attitude will say it all. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's ex-

citing where you are

right now in your life.

It's not perfect, and

there is still room for growth. But you've accomplished something, and you'll build on that. Feel good about it. **SAGITTARIUS**

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're not aiming to get a return on your relationships. You go with your heart and your attractions. The fact that you are rewarded so richly today is a bonus. CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The more desirable

a scene is, the more people want it all to themselves. Don't be discouraged. With enough intention and will, you'll soon break through.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Don't worry about making choices that are in keeping with the current style. Fashion doesn't even apply to you now. Your classic ways and tastes will always be in favor.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You won't exactly solve the problem going on between two people you love, but you can make it better by hearing both sides and being generally

neutral.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (March 24).

You'll see more of the world this year. A change of venue brings something fresh and fiery to your personal life. In April you'll reach back and fix something that you broke a few years ago. June is for stretching your emotional muscles and taking risks with your heart. August will introduce you to new income. Scorpio and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 30, 20, 1 and 18. **WEEKEND LOVE**

FORECAST: ARI-ES: Stay cheerful.

Your smile can make someone's day. TAU-RUS: Your nonjudgmental attitude is a form of love. GEMINI: Whatever you think of yourself, the person you're spending time with sees you as someone different. CANCER: You'll join someone in laughter, and this is how the love bond starts. LEO: Money is one of the top things couples fight about, although it's often among the least worthy topics. VIRGO: Some of your best relationships and opportunities have happened by way of accidental magic, and it's going to happen again. LIBRA: If you could take the pain of growing away from another you

would, but growing is something each of us must do on our own. SCORPIO: When you're up to it, you'll burn bright. Give yourself a rest after that. No one is "on" all of the time. SAG-ITTARIUS: Stress is unattractive. That's why you'll lighten up and sing instead. CAPRICORN: You've a talent for relating to people and bringing peace to the situations of life. AQUARIUS: Real love begins after the fantasy of love pops. PISCES: The more alert you are, the better you can love others the way they

want to be loved **COUPLE OF** THE WEEKEND:

Aries and Aquarius both start with the letter "A," and that's where the similarities end. This fire and air combo may clash this weekend, but it will be the kind of friction that lends itself to learning about one another quickly. There's a thick attraction currently, with the sun in Aries and the moon in Aquarius. If anyone can get under the casual coolness of Aquarius, it's hotheaded Aries.

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Puzzles by Pappocom

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. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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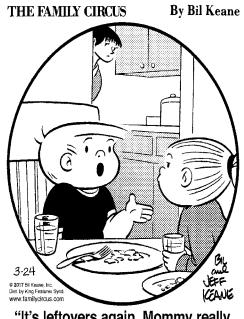
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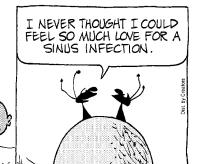
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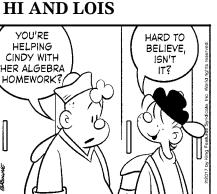
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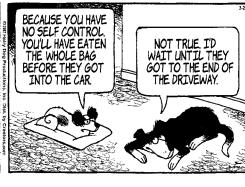












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This Date In History

Today is Friday, March 24, the 83rd day of 2017. There are 282 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On March 24, 1765, Britain enacted the Quartering Act, requiring American colonists to provide temporary housing to British soldiers.

On this date:

In 1832, a mob in Hiram, Ohio, attacked, tarred and feathered Mormon leaders Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon.

In 1913, New York's Palace Theatre, the legendary home of vaudeville, opened In 1934, President Franklin

D. Roosevelt signed a bill granting future independence to the Philippines.

In 1944, in occupied Rome, the Nazis executed more than 300 civilians in reprisal for an attack by Italian partisans the day before that had killed 32 German soldiers.

In 1958 rock-an Elvis Presley was inducted into the Army in Memphis, Tennessee.

In 1965, Ranger 9, a lunar probe launched three days earlier by NASA, crashed into the moon (as planned) after sending back more than 5,800 video images. In 1976, the president of

Argentina, Isabel Peron, was deposed by her country's military. British war hero Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, 88, died in Alton, Hampshire, England. In 1989, the supertanker

Exxon Valdez (vahl-DEEZ') ran aground on a reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound and began leaking an estimated 11 million gallons of crude oil. In 1997, at the 69th Annual

Academy Awards, "The English Patient" won best picture and director (Anthony Minghella); Frances McDormand won best actress for "Fargo" while Geoffrey Rush won best actor for "Shine." In 1999, NATO launched air-

strikes against Yugoslavia, marking the first time in its 50-year existence that it had ever attacked a sovereign country. Thirty-nine people were killed when fire erupted in the Mont Blanc tunnel in France and burned for two days.

In 2002, at the 74th Academy Awards, Halle Berry became the first black actress to win an Oscar for a leading role for her work in "Monster's Ball," while Denzel Washington became the second black actor, after Sidney Poitier, to win in the best actor category for "Training Day." "A Beautiful Mind" won four Oscars, including best picture and best director for Ron Howard.

In 2015, Germanwings Flight 9525, an Airbus A320, crashed into the French Alps, killing all 150 people on board; investigators said the jetliner was deliberately downed by the 27-yearold co-pilot, Andreas Lubitz.

Ten years ago: The U.N. Security Council unanimously voted to impose new sanctions against Iran for its refusal to stop enriching uranium. Japan's Miki Ando won the women's title at the World Figure Skating Championship in Tokyo, leading a 1-2 finish for the host country with Mao Asada second.

Five years ago: Rick Santorum won the Louisiana Republican presidential primary, beating front-runner Mitt Romney in yet another conservative Southern state.

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MASTERS

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After his match Friday against Grillo, the four-time major champion will have played just 14 rounds in 2017.

He lost in a playoff at the South African Open with an injured rib that turned out to be more serious than he realized. It was a hairline fracture, and it sidelined McIlroy for seven weeks. McIlroy returned at the Mexico Championship, where he was assured of playing four rounds, and he had the 36-hole lead until a 70-71 weekend gave him a tie for seventh. A week ago at Bay Hill, he made a late charge until a bogey on the final hole. McIlroy tied for fourth.

The biggest decision he faced Friday was not whether to go for the green over the water on the par-4 13th. It was whether he should enter the Houston Open next week and try to get in some more meaningful golf ahead of the Masters.

He'll have to decide after Friday's match.

It might not be the worst decision. If he wants to get to Augusta for early practice, he'll have all weekend. And it's worth nothing that McIlroy played the week before he won three of his four majors — the Scottish Open ahead of his 2014 victory at Royal Liverpool, and the Bridgestone In-

vitational the week before the PGA Championship he won in 2012 at Kiawah Island and in 2014 at Valhalla.

He played the Memorial two weeks before his record victory in the 2011 U.S. Open.

McIlroy is getting the most attention because he has so much at stake — a chance to become only the sixth player to complete the career Grand Slam.

But when it comes to Match Play, he wasn't alone in his misery.

Alex Noren also got a free pass into the round of 16 at Austin Country Club. He easily defeated Thongchai Jaidee in the first round and Bernd Wiesberger in the second round. Next up was Francesco Molinari, and Noren failed to win, he would have gone into a sudden-death playoff against the winner of the thirdround match between Thongchai and Wiesberger.

But then Molinari withdrew with a wrist injury.

Just like that, Noren won the group and Thongchai and Wiesberger had a Friday match with nothing riding on the outcome.

These are the vagaries of Match Play, even in a round-robin format designed to keep the 64-man field around for at least three days. The idea was to keep it interesting until the last day of group play, though there is nothing particularly interest-



AP photo

Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, watches his drive on the first hole during round-robin play against Soren Kjeldsen, of Denmark, at the Dell Technologies Match Play golf tournament at Austin County Club, Wednesday, March 22, 2017, in Austin, Texas.

ing for four matches where the winner ends up losing — the others are McIlroy and Grillo, Byeong Hun An against Joost Luiten, Shane Lowry against Kevin Chappell.

Those eight are among 21 players who will play Friday with no chance

o move on.

There is bound to be criticism of the format. The answer has always been to play better.

What wound up hurting McIlroy is he didn't get to play at all.

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Dallas started the third quarter with a 13-2 run to regain the lead at 61-56.

The Mavericks took a 79-77 lead into the fourth quarter.

TIP-INS

Clippers: Redick's four-point play in the second quarter was the 31st of his career. ... The Clippers outrebounded Dallas 25-15 in the first half, but only 20-19 in the second.

Mavericks: Barnes has scored 20plus points 35 times this season.

He totaled 19 games of 20-plus in his first four NBA seasons with Golden State. ... Dallas scored 21 points off 17 turnovers, nine in the second half. The Mavericks committed only

The Mavericks committed onl nine turnovers for eight points.

THE LINEUP

Carlisle seemed pleased with the lineup change.

"We got to look at Curry at point with a really conventional team out there. We got a look at Noel with Dirk and Barnes. We got to see how things would shake out with Barnes at 3."

THE MIGHTY FALL

Dallas' J.J. Barea — listed at 6 feet, 185 pounds — was ejected with 5:29 to play in the third quarter after pushing the 6-10, 251-pound Griffin to the floor.

Crew chief Bill Spooner explained the call.

"The contact, in our judgment, was deemed unnecessary and excessive. The contact was to the shoulders and above to the throat. That is deemed as a flagrant penalty two."

UP NEXT

Clippers: Begin a three-game homestand on Saturday afternoon against Utah.

Mavericks: Play the third game of a four-game homestand vs. Toronto on Saturday.

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Irish play Friday night

against Ohio State.

"I feel really bad for that kid. It's just terrible, like you hate to see an injury like that at any point in the year, especially right now," Ohio State coach Kevin McGuff said.

FAMILIAR PLACE: For the second consecutive season, Notre Dame and Stanford are back in Lexington, Kentucky, for their regional.
Second-seeded Stan-

ford played its first two rounds at Kansas State as the Cardinal couldn't host because of a gymnastics event at the school.

The team couldn't fly back right away to California after its second-round win Monday, so coach Tara VanDerveer talked to the captains and decided to stay in Kentucky instead of making the cross-country flight twice.

The Cardinal will face

Texas on Friday night. The teams met to open the season and the Cardinal came away with a 12-point win.

"I mean, to go back and look at that film in that first game against Stanford is almost comical, just from the standpoint of how young we were in a lot of areas and how really disconnected we were, in particular on the defensive end, mainly because of youth and inexperience," Texas coach Karen Aston said.



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AP FACT CHECK: Willie Nelson not deathly ill, publicist says

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Willie Nelson has played nearly a dozen shows in recent weeks and is not deathly ill, his publicist said, despite a series of reports claiming the country music legend is struggling to breathe.

A March 13 Radar Online report quoted an anonymous source saying Nelson was "deathly ill," weak as a baby and unable to muster the breath to sing. The story is the basis for reports shared by other websites, including washingtonfeed.com and uconservative.net.

Elaine Schock, Nelson's publicist, denied the reports and pointed to his performances at concerts in recent weeks as evidence of the singer's health.

"He's perfectly fine," Schock told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The 83-year-old took the stage before more than 75,000 people at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo at NRG Stadium on March 18. He appeared healthy and sang well during the

The Houston concert was part of a series of shows in Texas and Florida over the past two months.

Nelson canceled several shows in late January and early February after coming down with a "bad cold," Schock said. Nelson returned to the stage Feb. 16 to play at a San Antonio rodeo. The singer has been

the target of numerous online death hoaxes over the years. He references them in the song "Still Not Dead," from his upcoming album, "God's Problem Child," which is set to be released in April. Lyrics from the track include, "The internet said I had passed away, but you can't



In this Jan. 7, 2017, file photo, Willie Nelson performs in Nashville, Tenn.

believe a damn thing that they

Texas appeals court overturns ex-Baylor player's conviction

WACO, Texas (AP) — An appeals court has overturned the conviction of a former Baylor football player whose sexual assault case added to a scandal that engulfed the nation's largest Baptist school.

The Texas 10th Court of Appeals said in a ruling Wednesday that text messages should not have been excluded from the testimony in Sam Ukwuachu's 2015 trial.

The court ordered that a new trial be held for the former standout defensive player for the Bears.

The text messages were exchanged between the woman Ukwuachu was convicted of assaulting and her friend.

Records: Ex-congressman bilked foundations out of \$775K

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal court records reveal former U.S. Rep. Steve Stockman is accused of conspiring with two staffers to bilk conservative foundations out of at least \$775,000 that was meant for charitable purposes and voter education.

Details of the allegations were outlined in court records as part of a plea deal involving Thomas Dodd, a former campaign worker for Stockman.

The Houston Chronicle reports that Dodd pleaded guilty Monday to two counts of conspiracy and is cooperating with authorities. Stockman is accused of spending money meant for charity on himself and contributions to his campaign.

He was arrested by the FBI on March 16 as he prepared to board a plane. He's since been released on

Missing Texas girl found after 300mile ride on coal train

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Authorities say a Texas teenager who went missing while on vacation with her family in Colorado was discovered by a farmer when she hopped from a coal train after running out of Skittles.

Police in Colorado Springs, Colorado, said in a statement Wednesday that 13-year-old Adalie Rivera was covered in coal dust when found a day earlier by the farmer near Dumas, which is in the Texas Panhandle.

Police say the girl was reported missing on Friday when she boarded the train and rode it about 300 miles southeast to Dumas. Police say she was hungry after her candy supply ran out. The farmer notified sheriff's officials who cared for the girl until her family could retrieve her. The teen lives with her family in Lubbock, Texas.

Texas A&M tightens policy on who can sponsor outside speaker

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M University has tightened its policy on who can sponsor outside speakers on campus after a December visit by white nationalist Richard Spencer caused unrest on the campus.

The new policy puts campus facilities off limits to outside speakers or groups with no affiliation to





the university. The (Bryan-College Station) Eagle reports outside speakers wishing to speak on campus will now have to be sponsored by "a recognized Texas A&M student organization."

Any campus organization that sponsors an unaffiliated group or speaker will be required to attend the event and "assume responsibility for any unpaid costs or property damage associated with the event."

Texas police chief arrested after chase, standoff at home

NORMANGEE, Texas (AP) — A Texas police chief has been arrested following a domestic disturbance and standoff at his home during which a shot was fired, a police chase and standoff.

In a statement, Lt. Craig Cummings of the Texas Department of Public Safety says the incident began early Wednesday with a 911 call from the wife of Normangee (NAR'-man-jee) police Chief Charles

Morgan says Herford left the home and at one point eluded sheriff's deputies who attempted to stop his patrol vehicle. Herford later returned to the home, where a standoff ensued. Herford surrendered after several hours of negotiations.

No injuries were reported.

Major school voucher bill approved to full Texas Senate

- A voucher plan offering families public money to send their children to private and

AUSTIN. Texas (AP)

religious schools is headed to the full Texas Senate. Sen. Larry Taylor's

bill would create statesubsidized education saving accounts for parents while offering tax credits to businesses that sponsor private schooling via donations.

The issue has long roiled the Legislature, with the Republicanled Senate backing socalled "school choice" but such plans stalling in the GOP-controlled House. There, many lawmakers worry about harming public schools that are the lifeblood of the small communities they represent.

NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC ("Oncor") publishes this notice that on March 17, 2017, Oncor filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") its Petition and Statement of Intent to Change Rates, a copy of which is kept at Oncor's office at 1616 Woodall Rogers Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75202. This notice is being published pursuant to Commission Procedural Rule 22.51(a)(1).

Oncor's rate filing, based on the system-wide financial results for a 12-month test year ending on December 31, 2016, adjusted for known and measureable changes, supports a net increase in transmission and distribution rates of approximately \$317 million over adjusted test-year revenues, or approximately a 7.5% increase over adjusted test-year revenues of \$4,214.2 million. Test-year revenues have been adjusted to normalize billing units, to remove the revenues associated with Oncor's Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor, and to increase test-year revenues to reflect Transmission Cost of Service ("TCOS") and Transmission Cost Recovery Factor ("TCRF") adjustments. TCOS revenue was adjusted to include the September 15, 2016 interim update rates at 2016 Option 2 ERCOT 4CP. TCRF revenue was adjusted to equal the March 1, 2017 TCRF revenue requirement reflected on Line 2, Attachment A of Oncor's petition filed and approved in Docket No. 46616. If approved, the increased rates will be charged to Oncor's direct customers, all retail electric providers ("REPs"), in those portions of Oncor's service area under the original jurisdiction of the Commission. Each such REP is potentially affected by the proposed change. Depending on the REPs actions, the end-use customer classes of such REPs are potentially affected by the proposed change. In addition, the result could be a change in Oncor's transmission cost of service rates, which would impact all load serving entities in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. Oncor has requested an April 21, 2017 effective date for its proposed rate change.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings. in Docket No. 46957, Application of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC for Authority to Change Rates, should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the Commission.

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