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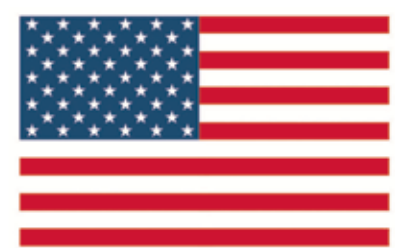
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Midland woman still missing after three weeks

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

The Midland Police Department is still searching for a Midland woman who was last seen in Big Spring on July 14. Police are searching for Shailla Jiwani Noormohamed, 59, who was last seen around 6



Noormohamed

a.m. at the Big Spring State Park. She is described as 5 foot, 5 inches in height, around 200 pounds, has shoulder length brown hair and brown eyes. She was last seen wearing a dark shirt and slacks and may have on a hat. Shailla could be driving a 2001 dark green Ford Ranger pickup license plate #AH20963 with a black tool box in the bed and the passenger window broken out.

Anyone with information about her whereabouts should contact the Midland police at 432-685-7108.

Backpack pick-up

Local organizations team up to provide free backpacks, school supplies



HERALD photo/Robert Barlow

Area residents gather in the back parking lot of Back in Motion Chiropractic Thursday to pick up a free backpack. Back in Motion, in conjunction with Big Spring Center for Skilled Care, gave away more than 1,000 backpacks filled with school supplies, donated by local businesses. The giveaway is an annual event, providing much-needed supplies to hundreds of families each year. Another backpack and school supply giveaway will be held Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to noon at the YMCA, 801 Owens St. in Big Spring.

Big Spring ISD gives nod to pay raises

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

What a difference a year makes. Last fiscal year, Big Spring ISD headed into the new budget cycle with a \$2.4 million estimated deficit. This year, the proposed FY 2017-2018 budget has a projected surplus of \$1.5 million dollars which is enough of a financial cushion for school board members to give the nod to a 3-percent pay raise district-wide.



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Bryan reported the budget surplus to trustees during a public hearing over the budget and tax rate held Thursday night in the Big Spring High School school board meeting.

Bryan said both state money and mineral and property values came in higher this year to provide cushioning for the budget. However, she did caution state funding will lessen in the 2018-2019 financial year because values were up this year. The state basis its funding off the previous year's values.

Although the district could find itself in another tight financial situation in the near future, School Board President Tony Kennedy said the raises are much needed and the district has to keep competitive with the area.

"The mineral (values) go up and down as it is, but we have to take care of our teachers," he said "They're are our most important commodity besides our kids. Our problem is if we don't stay competitive in the job market, then we will have a hard time starting and doing the things we are doing and keeping a full staff at the first of the year."

The upcoming budget is based off a tax rate of \$1.40 per \$100 valuation. That breaks down to \$1.1195 per \$100 valuation for maintenance and operation and 28 cents for debt service.

Nationally-known attorney to hold press conference following Rojo sentencing

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

Nationally-known attorney Gloria Allred announced she would be in Big Spring this afternoon to attend the sentencing of former Big Spring Detective Joel Rojo.

Rojo was convicted of sex crimes against three minors last week in the 118th District Court. He was to be sentenced at 1 p.m. today.

"Victim's Rights Attorney Gloria Allred has been asked to attend the sentencing on behalf of victim No. 3 who had alleged to police that she had been sexually assaulted,"



Allred



Rojo

according to a news release. "Detective Rojo was assigned to investigate her case, but has now been convicted of sexually victimizing her while investigating her allegation that she was the victim of a sex crime by someone she knew."

Allred plans to hold a press conference outside the courthouse following the sentencing, the release said. Rojo was convicted of four charges Thursday, Aug. 2. Those are indecency with a child by sexual conduct, sexual performance by a child, indecency with a child by exposure, and attempted indecency with a child by exposure.

Trump warns US 'locked and loaded'

By JONATHAN LEMIRE and ERIC TALMADGE
 Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — President Donald Trump tweeted that military solutions are "locked and loaded" as officials said Friday they plan to move ahead with large-scale U.S.-South Korea exercises later this month that North Korea, now finalizing plans to launch a salvo of missiles toward Guam, claims are a rehearsal for war.

The exercises are an annual event, but come as Pyongyang says it is ready-



Trump

ing a plan to fire off four Hwasong-12 missiles toward the tiny island, which is U.S. territory and major military hub. The plan would be sent to leader Kim Jong Un for approval just before or as the U.S.-South Korea drills begin.

Called Ulchi-Freedom Guardian, the exercises are expected to run from Aug. 21-31 and involve tens of thousands of American and South Korean troops on the ground and in the sea and air. Washington and Seoul say the exercises are defensive in nature and crucial to maintaining a deterrent against North Korean aggression.

The exercises were scheduled well before tensions began to rise over Trump's increasingly fiery rhetoric and North Korea's announcement of the missile plan, which if carried out would be its most provocative launch yet. Along with a bigger set of maneuvers held every spring, the exercises are routinely met by strong



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Obituaries

Toni Lynn Cline (Campbell)



Toni Lynn Cline (Campbell), 68, of San Antonio, Texas, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2017 at her home surrounded by her loved ones.

Toni was an incredible person who made everyone around her feel loved. Her biggest joy in life was her family, she had a special place in her heart for everyone. She leaves behind her loving

husband of 50 years, Steve Cline; a sister, Nena Cruz and her husband, Abel; four sons, Steve (Bernie), Shane (Crystal), Wendell, and Robert; 14 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Billie Joy Campbell; her father, Wendell Campbell; and her step-mother, Billie Vernell Campbell.

There will be a celebration of life at her residence throughout the day on Sunday, Aug. 13, 2017. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, please make a donation to St. Jude Children's Hospital, www.stjude.org in the name of Toni Lynn Cline.

Paid obituary

Police, Sheriff reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **LYNDON TRENT FRALEY**, 57, of 1506 Stadium Drive was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **LARRY GARCIA**, 56, of 4200 W. Hwy 80 was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **PATRICK ROIS**, 28, of 1408 Sycamore, was arrested on a warrant for cruelty to livestock animals (neglect/overwork).
- **FRANCO ALI CANTU**, 24, of 11008 Walnut Hill Lane in Dallas, Texas, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JASON SCOTT QUINTANILLA**, 35, of 1974 Grand Ave, was arrested on charges of evading arrest/detention with a vehicle or watercraft, speeding, failure to appear, evading arrest detention, and a warrant from another agency.
- **ADRIAN RODRIGUEZ**, 20, of 1510 Eubanks Road was arrested on a charge of criminal trespassing (habitation/shelter).
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 700 block of E 11th Place and the 2800 block of Navajo Drive.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 400 block of Westover Drive, the 1400 block of N. Hwy 87, and the 500 block of Westover Road.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 2400 block of Alamesa Drive.

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 74 inmates at the time of this report.

- **LADONNA FAITH ARNOLD**, 37, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for failure to display of expired motor vehicle registration.
- **FRANCO ALI FRANCO CANTU**, 34, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **BRYCE TAVIN GARZA**, 18, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for theft of firearm.
- **SILVESTRE GONZALEZ**, 31, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for indecency with a child (sexual contact).
- **JACQUEZ LAMAR GREEN**, 29, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for theft of service (greater than \$750 but less than \$2,500) and driving with invalid license.
- **JASON SCOTT QUINTANILLA**, 35, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for criminal mischief (greater than \$750 but less than \$2,500), evading arrest/detention with a vehicle, speeding, failure to appear, and evading arrest.
- **RAYMOND NOEL RANDO**, 32, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for evading arrest/detention with a vehicle.
- **ADRIAN RODRIGUEZ**, 20, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespassing.
- **JOE TORRES, JR**, 36, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **FREDDIE LEE WILLIAMS JR.**, 43, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for forgery of a financial instrument.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

• 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 be held 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.

Take Note

• Following a summer break, Howard County Republicans will resume a regular 2nd Monday monthly meeting schedule. Club members will meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College on Aug. 14 at 11:30 a.m. for dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m. Guest speaker will be Grace Jones, who will be discussing the up coming 2018 elections. Please plan to attend and bring a fellow conservative.

• School at Maranatha Baptist Academy, 903 Johnson St., begins Aug. 1 for the fall term. Maranatha uses Accelerated Christian Education curriculum, an individualized curriculum used internationally (see www.aceministries.com for more information). School and office hours are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. week days. Tuition is reasonable. For more information visit the office or contact Dr. Lillian Bohannon at 432-213-1046.

• Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

• The Big Spring Salvation Army is

holding a fan drive to collect and distribute electric fans to those in Howard County who need one but can't afford it. Those wishing to donate can take new or gently used box or pedestal fans to the Salvation Army headquarters at 811 W. Fifth St. Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

People who need a fan should call the Salvation Army at 432-267-8239 to register and receive the distribution date.

• 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.

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

• Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

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

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

• Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club meets twice a month at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

• 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 432-271-2138.

• 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 1/2 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,

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary Group is looking to expand. Positions are available for the Auxiliary group and the Teen Volunteer program. Must be 15 years of age to take part in the teen volunteer program. If you would like to volunteer please contact Heath White at 268-4850.

• 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 fundraisers 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

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condemnation and threats of countermeasures from North Korea.

Trump tweeted Friday: "Military solutions are now fully in place, locked and loaded, should North Korea act unwisely. Hopefully Kim Jong Un will find another path!"

While tensions typically spike around the dates of the exercises — North Korea conducted its fifth nuclear test just days after last year's maneuvers — the situation generally calms afterward as the North needs to focus on its farms and the approach of the fall harvest.

The heightened military activity on the peninsula this time is a concern because it could increase the possibility of a mishap or an overre-

action of some sort by either side that could spin into a more serious escalation.

North Korea has been increasingly sensitive to the exercises lately because they reportedly include training for "decapitation strikes" to kill Kim Jong Un and his top lieutenants.

Pyongyang is also switching its propaganda machine into high gear by bringing in a large number of foreign journalists to ensure it gets global attention for an event next week in honor of its ruling Kim family on Mount Paektu, a dormant volcano that straddles the Chinese border and is something of a spiritual home for the regime.

Defense officials in Seoul confirmed Friday that the exercises are expected to begin without any delays, but refused to provide further details.

According to the U.S. Department of Defense, Ulchi-Freedom Guardian involves about 40,000 troops, along with civilian South Korean government personnel who train their civil defense responses.

The possibility of escalation is made even more acute by the lack of any means of official communication across the Demilitarized Zone, though there has been no easing of the barrage of inflammatory comments in the U.S. and the North since new sanctions against North Korea were announced last week.

Keeping up his tough talk from his New Jersey golf resort where he is on a working vacation, Trump warned Kim Jong Un's government to "get their act together" or face extraordinary trouble, and suggested his earlier threat to unleash "fire and fury" on

North Korea was too mild.

Trump declined to say whether the U.S. is considering a pre-emptive military strike as he spoke to reporters before a briefing with his top national security advisers.

The president insisted the North had been "getting away with a tragedy that can't be allowed."

"North Korea better get their act together, or they are going to be in trouble like few nations have ever been in trouble," Trump said, flanked by Vice President Mike Pence. Accusing his predecessors of insufficient action, Trump said it was time somebody stood up to Kim Jong Un.

Though tensions have been building for months amid new missile tests by the North, including the launch of its first intercontinental ballistic missile, the pace has

intensified since the U.N. Security Council on Saturday passed sweeping new sanctions Trump had requested.

According to its reported plan, North Korea would fire four Hwasong-12 intermediate-range missiles over Japan and into waters around Guam, home to about 7,000 troops and 160,000 people.

North Korea said its military would finalize the plan by mid-August, then wait for Kim's order. U.S. allies Japan and South Korea quickly vowed a strong reaction if the North were to follow through.

Trump echoed that threat Thursday, insisting if North Korea took any steps to attack Guam, its leaders would have reason to be nervous.

"Things will happen to them like they never thought possible, OK?" Trump said. He did not specify what they might be.

Trump-McConnell escalating feud undercuts stalled agenda

By **JULIE BYKOWICZ and ERICA WERNER**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump's escalating feud with his top Senate partner undercuts the president's stalled agenda on tax overhaul and budget while prompting swift pushback from Republican senators who have lined up squarely behind Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

Trump launched a barrage of criticism at McConnell over the collapse of the seven-year GOP campaign to repeal and replace Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act and even suggested on Thursday that the Kentucky Republican might have to rethink his future if he doesn't deliver on the president legislative lineup.

"Well, I tell you what, if he doesn't get repeal-and-replace done and if he doesn't get taxes done, meaning cuts and reform, and if he doesn't get a very easy one to get done, infrastructure, if he doesn't get them done, then you can ask me that question," the president told reporters in Bedminster, New Jersey, where he is in the midst of a 17-day break from Washington.

Trump on Thursday called McConnell's failure to pass an "Obamacare" repeal last month "a disgrace." On Friday, Trump retweeted headlines from "Fox & Friends" about his verbal assault on McConnell and possible fallout for GOP senators who criticize the president.

There was no immediate response from McConnell's office. But members of the Republican caucus praised McConnell.

"@SenateMajLdr is the single biggest reason why Neil Gorsuch is now a SCOTUS justice," tweeted Sen. Thom Tillis, R-N.C.

"Mitch has a tough job. We all know

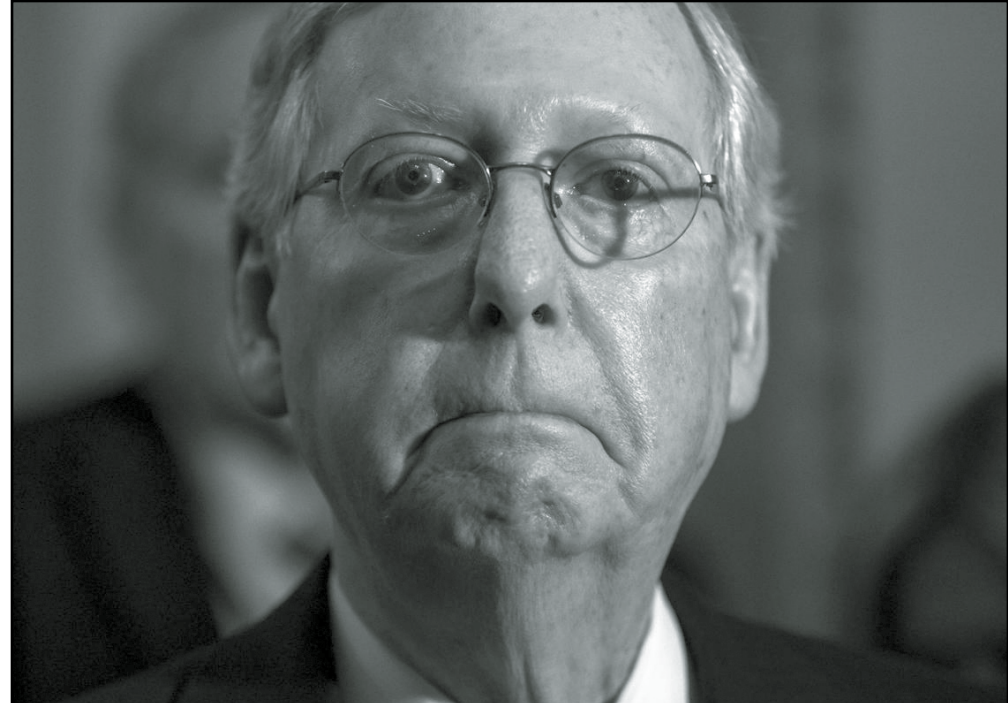
it. Fifty-two votes and you gotta keep everybody together and sometimes you just can't," said Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz.

Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, a senior lawmaker and vocal Trump backer, said on Twitter that McConnell "has been the best leader we've had in my time in the Senate, through very tough challenges. I fully support him."

A sitting president openly turning on a Senate majority leader of his own party in such a fashion is practically unheard of — yet another norm destroyed since Trump's rise on the political scene. And while the fighting words might elate Trump's core supporters, they can only hurt broader Republican efforts to move major legislation this fall on taxes and spending while preparing for congressional elections next year against energized Democrats who are rallying to retake the House. Republicans control both chambers, but the Trump factor in many races remains a mystery.

Trump's comments came after he spent two days slamming McConnell on Twitter, writing Thursday morning that after "screaming" about repealing and replacing Obamacare for seven years, McConnell "couldn't get it done." Several hours later, the president's tone took a motivational turn as he exhorted McConnell to "get back to work" and pass bills. "You can do it!"

The presidential megaphone amplified the McConnell-bashing that's been snaking through conservative media: Breitbart News, Fox News' Sean Hannity and radio host Rush Limbaugh are among those who have vilified the leader after the Senate's failure on health care. They represent a segment of the Republican electorate, including some major donors,



AP photo

In this June 27, 2017 file photo, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky. listens during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington. President Donald Trump raised the possibility Thursday, Aug. 10, 2017 that McConnell should step down if he can't muscle health care and other legislation through the Senate, taking an extraordinary swipe at the man with the most power to steer the White House agenda through the chamber.

who are out to punish what they see as a "do-nothing Congress" that has hampered the president's work.

McConnell is "a coward who leads from behind," "spineless," and a lifelong "political animal" of the sort Trump wants to eject from Washington, said Doug Deason, a major donor based in Texas. Deason said he decided months ago not to give money to any Republicans up for re-election next year unless they can pass Trump's priorities.

Trump and his supporters love such political brawls, and the McConnell tussle potentially shores up the president's base at a time when it is show-

ing signs of weakening support. After all, he is picking on a part of government with lower approval ratings. But other Republicans saw Trump's moves as counterproductive.

Even Newt Gingrich, a Trump backer and informal adviser who formerly served as speaker of the House, criticized the dispute. "You saw Mitch McConnell say something, you saw Trump say something, when it's obviously better for them to learn not to do that," Gingrich said. "They have to work together. Governing is a team sport."

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Trustees will vote on the FY 2017-2018 budget and tax rate on Aug. 29, in the Big Spring High School school board, 707 11th Place.

In other business, trustees:

- Approved sending

back \$65,000 to the state as part of the its responsibility as a Chapter 41 school. Because Big Spring ISD is currently considered a "property rich" school district by the state, it must pay something into the system.

- Approved a revision to the 2017-2108 school calendar to reflect changes in the state-mandat-

ed testing dates.

- Learned the district is fully staffed as it heads into the new academic year. School begins on Monday, Aug. 21.

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Joe L. Gonzales, 61, died Tuesday. Funeral Mass was at 10 a.m. this morning at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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August 17:
Downtown Throw Down featuring Spur 327:
The Train Car. Help pick the opener for Clay Walker and Deryl Dodd. 8PM

August 24:
Downtown Throw Down featuring Hawk Legg:
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Beware at the pump: Black market fuel is making millions



AP photo

This is undated photo made available by the Florida Department of Agriculture shows a truck outfitted with a large tank used to syphon gas from gas stations using stolen credit cards.

By **BRENDAN FARRINGTON**

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — A black market for diesel and gasoline has rapidly spread around the nation, with organized crime gangs using fraudulent credit cards to syphon millions of dollars in fuel from gas stations into large tanks hidden inside pickup trucks and vans.

Stealing fuel can be less risky than selling drugs or other illegal endeavors, and criminals can make \$1,000 or more a day re-selling the stolen fuel at construction sites and unscrupulous gas stations, or to truckers looking to cut costs, investigators and industry experts say.

"It's pretty rampant," said Owen DeWitt, whose Texas-based company, Know Control, focuses solely on helping gas stations prevent fuel theft. He said the crime is worst along Interstate 10, from Jacksonville, Fla., to the Los Angeles area. "California and Florida are the two worst; Texas is No. 3."

Black market diesel started becoming a big business when credit card "skimmers" became more prevalent around 2006, DeWitt said.

Thieves install these devices at gas station pumps, where they record card information as unsuspecting customers fuel up. The information is later transferred to a magnetic strip on a counterfeit card.

The problem has only grown as the devices become more sophisticated.

The black market has grown quickly in part because the thefts total a few hundred dollars at a time, and prosecutors were slow to prioritize them.

But as fuel thefts become more organized, they have caught the attention of state and federal authorities around the country.

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missioner Adam Putnam's department takes the lead on prosecuting these crimes in Florida. He said they used to be considered a "victimless" or "slap-on-the-wrist-type crime, and yet they were making more money doing this than a lot of other criminal activities that had a lot higher sentences."

The U.S. Secret Service, which investigates financial crimes, is involved because the gangs use credit card skimmers. Agent Steve Scarince says Miami, Los Angeles and Las Vegas are hot spots, together accounting for about 20 million gallons a year in stolen diesel.

"The crews that we've investigated over the past couple of years — the least profitable group is \$5 million a year.

And then there are groups that will gross \$20 million plus," Scarince said. "The gang-bangers in Los Angeles have been migrating to financial crimes instead of street crimes because it's much more profitable and if you get caught, you get probation."

Court records from a single Secret Service case prosecuted in 2014 illustrate how much money even a small crew can take in.

Agents in the Los Angeles area surveilled a group with seven pickup trucks and SUVs with hidden fuel tanks holding up to 300 gallons each. For 10 months, they observed drivers using credit card information stolen from about 900 people to fill up three times a day. They transferred the diesel into a 4,500-gallon industrial fuel tanker that made daily runs to sell the fuel to gas stations.

Agents estimated they stole close to \$16,000 in fuel every day, with the potential to steal \$7 million a year.

Records indicated it was in operation for about five years before agents shut it down.

"Theft has been involved with fuel for as long as retailers have been selling fuel," said

Jeff Lenard, a vice president of the National Association of Convenience Stores in Alexandria, Virginia, but today's criminals are "trying to steal hundreds, if not thousands, of gallons."

Thieves often use dozens of fraudulent cards at a time, inserting one after another to fill up hidden tanks. One gang used fraudulent credit cards for a month to steal \$100,000 in diesel from two stations in central Florida. In other cases, one thief parks a truck to block the clerk's view while another pumps diesel directly from an underground tank through a hole in the vehicle's floorboards, investigators say.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar has pursued sellers of black market fuel for breaking state motor fuel tax evasion laws, securing some stiff sentences: In 2015 alone, his office worked to indict more than 100 suspected motor fuel thieves.

A Gorman, Texas, man got 40 years in 2015, and a Haskell, Texas, man was sentenced to 10 years last August.

There are ways of foiling these thieves, including security devices that can shut down a pump if someone tampers with it. It's an expensive arms race, but in addition to the economic impact, there are safety concerns.

In 2014, a convicted fuel thief's van exploded as he filled a secret tank in Miami-Dade County. In 2015, a man driving a truck carrying 1,650 gallons of stolen diesel led police on a high-speed chase, weaving in and out of traffic on Interstate 5 before crashing into a highway barrier.

"God forbid that hits a school bus with a bunch of kids on it," said Ned Bowman, executive director of the Florida Petroleum and Convenience Store Association. "A car full of that much fuel is like a bomb going down the street."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The _____ Coahoma ISD _____ will hold a public meeting at _____ 6:00 PM August 24, 2017 _____ in _____ Board Room CISD Elementary _____ Coahoma, Tx _____.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

Maintenance Tax \$ 1.04 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)

School Debt Service Tax

Approved by Local Voters \$.23 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	9.94	% increase	or	_____	% (decrease)
Debt service	1.55	% increase	or	_____	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	9.17	% increase	or	_____	% (decrease)

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

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 424,606,554	\$ 486,735,903
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 5,927,942	\$ 5,939,780
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 309,718,823	\$ 349,052,891
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 5,161,975	\$ 5,088,240

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

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

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

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 11,113,914.52

* Outstanding principal.

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04	\$.23*	\$ 1.27	\$ 4,513	\$ 4,420
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.04	\$.25*	\$ 1.41	\$ 2800	\$ 5360
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04	\$.23*	\$ 1.27	\$ 4938	\$ 5360

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 99,258	\$ 105,527
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 54,407	\$ 59,422
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.27	\$ 1.27
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 690.97	\$ 754.66
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 63.69

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.29. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.29.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,704,834
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 717,143.64

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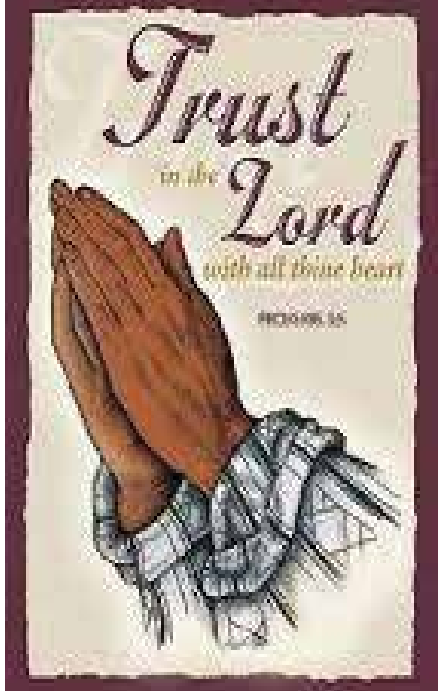
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1 John 4:18



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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

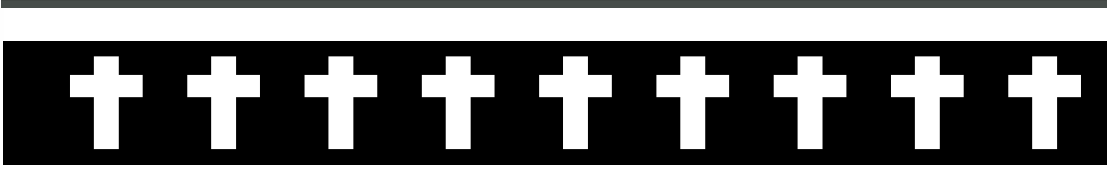


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Matthew 4:23



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(Joel 2:23)

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(Psalm 103:11)

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Did you ever wonder?

Kings of Judah

This section of the Bible is called Kings because it records major events and deeds of the kings of Israel and the kings of Judah. It seems to be trying to keep us abreast of events in both sections of this divided nation.

It gets confusing, but we should not skip across this section because it shows us much about God, our Father. He is disposed to be gentle and uplifting, but if we turn away from Him, He turns away from us.

In those times important papers began, "In the eighth year of the reign of King (whichever king was in power in that nation)." A person needed to compare the succession of kings in his own country with the history of other nations. I believe switching between the two nations is intended to document the interaction between the two segments of Israel.

It is a something like watching a play or an opera without a program!

First Kings 14:21 begins a pattern of syn-

chronizing the two segments of Israel. Many Bibles have a chart plotting each king's reign against his counterpart.



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During Rehoboam's reign, the people of Judah copied the religious practices of Israel and other neighboring countries. Judah set up Asherah poles on high places and shrines for foreign gods. Male prostitutes were part of the ceremony of idol worship.

This was evil in the Lord's eyes, and it stirred up His jealous anger. God used other nations to rebuke his chosen people.

In the fifth year of King Rehoboam, Jerusalem was attacked by Shishak, king of Egypt. He sacked the Temple and the king's palace, carrying off the gold shields that Solomon had made.

And war continued between Rehoboam (Judah) and Jeroboam (Israel).

"In the eighteenth year of Jeroboam (Israel), Rehoboam's son, Abijah became king of Judah. He led Judah in idolatry and he reigned for only three years.

When Abijah's son, Asa, succeeded him on the throne of Judah, God sent the prophet Azariah to him. "The Lord is with you when you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found. But if you forsake Him, He will forsake you."

Asa was a godly man. He tore down the Asherah poles and shrines of idols.

He deposed his grandmother from being queen mother because she set up an Asherah pole. Asa cut down the pole and burned it in the Kidron Valley. The Kidron Valley is a deep ravine that runs just southeast of Jerusalem.

Asa battled Baasha, the new king of Israel, throughout Baasha's reign. Ben-Hadad, the king of Aram, was backing Israel.

Asa sent silver and gold from the Temple and from his palace to Damascus and negotiated with Ben-Hadad. Then Ben-Hadad backed Judah instead.

God sent a prophet to Asa. He said, "Because you relied on the king of Aram and not on the Lord your God, from now on you shall be at war. For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him." (2 Chronicles 16:7-11 paraphrased)

Asa became very angry and imprisoned the prophet. It was dangerous to be a messenger in those times!

Asa reigned in Jerusalem for 41 years. The last two years he was afflicted with a disease in his feet. His illness was severe, but he would not ask the Lord for healing. He relied on physicians.

His anger brought him the illness, yet his anger would not let him repent and ask for forgiveness.

God forgives those whose hearts are fully committed to Him.

When Jesus becomes a scandal

Matthew 11:1-6 (ESV),
When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities. Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."



GREG
SURLIS

Sometimes we will not learn a lesson even when the facts are right before our eyes. Even with such difficulties, teachers who want their students to learn, comprehend, and retain what is being taught will not simply give the students the answers, rather they will take them back to the facts in question to help lead them to discover the truth themselves.

My intention with this passage is not to deal with the intent of the question (either on John's behalf or his disciples'), but to focus on Jesus' reply. Notice how Jesus does not quickly respond with, "Of course I am, what rock have you been hiding under these last several months?" Jesus, like any good teacher, gets them to focus on the facts so they can come to an understanding of the truth themselves.

All these things which Jesus had been doing in the presence of the people should have been undeniable evidence to the truth of his identity. Psalm 146:7-8, who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous (ESV).

The Jews who were familiar with the Scriptures would have noticed that the things that Jesus was doing were the very things about which the prophets had written. Isaiah 61:1-2, The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn (ESV). This is the very same Scripture Jesus read in the synagogue in Nazareth, after which he would tell the people listening, Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing (Luke 4:21; ESV).

We have, just like they had, the evidence. We can read and understand God's word. Unfortunately, we don't read it, or we read it with prejudice (with our minds already made up). Instead of thinking things through for ourselves, we would rather accept what someone told us. "That's what my preacher/teacher/grandmother told me!" Jesus would say something like, "What does God's word say?"

The word Jesus uses in verse 6, "offended," is the basis of our English word "scandalized" or "scandal." He says the people who will look for the facts and trust in the evidence and not be scandalized when questioned concerning their beliefs are the ones who are blessed.

Do you believe that Jesus is the Anointed Son of God? If you do, why do you believe it? Is it because you have read the Scriptures and trust in the evidence? Is your faith simply based upon some things that you heard some people say? If an unbeliever asked you why you believe in "all of that Bible stuff," could you defend your beliefs or would you find yourself in the midst of a scandal because of Jesus?

Greg Surlis is the preacher of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

children come together on the first floor in the Good News Garage before dispersing to grade level classes. These small groups are a wonderful way to build friendships while studying the Bible. Greeters are available to help you find your class.

The community is invited Sunday evening from 5-7 p.m. to the 'End of Summer Bash'. There will be lots of games, terrific fellowship, and a tasty supper will be served at 5:45 p.m. Bring your friends and enjoy the party.

Join the prayer walks on area campuses August 17 and 18. Forsan schools will be the focus of the prayer walk Thursday August 17 at noon, and Big Spring schools will be lifted up Friday August 18 at noon. Call the church at 267-8223 for exact meeting place and additional details.

Texas Baptist Men will hold Disaster Relief Training Saturday August 19th from 9 to noon in the church dining room. Register through the website at: fbcbigspring.org by August 18.

Wednesday evening activities begin at 6, and offer something for all ages. There will be no youth or children's activities August 16th; Adult Bible study and adult choir practice will meet as usual.

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

Church News

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. Our usual Sunday morning Schedule includes the 9 a.m. Traditions service, featuring the pipe organ, trumpet, and hymns, followed by Sunday school, and then The Bridge service at 11 a.m. which features contemporary music led by a wonderful praise team. Worship services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11 a.m. on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM.

Pastor Derrell Patterson's sermon this Sunday, August 13, is "Salvation", taken from Romans 10:5-15.

The Wednesday noon Bible study meets for lunch and a study in Garrett Hall on Wednesdays. The meal is served at 11:50 a.m. for \$5.

On Sunday, August 20, there will be a "Back to School Blessing" in both worship services.

The church is hosting a community youth worship Service at 400 Scurry on Wednesday, August 30, at 6:00 pm.

For more information on any activity, please visit the website at www.fumcbs.com or phone the church office at 432-267-6394.

Crestview Baptist Church

Crestview Baptist Church meets for Sunday school at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings. We are going through the book of Hebrews. Our teacher is Mark Watt. Our worship service begins at 11 AM. Pastor Tom Lassiter has been preaching through the gospel of John, at is presently in chapter 17. Our Sunday and Wednesday night meetings are both at 6:30 p.m., where we spend time on more particular doctrinal / theological issues. If you are looking for a program, or something that will make you feel good about yourself all the time, Crestview may not be for you. But, if you desire to know the Lord better, by going through His Word - book by book, chapter by chapter, and verse by verse - then Crestview is where you need to be! 2305 Gatesville Rd., in Big Spring.

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, August 13 - Join us this Sunday as we proceed in our current series entitled "Punch card". We will dive into God's Holy Word and engage in biblical teaching, fellowship, the Lord's Supper and in prayer. We would love the opportunity to share this message with you this Sunday as we connect together in fellowship.

Tuesday, August 15 - 50 & Over small group will be gathering at 7 p.m. for potluck & game night at the Flowers' residence 2405 E. 25th St. For more info please contact Faye Flowers @ 432-213-3883.

Sunday, August 20 - We are excited about the growth both spiritually and in attendance here at CCC. To better serve our church family and the community; we will be adding an additional service. Sunday, August 20 at 9:00 a.m. will be the launching of our first-ever early morning worship service. We would love for you to be in attendance for this monumental event. This special event is just in time for our 2017 Back-To-School Service.

Starfish program - We will have orientation and registration for parents & their 3rd graders on Tuesday, September 5th @ 6:00PM in CCC's main

sanctuary. The first phase of our Starfish program is to assist 3rd grade children by offering character building principles; academic tutoring; and remedial and reinforcement assistance. We are needing volunteers to help turn this dream into a reality. If you are interested in being a part and are willing and available to serve in this powerful ministry to our community we would love to hear from you.

10th anniversary weekend - We are so excited to announce our church's 10th anniversary is coming up this October! To honor this momentous occasion, we have planned a special anniversary weekend. We will have our Anniversary Banquet Saturday, October 21 at 6:00 p.m., in the East Room at Howard College Coliseum, with comedian Fred Thomas. Sunday, October 22 we will have a guest speaker, Pastor James Edwards, bringing us the Word of God at both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.

Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so that lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ. Please join us every Sunday at 11:00am 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/CCCBigSpring](https://www.facebook.com/CCCBigSpring); or visit us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

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Pastor Jim Walterhouse and wife Debbie invite you to join this vibrant congregation Sunday at 10:50 am or 2:00 pm as they come together in worship and praise of our most merciful and loving God.

Saturday August 12, BHDC will have a fellowship party from 5:30-8 in the First Baptist Family Life Center(705 W FM 700). Currently, BHDC's worship services meet inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For more information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, including Wednesday evening schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at: jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

First Baptist Church

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come." 2 Corinthians 5:17

You're invited to join the people of First Baptist Church Sunday morning at 10:50 a.m. as they offer all praise, honor, and adoration to The Great 'I Am', Jesus Christ. Pastor Mark Lindsey begins a new sermon series titled "Now What?". After Jesus rose from the dead, the disciples were all left with this burning question, and the messages will focus on answering this question as well as exploring what the resurrection means for us today. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a blend of foundational hymns of the faith, and contemporary praise and worship songs.

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 throughout the building with teens, college students, and adults gathering in second floor classrooms while

Grammy-winning artist David Phelps to perform in Midland

Nashville, TN - The unmistakable sound of multi-Dove and Grammy Award-winning recording artist, David Phelps (pictured in attached jpg), will be featured in Midland, TX, on Sunday, August 27, at the First United Methodist Church, located at 300 North Main Street. This exciting concert event begins at 7:00pm.

Once a childhood musical prodigy from Tomball, TX, David Phelps earned a bachelor's degree in music from Baylor University. Since then, he has become a nationally celebrated vocalist, whose gifts and talents are matched by none. Perhaps best known as the powerful tenor for the multiple Grammy and Dove Award-winning Gaither Vocal Band, Phelps is constantly building on a career that has already been groundbreaking. Emerging as a leading voice in contemporary Christian music, Phelps has been winning the hearts of audiences all over the world for more than two decades. He has performed at numerous prestigious venues across the globe, including the

White House, New York's Carnegie Hall and the Sydney Opera House in Australia. With 14 solo albums to his credit, David's electrifying voice has moved audiences from all walks of life, crossing generational and stylistic barriers.

This event, featuring David Phelps, will also include talented female vocalist, Charlotte Ritchie, as well as Phelps' seven-piece musical entourage. Many of the songs featured during this exciting evening are included on Phelps' brand new release Hymnal. Phelps lends his three-octave range to some of the most treasured hymns of the church with this new recording, which showcases masterful vocals and lush arrangements of such cherished gems as "Amazing Grace," "How Great Thou Art," "In The Garden," "Victory In Jesus" and "It Is Well With My Soul." Each song takes the listener on a journey of inspiration and worship in song.

Any music lover, regardless of stylistic preference, will not want to



Courtesy photo

miss this special evening of worship and community celebration. Make plans now to be a part of this special event with David Phelps at the First United Methodist Church, located at 300 North Main Street in Midland,

TX, on Sunday, August 27. Event information may be obtained about this event by calling 800-965-9324 or 432-682-3701 or visiting www.itickets.com or www.firstmethodistmidland.com.

Reflections: Intersections

We have all seen the evidence: shattered glass on the pavement, cars with smashed fenders and bent bumpers pulled over to the side of the road, passengers standing around wringing their hands, sometimes in tears, red and blue lights flashing in the night.



BILL TINSLEY

State Farm recently released its list of the top 10 most dangerous intersections in the United States. The most dangerous is in Florida, just north of Miami. Philadelphia, Phoenix and Tulsa, OK each had two intersections on the list. Frisco, TX, Metairie, LA and Sacramento, CA each had one. Each year the Federal Highway Administration reports approximately 2.5 million accidents at intersections. 40% of all traffic accidents occur at intersections and almost 1,000 people a year die in these accidents. Intersections are dangerous.

As in driving so in life. We all must go through intersections that raise the level of risk. They are moments built into life that challenge our best judgement and call on our best resources. Many families will encounter one of those intersections in the next few weeks: College. For the freshman leaving home it can be

a dramatic confluence of emotion: excitement, freedom and fear. You can find them walking among the imposing buildings on campus, sometimes accompanied with anxious parents, sometimes alone, gazing at the pillared buildings wondering how they will find their way.

Parents will return home to suddenly silent houses. Stereos no longer echo from the upstairs bedroom. Meals are no longer gulped down in a rush to get the kids off to school and make the next practice session or performance. Schedules are disturbingly simple.

We encounter other intersections when we choose a career, find a partner for life and give birth to our children. We encounter them when our preschoolers start first grade, when they reach puberty and struggle to grow up. Promotions, layoffs, career changes, moves to a new house in a new city, aging and old age. Life is filled with intersections.

We do best at these moments when we trust in God. He knows the "traffic patterns." He has been there. He knows the outcome. He is willing to take us by the hand or "take the wheel" and guide us through to the other side.

He led Abraham to a foreign land he had never seen and multiplied his descendants like the sands of the sea. He guided Isaac in search of a wife and

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Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

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

Bible Study - 9:00 a.m. (Romans 7)

Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m. (Confess)

Evening Worship - 5:00 p.m. (2 Timothy 2:6-7)

Wednesday:
Bible Study & Devo - 7:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

On Wednesday the Lectionary Bible Study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5:00 p.m. in the church library. The Chancel Choir rehearsal is at 6:00 p.m.

The service committee requests help from every member of the congregation with the Annual School Supply Drive. They provided lists of the items needed last Sunday. Please bring those items on Sundays August 6 and 13, or they may be dropped off at the church office any day of the week.

On Sunday, August 27, we will be meeting with St. Mary's Episcopal Church in a joined worship service at St. Mary's. The Episcopalians will supply the preacher and the Presbyterians will furnish the choir (with choir members from St. Mary's invited to join in) at 10:30 a.m. More information on this service will be forthcoming.

The Covenant Class and the

Discovery Class will meet together in the library because our guest preacher is conducting a special lesson for them.

Cecilia Hallford is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Marj Carpenter is Lector for the month. Ushers for August are Buddy Cochrane, Tom Koger, Lynn Glass, and John Yater. Communion servers were Ellen Austin, Helen Glass, Danny Kennemur, Jim Little, and John Yater.

The lectionary passages for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost are Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 19:5-15; and Matthew 14:22-33. Rev. Dr. Rob Weingartner, Executive Director of The Outreach Foundation, from Franklin, TN, is the guest preacher.

For nearly 40 years The Outreach Foundation has connected Christians in the US with church partners around the world, supporting the work of missionaries, projects, and transforming lives through mission involvement. The Chancel Choir will open the service with the Introit "Spirit of the Living God" by Daniel Iverson.

The choir will present "How Firm a Foundation," arranged by Richard Warren, (with solo my Mia Burch) as the anthem and "O Lord, Our Lord" by Michael W. Smith for the offertory anthem.

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.fcbs.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.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS Tenth Sunday after Pentecost — August 13, 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 email us at aliveinchristtx@gmail.com.

Bible Study and Sunday School begin 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.

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.

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Spring Creek Fellowship

New Connection Groups will be starting will be coming this fall. Stay tuned for more information! "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.

Spring of Faith cooking team will be hosting our annual MHMR picnic on Sat. Aug. 26th. If anyone would like to purchase some items to go in their goody bags, donate money and we will purchase items or come out and have some fun with this wonderful group of people, please contact Reneah Statham. There are 8 ladies and 8 guys.

Men are invited to participate in our next "Men's Warrior Weekend" October 12-15. Contact the church office for more information.

Look for our Blessing Box just outside the front doors of the building. Everyone is welcome to take what they need and donations are greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in participating with the "Blessing Box" ministry or the "Our Daily Bread Food Pantry" ministry, would like to make a donation or need more information, please contact Kay Elder.

Our nursery needs workers on Sunday mornings. If you have a heart for children and would like to give some of your time loving on our smallest members, please contact Donna Wennik.

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

Our Women's Ministry Bible Study called "Becoming Myself: Embracing God's Dream of You" by Stasi Eldredge. Classes start at 6:30 pm on Sunday evenings. For more info contact Adrianna Kocak or Janna Thompson.

A new Connection Group for ladies meets on Sunday mornings called "Uninvited-Living Loved When You Feel Left Out, Less Than" by Lisa Turkeurst begins July 16th. Please join us!

Carla Mosely is requesting help with funds for a kidney transplant she needs soon. Carla has set up 'GoFundMe' accounts and we ask you to prayerfully consider donating to this cause.

Our Men's Ministry is working through a study called "Spiritual Warfare" by David Jeremiah on Thursdays at 7:00 pm.

Spring Creek Fellowship's children connection group is in great need of 2 pre-k thru kindergarten teachers and another teacher for 1st-2nd grade. Dana Tompkins is the teacher for this class, but

she could sure use some help. Contact Donna Wennik for more information.

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.

"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>

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

Check our Spring Creek App". With this app you can learn about upcoming events, make tithes/donations, leave messages, send prayer requests, and follow prayer. 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 up-

coming 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
5:00 pm Prayer Meeting
8:30 pm-"Becoming Myself: Embracing God's Dream of You" by Stasi Eldredge
Tuesday-
12:00 noon- Narcotics Anonymous
6:30 pm-Pain Management Group
Wednesday-
Community Groups-various times and places
Thursday
7:00 pm-"Spiritual Warfare" Men's Bible Study
Friday-
7:00-8:00 pm- Narcotics Anonymous
Saturday-
7:30 am-Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast & Fellowship

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

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring, Texas. Contact us at (432)714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

"Every Member a Minister"-1 Peter 4:10 NKJV

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blessed Jacob in a similar quest. He led Moses through the wilderness. He guided Mary and Joseph to Egypt and back after the birth of Jesus. In every generation, God has been a comfort and a guide to those who trust Him.

"In your loving kindness you have led the people whom you have redeemed; in your strength you have guided them to your Holy habitation." (Exodus 15:13). "For you are my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake you will lead me and guide me." (Psalm 31:3). "And the Lord will continually guide you, and satisfy your desire in

scorched places; and you will be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water whose waters do not fail." (Isaiah 58:11).

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Cowboys need young pass rushers Taco, Tapper to shine in '17

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Charles Tapper churned on an exercise machine early one morning at training camp, drawing a rebuke from the staff of the Dallas Cowboys for overdoing things when the defensive end turned up sore after missing all of his first season with a back injury.

Tapper can't help but think of himself as another rookie alongside first-round pick Taco Charlton, also a pass rusher, even though the former Oklahoma player has been in the NFL a year lon-

ger.

He didn't play a down in 2016, preseason included, before joining Charlton in the Hall of Fame game last week.

Both are promising young players trying to lift a Dallas pass rush that's been mediocre or worse for three straight seasons, two of them playoff campaigns that might have been longer if the Cowboys had put more pressure on Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers, who beat them both times.

"I feel like we're in the same boat," said Tapper, who was chosen 34 picks before star rookie quarterback Dak Prescott in the fourth round

last year.

"Because I feel like I'm a rookie all over again. I'm still striving for that first (regular-season) game, still trying to get that first start and I'm still hungry for it."

The Cowboys believe Tapper's speed can make him an effective rusher, and they drafted Charlton out of Michigan because of his height (6-foot-6), long arms and athleticism.

Dallas got Charlton with the 28th pick after finishing with the best record in the NFC (13-3) and losing to the Packers in a divisional playoff.

It was the third time in four

drafts the Cowboys took a defensive end in the first two rounds.

DeMarcus Lawrence (second round, 2014) is looking for a breakout season after back issues slowed him his first three years.

Randy Gregory (second round, 2015) is a washout so far, suspended for at least the regular season because of multiple substance-abuse violations.

The possibility that Gregory's career is over essentially before it started rates as one of the biggest reasons Charlton and Tapper are important.

"We count on both of them because they're young, good, young legs, fast, they're healthy," defensive coordinator and defensive line coach Rod Marinelli said. "We've got to get that part out of them. We've got to."

Charlton, who had 9½ sacks as a senior at Michigan and 18½ for his career, didn't shine much early in his first camp. He played 16 snaps in the 20-18 Hall of Fame win over Arizona, but didn't show up in the tackle stats.

In the past five Dallas drafts, the first-round picks

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Stroud goes from 1st tour victory to 68 in PGA

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Chris Stroud opened with a 68 in the PGA Championship, not bad for someone still walking around in a fog.

Four days ago, Stroud was in Nevada playing the final round of the Barracuda Championship and looking forward to a week at home in Houston with his family.

Then he hit a 5-wood to 5 feet on the final hole and made eagle, got into a playoff and made birdie on the second extra hole to win for the first time on the PGA Tour.

That put him into the PGA Championship for the first time in three years, and he kept right on rolling.

"Now I've got a two-year exemption. I'm in Kapalua. Just working my way up," Stroud said. "Just going to keep living this foggy dream I'm in right now and ride it as long as I can."

Just getting to Quail Hollow was a rush.

He drove two hours to Sacramento, California, for an overnight flight to Atlanta, and then on to Charlotte.

He was so tired he didn't walk up until late morning on Tuesday. His wife brought extra clothes from their home in Houston.

Stroud still found time to reply to what he estimated at 1,400 text messages, 55 voicemails and 100 emails.

If all that wasn't enough, Stroud's parents came to the PGA Championship to surprise him. They all had dinner Wednesday to celebrate his first PGA Tour victory.

And then he shot 68. In three previous appearances in the PGA, his best score was a 70.

Rory McIlroy is a two-time winner at Quail Hollow with only one finish outside the top 10 in seven appearances.

He wasn't playing quite the same course in the PGA Championship.

The new holes the club built — Nos. 1, 4 and 5 — were not the issue. It was the Bermuda grass lining the fairways and around the greens that made it far more difficult, not to mention putting surfaces that were firm and fast.

"Once you get yourself out of position, it's very difficult," he said. "It's tricky around the greens."

He found that out the hard way when his chip just left of the green at the par-3 13th raced some 15 feet by the hole, leading to a bogey.

On the next hole, after hitting his 3-wood into the water on the reachable par 4, McIlroy still had a reasonable chance of saving par until he caught the chip heavy.

When he missed a short putt, he walked off with a double bogey. Then, he failed to birdie the par-5 15th from just short of the green after gouging a 5-wood out of the rough.

He played that stretch in 3 over; he would have hoped to have played it in 1 or 2 under.

"If I just could have had that three-hole stretch back," he said. "But I think other than that, I played nicely. Did what I needed to do. Birdied the par 5s,

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White Sox beat Astros 3-2 in 11



Chicago White Sox's Yoan Moncada (10) celebrates with teammate Jose Abreu, back, after hitting a solo home run during the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Houston Astros Thursday, Aug. 10, 2017, in Chicago.

By MATT SCHOCH

Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — The Houston Astros came into Chicago hoping to break one of their few slumps this season in a three-game series with the American League's worst team. Instead, they leave the Windy City reeling after being swept by the White Sox.

Meanwhile, White Sox fans got a glimpse of a potential South Side superstar who had his first big moments for the team.

Rookie Yoan Moncada homered to tie the game in the ninth inning and then drove in the game-winner with a single in the 11th to lead the White Sox to 3-2 win Thursday night, completing an improbable

series sweep of the AL's best team.

The top White Sox prospect said his 11th inning single was the first walk-off hit he's had at any level.

"It was something indescribable," said Moncada, speaking through a translator. "My feelings, all my emotions were through the roof when I hit that ball and then when I was running the bases. It was something unique."

In the 11th, Leury Garcia led off with a single past diving second baseman Jose Altuve that was then bobbled by right fielder Josh Reddick, with Garcia advancing to second on the error. Altuve dove again for Moncada's hit off Francis Martes two pitches later but could only

watch as the White Sox celebrated moments later near his spot in the infield.

"We're not in a great place right now, we obviously had a tough trip to this city," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said. "We'll move on to the next city and get ourselves right again."

Earlier, Moncada homered in the ninth with one out against Astros closer Ken Giles for his second career home run.

"A star is born," White Sox manager Rick Renteria said. "He's taking some nice swings."

It was the third blown save of the season for Giles, who has converted 22.

"I threw a good pitch," Giles said. "I looked the

video, right on the outside corner, right on the black. I have to tip my cap to him. He put a good swing on it and drove it the other way. You can't really be mad at it."

Martes (4-2) took the loss after striking out all three batters he faced in the 10th inning, and then allowing the two singles in the 11th. David Holmberg (2-3) got the last out of the 11th to earn the win. Carlos Rodon threw his third straight quality start without earning a win.

Rodon, a left-hander, tied a career-high with eight innings pitched, striking out four and allowing two runs on nine hits. Jake Petricka, Tyler Clippard,

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After 3 events in decathlon, Mayer takes the lead at worlds



AP photo

France's Kevin Mayer makes an attempt in the long jump of the decathlon during the World Athletics Championships in London Friday, Aug. 11, 2017.

By RAF CASERT

AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — The competition is on to fill the gap left by decathlete extraordinaire Ashton Eaton.

Kevin Mayer of France took the first step, grabbing the early lead Friday at the world championships.

Eaton won the last two world championship and Olympic gold medals, dominating the 10-event competition just like Usain Bolt did in the sprints.

After his retirement, the race to become the "world's greatest athlete" is wide open.

The two-day competition set off under sunny skies at the Olympic Stadium with Mayer and Trey Hardee among the pre-championship favorites.

Mayer thumped his chest after heaving the shot put 15.72 meters, close to his lifetime outdoor best, to

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Notice of Application for [Commercial] Oil & Gas Waste Disposal Well Permit
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is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.

Public Notice

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres Formation name.

Apollo SWD Lease , Well Number 3. The proposed disposal well is located 4.32 miles NE of Big Spring in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in County. Howard

The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2,750 to 4,300 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY:
Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas 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 hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to Technical Permitting, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

#9491 August 11, 2017

Public Hearing

The District Judge will conduct a public hearing on the salaries of the salaries of the Auditor, Assistant Auditors, and Court Reporter. Citizens are invited to attend and commitment.

The hearing will be held at 9:00 am on August 24, 2017 at the 118th District Court Building, 312 Scurry Street, Big Spring, TX.

#9488 August 11, 2017

The undersigned give(s) Notice of Application with The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a BQ Wine and Beer Retail Dealer's Off-Premise License by TA Operating LLC d/b/a TravelCenters of America, located at 740 West Interstate 20, Big Spring TX 79720, Howard County.

TA Operating LLC: Barry M. Portnoy – Director; Thomas M. O'Brien – Managing Director, President, CEO; Andrew J. Rebholz – EVP, CFO, Treasurer, Asst. Secretary; Mark R. Young – EVP and General Counsel; Rodney P. Bresnahan – EVP; Barry A. Richards – EVP; Jennifer B. Clark – Secretary.

#9489 August 9, 10, 11, 2017

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08
Rule 37
Case No. 0305786
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jul 19, 2017
Status/Permit No. 827080
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug 23, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, THE RMC ENERGY COMPANY, [SRM Operator No. 788997] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line dis-

Public Notice

tance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 24, Bk. 35, T&P RR CO / POWELL, M Survey, A-797, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 13.3 miles W direction from BIG SPRING, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512)463-6848**. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 **(512)463-6751**.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Aug 23, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

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Lease/Unit Well No.:2528LS
Lease/Unit Acres:643.78
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If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Jill Hamilton, at (432)8484855.

#9461 July 21, 28 & August 4, 11, 2017

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO THE FOLLOWING :
Unknown Heirs of David Lincoln and Loia Jane Lincoln

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO APPEAR AND ANSWER HEREIN at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration if 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation.

Public Notice

Your answer dis due no later than 10 o'clock a.m. on Monday, September 4, 2017. You may employ an attorney. Your answer must be filed at the office of the Clerk at 312 Scurry, Big Spring.

The suit is numbered 52024 and is styled "Enerlex, Inc. v. Unknown Heirs of David Lincoln and Loia Jane Lincoln. "The petition in this cause was filed on July 18, 2017, in the 118th Judicial District Court of Howard County, Texas. This lawsuit is an action for declaratory judgment for mineral and royalty interests.

Plaintiff's Attorney Name and Address

Robert D. Miller
608 Scurry
Big Spring, TX 79720

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANTS: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of

Public Notice

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ISSUED AND GIVEN under my hand and seal of office on July 18, 2017, at 312 Scurry, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.

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to tell the outcome.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have many people who want to be with you through the entire story and won't bail in the scary parts or during the slow exposition. These loyal types won't require you to always be the strong hero, by the way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Couples who have been together for a long while sometimes get irritated by every little thing the other person does. Everything can't be wrong, though. All relationships will benefit from a little more space and time away.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The blue crayon is the one most reach for to color the sky, and yet the sky is more often other colors. Your eyes will be open to a reality that is different from the agreed upon depiction of it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's what always happens: You love someone, and they change. You want to change, so, hey, try it on yourself! Love yourself as you are

and then watch as you quickly blossom into the next iteration.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The absence of judgment is a nice thing to claim or to strive for, but it's not realistic to believe that you're not going to make assessments all through the conversations if not the relationship. You judge. But you judge mostly kindly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). "Look on the bright side," they say, and yet that side only applies to around half of the total day, give or take, depending on the time of year. To know a place is to know it in the light and also in the dark.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You love a person more than the distance that's between you, regardless of what's causing that distance. It might be time or place or age or lifestyle. When love can't bridge it, more love can.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Because you're the pioneer of the zodiac, when there is a great deal of certainty and knowledge about the path, it won't be your first choice. Lost and Adventure are best mates; one seldom

travels without the other.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Forgive yourself for the mistakes that led you to this perfect here and now. How do you know it's perfect? Because it is the current reality, and there is nothing else that falls into the category of "current reality."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What happens between people can be confusing, but don't worry; your heart will translate events and ideas into its native language, the language of love. Tears and laughter are both in the heart's lexicon.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The one who wants to know what goes on in your head is (perhaps subconsciously) planning to be around you more in the future, and it therefore behooves that person to understand you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 11). You work hard, and you're consistent. Because of your determined and predictable efforts, you'll win a major prize. When you meet someone new in November, it will feel like a reunion. Together you'll quickly accom-

plish important things. New accounts and big deals will sweeten your leisure in 2018. Sagittarius and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 4, 44, 39 and 16.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:
ARIES: When you see a person's face, and you smile for no other reason except that this face is visible to you -- well, that's a sign if there ever was one. **TAURUS:** Game changer: You remember who you are. **GEMINI:** If you can't sit across from a person without losing yourself, volunteering your everything or giving up your power, consider this person a danger to sit across from. **CANCER:** You work hard to make yourself the kind of person who others are really glad they met. **LEO:** To learn what a relationship is, learn what it's not. **VIRGO:** It's not just about who they are but about who you are when you're around them. Do they bring out the best in you? **LIBRA:** The time to consider the long-term impact a relationship might have on your life is early in the relationship, if not before it. **SCORPIO:** Don't

leave dating (or meeting people, for that matter) to luck. Design it. **SAGITTARIUS:** What you do in one frame of mind you pay for in quite another. **CAPRICORN:** The loving choice isn't always the most glamorous and exciting, but it is always what's best for the other person. **AQUARIUS:** Love makes people think differently and sometimes erratically. **PISCES:** Do not mistake chaos and intensity for passion and lasting love.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: The cosmic favorite is Aries and Leo, two fire signs that blend together like dancing flames. In an instant they are seamlessly one hotter entity with the power to transform their environment for better or worse. There's dangerous beauty and crackling creativity here, which is why these two are best working in structured, strictly defined missions and roles to keep their collective heat contained.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test your play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Hearts. North leads the king of diamonds and shifts to a trump, South following suit. How would you play the hand?

WEST: ♠Q 8 4 2, ♥A K Q 5, ♦Q, ♣A 8 6 4
EAST: ♠7 3, ♥J 10 9 8 7, ♦J 10 6 2, ♣K 10

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump. North leads the jack of diamonds. How would you play the hand?

WEST: ♠4 2, ♥J 9 5 4, ♦A 8 2, ♣A Q J 6
EAST: ♠K J 10 9 5, ♥A K 2, ♦K, ♣K 10 7 3

1. Win the trump in dummy, ruff a diamond, cash the K-A of clubs and ruff a club. Then ruff a diamond, a club and another diamond, at which point you are out of diamonds and clubs in both hands. In this way you lose only three tricks — a diamond and two spades. You play the hand as though you were declarer with the East cards and West were the dummy. It would be natural, if you were East, to ruff your diamond losers in dummy and almost any East who became declarer at four hearts would automatically do so. The line of play should not change merely because West happens to be the declarer.

2. You start with eight tricks and must consider the best way to acquire a ninth. There are two realistic possibilities. One is to cross to your hand with a club and lead a spade toward dummy. If North follows low, you must then guess whether to play the jack or the king. Mathematically, you have a 50 percent chance of succeeding on this line of play. The alternative approach is to attack hearts instead of spades by cashing dummy's A-K. If the queen appears, you are home, and if the ten appears, you can assure the contract by leading another heart. If neither of them appears, you can then lead dummy's third heart and make three notrump unless North started with four hearts headed by the Q-10. The second line of play is far better than the first. You have about an 85 percent chance of developing a third heart trick by playing in the prescribed manner. Even if both opponents follow low on the A-K, you are still about a 4-1 favorite to make a third heart trick by leading another heart from dummy, since the suit might divide 3-3, or South might have started with the Q-10-x-x.

Tomorrow: The magic number.
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ASTROS

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Brad Goldberg and Holmberg combined to hold the Astros scoreless over the last three innings.

Houston right-hander Brad Peacock struck out five and gave up one run and seven hits in 6 1/3 innings.

Jake Marisnick hit a home run and Marwin Gonzalez added an RBI double for the Astros, who have lost seven of their last nine games.

The Astros (71-43) still have a comfortable lead in the AL West but need to return to their early season form.

"It's frustrating," Giles said. "We've had a lot of success early and haven't really had bumps in the road. Right now, we're going through it and trying to find ourselves again. But we'll get it together as a team again and find ways to win."

Down 2-0, Chicago's Yolmer Sanchez drove in Avisail Garcia on a fielder's choice in the sixth inning.

The Astros bullpen wiggled out of two jams before Giles blew the save in the ninth.

Chicago got the tying run to second base in the seventh, but Chris Deveniski relieved Peacock and struck out Moncada and got Jose Abreu on an infield pop out.

Luke Gregerson allowed the first two runners to reach in the eighth inning, but struck out Sanchez and Tim Anderson and then got pinch-hitter Alen Hansen to ground out.

But Moncada and the White Sox didn't let the third opportunity pass. The rookie has provided a spark for the White Sox, mired in last place in the AL Central at 44-68.

"I had a chance to watch Moncada in Triple-A and tell you what, it was

something special," Rodon said of his teammate, who came over as the centerpiece of a December trade with Boston for ace Chris Sale. "He's got a good bat. Just a special player, man."

STARTING STREAK

Nicky Delmonico singled in the sixth inning, becoming the first White Sox player since at least 1913 to reach base safely in each of his first nine career games.

MORE MISCUES

Anderson, the White Sox shortstop, committed his 23rd error when he misplayed a routine ground ball by Gonzalez in the fourth inning.

The shortstop had gone 19 games without an error, but leads the majors with 23, seven more than Detroit's Nicholas Castellanos, who has the second most errors.

Anderson started a double play on the next batter, J.D. Davis, to end the inning.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: Hinch said he doesn't expect any of his eight players on the disabled list to travel to the team's weekend series at Texas.

White Sox: Third baseman Matt Davidson (bruised right wrist) said he plans to swing a bat on Friday and hopes to return from the 10-day DL when the team travels to Los Angeles next week for two games with the Dodgers.

UP NEXT

Astros: The Astros will open Friday in Texas with RHP Charlie Morton (9-4, 3.78 ERA) taking on Rangers LHP Cole Hamels (6-1, 3.59).

White Sox: Kansas City comes to town for a three-game series, starting Friday with Royals LHP Danny Duffy (7-7, 3.48) taking on RHP Reynaldo Lopez, who is making his season debut.



AP photo

In this July 26, 2017, file photo, Dallas Cowboys defensive end Charles Tapper runs a pass rushing drill during NFL football training camp in Oxnard, Calif. Tapper can't help but think of himself as another rookie alongside first-round pick Taco Charlton, also a pass rusher, even though the former Oklahoma player has been in the NFL a year longer. He didn't play a down in 2016, preseason included, before joining Charlton in the Hall of Fame game last week.

COWBOYS

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have started at least 11 games as rookies. Three of them — center Travis Frederick, right guard Zack Martin and 2016 NFL rushing leader Ezekiel Elliott — were walk-in starters, and the only game missed between them was Elliott sitting for the regular-season finale last season when the Cowboys had already clinched the top seed in the NFC.

"Right now I'm just working with the best, working to earn my spot on the defensive line," said Charlton, who has dealt with minor back soreness in camp. "We're a deep, veteran group. The first couple of days I came out to earn my keep and work into the starting group."

Three defensive ends will be suspended to start the season: Gregory, David Irving (four games, performance-enhancing drugs violation) and Damontre Moore (two games, substance-abuse violation). The most experienced end, Tyrone Crawford, might be out to start the season after badly spraining his right ankle in camp this week.

Just add the looming opportunity to the list of reasons coaches, medi-

cal personnel and teammates have had to chastise Tapper for not pacing himself. He's admittedly anxious.

"You want to get back to yourself as quick as possible," said Tapper, who has battled some hip soreness in camp. "You're like, man, I'm not getting off as fast as I used to. You want to rush that process to getting back into it. You can't rush the process. It's the process for a reason."

MAYER

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take the lead after the first three events.

Mayer won silver at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics last year and was a threat to Eaton up to the penultimate event. Increasingly, he looks like the man to beat this year.

Friday's first event, the 100 meters, gave Mayer a boost with his best time ever at 10.70 seconds. A strong long jump set him up for his winning throw in the shot put.

Mayer has 2,703 points, 25 more than Rico Freimuth of Germany. Two-time world champion Trey Hardee of the United States is in third place with 2,647

points.

The decathletes return in the evening session for the high jump and the 400 meters before competing in the five other events on Saturday.

In other early events, world-record holder Kendra Harrison led a strong U.S. contingent into the semifinals of the 100-meter hurdles.

Harrison had the top time in the opening heats in 12.60 seconds, .06 seconds ahead of defending champion Danielle Williams of Jamaica. Another heat winner was former Olympic and world champion Sally Pearson of Australia, who had the third-best time of 12.72.

Christina Manning, Dawn Harper Nelson

and Nia Ali also went through to make it four Americans in the semifinals.

The American women swept the medals at the last year's Rio de Janeiro Games.

Olympic champion Sandra Perkovic of Croatia and defending champion Denia Caballero of Cuba both reached the final of the discus by throwing beyond the automatic qualifying mark.

With the target set at 62.50 meters, Perkovic had a massive second throw of 69.67 to go into Sunday's final. Caballero had a mark of 63.79.

Later Friday, there will also be finals in the women's 200, steeplechase and long jump, and the men's hammer throw.

STROUD

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birdied the holes that you should birdie. I'm just disappointed with that three-hole stretch, but I'm right in it. It wasn't very easy. It was tough to hole putts this afternoon."

TAKING HIS LUMPS: The Green

Mile was tough on everyone — including a course marshal.

Brooks Koepka's drive on No. 16 sailed to the right and hit a marshal in the head in the morning session, leaving his face bloodied. Video posted on the PGA of America's Twitter feed showed Koepka checking on the marshal and signing a glove for him as

he lay on the ground.

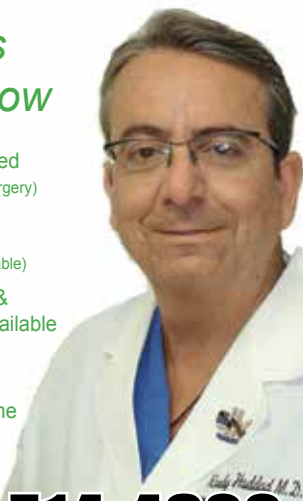
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Oklahoma City Zoo launches webcam to show adopted tiger cub

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A tiger cub who was rejected by her mother at the Philadelphia Zoo can be seen bonding with her adoptive mother and brothers in Oklahoma via live-streaming video.

The Oklahoma City Zoo launched the "Tiger Cub Cam" Thursday, showing Zoya with her new mother Lola and brothers Eko, Ramah and Gusti playing, feeding and sleeping indoors. The cubs are expected to move outdoors in mid-September.

Lola gave birth July 8 and Zoya was born July 9. Zoya is an Amur, also known as a Siberian tiger, while Lola and her cubs are Sumatran tigers. Zoya was sent to Oklahoma City because the two tiger subspecies are similar.

Amur and Sumatran tigers are endangered, with fewer than 500 of each believed to be living in the wild.

Kenya waits to hear final results of already disputed vote

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Kenyans on Friday awaited the official results of Tuesday's disputed election as hundreds of riot police patrolled Nairobi's central business district and opposition supporters burned tires and blocked roads in several areas.

Kenya's election commission has rejected claims by opposition leader Raila Odinga that its database was hacked and results manipulated against him, and that an unofficial tally confirms him as the winner.

Provisional results show President Uhuru Kenyatta with a wide lead over the 72-year-old Odinga, who may be facing his last chance at the presidency after three unsuccessful attempts.

The election commission urged Kenyans to be patient and said it should have an update by mid-afternoon Friday, though the counting process has been repeatedly delayed.

The long wait has increased tension in the East African economic power, though the commission by law has until Tuesday to announce the results.

The government urged citizens to return to work. Television and radio presenters echoed messages from the interior ministry saying the country was safe despite pockets of protests.

Opposition supporters burned tires and blocked roads in the Nairobi slum of Kibera and in Kisumu, a city in the southwest where Odinga has strong support. At least three people have been shot and killed during clashes between police and opposition supporters this week.

Scientists on research vessel spot rare whale in Bering Sea

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Federal researchers studying critically endangered North Pacific right whales sometimes go years without finding their subjects. Over the weekend they got lucky.

A research vessel in the Bering Sea photographed two of the animals Sunday and obtained a biopsy sample from one, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced Thursday.

NOAA Fisheries research biologist Jessica Crance was on board the Yushin Maru 2, when the whales were spotted. The ship is part of the Pacific



In this undated photo provided by the OKC Zoo, Zoya, top center, lies with other cubs at the Zoo's Cat Forest habitat in Oklahoma City, Okla. Zoya, a tiger cub moved to the Oklahoma City Zoo after being rejected by her mother, can now be seen bonding with her siblings and adoptive mother on live-streaming video. The zoo on Thursday, Aug. 10, 2017, launched its online "Tiger Cub Cam" for to offer a 24/7 look at mom Lola and her four growing cubs — Eko, Ramah, Gusti and the adopted daughter, Zoya.

AP photo

Ocean Whale and Ecosystem Research program, a collaborative effort headed by the International Whaling Commission. Using an acoustic recorder, and between sounds of killer whales and walrus, Crance picked up faint calls of a right whale east of Bristol Bay, Alaska.

The sounds came from an estimated 10 to 32 miles (16 to 51 kilometers) away and the ship headed west, she said in a blog entry. After four and a half hours, despite the presence of minke and humpback whales, and only a few calls from the right whales, the rare animals were spotted.

Private sub sinks in Denmark; pilot safe, passenger missing

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — An amateur-built submarine financed through crowdfunding sunk in Denmark's waters on Friday and the owner was found safe onboard, the Danish navy said. However, a Swedish journalist who had been on the vessel is reported missing.

Peter Madsen, who built the UC3 Nautilus submarine that first was launched in 2008, was taken aboard a military ship, navy spokesman Anders Damgaard said. He declined to give further details.

Footage aired on Den-

mark's TV2 channel showed the 46-year-old Madsen getting off what appeared to be a private boat and making a thumbs-up sign as he walked away.

"I am fine, but sad because Nautilus went down," he told Denmark's TV2 channel. Madsen said "a minor problem with a ballast tank ... turned into a major issue" that ultimately caused the vessel — considered the largest privately built submarine of its kind — to sink.

Swedish police said they are investigating the whereabouts of a missing woman who had been on the submarine at some point.

"Whether the woman was on board the submarine at the time of her disappearance is unclear," police said in a statement.

The woman was a journalist writing about Madsen and his submarine, Swedish and Danish media reported.

"He told us that the journalist who also had been on board had been dropped off Thursday evening," Damgaard told The Associated Press. "They were the only two on board yesterday."

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